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Ole Miss baseball improved its home record to 22-8 after a 5-3 victory against the University of Louisiana Monroe. LEFT: Dallas Woolfolk winds up to pitch during the ninth inning Wednesday. RIGHT: Nick Fortes trots around the bases after hitting a home run. Fortes ended the day with two runs and one RBI.

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Billionaire shares his story of success

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Tilman Fertitta, host of the hit MSNBC reality television show "Billion Dollar Buyer," is slated to speak at 11:30 a.m. Friday in The Pavilion. The first 1,000 students will be treated to free lunch.

A lifelong business man, Fertitta is the chairman, CEO and sole owner of Landry's Incorporated, which successfully owns more than 500 restaurants, casinos and entertainment destinations throughout 35 states.

Popular businesses Fertitta manages include restaurants like Landry's Seafood, Bubba Gump Shrimp Co., Golden Nugget Casinos and aquariums in Houston, Denver and Nashville, Tennessee.

Golden Nugget Casino Biloxi is relatively young, having only been open for five years, and is one of Fertitta's most valued businesses.

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Mississippi remains fifth-highest gambling state

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Mississippi will maintain its ranking as one of the top five highest gambling states in the country, despite the lack of a state lottery.

Since Mississippi introduced gambling in 1992, it has steadily produced the third-highest gambling revenues in the nation, ranking behind only Nevada and New Jersey, according to the executive

director of the Mississippi Gaming Commission, Allen Godfrey.

Mississippi gambling revenues since 2008 have stalled, and in some years, even decreased due to the expansion of gambling in other states.

"It's highly unlikely we will move up further, but we should maintain our position in the fifth or sixth spot," Godfrey said.

Mississippi's total gambling revenue has dropped from its

all-time high of \$2.9 billion in 2007 to \$2.1 billion in 2016.

"We've lost considerable amounts of revenue," Godfrey said. "The majority of it coming from our north river region."

Gambling's growth across the South, especially in Arkansas, caused Mississippi's Tunica market to lose more than 50 percent of its gross gambling revenue.

Ole Miss law professor Ronald Rychlak said the ex-

pansion of gambling in other states has had a negative impact on Mississippi's gambling revenues.

"Mississippi has traditionally brought gamblers in from Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Alabama and Georgia. But as other states are expanding their gambling, it is becoming more and more challenging to draw non-Mississippian residents," Rychlak said.

Not only has competition played a role in decreasing

the state's revenue, but natural disasters have also played left their mark on Mississippi's 28 state-regulated casinos.

On top of that, there are three sovereign Choctaw-owned casinos in Mississippi that do not report revenues to the state.

"Natural disasters – hurricanes in Tennessee – tend to slow revenue down," Godfrey

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Why collegiate athletes deserve compensation



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Every year except this one, I have watched the NFL draft – a time when prospective professional football players are put to the test in a grueling combine where their strength, stamina and football IQ are put to the test.

When I realized this year that I had missed the draft, at first I was upset, but then I realized that, just like the Super Bowl, there will be one every year.

I began to think about the process in which these young men, no older than many current students here at Ole Miss, are potentially about to make millions of dollars, putting their health and safety on the line so we can enjoy America's finest sport.

Just think about the potential damage to their bodies that they are willing to endure to play professional football, provide for their families and make their local community proud.

And yet there is something flawed with the process. Why is it that we make collegiate athletes go through this same physically, psychologically and emotionally draining process without adequate financial compensation?

It's because of the structure and hierarchy of the NCAA.

I was watching an interview conducted in the 2000s with

former University of Tennessee running back Arian Foster, who went on to say there would be game days where he would score three touchdowns, win the Volunteers the game and then was unable to eat because his meal plan was insufficient, and if a coach brought him food, then that would be a NCAA violation of receiving gifts.

The bottom line is that the NCAA is taking advantage of talented athletes nationwide by giving them scholarships that have unreasonable stipulations.

Now I can't speak on behalf of Ross Bjork or Hugh Freeze, but I'm sure they can agree the football players here at Ole Miss bring in millions of dollars in revenue annually.

And with this in mind, it is only logical to recommend that collegiate athletes, specifically those playing Division I sports that bring in millions of dollars

annually for universities, deserve to be financially compensated for their services.

Just this past February, the National Labor Relations Board concluded that top-level college football players at private universities are employees entitled to request improved working conditions and even to seek pay for their efforts.

This conclusion includes players at Northwestern, Stanford and Notre Dame. However, what's to say that players at the University of Mississippi should not be included as employees of the state, similar to their own head football coach or athletic director?

