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Literacy council creates new adult education program

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Through the Lafayette County literacy council, adults who are unable to read will no longer need to be ashamed of lacking the ability.

The Adult Basic Literacy Education program, which will begin at the end of October, allows older people in the community to achieve a common goal of literacy.

Executive Director of the Lafayette County literacy council Meridith Wulff said the community has been without an adult basic literacy program for a few years. The council met and agreed that this was their number one priority.

"The best estimate that we have tells us that 20 to 25 percent of adults in Lafayette County cannot read well enough to fill out a job application," Wulff said.

Through grants funded by United Way in Oxford and Dollar General, the literacy council is able to pay for research and teaching supplies and to be trained by Literacy Mid-South based in Memphis. The training led by Literacy Mid-South took the ABLE committee through training to decide what kind of program would work best in Oxford.

"We are committed to making this not just a fly by night, do it quick and dirty kind of program," Wulff said. "We want to create a program that is not only effective and helps

people but is going to be around for a long time."

Lucie Scott, the ABLE program administrator, said the start of the process was about receiving an extensive list of things that needed to be completed to support the ABLE program.

For example: initial training for the coaches, welcome interviews and much more.

"We really hit the ground running when I came on board," Scott said.

Scott said her end goal is to make sure there is enough support within the program; once she leaves, she hopes the program will thrive and be sustainable throughout the community.

Scott said the literacy council is looking at ways to improve the programs visibility through flyers, language being used, volunteer and learner handbooks and the logistics of the welcome interviews.

"What messages can we send to them so that they know that we are welcoming, and that we support them, and we want them to be a part of something that will hopefully enrich their life," Scott said.

Wulff said the central focus of the program is learner-driven, meaning the council will hear what goal the learner wants to achieve and they will work to accomplish that goal.

"Our learners are adults.

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The Adult Basic Literacy Education program, which begins at the end of October, will allow older people in the community to achieve a common goal of literacy.

Fourth annual haunted house to be held in Guyton Hall

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The School of Education will hold its fourth annual Halloween celebration in Guyton Hall Friday from 5-7 p.m.. The festivities require no admission, but donations are accepted and will go toward the decorations and other items used to create the event. Although anyone in the community is welcome to attend, the event is geared more towards children.

Founded in 2010 by Dean of the School of Education

David Rock, the event's main purpose is to reach out to the community and provide a safe and fun experience for children, according to Debby Chessin, professor and interim assistant chair of teacher education.

"I enjoy the participation from our graduate and undergraduate students and greeting the many children that stop by," Chessin said.

The student organization of the Mississippi Association of Educators, called the Teachers of Tomorrow, provides funds to put on the event each

year. Members of Teachers of Tomorrow, teacher education graduate assistants, social studies methods students and freshmen are working hard for this year's event.

The event is designed the same as last year— each floor consists of a different theme or activity.

Games and activities for the visitors will be held on the first floor; the second floor will consist of dancing games and a cakewalk, and a haunted house will be held on the third floor, according to President of Teachers of Tomorrow,

Kristen Saltzman.

It has been rumored for years that Guyton Hall is haunted, as it was previously used as a hospital with patients being held on the third floor. Subsequently, this is where the event has held the haunted house each year.

"This used to be the medical school, and the morgue was on the third floor," Jenny Echols, elementary education grad student said. "Some say the ghosts of those who died there never left."

Although Guyton Hall had up to 100 visitors last year,

Saltzman mentioned that it has been difficult promoting the event in the past and expects an increase in visitors this year. She hopes to use the seniors who are student teaching as an advantage for more kids to know about the event and visit on Halloween.

"As president, I consider it a personal goal to make this event extremely successful," Saltzman said. "Even though we are on more of a budget this year, I think that we, as teachers, can use our creativity to make this the best haunted house yet."

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Why politicization of Ebola needs to stop



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Shepard Smith, a proud graduate of The University of Mississippi, released a video about the fear-inciting rhetoric surrounding Ebola in the United States, and he could not have been more accurate.

