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Learn from the best: 'Cake Wars' champions host baking class



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Communiversity at the University of Mississippi offered a "D.I.Y.: Make Award-Winning Cake Designs" taught by Jeff Taylor and his wife, Kathleen, owners of Sweet T's Bakery and two-time winners of the Food Network's "Cake Wars." "It is a good opportunity for us to give back to the community and be a part of the university," Jeff Taylor said. "It's something that people enjoy doing and some-

thing that we're good at." The class will cover preparing and using buttercream icing, piping borders, leaves, roses and rosebuds. "It's going to be a full-range class," Taylor said. "We'll go from stacking, leveling and icing the cake, and then to some advanced fondant and modeling work." Jeff Taylor has decorated cakes for 10 years, and his wife has been creating them for the last 20 – ever since their son was born. He and his wife have taught multiple cake-decorating courses through Communiversity in the past two years. "We've done some basic decorating classes and holiday-themed classes where we do holiday cookies and cakes," Jeff Taylor said. "We try to make it fun for everyone and make sure we aren't boring anybody." The couple appeared on Food Network's "Cake Wars" competition twice and brought home a win both times. Sweet T's Bakery has been open in Oxford for the past four years creating all cakes and goodies for anniversaries, tailgating, birthday cakes and more.

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Narcotics bureau recruits students

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Last year when an agent was killed in the line of duty, the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics found itself in the spotlight Human Resources Director Sheena McCrory said. Many people, however, remain unaware of what the program is and what it does.

The Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics visited campus at the career center Tuesday for to discuss employment opportunities through the bureau.

Established in 1971 under statutory authority to enforce the state's Uniform Controlled Substances Law and to serve as the state's primary drug enforcement agency, MBN confiscates drugs and contraband and arrests suspected drug law violators.

Though MBN headquarters is located in Byram, there are nine district offices statewide, including one in Oxford. The bureau employs 152 people: 110 are certified law enforcement agents and 42 are civilians.

In addition to brief information about the bureau as a whole, McCrory made a point to discuss the two drugs ranked No. 1 in Mississippi, pharmaceutical diversion (diversion of illicit drugs for illicit purposes) and ICE (methamphetamine). McCrory said 80 percent of overdose deaths are from prescription drugs. McCrory said pharmaceutical diversion involves diversion of drugs from legal and medically necessary uses toward uses that are illegal and typically not medically authorized or necessary.

For example, the diversion unit seeks doctors who overprescribe opioids.

Another example is doctor shopping, which is when people visit multiple doctors, obtaining multiple prescriptions for the same drug. As a result, they may abuse the drugs or sell to other abusers.

McCrory said civilian work within the bureau is instrumental in accomplishing its goals.

"I said all of that just to tell you, as civilians, it is our job to support agents, and without agents, we would not have the MBN," she said.

One of the student interns works to help uncover doctors shipping and selling the drugs on the street for a profit.

"Our deputy director is all for educating and wanting to get our face out there," McCrory said. "That's basically what I wanted to do. I wanted to educate students on the background and the pressing issues currently in the state of Missis-

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Students explore affordable housing issue in Oxford

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Less than 2 miles from campus, the Harris Grove Condominiums parking appears empty of cars and residents. Throughout Oxford and Lafayette County, many housing complexes face the same vacancy.

Classes across campus have taken on the task of studying the issues of affordable housing and gentrification in the county. One class is working to raise awareness and tell stories of people affected by the issues.

Jennifer Sadler's internet marketing class has spent the last semester managing a Facebook page, We Say: Voices of LOU. Students share content on the page including community profiles modeled after Humans of New York, relevant news articles, infographics, videos and more.

During the Facebook page's first week, the students participated in a standing art exhibit where they stood in the halls of Farley Hall holding up the community profiles they created. The exhibit was the initial step in raising awareness.

"Before Professor Sadler's class I wasn't aware of the housing crisis in Oxford," said Laura McCoy, a junior integrated marketing communications major. "Our goal as a class has been to create awareness of those affected."

McCoy managed the Face-

book page with a few classmates to post information they collected through surveys and class lectures. She said the research and social media aspect of the class showed her just how many Oxonians are affected by insecure housing.

"Being a student sometimes I feel like we are in our own bubble," she said. "This class and topic has made me realize how others are affected within the Oxford-Lafayette community." Students in James Thomas'

students in James Thomas honors sociology class on insecure local housing designed a survey to explore which factors affect Lafayette County's ongoing efforts to provide livable and affordable housing.

