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Vigil honors plane crash victims



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Thousands gather in the Tad Pad for the celebration of lives vigil to remember plane crash victims. Three couples died Sunday, Aug. 14 when their plane downed in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

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In-state aid minimum rises to 15 credit hours

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Mississippi students may want to consider adding an extra class to their fall schedule if they still want to qualify for state financial aid.

While the university and federal aid programs still recognize 12 hours as full-time status, multiple state financial aid programs are now asking students to be enrolled in a minimum of 15 hours.

"We're trying to pass the word as widely as we can, because there's not a lot of time to react," Director of Financial Aid Laura Diven-Brown said.

The decision to change qualifications for aid was made by the Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board and went into effect June 1.

Diven-Brown said since the decision was made recently, educational institutions across the state have been trying to tell students as soon as possible in case there are conflicts.

The decision does not impact federal aid packages such as Pell Grant, but it does impact more than Mississippi Tuition Assistance Grant recipients. Students who receive the Law Enforcement Officers and Firemen Scholarship, critical needs, William Winter scholarship,

Teacher Education Scholars Forgivable Loan and others will also need to enroll in 15 hours to receive aid.

Out of the 20,827 students at the Oxford and regional campuses for the 2015-2016 academic year, 4,365 students received state aid assistance. An average of 60 percent of incoming students are in-state, according to the Ole Miss financial aid records in 2015.

The policy change has caused Mississippi students like junior nutrition major Mikayla Jekabsons to rethink their schedules.

Jekabsons has received state aid funds since her freshman year at the university and said she normally signs up for 16 to 17 hours of classes, but not for this fall.

She only signed up for 14 since she knew she would be busier than usual. In addition to the normal responsibilities of being a full-time student, Jekabsons also has a part-time job and is a member of the university's Pride of the South marching band, which has a vigorous practice schedule during football season.

"It was more difficult to accommodate for the change in the middle of the summer than it would have been if we received the notification around the time we were registering for classes in the spring," Jekabsons said.

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UM reacts to removal of 'Dixie' from sporting events

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Athletics Director Ross Bjork's decision to remove the song "Dixie" from all university sporting events has sparked a heated debate among students, faculty and community members.

The decision to remove the university's unofficial anthem is an attempt to make Ole Miss a more inclusive and welcoming environment for all fans, Bjork said in a statement Friday.

Professor Charles Ross, director of African-American

studies, said he commends Bjork and the athletics department for making the decision.

"I think it is an example of our institution moving forward," he said.

Andrew Soper, Associated Student Body senator and Our State Flags Foundation member said the removal of "Dixie" was not an inclusive decision process. "This was not voted on," Soper said. "It is an authoritarian decision made by one man and was a non-inclusive process. No stake holders, students, or alumni had a say in whether to keep it or ditch it. Tens of thousands of graduates

have loved, cherished, and flourished under this tune."

According to Soper, the athletics department does not demonstrate the key principles outlined in the UM Creed: fairness, civility and personal and professional integrity.

"This goes against the Ole Miss creed," Soper said. "This is not a fair process and was behind closed doors. This was not professional and a direct contradiction of the term integrity. By definition, integrity is the quality of being honest and the state of being



FILE PHOTO

Members of The Pride of the South, Ole Miss' marching band, perform before the 2015 season opening game against UT Martin. The song "Dixie" will no longer be performed starting in the 2016 season.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

On 'Dixie': It's time for us to make our own traditions

On Friday, the University of Mississippi removed another tradition from its collection. Athletics Director Ross Bjork announced his request that the band “create a new and modern pregame show that does not include Dixie and is more inclusive for all fans.”

“Dixie,” an unofficial anthem of the Confederacy, was once played every football game on campus, but that has changed with the entrance of a new generation of Rebels.

In 2009, then-Chancellor Dan Jones asked Ole Miss’ marching band, The Pride of the South, to stop playing “From Dixie with Love,” a Southern hymn similar to “Dixie.” Since, only bits and scraps of “Dixie” has been played at games.

Many are angry that the song has now been officially removed from the band’s roster. Some say it is indicative of the university’s continuous push towards being “politically correct” or a forced attempt at inclusivity. Some feel it is a direct attack on the history of the university and on its fans. Removing the symbols of the Confederacy disrespects those who fought in the Civil War, they believe.

Others feel this move is not enough. Voices on this campus cry out for change and are not satiated by the removal of a single antiquated tradition among the hoard that Ole Miss possesses.

The Daily Mississippian would not like to attack or invalidate either of these opinions. We alone cannot change the views of either person, but we would like to express our opinion.