He did some adequate fact-dropping; at the time of his broadcast, two health professionals had contracted Ebola from a dying physician who had been working in West Africa. Since this broadcast, one additional physician, who was also working in West Africa with Doctors Without Borders, has been diagnosed with Ebola and is stable.

Smith asserted, "There is no outbreak of Ebola in the United States, anywhere." That remains true.

He briefly mentions the politicization of the Ebola virus, which has only heightened since his broadcast. Ebola has paralyzed much of the country with fear, especially those vulnerable to talking-head radio personalities and who shamelessly and unknowingly share articles from satirical news websites.

After the second case of Ebola diagnosed on American soil was announced, President Barack Obama announced he would appoint an Ebola "czar"— a government official whose sole job is to stop the spread of Ebola in America and abroad. Despite creating a position to deal with this national emergency after only two people who had not first traveled to West Africa - both of whom treated an Ebola patient - were diagnosed, articles swirled with titles such as, "Is Ebola Obama's Katrina?"

Short answer: hardly.



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President Barack Obama speaks to the media after holding a meeting with his newly-appointed 'Ebola Response Coordinator' Ron Klain.

There exists a myriad of criticisms of the Obama presidency; this "delayed" response to Ebola is not one.

Never mind the hypocrisy found in the lack of criticism or admittance from conservative politicians of President Reagan, who did many things right, but failed gravely on the health epidemic of his time - AIDS. Despite knowledge of the epidemic since its beginnings in 1981, Reagan refused to mention the crisis on television or commit substantial federal dollars until 1987. Only after more than 36,000 Americans had been infected and more than 20,000 had died did Reagan finally mention AIDS at the end of his second term and take federal action.

Why? Because AIDS was politicized too.

Gays were receiving the rightful punishment for their actions; who was Reagan to save the gays from God's wrath? How many people could have been saved to this day had early action been taken? The danger of politicizing a killer disease is very real.

The politicization of Ebola and political backlash are far from over.

After Czar Ron Klain, a po-

litical insider and former vice presidential chief of staff, was appointed, articles hit the press again, asserting "We Are Doomed." Francis Collins, director of the National Institute of Health and celebrated non-partisan, made a seemingly uncontroversial assertion that the NIH's budget cuts slashed funding for Ebola research from \$37 million in 2010 to \$10 million in 2014 and added that a vaccine could have been likely if not for the cuts. He told the truth.

Conservatives pounced. Rand Paul mocked the NIH's other budgetary commitments, and Michelle Malkin called him a "fool." Collins was also dismayed at liberal groups' ad campaigns, featuring signs that say "Republican Cuts Kill." Collins, a person who was fighting Ebola before you ever cared, is now a victim of the hysteria.

Who else is a victim of the mania?

Midterm elections.

Conservatives have raced to combine the topics of illegal immigration, the threat of the Islamic State (ISIS) and Ebola into a behemoth for midterm elections, despite the denouncement from health experts. Fanatic radio hosts want

you to believe ISIS members plan to wage biological warfare with Ebola by crossing our Southern border. They want you to believe that immigrants will flood into this country carrying Ebola and create a pandemic, which health professionals and border officials have condemned as false.

This is not about Ebola - know that.

This is about morphing Ebola and American fear to impact already existing policy objectives.

There is no Ebola outbreak in America, and health professionals and the government are working diligently to keep it that way.

Pray, sympathize or donate money to Ebola relief in West Africa, whose people are suffering from a legitimate outbreak but do not participate in the Ebola hysteria in the U.S.

While politicians vie for your vote with scare tactics, real people are dying. Do not hide your xenophobia or general political ideology behind the lives of West Africans.

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They are not children, and they have very real practical needs and goals," Wulff said. "And we are here to help them reach those."

Scott said this program is important not just for the community to realize there is a problem but to serve the learner and for the future generations. She said it is tremendously important because people with low literacy skills are limited with the jobs they can receive.

