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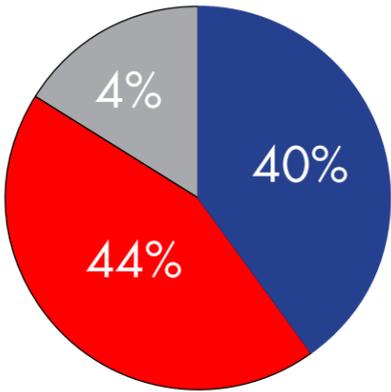
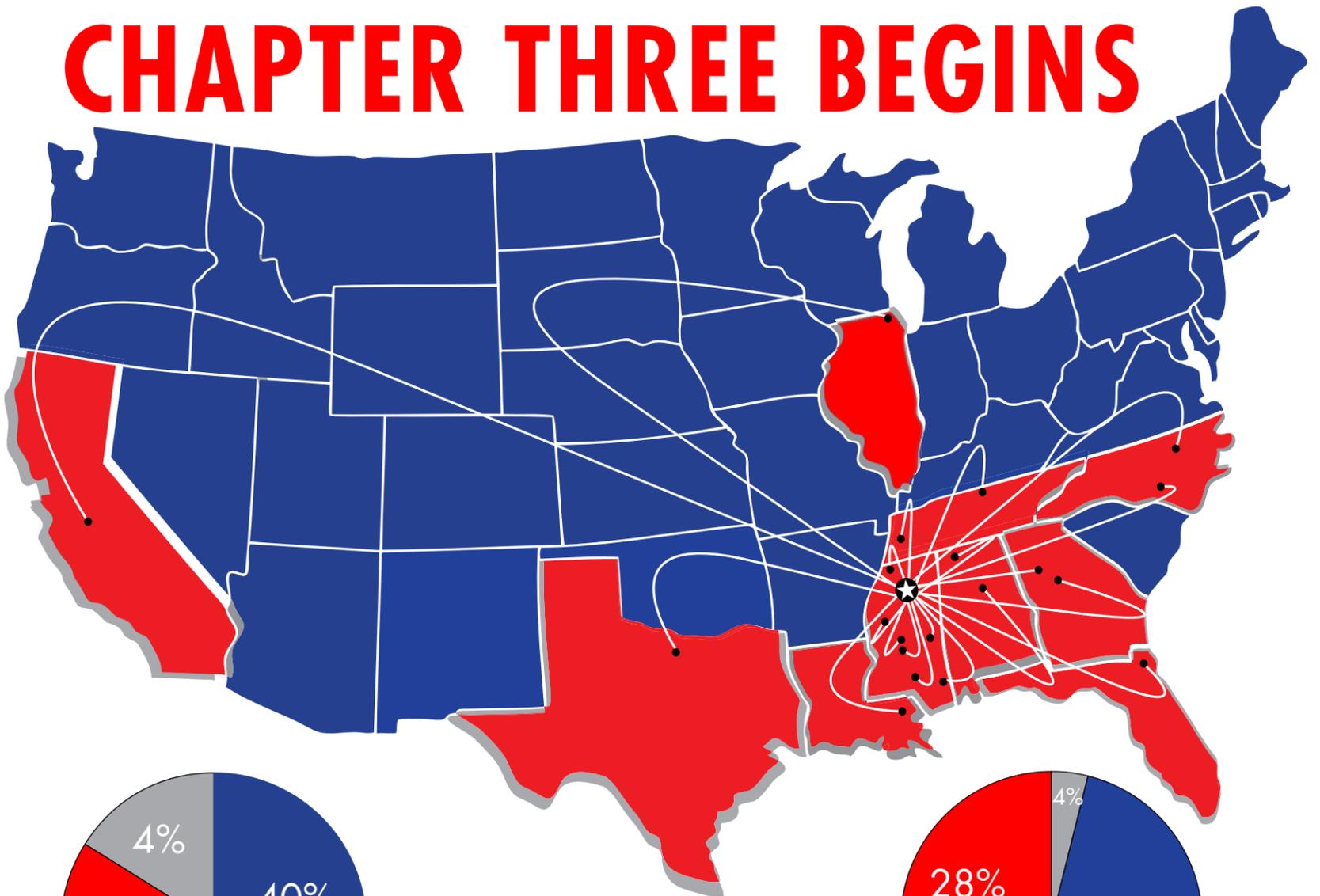
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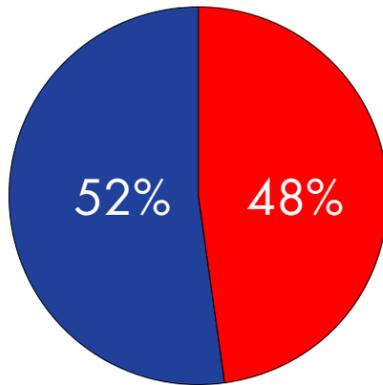


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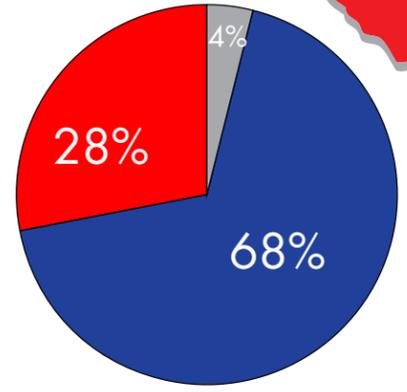
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**N**ational Signing Day has come and gone, and Ole Miss head coach Hugh Freeze is well on his way to building a contender in Oxford. The Rebels wrapped up the 2014 recruiting class Wednesday with the addition of 26 players, including early enrollees.

It didn't have the star power and media attention the 2013 season had, but the 2014 class ranks as one of the top recruiting classes in program history.

"I'm thrilled with our class," Freeze said in a press conference Wednesday afternoon. "The job that our coaches did in building relationships with the prospects, their families and others in their circle that they lean on in deciding which college to attend. I thought our coaches did a phenomenal job in building those relationships that withstand the recruiting process. It's definitely a grind and a challenge."

Ole Miss ended the day ranked as high as No. 14, according to 247Sports.com, and as low as No. 19, according to Rivals.com. They also finished the day ninth in the Southeastern Conference.

