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**E**ven totally empty, the Vaught stands fierce, a fortress of victory, a temple of the South's true religion.

For the past few months, Vaught-Hemingway Stadium at Hollingsworth Field has been hidden behind chain-link fences and green plastic sheets, like dressing screens. Walls have come crumbling down. The scoreboard that broadcasted the Rebels' 23-17 victory against Alabama in 2014 is gone, the turf rolled away. But the long history of the Vaught is anything but destroyed- it's been completely rebuilt.

Since 2014, when the university announced its plan to expand the football stadium through its "Forward Together" campaign, Rebel fans have watched impatiently as construction crews have come and gone, waiting with bated breath to see what's next for the Vaught.

Built in 1915, the original stadium could hold about 24,000 people- slightly more people than were enrolled at the university in 2015- and was originally built as part of a federally funded project. Now, it's the largest stadium in Mississippi, capable of seating 64,038, including 30 luxury seats and 770 club level seats.

The \$59.5 million budget for the football expansion project also included the installation of new stadium lights, sound system and video boards. Bathrooms, concessions and walking space have also been added to the stadium. Despite some speculation from fans and Ole Miss supporters that con-

struction would not be complete on schedule, Senior Associate Athletics Director Joseph Swingle said everything should be ready in time for the pep rally September 1.

"We are on schedule to finish on time," Swingle said. "We added new LED lights, replaced the video board in the north, added two in the south corners and a new distributed sound system."

In addition to the new gizmos, gadgets and seating added to the Vaught, a few favorite traditions surrounding Ole Miss football are changing as well.

Athletics Director Ross Bjork announced on Friday all variations of "Dixie" will no longer be played by the university's band, at the games, the Grove or any pre- or post-game functions. Bjork said in a statement that "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 home field advantage in college football."

The Athletics Department asked the Pride of the South to create a pregame show that would be newer, modern and inclusive for all fans.

In the north end zone, a 60-foot bell tower will be erected just outside the stadium, ready to announce to fans when a game is about to kick off or when the Rebs have brought home yet another victory. It will be called the Lloyd Family Bell Tower, in honor of Ole Miss graduate and lifelong

fan, William B. "Cosmo" Lloyd. Starting with the 2017 football season, the Walk of Champions will be extended from The Grove to the "front door" plaza on the north side and end under the tower. The bells won't be heard chiming until spring of 2017, but until then we'll still have the thunderous roar of the Hotty Toddy chant to echo over campus every home game.

When the Vaught is full, it's more than just a football stadium. It's a living, breathing, red and blue bloody human heart. Football gods, like Archie and Eli Manning, Michael Oher and Chucky Mullins have all knelt within the walls of the Vaught. A century's worth of history has been measured not just in victories or defeats, but in strength, in community and in valor. In times of chaos or unrest, in some form or another, Vaught-Hemingway Stadium at Hollingsworth Field has stood as the epicenter of our university and the life-force of our community. It is the shared home of every



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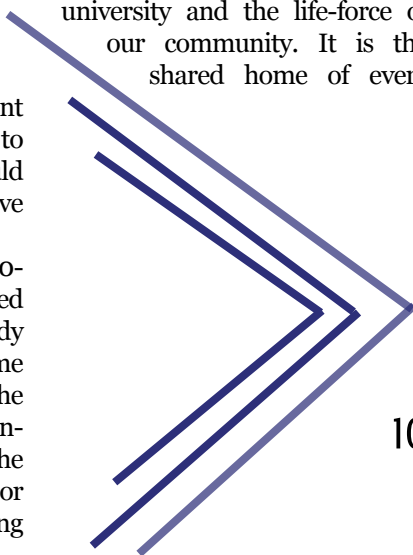
Lloyd Family Bell Tower will be completed in the spring of 2017. The bell will be rung celebrate rebel victories.

graduate, every fan, every student and faculty member; every Rebel. Vaught-Hemingway is the heart of the University of Mississippi.

It came into the world 101 years ago, on a muggy October Friday, just in time for a football game. It was by no means the concrete and steel titan it is today, but it was good enough for the Rebs. Ole Miss broke in their new stadium with a 0-10 loss against the Arkansas State Red Wolves. The 1916 yearbook reported that "...

[probably] never in the history of this institution, has Ole Miss experienced such a disastrous season in football."

But now it's 2016, and Coach Hugh Freeze has taken the Rebels into an era of success not seen since the days of Johnny Vaught. Chad Kelly, Quincy Adebeyejo, Breeland Speaks, Evan Engram and the rest of the boys are gearing up to break in the Vaught all over again.



