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ASB inaugurates 100th executive cabinet

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UM earns 14 awards at regional conference



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TOP: Former ASB President Austin Powell passed the torch to New ASB President Dion Kevin during the 100th ASB inauguration. **LEFT:** Former Associated Student Body Treasurer, Grayson Giles pins Jennie Jesuit, the newly elected treasurer. **RIGHT:** Former ASB Vice President Michael Howell gives speech at ASB inauguration Friday evening at the Lyceum.

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Friends, family and faculty gathered under the afternoon shadow of the Lyceum for Associated Student Body's 100th transition of power.

ASB executive officers of the 2016-2017 year relinquished their posts to their newly elected successors.

Michael Howell, 2016-2017 vice president, led the 100th ASB senate in the oath of office.

With a smile and a handshake, each executive officer passed the torch to their successors. As the sun set on his presidency, 2016-2017 President Austin Powell spoke of Ole Miss as an unbreakable unity.

"In short," Powell said. "Ole Miss is all of us."

New ASB President Dion Kevin said he will join Powell in continuing initiatives like Everybody's Formal that promote student involvement and inclusivity.

Kevin said he is looking into new programs to promote community service on campus. One possibility, is a program designed to provide transportation to volunteering opportunities for students on campus.

"ASB can't be everybody," Kevin said. "I want to facilitate engagement in other areas as well."

Powell and Kevin also announced the incoming and outgoing administrations are collaborating in a \$300,000 fundraising initiative for the ASB office suite in the new student union.

The name of every donor, students and alumni alike, will be etched onto a plaque to be displayed in the new

union. Powell said this is the very first naming opportunity for students. \$100,000 from the initiative will be split between the Student Leadership Endowment, which supports all student organizations and the ASB Student Endowment.

Powell said he hopes the funds raised will wean ASB off of the university's budget and allow it to thrive independently.

To donate, students may contact any executive officers from the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 academic years.

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Brandi Hephner Labanc opened the ceremony by challenging the outgoing administration to reflect upon and appreciate its journey.

"I especially hope you've learned from the failures," she said. "Those are the greatest opportunities for growth and leadership devel-

opment."

She said the campus has high expectations for ASB in its centennial year, encouraging the incoming leadership to be respectable, responsible and responsive rebels.

Above all, she said, "Leave this campus a better place than you found it."

"I charge you now," Chancellor Jeffrey Vitter said to the new executive officers. "With directing your focus and energy toward working with and leading the student community and to make this great university the best that it can be."

Vitter said the ASB will continue to be a profoundly important institution in shaping the university's future.

"You and your classmates represent the rising generation of informed citizens and scholars. You are the leaders among leaders," Vitter said.

Ole Miss students brought home six first-place wins and 14 awards in total at the Society of Professional Journalists Region 12 competition Saturday in Knoxville, Tennessee.

The Daily Mississippian won first place for best daily newspaper and was a finalist for best affiliated website. The staff of The Daily Mississippian also placed in the online news reporting category for its coverage of the Occupy the Lyceum protest in fall 2016.

NewsWatch Ole Miss won the best television newscast competition. Payton Green and Lauren Layton won the television breaking news reporting competition. Former NewsWatch Station Manager Green was also a finalist in online feature reporting for his "Coming Out in the Christian South."

"I cannot remember Ole Miss students doing better than they did in this year's contest," said Will Norton, dean of the Meek School of Journalism and New Media. "It is an amazing statement about the kind of work the Student Media Center has distributed this year. The Meek School congratulates students who were honored and expresses our gratitude and respect to those faculty who worked with them. We are proud of each of you."

Region 12 includes universities from Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas and Louisiana. First place winners will move on to the national SPJ conference which will be announced in May, where they will compete against first-place winners in the other 11 regions.

"This weekend's awards added to what has been a spectacular year for our student journalists," said

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***BREAKING NEWS: I'm not like the other chancellors.
I'm a cool chancellor!***



COLUMN

Do not let net neutrality reform come undone

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Arguably, one of the greatest triumphs of the Obama Administration is the Federal Communications Commission regulation of internet service providers.

By doing this, the Obama Administration became the champion of net neutrality in the United States.

But I would venture to say the wide majority of Americans could not tell you what net neutrality is, much less why the actions of the FCC had such a big impact.

So, what exactly is net neu-

trality and how does it affect you?

Net neutrality is the idea of the open internet. It is the idea that no matter the size or traffic of your website, you are all on an even playing field.

Let's say you enjoy watching Netflix, like most people. Now, let's say AT&T sees how much of its internet bandwidth is being used by people watching Netflix.