The Rebels had a total of

19 players who were ranked a four-star prospect or higher on at least one of the main recruiting services. So, although they missed out on some guys they had a shot with on Wednesday, Ole Miss has a class full of talented players.

"Obviously, we lost a few battles with some really good schools that we were in at the end with some really good players," Freeze said. "We've reminded ourselves every day this week that our focus is on the players that we get because those are the Rebels. Those are the ones that chose to come with us. Our concentration will be on the many, many great players."

This was Freeze's second

full recruiting class since taking over the Ole Miss football program. When he was hired, Freeze said it would take three full recruiting classes before he felt it was really an SEC roster. He said they're "close," and raved about the speed they brought in.

Going into this recruiting season, the coaching staff had very specific goals.

"We set out a goal to capture our state and the top guys in it, first," Freeze said. "Then, we identify positions of needs. We were able to accomplish both of those things in this class. It added significant depth to our young football team, particularly at certain spots."

It's safe to say the Rebels accomplished both of those goals.

Ole Miss signed seven of the top 10 players in Mississippi, according to ESPN, and six of the Clarion Ledger's Dandy Dozen.

As for identifying positions of need, the Rebels did that with the addition of five offensive lineman, five defensive linemen and three defensive backs. Ole Miss also added a good group of junior college players that Freeze expects to make an immediate impact.

"We think that the JUCO route solved some immediate needs like at linebacker with

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## America the beautiful



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Football, especially the Super Bowl, is considered one of the shining jewels in the Americana pie. Like a slice of apple pie or a Little League baseball diamond, many consider the gathering in front of the TV every year to watch the top two teams battle it out on the gridiron a litmus test for Americanism.

I join my fellow Americans in this ritual, albeit more for the food and halftime performances. This year even the commercials were caught up in the American spirit. A beer supplier helped welcome a returning soldier to his small hometown. Truck commer-

cials capitalized on American hardworking farmers. Even Coca-Cola, one of the most visible American exporters in the world, got in on the action.

This year Coca-Cola aired a commercial that featured “America the Beautiful” being sung in a variety of languages while playing footage of what is presumed to be a variety of Americans with some of America’s more iconic sights in the background.

While watching this commercial, I felt that familiar lump in my throat that is usually reserved for those videos of dogs seeing their soldier owners return home for the first time (you know those videos get you, too; admit it). I couldn’t agree more with Coke’s message. America is certainly beautiful, from sea to shining sea. And one of the most beautiful elements of America is the diverse people

who call it home.

It was not until later, when I got on social media, that it even registered with me that some people would find the commercial offensive. To be honest, it is quite hard for me to comprehend that.

Perhaps, I’m reminded of my grandfather. A hardworking farmer, similar to those in the truck commercials, who worked in the fields every day to provide for his family and felt strongly about God, guns and all things American-made. However, he spoke little to no English.

Or maybe I’m reminded of a childhood friend. She immigrated to the United States from a Middle Eastern country with her family at an early age. English wasn’t spoken in their home, and her mom still wore the traditional dress of their religious sect. Becoming American citizens, however, was still very important to her

family. And, yes, Coca-Cola was likely in their fridge.

To me, I just cannot see how any of those stories are less “American” than the next. I can’t grasp how any one segment of the commercial could be considered “un-American.” To me, people like my grandfather or my childhood friend are just as much a part of the brotherhood sung about in the song as those who were so quick to criticize.

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# University physician Hannah Gay delivers SMBHC Spring Convocation Address

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Dr. Hannah Gay, Ole Miss alumna and associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, delivered the 2014 Spring Honors Convocation Address Wednesday night at the Ford Center.

A graduate of the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College's predecessor, then called the University Scholars Program, Gay discussed the power Mississippi education and community ties have to affect change.

"People are realizing that we do have the ability to do things in Mississippi that they cannot do in many other sites," Gay said of the success she has had in clinical interactions with both community members and the Mississippi Health Department.

Gay has recently received international attention — including being named one of Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People — after it became known that she was responsible for the treatment that rendered a Mississippi infant infected with HIV functionally cured.

Her aggressive approach, utilizing three post-exposure prophylaxis drugs rather than one, defied the typical standard of care in 2010.

The infant received treatment for six weeks.

Believed to have been infected in-utero, the infant was born to a mother who did not receive proper prenatal care that might have easily prevented the spread of HIV.

In the course of labor, Gay said, attending physicians became aware that the mother was HIV positive and consulted Gay for treatment.

After a period of compliance in medicating the infant, the mother stopped treatment and did not visit Gay's clinic.

Gay's office requested that Child Protective Services find the mother and child to ensure the proper function of her immune system.

Upon the child's return to Gay's clinic, blood tests indicated an undetectable viral load.

Disbelieving the results, Gay performed secondary blood tests and consulted with other physicians specializing in pediatric disease management in order to confirm the diagnosis, similar to "remission."

Although Gay notes that the "lay press has substituted 'cure' as the verb," the patient is more accurately classified as functionally cured, or "without a tract of replication-competent virus."

Three years old now, the patient remains free of a detectable viral load and is not currently receiving medication.

Gay visited the Conference on Retrovirals and Opportunist Infections in Atlanta following the confirmation of the patient's unique case with the hopes of recovering from wedding planning and to present an abstract drafted with her treatment associates.

Media outlets, governments and non-profits alike began seeking Gay for interviews and speaking engagements.

Recalling the seemingly unending series of phone calls and press meetings, Gay spoke of her first interaction with the virus as a missionary physician serving those infected with HIV in Ethiopia.

"If anyone tested positive for HIV, they had a tendency to disappear into the night," Gay said. "So we didn't test for it."

She did, however, treat patients that seemed to display symptoms, which was difficult without confirmation of infection.

Praising the efforts of physicians and healthcare workers in Mississippi, Gay reported that as a result of the close-knit communities characteristic of Mississippi, infant



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University physician Hannah Gay delivers SMBHC Spring Convocation Address in Oxford on Wednesday.

infection rates remain low where high enrollment and retention rates in clinical trials are possible.

"People in Mississippi are very appreciative of anything perceived as good coming out of Mississippi," Gay said after reporting that Mississippi also has a much lower rate of infant HIV transmission than many other states, an unexpected figure given the prevalence of poverty.

The transmission rate from untreated women stands currently at less than 1.4 percent, and the rate from treated women at 0 percent, according to Gay.

