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Welcome week festivities begin



Abby Norris and Rachel Smith, freshmen majoring in biology, meet at Ball Pit with Strangers. Ball Pit with Strangers is a way for students to connect. It will be taking place all week on the Union Plaza.

PHOTO BY: ARIEL COBBERT

Parking tickets high for underclassmen

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Freshmen and sophomores often accrue more parking tickets than most upperclassmen, according to Director of Parking and Transportation Mike Harris.

"Freshmen have probably never parked in zoned parking, never had to have a permit on their car, aren't familiar with campus, don't read the signs or aren't as attentive because they've got all these other things going on in their mind," Harris said.

The most common citations written by the parking office are for no-decal parking and restricted area parking.

Fees are billed to the student's bursar account. Citations can be appealed within 7 days of receipt through an online portal via the department of parking and transportation's website.

After three unpaid citations, the student's vehicle may be immobilized with a wheel lock.

"Around the core of campus is where you'll get most of your citations," Harris said. "Around

the Tad Smith area and the Lyceum, everybody is trying to get into that central portion of campus and they end up pulling into a spot. Maybe they don't see the sign, maybe they misread it or maybe they're just late for class and that's where they park."

Many cars receive tickets in commuter lots because the spaces are oversold, Harris said. Commuter spots turn over about three times a day when upperclassmen go back and forth between campus. Commuter decals are sold 2.5-tags-to-a-space, accounting for this turnover.

"When you get into that sophomore year, you're kind of looking for those places that are closer to the center of campus and vying for those spaces where all the other commuters are looking for those spaces," Harris said.

Parking and Transportation Officer Greg Dieffenbach said bigger parking lots generate more tickets.

"Typically, you'll find a lot of citations in faculty and staff or commuter lots where residents are parked there," Dieffenbach

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Community finds healing punch in boxing program

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For the past two years, William Gordon and Brian Hawks have worked together to create a boxing program at the Oxford Training Center.

The program focuses on training all who are interested in boxing and going pro, but it is also open to amateurs. Gordon said he wanted his gym to be open to everyone.

"We understand that, from our walks of life, that there will be fights and battles," Gordon said. "Even when life has you on the ropes, you can slip out of it"

Gordon has been boxing since the age of 9 and has an interest in promoting a profound sense of community through boxing.

"I didn't get into training tough until I began attending

Northwest Community College in Senatobia, Mississippi where Danny Ray Cole taught me how to get the most from the body's movements," Gordon said.

Gordon carried the things he was taught from boxing to sessions with his own fighters.

"I took my style and athleticism and infused it with [Cole's] technique, and we went from there with the first students being local athletes Kiree Wilson and Curtis Vaughn," Gordon said.

According to Gordon, their training is very different compared to the ones seen in popular boxing movies.