SEE HOUSING PAGE 3 in temporary homes.



PHOTO BY: KAMERA GRIFFIN

Riverside Place housing will soon receive a makeover while tenants are placed in temporary homes.



COLUMN

Finding inspiration from Ole Miss' past spiritual leader



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Last week, amidst a lot of other things going on – applications, classes, my floundering social life – I made a point to do something I have not done since the winter break.

I started reading a book for fun.

The book, "Forty Acres and

memoir of his life during the civil rights era of the 1960s, interspersed with his eccentric humor and stories about his goat named Jackson.

Thinking about Campbell's life and work serves as an opportunity to reflect on and recalibrate many of the arguments going on around campus today.

Though you may have never heard of him, Campbell played a significant, albeit short, role at the university as the director of religious life from 1954 to 1956.

A couple years after his 2013 death, the plaza outside of Paris-Yates Chapel was named to memorialize Campbell's time here.

Despite being raised in rural Mississippi in the first half Post, a church where the Bibles bore the insignia of the Ku Klux Klan, Campbell was an ardent white supporter of the growing civil rights movement.

Campbell was ordained a Baptist minister at 17 years old and then attended Wake Forest, Tulane and the Yale Divinity School before returning to Mississippi.

At Ole Miss, Campbell sought to bring tolerance and reconciliation to a hostile and closed-off racial environment. But Campbell seemed to only encounter problems: harsh criticism for visiting an integrated farm in Holmes County, the university's refusal to allow a white Episcopalian priest and NAACP member to speak on campus of the 20th century, attending after Campbell invited him and he preached equally to segregated schools and, ac- and death threats for his at- supporters of civil rights and cording to The Washington tempts to improve race rela-

tions on campus.

Campbell even got attacked for playing table tennis with a black minister in Oxford. After the match, Campbell's lawn was covered in black and white pingpong balls.

Eventually, Campbell felt wholly unwelcome and left Oxford.

After departing Ole Miss, Campbell became well-known as an oddball preacher without a church, the only white minister invited by Martin Luther King Jr. to the founding of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and a brilliant, unconventional memoirist and thinker.

Notably, Campbell held to the theological principle that Jesus died for all sins, even those committed by bigots,

Too often in discussions of controversial topics on campus, such as the state flag or contextualization efforts, we tend to dichotomize the argument and other the opposing side. The other side is not distant, but rather comprised of our peers, and we must truly love them and listen to them before allowing a discussion to devolve into accusations and unproductive bitterness.

When you walk by Paris-Yates next, think of Campbell. Grab one of his books. Let Campbell's wisdom about empathy be a guide through the conversations of today.

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The class took random cluster samples of housing blocks around the county earlier this semester and, once a week, in groups of two, made walks to administer the survey.

The 15-minute survey is divided into multiple sections: head of the household, housing characteristics, household characteristics and neighborhood characteristics.

The survey asks for basic information on the head of the household, such as race, marital status and income. The housing characteristics section asks residents to rate the overall quality of their homes by assessing water, power, electricity and rent quality.

The survey also asks about residents' struggles related to their housing, such as difficulty paying rent. The "neighborhood characteristics" portion asks about the neighborhood's safety and location relative to everyday essentials.

The class' goal is to alert Oxford officials that finding quality, affordable housing in town is difficult by showing in-depth data on the available housing. Riverside Housing complex was one of the few remaining public housing options in Oxford, and it shut down in February.

Thomas said he hopes that by the end of the semester, each pair will have surveyed 60-70 individuals.

Jenna Bailey, a senior enrolled in Thomas' class, walked door to door through the Harris Grove Condominiums with sophomore finance major JT Mullins, looking for residents to survey. They found a concentration of empty homes.

"I don't think our groups are having a ton of luck," Mullins

said.

Mullins said he decided to take the honors class because of its interesting yet specific topic.

Bailey chose Thomas as her thesis advisor and said she knows how passionate Thomas is about the topic of affordable housing in Oxford, so she wanted to learn more about the issue.

Bailey and Mullins slid "Request for Participation" fliers under the doors of empty condos, unsure if the residents were simply not home or if the condos were empty.

Bailey said one resident told her the neighboring condo was usually empty because the property is rented out on a dayto-day basis.

Bailey said although their results will not be able to reverse the closing of Riverside, the findings could possibly prevent similar future incidents.