Closing her remarks, Gay encouraged students to remember that progress involves asking questions.

"It is very, very good to know the limitations of your knowledge," she said. "The most important

thing to know is what you don't know."

Self-described as a woman of faith, Gay reminded students to consider their higher callings in life.

"Do the hard things that are put in your path," she said.

Quoting Colossians 3:23, Gay reminded the audience that looking for cure is service to humankind.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for The Lord, not for man," she said.

Sophomore English and business double major in the Honors College Hannah Hultman said that she enjoyed the convocation as an opportunity to consider the successes of Mississippi.

"I found the speech, as a whole, successful," Hultman said. "However, I was most interested when

she spoke about the role of Mississippi in the medical community. I almost wish that the entire speech was on that."

Sophomore biology major Jesus Diaz said he appreciated the time Gay shared with the Ole Miss community as an opportunity to learn from another's passions.

"I was inspired by Dr. Gay's humility and the courage it took for her to speak in front of a large audience," Diaz said. "I was also moved by her passion to help better lives in our community without expecting fame in return."

"The most valuable lesson I learned from this spring's convocation is that wealth and fame don't always come in pairs, and that those attributes are better enjoyed as a reward of practicing something one is passionate about."

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# O X F O R D

## FILM FESTIVAL KICKS OFF TONIGHT

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The 11th Annual Oxford Film Festival begins at 6 tonight at the Lyric.

A special edition of Thacker Mountain Radio will entertain moviegoers and independent film addicts, features house band The Yalobushwackers and is hosted by Jim Dees.

The festival's lineup of 78 films begins at 7:30 p.m. with the premiere of "Killer Kudzu," the festival's fourth annual community film project.

The directors of the festival expect a total of 3,000-4,000 people to attend over the four-day period, with the crowd's demographics varying as much as the film categories presented.

"It really is mixed," said Molly Fergusson, executive director of

the festival. "We get a fair amount of retirees; we get a lot of middle-aged moms; we get a lot of students. I mean, it really is completely just across the board."

Development Director Melanie Addington said the increased flow of tourism is not the only benefit this celebration of fine arts brings to the area.

"I think (it benefits Oxford) on a lot of levels," she said. "One, of course, is that we're bringing in films that you otherwise wouldn't see. In fact, our Friday night spotlight is a film called 'Side Effects of Barry.' They're distributing it everywhere, except for Mississippi. So this is your chance to see it."

According to the event directors, going to a film festival offers a different experience than simply sitting at home and watching movie.

"When you're at a festival, you actually get to meet the (filmmak-

ers) up close," Operations Director Michelle Emanuel said. "You can ask them whatever question you had in your head while you were watching. You get immediate feedback, and it's great for the filmmakers because they see their film in front of an audience who are not necessarily just their friends and family."

Film festivals are also highly regarded as great places for local filmmakers to network with professionals in the industry. Filmmakers, distributors, producers, attorneys and others in the industry travel from places like L.A. and New York to attend events like this, according to Fergusson.

"It's an opportunity for people in Mississippi who are interested in filmmaking to meet these people, and make connections to then go somewhere else," she said.

Following the opening events to-

morrow night, the scheduled panels and showings of the remaining 77 films will take place at the new Malco Oxford Commons and the Oxford Conference Center.

Saturday night at the Lyric, festival-goers have the opportunity to attend the awards ceremony. Hospitality Director Diala Chaney said it's a ticketed event, and doors open at 8:30 p.m. Food and refreshments will be provided.

Emanuel advises those planning to attend not to wait until the last minute to arrive.

"We do have screenings that sell out," she said. "We don't show 20 minutes of previews, so if a film is starting at 6, it is starting at 6, and you may have to stand in line 30 minutes before you are able to get into the room because there will be another session already in that room."

The directors say they have

been planning and developing this year's event since February 2013, the day after last year's film festival ended. Though they have worked hard over the past 12 months, they admit that simply seeing the community come together is a reward in itself.

"It's just nice to see people out," Fergusson said. "You know everybody has their day jobs and whatever, but then people will go and they'll park in there all weekend long, so you get to see everybody. It's just a nice community event."

Tickets for the festival can be purchased online at [oxfordfilmfest.com](http://oxfordfilmfest.com) or in person at festival venues today through Sunday.

For the latest news and an official schedule of events, the directors recommend that festival attendees check the Oxford Film Festival's Facebook page.

**SPECIAL TO THE DM**

## Local film to be showcased at film festival tonight

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Some call it the miracle vine, while others refer to it as a silent killer. This plant, originally from Japan and introduced to the U.S. in the 1870s, covers seven million acres of the deep South. Regardless of personal opinion, one thing is agreed upon: Kudzu is taking over.

"Killer Kudzu" is the winner of

the 2014 Oxford Film Festival's community film project. Several films were submitted for the competition and read by the festival directors. The submissions were voted on, and "Killer Kudzu" was chosen as the overall winner.

The premiere of "Killer Kudzu" will begin the festival's lineup at 7:30 tonight.

The film tells the story of how a town must come together when a mutant vine tries to take over, ac-

cording to the Oxford Film Festival website. Not only does the community film address a local issue, but it also strengthens and brings people together.

"Killer Kudzu" screenwriter and Oxford native Felicity Flesher has always been fascinated by the kudzu plant, which can grow up to a foot per day. She saw the plant as a perfect horror movie villain and a threat to the local community, which must unite and work together

to stop it from spreading.

"As a born-and-bred Oxonian, I know what a beautiful, proud and strong place Oxford is, and I imagined that if a mutant vine took over town, its people would undoubtedly join together to defend their home," Flesher said as posted on the film festival's website.

Director Meaghin Burke said she appreciated working on a film that incorporated specifically local features.

"As a sixth-generation Mississippian, it was wonderful to get to work on a film about something as Southern as kudzu," Burke said. "Felicity Flesher wrote a fabulous script that really highlights some of the charming things about our little city."

This year marks the 11th anniversary of the festival and the fourth annual community film project. Although the screenwriters did not have to be from Oxford, all were required to take into consideration the physical environment and aspects of the local community.

Kodak and Panavision were sponsors for the first community film, according to Executive Director Molly Fergusson.

"We wanted to do something to highlight their products," she said. "We also wanted to find a way to get more of the community involved with the festival and the filmmaking in general."