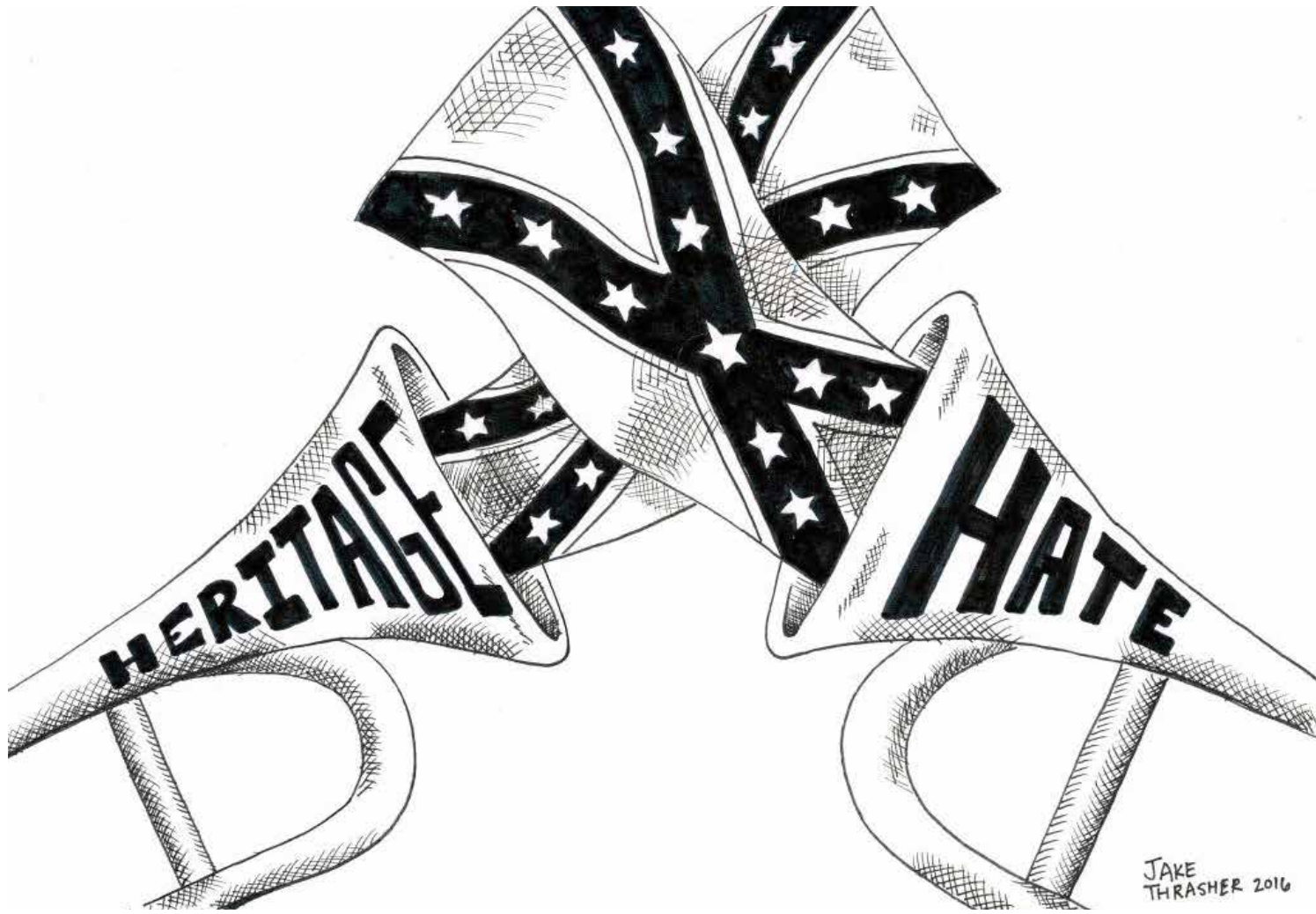
"Our teaching differs heavily from what you see on movies," Gordon said. "If you've watched Creed or Cinderella Man and think you know a thing about



PHOTO BY: ALEEA BURGE

Jay Carothers does a set of pushups at Oxford Training Center. The boxing program trains individuals who have dreams of going pro.

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COLUMN

Are there any good politicians?



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It is the classic back-to-school conversation starter.

“What did you do this summer?”

You probably know the typical answers. Worked. Went on vacation. Went out a lot. Took a few classes.

As I decided what I wanted to do with the three months of down time I would have this summer, going on vacations and taking a class just did not seem appealing to me. I wanted something that would challenge me and change my view of the world. I ended up

spending the majority of my summer volunteering for Sen. Roy Blunt’s reelection campaign in Missouri. It changed my view of politics and it changed my view of the world.

I had the honor of working for a man who puts people first and embodies the values of the people he represents. I remember July 4, when he was walking with campaign volunteers in an Independence Day Parade in suburban St. Louis. It was a wet, long parade, and the friends I brought with me woke up at 6 a.m. to walk in a long parade and on a rainy day. A lot of politicians might cancel and go to a sunnier part of the state. Roy Blunt did not. He was there, welcoming every single volunteer with a handshake and introduction. It was a display of character and humility that I saw from him so many times on the campaign trail. Roy Blunt might work for the state of Missouri in Washington, D.C., but his roots are still in the humble values of Southwest Missouri.

