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'It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas'



PHOTO BY: CADY HERRING

The city of Oxford held its annual Christmas parade Tuesday. Participants wave to the crowds on the Square during the parade.

DM STAFF REPORT

Temporary Chucky Mullins Memorial plaque missing

The University of Mississippi Police Department received a report that the temporary Chucky Mullins Memorial plaque at the intersection of Chucky Mullins Drive and Poole Drive was missing on Sunday, according to the department's Facebook page.

Danny Blanton, university director of public relations, said in a statement that officials believe the plastic sign located at a four-way stop was probably taken by someone looking for a souvenir.

The plaque was placed in September to honor the legacy of the football player who was paralyzed in 1989 and died in 1991.

Blanton said the sign was likely taken after the Egg Bowl game Saturday night.

UPD is requesting the community's help in identifying those responsible for taking the sign.



FILE PHOTO: CADY HERRING

The temporary plaque, seen above, was reported missing Sunday.

The department asks anyone any information pertaining to the sign's disappearance to call Lafayette-Oxford-University Crime Stoppers at 662-234-8477. There is up to a \$500 re-

ward for information that leads to the identification and prosecution of those responsible. All callers will remain anonymous.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

SPECIAL TO THE DM

New development to aid population growth

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Due to immense population growth making Lafayette County the fastest growing county in the state since 2010, construction developments such as the Oxford Commons have expanded in Oxford to meet the demands of the residential and student community.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Lafayette County in Northeast Mississippi is recognized as one of the nation's top 100 fastest growing counties with a 43.36 percent increase in Oxford's population over the past 10 years, growing from 40,007 residents in 2000 to 51,318 residents in 2013.

The Oxford Commons is being developed by Blackburn Communities and commercialized by the Randall Commercial Group.

This planned urban development will provide local residents with retail, professional office spaces and a place where people can live in a walking, biking and shopping community.

Terri Peeler, director of sales at Blackburn Communities explained the community's purpose.

"Blackburn Communities is very interested in developing projects in Southern college towns to provide single family residences and student housing in the local Oxford community due to the city's population growth and increase of the students enrolled over the past four years," Peeler said.

The Oxford Commons is in the second phase of development and includes residential sections such as The Preserve and The Heights, which consists of traditional Southern elegant homes, as well

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The LGBTQIA community and Ferguson

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In the wake of a grand jury decision not to indict Darren Wilson for the murder of Mike Brown, there have naturally been massive amounts of highly justified unrest. This failing of the American justice system is an egregious affront to all U.S. citizens, but to black citizens in particular. It is this distinction that I want to discuss this week. While we all need to stand in solidarity with Ferguson in pursuing justice for Mike Brown, Tamir Rice, and the unfortunately massive list of black people subjected to police brutality, I've noticed a distressing trend of appropriation within the (specifically white) LGBTQIA community.

White queer people, we don't get it. Blanket statement. With our white privilege, we cannot sit and claim empathy for the way black people are treated in this country every day. Now, I'm not saying that white queer people don't face our own sets of

challenges, don't get me wrong. But the kinds of issues that we face are categorically different from those of black people, not to mention queer black people.

As a white trans man, I belong to one of the most categorically privileged classes of people on the planet. When I pass as male, I'm in for smooth sailing. White men can enjoy the privileges of open carry laws, guns plastered prominently to their hips or even slung across their backs in the middle of a store. While I personally abhor guns, in theory, I could get away with carrying one nearly anywhere I wanted to. I don't have to live in fear of being unjustly pulled over and assaulted by the police. My queerness, while maybe obvious if you talk to me, isn't going to draw attention from across the street, and I know people wouldn't try to justify my murder based on how I was dressed, or the way I was acting, or how I was speaking.