"The goal is to give them this stuff and be like 'This is an is-

sue, not something to brush under the table," Bailey said. "Let's try to figure it out."

By providing a rural outlook to housing security, the class aims to shine light on housing problems specific to rural areas, such as public transportation. Bailey said applying urban studies to rural areas is ineffective in actually identifying housing problems.

"You can live farther away in urban areas and get where you're trying to go," she said. "Whereas if you don't have a car, there's not a lot of transportation means if you're outside in the outer-county limits."

At the forum "Ideas On Tap: What Happened to Affordable Housing?," sponsored by the Mississippi Humanities Council, Ward III Alderman Janice Antonow defended the city's decision to relocate Riverside residents.

Antonow said the board wants to give residents vouchers that will go toward rent in order to provide the opportunity to live in better conditions than those previously available at Riverside.

"There's housing available," Antonow said. "We're going to find it."

The students, however, are unsure that such housing really is available, due to the high rent caused by competition for amenity-filled student housing.

Bailey said the group plans to take its results to the city and future developers in hope of construction of more affordable housing, especially for those on welfare.

"No matter what, I think housing's always an issue, so the more information you have on it, the better," Bailey said.

Thomas' class hopes its research will enable every Oxford resident, regardless of financial status, to have safe, secure, comfortable housing.

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sippi."

Junior criminal justice major Mi'esha Smith said, "I attended the info session so that I could possibly find an internship opportunity and learn about drug use in Mississippi."

According to a student intern with the program, the goals of the bureau include a range of activities with anything dealing with drugs, from taking down drug dealers to tackling drug cartels. As such, narcotics extends beyond mere drug crimes.

The student intern said, "narcotics goes into many different arenas; it goes into homicide and gun trafficking, opioid and pharmaceutical abuses. It can

also go through fraud or armed robbery cases. So, narcotics branches out into a bunch of illegal enterprises."

Statewide positions are for agents, intelligence analysts, administrative assistants and internships. At headquarters in Byram, there is a need for non-permanent, contract positions in dispatch, paying \$12 an hour with an option of overtime.

As such, MBN needs two people in information technology with a starting salary of around \$29,000. Also, attorney, paralegal and human resource opportunities are available. Even more so, there are pilot positions with an added salary of \$12,000.

The hiring process is intensive, as it is the same for both agent and civilian applicants.

Applicable candidates must

submit a certified birth certificate and high school and college transcripts (The minimal requirement of dispatch positions is a high school diploma or equivalent).

McCrory said the director approves all hiring processes. Once approved, the information is sent to the office in which the applicant will intern or work. At that time, an agent will conduct the background investigation.

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If the background investigation is satisfactory, a polygraph examination is required, as interns will do the same work as agents, simply without a gun or vehicle.

According to EJ Presley, University of Mississippi assistant

director of career development, the career center will host the Marshall County Correctional Facility at 12 p.m. Thursday, April 6 in regard to internship opportunities.



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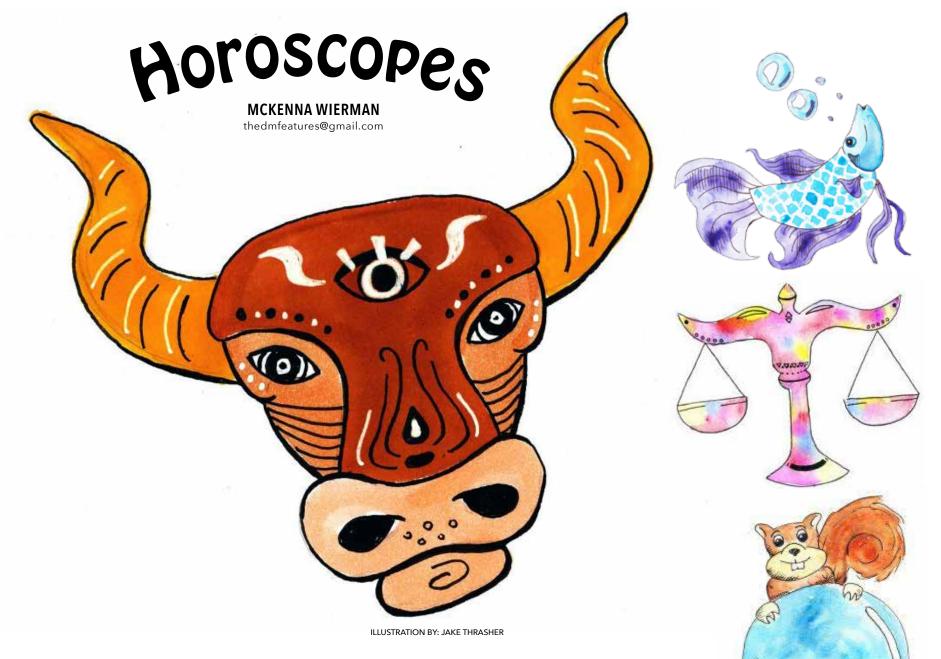
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LIFESTYLES



