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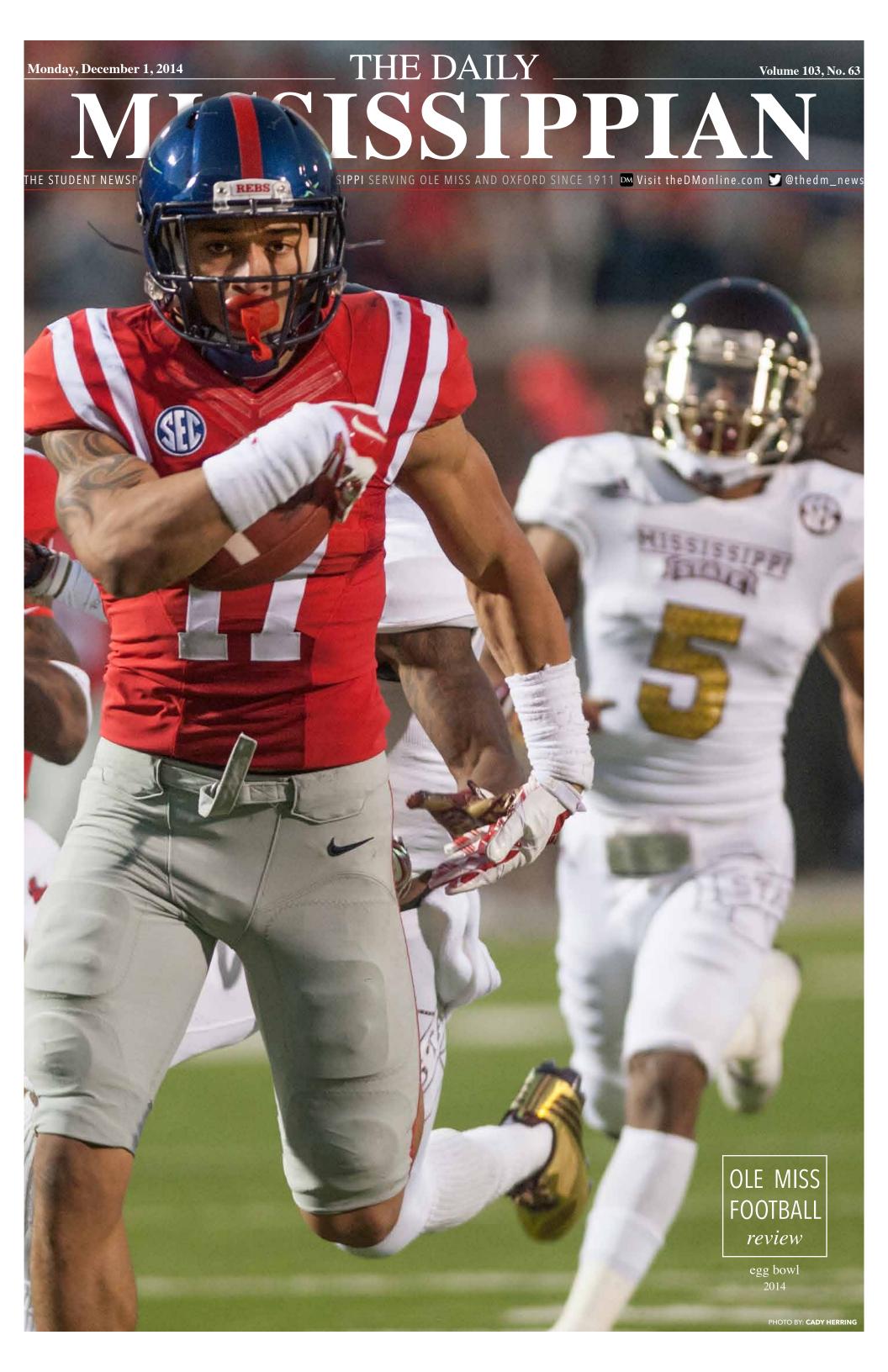
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No indictment

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As I sat there and listened to the prosecutor say the words "no indictment," tears filled my eyes.

I was asked, "Did you expect differently?"

No, of course I did not, but I had hoped — not hope for justice for Michael Brown but hope that this country had made progress — that America respected black men enough to say, "Killing an unarmed black man is a crime." Yet, according to America, it is not a crime.

The moment my tears of pain turned into tears of anger was the moment I read the hurtful, ignorant and inconsiderate comments from my less than educated Facebook friends.

"You all are not lawyers, and you do not know all the evidence. Trust the system."