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# A HOTTY TODDY

*Chancellor Jeff Vitter*

Dear Students,

Welcome to the 169th academic year for the University of Mississippi, the state's flagship university. Whether you are a returning student, a transfer or a brand-new freshman, we are delighted that you're here! On behalf of the Ole Miss family, thank you for choosing us.

This university has a storied history and a great momentum for the future. Our academic reputation continues to grow, excitement for football season has never been higher and although official numbers won't be compiled for a couple of weeks, we are certain you are a part of our largest student body ever.


As you go through this academic year, be sure to take advantage of all of the options this great university offers. Go see a play or musical performance at the Ford Center, and take time to contemplate an exhibit at the University Museum. Broaden your perspective by attending a guest lecture. Help cheer the Rebels on to victory. Our academic environment and unique community offer many options to transform your life through the collegiate experience, research and travel opportunities, and countless ways to serve others.

If you're new to campus, start by attending the Fall Convocation, coming up at 7 p.m. Aug. 23 at The Pavilion at Ole Miss. It's a great way to meet your peers and get plugged into the campus community. A few days later, on Aug. 29, I invite all students to participate in our first-ever, universitywide Town Hall Meeting, being streamed from the Inn at Ole Miss starting at 3 p.m. I hope you'll weigh in on goals for our university as we embark on developing a shared vision and strategic plan.

Your time here will be filled with exceptional moments, from building lifelong friendships to taking a class that sparks an interest and sends your life down an unexpected path. Please get to know your teachers and the dedicated staff members across campus. We will do all we can to help you grow and achieve your potential.

Finally, I urge you to embrace the core values of the UM Creed and get in touch with the essence of this university. The Ole Miss spirit is about caring for one another as family – welcome to the family!

Be sure to follow me on Twitter (@UMchancellor) and best wishes for the coming year!

Warmest regards,  
  
 Jeffrey S. Vitter



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# WELCOME BACK

*Austin Powell*



Dear fellow Rebels,

On behalf of the Associated Student Body and the University of Mississippi, it is a great honor to welcome you back to the special place we are fortunate to call home. Welcome to your family, a community that is made up of students, faculty and staff that are all here to aid you in your successes, failures, and to contribute to your own intellectual adventure.

Coming into this academic year we have an incredible energy brought to us by the various backgrounds of students who carry with them a wide array of different experiences, the noteworthy efforts from past leaders in progressing our campus, and the dreams of the students yet to come.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Associated Student Body, our mission is to serve selflessly and to represent justly the student body, in accordance with the University of Mississippi's Creed, by prioritizing students' interests and needs above personal ambition and prejudice. What does our mission statement mean for you? ASB is a student organization committed to our role of supporting each and every single student to be prepared for the next season of life by engaging student opinion about the nature of our university and campus and elevating the student voice to campus leadership.

Like Uncle Ben says in Spider-Man, "with (this) great power comes great responsibility." Although it may not be apparent to the broader campus community, our responsibility of effectively representing students does not end after the senate meetings stop or after the student activities fee has been dispersed. ASB consists of students from different student organizations, educational backgrounds, interests, and cultures. Whether you are a student in need of receiving academic support, student involvement guidance, or a student with some ideas on how our leadership can better represent different student populations, our minds and ears are open to you.

This year, the Associated Student Body and my administration are committed to selflessly serving the entire student body with One Ole Miss in mind, which some students may recognize as the theme of my campaign platform. We believe that by focusing on the three themes – Opportunity, Networking and Evaluation – we will make notable strides as an organization to provide more opportunities for student growth, intellectual inquiry and networking, as well as to create a more inclusive campus culture.

As I reflect on my last three years at Ole Miss, recent events within our nation and this past summer, I am reminded of a simple phrase that encourages me through some of the hardships – "choose joy." Over the past eight weeks, I've been working with the McLean Institute of Public Service facilitating a class on entrepreneurial and leadership development at Marshall County Correctional facility.

During a discussion, one of the students said, "I live in a place where there are literally doors shut all around me. If I've learned one thing from this class it's that I can choose joy, and move forward." This piece of my summer reminds me that in the midst of confusion, pain, and disappointment we can look at problems as opportunities and take advantage of what we've been given. It's not always easy, but I believe that's the mindset that makes the University of Mississippi a respected and loved institution. It is because students, like yourself, choose joy in the face of adversity and find respect in one another's differences. The Associated Student Body strives to challenge itself and other organizations to live the Creed, to choose joy, and to support each other as One Ole Miss.

Hotty Toddy!