The oldest natural seniors on campus were young when Colonel Reb walked off the field. We were not here when “From Dixie with Love” was played for the last time in Vaught-Hemingway stadium. We never saw Confederate flags waving in the hands of thousands of fans from the student section. These traditions are not our own; they are a relic of an older time.

The oldest seniors were here, however, when a noose was placed on the statue of James Meredith in 2014. We were here when the Ku Klux Klan came in 2015 to protest the removal of the Mississippi state flag from campus. We have not experienced the traditions older generations loved, but we have seen their aftermath.

The era of students who grow up immersed in the vestiges of Ole Miss’ illustrious – and often dark – history is ending. The toddlers who learn to walk in the Grove today will grow up knowing a different Ole Miss than their parents and grandparents did. We must ask ourselves now what Ole Miss will mean to our children.

Did we intend for our university to be a unchanging thing? Have we already made all of the traditions we will ever uphold? For whom does the university stand? For its history or its future?

We, The Daily Mississippian staff, did not come to the university for its songs.

We did not come to this campus hoping to tear down every symbol of its history but rather to create our own traditions in a place that welcomes us, our friends and our community. We came to make Ole Miss our own with the hope and knowledge that one day our children and grandchildren will do the same.

We came to make history, not to relive it.

We, the undersigned editors of The Daily Mississippian, agree with this editorial.

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COLUMN

Taking 'Dixie' away from football goes too far



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bump-tingling tune that all from the South have come to love.

"Dixie" is so beautiful it could bring tears to my eyes in the stands – and I am not ashamed to say that it did before we beat LSU last year.

The only thing more emotionally moving is the tribute to the United States directly after the playing of "Dixie."

I understand censoring the line "The South will rise again"; I will give that ground, but to cut out the seven-decade-old tradition entirely?

This is absurd.

I am surely no racist, but I am a proud Southerner.

We cannot erase our past, no matter how ugly. Just because we take down a flag does not mean racism will end and

old disgruntled white supremacists will get over losing the Civil War, and just because we stop playing "Dixie" at our football games does not mean "Dixie is dead."

I think I can speak for the majority of the student body that wants to keep its beloved tribute to the South when I say that we do not love this song because we hold hate in our hearts for other skin colors and ethnicities or contempt for losing a war in the 1860s.

We love this song because we love where we are from and where we live and where we go to school.

This tradition is an amazing way to display our affection, but instead, its connotation has been twisted to convey an awful and outdated mes-

sage; that is sadly why we will no longer hear its melodious sound in Vaught-Hemingway.

I am not mad, I am disappointed – and a little scared.

We can not keep letting this happen, what's next?

Are we to erase "Ole Miss" next?

Michael Lanagan is a sophomore political science and economics major from McKinney, Texas.

As an out-of-state student, I have always felt like the spectator when it comes to the turmoil going on in Mississippi.

The whole country has lately tried to find a balance of political correctness and preserving history and heritage.

Last year, when ASB decided to take down the Mississippi state flag on campus, I was hesitant to put in my two cents because it was not my state flag.

I saw great points for both sides.

Ultimately, as far as I was concerned, as long as Ol' Glory and the Lone Star soared up high, I would be all right.

Therefore, I tended to stay out of the arguing that was tearing friends, the campus and even families apart.

This year, it has gone too far.

I may not have a place in the fight over the flag, but this is my school, too, and at Ole Miss, before every football game, the Pride of the South would play a chilling, goose-

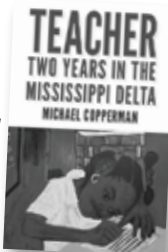
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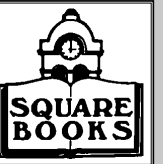


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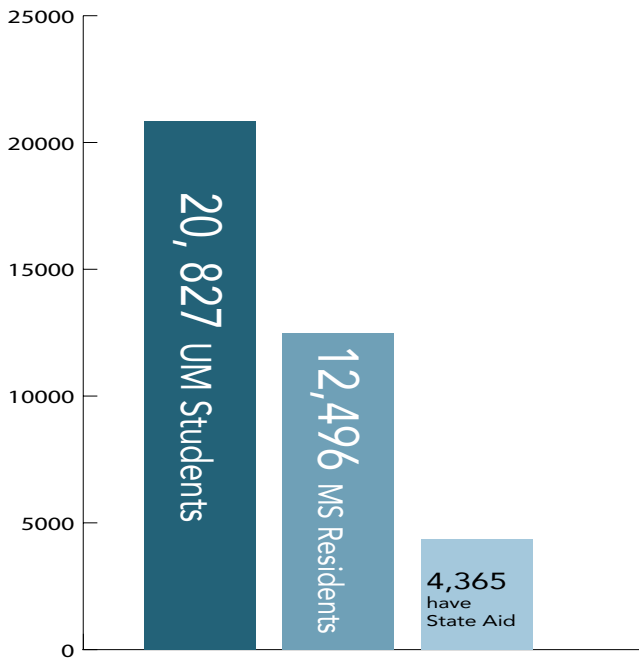
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"I carefully planned my class schedule and then finding out I would have to change it in June was a little disappointing."
Jekabsons said she immediately went online and started searching for one-hour credit classes since she only needed one hour to receive the aid.
While it might be easier for some students to add a class,