What system? The system that was created to screw over African-Americans? The system that sprayed us with water hoses and put German Shepherds on us? Trust that system? What do you all not understand?

Our relationships with police officers will never be the same as yours. The respect you have for the "justice" system will not mirror our disdain because your pigment does not mirror our pigment, and your history sure does not mirror our history.

Your history is not filled with the "other race" being on top. You were never owned by us. You were never sold by us, and if you were killed by us, it was definitely considered a crime.

You call the people of Ferguson animals because of how they are responding to the situation, but some of you fail to remember that you sold us like animals. You fail to empathize because your judgement is so clouded by your privilege.

If seeing the American flag burn hurts more than knowing that an unarmed boy was shot at least six times, then maybe this is the time to check your privilege. Because what you seem to not understand is that the same way the American flag means protection and liberty for you, it means slavery and persecution for many African-Americans.

The "liberty and justice for all" allowed to whites in America is not what we as blacks experience.

We are not always treated like Americans; we are treated as blacks. Therefore, we are black, and we will speak, scream and march for our brothers.

Racism is an issue in America that cannot be ignored. We can not pretend it does not exist, and we sure cannot be "color blind." It is an issue that has permeated our educational, social and judicial systems. It will only discontinue crippling our country when whites accept their privilege, and blacks accept their lack thereof.

It's not your fault you are privileged, but it is your fault you are unaware of it.

You cannot change it, but you can learn to understand it. Learn to listen to the way African-Americans feel without deciding that they are only playing the race card and that their feelings are invalid.

Think about how much you love and support the beauty of black culture but how quickly you are disgusted with black people and their struggle. Everyone wants to be black until it's dark.

Well it's dark, and this is the time to either be the light or shut up. Either you empathize with the black culture that you love to bump in your car and watch on your TV, or you be silent and watch our pain, but do not taunt us. Do not call us the n-word or animals, and do not dare say that

this boy got what he deserved.

And blacks, we got the short end of the stick, as always, but as Papa Pope said, "You have to be twice as good to get half of what they have."

So what does that mean?

Bust your butt to bust the stereotype. We cannot change how they think, but we can act in such a way to make their thoughts become a lie.

Does that mean change who you are?

No.

Embrace and develop who you are. Become the people you have been quoting these past days. Become Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, W.E.B. Du Bois. Become the system, and rip it to shreds from the inside out. Play the game and beat them at it.

On Nov. 24, the judicial system failed us again. American citizens, do not fail each other.

"Then they came for me — and there was no one left to speak for me"

We all have voices; do not allow history to determine which voices are heard and unheard.

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MEMBER NEWSPAPER

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How not to talk about police brutality

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It's pretty irresponsible to ignore police brutality just because you feel as if black people should stop complaining about racism.

Last week, a grand jury in Ferguson, Missouri, surprised no one by failing to indict Officer Darren Wilson for the Aug. 9 murder of Michael Brown, an unarmed black teenager who died on his knees with his hands up after Wilson shot him six times twice in the head — and left his body in the street for four and a half hours.

This is America, where every 28 hours, a black person is killed by a police officer. According to the mainstream media and many of your parents, friends and Facebook statuses, Michael Brown deserved his fate, the same way that Renisha McBride, Tamir Rice, Trayvon Martin, John Crawford and countless others did. Do. Will, 28 hours from now. Or sooner.

But even if you are unable to recognize that minorities are inordinately targeted and abused by police officers at such an alarming rate, even if you're somehow able to continue to swallow centuries-long historical narratives that have forced you to make villains out of black people, you are not absolved of responsibility for hold-

ing the police accountable for excessive force, any more than bumbling, trigger-happy police officers should be absolved of responsibility for mowing down American citizens in the street.

To argue that you aren't racist when you say anti-black things or to try to reroute crucial conversations about race just because you feel as if black people have no right to speak about their oppression — that's just wasting time none of us can get back. You're wasting digital space that could have been used to post a hilarious Vine or a cute picture of a cat.

Stop making excuses. Not everyone is meant not to be a human garbage receptacle, I guess. Own your place in the junkyard.

What you do when you complain about people complaining about racism instead of that people in Palestine, Hong the injustices that cause them to speak out is perpetuate that injustice.

Too often I see simpleton Tweets and status updates that cry that police brutality doesn't just happen to black people, as if this is somehow news that people didn't know already. No duh, sis. Police brutality happens to everyone, after all; in addition to being racist, many cases of police brutality are sexist, ableist, classist and homophobic, and tend to intersect, but in the worst way possible.