*Austin Powell*  
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# August horoscopes

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**Virgo, the Virgin:**  
August 23- September 22

The beginning of a new semester is looking like an all-around lucky time for you. Classes will go well, your boss is taking notice of all your hard work and gearing up to reward you for it, and it looks like your love life is about to get a little more interesting! On top of that, sometime between the 21st and the 30th you will come into possession of a magic goblet capable of granting any reasonable wish you can think of. However, the magic goblet will only work if you are drinking from it while you make your wish, and you can only drink whole milk out of it. So, get ready for some serious vitamin D intake.

**Libra, the Scale:**  
September 23- October 22

Summer wasn't the relaxing vacation you were promised, was it, Libra? Sure, you got to spend some time with friends and family, you took a few days off work, but it felt like every time you turned the corner, something new was ready and waiting to stress you out. Fear not, Libra. It's all about to balance out. As Pluto moves into position on the 22nd, you will find everything will start going your way.

You will also find a way to resolve a bothersome problem in an unexpected way, and you will be able to see unicorns. However, the unicorns thing isn't really that great because every mythical horned pony you will find in this area will be really sarcastic and rude. Just try to ignore them as best you can.

**Scorpio, the Scorpion:**  
October 23- November 21

Neptune missed you all summer, Scorpio, and with the days getting longer and longer, the blue planet is finding more and more creative ways to get at you. Over the next week or so, Neptune's position in relation to Venus combined with the orbit of Saturn's moon Mimas will alter the cosmic forces around you in such a way that if your skin comes into contact with salt water you will immediately turn into a mer-person. And, I'm sorry to say, the part of your body that comes into contact with the water will be the fish part. So, be careful, especially when boiling pasta, not to spill.

**Sagittarius, the Archer:**  
November 22- December 21

Your brains are at their sharpest right now, Sagittarius. Uranus is spinning in the right

direction, and your blood is flowing right to your thinker! You are quick-witted, cunning and clever, and your jokes are going to be fire this month. As a matter of fact, you will tell the funniest joke you will ever tell in your whole life, but no one will be around to hear it. You may try and repeat it a second time, but let's face it: nothing is ever as funny the second time. The joke will be good though, and for the rest of your life you will find yourself thinking of it in your darkest moments, and it will bring a golden ray of joy to break through the darkest shadows of your life. So, you have that to look forward to.

**Capricorn, the Goat:**  
December 22- January 19

Pluto's influence is strong right now, Cap, and it is manifesting itself in the strangest of ways. The dwarf planet, known for being a wee bit sulky, is glooming up your mood. At times, you will pull away from its less-than-dazzling attitude, but every now and again, you'll feel really grumpy and you won't know why. If you find yourself in a funk, take a deep

breath, relax, drink a nice cup of iced tea and put your feet up. While you're at it, take a good look at your toes – Pluto's weird power over you will cause your toenails to change colors depending on your mood. On the plus side, it looks like you'll be saving time and money on painting your toenails.

**Aquarius, the Water Bearer:**  
January 20- February 18

I'll be straight up with you, Aquarius: Summer was not the best. You worked non-stop, there was routine drama and no matter how early you went to bed, it always felt like you never got enough sleep. Well rest easy, my buddy, because as everyone else is bustling and buzzing getting ready for the semester or just wrapping up their summers in general, you shall find peace. You will become the chilliest of the chill, your worries will lift off your shoulders, and you will flourish. And you will be able to talk to fish, which is pretty cool. Fish are chill and they always have cool things to talk about. Most of them are highly read in Batman cannon, and I heard

there's a minnow down by Molly Barr that caught a Zapdos, but it's just a rumor.

**Pisces, the Fish:**  
February 19- March 20

You're adjusting to a strange kind of change right now, and you aren't quite sure how to cope with transition. Should you take up a new hobby? Join a club? Try stand-up? One thing for certain is that you're about to take a big step, and you're going to need the support of your friends and family. Also, you will wake up on the morning of Aug. 22 and discover you have grown wings. They will be tiny wings, like chicken wings, and you won't really be able to fly with them or anything, but, I mean, wings are still pretty cool.

**Aries, the Ram:**  
March 21- April 19

You're practically Mary Poppins this month, Aries! Not because you have an incredible singing voice/vocal range, are the nanny of wealthy English

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children or able to fly, but because your primary means of transportation this month will be an umbrella. I'm not totally sure how that works, (the stars don't tell me everything, you know) but I would recommend having one on you at all times. You've also been feeling a little uneasy about things lately, and that should resolve itself around the 23rd. You will also find \$5 at some point in your life.



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**Taurus, the Bull:**  
April 20- May 20

There is a fun-filled adventure in your future, Taurus! It might be a day-trip, a road-trip or just a fun walk in the park, but there is definitely a day worth writing in your diary about coming up this week! I would recommend doing a little soul-searching and opening yourself up to new things. Your life could change in the blink of an eye, and you are very much aware of it this month. You will also develop the astonishing ability to put a USB in correctly on the first try every time (for a limited amount of time).