So for us white queers to say we understand the oppression black people face in this coun-

try is simply ludicrous. White queer people can certainly sympathize with the residents of Ferguson and the activists working all across the country. Yes, queer people need to worry about all kinds of things, like job discrimination and healthcare and housing. But these issues, while overlapping with racial components for queer people of color, are always mitigated by our whiteness, so to claim that white queers "understand" the oppression of people of color in this country is not only vastly incorrect, it's highly offensive.

As a queer white person, I know the things I struggle with are different than the things that straight people of color or queer people of color deal with. It's not a matter of who is "more" or "less" oppressed than someone else (although, let's face it, if you're a queer person of color in this country, the deck is seriously stacked against you). These differences are why intersectionality is so essential in activism.

Intersectionality is taking

into account how factors such as race, class, gender, sexuality, and other various identity categories interact in multifaceted and complex fashions. It is not enough for all of us to claim oppression and say that we perfectly understand one another and are the same. Human experience is far too varied for that, and my understandings of the world as a white queer man are going to be very different from those of a queer woman of color.

So while the effort to stand with the residents of Ferguson is certainly something admirable we can all engage in, just keep this in mind, white queer people. This is not our territory. We are not all "equally oppressed," and facing homophobia does not make you an expert on racism. We need to support people of color in this trying time in our country but make sure we don't speak over them. It's all about cooperation, not commandeering.

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as The Blake, an assisted living facility and The Park, the professional office park.

"Since the groundbreaking in June, the sales and positive feedback from the community have exceeded our expectations as we have sold the housing in phase one and successfully are now in phase two of development, so we knew that when we started this project, the retail developments were going to follow the residential developments," Peeler said.

The Oxford Commons is located on the east side of Oxford on Highway 7, approximately one mile from the Square. On site traffic generators for The Oxford Commons include the Oxford High School, Della Davidson Elementary School, the Oxford Conference Center, two new hotels, Malco's Oxford Common Cinema and Family Entertainment Center and phase one of residential developments near the new high school.

Peeler said this project was started in 2005 when real estate was on the downturn in Oxford, now as Oxford is growing so rapidly, there is a shortage of houses, so Blackburn Communities developed a master plan for the Oxford Commons that will consist of a total of 600 acres as Blackburn Communities plans to develop between 500 and 750 homes over the course of 10 to 15 years depending on the success of 50 to 75

home sales per year.

Brian Phillips, an associate broker at the Randall Commercial Group, LLC., a boutique commercial real estate investment brokerage that focuses on properties and development opportunities including the Oxford Commons, Phillips provides services for commercial and investment real estate acquisition and disposition, tenant and landlord representation, commercial leasing, site selection, development consulting and land brokerage.

Phillips discussed the importance of creating an area for businesses.

"The issue with Oxford is not the immense growth but rather how to grow it," Phillips said. "We took on The Village at the Oxford Commons because we wanted to have that hometown feel, but we also call it economic gardening. We want to work with the city to bring in businesses that will benefit not only the residences, but the tax revenue for the city."

Phillips said they are in the current process of reaching out to tenants, gauging interest with potential retailers, working with the developer, Blackburn Communities to fix any changes we need to make to the development plans, as well as looking at the rent numbers and how we can attract people to the Oxford Commons.

"As Oxford is projected to double in population in the next ten years, the city is very aware of this immense growth and is trying to manage and control the growth by updating the comprehensive plan to help keep the essence of the

small town feel as Oxford continues to expand," Phillips said.

Allen Kurr, vice president of the Economic Development Foundation at the Oxford Chamber of Commerce, said the Oxford Commons will become a point of pride for the community as it will offer new shopping opportunities, residential options, and business locations to the residents and visitors of a county that is among the fastest growing in the state of Mississippi and United States.

"The commerce generated by the Oxford Commons will be a benefit to the community through new taxes that will go toward improved infrastructure, governmental services and education," Kurr said.

Pam Swain, who has served as vice president of the Oxford-Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce for over 12 years explained the chamber's involvement with the Commons.

Swain said their role with the



PHOTO BY: GIANA LEONE

Construction for the Oxford Commons is seen Tuesday.