Scott said the literacy council highly promotes a family structure when dealing with literacy because it greatly impacts those surrounding an individual who cannot read.

"Research shows that if parents have low literacy skills, they can't help their children with their homework as much," Scott said. "They can't read to them at night, and they cannot promote that love of reading in their home."

Wulff said there are resources in the public library that will help those who are not comfortable participating in the literacy education program. Welcome interviews are available without appointment. The interviews are in place to assess the learner's reading level before entering the program.

Wulff said the council is receiving a great amount of support and excitement from those in the community who are pleased the city will finally have a program as unique as this one.

"We are improving lives through basic literacy," she said.

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Juniors and seniors at the university are not as prepared as sophomores and freshmen for active shooter situations, according to the University Police Department.

Officer Jeffrey L. Kellum, the crime prevention coordinator for UPD, sends officers to teach a course about active shooter situations to every freshman EDHE class. The course, however, started in the fall of 2013, so students who took an EDHE class before that time or have never taken one are uninformed about responding to an active shooter situation, according to Kellum.

According to FEMA.gov, an active shooter is someone engaged in violence toward others, including shooting or attempting to shoot at people in a confined or populated area.

FEMA is the Federal Emergency Management Agency, part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The FEMA website offers many courses to the general public that allow those who qualify for enrollment to learn emergency management.

Among these courses is one about what actions to take if involved in an active shooter situation. While taking the online course, a person can learn about an active shooter response system broken down into three simple actions: respond, prepare and follow up. There is even a certification offered to anyone who completes the course and passes the online exam given at the end of it.

In light of recent gun threats at the University of Alabama, Jeff McCutchen, major of patrol operations for the Oxford Police Department (OPD), has advice for Ole Miss students and other Oxford citizens about what would happen during an active shooting

and how to handle an active shooter situation on or around campus.

"The first thing is public safety. We take that whether it is a mass shooting or a single shot fired, if it's actively going on. We deem it in law enforcement as an active shooter incident," McCutchen said. "If it's an active shooter incident, no matter where it's at, that first officer on the scene—they're going to immediately go and address that threat because if we don't, obviously people are going to be losing their lives."

If an active shooter situation arises, every officer is moving according to McCutchen. He said, the first officer on the scene has to act immediately.

According to McCutchen, the FBI recently released a study saying most active shooter incidents last one minute. He also said there are three reasons the violence may be interrupted: either a citizen acted against the shooter, law enforcement arrived and took action or the shooter ran out of ammunition.

Threats are treated with high priority. The FBI would be contacted and a serious investigation would begin, according to McCutchen.

"If we have a threat, we start running data," McCutchen said.

According to McCutchen, if a certain group were to be the target of a threat on campus, the OPD would talk to that group. They would interview members and start building a database from the information given by that group.

On campus, an active shooting situation would require the combined resources of the OPD and the UPD, McCutchen said. Both



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Officer Nathan Shipp responds during an active shooter training exercise at Albertville High School in Albertville, Ala.

operations would merge immediately.

"It becomes one agency at that point. We all try to work together and stop it for the public," McCutchen said.

Neither McCutchen nor Kellum can comment on the specifics of the actions taken after that point.

Carl Jensen, director of the Center for Intelligence and Security Studies at the university, is a former FBI agent and spent nine years at the Behavioral Science Unit at the FBI Academy on the Marine Corps Base in Quantico, Virginia.

"The bottom line is there really isn't any such thing as a profile of a mass shooter," Jensen said.

According to Jensen, the Secret Service did a large study a few years ago to collaborate a be-

havioral profile of who becomes a mass shooter and why. They found out there really are not a lot of predictor variables, Jensen said.

"Some were bullied. Some were bullies. Some suffer from mental illness, as we've seen, but many don't," Jensen said. "In terms of what's going through the mind of a particular mass shooter, it's really hard to say. Many of them feel wronged, but not every single one does."