**Gemini, the Twins:**  
May 21- June 20

This month you will be especially beautiful and attractive, inside and out. This is because Venus is working its magic on you, right up until the end of August. You may have to speak with a relative you don't get along with very well around the 27th, but be patient. Whatever they have to say could be very important. At some point in the next few weeks, an old man will give you money. If you invest it, you will become very rich. If you don't, you will still be happy with whatever you spend it on.

**Cancer, the Crab:**  
June 21- July 22

You are super charismatic this month, and everyone is noticing. Get ready to make lots of new friends, see new places and try all sorts of fun new things. Around the 26th you will have a rough day of work ahead of you and an unexpected obstacle to overcome, so try and get as much work done as possible beforehand, and make time for delays. Finally, you will be approached by a sea-witch soon, so be on the lookout. She or he wants to steal your soul, most likely by winning it from you in

a game of pool, so avoid the billiards table this month.

**Leo, the Lion:**  
July 23- August 22

The past few months have been a time of great change for you, Leo. There has been a lot of chaos and disorder, but also a lot of happiness and new friends. But don't worry, the beginning of a new season will bring stability and order into your life. In areas where you may feel like you've been lacking control, you'll find your grip again. Unfortunately, part of the stability you will find will come on the night of

the next full moon, when the gravitational pull of Saturn in combination with the position of Jupiter's Europa will put cosmic pressure on your aura, causing you to turn into a troll every Friday night around 8 p.m. for the rest of the month. But, being a troll isn't so terrible; you'll spend a lot of time studying this semester which means you'll be starting off with a solid GPA. If you don't turn into a troll, you are not a true Leo.

*Keep up with your horoscope on the first Wednesday of every month.*

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# Let's get visual: Your guide to enjoying art as a student

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Though summer is coming to an end, art in Oxford is in full bloom.

The University Museum is preparing for its fall 2016 exhibition called "The Beautiful Mysterious: The Extraordinary Gaze of William Eggleston." The exhibition will open on Sept. 13 and be curated by nationally-renowned novelist Megan Abbott. The museum will showcase a series of photographs, some of which have never been on display before, by the acclaimed Memphis native.

"The most beautiful thing we can experience,' Albert Einstein once said, 'is the mysterious.' Nowhere does this feel more true than in the photographs of the legendary William Eggleston," Abbott said of the exhibition. "While his subjects — a parking lot, a jukebox, a sun-baked road



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This piece will be displayed in "Night Sun" exhibition in Southside Gallery until September 10.

sign — may seem, on the surface, mundane, the photos themselves exert a powerful, enigmatic force."

"The Beautiful Mysterious" will be on display at the museum until Jan. 14.

In the spring, the museum will present paintings by the late Holly Springs artist Kate Freeman Clark. The untitled show will begin Feb. 28, 2017, and will continue until July 22, and soon after, in the fall of 2017, the museum will present artwork of another Holly Springs artist, Randy Hayes.

Off campus, the Yoknapatawpha Arts Council, an organization committed to promoting artistic opportunities in and around Oxford, will host four major events this fall. Coming up is the Oxford Arts Crawl, starting Aug. 23. On the fourth Tuesday of every month from 6 to 8 p.m., free exhibits and receptions displaying art by both local and out-of-town artists are spread throughout the town of Oxford at featured locations like the Shelter on Van Buren and High Point Coffee. The crawls begin at Powerhouse with complimentary drinks. The event is free to the public, and attendees will ride the Double Decker Bus to various locations.

The arts council will host three other events — Food Truck Fight, Full Tilt and Three Blind Wines — throughout the months of August, September and October. More information can be found on their website, [www.oxfordarts.com](http://www.oxfordarts.com), and on their Facebook page.

Besides hosting their annual film festival, Oxford Film Festival also has events planned each month for the upcoming year. They will host a glow-in-the-dark rave on Sept. 9. They are also recruiting volunteers for the film festival in February.

University art professor Philip R. Jackson curated an exhibition titled "Night Sun," which will be on display at Southside Gallery until Sept. 10. Most of the artists involved in the exhibition are members of the Perceptual Painters, and the works included in the exhibition depict subjects under artificial light.

There will be several artists showcased at Southside Gallery on the Square throughout the year, including painter Jerrod Partridge, mixed media artist Blair Hobbs, photographer Susan Bryant and mixed media artist Billy Renkl.

For those who want to venture outside of Oxford, Bozart's Gallery in Water Valley just launched an exhibition titled "Synesthesia: Seeing Sound," and actively hosts numerous artists throughout the year. The current exhibit explores the idea that artists can "see" sound.