it will not be for other students with children or part-time jobs.
There might be exceptions for students who are nearing graduation with fewer than 15 hours left to complete, as well anyone who has had a recent serious illness or injury and other cases. Appeals can be filed through the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid even past the Sept. 1 application deadline.
"People are really going to have to think through what is the best solution for them," Diven-Brown said.

Sigma Chi fraternity allowed to participate in formal recruitment

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After appealing the punishment following last semester's Derby Days sexual harassment incident, Sigma Chi can now participate in Interfraternity Council's formal recruitment this fall.

The new sanctions issued in June included one semester of social probation and required fraternity members to focus on community service and education through philanthropy. The official conditions were passed by the University of Mississippi Appellate Consideration Board.
"My understanding is that we cannot host an (event) this semester, but we can participate in events," Sigma Chi President Clay Wooley said. "It has to be something regarding women's empowerment or violence prevention only for this semester."
Backlash against the fraternity came from members of Ole Miss sororities and members of the community after Sigma Chi



members made sexual comments toward female participants in their Derby Days philanthropy competition on April 15.
Derby Days is Sigma Chi's annual philanthropy event with efforts supporting Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital in Jackson. The event is a competition between campus sororities involving mini-contests like a blood drive, Instagram challenge, dance competition and more.
The incident brought national media attention to Ole Miss' campus.

The original conditions included a full year of social probation and barred the fraternity from having a 2016 pledge class. Sigma Chi and some of the sorority members involved in Derby Days argued for them to have an education-based punishment.
"We tweaked some things that maybe make it feel less punitive, but we layered on some things that make it more educational — it's going to invest them more," Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Brandi Hephner-LaBanc said in a July press release following of the punishment. "The leadership of Sigma Chi has stepped up, and they want to help address the culture."
Hephner-LaBanc also served on the three-member Appellate Consideration Board with another faculty member and a student.
The university said a large part of the appellate process was at the request of the original complainants.
Sigma Chi was not the only Greek organization that will benefit through educational training. The Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council and the National Pan-Hellenic Council members will be included in more charity campus events to focus on raising money for causes.
Abby Bruce, the first sorority member who spoke publicly against Sigma Chi members' comments during the Derby Day's dance competition, said the new, educational conditions are helping Greek charity events focus on "getting back to doing good."

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Timeline of changes leading to the removal of "Dixie."
For the full timeline, see TheDMOnline.com

Chancellor Porter L. Fortune Jr. banned official use of the Confederate flag as a school symbol, following a controversy ignited by the refusal of the school's first black cheerleader to wave the flag.

April 1983

Colonel Reb removed as mascot

2003

A.D. Ross Bjork announces band will not play any variation of "Dixie"

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Confederate battle flags no longer appeared in the football stadium after Chancellor Robert Khayat outlawed pointed objects in the stadium. It killed the tradition of waving Confederate flags in the stands.

Fall 1997

Chancellor Dan Jones said "From Dixie with Love" will not be played at games if fans continue singing "the south will rise again"

Nov 2009

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whole and undivided."

Buka Okoye, former UM NAACP president, said this decision, along with recent changes, has allowed the university to make positive strides towards a more inclusive environment.

"It is always great to see the university moving in a more inclusive direction with respect to its recent policy changes in the past year to make this a more hospitable academic space," Okoye said. "However, it is necessary that we maintain the ability to educate our community alongside those policy changes."

Okoye also said it is important to create a dialect among those who would like to see the university step away from its legacy of honoring the Confederacy and those who believes there is an attack on the culture and recognition of the Confederacy.

"To reconcile these differences, we need to have public discussions and sometimes debate about what the right thing to do is and then we need to take action from there," Okoye said.

"I know what that feels like

ROSS BJORK'S FULL STATEMENT:

"The newly expanded and renovated Vaught-Hemingway Stadium will further highlight our best traditions and create new ones that give the Ole Miss Rebels the best home field advantage in college football. Because the Pride of the South is such a large part of our overall experience and tradition, the Athletics Department asked them to create a new and modern pregame show that does not include Dixie and is more inclusive for all fans."

and it is nothing I wish on other people. I can only hope that our administration recognizes this behavior and does what is necessary to fix it."