According to Jensen, as a result of the Columbine and Virginia Tech shootings, the old police tactic of setting up a perimeter and waiting for the SWAT team to arrive proved not to be a good process. In many cases, the police are a lot closer to the scene than they have been historically better, especially when it comes to school and universities, Jensen said.

In terms of trying to analyze a threat, the FBI will look at the way it is worded, the technique in which the threat is made and the likeliness of the operation to be carried out. That is, if the threat is technically or operationally possible and all three parts of the analysis line up, the threat is serious, according to Jensen.

If a student is faced with an active shooter and an officer has not arrived on the scene, McCutchen said the student's safety is top priority.

"If you can't obviously diffuse the threat, run, hide, get out of there," McCutchen said. "Make it to where you're safe because we're coming. That's our job, we're coming in to do that. Do whatever you have to do to be safe and let us come in and deal with it."

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Bourdeaux, McCracken exhibits at Southside Gallery

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Southside Gallery will be showcasing new art work by painters Norma Bourdeaux and Laurin McCracken today through Nov. 22. While this will not be the first Southside Gallery show for each artist, the gallery is very excited for Bourdeaux and McCracken's return.

"Both artists are great and have travelled to many places," said Anna Benefield of Southside Gallery. "However, they are also very familiar with Mississippi and can add a somewhat familiar feel to their works for some of our audience members. We are very happy that they have decided to come back to Southside."

Bourdeaux was born in Alabama and lived in several different places throughout

her childhood, including Salt Lake City, Utah. She also spent many years as a resident of Meridian, Mississippi. She later received her undergraduate degree in commercial art from the University of Alabama and then moved

to Oxford in 2001 to pursue a masters of fine art degree in painting and become a working artist. Bourdeaux has been exhibiting her paintings at Southside Gallery since 2005.

"We believe that the smaller size of the work will offer a feeling of intimacy for our guests that they will definitely enjoy," Benefield said.

The exhibit will showcase some of Bourdeaux's smaller paintings, along with some on panels or canvases that are complete and stand-alone, but are placed together to make a whole painting.

"Having been interested in art for many years, I find the more I paint, the more it fascinates me and the more I want to learn," Bourdeaux said. "Landscapes, my focus, captivate me; those I see at home, see on my travels or imagine.

I predominately work in oil on wooden panels or canvases."

The other featured work in the exhibit will be McCracken's watercolor paintings. McCracken is known internationally for using objects to paint realism in watercolor paintings.

McCracken's paintings have been included in multiple shows in China. Most recently he participated in the Qingdao International Watercolor Salon Exhibition 2014. Two of the paintings now on exhibit at Southside, "Barn with Tractor" and "Boats in the Howrth Bay, Ireland" were juried into the International Watercolour Biennial in Belgium.

Audience members can also expect to see a combination of three other mediums in his paintings: silver, crystal and clear glass.

"Not many watercolorists paint glass and some of the other things that I paint," McCracken said. "I wanted to be set apart and do something different, and now it's one of the things that I am known best for."

McCracken said he wanted to add a homey, relaxed element to his work in this exhibition.

"For this show, I added things that would be nostalgic and familiar. Things such as bowl jars, canning jars with cashmere and plastic toy soldiers and other things that you would find in the home."

Southside, McCracken said, is one of best galleries in Mississippi.

"Southside Gallery is one of the top three galleries in this state," McCracken said. "When people talk about the great galleries in Mississippi, Southside is always one of the top ones, and I am very glad that they like to showcase my work."

The exhibit opened today, and the reception will be held Thursday, Oct. 30 at 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. in Southside.



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A life en vogue: Sarah Danysh-Rand reminisces

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Throughout the years, I have come to dread the small talk that, in our culture, is a formality that comes with having a hair, nail or skin appointment. It is always a surprise to somehow manage to get past the surface-level conversation and to realize that you are actually enjoying yourself.

