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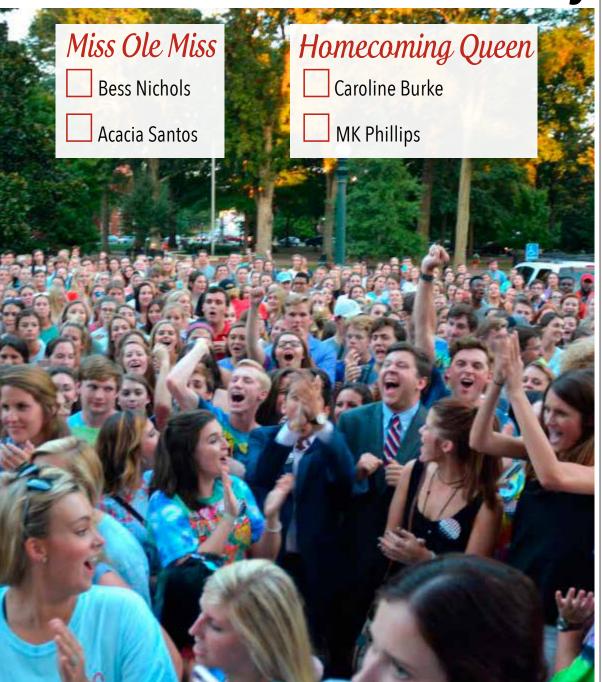


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Students celebrate during the announcement of Associated Student Body Homecoming Election results Tuesday evening on the steps of the Lyceum. Cole Putman won Mr. Ole Miss; elections for Miss Ole Miss and Homecoming Queen went into a run-off.

Second candidate interviews for spot as diversity chancellor

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The second candidate for the vice chancellor for diversity and community engagement made his case at the open forum Wednesday.

Charles Ross said that since he came to Ole Miss in 1996, he has been a leader and a companion to both students and staff who want to make a difference at the university.

Between 1989 and 1996, Ross earned two masters degrees in history and African-American studies and a doctorate in history at Ohio State University.

He's been teaching at Ole Miss since then and has directed the African-American studies program here for 15 years.

Ross said he was a major influence in creating the present-day African American studies program and transforming it from the scattered program it was when he was hired.

He said when he first came to Ole Miss, the school only offered a minor in African-American studies and the courses were spread out around different departments without regularly involved professors.

"Now, we have an average five to eight students every year graduate with a BA in the program," Ross said.

Ross pushed to hire more minority faculty across the board, not just within the African-American studies program. He worked closely with many of these professors, ensuring their success.

"I've been able to shepherd four faculty members through the tenure process, two more that are close and one who's actually on a research grant at Princeton," Ross said.

Ross said he hopes to have a widespread effect on the university if he is chosen for the vice chancellor position.

This office has the opportunity to oversee diversity as it affects the entire university, as opposed to just the program he directs, Ross said.

In his 20 years here, Ross said he has seen a lot of change on campus.

"One of the things I've seen, however, whether it has been removing Colonel Reb, not playing Dixie, changing our mascot, is that every time we decide to do something like that, we appear to grow stronger as an institution," Ross

Ross said he wants Ole Miss

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Where they played

For musicians in Oxford and beyond, The Cats Purring Dude Ranch was a haven

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In the years following May's departure from the house, new tenants moved in and new generations of bands and guests sifted through the halls of the home.

Through the transitions, the spirit of the ranch lived on. While the faces that filled the crowd changed, the Dude Ranch remained a haven for touring bands and indie culture in a small Mississippi town.

"You know the turnover of people in Oxford," Ronilo said. "It's like graduate, then maybe stay a year. There are so few jobs. It was a completely different crew of people, but some of the same things."

While the mannequin would still hover as the unofficial mascot and the swimming pool would continue amassing filth, eventually the curtains hung behind the performance area would be replaced with metallic tinsel that played off the dim, colored lights. Each new tenant brought their own

style to the place, mixing and overlapping with the remnants of the house the original roommates left behind. It wasn't just a place to make art for the people who lived there. Members of the community both inspired and contributed to making the Cats Purring Dude Ranch special.

Indie-pop band Reels played their last show after only one practice at the ranch this summer, and Kate Teague, frontwoman for the now-disbanded group, said the void is palpable.

"It has left a hole, and it's

really hard to fill. I'm sure there's been like a million people saying this now, but everyone's kind of scrambling to find a new Dude Ranch," Teague said.