Focusing on dismissing the concerns of the oppressed ignores the fact that police brutality happens in a country that's supposed to be the bellwether of personal and political freedom but instead, sees its citizens suffer such abuse at the hands of public servants

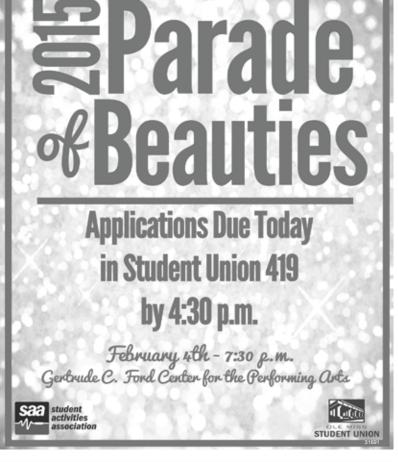
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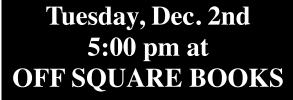
Instead of debating how those affected by racism should feel about racism, or doing even more violence against minorities by denying their right to indignation at the fact that police brutality happens to them more often

than it does non-minorities, you could just not.

If you can't take the evils of racism seriously, then at least hold yourself accountable when it comes to police brutality and know that it's wrong every time it happens, no matter to whom.

Sierra Mannie is a senior Classics major from Ridge-



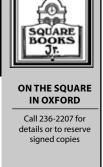


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Oxford begins preparations for holiday season



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Oxford City Hall is seen decorated with lights on Sunday.

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The Oxford Chamber of Commerce gets the holiday season started in early November with its campaign entitled "Shop Oxford," which is in its fourteenth year. The campaign focuses on encouraging Oxford citizens to shop locally.

"It is a reminder campaign where we remind our local people that by shopping locally, their tax dollars are being spent and reinvested back into community services, like our schools, streets and other community services all over Oxford," said Pam Swain, vice president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Swain said it is crucial that people know the negative impact of shopping outside of Oxford and not supporting local businesses.

"People have become so accustomed to shopping out of convenience when they're online or out of town that the holiday campaign is necessary to remind everyone how important that revenue is to our community," Swain said.

The seven percent sales tax from Oxford businesses funds the city budget. The number of people choosing to shop in Oxford impacts whether or not the budget goal is not met, achieved or exceeded.

"It greatly impacts our city of Oxford budget," Swain said. "There are years that we see a decrease in tax collections for the months of November and December, and that is very impactful as far as funding things within our community."

For the past three years, however, revenues have increased annually for both months. According to the Department of Revenue for the State of Mississippi, Oxford's sales tax figures for November increased nine percent from 2010 to 2011, five percent from 2011 to 2012 and 15 percent from 2011 to 2013. For December, the increases were 16 percent from 2010 to 2011, five percent from 2011 to 2012 and nine percent from 2011 to 2012 and nine percent from 2012 to 2013.

Another campaign tactic the Chamber of Commerce uses to promote "Shop Oxford" is having a float in the annual Oxford Christmas Parade, which is held on the first Monday of December each year.

The Lions Club of Oxford organizes the parade.

"All we have to do is give the date out, and it takes care of itself," said John Mulkey, Lions Club treasurer and parade associate chairman. "The community has always been very supportive and involved with the parade. It almost runs itself."

The 40 or so members of the Lions Club begin planning in October to facilitate the 15 to 20 floats, various walking groups, classic cars, motorcycles, horses and five marching bands that the parade typically boasts.

"All of our funds that we raise are charitable, so the city helps us out with the actual cost, which is around \$1,500 a year to put it on," Mulkey said. "We try not to charge for anything since the city is pretty good about helping us out."

Several other community organizations in Oxford have their own role in creating Oxford's holiday atmosphere. Visit Oxford, city employees and the Oxford Electric Department are responsible for decorations found around town. The University of Mississippi Department of Hospitality and Nutrition works to host the Oxford Holiday Market held in the Oxford Conference Center each year.

"We all work together to promote one another and what we have going on," Swain said. "Together, we make Oxford a very unique holiday experience."

A new addition to the holiday celebration is the Holiday Open House hosted by the Oxford Square Alliance. This year marks the third annual Holiday Open House.

"The goal was to create a Norman Rockwell-type environment to kick off the holiday season, and I think for the past couple of years, we've really succeeded in that," said William Hunt, employee and member of the Oxford Square Alliance.