Sitting at the table at my microdermabrasion appointment, I found myself doing just this. I had an appointment with Sarah Danysh-Rand before and knew that she was a pleasurable person to be around. It didn't take long until we were on my favorite topic: fashion. She began to open up to me and tell me stories of her days as a student at New York University, working for a major fashion house and the fantastic garments that she had collected over the years.

It was this long, brilliant journey that led her to Oxford. She now works as an aesthetician and masseuse at La Rousse Salon here in town. At the end of our chat, she gave me her card and invited me over to have a look at her wardrobe. I knew this was an opportunity I could not pass up.

Sarah Danysh-Rand's apartment is filled with mementos and pieces from all over the world that serve as testaments to her many adventures.

You could tell, simply looking at the many pictures of her family and friends, that Danysh-Rand has lived a full life. She showed a couple of things that she had collected while living in New York, California



Sarah Danysh-Rand

PHOTO BY: ALEX PRESLEY

and the other various places she has called home.

Works by designers such as Dolce and Gabbana, Kenzo and Christian Lacroix, among others, fill her closet.

"It is so wonderful to me how I've been so many places, and the clothes are the same today as they were then," Danysh-Rand said.

She has lived in many places, including Los Angeles, Bangkok, Paris and Australia.

She was born in Carmel, California, to a father who was the president of California College of Arts in Oakland in the '50s and whose mother, a successful interior designer, designed the interior for Clint Eastwood's post-Hollywood home.

She elected to attend New York University to obtain a degree in drama.

Danysh-Rand lived the Upper-East Side life that many only dream of, moving into

a building there soon after she began school. She was in the city at an extremely revolutionary time, as the "punk" wave originated in the Big Apple and sent shockwaves all around the world. Interestingly, she was supposed to live in the Hotel Chelsea, which was then used partially for student housing, but was unable to because of the timing of the infamous murder involving Sex Pistols band member Sid Vicious and his girlfriend Nancy Spungen.

Her friends included the daughter of a government official of the Soviet Union and the daughter of Willie Brown, who was then the mayor of San Francisco.

Danysh-Rand had always loved fashion and knew she did not want to act for a living.

"I was watching 'Good Morning America' one day, and I saw the most beautiful clothing I had ever seen," Danysh-Rand re-

called. "I called in to the show and asked who this designer was. I wanted his information, but I had to give them my contact information instead."

A time after this phone call, Danysh-Rand received a job with Kristian Leigh, a designer who created garments for Phyllis George, the 1971 Miss America and ex-wife to former Kentucky governor, John Brown. She said she had many enjoyable experiences while working for the designer, including working for the him during Paris Fashion Week.

Years ago, Danysh-Rand sat at a table at one of her favorite restaurants. Paper covered the tables accompanied by crayons to write and color with. She picked up a crayon and began to draw out her life path and explain where all of it had taken her.

"I realized that so many people lived this 'box' life, where they grow up doing a certain thing and only know how to live a certain way," she said.

Danysh-Rand has lived an incredible life in the past and continues to do so in her present. Her advice to young people trying to figure out what to do with their lives is simply to live and enjoy it.

"Experience life to the fullest, so that when you look back you have no regrets – loving everyone, hurting no one," Danysh-Rand said.

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The Ole Miss Rebels went into a hostile environment Saturday night in Death Valley and fell to LSU 10-7. After the loss, many fans and members of the media have seemingly panicked over the loss. The overall mood seems to be that this loss has spoiled the Rebels' historic run and the entire season.

I am about to tell you why it is not time to hit the panic button just yet.

First and most importantly, the Rebels still control their own destiny.

Everything Rebel Nation had hoped and dreamed of accomplishing before the season is still right in front of us. Ole Miss has four games remaining in the 2014 regular season. Three of these games are at home with the

only road game coming against Arkansas on Nov. 22. If the Rebels were to win each of the remaining four games, which is a very doable task I might add, it would put them at a 11-1 record overall, 7-1 in SEC play and in the SEC championship game in Atlanta. Wins over Auburn and Mississippi State would push Auburn to two conference losses and give State at least one, depending on how they finish the year leading into the Egg Bowl.