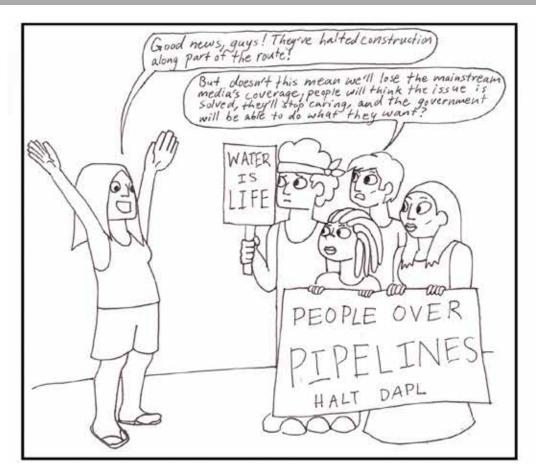
Just four months ago at an Ole Miss baseball game, a sea of red and blue stretched behind a circle of boys who looked just a little out of place. The band Whitney was here on one of several trips to Oxford for their second performance. Here they had found a guitarist in local musician Print Chouteau and made a music video for their

popular song "Golden Days" at the ranch.

"I think it's my favorite place in the country," Julian Ehrlich, Whitney's singer and drummer, said. "Oxford is very special to me; I've spent quite a bit of time here."

Erlich had previously played at the ranch with Unknown Mortal Orchestra and had visited with Whitney guitarist Max Kakacek when they were both in Smith Westerns, eventually becoming a part of the ranch's community.

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Our country has no good options



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The American public has seemed to finally grasp the reality that we lack a solid candidate to lead this nation, and the election is only a couple months away.

It is hard to imagine how two people with such high unfavorability came to be the two major party candidates, and thereby the only two choices that have any real chance of winning.

Either party could have a landslide victory if that party could just simply present a capable and competent nominee.

Donald Trump, where do I even start? The man's public image is a dumpster fire. I do not believe he is actually a racist – his history would prove that – but I do believe he is a very apt businessman.

However, this is the election for the President of the United States. To be able to lead this country successfully, one must be exceptional and knowledgeable in all facets of life.

The archetypal leader is who must emerge from the crowd of politicians to lead this nation. Not a wealthy man with a temper and distaste for a politically correct society – as much as I may hate political correctness myself.

Donald Trump continues to make a fool of himself publicly and embarrass the GOP. If his administration cannot even handle their public image, I find it hard to believe they could do anything else effectively. It would be a shame to have that same projection splattered on this country.

Hillary Clinton is even worse, and for several reasons.

First, her work with the Department of State has been inexcusable.

Extreme carelessness with classified material, refusal to own up to her own mistakes, double major from McKinney, her failed foreign policy imple- *Texas*.

mentation – the same of which she would like to continue as President – numerous political scandals (including the association of the corrupt Clinton Foundation), lying tendencies, and the abandonment of Americans in Benghazi.

Not even our third party candidates can save us. Gary Johnson and Jill Stein both are awful too. Gary Johnson initially may have stolen our attention and filled our hearts with hope. But, upon further observance of his platform, you really start to scratch your head because you realize, Gary Johnson is not a libertarian at

As for Jill Stein, she might as well throw in with Bernie Sanders and the rest of his comrades and give up on their misguided dream of a socialist utopia.

So, what do we do?

Vote your conscious, regardless of who you think will win; bunker down and get ready for a rough four years.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In response to columnist Michael Lanagan's, "Large number of refugees will lead to a risky future," in the Sept. 1 edition of The Daily Mississippian.

In the opinion column in the September 1, 2016 issue of the Daily Mississippian, what the columnist fails to see is that in addition to ISIS, the Syrian refugees also are being bombed by the Syrian Government, the Russians, accidentally us, and now Turkey. I doubt that the women and children who are being killed or maimed care who is doing it, they just want to be somewhere else when the bombs are falling.

The columnist would deny them that choice, using arguments similar to those of the "America First" movement from 75 years ago. At that time, under the excuse that they might be Nazi spies or, worse yet Communists, they did their best to keep out those "Dirty Jews", to the point where a "Good Old Boy" in the State Department, by the name of Breckinridge Long, who decided to delay the granting of visas, thus preventing over 100,000 people from escaping the Nazi atrocities.