ell, guys, it's been real. As self-designated campus psychic for the past two years, I've very much enjoyed helping you guys figure out what the future held for you once a month. But alas, as my time at the University of Mississippi draws to a close, I'm afraid these will be the last horoscopes I can deliver unto you. It took a lot of time and some serious mediation to get the stars to agree to give me a glimpse into everyone's future for their whole lives, and it almost killed me to travel those far reaches of the cosmos, but I did it out of love for you, Ole Miss. So, without further ado, may I present your final horoscopes:

Taurus, the Bull: April 20- May 20

Your future looks pretty bright, Taurus. I foresee your confident spirit and good wits will get you everywhere in life. I also foresee that your charm and good nature will help other people overlook your picky eating habits and stinky feet. Yay! The only negative I see in your future is that you will make too many friends. Yes, that's right: too many friends. You'll never be able to keep their names straight, let alone remember everyone's birthday. Many of them will get their feelings hurt, but you can't really blame yourself. You're just too charming.

Gemini, the Twins: May 21- June 20

The future is chock full of career success for you, Gemini. I foresee not only a fulfilling career path for you but also one that includes many spacious rooms, natural lighting and a gym membership you'll actually take advantage of. Yes, your future will be stuffed with happiness for you and your loved ones as you bask in the comforts of financial stability. Unfortunately, the stars tell me that your happiness will come at a price. In order for your success to last, your favorite NFL team will never win another Super Bowl ... unless your favorite team is the Dallas Cowboys, in which case they will win back-to-back Super Bowls many times.

Leo, the Lion: July 23- Aug. 22

Astounding abilities will come and go from you for the rest of your life, Leo. For example, the stars tell me that you will be blessed with the ability to surf like a professional at some point in the next 50 years, but the ability will only last a few days. At some other point in time you will find yourself capable of cooking fine Italian cuisine, but only for a few months. I recommend you just sit back and enjoy the ride. Try and invest time in as many odd hobbies and adventures as you can, and you'll find your mysterious talents without me having to tell you what they'll be month to month. I also foresee you'll wear a toga sometime in the next week.

Virgo, the Virgin: Aug. 23- Sept. 22

Your future will be full of many mysteries and wonders, Virgo. I foresee that one day you will spell the word "restaurant" correctly on the first try, without any help from auto-correct. Yet, the stars also tell me you will drunk-order the perfect customized pizza one night and eat it all, and you'll never be able to recreate it, which will haunt you for the rest of your life. So, there will be many good things in your future, but also some kind of annoying inconveniences, so you should learn to deal with that now. Also, if you ever have children, I foresee you stepping on a lot of Legos.



Cancer, the Crab: June 21- July 22

I'm afraid all I can tell you about your future, Cancer, is that it will bring you close to open water, and you will find serenity there. Other than that, it's all too vague to really report. It's stuff like "you will find happiness if you follow your heart" and "don't take any wooden nickels." The only specific thing I can really tell you is that at some point in the next 20 years, a bird will poo on you, but you will receive a free T-shirt on the day it does. And who doesn't love a free T-shirt?



Libra, the Scale: Sept. 23- Oct. 22

You are a plant, so you'll probably get lots of sunshine and drink plenty of water, if I had to guess.

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Scorpio, the Scorpion: Oct. 23- Nov. 21

I see there is wealth and prosperity in your future, Scorpio. You won't need to survive on your old man's money, because you'll have your own! Unfortunately, the stars have shown me that if you ever buy a fancy and/or exotic sports car, you will meet with certain doom soon after. So avoid the fancy sports cars and stick with with safer ones. However, there is a plus side to never being able to buy your own exotic luxury vehicle: You'll get really good at making race car sounds as you pretend to zip and zoom around the track. And I foresee that if you slap a "junior" at the end of your first born child's name, he or she will become a professional and briefly successful NASCAR driver, so you can always fall back on that.