In the spring, the popular Double Decker festival will return to downtown Oxford. The festival entices Oxonians and out-of-towners alike for a unique two-day celebration of food, music and art.

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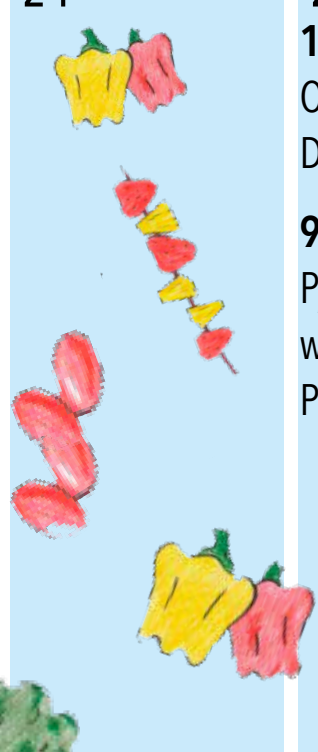


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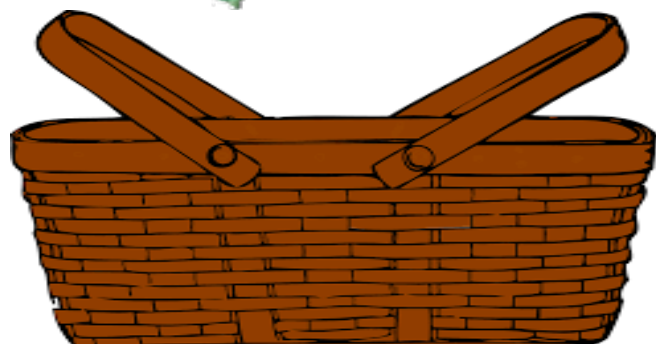
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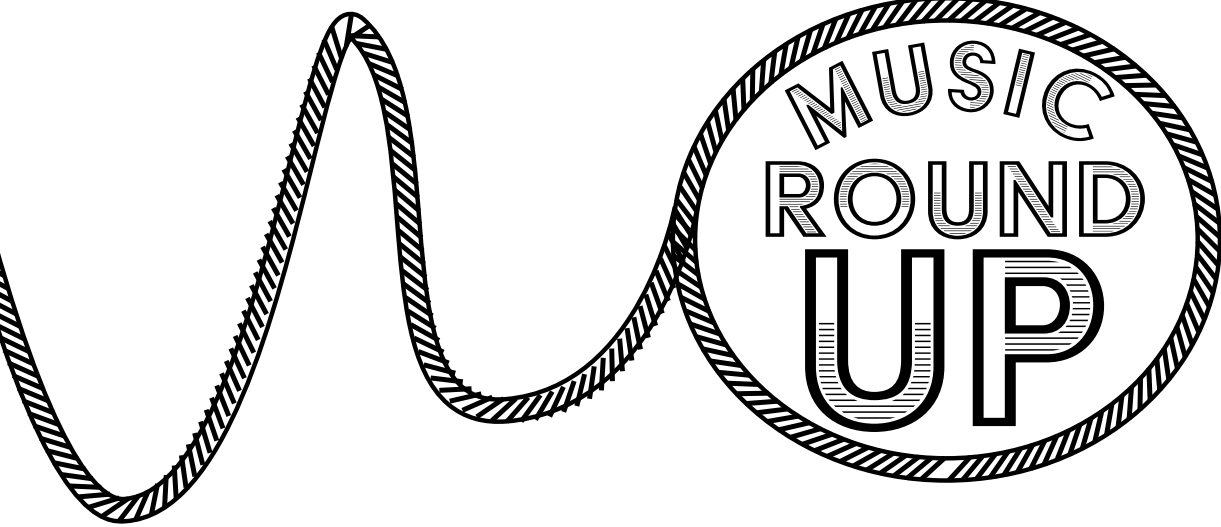
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Cole Furlow's latest feat under his moniker Dead Gaze comes after establishing himself in Oxford and beyond with his first two albums "Dead Gaze" and "Brain Holiday." Furlow is still keeping it weird and grunge-y. But there is a hint of something... fun along with grunge and weird. I should have guessed that in the way I acquired the album.

I happened to see this tweet from @DEADGAZE: "Anyone here still like pop hooks? DM me if you want to hear one." Uh, yeah.

But I didn't receive a pop hook from Furlow. I received something better — his upcoming album, "Easy Travels." And yes, it is poppy, but Dead Gaze is still perpetuating his trademark weirdness throughout. If you're looking for somewhere to start in the sea of new Oxford music, this might be a good choice. He's already debuted a song from the album that kind of sounds like running through a field of flowers in urgent love,

"Constantly Happy." "Easy Travels" Drops Aug. 26, just in time for the start of school.