Apart from the cinematographer and some of the crew, everyone involved in the production of the film was local, including actors and craft services. The community film presents an opportunity for locals to experience the filmmaking process first hand and determine their strengths.

"We felt that if more of the community could see what was involved in making a film, then they would be more enthusiastic about working on other productions that were starting to happen and start making films of their own," Fergusson said.

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## Festival commences at Thacker



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Fans view a performance during a Thacker Mountain Radio Show last semester.

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Thacker Mountain Radio will mark the beginning of the 2014 Oxford Film Festival tonight at 6 at the Lyric.

The radio program gives people the opportunity to elaborate on the artistic styles they use to express themselves in a familial and engaging atmosphere. Thacker Mountain is all about community.

“When our guest stars and audience connect, when everything hangs together,” producer Kathryn McGaw said.

“People leave changed in some way and that’s a beautiful thing to see happen.”

Talented artists such as Melissa Ginsburg and Jimbo Mathus will be performing for Thacker Mountain Radio tonight.

Another guest star to expect is 81-year-old Leo “Bud” Welch, who will be making his debut appearance.

He was recently discovered by Big Legal Mess Records

and is releasing his debut album this year.

According to McGaw, this week’s cast represents everything Thacker Mountain has to offer. They embody the show’s message: It’s a love of art, poetry and music that can truly move the soul, and no one appreciates it better than people who share their Southern roots.

“We look for folks who are making music they believe in,” McGaw said.

“We want to further the conversation.”

The show does not cater to a particular audience, however.

“We always have a very interesting and diverse audience. Some people will be there for Jimbo, they’re always very excited for him,” McGaw stated.

“There is something for everyone.”

And just in case you weren’t convinced already, the final member of this week’s broadcast is Chris Offutt, one of Ole Miss’ professors.

“I’ve read on Thacker three

or so times,” Offutt said. It’s fun and great. I try and go to the radio show every week. It’s one of my favorite things about Oxford: free music and literature once a week. Jim Dees is very funny, and the Yalobushwackers is a great band.”

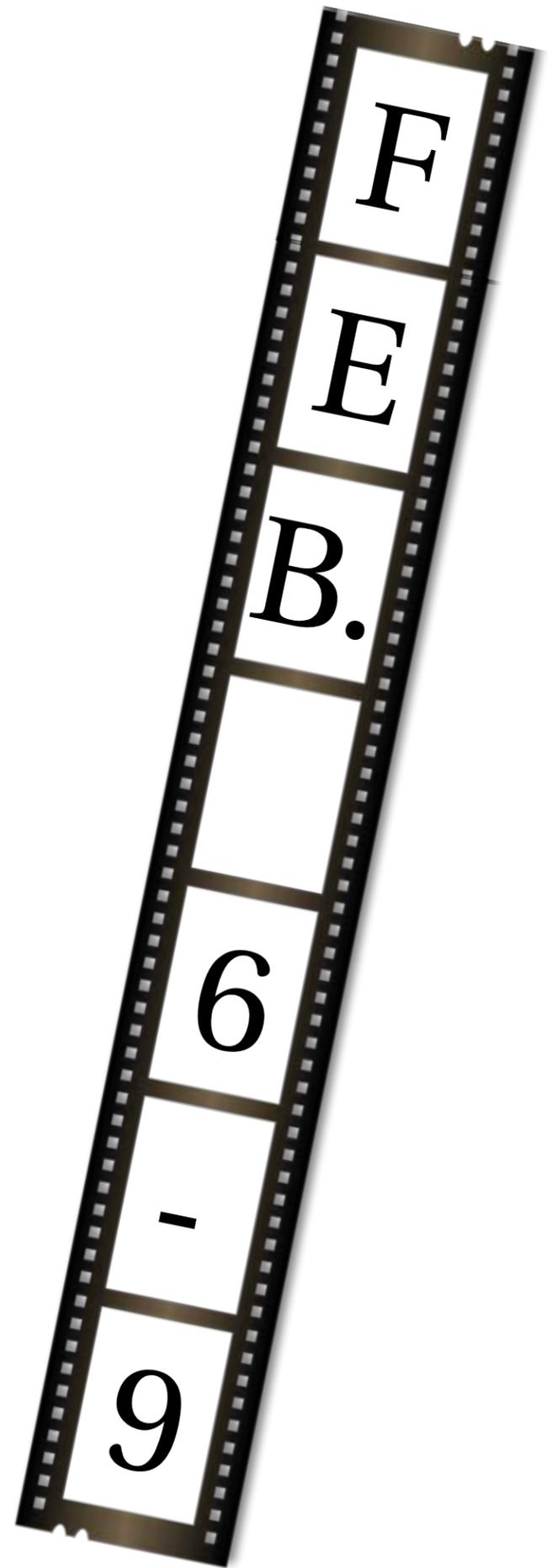
Take it from the guy who is a Thacker Mountain veteran and knows — you will not want to miss this show.

When asked how he was going to choose what to read this Thursday, Offutt said,

“Choosing what to read is informed by the strict time limit of Thacker, plus the PG rating of radio.”

In a bit of a spoiler, however, he said he finds short stories the most fun to write and that they are the best for public readings because they tell a succinct and complete story. Offutt also has a few things to say to young writers.

“Read and write every day,” Offutt said. “Carry pen and paper; write things down when you think of them.”



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## Feature Photos: Honors Convocation

Dr. Hannah Gay of the University of Mississippi Medical Center spoke at the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College Spring Convocation Wednesday.