Oxford Commons is to help market the area to prospective businesses as a viable location or as another quality of life benefit to being in this community. She said they also partner with private investors to develop the area and assist them in their land development needs.

"My favorite part of being a part of growth being a part of seeing Oxford change and grow and get new additions to our community that only help us attract newcomers and people to our area, but it is definitely a challenge to maintain the unique local charm that Oxford holds," Swain said.

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Finals week survival guide

story by McKenna Wierman

It's not exactly the most wonderful time of the year. Going to the library for a study session has become a fifteen minute stroll through the endless bookshelves to find an empty desk, only to discover the one open spot you thought you'd found has someone else's stuff in the chair. Coffee has become the new water. Sanctions and Bluebooks are being bought in bulk, and students with overstuffed backpacks are flocking to office hours like moths to a flame.

Yes, it's final exam time here at Ole Miss, arguably the most stressful two weeks of the year. Here are a few quick ways to cope for the next two weeks, from students and the university:

1 Party it up at the library: That is, party smart at the J.D. Williams Library. This Wednesday starting at 3 p.m. and Thursday at 4 p.m., the J.D. Williams Library will be hosting Research Parties, open to the public, where students can have a librarian or a Writing Center tutor take a look at their research papers. Music and refreshments will be available, all students need to do is show up with their papers and questions. You're not alone out there research paper writers, the library is at your service.

4 Know a warm cup of Joe will be there for you: Applaud your sainted library, Ole Miss. Not only has it opened itself up at a sweet, sweet study asylum and a puppy paradise, but the beautiful Starbucks has also extended its hours for finals week, starting Sunday. Lift your wilted spirits with a warm cup of your favorite drink. Smile to show your thanks.

2 Find a safe place: Speaking of the library, in honor of finals week library hours have been extended to offer students a nice quiet place to study - 24 hours per day. So whenever you need an escape from your dorm or apartment, a quiet place to study in groups, or if you feel like cracking open a book at 3 a.m., the library is the place to be. Just keep in mind, study carrels fill up mysteriously quickly this time of year.

If needed, seek help: most adorable puppy enough to keep your when you realize on Monday but you for either one until the research paper From 3-4:30 p.m. ev-Counseling Center, open to the public anxiety. Students who believe they may be dealing with test anxiety are encouraged to make an appointment at the Counseling Center to get help on how to better handle their stress.

5 Sometimes even the py on the planet isn't hands from shaking you've got two finals couldn't start reviewing Saturday because of that was due Friday. every day this week at the there will be a lecture on how to deal with test anxiety.

7 But also educate yourself: Now I mean study. Don't put everything off until the last minute; pace yourself. Know what finals you have and when, and for goodness sake, please do not try and pull the infamous all-nighter. Your brain remembers information infinitely better when it is learned in chunks, and has time to process and understand. Trying to pack your brain with an avalanche of information in one caffeine-powered night will only make you groggy, and can even add to stress.

9 Treat yourself: If you have decided to retreat into a vacuous study-coma, make sure you bring along a favorite candy or other small reward. For every 20-30 minutes you study, take a 5-10 minute break. At the end of longer projects, go out for ice cream or take a nice hot shower. Avoid going on your phone or social media during these breaks because before you know it, your 10 minutes between chapters has turned into an hour and a half on Facebook. But giving your brain a little rest every now and again will give you time to absorb information better and help you to stay alert.

11 Don't buckle down: Besides being terribly uncomfortable, gluing yourself to your desk chair for four hours, even with little breaks scattered here and there, isn't going to do you much good. Staying in any one position for too long exhausts the body, and as we've said before, exhaustion is bad. Instead, move around a little bit. If you're having trouble with a particular chunk of material, stand up and pretend you are lecturing a classroom - this will also help you remember the material better. If your jam comes on Spotify, get up and bust a move. Getting your blood flowing means more oxygen to your brain, and will keep you from feeling stiff and sore, so you can focus better on calculus, and less on the shooting pain in your lower back.