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AT&T makes a decision to start intentionally slowing down internet traffic that is

connecting to Netflix. Netflix's users that have AT&T as their internet service provider starts to not be able to use Netflix.

The only way that Netflix is able to fix this is to pay AT&T a premium to fast track their service on AT&T's internet service. For Netflix to be able to afford this, they must raise their subscription price. Okay, so I just have to pay more for Netflix, that's not too bad. Why should I care? This affects much more than the price of Netflix.

If net neutrality is not protected by the FCC, free market on the internet is effectively eliminated. It would be nearly impossible for small compa-

nies to get a start on the internet.

These small companies would get muscled out by already established companies that are able to pay the premiums that internet service providers and have connections to their websites fast tracked over smaller companies who aren't able to afford these premiums.

Without net neutrality companies like Twitter might not exist. It could have been muscled out by Facebook right after it launched.

Advocating for net neutrality is the embodiment of the idea that everyone has a chance to succeed. Without it, monopo-

lies will form in internet companies and there will be no competition.

With the Trump Administration now in power, it is extremely important that citizens push the FCC and federal government to keep the Obama-Era regulations of Internet service providers.

Without them, we run the risk of creating a virtual society where only the largest, wealthiest voices are heard over the internet.

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Patricia Thompson, Meek School assistant dean for student media. "Our students have been honored so often in the past few weeks, it has been hard to keep track. The awards cover a wide range of content - news, features, sports, visuals, television, radio, multimedia. They work many hours each week to provide information for the campus and community, and they are getting great experience that has helped them land great jobs and internships."

Photography editor Ariel Cobbert won the breaking news photography competition with her coverage of the Occupy the Ole Miss Lyceum protest in fall 2016.

Editor-in-chief Clara Turnage won the general news reporting competition for her article, "Confronting the Trust Deficit" which was published in spring 2016. Turnage was also the winner and a finalist in the feature writing competition for an article written during an internship in summer 2016 and a profile published in fall 2016.

Managing editor Lana Ferguson was a finalist in the non-fiction magazine



PHOTO COURTESY: LANA FERGUSON

Managing editor Lana Ferguson and editor-in-chief Clara Turnage pose for a photo Saturday with awards from the Society of Professional Journalists region 12 conference in Knoxville, Tennessee. The university brought home 14 awards in total including several first place wins.

article category, "Taking Care of Their Own," which was published in Mississippi Miracle. The Meek School of Journalism and New Media was a finalist in the student magazine category for that publication.

Sports editor Brian Scott Rippee was a finalist in the sports column writing category for his article, "Kelly leaves a legacy as one of the best."

Illustrator Jake Thrasher was a finalist in the edito-

rial cartoon competition for three of his cartoons published in 2016.

"I'm incredibly proud of the staff," Turnage said. "They've all worked really hard this year and deserve these awards and more, in my opinion. I've been so honored to work with so many talented people, and even though no one works here just to get awards, it's nice to have something to show for the long nights and early mornings."

DM STAFF REPORT

Man turns himself in after Oxford shooting

Oxford resident Rick Mabry turned himself in late Thursday night in connection with a shooting that injured two men at 1350 North Lamar Blvd.

Joshua Flemmons, 25 of Oxford, and Patrick Spearman, 38 of Abbeville were flown to Memphis after sustaining gunshot wounds around 7 p.m. Thursday, according to the Oxford Police Department's release. As of Friday afternoon, Spearman was out of surgery

but still considered in critical condition. Flemmons was listed as non-critical.

A statement from the police said Mabry was identified as the shooter and turned himself in to Holmes County Sheriff's Department around 10 p.m. As of Friday, no charges have been filed.

Oxford police say an update on the case will be available Monday.

CRIME BLOTTER

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Oxford Writes offers spaces for authors to share ideas

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“If a story is in you, it has to come out.”

These are the words of William Faulkner and one of the mottos of Oxford Writes, a mentoring and development venture for aspiring and published writers.

The idea to create Oxford Writes emerged one day in fall 2015 as Jeff Roberson drove through the Square in Oxford. He pulled to a stop after something grabbed his attention. He noticed the significance of the Faulkner statue, Oxford City Hall, Square Books, Off Square Books and Faulkner Alley.

Roberson has considerable experience in writing. He’s been the sports editor for the Oxford Eagle, Editor of Ole Miss Spirit and assistant sports editor of The Daily Mississippian.

Roberson began to conceptualize the idea of how a writing venture would work and look in Oxford.