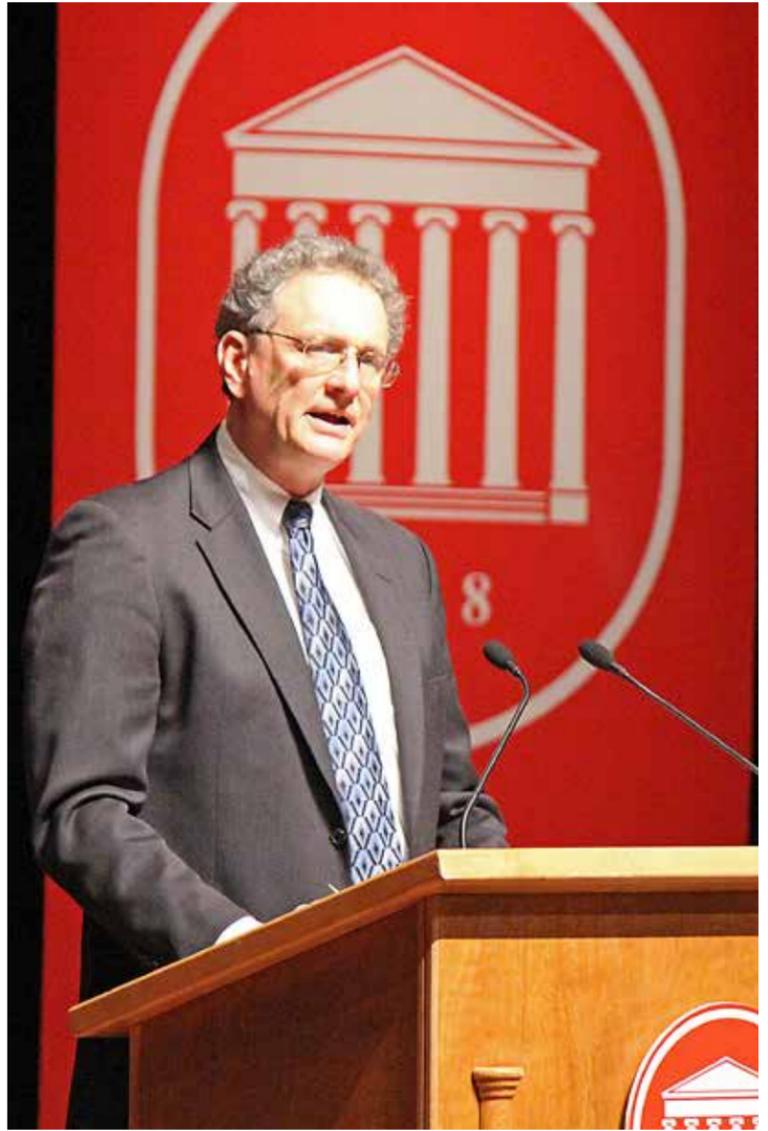
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Christian Russell and with the big, physical tailback Akeem Judd,” Freeze said. “We decided we needed another corner about a week ago and were able to get a great talent like Tee Shepard to join us. We also got offensive tackle Fahn Cooper. Those are positions that were of great need to us.

“Jeremy Liggins, I’m not sure exactly where he fits, but he improved our football team. What a great talent that he is. He’s a winner. I love what I see with his work ethic right now, as with the other midyear high school enrollees. We’ll fulfill some great needs.”

Shepard was the surprise of signing day. After missing out on some possible surprises, Ole Miss was able to land Shepard, a four-star cornerback from Holmes Community College, after he committed to in-state rival Mississippi State this past Sunday.

Freeze said they recruited Shepard “very heavily” in the fall, but the contact between the two parties cooled off when it looked as though Shepard was going to head back out west. However, he ended up back at Holmes for the spring semester and the talks began again a little over a week before signing day.

“I like him, and I think he can contribute to us,” Freeze said. “He was really the one we had the best relationship with, even though we had tak-

en a hiatus from his recruitment for a brief period of time. We immediately started doing what we do in most cases, recruiting the mom, the dad, his high school coach and him.

“I was very clear with Tee at the beginning. If you have no interest, I certainly don’t want to muddy the water. If so, we’ll move on elsewhere. We had a plan B that we could have gone to, but he continued to go down the road with us.”

The drama didn’t end with Shepard, as Ole Miss received a national letter of intent from junior college athlete D.J. Law. However, Law had apparently sent a signed letter of intent to Utah as well. It will depend on what school validated the letter of intent

first to determine who has the valid one.

But overall, it was another big time class.

Sure, everyone enjoys having the spotlight on National Signing Day like the Rebels did last year, but if Freeze and his staff and consistently find themselves inside the top 15 or 20 with an occasional push into the top 10, Ole Miss can compete in the rigorous SEC West.

Freeze did exactly what he wanted to do in his first two seasons at the helm, and on Wednesday, he got a pretty strong start to Chapter Three.

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## 2014 CLASS,

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ton and four-star cornerback Kendarius Webster.

“We expect people like C.J. Hampton, who’s already here with us and looks phenomenal in workouts, to come in and immediately add to our depth in the secondary, which was needed,” Freeze said. “The same thing with Kendarius Webster. We think those two kids are able to come in and play right away.”

Defensive line was another area of need, especially when it comes to pass rushers. Ole Miss ranked 11th in the Southeastern Conference in sacks and wanted to get guys who can take pressure off the secondary.

They did just that with the additions of three talented defensive ends.

“I think Marquis Haynes has potential to be a phenomenal player,” Freeze said. “He’s so athletic. Hopefully, we can get some mass to him. He’s a C.J. Johnson mold guy. Garrald McDowell, his motor is unbelievable. Grant Heard did a phenomenal job recruiting him. Victor (Evans) body is what you’re looking for in this league. I really look forward to seeing him develop. We have some guys that have some speed off the edge.”

On the offensive line, Ole Miss lost six players, including three starters. They have a core group of young players returning, but also have plenty of opportunities for newcomers to come in and make an immediate impact.

Ole Miss signed five offensive linemen in this class, and junior college prospect Fahn Cooper is expected to come in and play right away at right tackle. The Rebels also landed the No. 1 prospect in Mississippi in Roderick Taylor, who is a five-star prospect, according to 247Sports.com.

“Rod Taylor is as good as I’ve ever seen in drill tape,” Freeze said. “I don’t know that I’ve ever seen a guy any better

than his feet in those things. It means a lot more to me and I was hoping Matt Luke can get the most out of him.

“Jordan Sims, the same way. We’re going to stay on him about controlling his weight, but then watch his drill tape and see what he did at everybody’s camp. As soon as he goes to their camp he gets an offer because of what you see him do athletically.”

With the loss of Donte Moncrief at wide receiver, Laquon Treadwell will get more and more attention from opposing defenses. Ole Miss signed four-star wideout Markell Pack on Wednesday, and the Purvis native is someone who could make a quick impact for the Rebel offense.

Another area of need Ole Miss addressed was at running back. The Rebels have plenty of bodies on the depth chart, but they needed a big body who can get the tough yards on short-yardage situations.