In an election year full of candidates that have record low rat-

ings on qualities like likeability and honesty, many, especially young Americans, wonder: “Do good politicians exist?” I can tell you from the summer I spent immersed in Missouri politics that they do. In a world driven by wall-to-wall media coverage and relentless cynicism, it is easy to go along with the deception that all “career politicians” are people who have no idea and could care less about what their constituents struggle with. I found the importance of politicians putting people first volunteering for Roy Blunt’s campaign, and I got to know so many others at the local, state and national levels. So, next time you hear about how horrible politicians are, don’t fall into that trap of distrust and suspicion some would want you to believe. Instead, look at the facts. Look for what they have fought for. You might not agree with it, but that does not automatically make them corrupt and horrible people.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have had the honor and privilege to experience the pride, the history, and the tradition of Ole Miss before all the “politically correct” changes. A truly magnificent story.....remember it was American against American, brother against brother. More than just slavery.

Today people, especially the young and inexperienced have determined that “they” know best so they demonstrate, threaten to sue, and the College Presidents back down. Just today on TV they cited Princeton for banning “MAN” from their campus. No more “Cameraman” now it must be “Camera operator”. Where does this stop. I don’t know.

Why can’t they let the traditions of Ole Miss alone? The PC People can look at Ole Miss as a school that has evolved over time. I love the Confederate heritage and proud they did so much for Chucky Mullins. They could be integrated by James Meredith and Chucky’s story showed that equality was ultimately ingrained. Why don’t they celebrate that story?

Ole Miss, more than most other places, should understand the history. The Civil War and slavery were wrong yet in the long run it made America what it is today.

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boxing, scratch that thought. Everything is based upon repetition of perfection. Perfect practice makes perfect.”

Gordon said the studio molds together a multitude of different personalities, and that individuals participating in the boxing training can apply the skills

they gain to their everyday lives. “We want champions and an Oxonian Olympian, but we also want the community and anyone else that’s here,” Gordon said.

The studio offers various techniques including both self-defense and personal training.

“Besides great technique and phenomenal self-defense, we offer the best core, cardio and HIIT (high intensity interval

training) training that you will find in the area by only using your body weight and small resistance,” Gordon said.

According to Gordon, the most rewarding part about working at the studio is witnessing the success stories of his own participants.

“Athletes that go pro or begin coaching, children who stop getting bullied, parents who gain their confidence or dream bodies, and most importantly fighters that win their matches,” Gordon said.

The program trains professional boxers as well as Ole Miss football players. Twenty-year-old Oxford native and trainee Amos McCloud said the training is rigorous enough to present a challenge to everyone, even seasoned players.

“We have had Ole Miss football players come and be like ‘I don’t see how you guys do this,’” McCloud said.

McCloud has been a part of the boxing program for four years. He said it is beneficial to the community because it allows people to learn how to defend themselves but also gives participants the tools to face everyday problems and escape the troubles of their reality.

“You can workout and learn the sweet science of boxing for an hour or more,” McCloud said. “It seems like whatever troubles they have vanish as soon as people step in the gym and hear the bell ring.”



PHOTO BY: ALEEA BURGE

William Gordon, co-owner of Oxford Training Center boxing program, wraps a trainee's hand.

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Though some days vary, Dieffenbach generally gives anywhere between 30-to-35 citations on average during an eight-hour day, with most tickets occurring either early in the morning or around the lunch hour.

As for students who have not purchased a permit, Harris said there are always permits available.

“We just don’t have specific permits,” Harris said. “Get what’s available. We have waiting lists and we work people off the lists as spots in certain zones become available.”

Due to the recent rise in purchases of parking permits, residential overflow vehicles now park in the Silver Residential lot near the old Whirlpool plant. Off-campus satellite lots have an on-call van service that

provides transportation to and from the lot and campus.

When commuter parking permits run out, Park-N-Ride permits are sold and allow students to park in a secured satellite lot and ride a shuttle to campus.