Not long after, Oxford Writes was alive and thriving. Since the Oxford community has a history deeply rooted in great literature, it wasn’t very difficult bringing great writers and aspiring authors together to make the writing venture a success.

“There is some really good writing here, people are passionate about their writing. That is kind of where it starts, if you have some ability and you have some passion for it,” Roberson said.

Oxford Writes has held several roundtable meetings, networking events, conferences and workshops to create a space where writers can inter-



PHOTO COURTESY: JEFF ROBERSON

Author Daniel Connolly leads a session at the 2017 Oxford Writes spring workshop.

act and share their work and ideas.

Oxford Writes’ attendance is made up of community members of all ages, ranging from college students to retirees.

“We want to encourage the Ole Miss community—the adults, the faculty, the students. We want them to be involved in what we are doing here,” Roberson said.

Last week, Roberson held the 2017 Oxford Writes Workshop, consisting of two sessions on different aspects of writing.

The first session featured

journalist and author Daniel Connolly, who informed people about professional magazine and book publishing and how they might get their own work published.

“(Oxford Writes) helps people express their ideas and stories that they have inside them that they may not have another outlet to express. The idea is to help people get those ideas out into the world.” Connolly said.

In between sessions, writers mingled and shared their work, something Oxford Writes strongly encourages. The workshop continued with

a sports writing panel that focused on social media and sports coverage.

In 2016, the group hosted various events including an Oxford Writes night at Shelter on Van Buren, a writing contest during the Art-ier Limits Fringe Festival and a Walt Mixon Tribute.

“We talk about everything from fiction to nonfiction, from sports writing to songwriting,” Roberson said.

With such diversified topics, writers of various disciplines might find a place within Oxford Writes.

If Oxford is a literary paradise, then Oxford Writes is its lagoon for blooming ideas. And with a continuing impact on the Oxford community, it is possible groups like Oxford Writes may be grooming the next William Faulkner.

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Rebels win over LSU, later fall to Texas A&M

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On a clear Friday afternoon, the Lady Rebels took on the No.19 LSU Tigers after a tough stretch of losses which took them out of the NCAA top 25.

The weather conditions were perfect for tennis with a light breeze and sunny sky, and the team took advantage of it.

Coach Mark Beyers made the decision to change the doubles line up for the match, and it paid dividends.

With early breaks on doubles courts two and three, the momentum started off in the Rebels' favor.

Ole Miss' No. 2 doubles team of Natalie Suk and Anna Vrbenska kept their momentum, quickly defeating the Tigers' doubles team of Jade Lewis and Becca Weissmann by a score of 6-2.

It looked like court three would be the deciding court for the doubles point.

That seemed the case until the No. 1 doubles team, powered by the hard-hitting forehand of Arianne Hartono and big serve of Alexa Bortles, fought back from a 2-5 score line and won 7-5. They defeated the 20th-ranked Joana Valle Costa and Ryann Foster with a perfectly placed volley winner by Bortles to clinch the doubles point.

Singles play began soon after and the Lady Rebels continued to look impressive. All of the matches progressed into nail biters except for one. On court one, Hartono defeated LSU's Lewis with ease showing a final score of 6-1 and 6-1, putting the team up 2-0.

"I played free and had no worries on my mind," Hartono said. "I wanted to add value to the team with a win. I took advantage of my opponent's low energy."

The defensive play of Ole Miss' Tea Jandric defeated Weissmann 6-3 and 6-4 on the No. 5 singles court to bring the



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Zalina Khairudinova returns a serve during the match against Texas A&M. Rebels won 4-1 Sunday.

overall match up to 3-0.

After a tough first set, Ole Miss senior Zalina Khairudinova called on her experience and determination to battle back into the match, bringing up a third set with multiple match points.

Before Khairudinova could finish off her opponent, however, Anna Vrbenska clinched the 4-0 victory by defeating LSU's

Jessica Golovin 7-5, 4-6 and 6-2 on court four.

Beyers' day got even better as he picked up his 250th career win and 200th win coaching for the University of Mississippi after defeating LSU.

"Every team in the SEC is good. We trusted ourselves and we trusted our game," Beyers said. "We can play with anybody, and the girls know that

they can play at this level. I was proud of them."

The Rebels failed to keep the momentum from their victory over LSU going and fell to No. 25 Texas A&M in a close doubles point Sunday afternoon.

Next up, the Rebels will be on the road facing No. 1 Florida and No. 13 South Carolina this weekend.

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Ole Miss softball takes series win over Kentucky

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Ole Miss softball improved its record to 24-11 on the year after a three game series against SEC opponent Kentucky. The Rebels collected two wins and conceded a hard fought 1-0 loss. The Wildcats left Oxford with an overall record of 24-8 (5-4 SEC).