Aquarius, the Water bearer: Jan. 20- Feb. 18

Sweetie, you're going to have such a great future. You're going to get to visit all sorts of cool aquariums, eat good food and travel to fun places. You're going to meet a real life unicorn named Harold one day while you're out walking your dog, and he'll probably grant you a wish if you're pretty enough ... which you are! You'll also meet your true love while wearing a pair of red shoes, so better get to shopping, hunty! And when you reach your peak level of greatness in around 120 years, your body will begin ascending to the heavens as you are pulled into a cloudless sky by a ray of golden light. When you align with the sun, your body will explode into a firework-like display of glittery butterflies and disperse all over the universe as your soul stretches across the bounds of eternity. Again, this will all occur while "Midnight City" by M83 plays in the background.

Sagittarius, the Archer: Nov. 22- Dec. 21

There is a lot of victory in your future, Sagittarius. There will be a significant win sometime in your life that will totally change the course of your life. Your dad will be proud of you and finally see that your dreams are valid and achievable. The love of your life will finally realize that it's been you all along and will rush into your welcoming embrace, sealing you together in a contract of eternal love with a kiss at the exact moment a firework finale explodes in the background. You might win an Oscar, you might win an arm wrestling competition, you might win a joust or you might win a potato-peeling competition. I have no idea! But I know you're going to win.

Pisces, the Fish: Feb. 19- March 20

I foresee a bright and colorful future for you, Pisces, full of rainbow colors and magic. Your creativity and ability to connect with nature will bring you closer to whatever environment you make your home in, which will be on the West Coast, probably. Yes, Pisces, for you I foresee that you will one day own and operate your own joint juice bar/yoga studio in California. But just be wary that the real estate out there is not only completely ridiculous but also the whole state's bound to break off into the ocean any second. (Thanks, climate change!) Not to mention, every other Pisces and his brother is going to be heading out to Cali to get in on the juicy-yoga action. So just be smart, have a good business plan and you'll be fine.

Capricorn, the Goat: Dec. 22- Jan. 19

Your future is truly amazing, Capricorn. I foresee your logical thinking skills, good looks and power will take you many places in life. People will want to hear what you have to say, and your brains and kind heart will let you know what the right things to say will be. I also foresee you will one day find a kitten, and it will be very cute. You will also one day have a cocktail named after you, and it won't be because you are a famous golfer. You will touch the lives of millions without ever having to touch more than a million people. Also make sure you continue to wear sunscreen and hydrate for the rest of your life.

Aries, the Ram: March 21- April 19

When I look into your future, Aries, all I see is green. You're going to have a greenhouse, on a green lawn, with some green clothes, and a green car and possibly lots of green money. Or it could mean you will live high up in the hills, in the middle of the green forest, in a moss covered cabin far away from the evils of society. You eat only the green vegetables that you grow in your garden and bathe in the green pond behind your house in the summertime while the green mallards quack and emerald fish hop into th<mark>e s</mark>unlight. Or maybe it means that you'll hit a lot of green traffic lights in your life, which is also great. I also foresee a blue and silver shirt in your future, so that's pretty cool.

Review: YouTube star takes vlogging to next level

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Ten years ago, if people had suggested that it was possible to gain 6.8 million subscribers and get millions of views on YouTube from videos centered around daily life, no one would have believed them.

Today, a top YouTuber, Casey Neistat, has done exactly that through following his motto, which is tattooed on his

might see walking as the best way to get around Manhattan, Neistat prefers taking his motorized skateboard into traffic – with a camera and tripod.

Other people might see running 10 miles, building a small business, making a short movie and finding family time in one day as an impossible workload, but Neistat sees it as daily life.

Neistat's stories aren't just empty entertainment. While taking questions from his audience on Twitter, a staple of the vlog, Neistat shares his past experiences to explain his current lifestyle. Throughout his childhood, Neistat felt his creative potential was crushed by the authority he faced in school. Constant rebellion led to him dropping out of high school and having a son at 16. The lessons he learned about making money, raising a child and fulfilling his dreams were perhaps the most formative in his life. Whether through his work ethic, relationships with others or direct retellings, Neistat's story of working harder to better himself is a common theme in his content. His story and its implications are both inspiring and uplifting, transforming his entertaining thoughts into art.



arm: "Work Harder."