The columnist then uses the typical method of blaming a group for the bad deeds of a few drunken members. By this argument we should shut down all and Astronomy

the Fraternities, Pro and College sports teams, ban students from Georgia, etc. Perhaps those who committed the assaults in Cologne on New Year's Eve thought it was Derby Day.

If the columnist wants to avoid risks so much then the columnist should avoid High schools in Columbine or Pearl, Movie theaters in Colorado, Towers at the University of Texas, grade schools in Sandy Hook or Stockton, or Federal buildings in Oklahoma City. As we pass the 15th anniversary of September 11th the columnist should remember that all the hijackers entered the US through normal channels so the columnist's xenophobic arguments would not help.

The columnist should read the poem on the Statue of Liberty and try practicing some "Christian Charity" and help these war refugees. Even if the columnist considers them enemies, the columnist should remember "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

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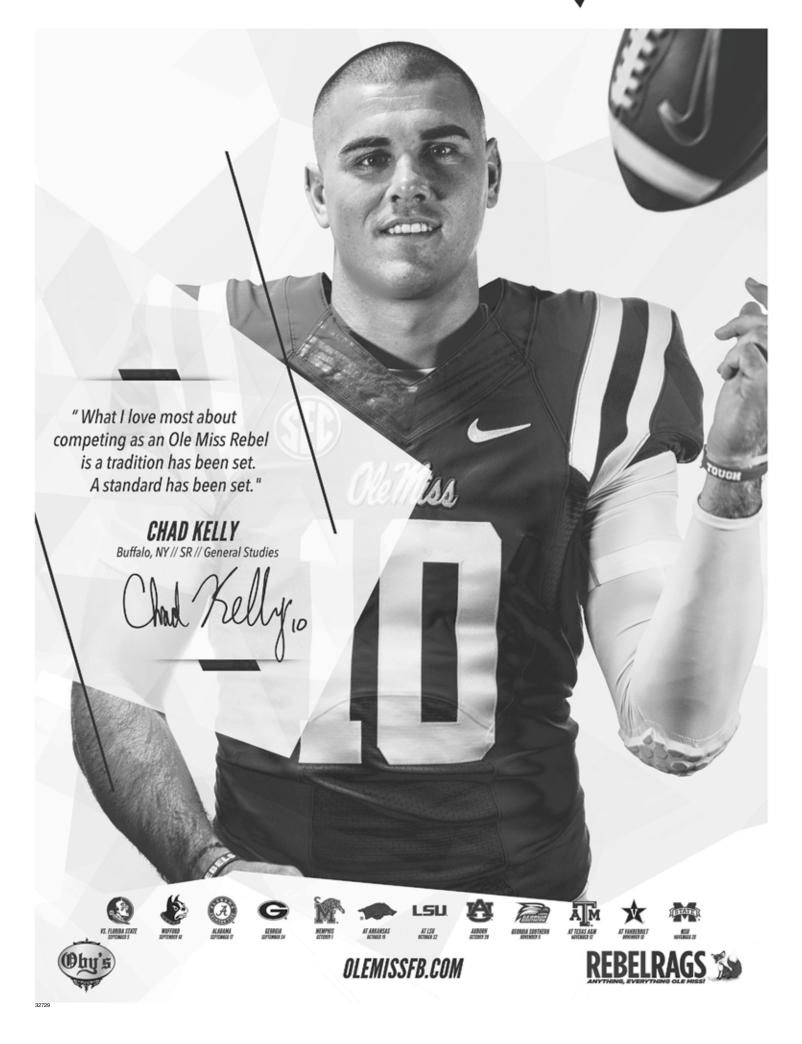




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"It's like the best late-night boys and girls club, it always retained some sort of boys and girls club vibes," Kakacek said amid the chants of the students cheering on their home team.

"But like the late night men and women's club!" Ehrlich interjected, laughing.

"There's something about it that's still charming," Kakacek added.

Nothing's Sacred

During the final days of the Dude Ranch, the property was owned by Brenda Alderson, whose son Mike Alderson helped her oversee 49 CR 178 and other properties in Oxford.

The property's sale had always been a possibility, but not one that seemed imminent. Roommates Deg Ronilo, Mikayla Skinner, Zachary Winter, Ian Kirkpatrick and Shane Prewitt had, this spring, prepared to sign a lease for the upcoming year with their then-property manager, Will Cook.

That April, among the spring's flowers, a "for sale" sign also popped up in the front lawn.

