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Spring in full bloom on campus



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Despite having the fifth smallest landscaping budget in the SEC, just more than \$1 million, Ole Miss continues to be recognized as one of the most beautiful college campuses in the nation. Jaz Brisack (pictured above) said she likes the springtime due to how pristine the Grove is before football season and how it becomes a nice place to study.

Attorney general visits campus today

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Attorney General Jim Hood will speak about the future of Mississippi in an event hosted by the Ole Miss College Democrats at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Overby Center Auditorium.

Adam Flaherty, Ole Miss College Democrats president and senior philosophy major, said Hood's focus will be on promoting unity within the state.

"He really wants to come to talk to young people to make the state better," Flaherty said. "It's not really going to be political. It's going to be more about speaking to the future leaders of Mississippi, and what we can do to work together to solve problems in the state."

Flaherty said he began planning Hood's campus visit after meeting the attorney general by chance not too long ago.

"It's a funny story, actually. I ran into Attorney General Hood randomly at dinner and told him we would love to have him come speak at Ole Miss," Flaherty said. "Someone from his office got in touch with one of our executive board members and basically said it was something he was very interested in doing."

Sophomore chemistry major Holly Horton said she hopes Hood will speak about the controversy over the Confederate symbolism in the state flag.

"There has been a ton of controversy over the Confederate flag at this university, especially this past year," Horton said. "I am interested to see if he will touch on that at all and listen to his ideas about coming together."

Flaherty said Ole Miss Col-

Pharmacy school's new hire ready to recruit

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Through his new position as the School of Pharmacy's development officer, Port Kaigler is excited to give back to the school that has been, and always will be, deeply involved in his life.

Kaigler grew up in Gulfport, Mississippi and has an extensive family history tied to Ole Miss. His mom, dad, older brother and nearly every maternal aunt and uncle attended the university. As a result, Kaigler could not help but develop a love for the school as well.

Kaigler graduated in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in political science and said the uni-



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versity is a part of him.

"Ole Miss is in my blood," Kaigler said.

Kaigler is now a month into his job as development officer

for the School of Pharmacy. He describes his new title as a "fancy way of saying 'fundraiser.'"

"My goal primarily is to go out and develop relationships with alumni and donors, specifically for the School of Pharmacy," Kaigler said. "My job is to get out there and try and find those donors who have it in their hearts to give to Ole Miss."

This is not Kaigler's first time working with alumni. For the past seven years, he worked for the Ole Miss Alumni Association. He also worked in the office of the Division of Outreach and Continuing Education as an undergraduate student.

Kaigler said although he enjoyed his previous work for the

Alumni Association, his real goal was to work in the Office of Development, which he applied to twice in the past few years, before landing the job.

"Third time's the charm," Kaigler said.

His drive to work in development stems from a strong desire to help students. Kaigler said it was hard to see if his work was paying off at the Alumni Association, but as a development officer, the benefits to students will be more direct and visible.

Kaigler aims to be on the road Tuesday through Thursday, going out and meeting as many people as possible, whether it be with pharmacists

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Increased refugee entry will help Syrian war victims



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Last week, the world watched in horror as innocent Syrians, including children, were attacked with chemical weapons by their own government.

This is not the first chemical attack the people of Syria have endured, and without

action, it probably will not be the last.

President Trump responded to the atrocities, saying the attack "crossed many, many lines," adding that the situation in Syria was now his responsibility.

The compassion President Trump expressed is honorable, but deciding how to respond to this situation can be very difficult. The attack conducted Thursday proved to be controversial and caused people to worry about another Middle East military disaster.

There is one response, however, that would save lives without the risks of increased military involvement: allowing more refugees to enter the country.

I find it strange that Trump is deeply moved by the photos

of children affected by chemical weapons but is unchanged by the photo of 3-year-old Aylan Kurdi, whose body washed ashore after he drowned trying to escape the civil war.

Though the immigration ban was overturned by federal courts, the plight of the Syrian refugee remains. Many are still searching for asylum, with developed nations contributing disproportionately less to their needs.

America is even trailing in this comparison; Canada has settled more than twice as many Syrian refugees since the crisis began. Trump argues refugees are dangerous and could be terrorists, though there is little to no evidence to support this claim.

Trump is against immigra-

tion more than he is opposed to military involvement.

The question, then, is: Why would the United States consider military action before considering helping those in need as a solution to this global problem?

One answer could be the partisan lens through which Trump sees many issues. His new budget cuts the National Endowment for the Arts, National Parks, the Environmental Protection Agency and countless other governmental programs while adding to military spending. It is clear that Trump is for a much stronger military at the expense of smaller, less costly programs.