The event, held on Black Friday each year, features pictures with Santa, ornament decorating, carriage rides and the official lighting of the Oxford Christmas tree.

The open house is funded by dues from the Oxford Square Alliance and various local sponsors.

"We want to make everything free, so that anyone can come and enjoy the atmosphere and experience the special place that Oxford and the Square are," Hunt said.

While each organization does something different to help with the overall process, every group agrees that the collaboration and quality of the events help make Oxford a special place to celebrate the holidays.

"It keeps you grounded," Mulkey said. "Christmas is both a religious and a secular holiday, and I think it's important that whatever way you choose to celebrate it you have an outlet."



University's MEDLIFE chapter continues to grow

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MEDLIFE, national non-profit with a mission of helping families achieve greater freedom from the constraints of poverty, came to The University of Mississippi campus in March. The chapter was begun by alumni Melissa Knight and Laura Beth Mc-Donald in an attempt to empower impoverished families by working to improve their access to MEDs: Medicine, Education and Development. The organization believes access to quality healthcare is a basic human right.

The idea to found the University of Mississippi chapter began with Knight's interest in Doctors Without Borders, an organization one cannot join until after attending medical school. MEDLIFE is able to serve as a great compromise for students who want to gain medical experience during their undergraduate years.

McDonald now serves on the student advisory board for the South expansion of MEDLIFE, so she is in charge of the majority of the SEC chapters.

"I became involved with MEDLIFE because of their belief that time is more important than money," McDon-

and saying 'good luck from America."

The university's chapter helps member attend Mobile

ing money at a group leader Miss's MEDLIFE president fortunate we are in America, and junior pre-pharmacy ma-

> There are currently about 400 members in the Ole Miss

> > chapter, MEDLIFE 50 of which are considered active. These members pay a chapter fee of \$20 and attend bi-monthly meetings. Students are sent on one-week, individually-funded trips to different locations throughout Ole Miss school breaks. Specifically, students go to Ecuador, Peru and Tanzania on Mobile Clinics trips for mission work. This past summer, MEDLIFE Mobile Clinics trip was to Tena, Ecuador.

"I fell in love with everything this organization stands for," said Caroline Cheatham, the university's MEDLIFE vice president of public relations and senior exercise science major. "I was there for eight days, and, for five of them, we did nothing but mission work. This experience made me realize just how

where healthcare and proper bathroom sanitation is so accessible."

The Mobile Clinics trip was the only time some residents were able to see a doctor for at least a year. During the trip to Ecuador this summer, MEDLIFE was able to provide healthcare to 1,232 people and also build a bathroom for a local school as part of their development project.

The university's MEDLIFE chapter received the Rising Star award for being a new chapter on the rise due to its size growing so quickly and

also for providing its members with four trips to attend this past year. MEDLIFE's next service project is a volunteer day for More-than-a-Meal, which they will be sponsoring March 3, and they will also be participating in the Big Event.

"In my small time serving MEDLIFE, I have seen how eye-opening this organization can be," Dear said. "We are looking forward to partnering with the individual schools within Ole Miss to really use our strengths to serve those around the world and within our own community."



ald said. "They believe that spending time with communities that want to be helped is more important than throw-



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Clinics in various international locations, so as to accomplish the goal of improving low-income families access to better healthcare.

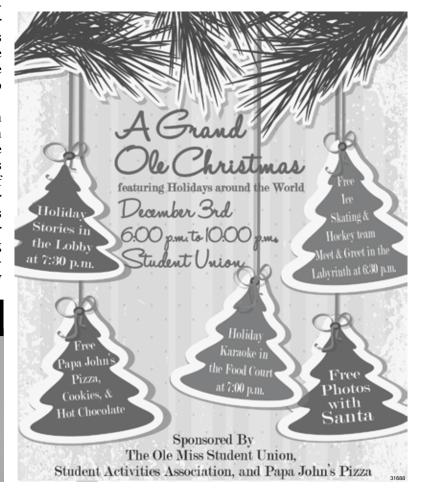
"We really want to give college students and people of all ages the opportunity to experience another culture and serve others in the process," said Madeleine Dear, Ole

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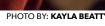
Wide receiver Cody Core scores a touchdown during the game Saturday.



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Fans celebrate during the final seconds of the game.





Wide receiver Vince Sanders is tackled after running the ball by Mississippi State defensive back Will Redmond during the game.



Defensive end C.J. Johnson celebrates after sacking Mississippi State quarterback Dak Prescott.





Rebel celebrates during Saturday's game.