3 Pet a Pup: College campuses across the nation are being invaded with cuteness to help stressed out students cope with stress. Cuddling releases hormones in the body which help it to deal with stress and can even offset some of the negative effects stress has on the body, such as increased heart rate and even depressed moods. So this weekend if you're feeling like your head is about to explode, come to the library Saturday from 2-4 p.m., or Sunday from 4-6 p.m. in classroom 106D, and bury your woes in some sweet puppy love.

6 Educate yourself: And no, I don't just mean study so hard you can still see your notes if you stare at a blank wall. Educate yourself on the very real problem of test anxiety, and know how to recognize it in yourself or others. If you have any questions about study or test anxiety, go to the Counseling Center for more information.

8 Go to bed: Speaking of all-nighters, another reason to avoid the temptation to will yourself to stay awake with coffee and sugar-loaded energy drinks is that you need sleep to succeed. Sleep deprivation can lead to all sorts of negative effects, such as forgetfulness, confusion, short-temperament and even depressed mood, all of which combine in a perfect recipe for failure. At an absolute minimum you need about four hours of sleep to perform well on an exam. Besides, just because you're staring at a textbook with a highlighter in your hand doesn't mean you're comprehending the information anyway.

10 Take care of yourself, too: Shower. Eat. It doesn't have to be a ceremony, you don't have to spend an hour fixing your hair or anointing yourself with perfumed oils, but set time aside to keep up with your personal hygiene. Sacrificing a shower for 20 extra minutes of study time really won't do anything but stress you out more, and skipping meals means skipping out on getting your body the energy it needs to tackle your next exam. Your body needs fuel besides caffeine and sugar, especially when you're under stress. Avoid fast foods and junk, aim more towards brain foods like whole grains or apples. If you really can't fight your sweet tooth, try dark chocolate; it's good for your brain. Whatever you do, just be sure you're taking care of yourself.



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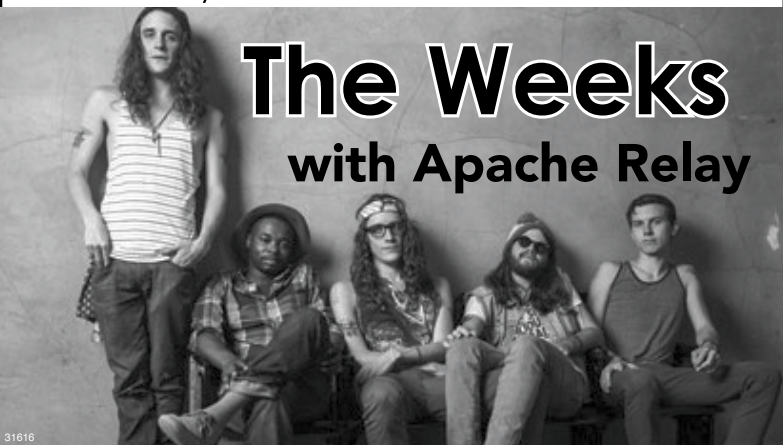


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1. **ALABAMA**

In another highly anticipated Iron Bowl matchup, the Crimson Tide put the Chris Davis return nightmares to bed and defeated Auburn 55-44. Down 26-21 at halftime, the Alabama offense woke up and outscored Auburn 34-18 in the second half. Alabama opens up as a 14.5 point favorite against Missouri in the SEC championship game.



2. **OLE MISS**

After three straight conference losses, there was no way the Rebels could defeat Mississippi State in the Egg Bowl, right? Wrong. Quarterback Bo Wallace played with a hurt ankle and led Ole Miss to a 31-17 victory over the Bulldogs. The running game totaled a season-high 205 yards, which ended up being the deciding factor.