Even if Alabama and Mississippi State finish with one loss in conference play, the Rebels would advance because they would have beaten both teams head to head. One of our goals at the beginning of the year was to win a conference championship. That goal is still attainable with a win in each of the last four games.

Many fans and members of

the media declared that the Rebels' national championship hopes were spoiled because of the drop in the rankings.

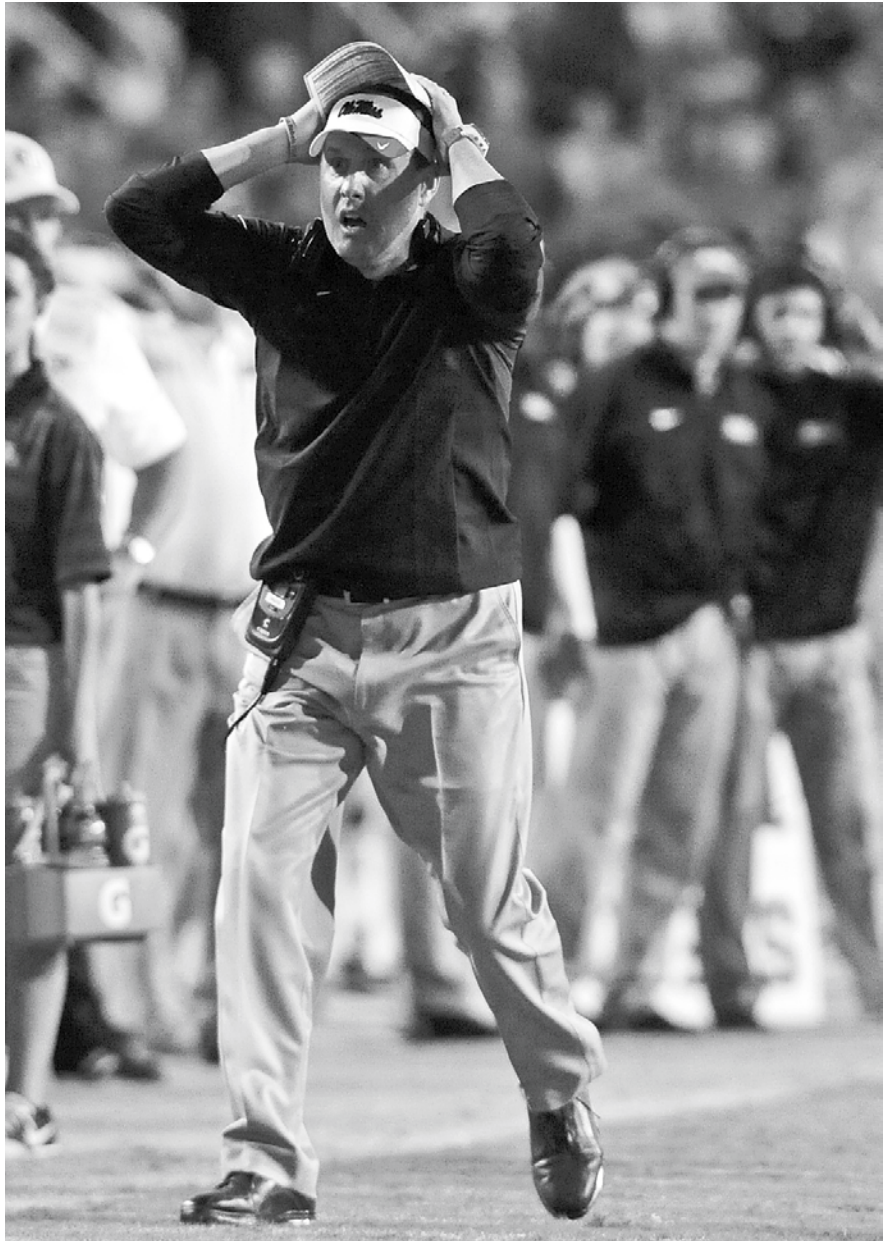
That is also not entirely true.