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Movie review: 'Mockingjay - Part 1'

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Rating: **B+**

As one of the most anticipated films of 2014, "Mockingjay -Part 1" would have had to have been perfect to live up to the hype surrounding the Mockingjay, and – much like President Coin's (Julianne Moore) initial reaction to beloved heroine Katniss Everdeen (Jennifer Lawrence) – I was left largely unimpressed. Not to say that "Mockingjay" is bad; it's actually decently good, just not as good as its predecessors.

Picking up immediately where "Catching Fire" left off, "Mockingjay" opens with a very broken Katniss, still reeling from surviving the Quarter Quell, losing Peeta (Josh Hutcherson) to the Capitol

and seeing her home district bombed and destroyed. Toss in more complications with the Katniss-Peeta-Gale love triangle and a struggle to fully assimilate into the strict, subterranean life of District 13, and Katniss is nowhere near embodying the Mockingjay that President Coin and Plutarch Heavensbee (Philip Seymour Hoffman) need as the face of the rebellion.

Essentially, "Mockingjay -Part 1" focuses on the personal struggles of those deeply embroiled in warfare and rebellion. In a string of events beginning two films ago, Katniss has emerged as one of the most powerful people in Panem, and with this power, her life and the lives of those she loves is threatened.

Where the first two movies were largely about Katniss and Peeta surviving in the arena,

"Mockingjay" is about Katniss surviving in the world outside and dealing with the repercussions of becoming the Capitol and President Snow's (Donald Sutherland) number one enemy. Remaining true to Suzanne Collins' novel - which make sense as she also wrote the screenplay - Katniss is a reluctant and selfish leader. She's human. All she wants is to protect her loved ones and live in peace, but she knows that her life is now tied to all the lives of the Districts. This internal conflict is key to the film, and - unsurprisingly - Jennifer Lawrence portrays these complex emotions expertly. She's one of the best actresses of her generation, which certainly helps the film given that "Mockingjay - Part 1" focuses on Katniss disproportionately more than the previous films.

Even so. Liam Hemsworth Julianne Moore and Elizabeth Banks as Effie Trinket all showcase their talents in the little screen time given to them.

So, if the acting, storyline and characterizations are all so good, why isn't "Mockingjay – Part 1" as good as "Catching Fire"? You can find the answer in its name.

In recent years, film franchises ("Harry Potter" and "Twilight") have been eager to divide the final film - regardless of source material – into two parts in order to maximize profit and exploit rabid fan bases. However, the decision to split the third and final book into two feature films does not work in this case.

With director Francis Lawrence choosing to focus so closely on Katniss's struggle with becoming the Mockingjay, he has essentially created a film that - as far as blockbusters

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go – feels boring and slow and does not match the previous entries in the franchise.

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If you've read Collins's novel, you will know that the most pivotal moments in Katniss's story are yet to come. So, where "Mockingjay - Part 1" was almost a snoozefest, "Part 2" is set to be so packed plotwise that the resulting product will probably feel overdone and rushed.

My major complaint is simply that a two-part finale was not ideal with the direction that Francis Lawrence decided to go in. A final, huge film in the vein of "The Lord of the Rings"

would have been fine with me, and rather than feeling underwhelmed, I would probably still be fangirling as I typed this review.

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"Mockingjay – Part 1" is still a good film, and if you're a fan of Jennifer Lawrence (who isn't?) you'll have the pleasure of also hearing her sing. Is there anything our Mockingjay can't do?

Seeing this one in theaters is not essential, but I can almost guarantee that "Mockingjay -Part 2" due out next November will be the best film of the franchise.



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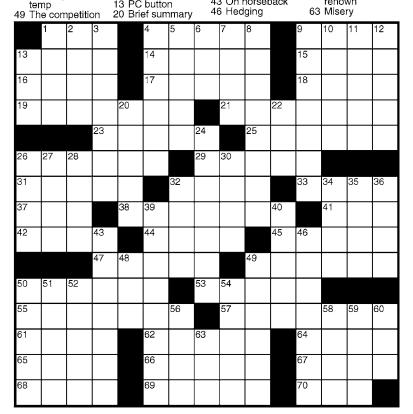
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This week in Oxford

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Noon – Brownbag: World Aids Day documentary screening -Overby Auditorium

6:30 p.m. – Oxford Christmas Parade - Courthouse Square

9 p.m. - Trivia Night - Proud Larry's

9:30 p.m. - DJ Night - Rooster's Blues House

10 a.m. – Ole Miss Spirit Blood Drive - Lyceum

5 p.m. – Skylar Dorset book signing - Square Books

5:30 p.m. - Annual Christmas Tree Lighting - Baptist

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9:30 p.m. - Open Mic Night - Rooster's Blues House

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9 p.m. - Aaron Carter -Proud Larry 's 9:30 p.m. - DJ Karaoke -Rooster's Blues House

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his inconsistent performances or the slander he receives on the Internet, social media and from the press, Wallace has fought through it all and put together another satisfying win for his career.