Junior college prospect Akeem Judd, a 6-foot, 215-pound bruising runner, and redshirt freshman Jordan Wilkins should solve that problem for Ole Miss.

“I think it’s pretty well rounded,” Freeze said of the class as a whole. “There’s always people that you wish you would have gotten that you felt like would have addressed needs more immediate. I’m really happy with the guys we have. We addressed almost every position.”

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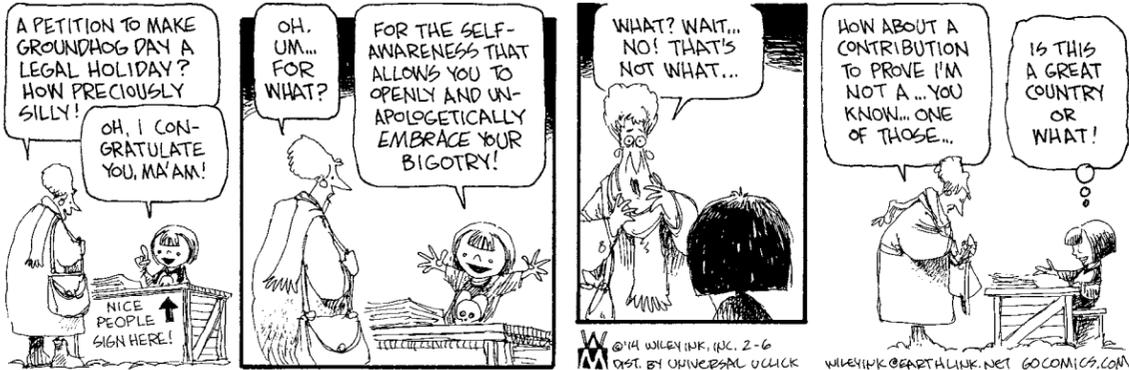
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## SEC West National Signing Day capsules

An overall look at how the seven schools in the Southeastern Conference Western Division fared Wednesday on Signing Day.

**ALABAMA**

National rankings (Rivals 1; Scout 1).

Best in class: DE Da'Shawn Hand of Woodbridge, Va., could bring a pass rushing prowess that Saban has been seeking. The 6-foot-4, 260-pounder collected 56 sacks during his four-year high school career.

Best of the rest: LB Rashaan Evans, OL Cam Robinson, ATH Bo Scarbrough, OL Dominick Jackson and CBs Tony Brown and Marlon Humphrey are also five-star prospects, according to at least one service.

Late addition: For the second straight year, Alabama raided rival Auburn's backyard for a high-profile linebacker. Evans joined Reuben Foster in leaving Auburn High School for Tuscaloosa. "As soon as Rashaan committed to us, Reuben Foster called me and absolutely said that he was a much better recruiter than I was and he was really responsible for that," Saban said.

One that got away: There weren't many important targets the Tide whiffed on. They made a late run for Miami commitment (and signee) Chad Thomas, a five-star defensive end.

**ARKANSAS**

National rankings: (Rivals 29; Scout 32).

Best in class: Bijhon Jackson, DT, El Dorado, Ark.

Best of the rest: Kendrick Edwards, WR, Miami, Fla.; Cole Hedlund, K, Argyle, Texas; Frank

Ragnow, OT, Chanhassen, Minn.; Brian Wallace, OT, Florissant, Mo.

Late addition: JoJo Robinson, WR, Miami, Fla.

One that got away: Solomon Thomas, DE, Coppell, Texas.

NOTE: "Brian might have been one of our more heavily recruited kids. He's a very talented young man with nothing but upside in front of him. He has the potential to maybe help us right away." — Arkansas coach Bret Bielema on OT Brian Wallace.

**AUBURN**

National rankings (Rivals 9; Scout 9).

Best in class: RB Roc Thomas is a top-15 overall recruit by both Rivals and Scout. He could compete with Corey Grant and Cameron Artis-Payne to replace Heisman Trophy finalist Tre Mason in the backfield. "We really feel like he's got the ability to come in immediately and make a huge impact," Malzahn said.

Best of the rest: Five-star WR D'haquille Williams, who is already enrolled, was Rivals' No. 1 junior college prospect. LB Tre' Williams is another five-star recruit who was rated one of the nation's top two linebackers by several recruiting sites. Both play positions where Auburn has immediate needs.

Late additions: Auburn picked up two more big men on signing day. Braden Smith of Olathe, Kan., was rated the nation's top guard by Scout. Auburn targeted him hard after Greg Robinson left for the NFL draft. Auburn beat out Clemson and Georgia for Andrew Williams, rated as the No. 12 defensive end by 247Sports and Rivals.

One that got away: Auburn High School five-star linebacker Rashaan Evans chose Alabama in another signing-day announcement. He would have been Au-

burn's top-rated signee if he had signed with his hometown school.

**LSU**

National rankings: (Rivals 2; Scout 2).

Best in class: Leonard Fournette, RB, New Orleans, La.

Best of the rest: Malachi Dupre, WR, River Ridge, La.

Late addition: Travonte Valentine, DT, Hialeah, Fla.

One that got away: Cameron Robinson, OL, West Monroe, La. (Alabama)

NOTE: Les Miles on Leonard Fournette: "The inhibitor for a running back is he is big and doesn't have great speed or he has speed and is not quite big enough. So, you have to work on his speed or build him up. Leonard Fournette has both size and speed. He has ball skills and great vision. He is a guy who will step in and play."

**OLE MISS**

National rankings (Rivals 18; Scout 14).

Best in class: Rod Taylor, OL, Jackson, Miss. The 6-foot-3, 320-pound Under Armour All-American could help the Rebels right away on the offensive line. He was the consensus top-rated recruit in Mississippi and among the nation's top interior offensive linemen.

Best of the rest: Breeland Speaks, DL, Jackson, Miss.; Markell Pack, WR, Purvis, Miss. Speaks and Pack will be expected to compete for playing time quickly. Pack could help fill the void left by WR Donte Moncrief, who declared for the NFL Draft.

Late addition: Tee Shepard, DB, Fresno, Calif. The Rebels surprised many by landing one

of the nation's top junior college defensive backs. He could help immediately at a spot the Rebels need some depth. Ole Miss coach Hugh Freeze said Shepard has some work to do academically, but the coach is optimistic he can be eligible next season.