Alderson told Ronilo the tenants would be allowed to renew their lease for the upcoming year and anyone who

bought the property would have to honor their lease.

A few weeks later, the tenants said they received their new lease, signed it, and were waiting for the property manager to pick it up.

On April 20, Pamela Roberson of Rebel Realty was hired to replace Cook in managing Alderson's properties and went by the Dude Ranch to appraise the property.

"I did not see a future lease." Roberson said. "The previous property manager did not work for the owner on April the 20th, so that may be a legal issue between the property manager and the owner, but I was not privy to that information."

Ronilo said he showed Roberson the future lease during her trip to appraise the property, and that Roberson also brought a copy of the tenants' current lease. There are two accounts of what happened next.

"So, the two leases are sideby-side. They're on the metal table outside, and she does this like sleight-of hand thing where she puts her clipboard on top of the new lease, and then just sort of took it. We didn't notice it at all, because it's like a magic trick, so five minutes after she has left, Zach says, 'Where's the new lease?' He texted her and said 'Did you take the lease?' and she said 'No.' he said, 'Will you check your folder please?' She said, 'It's not there."

When asked if she did take the lease when she left the property, Roberson was adamant that she did not.

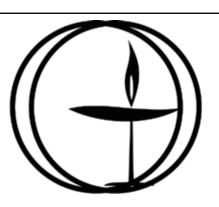
"They had the lease in their hand," Roberson said. "I left with no papers in my hand whatsoever, got in my vehicle, 15 to 20 minutes later they start texting me ... saying that I took it. I left empty-handed with nothing but my car keys."

When asked if she had a clipboard, Roberson said she did have her clipboard. Roberson denied using the clipboard to take the new lease.

Eventually, the tenants were given a 30-day notice and were kicked off of the property, ending the era of the Dude Ranch. Roberson said the house was under contract and the buyer did not want any tenants on the property.

Alderson confirmed some of what Ronilo recounted. Alderson said he told the tenants they could renew their lease and that any buyer for the





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TOP: Prince Rama playing a show at the Dude Ranch, the second of two Cats Purring shows they would play in Oxford. The first took place at the Cats Purring Teen Wing. (PHOTO COURTESY: COLE FURLOW)

BOTTOM: The "for sale" sign pictured at the Dude Ranch. (PHOTO BY: ZOE MCDONALD)

property would have to honor that lease, but he also said he was unaware of the property acting as a music venue until Roberson's inspection.

"(Roberson) went in there and immediately called my mother and was telling her how the place was like a bar and they were running a venue in there," Mike Alderson said. "My mom called me, and we had no idea. We told Pamela, 'This has got to be shut down.' There's no way that they can do that, liability, insurance reasons, and Pamela said the place was filthy and they weren't taking care of it. At that point in time, Pamela took action to get them out, to evict them because of the condition of the house."

Ronilo said his dispute with the Dude Ranch ending didn't stem from the house being sold, but rather the manner in which it was done.

"It's their property. They can sell it if they want to,' Ronilo said. "It's just about the way it happened. I'm sure they have a different perspective of the whole thing, but it's such a classic scenario that it's almost cliche. We all know how it goes. And there's ranch for a while. It's sad."

As of Tuesday, Sept. 13, the property is sold and there is a construction company's sign in the yard.

End of Days

The post-May ranch had continued to book impressive and memorable shows, including indie-legend Calvin Johnson and a number of Fat Possum signees like Yung. They hosted a Fourth of July party in 2015 featuring Canadian hardcore punk band Fucked Up as the headliner.

"That Fucked Up one, even though it was so much work, that was super fun," Ronilo said. "And the fact that it was such a success, having like 300 people there, and everyone seemed to have a great time. I was really happy with that one."

The ranch's last show on July 1 epitomized the legacy and aims of the first shows held there: to bring fresh and exciting music to Oxford that before had been devoid of a place devoted to that.

Oxford-based Starman Jr. played their debut show that night, introducing Oxford to their mellow sound, and Fat Possum signee Hoops played

not going to be a place like the for the first time in town and are now touring across the country.

> "College towns will always have fresh faces coming in and making great music," Dent May said. "Bands like Bonus, Starman Jr. and Swear Tapes are proof of that, and they're making music that's as good as if not better than any music being made at the ranch five years ago. I don't feel that Cats Purring, as an entity, is over. It's just that this particular building is no longer its home."