"I've been thinking about this game since last year. Every single day, I've thought about this game. This game pushed me this offseason to work harder than I ever had. Looking back, I'm kind of thankful for that,' Wallace said. "It made me have a better season this year. That drove me every single day."

In his final home game of his Ole Miss career, Wallace put forward a heroic effort and brought home the Golden Egg in what he called the most satisfying win of his career.

"It means everything. We had to have this game. I had to win this game," Wallace said. "I didn't practice much this week, but I could just tell that the way guys were preparing that we were going to put up a fight. Especially to keep them from going to the playoff, it just makes it even more special."

his performance against Mississippi State, Wallace eclipsed Eli Manning for the most total yards in Ole Miss history, adding more to his already historic legacy. As for the rest of his legacy, a win for Wallace against Ole Miss' most hated rival meant everything.

"I had to win this game for what I want to be remembered for," Wallace said.

An inconsistent running game plagued the Rebels at times during the season. A ground game that only averaged 167.7 yards per game this season ran for 205 yards Satur-

Running backs junior Jaylen Walton and redshirt freshman Jordan Wilkins led the charge.

At the 2:39 mark in the third quarter with Ole Miss up 17-10, Walton took a stretch handoff from Wallace at their own nine-yard line and ran to the right side. He was immediately met by Bulldog defenders but broke numerous tackles, reversed fields and dashed for

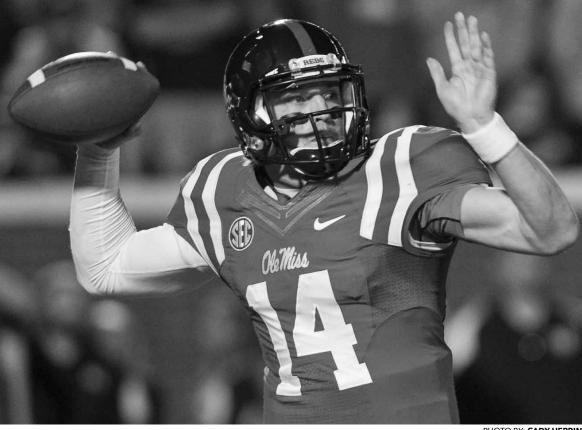


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Bo Wallace throws the ball during the game against Mississippi State Saturday. For more photos from the Egg Bowl see page 6.



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Wide receiver Cody Core scores a touchdown during the Egg Bowl.

the 91-yard score to make the lead 24-10 in favor of the Rebels.

The play will forever live in Egg Bowl lore.

Walton finished the game with a career-high 148 yards on 14 carries.

The most surprising performance of the game came from Wilkins. Up 24-17 in the fourth quarter, Wilkins took a handoff from Wallace and took off for 41 yards, advancing to the Mississippi State 35-yard line. The next play, Wallace pitched it to Wilkins, and Wilkins threw a beautiful pass to junior wide receiver Cody Core for the 31yard strike to make it 31-17 Ole

Miss.

With the trick play working, the 14-point lead proved to be too much for the Bulldogs to overcome.

It was only the second throw of Wilkins's career, but the throw secured the win. Wilkins laughed and said he can throw it better than any other of the running backs, and it may just

"The play was supposed to be to (senior wide receiver) Vince (Sanders), and Vince got hurt. So, I was kind of screwed up at the timing of it," Wilkins said about the play call for his throw. "As (Wallace) pitched it to me, the corner bit a little bit, and I saw Cody (Core) running open, so I just threw it."

The two Memphis running backs shined bright on Saturday in the brightest of moments. The Memphis natives combined to score 19 of the 31 points scored on Saturday, including a field goal from freshman kicker Gary Wunderlich.

Recruiting throughout the city of Memphis is a big stomping ground for the Rebels. A large amount of recruiting is done throughout the area, and it's an area Ole Miss looks to dominate all year round.

It proved to be successful in the game that means everything in the state of Mississip-

"Memphis is important to us, obviously, and within recruiting, we consider it to be instate, and those Memphis kids played extremely well tonight," Freeze said.