Reels



COURTESY: REELS

As a fresh wave of independent musicians washes through Oxford, another washes out, including beloved indie-pop group Reels and electro-rock collaboration Group Text. Shane Prewitt, an Oxford drummer and member of both acts, will leave town to Chicago, Jean Marie Lalande, saxophone for Reels, will return to his home country of France, and Kate Teague, frontwoman, vocalist, and guitarist in Reels, will join the team at the always prolific Thacker Mountain Radio as the interim executive director/producer. "That was my first and only band, so far," Teague said sitting at a table in High Point Coffee, where she previously focused on her Thacker Mountain duties. "Honestly, it really hadn't hit me yet that we were finishing forever until I was performing ... I was just so happy to see how much support we've had throughout just the year that we've been a band," Teague added.

Prewitt's exit leaves a dent to be filled in the Oxford music scene. Prewitt, who also has played percussion for acts like Unwed Teenage Mothers and Tangles, said "The biggest thing for me was moving out of the Dude Ranch,"

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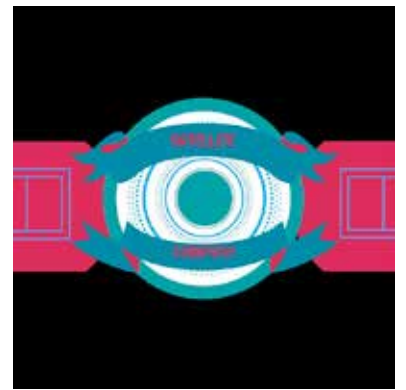


COURTESY: DELTA SPRINGS

A fusion of college rock and a neo-'60s jam-band, Delta Springs seems to always be playing in a post-Grateful Dead haze. The four-piece act stepped into Oxford's spotlight this spring at Double Decker, when they joined Saturday's excellent line-up featuring bluesy crooners and reggae pop. Vocalist and guitarist Sam Stevens said Led Zeppelin mostly inspired him, while bassist Patrick Mink said he unsurprisingly liked to emulate Grateful Dead. These influences are palpable, even in some of their indie-rock covers — lately consisting of Talking Heads and the Pixies. Watch for these guys on the fraternity and bar circuit in Oxford.

he showed his prowess as a producer by sampling artists like Suffjan Stevens and Tame Impala. In April of this year, he came back with a six-song EP, "Pretty Woman," which focused more on his guitar work and songs that would better fit a live setting. Neither the EP nor the live show disappointed.

Satellite Co.



COURTESY: SATELLITE CO.

Satellite Company is a four-piece band from Jackson, but recently, they've ventured into the Oxford music scene as well. The band's self-titled EP has an alternative-rock feel, with a good mix of slower and rockier tunes. The group's two vocalists do a good job harmonizing and the instrumentals, sometimes slow and heavy, are solid at backing the track. They contrast the more paced pieces in their discography well with faster tracks like "Sell it to Me," but never stray too far from their core sound. They're a great fit for a college town like Oxford and could be a great fit at a few places on the Square.

Lo Noom



COURTESY: LO NOOM

A budding star in production as well as songwriting, Andrew Newman debuted his Lo Noom project at Proud Larry's over the summer to an enthusiastic crowd. Lo Noom looks to be the next big thing in the Oxford DIY scene, with a style that pulls from influences like Unknown Mortal Orchestra, James Blake and Radiohead to create dance-jams and slower love songs alike. Newman released a full album, "Groovy" in 2015, in which

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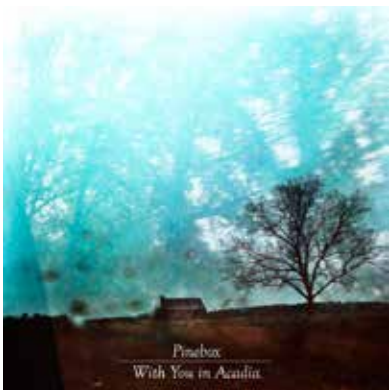


COURTESY: MUSCLE BEACH RECORDS

This summer the first post-Young Buffalo EP was released from Jim Barrett, who dropped a six-song EP from his solo project, Swear Tapes, on Muscle Beach Records. Titled “Cherish the Cabin,” it’s hard to find a better set of songs to drive around in the Mississippi summer to. “Blasé Blasé” is the first song on the EP, and it strikes gold with a chorus that begs to be sung along with. Meanwhile, “Pushover” starts off with an addicting keyboard part and then adds in yet another fantastic chorus. Every song’s melodies are extremely catchy and the guitar work is stellar the whole way through. If you need a feel-good indie-rock/pop fix, look no fur-

ther than Swear Tapes.