One that got away: Malachi Dupre, WR, New Orleans. The Rebels wanted Dupre, but it was always a long shot to lure the star receiver from LSU.

**MISSISSIPPI STATE**

National rankings: (Rivals 41; Scout 39)

Best in class: Aeris Williams, RB, West Point, Miss. The 6-foot-1, 200-pound Williams rushed for nearly 4,000 yards during his prep career and could help the Bulldogs' backfield immediately.

Best of the rest: Gerri Green, LB, Greenville, Miss.; Jamoral Graham, WR, Decatur, Miss. Mississippi State hopes Green is the latest in a long line of quality linebackers in Starkville.

Late addition: Cory Thomas, DL, Bessemer, Ala. The Bulldogs were able to add some depth along the defensive line with Thomas. The 6-foot-5, 273-pounder was also considering Tennessee.

One that got away: Tee Shepard, DB, Fresno, Calif. Mississippi State thought it had a great shot at Shepard, who was one of the nation's top junior college defensive backs. He ended up signing with rival Mississippi.

**TEXAS A&M**

National rankings (Rivals 6; Scout 5).

Best in class: QB Kyle Allen.

Best of the rest: DE Myles Garrett.

Late addition: Zaycoven Henderson, DT, Longview, Texas.

One that got away: Mattrell McGraw, DB, New Orleans.

Note: One member of Texas A&M's recruiting class will never play a down of football for the Aggies. Dallas Skyline cornerback Cedric Collins committed to the Aggies before his junior year in 2012, but discovered at the end of that season that he had a rare congenital cervical problem and couldn't continue his football career. The Aggies chose to give him a scholarship anyway, and Texas A&M coach Kevin Sumlin said the decision was about "honoring commitments."

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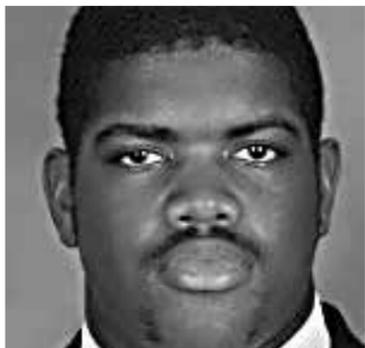
Below are the 25 signees that make up the 2014 Ole Miss football recruiting class. The list does not include Christian Morris, who is a mid-year transfer from UCLA. Morris is enrolled at Ole Miss for the spring semester. It does include the junior college and high school early enrollees. Each signee's height, weight, hometown and previous school are given in addition to the star rankings from each of the four major recruiting services. The 24/7 Composite ranking is an average ranking from the four recruiting services. *Photos courtesy of Rivals.com | Graphic by Ignacio Murillo*



### ATH D.K. BUFORD

5-foot-11, 190 pounds - Oxford, Miss. - Lafayette HS

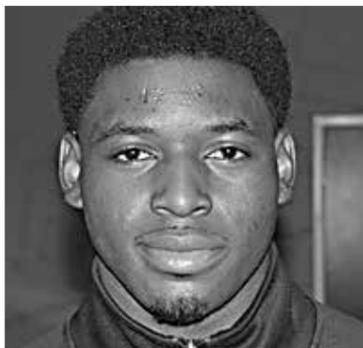
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### OL FAHN COOPER

6-foot-5, 315 pounds - Crystal Lake, Ill. - College of DuPage

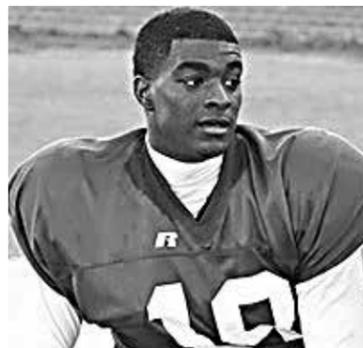
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### QB KENDRICK DOSS

6-foot-2, 215 pounds - Florence, Ala. - Florence HS

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### TE SAMMIE EPPS

6-foot-5, 215 pounds - Greenwood, Miss. - Greenwood HS

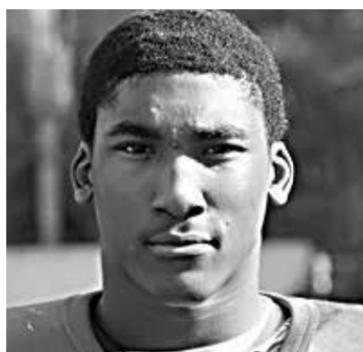
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### DE VICTOR EVANS

6-foot-4, 225 pounds - Dallas, Texas - Skyline HS

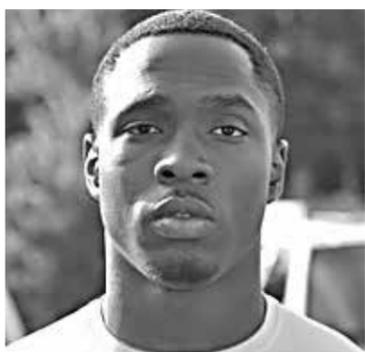
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### LB DEMARQUIS GATES

6-foot-2, 215 pounds - Hampton, Ga. - Lovejoy HS

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### DB C.J. HAMPTON

6-foot-1, 195 pounds - Meridian, Miss. - Meridian HS

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### WR DAYALL HARRIS

6-foot-3, 185 pounds - Jackson, Miss. - Callaway HS

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### DE MARQUIS HAYNES

6-foot-3, 225 pounds - Jacksonville, Fla. - Fork Union Military Academy

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### RB AKEEM JUDD

6-foot-0, 215 pounds - Durham, N.C. - Georgia Military College

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**ATH JEREMY LIGGINS**

6-foot-4, 295 pounds - Oxford, Miss. - Northeast Miss. CC

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**DL GARRALD MCDOWELL**

6-foot-2, 260 pounds - Covington, La. - Covington HS

24/7Sports ★★ ★ ★  
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**LB A.J. MOORE**

6-foot-1, 200 pounds - Bassfield, Miss. - Bassfield HS

24/7Sports ★★ ★  
 ESPN ★★ ★  
 Rivals ★★ ★  
 Scout ★★ ★  
 24/7 Composite ★★ ★



**ATH C.J. MOORE**

6-foot-0, 190 pounds - Bassfield, Miss. - Bassfield HS

24/7Sports ★★ ★  
 ESPN ★★ ★  
 Rivals ★★  
 Scout ★★ ★  
 24/7 Composite ★★ ★



**WR MARKELL PACK**

6-foot-3, 185 pounds - Purvis, Miss. - Purvis HS

24/7Sports ★★ ★ ★  
 ESPN ★★ ★ ★  
 Rivals ★★ ★ ★  
 Scout ★★ ★ ★  
 24/7 Composite ★★ ★ ★