The loss for Mississippi State knocks them out of the College Football Playoff hunt, and the loss to in-state rival Ole Miss makes it even tougher to swal-

"This is as tough as it gets," Mississippi State head coach Dan Mullen said. "I do not care about the stakes. This game is for bragging rights in the state. It's the most important game we play."

With your rival coming to town, 21 seniors playing their last game at home and a year's worth of bragging rights on the line, it was a perfect storm for the Ole Miss program and a satisfying way to end the regular season.

"For all the seniors, to see them take selfies in the locker room with the Egg Bowl trophy and rejoicing over what we consider to be, in year three, a solid year, we accomplished some good things in building tnis program back up, Freeze said. "It's a great night for The University of Mississippi."

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Men's basketball claims Emerald Coast Classic title

NICEVILLE, Fla. - Junior guard Stefan Moody scored a career-high 26 points, including 17 in the second half, as Ole Miss handed Cincinnati its first loss of the season with a 66-54 victory in the championship of the inaugural Emerald Coast Classic basketball tournament held at The Arena Saturday night.

"We've posted two quality wins against teams (Creighton, Cincinnati) that are going to have good seasons," said head coach Andy Kennedy. "We played just as hard tonight like we did against Creighton but not as well."

"Still, this was a good win for our program to beat a team of this caliber," added Kennedy, who served as interim head coach of Cincinnati during the 2005-06 season, guiding the Bearcats to the quarterfinal round of the NIT.

The Rebels scored six straight points to break a 14-



FILE PHOTO: THOMAS GRANI

Ole Miss head coach Andy Kennedy reacts during a game earlier this season.

14 tie, retaining the lead the rest of the way.

Cincinnati struggled offensively, shooting a season-low 30.4 percent from the floor after hitting a season-high 56.8 percent in a 69-51 triumph past Middle Tennessee State Friday night.

Clinging to a 30-25 halftime lead, the 5-foot-10 Moody ignited the Rebels in the sec-

ond half with his penetration producing twisting layups in the paint through the Cincinnati offense. He also hit three 3-point baskets.

"I've been telling people

that he has explosive scoring ability," Kennedy said. "He carried the load for us. Good teams have good options. Tonight it was Stefan."

Moody was named the tournament's most valuable performer and was joined by senior guard Jarvis Summers, the leading active score in the SEC, on the 10-man all-tournament team.

"I was pretty pleased with how we played today," said Moody, who was named the 2013 Sun Belt Conference Freshman of the Year while playing for Florida Atlantic. "I knew that if I was able to come out and get going, it would give the team a spark that help us get the victory."

The Rebels shot a sizzling 62.5 percent in the second half, hitting 10 of 16 shots. That allowed Ole Miss to construct its biggest lead at 52-33 with 10:22 left following a free throw by Moody.

OLE MISS SPORTS INFORMATION

Women's basketball claims 2014 Nugget Classic title

RENO, Nev. - Feeding off a big Egg Bowl victory by the football team before the championship game of the Nugget Classic, the Ole Miss women's basketball team defeated Nevada 77-66 to claim the 2014 Nugget Classic title. The win was the first in-season tournament win for Ole Miss since 2011-12 and moved the Rebels to 6-1 on the season.

Senior forward Tia Faleru rebounded from a two-point outing against Utah with 18 points and eight rebounds en route to a spot on the Nugget Classic All-Tournament team. Nugget Classic MVP freshman guard Toree Thompson added 15 points and had 38 points over the course of Ole Miss's two wins. Junior guard Gracie Frizzell was also in double figures for the second time this season with 13 points and three triples.

Ole Miss's defense was its stalwart throughout the tournament, from Thompson, but the home

and Saturday's game was no different. The Rebels forced the Wolf Pack into 25 turnovers and scored 21 points off of the miscues, which helped the Rebels who didn't have their best shooting night at just 38.0 percent (27-of-71).

Coming out of the break, Ole Miss extended its lead, but Nevada made it interesting late by draining a couple three-pointers to loosen the Ole Miss defense. With the Rebels up 67-60 at the final media timeout, Ole Miss used a 10-6 spurt courtesy of buckets from Faleru and Frizzell to pull ahead. Thompson then sealed the game at the line going 4-of-4 in the final 45 seconds for the victory.

Ole Miss started the game off with a very fast pass, which was in stark contrast to the Utah game. Ole Miss jumped out to an early 9-1 lead behind five early points from Thompson, but the home team scored seven unanswered to make it a one point game at the 16:31 mark. From that point on, the game was a track meet as both teams went up and down the court while trading buckets.