"Dixie" was first played in 1948, but the band has limited the playing of the song throughout the last few years. The band did not play the song during games in both

the 2015-2016 football season and the 2015-2016 basketball season.

The song was played 14 times in the pregame Grove concert and during the pregame show during the 2015 football season and the song was not included in the on-field performance at the 2016 Sugar Bowl in New Orleans.

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Thousands gather to remember Oxford plane crash victims

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Nearly 2,000 people gathered in the C.M. Tad Smith Coliseum Saturday to remember the Oxford couples who died in a plane crash nearly one week ago.

The arena is normally a place for celebrating victories, but Saturday morning's gathering was different.

The vigil was held for Dr. Jason and Lea Farese, Dr. Austin and Angie Poole and Dr. Michael and Kim Perry, who were on their way back from a dental conference in Florida when their plane started having engine trouble Sunday, Aug. 13. The plane downed in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, killing all of its passengers.

The crash left 11 children without parents.

Friends of the families and strangers alike filled the coliseum. Two little league baseball teams came to mourn the coach they lost. Family members passed in front of the crowds, many carrying tissues in their hands.

Dr. Allison Ross, of Ross Family Dental Clinic, said her office is deeply saddened by the sudden and unexpected



Family members, friends and university officials sing at the memorial for the three couples who died in a plane crash Sunday, Aug. 14. The vigil was attended by more than 2,000 people in the Tad Smith Coliseum.

death within the tight-knit dental community.

"(The couples) were all wonderful clinicians and will be greatly missed by all of their dental colleagues, staff,

patients and the Oxford community as a whole," Ross said. "All three couples were incredible parents and loved by so many."

Dr. Brant Kairit, a family

friend, spoke at the ceremony Saturday morning and told colorful stories of the families, how involved they were in the community and how much they loved their chil-

dren.

Former Dean of Students Sparkey Reardon was asked to help along with family friend John Green and UM special events coordinator Jessica Phillips.

"The family deeply appreciated the outpouring of love and sympathy," Reardon said.

Funeral service for the Poole couple was at North Oxford Baptist Church on Friday, August 19th. The other services will follow.

Services for the Farese couple will be at 3 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 21 in Oxford-University United Methodist Church. Visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m.

A visitation with a rosary for the Perry couple will be held 11 a.m., Monday, Aug. 22 at Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church. The Perrys will be buried in Oxford and reception will be held at the Parish Center following.

"We gather to demonstrate our love," Pastor J. D. Shaw of Grace Bible Church said in the ceremony.

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Republican women's group officially endorses Trump

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The Mississippi Federation of Republican Women's First District Conference officially pledged their support to Republican Presidential nominee Donald Trump at the Inn at Ole Miss on Saturday.

The conference featured speeches by Congressman Trent Kelly and four candidates in the race for the upcoming Mississippi Supreme Court election, as well as the chairman of the Mississippi Republican Party, Joe Nosef.

"It's a wonderful time for our ladies to come together and work towards a common goal," the federation's first district Director Kimberley Remak said. "These women are hardworking women."

The federation has a reputation as an instrumental group within state-level politics and is respected by the state's most influential Republican politicians, according to Nosef.

"In politics, you have the talkers and the doers, and year in and year out the Republican women are the doers" Nosef said. "They work the polls, they do the poll watching, they do the non-sexy things that make the party work. Histor-



Mississippi Federation of Republican Women hosts a conference Saturday morning at The Inn at Ole Miss.

PHOTO BY: ARIEL COBBERT

ically, they have always lived up to what they have obligated themselves to do, and they have done it well."

This year's district conference served as a time for candidates and benefactors to address the federation and personally thank them for their service to the party, as well as a chance to hear from the four candidates attempting to take the bench in the Mississippi Supreme Court

this November.

Each candidate spoke on a variety of issues, focusing on their experiences as trial lawyers and how they will fight for issues such as religious freedom and personal liberty.

According to Nosef, this year provides an opportunity for all members of the federation to go and help the Trump campaign in states outside of Mississippi to ensure Trump's success in swing states such as

Florida.

"The most obvious state is Florida, because Florida is so important," Nosef said. "In the past, we have sent a couple busloads of people to campaign in a real grassroots manner to really try and do what George Bush did in 2004, which is just to mine more votes."

Governor Phil Bryant recently assumed the position of state director for Trump's campaign in Mississippi, and

as Nosef is keen to point out, he feels as if there is no better partnership than Trump and the governor.