3. **MISSISSIPPI STATE**

The loss to Ole Miss knocks Mississippi State out of the SEC title and playoff talks. Quarterback Dak Prescott was running for his life against the Ole Miss defense and was limited on the ground where he is most effective. The defense gave up over 500 total yards to the Rebel offense.



4. **GEORGIA**

In what certainly was the game of the week, Georgia seemed to have rival Georgia Tech beaten at home with a touchdown pass with 18 seconds left to take the lead. Georgia Tech would force the game to overtime and defeat the Bulldogs 30-24. With Missouri beating Arkansas Friday, the Bulldogs were eliminated from SEC East contention, so the win wouldn't have mattered.



5. **MISSOURI**

For the second straight year, Missouri is heading to Atlanta for the SEC championship game. Down 14-6 at halftime at home against Arkansas, the Tigers scored 15 points in the fourth quarter to claim the SEC East crown 21-14. The underdog role is something they're used to, as they're once again playing against powerhouse Alabama.



6. **AUBURN**

The defending conference champions had a second straight Iron Bowl upset in sight after leading rival Alabama 26-21 at halftime on the road. The defense fell flat in the second half and gave up 55 points in a loss. As a result, Auburn fired defensive coordinator Ellis Johnson after just two seasons under head coach Gus Malzahn.



7. **LSU**

The Tigers' win over Texas A&M on Thanksgiving on the road may be questioned due to a blown offside call on a game-winning interception, but a win is a win. After two straight SEC losses, LSU defeated the Aggies 23-17 to finish 8-4 on the season.



8. **ARKANSAS**

The Razorbacks were the hottest team in the SEC heading into their matchup with Missouri. Two-straight wins against ranked SEC opponents had the Razorbacks hot at the right time, but they blew an eight-point lead in the fourth quarter to finish 6-6 for the season.



9. **TEXAS A&M**

After starting the season 5-0 and ranked as high as 6th in the country, the Aggies went 2-5 the rest of the way, capped off by a home loss to LSU 23-17. The Aggies finished a disappointing 7-5 on the season, but are set for a bright future with young talent on the roster and another great recruiting class coming in.



10. **TENNESSEE**

Winning three of their last four games helped Tennessee secure a bowl game for the first time under head coach Butch Jones and the first time since 2010. An eight-point loss to Missouri at home two weeks ago prevented a 4-0 ending to a turnaround program for a fan base that is striving for a relevant program.



11. **SOUTH CAROLINA**

The Gamecocks were riding a five-game winning streak against hated in-state rival Clemson, but could not muster enough offense to defeat Clemson on the road and lost 35-17. Clemson wins The Battle of the Palmetto State for the first time since 2008 and picked apart a South Carolina defense, gaining 491 total yards of offense.



12. **FLORIDA**

The Gators gave it all they had against rival Florida State on the road, but missed field goals and an inefficient offense late in the game plagued the Gators and lost 24-19. The Gators forced four turnovers, but the offense couldn't score in the fourth quarter.



13. **KENTUCKY**

The Wildcats started 5-1 on the season, but then went winless in their last six games, capped off by a heart-breaking loss to rival Louisville on the road 44-40. The defense gave up 472 total yards to the defensive-minded Cardinals.



14. **VANDERBILT**

Started from the bottom, and Vanderbilt finishes at the bottom of my power poll. The Commodores had a chance to pick up their only SEC win of the season at home against Tennessee, but fell 24-17. Vanderbilt finished 3-9 overall on the season and 0-8 in conference play.

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Rebel football moves to 12th in latest playoff rankings

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With the 31-17 win over then No. 4 ranked Mississippi State Saturday, Ole Miss has climbed up seven spots to No. 12 in this week's College Football Playoff rankings which were released Tuesday.

Being ranked No. 12 puts the Rebels in great position to play in a New Years Eve or January bowl game, whether it be the Cotton Bowl, Peach Bowl, Outback Bowl and so on.

Mississippi State has moved out of the first four of the playoff and back to 10th in the rankings, knocking them out of the playoff race.