The Rebels are still right in the hunt to earn a spot in the first annual college football playoff. Ole Miss sits 7th in the AP poll. The AP poll serves very little meaning with the college football playoff committee poll coming out on Tuesday night. Ole Miss is one of thirteen one-loss teams ranked in the AP top 15. The beauty of the Rebels' remaining schedule is that two of the seven teams ranked ahead of us have to come make a trip to play in Oxford.

Another stat that may be comforting to those doubting the playoff chances of Ole Miss is this: The SEC has had a representative in each of the last eight national championship games. Only two of the eight teams have reached the championship game with an undefeated record. The two teams were Alabama in 2009 and Auburn in 2010. Recent history clearly shows that one loss does not make or break a season.

Before people abandon ship and begin to panic, I encourage Rebel Nation to put this loss into perspective.

The Rebels are about to complete the fifth and final game of their toughest stretch of games. A win this weekend would put Ole Miss at 4-1 at the end of the ridiculously tough stretch.



FILE PHOTO: THOMAS GRANING

Hugh Freeze reacts to a penalty during the first half of Saturday's game against LSU.

At the beginning of the year, I am pretty confident that the majority of fans would have been happy with that 4-1 record.

The Rebel defense is still the best in the country. The offense sputtered the entire game for the first time this year in a tough environment but has time to grow and correct mistakes in the next five weeks with a bye week coming after the Presbyterian game.

Ole Miss must return to focusing on each week and staying

in the moment. The big picture will become clear soon enough. Lets put this loss behind us and focus on the next task at hand: Auburn.

It all starts with Auburn this Saturday. Lets get behind this team and help them knock off another top five opponent and take another step closer to winning an SEC West crown. It is still all in the Rebels' control. This team still controls its own destiny.

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OLE MISS SPORTS INFORMATION

Golson, Prewitt named Thorpe Award semifinalists

OKLAHOMA CITY – Ole Miss seniors Senquez Golson and Cody Prewitt are two of the 15 semifinalists for the 2014 Jim Thorpe Award, given to the top defensive back in college football.

Ole Miss is the only school to boast multiple semifinalists for the award, announced Monday by the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame.

Golson, a cornerback from Pascagoula, is tied for the national lead with eight interceptions this season. That's already tied for third-most in a season in school history. He has a pair of multiple-pick games (Louisiana-Lafayette and Tennessee) and has intercepted at least one pass in each of the last four outings.

Golson's biggest moment came in the final 40 seconds against then-No. 1 Alabama, when his interception in the back of the end zone sealed the Rebels' first ever win over a No. 1-ranked opponent. He also leads the SEC and ranks eighth nationally with 12 passes defended. His career total of 14 interceptions is the best among active SEC players and tied for fifth in Ole Miss history.

Prewitt was a first team All-America selection a year ago and has solidified his position as one of college foot-

ball's top defensive players again this season. The Bay Springs native ranks third on the team in tackles (43) to go with 3.5 tackles for loss, two interceptions, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. He turned one of his interceptions into a 75-yard touchdown return at Texas A&M.

Prewitt was a semifinalist for the Thorpe Award last year, as well.

The Thorpe Award is named after history's greatest athlete, Jim Thorpe, and is presented by the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame and Jim Thorpe Association in Oklahoma City. Thorpe excelled at every sport in which he competed, including football, at which he played on the offensive and defensive side of the ball.

The three Thorpe Award finalists will be named Monday, Nov. 24, and the winner will be announced at the Home Depot College Football Awards Show airing Dec. 11 on ESPN. The winner of the 2014 Thorpe Award will be honored at a banquet in Oklahoma City on Feb. 3, 2015.