"I can't think of any two people who are less similar than Donald Trump and Phil Bryant, but that is one of the things that makes Phil such a talented politician," Nosef said. "He has managed to get a great relationship with Donald Trump. I think they realize that there are places in the country that really need votes, real swing state areas, where maybe only Phil Bryant and two other people can reach those areas in how he talks about certain issues."

Throughout the conference, it was clear that the federation and all the speakers in attendance planned to fully back Trump in the coming months.

"There is a movement, and it is coming from the spirit of a man that is under attack because he wants to be president of the United States," Remak said. "I want to stand behind someone who is honest to me. Maybe Trump doesn't always use the approach I would, but I truly believe that he is the one we need to be voting for November 8. And, those are opinions that I feel like my other Republican women would share."

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Saturday practice: Ole Miss football's 2016 lineup

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Head Coach Hugh Freeze looks downfield during practice. (Photo by: Taylor Cook)

Ole Miss wrapped up fall camp Sunday, just two weeks before its first game Florida State on Sept. 5 in Orlando. Here are some notes from Saturday's practice.

OFFENSIVE LINE:

Perhaps the place with the most question marks coming into fall camp, the Ole Miss offensive line will rely on a lot of guys that are still young but have good amount of experience. Guys like sophomores Javon Patterson, Sean Rawlings and Jordan Sims saw a lot of action a year ago as freshmen, and their experience has helped stabilize a unit that offensive coordinator Dan Werner said he feels is starting to mesh.

"It's coming together," Werner said. "We're moving some guys around a little bit just to who is going to fit where. We need to come up with about eight to

10 guys that we feel like can go through a game, and right now guys are really battling."

The first team offensive line in practice today looked like this.

- LEFT TACKLE: ROD TAYLOR**
- LEFT GUARD: JAVON PATTERSON**
- CENTER: ROBERT CONYERS**
- RIGHT GUARD: JORDAN SIMS**
- RIGHT TACKLE: SEAN RAWLINGS**

The only real surprise here is Rod Taylor at left tackle rather than Alex Givens, but Werner said coaches are moving some guys around right now to get different looks. Givens should start the year at the left tackle spot. True freshman Greg Little took reps with the second team today as did Givens. Conyers also took some snaps at right tackle.

Running backs:

It's been an interesting week at this position after redshirt junior Jordan Wilkins was declared academically ineligible on Thursday. He was battling with Akeem Judd for the starting running back spot with the anticipation that both of them would see a lot of carries.

"It's next man up, just like if

there was an injury or something," Werner said. "We're going to put the next guy in, and we've got a lot of talent at that position and the next guy knows he's got to come in and compete."

As far as what the backfield looks like without Wilkins, junior Eugene Brazley took some first-team reps with Judd and redshirt freshman Eric Swinney. Judd had a long touchdown run today when the offense and defense squared off against each other at the end of practice.

Sophomore D.K. Buford also saw a few snaps with the first team. He and D'Vaughn Pennamon may be called upon more than originally anticipated this year in Wilkins' absence.

NOTES:

Freshman tight end Octavious Cooley has been used a lot in fall camp. He's a big target at 6 feet 3 inches, and the coaching staff has had high praise for him so far.

"He's really talented, and we want to try to get him in there and see what his role will be," Werner said of Cooley.



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Head Coach Hugh Freeze looks downfield during practice.

Shea Patterson took reps at quarterback with the second team, while Jason Pellerin ran on the third team.

Wide receiver A.J. Brown went with the first team some and made a nice catch while absorbing a pretty big hit over the middle. He's a freshman that will make an impact immediately this fall.

Fadol Brown was held out of practice again with a foot injury.

D.J. Jones also did not practice.

Ole Miss scrimmages on Sunday as it hits the back end of fall camp.

Tre Nixon was shaken up after a big hit from C.J. Hampton. He walked off on his own and did not seem to be seriously injured.

Derrick Jones returned kick-offs today while Nixon and Van Jefferson saw action returning punts.

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Fall camp concludes, shows progress for Rebel defense

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As fall camp starts to wind down for the Rebels, there's still plenty of progress to be made before the Rebels match up with the Florida State Seminoles. Defensive coordinator Dave Wommack said he saw clear improvement in his units over the last week.

"I think we've made a lot of progress, especially in the last week," Wommack said. "[I'm] disappointed in the scrimmage, we didn't tackle well, and I didn't think we chased the ball very well, and I think we've emphasized those points and guys are starting to fit things better. Some of the young guys are coming along, so we're making progress."

Linebacker and safety are two positions of concern on the defense, as plenty of new faces will make up the middle and back of the Rebels' defense. Wommack said he felt the groups were coming along well now, but any time new safeties were playing prominent roles, there would be plenty of teaching to do.