With You in Acadia by Pinebox

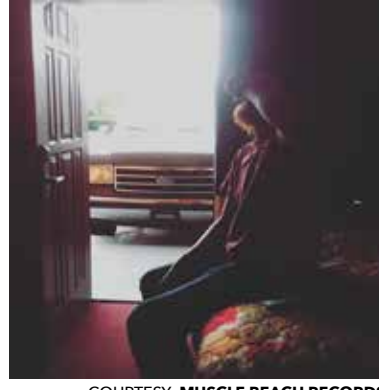


COURTESY: PINEBOX

Pinebox firmly established themselves in the Oxford music scene when they released their debut EP, “With You in Acadia,” in June. The five songs included elements of emo, indie-rock and shoegaze to form an impressively polished debut for the relatively new four-piece. Hitting on a sound not typically heard around Oxford, Pinebox brings an energetic debut that balances perfectly with the emotional subject matter of their music. Pinebox doesn’t hold back lyrically, delving into some sad subject matter, but at no point does the EP sound overly melancholy. The guitar riff on the track “Rasselas” is hypnotizing, as the rest of the instruments build around it

into a crashing finish in what is definitely one of the best tracks on the EP.

II by Bonus



COURTESY: MUSCLE BEACH RECORDS

Bonus is the project of Oxford musician Kieran Danielson, who is also one-third of Muscle Beach Records. His latest, “II,” recorded with Adam Porter of Starman Jr., is perfect for laid-back listeners. You may have seen Bonus’ debut music video for “Alrighty” released last spring featuring friends and hot dogs. Bonus sounds soft and nice, like friends and hot dogs. If you’re a fan of Death Cab for Cutie, or any kind of soft indie-rock, give Bonus a listen.

Noodles by Starman Jr.



COURTESY: MUSCLE BEACH RECORDS

Starman Jr. is sad-boy (or girl) indie rock that, at times, feels very pure, like sitting beneath a tree of rustling leaves. At other times it’s dirty and psych-y, like brown post-watercolor water. Starman Jr.’s Adam Porter released “Noodles” this summer through Muscle Beach. Complete with the sounds of an atmospheric piano and light-handed guitar strums, it’s the perfect album to watch the transition from summer into fall. Starman Jr. is helping Oxford stay weird, and we like it.

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# Back-to-school LUNCH

Back to school means back to packing lunches. Whether you're already tired of your restaurant options or have spent all of your cash-money on eating out, cute T-shirts or school supplies, here's a quick and budget-friendly lunch to try.

If you're tired of the simple PB&J or haven't mastered the art of a grilled cheese yet, check out this recipe for an easy Southern staple.

## CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 2 cups chopped, cooked chicken meat (If you're on a budget or time constraint or just not very nifty in the kitchen, you can buy a whole cooked rotisserie chicken at the store and tear the meat off)
- 1 stalk celery chopped (Getting your veggies in, am I right?)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Bread of choice (I like croissants but sliced bread works just as great)

In a medium bowl mix together all the ingredients except for bread. Once mixed, put a generous scoop of the chicken salad on whatever your choice of bread is. Voila, a simple chicken salad sandwich in less than ten minutes. You can store whatever leftovers you have in the fridge.

What's a meal without a drink? Infused water is all the rage. Not only does it look pretty but it tastes great. I'm sharing my favorite combination of ingredients, but you can really use most any fruit and fresh herb like mint.

## STRAWBERRY CUCUMBER LIME INFUSED WATER

- 3 strawberries
- 1 small lime
- 1/4 a cucumber
- A liter of water

Slice all of your produce into pieces small enough to fit into the water bottle. You can muddle the ingredients together but that's totally optional. Add the fruit (muddled or non-muddled) into the water. For the most "infused" flavor, let the water sit in the refrigerator for a few hours, but if you're impatient (and thirsty) it can be ready as soon as you've mixed all of the ingredients. Take a sip and enjoy.