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Cody Prewitt (25) and defensive back Senquez Golson (21) react after Prewitt recovered a LSU fumble during the first half of an NCAA college football game in Baton Rouge, La.



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Freeze, Wallace reflect on LSU loss, turn attention to Auburn

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The Ole Miss football team's dream of a perfect season ended Saturday after being upset by then 24th-ranked LSU by a score of 10-7. The Rebels fell from number three to number seven in the AP poll and now will face the 4th ranked Auburn Tigers as they attempt to shake off last week's loss.

Hugh Freeze expressed frustration in the loss to LSU but at the same time, has the confidence in his team to bounce back this weekend.

"It was obviously disappointing to not get it done on the road with LSU. Anytime the game is that close and competitive, when you watch the film, everything is magnified. They played with great passion and played a really, really physical brand of football," head coach Hugh Freeze said. "Coach (Les) Miles had his guys ready. They deserve credit. From watching the film, we did not play our best game. That's always disappointing. However, that's life in the SEC. The great thing is we have an opportunity to bounce back this week at home and get our kids ready for another very difficult task with Auburn coming."

Senior quarterback Bo Wallace said playing at LSU and in the infamous Death Valley affected the whole team.

"The biggest thing was we let the atmosphere dictate how we played," Wallace said. "As a quarterback, I've really prided myself on keeping guys calm and being calm. I didn't do a great job of that, and our offense didn't do a great job."

"This week, I really have to talk to myself and do like I've been doing the whole year in making sure guys are calm and I'm calm and being a leader out there."

Freeze said Auburn presents another big challenge for the Rebels and praised their run defense.

"They're a special team. They're as good or better interior defen-



FILE PHOTO: PAYTON TEFFNER

David Kamara (29) tackles LSU running back Terrence Magee (18) during Saturday's game against LSU.

sively as anyone we've seen," Freeze said. "No one has rushed the ball on them, other than one team, for 150 yards. They're very athletic on the backend."

The Auburn offense was the driving force for Tigers winning the SEC and advancing the national championship last season. This season, the offense is picking up where they left off, averaging 39 points per game.

Freeze has been very impressed with Auburn's offense.

"Offensively, their receiving core is one of the top in the nation. The quarterback and run-

ning backs do an excellent job of reading their zone game. They're dangerous when they pull it at quarterback," Freeze said. "They're physical, and they get it at running back. Their offensive line is solid. They're a solid team all the way around."

Wallace has a lot of questions surrounding him after the loss to LSU. Handling adversity is something that must be done against Auburn.

Wallace gave his thoughts on the game this weekend against 4th-ranked Auburn.

"It's going to be a tough game. They're the No. 4 team in the country coming to our place with a lot on the line," Wallace said. "The guys are going to come in, and we're going to have to go to work. We'll have the game plan

ready to go and go out and hopefully, perform well."

The Rebels have multiple players whose status for the game is uncertain due to injury.

"Ben (Still) came out of his brace yesterday. He'll start moving around. It's still day-to-day. Laremy (Tunsil) will be day-to-day, Cody Prewitt is day-to-day, and Robert (Nkemdiche) is day-to-day," Freeze said.

The Rebels need these players back as soon as possible in order to still compete for an SEC title. However, Freeze thinks most of those players will be able to play Saturday.

"I think they'll all give it a go," Freeze said. "Ben would be the biggest concern. The others are just going to be a pain tolerance issue."

In addition to this, junior line-backer Denzel Nkemdiche also got hurt during the LSU game, but his injury is much more serious.

"Denzel (Nkemdiche) is unfortunately out for the year. He had surgery yesterday on his broken ankle," Freeze said. "We always hate to lose kids and certainly hate to lose him. He's a good player on our defense."

As for this week, Freeze said he was glad to be playing at home again.

"We'll need our crowd here. We'll need them to give us a little extra energy," Freeze said. "The stretch that we have is a difficult stretch without a break. We can't control that. We can control being ready to play Saturday. That's our job."

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