Other modes of transportation provided include Rebel Pedals bike rentals, the Zipcar rental program, Zimride carpool program and the Oxford-University-Transit bus system that allows Ole Miss students to ride for free with their student ID.

Harris said avoiding tickets while parking on campus is simple.

“Buy a permit,” he said. “Park in your zone from 7:30 (a.m.) to 5 (p.m.) Monday through Friday. That’s all you’ve got to do.”

See **THEDMONLINE** for map of parking areas.

Ole Miss **NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF UNIVERSITY PARKING RULES & REGULATIONS** 2016-2017

The University of Mississippi Department of Parking & Transportation (DPT) in Oxford, Mississippi hereby gives notice of enactment of the University’s Traffic and Parking Regulations for the 2016-2017 academic year. These rules and regulations are enacted by the Board of Trustees of the State Institutions of Higher Learning, State of Mississippi, and are effective from and after July 1, 2016. The full text of such rules and regulations are available at www.olemiss.edu/parking the website of DPT.

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AN OLE MISS SENIOR'S GUIDE

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As two Ole Miss seniors, we felt we had a duty to share what little wisdom we might have with the incoming freshman class on how to succeed your first year. You're going to learn a lot this year, and it won't all come from class. There are some things we can't tell you either, things you'll have to find for yourself. For now, here are a few tidbits to help start your freshman year off on the right foot.

➔ Don't feel bad if you don't do anything on the freshman bucket list, or if you don't do them all. While I would highly recommend a trip to William Faulkner's grave, don't risk a minor in possession charge just to take a shot in the literary great's honor. Sneaking on to the J.D. Williams Library roof is impossible now (a change that went into effect our freshman