**OL TYLER PUTMAN**

6-foot-5, 285 pounds - Southaven, Miss. - DeSoto Central HS

24/7Sports ★★ ★  
 ESPN ★★ ★ ★  
 Rivals ★★ ★  
 Scout ★★ ★  
 24/7 Composite ★★ ★



**OL SEAN RAWLINGS**

6-foot-5, 285 pounds - Madison, Miss. - Madison Ridgeland Academy

24/7Sports ★★ ★  
 ESPN ★★ ★  
 Rivals ★★ ★  
 Scout ★★ ★  
 24/7 Composite ★★ ★



**LB CHRISTIAN RUSSELL**

6-foot-1, 235 pounds - Fayetteville, N.C. - East Mississippi CC

24/7Sports ★★ ★  
 ESPN ★★ ★ ★  
 Rivals ★★ ★  
 Scout ★★ ★ ★  
 24/7 Composite ★★ ★



**DB TEE SHEPARD**

6-foot-1, 195 pounds - Fresno, Calif. - Holmes CC

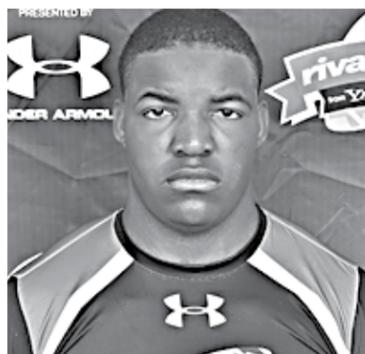
24/7Sports ★★ ★ ★  
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 Rivals ★★ ★ ★  
 Scout ★★ ★ ★  
 24/7 Composite ★★ ★ ★



**OG JORDAN SIMS**

6-foot-4, 348 pounds - Homewood Ala., Homewood HS

24/7Sports ★★ ★  
 ESPN ★★ ★ ★  
 Rivals ★★ ★  
 Scout ★★ ★  
 24/7 Composite ★★ ★



**DL BREELAND SPEAKS**

6-foot-4, 285 pounds - Jackson, Miss. - Callaway HS

24/7Sports ★★ ★ ★  
 ESPN ★★ ★ ★  
 Rivals ★★ ★ ★  
 Scout ★★ ★ ★  
 24/7 Composite ★★ ★ ★



**OL ROD TAYLOR**

6-foot-3, 320 pounds - Jackson, Miss. - Callaway HS

24/7Sports ★★ ★ ★ ★  
 ESPN ★★ ★ ★  
 Rivals ★★ ★ ★  
 Scout ★★ ★ ★  
 24/7 Composite ★★ ★ ★



**DB KENDARIUS WEBSTER**

5-foot-11, 177 pounds - Stockbridge, Ga. - Stockbridge HS

24/7Sports ★★ ★ ★  
 ESPN ★★ ★  
 Rivals ★★ ★  
 Scout ★★ ★ ★  
 24/7 Composite ★★ ★



**DT CHRIS WILLIAMS**

6-foot-1, 287 pounds - Tyrone, Ga. - Sandy Creek HS

24/7Sports ★★ ★  
 ESPN ★★ ★ ★  
 Rivals ★★ ★  
 Scout ★★ ★  
 24/7 Composite ★★ ★



**K GARY WUNDERLICH**

6-foot-0, 180 pounds - Memphis, Tenn. - Memphis University School

24/7Sports ★★ ★  
 ESPN ★★ ★  
 Rivals ★★ ★  
 Scout ★★ ★  
 24/7 Composite ★★ ★

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## Ole Miss fulfills needs with 2014 recruiting class

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There's no denying Ole Miss has had some holes in its roster during Hugh Freeze's first two years at the helm, and Freeze and his coaching staff had that in mind when shaping up the 2014 recruiting class.

Freeze and company added 26 players to its roster in this recruiting class, and like last year, it will have an immediate impact this fall.

There may not be as many big playmakers that will make contributions right away. Freeze said they are expecting to redshirt more players than they've been able to do in his first two seasons. However, there are still plenty of guys who will bring more bodies to the Ole Miss depth chart.

"I hope we can redshirt more kids than we were able to the last two years," Freeze said. "That's a sign that we're headed in the right direction in getting some kids some more maturity before they have to hit the field. I do believe that last year we had some top-heavy guys that got

a lot of attention.

"In this class, we might be better top to bottom. A few of those guys in there, like the Sammie Epps of the world that go to all-star games and do phenomenally well that we'll have to come in and play for us. Markell Pack is another one that is a super talent. It's mixed. We're going to have to have some added depth at some places with this class. We sure hope that we don't have to depend on all of them for next year."

One area of concern where Ole Miss is looking for immediate help is at middle linebacker. The Rebels lose Mike Marry, and Christian Russell, a junior college prospect, is in line to fill that void.

Also, look for athlete Jeremy Liggins to find himself all over the field in the spring until he finds a home at one position. Freeze said he will start him off at tight end in spring practices, but also wants to see him at quarterback. However, Liggins has the athletic ability to play multiple positions on both sides of the ball.

"I've watched an enormous amount of tape on Jeremy

throughout the years," Freeze said. "The guy was a great competitor in high school and lost one football game as a quarterback. He knows how to win. It didn't surprise me that you watch him in one tape getting off the edge and you watch the next tape and he's throwing touchdowns or scrambling for a big run. For a guy that is his size, to do some of the things he does, you just know that athletically he can improve your football team.

"I love what I see from him right now. The guy has come full circle. We went through a lot in the recruitment of him over the last couple of years. He has a smile on his face and loves being at Ole Miss and is anxious about competing for a spot somewhere."

The Rebels also needed some help in the secondary. Seemingly every year, Ole Miss finds itself searching for bodies in the secondary.

Freeze and his staff took that into account and came away with a very good secondary class that is led by four-star safety C.J. Hamp-



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Ole Miss head coach Hugh Freeze speaks during a press conference Wednesday.

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