The series win marks the first time Ole Miss has defeated Kentucky in a series since 2006. Ole Miss also picked up its first two SEC wins of the season to move to 2-7 in SEC play after being swept by Tennessee in Knoxville last weekend.

In the first game of the series Friday night, Ole Miss consistently dominated Kentucky and picked up a 7-1 win on the back of Sarah Van Schaik's heroic effort. Van Schaik finished the game with two home runs and five RBIs while going 2-4 at the plate. She's now accumulated three home runs on the season. Kaitlin Lee pitched a complete game while only giving up one earned run and throwing four strikeouts.

The second match of the series saw the Rebels lose a closely contested match 1-0 to the Wildcats. Ole Miss batters struggled to make contact at the plate, striking out nine times. Kylan Becker and Miranda Strother went 3-3 and 2-2 at the plate, respectively, while the rest of



Rebels celebrate 4-2 win over Kentucky Sunday.

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Kaitlin Lee pitches during game against Kentucky Sunday.

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the lineup managed just 2-22 combined. Overall, while the Rebels played a solid defense, a Wildcat run was all it took to seal the deal and win the game.

On Sunday, the Rebels returned to their winning ways and picked up a 4-0 series clinching victory thanks, in large part, to competent hitting and strong pitching. Lee threw another complete game shutout on Sunday; the ace gave up just five hits and struck out two batters while picking up her eighth win of the year. Becker went 3-4 with a bat in her hand and managed to steal yet another base, her 11th of the season off of 12 attempts.

Becker seemed to hit every pitch that came her way this weekend. She got a base hit on seven out of her 10 plate appearances; her hitting performance throughout the Kentucky series improved her batting average to an impressive .371, which is tied for second on the team with Miranda Strother and only bested by Elantra Cox, who is currently hitting .466 on the season.

Ole Miss has now improved to 2-7 in SEC play, moving them into a direct tie with in-state rival Mississippi State for 10th in the SEC conference standings. The Rebels now look forward to a contest against Central Arkansas on Tuesday before heading to Auburn for a three-game series next weekend.

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Mississippi State finishes three-game sweep of Rebels

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This weekend the Ole Miss baseball team took on Mississippi State in a three game weekend series. The Rebels were swept by the unranked Bulldogs as the Rebels' losing ways continue. Over the past eight games, Ole Miss has only managed two wins, one of which came in extra innings against the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

The Rebels started the home series last Thursday against the Bulldogs and looked solid throughout the early innings. Pitching was solid and did not concede a run until the seventh inning. Starter James McArthur pitched six scoreless innings and had five strikeouts.

Ole Miss' offense was firing on all cylinders early in the game; taking an early lead and holding it until head coach Mike Bianco's seventh inning pitching change. After the Bulldogs tied the score at three, the Rebels failed to convert on any further opportunities. Jake Mangum scored for the Bulldogs on a passed ball in the ninth inning to give State the lead.

The Rebels loaded the bases for Colby Bortles in the bottom of the ninth, but the senior slugger struck out

swinging. The game ended 4-3.

On Friday night, the Rebels failed to improve. Bianco's men came alive out of the gate, forcing an early pitching change which removed Bulldog starter Peyton Plumlee after just two outs in the first inning.

The Rebels' offense, as usual, sputtered out soon after. Nick Fortes still managed a good outing as he led Ole Miss on both sides of the ball. Fortes went three for four and had two RBIs on the night. The team was presented with many opportunities to score more runs, but failed to convert on nearly all of them. They lost the second game of the series 5-3.

The final game of the series was a nail biter played Saturday night. Neither team could pull out in front and solidify a lead. The Rebels scored early, but Bianco's team would only manage four hits throughout the entire affair.

Eventually, the game would come down to the bottom of the ninth inning after the Rebels' relief pitching kept the score close. Defense was not a struggle on Saturday, but offensive struggles were highlighted yet again. The team had the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth and could not convert on



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James McArthur throws a pitch during Ole Miss' game against Texas Tech at Minute Maid Park in Houston.

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the golden opportunity. The Rebels fell 2-1 to the Bulldogs as State completed its sweep.

Overall, its hard to see how Bianco could have found many positives from the past weekend. His players contin-

ued to struggle at the plate and, even though his defense was not terrible, his pitchers and fielders could not contain the Bulldog's hitters. After the sweep, Ole Miss' overall record dropped to 16-12 and 3-6 in the SEC.

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