Neistat is considered a revolutionary in the world of daily vlogging, or making daily videos about the everyday events of a person's life.

Unlike most vloggers, Neistat was a filmmaker for many years prior to this endeavor, affording him the technical knowledge to make high-quality content every day.

His following has grown so quickly because of the professional storytelling, entertainment and production value of his work.

"Story is king," Neistat explains in one of his nearly 500 vlogs. The stories Neistat tells are fast-paced, chronological accounts of his daily, unconventional life.

While a normal person

E COURTESY: CASEY NEISTAT

Though the stories are king on Neistat's channel, technical aspects of the vlog are not ignored. Rather, they are used to further the story.

Neistat has always used high-end camera gear to give his audience the best viewing experience. The cameras are bulky and expensive to replace, but Neistat is prepared to use all tools at his disposal to make his ideas most accessible and interesting to the viewer.

Season three of the vlog displays this principle as much as ever – the resolution has been upgraded to 4K. The desire to make the highest quality content has led Neistat to experiment with a variety of camera gear, including drones, GoPros, DSLRs and even phones. For this reason, companies send him gear to try out, adding another interesting element to the vlog: tech reviews.

The cinematography and look of the vlog are always pleasing, but they change as Casey tries new gear, keeping the viewer interested in both the stories and aesthetic of the short movies.

With this interest in aesthet-

ic comes a noticeable attention to detail. The color grading, framing and movement in each scene are all visually appealing and help move the story along. Similarly, the audio edits are carefully chosen to keep the vlog fast and entertaining.

Even when noticing all of the work that goes into each vlog, it still seems magical. The ability to make short, daily films that are inspirational, energetic, fulfilling and entertaining is a craft that Neistat is perfecting and invites anyone with an internet connection to enjoy.

Rebels hoping new system improves defense in 2017

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With spring's first football game just three days away, the Ole Miss Rebels still have plenty of kinks to iron out. Perhaps the biggest question mark going into next season is how newly hired defensive coordinator Wesley McGriff plans to turn around a defense ranked 111th nationally in 2016.

The most glaring issue McGriff needs to mend before fall rolls around is Ole Miss' dreadful run defense from last year.

Ranked 120th out of 128 college teams, the Rebels conceded a thoroughly unimpressive 246.3 yards per game. To put that in perspective, only 37 quar-

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terbacks in all of Division 1 football threw that many passing yards per game. Mc-Griff and his defense have their work cut out for them.

Learning a new coach's system relies heavily on proper communication. According to sophomore defensive tackle Benito Jones, assistant defensive line coach Freddie Roach's new signals are much simpler than last year's and allow the players to line up faster and have a better understanding of their roles on the field.

"[Roach] is very strict on us using our hands. He's going to have us very prepared for next season," Jones said.

Beyond audio and visual adjustments. Roach has also forced Jones and his teammates to rethink their technique, even requiring his



The defensive line tackles running back D.K. Buford during last week's practice.

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players to watch NFL players of the same position in order to pick up tricks and skills.

"[The technique] is way different," Jones said. "We transition the same techniques of the NFL players to us, and it's been very useful."

While simplified communication and improved technique may help move the Rebels from 120th on the rushing yards allowed list to a more respectable position in 2017, the defense will only be as effective as the secondary allows.

Ole Miss ranked 48th in passing defense, neither great nor awful, but had trouble getting off the field at times. The solution, again, points to simplicity.

"What Coach McGriff does a little bit better is that the defense is a little bit simpler," defensive back Jaylon Jones said. "We don't have to think as much. We already have the defensive schemes and now we're just playing and not thinking [as much].'

This year's team motto looks to be "the simpler, the better." By limiting the number of plays to memorize, the defense will spend more time perfecting a small playbook, rather than

remembering bits and pieces of a larger one.

As McGriff takes a step back in terms of complexity, he is allowed to crank the intensity at practice up past 10. A defense that knows what it's doing can spend more time fine-tuning instead of constantly learning new material.

If the defensive line and secondary can put their disappointing season last year behind them and learn a few simple, time-tested techniques and schemes, then 2017 could be the year of the Landshark.

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Rebels overcome Southern Miss in 12-inning thriller

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Ole Miss baseball beat No. 17 Southern Miss in Pearl by a score of 6-5 after 12 innings Tuesday night.