"I think we're starting to develop some guys and some depth there," Wommack said. "[Deontay Anderson] has made huge progress, Myles Hartsfield has come a long way. Hated to lose C.J. Moore last week, but we're making a lot of progress."

Moore tore his pectoral mus-



Cam Ordway and Ken Webster run drills during Saturdays practice.

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cle and will miss the 2016 season.

Wommack said that the linebackers were improving at fitting their spots in the defense.

"Rommel Mageo and Detric Bing-Dukes are having to learn a whole new scheme in a short period of time, they've come a long ways, but not fitting as well as I'd like to," Wommack said. "Really pleased with [Demarquis] Gates, I think Terry Caldwell has had a great fall camp to this point. Tayler Polk has had a great fall camp to this point. I see Willie Hibbler

making a lot of progress, I think he'll be able to help us in a role this year too."

The offense will feature some young contributors as well, as freshmen A.J. Brown, Tre Nixon and D.K. Metcalf all have a chance to play in a deep Ole Miss receiving corps.

"I think they're catching on to the offense pretty well," quarterback Chad Kelly said about the young receivers. "They have a great attitude and are great team players, so as long as they keep on working hard, keep on doing

what they have to do, they'll be really good in the near future."

Redshirt freshman Eric Swinney and freshman D'Vaughn

Pennamon also have a chance to earn some carries in the Rebel backfield, especially after fellow running back Jordan Wilkins was ruled academically ineligible for the season. Kelly said he was impressed with their size and physicality as well as their improving understanding of the game.

"I think they're just really, really good players overall," Kelly said. "They have the speed and they have the athletic ability to make plays."

Kelly was also excited to be playing with receiver Qunicy Adeboyejo, who looks to take on a bigger role in the offense this season.

"He's doing great," Kelly said. "It's his senior year, it's his last hurrah, and I know he's trying to have a great year this year, he had a great year last year too. We just have to build on that, keep working hard and good things will happen."



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What's up, y'all. My name is Brian Scott Rippee and I am thrilled to be your sports editor this year.

I grew up in Jackson and I've been around Ole Miss my entire life. I remember sitting on my dad's shoulders to get a glimpse of the Walk of Champions at two years old just as vividly as I remember when guys like Eli Manning ran out of the the inflatable blue helmet in the north end zone where the locker room used to be. I remember when the South End Zone Club didn't exist and when the video board in Vaught-Hemingway Stadium was about a third of the size it is now. At one point,

I could count on one hand how many home football games I've missed.

There have been both good and bad times. I was there in 2002 when fans stormed the field after Ole Miss beat a sixth-ranked Florida team led by Rex Grossman. I was also there when division 1-AA Jacksonville State came into Oxford in 2010 and beat the Rebels in overtime. I remember seeing the goal posts come down against Alabama just as I remember being able to hear a pin drop amongst more than 60,000 when Laquon Treadwell was carted off the field against Auburn in 2015.

My point is, I've seen a lot. I care about this place very much and am excited for what is to come this year.

If you haven't been paying attention, it's an exciting time to be around athletics. The football team is coming off its first Sugar Bowl win in half a century and will open the year on Sept. 5 in Orlando against fourth-ranked Florida State in a game that will likely alter the college football playoff picture. The basketball teams have a brand new \$96 million home to play in. The soccer team is coming off its deepest ever run in the NCAA tournament and earned

a preseason ranking of 22. The softball team set a school record in wins a year ago and the baseball team just brought in arguably the strongest recruiting class in its history.

Things are pretty good at Ole Miss right now. Don't believe me? take a stroll through campus and see all of the different construction projects going on. This place is as alive and busy as I've ever seen it.

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Addie Forbus excels in opening weekend

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It was Addie Forbus' world this weekend, and Ole Miss' opponents were just living in it. The Rebel forward scored her first of two goals inside the minute mark Friday night as she took advantage of confusion around the UL-Lafayette box and rounded the diving keeper, Mackenzie Lee, to slot it home. For Forbus, it only takes one opportunity to make a difference.

"I saw my chance to break through the back line," Forbus said.

The goal was Forbus' first of the season, but it would not be her last of the evening. Just over 14 minutes later, CeCe Kizer, the reigning SEC Freshman of the Year, sliced through the middle of the UL-Lafayette defense and played a diagonal ball to Forbus, who used a bit of trickery on the turn to leave her defender wondering what day of the week it was.

She then focused on goal and fired a laser into the left side netting to make it 2-0.