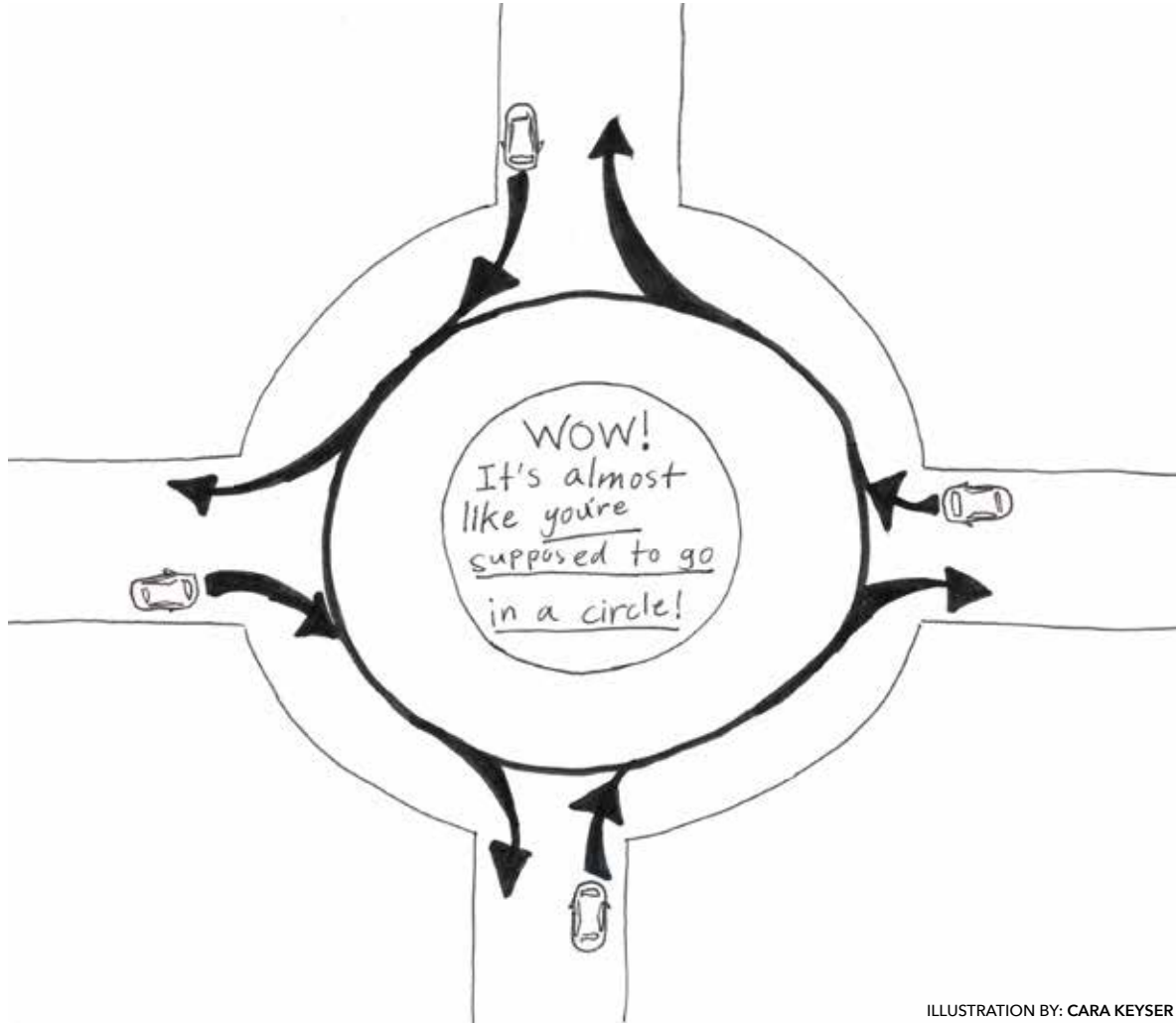


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year, 2013) and the tunnels are near-impossible to find. But you can still let someone show you the Doorknob to the Universe on a starry night.

➔ Parking sucks, but parking tickets are the worst. Freshmen are lucky, because living on campus means you are within a reasonable walking distance to all your classes, the gym, the Square, everything. So take the bus--it's a lifesaver, it's free, and you won't lose your parking spot.

➔ Know how to drive around a roundabout. It's actually very simple. For those who don't know, here's the run-down:

As you near the roundabout, plan where you are headed and what lane to enter.

Slow down

Check for pedestrians (ALWAYS yield to pedestrians)

Find a safe gap from entry into the roundabout. You must yield to ongoing traffic, but you don't need to fully stop if you can enter safely. Stopping will elicit honks from the frustrated drivers behind you.

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Enter the roundabout, then exit the roundabout.

➔ Be realistic about early morning classes. If you take an 8 a.m. be aware you will have to wake up before 7:50 a.m. to get there on time. But morning classes are not as bad as you think; you'll get done with class a lot sooner in the day, or can break up your schedule so you have more time to get stuff done in the afternoon.

➔ Know how to drive around the Square. The Square, like campus, is one of the areas in Oxford where it is most important to yield to and WATCH for pedestrians. We know parking is rough, but try to keep it together. Also, we know it's tempting to make endless loops around the courthouse, but it is against the law to make more than 99 circles, so either keep count or simply choose a new pastime.

➔ Oxford Goodwill is your best source for kitschy home items, date party and swap gear, and great sweaters for the fall and winter. (Check out the men's section now, before all the good stuff gets snatched up.)

➔ Go exploring. There are great venues to check out and hidden day-trips surrounding Oxford. Sardis, Water Valley, and Wall Doxey State Park are all about 30 minutes away and provide a calming escape or an exciting adventure. Water Valley has some great restaurants like the Crawdad Hole and B.T.C. Old-Country Store, as well as Yalobusha Brewery, where they regularly host live music and tours. Sardis is the best for beautiful sunrises and picturesque sunsets. A number of students have taken to "mud-riding" at Sardis.

➔ Don't be scared to explore Oxford by yourself. Some of my best days have been solo walks at Ole Miss Trails, quiet contemplations at the University Museum or Southside Gallery, or peaceful ambles with a notebook or camera at Faulkner's Rowan Oak.