> The long hall filled with all manner of Oxonians and its shimmering performance area, once home to indie-pop icons and local Oxford groups trying to build their first fan base, witnessed the fade of its final reverberation.

> "By no means do I think of Cats Purring as the be-all and end-all of Oxford music," said May. "The Dude Ranch was just one tiny detail in a long list of things that are great about Oxford. I just hope it brought some joy and inspiration to a few people along the wav."



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to be the strongest and most inclusive university we can be and said he knows progress starts with students. He said he has gotten to know the student body personally through his classes and understands their

One of Ross' former students at Wednesday's session was junior business major Ryan Na-

"I took his class and can say he has got a lot of passion and is truly committed to seeing everyone treated fairly, not just at Ole Miss but around the world," Najim said.

Ross said he believes most people at this school want to embrace diversity and that as a school we have clearly made a significant amount of progress in that area.

"Remember, you're the future of our society. How our campus and how our society is going to look is really based



upon what you're going to do,"

Ross said. "Are you willing to

come out of your comfort zone

and address something that you

see is wrong?"

Candidate Charles Ross answers questions during Wednesdays's vice chancellor open interview session. Ross believes in order to make Ole Miss the strongest and most inclusive, he needs student involvement.

Ole Miss intersession will study in Hawaii

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StudyUSA is taking applications until Sept. 30 for students who want to take classes in Honolulu for Wintersession.

Professors Erik Hom and Renee Cunningham plan on leading the intersession class this upcoming January.

"Whether a UM student is planning to work as a teacher in grades kindergarten through high school, a scientist, a museum curator or even to just be an educated citizen, students will participate in many hands-on experiences that will build an understanding for a lifetime," Cunningham said.

The course has a fee of \$2,095, which includes transportation, housing, group meals and field site admission fees. Students are also required to have completed BISC 160, 161, 162, 163 or have an instructor's approval. Currently two students have signed up for the course and they are

hoping to have 10 spots filled by deadline Sept. 30.

Biology, pharmacy, chemistry, science and education majors can look into participating in the three-credit course, which includes BISC 380, EDUC 555 and ENVS 399 on the campus of the University of Hawaii-Manoa, where students will be lodging.

Students will take part in field sampling hikes, visit the Kewalo Marine Lab, learn about microbes from professional scientists and snorkel throughout the Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve area.

"I am preparing to go to medical school and I have an interest in microbes. So this trip is for work and pleasure for me. It would really help out my resume for my career path. Also, I found it to be a great learning opportunity," biology major Laura Grossman said.

The trip also offers several non-class related activities like visiting the Bishop Museum, seeing the Pearl Harbor Memorial site and experiencing an authentic Hawaiian luau.

"It is a unique partnership and great opportunity for people interested in these fields and they will have a memorable winter break experience," Kristina Phillips, coordinator for StudyUSA, said.

"Being in a foreign context is great for priming us to see the world differently, and we're hoping that this would be facilitated by being in such a gorgeous place like Hawaii, which has such amazing biology everywhere you look," Hom said.

Registration and applications can be handled through the Study Abroad Office on campus or online on the Study-USA website.

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Young Rebel secondary will be tested against Alabama

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Ole Miss Defensive Coordinator Dave Wommack thinks his young secondary is developing. It has been and is going to be a process. But that's not to say there hasn't been improvement. particularly at defensive back.

"I think both the freshmen are coming. I think Jaylon (Jones) and Jalen (Julius) are coming. They've made a lot of improvements," Wommack said. "I've seen Kailo (Moore) do some things. We've tried to help him with his technique. He's got the speed – he just hasn't been a good technician for us in being able to execute some of the things that we're trying to do."

With the loss of its best cover corner Ken Webster, who Head Coach Hugh Freeze said had a successful knee surgery on Wednesday, Wommack is going to need guys like Moore, who is a senior, to step up.

"He's going to have to help us, and (Cam) Ordway. It's going to be a committee of guys out there that are going to have to do it," Freeze said.

One thing Ole Miss hasn't benefitted from is time for these young guys to grow as players. Its brutal September stretch has them playing the No. 1 and No. 2 teams in the country sandwiched between a Wofford team that ran the triple option.

"That didn't help us at all in getting prepared for Alabama and the teams that are coming up on our schedule," Wommack

It won't get any easier for the Rebels this week as they face an Alabama team with a dual-threat quarterback in Jalen Hurts that has shown the ability to extend plays with his feet as well as throw the ball down field.