It is no surprise, then, that the first solution Trump would reach for would be the military when a problem aris-

es. While this may help, a far more effective solution, in economic and humanitarian terms, would be opening our doors to more refugees.

Even if we were to fight the Assad regime, the United States is complicit in his crimes when we refuse to allow those in need into our country.

There are few hypocrisies more egregious than lamenting the death of children by a ruthless leader while ruthlessly leading a country to actively refuse refugees the help they need.

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lege Democrats are excited about Hood's visit.

"We're very excited to have the attorney general come. He has served the state of Mississippi for a while and has done well," Flaherty said. "I think it will be good to get his perspective from someone who has served a long time, and I am hoping he can give us a direction we can go in as a state."

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or national chain pharmacies like Walgreens.

Eighty percent of the School of Pharmacy alumni live in Mississippi, so a lot of Kaigler's travel can be done by car, which is beneficial to his family life. While most development officers can fly, Kaigler is able to go home to his family some nights. Kaigler said he hopes his 7-year-old daughter, Rowan, and 4-year-old son, Davenport, will attend Ole Miss, but the decision will be up to them.

Kaigler said considering the recent decrease in state financial aid, he wants to make sure he helps students in the best way possible.

"I just really want to see what I'm doing for the university is helping students," Kaigler said. "Less and less money from the state is coming in, so private giving is becoming more and more important to the university."

Locals request gate around parking spaces

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Some Oxford residents are putting up gates to deter trespassers from leaving their cars parked illegally overnight.

At the Oxford Planning Commission meeting Monday night, condominium owner Brooks Yates requested an exemption from the city code to place a 6 feet tall, 22 feet wide electronic gate at the Oxford Manor Condominium entrance.

Oxford Manor, located off of Jefferson Avenue, has eight living units with 16 parking spaces, but Yates said the residents often have cars parked overnight in their spaces, sometimes for days at a time before being moved. Residents have also complained the people who park illegally leave behind trash.

"It is not just on ball-game weekends. ... It is year-round," Yates said.

Yates said he knows it is because the condominium complex is so close to the Square.

Residents said they also believe the gate will make their homes safer.

Yates said residents have seen people return to their vehicles as early as 3 a.m.

"There are some (residents) that are concerned over liability," Yates said.

The section of city code the condominium residents requested be overridden discourages sliding gates in the

city, but if the entrance had a longer driveway, the gate would be off the street with trees around it.

Board member Duncan Gray was skeptical of approving another electronic gate for a residence near the Square.

"I'm a little concerned because it is only eight units. ... But what if a four-unit development wants a gate?" Gray asked. "The issue is something that we have to address as a city."

Gray said instead of asking to be exempt from city code, he feels the threat of parking tickets would solve the problem.

"I understand the big picture. I understand that's y'all's job," Yates said.

But Yates said because the residential parking spaces are hidden from street view, it makes it easier for illegal parkers to stay.

Board member Judy Riddell said she felt approving the gate would set a precedent for more residents to close off their private parking with gates.

"I don't want a bunch of gates on the driveways," Riddell said.

The Oxford Manor gate is at least the second residential gate approved by the commission.

"If granted, I don't think it sets a precedent for everyone," Yates said.

The board approved the exemption request 4-2, with Gray and Riddell voting against.

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Oxford-inspired writing nominated for Poe Awards

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Mississippi soil has always proven fertile for many homegrown goods. One most notable is the crop of prolific writers it has nurtured and sewn, and now two Oxford writers have been nominated for Edgar Allan Poe Awards for their works of fiction.

Megan Abbott's short story "Oxford Girl," featured in last year's compendium release "Mississippi Noir," and Susan Vaught's junior novel "Things Too Huge to Fix by Saying Sorry" are nominated for the Mystery Writers of America's 71st annual awards.

Abbott, a Detroit native by birth and a New Yorker for more than two decades, moved to Oxford in 2013 to become the Grisham writer in residence at the univer-



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sity. Even though she had visited friends like Ace Atkins and Jack Pendarvis here many times, she said she still had trouble situating herself to the South and its unique schedule.

"I did need to adjust to the quietness of Sundays in Oxford and the general realization that there's no need to rush everywhere all the time. It was great for writing," she

said.

She still treasures her time in Mississippi for giving her both proximity to other writers and creators in the community and the distance she needed from the fast-paced world.

"I made so many friends while I was here, accumulated over many wonderful evenings spent at City Grocery Bar talking about books and movies, going to Snackbar for oysters, buying big stacks of novels at Square Books," Abbott said.