➔ Be careful in Oxford. Oxford is very safe and for the most part walkable, but public drunk is a real thing and the sidewalks eventually come to an end. Go ahead and subtract your car from any equation that involves alcohol. It is never acceptable for a person who has been drinking to get behind the wheel, and Oxford Police are regularly stationed around town at night. Always plan your safe way home before going out, even if that means fleshing out \$10 for a cab ride. Safe is always better than sorry. Also, don't walk

alone, especially if you've never made the journey before. Always use the buddy system on the Square.

➔ Don't use all your Flex before exam week. Trust us: you'll need it when your budget edges on \$10 a week and midterms and exams are close. That being said, if you are hungry, eat. You're not doing yourself any favors skipping meals.

➔ Oxford has great food. Try all you can, but pace yourself and don't blow your budget. Taking in the culture and beauty Oxford holds is largely doable for free. But when it comes to cuisine, it can be easy to blow your budget on the fantastic food in Oxford. However, we recommend trying a little bit of everything. You're only going to be here for so many years, so eat around town. In Oxford you can find just about any kind of dish.

➔ GO TO CLASS. Don't count on your exam grade at the end of the semester. If you haven't been going to class all semester, don't expect to be able to learn everything in time for the exam, especially if the exam will be cumulative. Start strong. Be attentive in class and get homework done while you're bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. It'll be worth it when you're pulling your hair out in the library around midterms.

➔ Go to sporting events. Not only are they super fun, but there's nothing quite like dressing up in red or blue, gathering up your friends and supporting the Rebs. Plus, it means a lot to your fellow stu-

dents when you cheer them on. Most home games are free with a student ID, the Athletics Department is doing a great job of sprucing up the facilities, and it's just a fun way to show your school spirit.

➔ Health is important. Don't count on yourself to choose the healthiest option when it comes to campus food. Take advantage of the Turner Center, which is free to use with a student ID and provides a number of exercise classes. You can also visit one of the beautiful parks and trails surrounding the university, like Pat Lamar Park. If you feel ill, take advantage of the health center, but make sure to arrive early or make an appointment, because the wait can get very long during cold and flu season.

➔ Mental health is important too. Freshman year can be tough. It's a different experience for everyone, and I cannot stress enough how important it is to make time for yourself. Do things you enjoy, stay in touch with the people you love, and don't over-commit yourself. If you feel overwhelmed, anxious or just want to clear your head, the counseling center is an excellent resource.

➔ Actually talk to your professors. They will be your greatest resource when it comes to recommendations and planning for your future. Also, they come in clutch when you're struggling in a class. Don't be afraid to ask for help.

➔ Call your parents, and not just because you need money or something sent to

you. We know you're busy, but sometimes you don't know you need to hear their voice. Plus, it helps them accept you're growing up if they hear from you regularly.

➔ Do activities. There are so many! Just go to one meeting, and if you don't like it, you don't have to go back.

➔ You don't have to marry the first people with whom you become friends. Some of the people you meet at the start of the year, you won't be as close to by winter break. Some of the friends you make freshman year will be in your wedding. Meet the people on your hall, be friendly in class

and always have a homework buddy.

➔ Be yourself. My biggest regret my freshman year was worrying what other people thought of me. People are not going to remember you for how many greek shirts you wore or what parties you attended. People will remember how you made them laugh, that you were always up for lunch after your 11 a.m. or when you invited them to your Grove tent. You're about to embark on the greatest journey of your life, so make sure your embrace it.



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COLUMN

2016 football schedule breakdown: Part one

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Ole Miss unquestionably has one of the toughest schedules in the nation this season. Not only do they have to go through the typical grind of an SEC West team, but they also have to match up against possibly the nation's best team in the SEC East, the Florida State Seminoles. In two parts, The Daily Mississippian will break down each matchup of the season in order of difficulty from 12-1, starting with the easiest games for the Rebels.