The Rebels still weren't done. Just over a minute after coming onto the field, Bella Fiorenzo received the ball from Mackenzie Parma, turned towards the UL-Lafayette goal, and unleashed a wicked 30-some yard strike that hit the left upper-90 in the 36th minute. Head coach Matt Mott, entering his seventh season, was not surprised Fiorenzo had that kind of shot in her.

"She might be one of the cleanest ball strikers on our team," Mott said.

From that point on, the Rebels stifled every attack the Ragin' Cajuns put together while attempting several more chances of their own, the closest of which came in the 76th minute as Liza Harbin's head connected with a corner kick but found the crossbar instead of the net. Mott felt his side should have had another goal but acknowledged Marnie Merritt's goalkeeping abilities as well.

"I thought we got a couple good looks in the second half," Mott said. "But I would have liked to have scored at least one more goal and I think that second half

probably deserved one but credit to them, they worked hard and battled and I liked that we kept a clean sheet."

He said he was proud of the way his side played but knows there is even more to come.

"For us it's about being cleaner, connecting more passes, keeping the ball better, and being cleaner with the ball," Mott said.

"I think through midfield at times we were good and at times we were sloppy so that's something we've gotta clean up because if we can get the ball to those front guys we're dangerous and we need them to get the ball a lot."

Forbus felt her team played well and deserved the win, but mimicked Mott's desire to improve.

"I think we did well staying organized in the back, staying composed. I think our communication was good," Forbus said. Forbus continued her quick start to the season on Sunday with two more goals in a 3-0 win over Northwestern State to help the Rebels get off to a quick 2-0 start on the year. For full recap of Sunday night's game against the Demons:

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Senior forward Addie Forbus looks downfield during Ole Miss' win over ULL Friday night. Forbus kicked off her final season as a Rebel with a bang scoring two of the three goals.

possible of all sports on campus in a way that is compelling and interesting to you. Sure, it won't be perfect, and there will be bumps in the road, but it also won't be for a lack of trying. We want to be to be the student's source for Ole Miss news.

My assistant editor is Cody Thomason. He's from Oxford and he'll do great things as well and will surely save my behind more times than one this year, as will the rest of our staff. They're great people and are good at what they do. We've hired a talented group of writers that are eager to get to work, and I look forward working with them as well as helping them become better writers.

I've worked at the Daily Mississippian for three years now and have enjoyed every minute. I've worked with so many talented people in that time. Ole Miss has played a huge role in who I am today and I love this place.

I am certain that Ole Miss will have some exciting stories to tell this year, and we will do our best to share them with you. Thanks for reading and I hope you all follow along.

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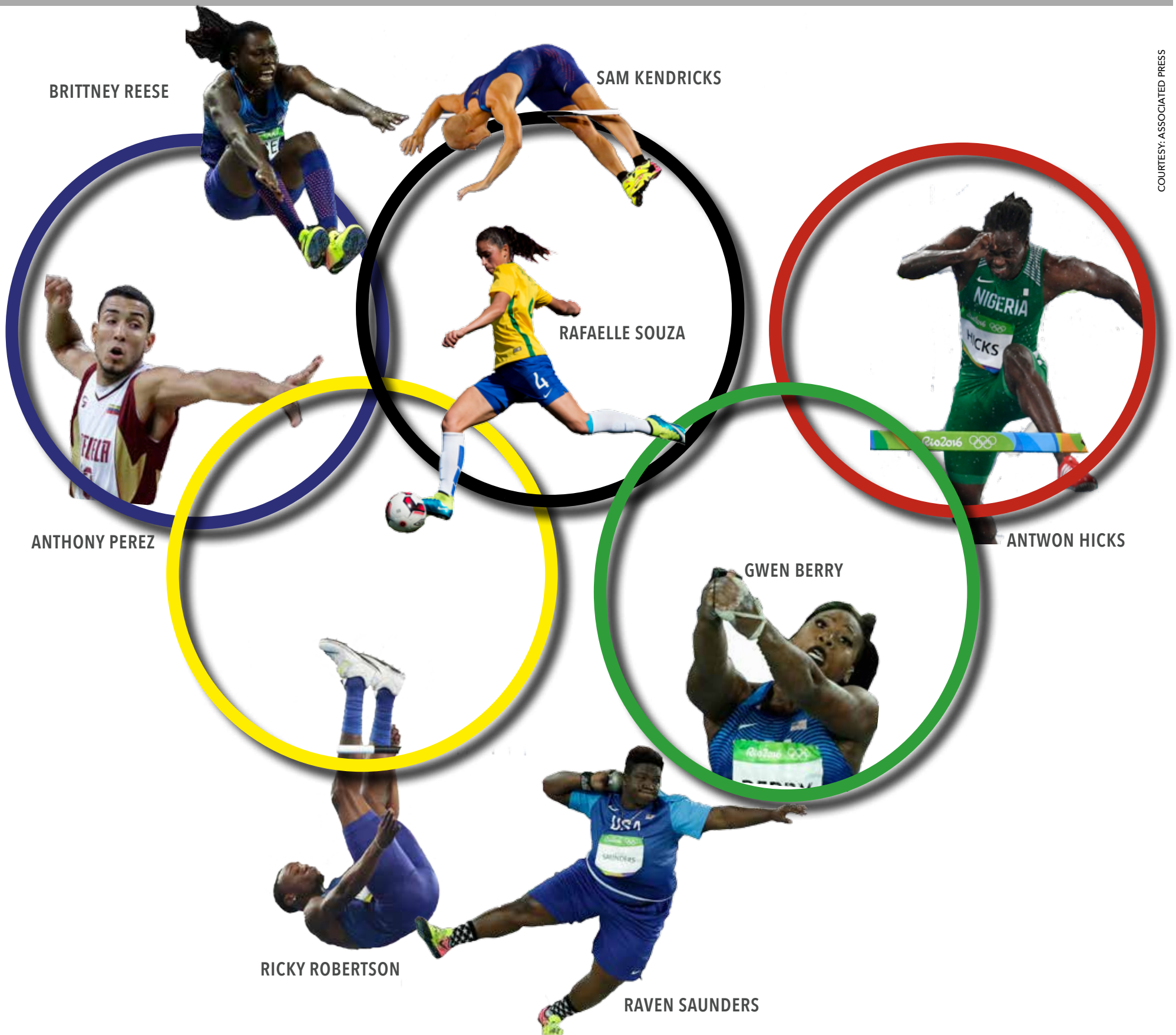
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Rebs in Rio