The Rebels entered the match determined to overcome a tough weekend after getting swept by Mississippi State in three games. Freshman pitcher Greer Holston started on the mound for the Rebels and lasted four innings before the Rebels' head coach, Mike Bianco, pulled the plug. During his shift, Holston let up four hits, four runs and had two walks. He has yet to receive a win in his inaugural season as a pitcher for the Rebels.

Golden Eagles The jumped on the Ole Miss defense early and often. Luckily for the Rebels, relief pitching continued to be a strength. The bullpen kept the game close throughout the extra inning affair and let the Rebels' offense take the reins.

Again, fortune seemed to favor Bianco's men Tuesday night as the sputtering Ole Miss offense found its wheels again. After a weekend devoid of hits or runs, the Rebel hitters got runners across the plate and left hardly anyone stranded. Junior second baseman Tate Blackman led the way with a hit, a run, a walk and an RBI.

Behind the plate, catcher Nick Fortes received a fourth consecutive start in five games and managed the pitching rotation well as the match progressed.

Southern Miss starter Taylor Braley kept the the Rebels' offense at bay until the sixth inning, when the offense exploded for three runs and brought the game back within reach. Southern Miss' relief pitching finally slowed the rallying Rebel offense after the team equalized the game at four.

Leadoff man Dylan Burdeaux carried the Golden Eagles after going three for five at the plate and driving in one RBI. The Rebels entered the eighth inning down one run and had a chance to equalize but failed to convert with a runner in scoring position.

Ole Miss equalized the game in the ninth inning off a wild pitch. Pinch runner DJ Miller then advanced to third off another wild pitch. Southern Miss was

forced to make a fifth pitching change for the night that took care of Blackman and sent the game into extra innings.

The game finally ended in the 12 inning when yet another wild pitch allowed Jason Barber to score the winning run. Though the night was full of ups and downs for either team, including numerous chances for Ole Miss to put the game away, the

Rebels were

finally able to snap their losing streak just in time for a big SEC West series against rivals University of Alabama. The Crimson Tide represents a formida-

ble challenge for the Rebels, one that will require a complete Ole Miss pitching and hitting performance to overcome.



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Ole Miss wins 12-inning bout with Central Arkansas

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Ole Miss was able to secure a 1-0 win against Central Arkansas Tuesday night after 12 hard-fought innings. The score was deadlocked at zero throughout the entire game before a walk-off single by Miranda Strother.

Kaitlin Lee started in the circle and threw another complete game for Ole Miss. She was practically unhittable through five innings, allowing only one hit from the first batter she faced. Lee threw to 16 more batters before giving up her second hit in the sixth inning.

"Kaitlin Lee pitched a heck of a ball game," Ole Miss head coach Mike Smith said. "She's picking us up big time in the circle."

In the sixth inning, Central Arkansas connected on a foul ball that the umpire controversially ruled fair. Mike Smith furiously stormed the diamond to argue the call.

"It was a foul," Smith said. "I was disappointed with the umpire. You can't make that type of call unless you're 100 percent sure."

The game was gridlocked at zero for all seven innings

before heading to extras. Ole Miss finished the game with 15 hits overall but went a dismal 5-21 with runners on base.

"Offensively, I'm very disappointed," Smith said. "We had 15 hits and only scored one run. That's not good."

Elantra Cox was impressive throughout the evening, finishing the game 5-6 at the plate and also scoring the winning run. Cox is currently hitting .500 on the year, good enough for second in the SEC. She also ranks in the top five nationally for batting averages.

"She's going to do whatever it takes to win," Strother said. "Whenever she gets up there, I expect her to get on base every single time. Her going 5-6 doesn't surprise me."

On Tuesday, Lee became the first Ole Miss pitcher to throw more than 10 innings in a game since 2012, with a pitch count of 172. The 12-inning marathon went down as the third longest game in Ole Miss softball history.

"I'm here to pick up the team whenever they're down," Lee said. "When our hits aren't on, it's my job to pick them up and help them out."



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Junior outfielder Elantra Cox and teammates high-five each other before the start of Ole Miss' game against the University of Central Arkansas.

In the bottom of the 12th inning, the Rebels had runners on first and second with one out. Miranda Strother came up big when it counted with a walk-off single to bring Elantra Cox home for

the winning run.

"I messed up last time. I just told myself, 'You got this," Strother said. "I was so excited. Twelve innings is a long game, and I knew that Kaitlin's arm couldn't take much more."

The Rebels now prepare for a three-game away series with Auburn this weekend. First pitch is scheduled for 6 p.m. Friday.



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