12. WOFFORD
TERRIER CLUB
WOFFORD

Wofford runs a ringbone offense, a variation of a triple option offense but with more shotgun formations. While Wofford won't be able to match up with the SEC talent love of the Rebels, the unorthodox offense could cause some defensive troubles for the Rebels. Basically, this is harder than a normal matchup with a small school, simply because the Rebels will have to prepare for an offense they don't normally defend against in the SEC. Overall, this will likely not be a close game for the Rebels and should provide a relatively easy victory for Ole Miss in week two.



11. GEORGIA SOUTHERN

Georgia Southern also presents an intriguing small school matchup. Coming in week nine, Ole Miss can not afford to sleep on a team that took Georgia to overtime last season. However, the Eagles will have a vastly different team this year, as they are installing a new head coach, offensive coordinator and defensive coordinator. With that amount of turnover, the Eagles shouldn't be quite the upset risk that they were last year, and the Rebels shouldn't have too much trouble dispatching Georgia Southern.



10. MEMPHIS

Memphis is not the same team that thoroughly beat the Rebels last season and dampened their playoff hopes. Coach Justin Fuente has taken a bigger job at Virginia Tech and star quarterback Paxton Lynch has moved on to the NFL. This is essentially a rebuilding year for the Tigers, and after losing 37-24 last season, the Rebels will certainly not take this matchup for granted. This should be one of the easier games on the Rebels schedule and a lopsided victory for Ole Miss.



9. VANDERBILT

Vanderbilt has had a tough couple of seasons since Head Coach James Franklin left for Penn State. The Commodores went 4-8 last season, with running back Ralph Webb being the main bright spot of the season. Derek Mason's defense did show considerable improvement, but the passing offense left a lot to be desired. Vanderbilt still has plenty of work to do to compete in the SEC, and while they're known for playing Ole Miss very well, they're probably the easiest SEC game on the Rebels' schedule this season.



8. AUBURN

A few years ago, Auburn would be among the toughest games on the Rebels' schedule. The biggest question for Gus Malzahn's team is who will start at quarterback, as Sean White, juco transfer John Franklin III and Jeremy Johnson are all vying for playing time. If the Tigers have a breakout quarterback, this could be a close game that could go either way. If they struggle like last year, the Rebels should be able to stop the Auburn offense and get another victory.



7. ARKANSAS


If last year was any indication, you can never count out the Arkansas Razorbacks when they're matched up against Ole Miss. This year, the Razorbacks have to replace quarterback Brandon Allen, tight end Hunter Henry and running backs Alex Collins and Jonathan Williams. Based on this, the Rebels should be favored in this matchup. However, Arkansas' system will always be a great fit against the Ole Miss defense, as their power running, tight end-heavy offense works well against the smaller, speedier Rebels front. Ole Miss has more talent, but this could be another close call when the two teams meet in Fayetteville.

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Sims, Rawlings benefit from early experience in 2015

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When Jordan Sims and Sean Rawlings laced up for fall camp last year, they didn't know that just a short month later, they'd be running out onto the field in front of 90,000 fans in Bryant-Denny Stadium in the Rebels' SEC opener.

Both guys were in their red-shirt freshman year, a season that they originally thought would be a crucial stage in their development toward contributing in the future. But things happened. Injuries happened. Suspensions happened, and the two were called upon much earlier than they'd imagined.

"I'm with Jordan. I didn't expect it really," Rawlings said. "It shows what hard work does."

The suspension of Laremy Tunsil prompted Fahn Cooper moving to left tackle and left a hole to be filled on what was already a thin offensive line. Rawlings answered the call, playing in 10 games and starting seven.

"We'd be in every off day working our tails off together to be the best that we could in the position that we were in, and I feel like we did that," Rawlings said. "It's paid off for us so far and we're going to continue to do that."

Nagging injuries to Rod Taylor and Aaron Morris opened the door for Sims, who played in every game and made four starts at right guard. The learning curve from playing on the offensive line in high school to the SEC is almost incomparable, and though the learning curve was steep, the two worked to adapt after being thrown into the proverbial fire.

"It helped a lot," Rawlings said. "Experience is the major tool for any offensive lineman. It allows you to adapt to the game so much faster, so the more experience you have, the better."