The teams traded baskets for the better part of the first half before Ole Miss started to pull away late in the half. Sparked by a triple from freshman guard A'Queen Hayes, Ole Miss used an 8-0 run to take a double-digit lead, 31-20, but the Wolf Pack wasn't done and, with six straight shots, cut the lead to six points just before the break.

Typical of Matt Insell's Ole Miss squad, the Rebels dug in on the defensive end and went to Faleru who nailed the last four points of the half, sending the Rebels into the locker room with a 41-32 lead.

Freshman goal Shandricka Sessom, who was scoreless in the game against Utah, made some



FILE PHOTO: SHENJINGYUAN ZHANG

A'Queen Hayes dribbles the ball during a game earlier this season

noise in the first half going coastto-coast for a bucket and the following by forcing a turnover, which sparked a 7-0 Ole Miss run which extended the lead to 21-16 midway through the half.

Ole Miss will stay on the road for its next outing, heading to

Bowling Green, Kentucky, for a matchup with the Western Kentucky Lady Hilltoppers on Thursday. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m. from E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will also be televised on the American Sports Network - Ole Miss' first televised contest of the season.

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Ole Miss head coach
Hugh Freeze walked into
the team meeting room
at the Manning Center Saturday with a
wide smile. His 18thranked Rebels had
just defeated 4thranked in-state rival
Mississippi State.

With a grin on his face and Gatorade dripping from his white Ole Miss pullover, Freeze was greeted with cheers from visitors and close friends who attended the press conference.

While answering one of the questions from a member of the media, there was a sudden gasp that seemed to be released in perfect harmony.

"There it is, baby," yelled one spectator.

The Golden Egg trophy was brought into the room and placed next to the man who has brought two Egg Bowl victories to Oxford in his three years as head coach.

In a roller coaster of a season, including a victory over the number one team in the country, devastating injuries and heartbreaking losses, the Rebels put together an exclamation point to end their season with a 31-17 victory over Mississippi State.

In the first ranked matchup between both teams since 1999, the lower ranked Rebels upended the Bulldogs to cap off a 9-3 season, their best regular season record since 2003. claim the pride of our program and win the Egg Bowl," Freeze said. "It's a priority we have every year. To get that done tonight, with facing some adversity, I'm so proud of our young men.

"We put everything in the trash in preparing for this one. We went into it with clear hearts, minds and just decided that we were going to go out and play hard. Our word for the week was 'resolve.' We played with great resolve for 60 minutes."

On Thanksgiving Day last year, bragging rights were given to Mississippi State, as they won the Egg Bowl in overtime 17-10, thanks to a heroic performance from junior Bulldog quarterback Dak Prescott.

This year was a different story, as the landshark defense held Mississippi State to a season-low of 17 points, tying the same amount of points Mississippi State scored against the Rebels last season. But this time, it resulted in a win for the Rebels.

The Ole Miss defensive line seemed to get pressure in the opposing backfield almost every play, making Prescott run for his life. Prescott, once a Heisman hopeful, finished 22-37 passing for 282 yards and one touchdown.

The defense also held Prescott in check with running the ball, where he finished with 24 carries for 48 yards and one score. It was the lowest average rushing attempt in a game all season for Prescott.

The Ole Miss defense arguably played their best game of the season, holding a Bull-

dog offense that averages over 37 points per game to only 17 points.

"They're going to get some yards; they have all year. At the same time, I'm not surprised. We are the number one team in the country in scoring defense," Freeze said. "We've been stingy with giving up points in the red zone. It was great to see, but I'm not really surprised. Matchups are critical. I liked our matchup with their front."

On senior day, senior quarterback Bo Wallace gutted out a performance that will forever cement his name with the Ole Miss greats.

Wallace was kept out of practice all week with an injured right ankle, which he suffered in Ole Miss's lost against Arkansas. Wallace played with a heavy amount of tape covering that ankle, and it was evident that Wallace was not at 100 percent and struggled to move and plant his throwing foot.

The numbers show Wallace was a sub-par with 13-30 passing, but he finished with a whopping 296 yards. It was a significant amount of yards, as big plays through the passing game set up many scoring opportunities for the Rebels.

This isn't the first time that Wallace has played through injuries, however. An injury to his throwing shoulder slowed him down towards the backend of last season.

Wallace is arguably the most criticized player on the team. Whether it's the "good Bo, bad Bo" narrative describing

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