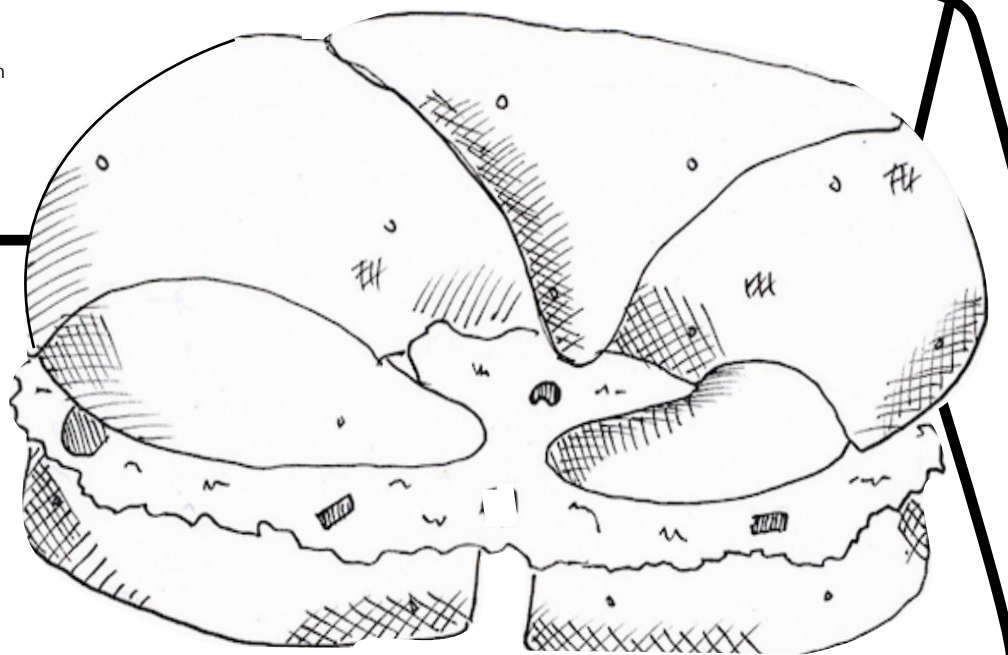
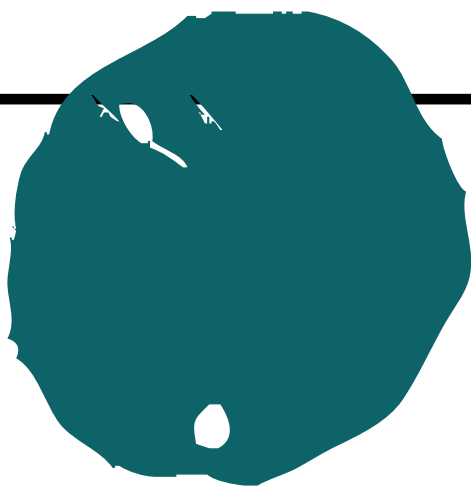
Dessert is the most important part of any meal, especially lunch. Here's a quick recipe for a batch of cookies, and it's a simple fix for the sweet tooth. Plus, it only needs three ingredients.

## SIMPLE PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

- 1 cup peanut butter (crunchy or creamy, depends on the texture you want your cookies)
- 1 egg
- 1 cup white sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or grease it with cooking spray. In a medium bowl, mix all three ingredients — you can use a spoon or even your hands if you're feeling crazy. Once the mixture is smooth, drop spoonfuls of the dough onto the baking sheet. Bake for 5 to 8 minutes. I like them best when they're barely brown on the edges and still doughy/soft in the center.

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# Q: “How do you prepare to jump back into classes?”



BRADY RUFFIN

“Got my planner organized, bought my notebooks, literally just organizing my desk.”

*Junior majoring in integrated marketing and communications*



ZACHERY RAGSDALE

“I went through my schedule, and then I walked around the campus to see where all the classrooms were, and I kind of got into a routine. And then I went out, and I met some people that were already older students here, and got a good friend group going. That’s how I’m preparing for this year.”

*Freshman majoring in accounting*



COLE PUTMAN

“I’m preparing for school by enjoying this downtime before school starts. I am frequenting High Point Coffee at least once a day and listening to Rayland Baxter on and off.”

*Senior majoring in social work*



ALEX HILL

“Buying things, like calculators and stuff I left at home, and getting situated and ready for the new year.”

*Freshman majoring in forensic chemistry*



MADISON DENSMORE

“My grandmother actually did more research on the school than I did... What she did prepare me for was the football games. Apparently I need to dress up. So I went with my mom, we went shopping, and we bought some dresses for the football games. I’m doing a lot of reading, a lot of book buying.”

*Grad student majoring in modern languages and French*



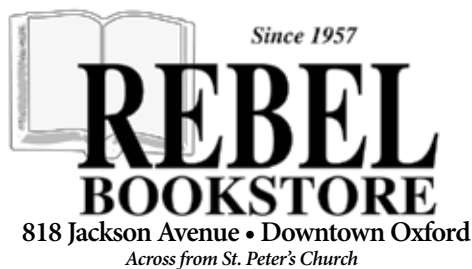
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“We are asking about our classes, going to our professors, and attending orientations. I am trying to find textbooks.”

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