The top two teams remain the same, with Alabama staying at No. 1 and Oregon at No. 2.

The biggest surprise with the new rankings is TCU moving back into the first four of the playoff rankings at No. 3, jump-

ing over unbeaten Florida State who moves back to No. 4. TCU has displayed an impressive resume over the season in Big 12 conference, with their latest victory coming against Texas on the road 48-10. TCU's lone loss of the season was to Baylor, who is ranked No. 6.

TCU will host 2-9 Iowa State in their final game of the season and No. 6 Baylor will host No. 9 Kansas State Saturday. Baylor will need a convincing win in order to jump TCU in the rankings and leap into the first four.

Florida State got off to a slow start once again, but held off Florida in Will Muschamp's final game as head coach of the Gators in a 24-19 win. The Seminoles have not lost a game since November 24th of 2012.



GRAPHIC BY: ELLEN WHITAKER

Ohio State comes in at No. 5 after defeating rival Michigan 42-28 in Columbus. The Buckeyes lost freshman quarter J.T. Barrett for the season with a

fractured right ankle suffered early in the fourth quarter. The Buckeyes will look to make a leap in the rankings with a victory over No. 13 Wisconsin in

the Big 10 championship game. No. 7-10 are Arizona, Michigan State, Kansas State, and Mississippi State, respectively.

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Hugh Freeze, Ole Miss, agree to new contract Tuesday

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Rumors have been swirling ever since the firing of Will Muschamp at the University of Florida.

On Nov. 17, Florida announced Muschamp would not return to the program after the 2014 season. Muschamp finished 6-5 for the 2014 season and 27-20 in four seasons as the Gators' head coach.

After Ole Miss' win over Mississippi State Saturday night, Freeze was asked about the rumors of him entertaining the Florida head coaching position and for his thoughts on the job opening.

Freeze was amused by the question after a program win.

"It's amazing to me how many things put on the internet that are now believable," Freeze said about the rumors. "I am blessed to be the head football coach at The University of Mississippi, my home, and I work for great people in Ross (Bjork) and Chancellor (Dan) Jones."

The rumors were officially squashed Tuesday morning, as the third-year head coach and the university have agreed on a contract extension that will keep Freeze in Oxford for at least the next four years.

With a verbal agreement solidifying a new contract in place, Freeze will be paid around \$4 million per year.

Both Hugh Freeze and athletic director Ross Bjork tweeted early Tuesday morning expressing their excitement on the new deal in place.

"Proud that we have @Coach-HughFreeze leading our program & young men for a long time to come. Agreement is in place & future is bright!" Bjork



FILE PHOTO: KAYLA BEATTY

Coach Freeze walks to the sideline in the final moments of the game Saturday.

tweeted at 7:15 a.m. Tuesday morning.

The agreement on the new contract was first reported by the Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal.

Rumors started to float around in the world of college football as early as last week that Freeze was in contact with Florida about the head coaching vacancy in Gainesville. Freeze was quick to deny

the rumors of being in contact with Florida. ESPN's Brett McMurphy reported Monday that Florida never contacted Freeze or Ole Miss about the head coaching vacancy.

SBnation.com even reported late Sunday that Florida offered Freeze the Gator head coaching job and a salary range of \$4.2 to \$4.3 million per year.

There would be reason for Freeze to leave for Florida.

Florida is arguably a top five head coaching position and is in need of an offensive-minded coach. The Rebels have averaged over 30 points per game this season and Freeze would have brought his fast-paced, up-tempo offense to a Florida program that is striving for offense, especially from the quarterback position.

In his three years as head coach at Ole Miss, Freeze holds

a 24-14 overall record. The Rebels were ranked as high as third in the country this season and have wins against the number one and number four ranked teams in the country. The Rebels finished 9-3 overall on the season and 5-3 in conference play. The Rebels started 7-0, but ended the season 2-3, losing three straight conference games before defeating Mississippi State Saturday.

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