Last year offered valuable experience as much as it bred maturity for two guys who may only be sophomores but will be seen as experienced veterans that will help stabilize an offensive line unit that, outside of senior center Robert Conyers, will rely on some younger guys.

"We lost some a lot of seniors, some guys to the NFL, so these young guys have to step up," offensive line coach Matt Luke said. "We do have some guys that have played before and those guys are all young. That's a good thing with Rawlings, Sims and (Javon) Patterson: they're young guys but they've played a bunch of football."

Both will be relied on heavily, and possibly at multiple positions. Rawlings has worked



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Players warm up with high-knees during Saturday's practice.

some at center in the spring and fall, growing more comfortable at that interior line spot.

"I wouldn't mind," Rawlings said of moving to center if needed. "Wherever I am on the field, I don't care. I am going to com-

pete regardless. I've gotten more comfortable with center through the spring and adapted to that. Wherever it is I don't care."

The experience hasn't changed their work ethic, however. The two saw how far they came a year ago, and said they know they can

go further in 2016.

"We know it's already paid off and so we're going to continue to get extra work in," Sims said. "Just being able to see that we could contribute on the offensive line together."

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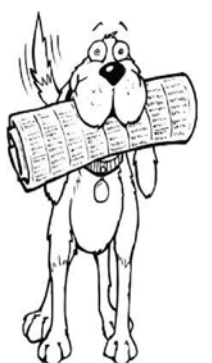
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Forbus shines, Merritt earns SEC defensive honor

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Addie Forbus wasted no time making an impact in the 2016 season. The Ole Miss forward followed up her two-goal performance against the UL-Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns with another pair of goals on Sunday against Northwestern State. The Rebels won both games by a score of 3-0 as Ole Miss women's soccer improved to 2-0 on the season.

Friday's game was a classic demonstration of how a good offense can be the best defense. The Rebels kept the Ragin' Cajuns largely pinned down into their own half as they struggled to create any chances, registering just four shots, none of which were on goal. After Forbus scored her first goal in the first minute and then her second just 14 minutes later, Bella Fiorenzo entered the game and drastically changed it as she struck an absolute dinger from 30 yards out into the top left corner of the UL-Lafayette net. From that point on, the Rebels were able to manage the game until final whistle while avoiding any trouble from the Ragin' Cajun front line. As the game progressed, it became clear just how talented the Ole Miss front line can be.



Marnie Merritt is all smiles with teammate before a 3-0 win.

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"If we can get the ball to those front guys, we're dangerous," said Head Coach Matt Mott after beating UL-Lafayette on Friday.

He was right. Ole Miss executed that game plan yet again on Sunday as the Rebels routed Northwestern State a brace from Forbus and a solo goal from Gretchen Harknett. It was Harknett's first of the season, coming off a five goal year in 2015. She opened the scoring 18 minutes into the game off a

cross from Georgia Russell.

Sophomore CeCe Kizer, reigning SEC Freshman of the Year, put in yet another strong effort as she took five shots on goal, one of which was on target. While she may not always show up on the score sheet, her ability to consistently create chances has made the Rebel offense dangerous at all times. She is the metaphorical "engine" driving the team forward.

"I was happy with our movement, our forwards' movement

and our creation of chances, creating shots; obviously we had 31 shots so that was good," said Mott, who returned for his seventh season this year.

While goals may have dominated the headlines throughout the season thus far, the lack of goals being scored against the Rebels has not gone unnoticed.

Sophomore Marnie Merritt was named the SEC Defensive Player of the Week for her back-to-back shutouts. Merritt is no stranger to such recognition:

She also won it back in October of 2015. Her presence behind the Ole Miss defensive line has been reassuring and her ability to lead through her play and her voice makes her an invaluable asset to this squad. Merritt is now ranked No. 4 in Ole Miss goalkeeper history with a one goal per game average and a total of nine shutouts in 25 games.

Ole Miss returns to action at home against Memphis at 7 p.m. Friday.

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