When the Oxonian author, professor and editor of "Mississippi Noir," Tom Franklin, asked Abbott to be a part of the mystery anthology, Abbott began to draw on her year in Oxford for inspiration, as well as some of her own collegiate experiences at the University of Michigan.

Abbott had long toyed with the idea of writing a story based on an old English murder ballad. After coming

across one called "Oxford Girl," she decided this was her chance to adapt English verse into Southern gothic.

"I wanted to do something big and grand and tragic in an unlikely setting: the world of fraternity and sorority parties, mixers, tailgating," she said.

The narrative alternates between excerpts from the 1820s ballad and personal narration by a modern-day sorority girl and fraternity boy.

Abbott has been nominated four times for a Poe Award and her novel "Queenpin" won her the 2008 award for best paperback original. Abbott is inspired and excited to be nominated in this year's short story category along with names like Joyce Carol Oates and Stephen King she said, because she has struggled with short stories and feels like novels are more her suit.

"Stories are so different than novels," she said. "They have to be precise and do so much in such a short space."

Abbott is nominated this

year for the Poe Awards alongside her mother Patti Abbott. This is the first time a mother-daughter pair has been nominated in the same year, according to Poe Awards publicist Kathy Daneman.

The awards are handed out by the Mystery Writers of America Association, whose mission, according to its website, is "promoting higher regard for crime writing and recognition and respect for those who write within the genre."

The finalists for the Poe Awards were announced on Jan. 19, Edgar Allan Poe's 208th birthday, and the winners will be chosen at an awards ceremony in New York City on April 27. The contest features several categories such as best novel, best paperback original, best short story and best juvenile fiction, for which Susan Vaught's novel is nominated.

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Rebels travel to Southern Miss for midweek rematch

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After sweeping Alabama last weekend and improving to 20-12 on the season, the Rebels will travel to Hattiesburg tonight for a rematch against No. 16 Southern Miss.

The last time Ole Miss and the Golden Eagles faced off, the result was a 12-inning spectacle that culminated in Rebels pitcher Jason Barber's game-winning run in the last inning. That matchup, which took place exactly a week prior to Tuesday's rematch, also saw the Rebels overcome a four-run deficit to secure extra innings and the eventual 5-4 win.

Head coach Mike Bianco and his team will need a number of crucial variables to go their way if the Rebels hope to replicate



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Will Golsan swings at a pitch during Ole Miss' win over Alabama earlier this season. The Rebels hope to maintain the same level of intensity at the plate while improving their execution against Southern Miss.

While Ole Miss has improved its hitting lately, it's also struck out more frequently. Ole Miss appears to have adapted a much more aggressive approach at the plate. For better or worse, Bianco and his players are willing to swing for the fences, with their backs against the wall.

The increase in offensive aggression should help the Rebels' cause, but a lack of efficiency must be carefully managed. Ole Miss will have to improve its execution but maintain the same level of intensity to take Southern Miss down a second time.

Home-field advantage

Pay attention to how the Rebels adjust to playing on the Golden Eagles' turf in Hattiesburg. The Rebels are just 1-3 away, while the Golden Eagles boast a 17-3 record at home. In such an evenly contested match between two talented intra-state squads, any advantage, no matter how big or small, could make the difference.

It will be up to Ole Miss to clean up its pitching mistakes, maintain offensive tenacity and increase efficiency at the plate if it wants a shot at dropping Southern Miss again. The Golden Eagles will be out for blood and, with a home crowd behind them, will do everything in their power to keep Ole Miss from walking away victorious.

the success they found in last week's head-to-head. Here's an early look at what to watch Tuesday night:

Pitching mistakes

When these teams met last week, both offenses exploded. The Rebels and the Golden Eagles have shown consistently tough pitching throughout their respective schedules, but another hitting clinic is not out of the question.

Many of the runs last week could be traced back to mistakes on the mound. Southern Miss alone gave up five pitching errors and

allowed the game-winning run to score on a wild pitch. Ole Miss added another four errors from pitching, each helping to set up runs early in the game. Whether the pitchers find a new tempo Tuesday night or simply relapse into the same pattern of miscues from their previous outing, pitching will make the difference between winning and losing.

Offensive execution

If the pitchers settle down and perform at their normal level of play, it will be up to the batters to adapt and take control of the game.

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Amazon gambles on Thursday Night Football

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Prime Video. Prime Music. Prime Delivery. Now, there's yet another perk of being a member of Amazon Prime: Thursday Night Football.

Earlier this week, Amazon.com, Inc. outbid Google, Twitter and Facebook to reach a deal with the NFL to stream 10 Thursday Night Football games on Amazon Prime next fall for the steep price of \$50 million per season. For comparison, last year Twitter reached a deal with the NFL to live stream Thursday Night Football games for \$10 million per season.