I encourage all current and incoming collegiate athletes to explore their options regarding payment and compensation, as professional baseball provides the opportunity for high schoolers to enter the draft immedi-

ately.

A new alternative to playing uncompensated college football is the southern California-based Pacific Pro Football League, which provides talented high school football players payment of \$50,000 per year, health insurance and a free community college education.

While football is a beautifully brutal game, we are approaching a point in our society where the truth is coming out about the dangers of the game, and it is only right that athletes are aware of their options and that universities provide all of their employees, including football players, health insurance, as well as a fair and negotiated annual salary.

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GAMBLING

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said. "It seems like they always hit on weekends, which are busy times."

Despite challenges, the state still ranks fifth in gambling revenues, which Rychlak attributes to Mississippi's early success in the mid to late '90s attracting out of state people to its non-sailing riverboat gambling.

"For a long time, if you went to Louisiana, you had to get on the boat at a certain time, and it was less convenient and harder to operate," Rychlak said. "Mississippi boats didn't sail – you go on it anytime; you leave anytime."

Rychlak said the convenience gave Mississippi a head start on other states.

"We were able to turn some of our places more into destination spots," Rychlak said. "That's effectively how you want a casino industry to operate – not to market to locals but to bring people in from outside who will bring money into the state."

According to the American Gaming Association, since 2013, Mississippi state regulations have required companies wishing to obtain a license for a new casino to also develop an accompanying high-end hotel, restaurant space and other tourism amenities.

Currently, there are discussions to build a state lottery in the future. According to the Jackson Free Press, Gov. Phil Bryant and lawmakers are pushing to introduce a state lottery, claiming it will bring in more revenue for the state.

Rychlak said there are potential issues to consider in regards to the adoption of a state lottery, the first being it will not be effective in reducing a budget deficit.

"Everybody thinks it's a way to raise money, and yet virtually every state that does it takes the money and devotes it to some form of education – usually creating new programs," Rychlak said.

Rychlak used Tennessee as an example. The state used gambling revenues to create a free junior college.

"They're turning around and spending the extra money they're making automatically on a new program, so if you're trying to get out of a deficit or balance your budget or something, it's not going to be effective," Rychlak said.

Such programs sometimes only succeed in taking funds from typically lower-class people and reallocating them to middle- and upper-class high school graduates. Rychlak said a state lottery could also have a negative effect on people with gambling addictions.

"Those who currently have gambling problems can at least stay away from casinos, but lottery tickets would be much more unavoidable. If you get to the point where it's the state pushing the product, that really is what a lottery is – the state becoming the house and encouraging people to gamble," Rychlak said. "Anywhere you go, your kids are going to be exposed to 'Hey, buy a ticket. Help the state.'"

Godfrey said he is not strongly for or against the introduction of a state lottery but would rather follow the demands of the people.

"If the governor and legislature enacts that, that's fine," Godfrey said. "Time will tell if it generates the amount of revenue that people have predicted."

FERTITTA

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"I am extremely proud of the Golden Nugget Biloxi. As with all of our Golden Nugget Casinos, we set the standard for luxury accommodations, the latest innovation in gaming, quality entertainment and night-life, excellent dining and relaxation through our Spa and H2O pool," Fertitta said.

The event is co-sponsored by the the business school, Ole Miss Athletics and the Meek School of Journalism and New Media. Long-time friend and president of the Ole Miss Real Estate Advisory Board, Blake Tartt III, was essential in helping bring Fertitta's candor, humor and wisdom to The Pavilion.

"I have close, personal ties to Ole Miss through family and friends," Fertitta said. "When Blake Tartt asked if I would come and speak, I was glad to have the time to do so."

"The Ole Miss Real Estate Advisory Board wanted to bring in speakers we feel have a positive message. In today's world, positive messages are important," Tartt said.

Tartt said he is looking forward to Fertitta sharing his wisdom with young students.

"It will be an amazing positive message that if they go out and work hard, they can be successful, too," Tartt said.

Even though freshman integrated marketing communications major Puffer Thompson is required to attend the lec-



ture for class, he said he is still excited about hearing Fertitta speak.

"I can't wait to hear how he was able to become a billionaire in the food service industry because I have worked years in food service and know it's a very hard industry," Thompson said.

The first half of the hourlong program will consist of Fertitta's life story of how he got to where he is today. Fertitta will discuss his upbringing working at his father's restaurant after school, becoming partners of the first Landry's opened in

1980 and then eventually buying and controlling interest in the company in 1986.