"We can't simulate him. They had one of the coaches doing it, but I mean you can't simulate him," Freeze said. "You can simulate what they do and make sure they're aware of the rush lanes and containing him when you do rush."

Wommack said Hurts reminds him of Florida State quarterback Deondre Francois. They're both young talents with strong arms and have the ability to make plays with their legs.

For the secondary, neutralizing Hurts and the passing game is about one thing: confidence.

"You have got to have success. It comes down to that. You have to have success. In this league, you're going to play great players every week," Wommack said.

He wasn't pleased with his defense's competitiveness against Florida State and has preached it heavily since.

"That's been a big deal for us.



Ole Miss defensive back Tony Bridges reaches to block a pass intended for Florida State wide receiver Travis Rudolph.

I thought the game a week ago Monday we were way off and way soft and we don't teach playing nine yards off," Wommack said. "Even though you talk to the young guys about doing those things, the lights come

on and they're going up against these big time ACC and SEC receivers and you have to learn that being off of them is just as bad as being close to them and I think you can see that on the film."

His best safety, Tony Conner, has still been getting his feel back since his offseason knee surgery. The senior safety did not have his best game in the season opener, but has confidence in him, which is what he wants from his entire secondary as the Rebels attempt to right the ship this weekend against another playoff contender.

"I thought in the first game he could have done some things well. I think he is feeling his way through but I do have confidence in him," Wommack said. "He's practiced better so I think he needed to go through some of the things he went through the other night and we'll move forward."

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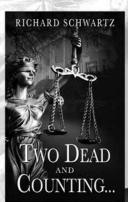
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Tough September stretch will test Rebels' maturity

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Hugh Freeze offered a wry smile on Wednesday when he was asked about his team being in the middle of a rugged September schedule. One that has the Rebels facing the No. 1 and 2 ranked teams in

the country in the first three

"It's not much fun for sure," Freeze said. "The Saturdays are. We'll be excited to compete this Saturday but you know that the games can go either way."

Here Ole Miss sits, two weeks removed from having the wind knocked out of them

Labor Day night against Florida Sate, and just a couple of days away from facing topranked Alabama to open SEC play. The mental toll is definitely taxing, but has it felt a physical one?

"No doubt," Freeze said. "And with us already having suffered some injuries that

in a lopsided second half on have hurt us, this stretch is very critical."

> Freeze is right on both fronts. His group has lost its best cover corner in Ken Webster, a big red zone target in D.K. Metcalf and a running back in Eric Swinney among others.

> "You sure hope we come out of this stretch without any

more than we've already suffered. No question. It can prepare you or take a toll on you," Freeze said.

Here Ole Miss sits, poised to hit the back end of the gauntlet that this month of September has been. Facing a game that the program for the last two years has used as a springboard to hurl itself into the national spotlight. But this year the feeling leading in seems different.

"We typically are as healthy as you can be. This year is a little different. We have lost three really good players and you don't like that; that has been one of the reasons," Freeze said.

Here Ole Miss sits, trying to find an identity with a team hungry for redemption waiting at the other end.

"Still a little early, I think the first half of Florida State we looked like one of the nation's top 10 teams and the second half not so much," Freeze said. "It is hard to tell about last week. I felt like we took care of business offensively, did what we needed to do defensively on a short week to win."

The feel leading into this game simply isn't the same as the last two years. Ole Miss was ready to come into the spotlight in 2014 and 2015, but this year it began the season in limelight and was pushed out of it. This Saturday is an opportunity to get back in it.

"To play the No. 1 team in the country at our home, it is an opportunity that I relish," Freeze said. "I love the attitude we had yesterday and we are excited about this great challenge."

The schematic questions are still there like the other games. Can Ole Miss put pressure on a quarterback in his first true road game? Will its young secondary give it enough to win the game? Can it find any semblance of a rushing attack against a strong Crimson Tide front seven?

It will all be answered this weekend in a game that will be very telling in terms of where this program stands.

"We played No. 2 Florida State very well for a half and you've got to finish those games," Freeze said. "This is another measuring stick for sure."

Here Ole Miss sits, with everything to play for and everything still in its control. It will have its maturity tested as well as its depth, but those two things are required to win big time college football

"You don't have much room for error," Freeze said. "And you put in there the fact that you lost some key people that's a tall challenge."



EAT PLENTY OF FOOD

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