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Ole Miss was heavily represented in the 2016 Rio Olympics with eight athletes competing in events and one coach at the games. Here are the current and former Rebels who competed in the games.

Oxford native and Ole Miss alum Sam Kendricks represented the Rebels and the U.S. in the men's pole-vaulting competition. Kendricks won the bronze medal after clearing 5.85 meters, which was the first time the U.S. had medaled in that event since 2004. It was Kendricks' first time to compete in the Olympics. While at Ole Miss from 2012 to 2014, Kendricks won

back-to-back outdoor NCAA titles and his first USA title.

After finishing his senior season at Ole Miss, Anthony Perez went on to compete in men's basketball for his home country of Venezuela in the Olympics. Venezuela was competing in the event for the first time in 24 years, and although they didn't medal, Perez played quality minutes against the U.S., the eventual gold-medal winners, and Australia, the fourth place finishers.

Current Ole Miss junior Raven Saunders also competed in her first Olympics, placing fifth in the women's shot put. Saunders was the youngest competitor in the event, and bettered her collegiate record she had set during her sophomore year. Saunders was com-

ing off of a win for the Rebels in the NCAA Outdoor and Indoor National Championships last year.

Brittney Reese turned pro after her junior year in Oxford and has been one of the world's best long jumpers since. She won gold in London in 2012 and took home silver in Rio after a jump of 7.17 meters in the final. It was the fourth all-time medal among Ole Miss track and field alumni and the Gulfport native is the first to ever win two medals.

Antwon Hicks, a Hot Springs, Arkansas native, placed 23rd overall in the men's 110-meter hurdles for his home country of Nigeria. Hicks had a decorated career while in Oxford highlighted by his 2004 60-meter hurdles individual national champion-

ship.

Ricky Robertson placed 17th in the men's high jump for the U.S. He competed for Ole Miss from 2010-13 where he was a first team all-SEC high jumper and was crowned SEC champion in the indoor high jump in four straight years. Robertson is from Hernando.

Rafaella Souza competed for the host country Brazil on the soccer team that fell to Sweden in penalty kicks in the semifinals. She played at Ole Miss from 2011-13 where she was named a first-team All American as a senior as well as SEC scholar athlete of the year. She led the SEC in points her last two years, and led the team in goals, assists and points as a freshman.

Gwen Berry placed 14th for the U.S. in the women's ham-

mer throw. She is a volunteer assistant coach for the women's track team. Berry was a three time All-American at southern Illinois where she competed for current Ole Miss head coach and women's team USA track coach Connie Price-Smith.

Connie Price-Smith was named head coach of the Rebels in July 2015. She was the head coach of the United States women's track team in Rio.

The team won 16 medals with Smith at the helm including six gold, five silver and five bronze. She also competed in four Olympics for team USA and was an assistant track coach for the 2008 and 2012 Olympic teams.