"Learning from him will be great, but I would love to ask him which one of his restaurants is his favorite and if he eats there often," Thompson said.

Students will also have a chance during the second half of the talk to ask the billion dollar buyer himself questions. A Q&A-type discussion will be held during the last half hour of the presentation, moderated by Will Norton, dean of the journalism school.

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'Casting JonBenet' questions stereotypes in murder case

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"Do you know who killed JonBenet Ramsey?"

Kitty Green's most recent Sundance-nominated documentary greets the viewer with this haunting question, posed by a young girl in red, white and blue pageant garb, before its opening credits.

In "Casting JonBenet," Green sets a deeply human look at American culture against the backdrop of one of Colorado's most publicized murder cases.

Through mock audition tapes with Colorado actors hoping to portray those involved, she tells the story of the Ramseys during the aftermath of their daughter's murder. These tapes, bouncing between personal testimony and monologue readings, make up the entire documentary.

Little Miss Colorado 1995, JonBenet Ramsey, was found murdered the morning after Christmas 1996 at her family's home in Boulder. On Oct. 13, 1999, Dis-

trict Attorney Alex Hunter announced his office had not found "sufficient evidence to warrant filing of charges." While the police did not ever name a guilty suspect, the national community and media freely, and repeatedly, lobbed their own theories.

Green takes a fresh approach to an otherwise over-trod subject. In fact, the film's potency comes from its acceptance of how dramatically Americans exploited the murder for entertainment and gossip fodder. "Casting JonBenet" exposes its subjects' personal convictions and opinions of humanity through their perception of the muddled case.

The documentary's participants give life to the heavily stereotyped family members and suspects involved in JonBenet's murder. The participants' personalities and faults affect their telling of the story, something it's clear Green counted on. By using a parade of different storytellers, Green shows that biased perception often clouds reality and has certainly clouded the investiga-



COURTESY: NETFLIX

tion of this case.

Women dressed in matching red turtlenecks and strings of white pearls address the camera, attempting to get into the head of JonBenet's mother, Patsy Ramsey. These actresses show a gap in the way humans think about one another and how they think about themselves. The many actors auditioning for the role of JonBenet's father reveal even further public miscalculation about the

lives of this American family.

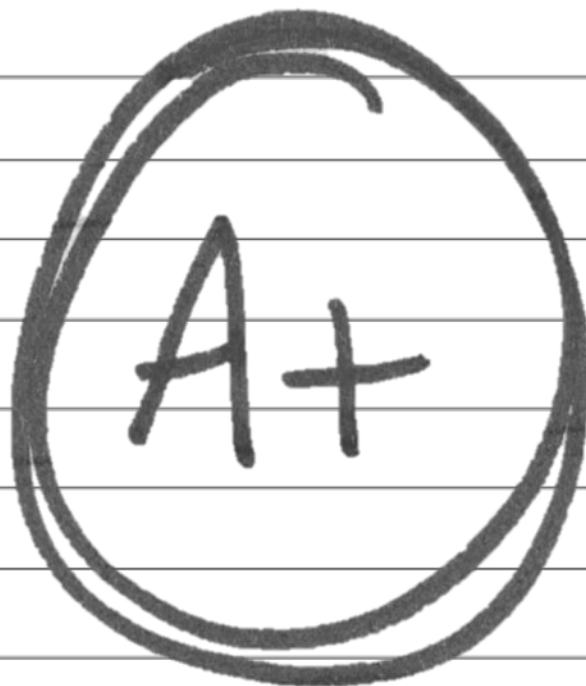
Dixon White's portrayal of John Mark Karr paints a disturbing picture of the convicted pedophile, who falsely confessed to JonBenet's murder in 2006. White captures the undeniably creepy, but not guilty, persona of Karr. In the film, White explains that in order to embody the role, he had to think through and truly believe the outlandish claims Karr made in the years following the

murder.

Uncomfortable at times and poignant throughout, "Casting JonBenet" asks the viewers to take a look at themselves while watching. The film uncovers the deep and divisive stereotypes that came from media coverage of the trial and explores how people begin to understand a crime like this.

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Pride Weekend events celebrate LGBTQ community

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OXFORD PRIDE Weekend May 4-7, 2017

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Oxford's Pride Weekend kicks off this Thursday for its second year of celebrating sexual and gender diversity in the city. Events run through Sunday and include Code Pink, drag shows, a pride parade and more.

"Simply put, the Pride Week is a chance to celebrate the LGBTQ community in Oxford," Jaime Harker, a professor and director of the Sarah Isom Center for Women and Gender Studies and key sponsor of the events, said. "It's an attempt to talk about that kind of diversity, celebrate that and make it visible."