Although CBS, NBC and the NFL Network will continue to split national tele-



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vision coverage of Thursday Night Football, the drastic change in price Amazon paid shows companies are starting to value Thursday night games at prices previously only commanded by Sunday and Monday night games. As criticisms of the NFL's television coverage continue to mount, most stemming from

the increasingly prominent number of commercials, Amazon is hoping to strike gold at the right time.

Despite the steep price, this deal holds mutual benefits for the NFL, as well as Amazon. The NFL is able to reach a wider audience, as this deal is projected to increase viewership by an esti-

mated 60 million people.

Amazon also gains an opportunity to utilize America's passion for sports to further its "e-commerce" platform, as many professional sports leagues have already begun to do. This move will allow Amazon to gain an edge on companies like Netflix, Walmart or even ESPN because its product can be tailored to individual consumers.

Amazon has discussed plans to streamline e-commerce, as an advertising tool, into commercials during Thursday Night Football in order to sell sports gear or other Amazon goods to Prime members. For instance, if an Amazon Prime user has searched for a specific product before tuning into an NFL game, that user could be presented with commercials pertaining to that product.

In the past few years as

Amazon has entered into the "streaming" market alongside Netflix and Hulu, it has made unorthodox moves in order to increase its clientele. Amazon's recent acquisition shows a commitment to innovation; in this economy, "service"-oriented companies can and will collaborate services to maximize profit.

In addition, this deal only supports rumors that Amazon wants to provide a "premium sports package" for members who would be able to live stream sports from professional basketball and soccer to American surfing leagues.

While fans of the NFL will no longer be able to watch Thursday Night Football for free using their Twitter accounts, this move is bold and gives Amazon an opportunity to provide Prime members with the ultimate American football fan experience.

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New coaches look to shake up Ole Miss football

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After the annual Grove Bowl scrimmage on Saturday, head coach Hugh Freeze remained cautiously optimistic about next fall, despite a subpar defensive performance.

The intra-squad scrimmage finished as expected, with the offense dominating the defense in a 31-29 win. Scoring the game was a complicated affair; Freeze gave the defense a 27-0 lead but only allowed it to score off safeties or interceptions that led directly to touchdowns.

"I thought the right team won today," Freeze said. "The offense controlled most of the scrimmage, but we have a long way to go defensively."

With Shea Patterson completing 21 of 30 passes for 341 yards, good enough for two touchdowns, as well as exceptional performances from receivers AJ Brown, Van Jefferson and DK Metcalf, the Rebels' defense struggled to come up with stops. Even more worrying, Patterson found great success launching deep balls to Metcalf and Brown, who each sidestepped cornerbacks and safeties on their way to the end zone.

"You can't miss tackles and give up explosive plays and still



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Ole Miss head football coach Hugh Freeze looks on the field during the annual Grove Bowl last weekend. Newly hired defensive coordinator Wesley McGriff and offensive coordinator Phil Longo will serve on Freeze's coaching staff for the 2017 season.

expect to win games," Freeze said. "We know that and have experienced that for a year, and it must get corrected."

Newly hired defensive coordinator Wesley McGriff agreed with Freeze, noting success in 2017 will boil down to consistency. With injuries impacting

depth and a weaker than usual 2017 recruiting class, McGriff and Freeze are feeling the pressure.

"Working on technique and fundamentals will help build our confidence," McGriff said. "Ultimately, our biggest concern is just staying healthy."

Newly hired offensive coordinator Phil Longo, formerly of Sam Houston State and the architect behind college football's most effective offense last year, will hope to revitalize an impressive but predictable Ole Miss offense. His "keep it simple" mantra will keep the

Rebels' playbook thin and easy to master. With Chad Kelly and Evan Engram, among others, hoping to get drafted later this month, Longo's system will help younger players learn the system.

Freeze's new hires bring unique talents and abilities to a program faced with a growing mountain of NCAA allegations. With a postseason bowl game out of the question and an ever-increasingly talented SEC to compete in, Freeze's team refuses to lose focus.

"I couldn't be more pleased with how our kids have handled difficult, adverse situations, and the energy and passion our new staff has brought is really good," Freeze said. "What we start doing now is making sure we're working as hard as we can and making great decisions between now and fall camp."

While Freeze held most of his cards close on Saturday, signs of life persist. The coaching staff is hesitant, however, to tempt fate. The Rebels know there is still plenty of work to be done.

"There are other teams who are making the same choices, but ours have to be greater," Freeze said. "It has to be a greater commitment and a greater sacrifice and a greater toughness in this offseason to get us where we want to go."



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