The Pride Parade focuses on these goals, allowing the LGBTQ community to be embraced in Oxford.

The theme of the weekend is "liberty and justice for all," highlighting the need for equality and respect among all people, especially those who have been marginalized for their differences.

The concept is still young, as it began just last year.

"We had students last year that said, 'Wouldn't it be cool if we had a pride parade?'" Harker said.

Part of the mission of the Sarah Isom Center is to empower students to transform their dreams into reality, es-

pecially realities that move the community toward more inclusion, tolerance and celebration of diversity.

Though it will only be the second Pride Parade, the planners are expecting an even better year than the last.

"We learned a lot of things along the way," Harker said, explaining the experience they gained by obtaining permits, planning activities and sharing their plans with those all around the city. "We've been meeting once a month with UPD and OPD to make sure all the logistics are right."

With less time devoted to

learning the process of permits for a parade, the sponsors have had more time to get the word out about the event.

"It's going to be better this year," Harker said. "It's going to be a good time."

The events of the weekend go beyond just the parade, however.

The Code Pink: Pride Edition will include dancing, DJs, drag queens and halftime show performances Thursday night at Proud Larry's.

The parade itself will be Saturday afternoon on the Square. The celebration is a place for the LGBTQ commu-

nity to be seen and accepted by the university and community as a whole.

Last year, some students' emotions overflowed from the feelings of acceptance from their neighbors, friends and family who participated.

"Oxford needs more public spaces for the LGBTQ community to convene," Matt Kessler, a key creator of the event, said.

Though his work planning Pride Weekend is mostly logistical and behind-the-scenes, the importance of his work is apparent. The hard work of the Sarah Isom Center and students like Kessler allow the representation and celebration of a group that often faces challenges in the South.

The parade will include a wide array of participants, from one of Oxford's dou-

ble-decker buses to a car club from Memphis. Students and community members, as well as those from other communities, will gather to honor and welcome the diversity that exists throughout Oxford.

Events continue throughout the weekend with a drag performance at The Lyric Oxford Saturday night, featuring performers from the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida. On Sunday, The Powerhouse will host a film screening to benefit the LGBTQ arts and culture fund.

"I know they will all be great events," Harker said. "Everyone should come. This is for everybody. If you're LGBTQ, you should come. If you're an ally, you should come. If you just like parties and parades, you should come. Everybody is welcome."

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Get with the times, NFL: Cannabis, CTE

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In the past month, the NFL draft has dominated football headlines and consumed the minds of analysts, commentators and fans alike. Hidden in the shadows of men in suits securing their futures is the recent discussion of the cannabis plant, marijuana and cannabidiol (CBD) within the National Football League.

It's no secret that the narrative toward what was once deemed "the devil's lettuce" has changed throughout the nation. Transitioning from a staunch hardline against the legalization, 25 states now allow some form of cannabis usage, eight (and the District of Columbia) allowing it to be sparked without a doctor's prescription.

Seemingly, the narrative hasn't changed for Roger Goodell, commissioner of the NFL. *Insert ferocious boos*

On the Friday of the draft, Goodell took to ESPN's "Mike & Mike" with comments so prehistoric that even Richard Nixon rolled over in his grave. Telling ESPN Radio that the league sees no medical benefits, he added that, "It may not be healthy for the players long-term."

Yes, you read that right—the league sees no medical benefits. That's just a futile, business-centric thing to say.

Common sense would assume that if medical marijuana patients are using the cannabis plant to ease pain, headaches and other ailments, then a professional football player who repeatedly uses his body as a battering ram would also find relief in lighting a therapeutic

post-game doobie.

The alternative, pain-killers (which the NFL conglomerates don't bat an eye toward), is causing an epidemic.

A study conducted by researchers at the Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine found that 52 percent of the retired players said they used prescription pain medication during their playing days. Of those, 71 percent said they misused the drugs then, and 15 percent of the misusers acknowledged misusing the medication within 30 days of the study.

Yet Buffalo Bills offensive tackle Seantrel Henderson is facing a 10-game suspension for a second violation of the league's substance abuse policy after being prescribed medicinal marijuana to treat his Crohn's disease, a chronic

inflammatory bowel disease that affects the lining of the digestive tract.

But since Goodell throws common sense by the way-

case, but the issue of CTE is something the NFL needs to address.

In 2015, the Department of Veterans Affairs and Boston

“I understand there is a historically negative stigma toward marijuana that is the economic driving the force behind the lack of advancement toward removing it from the league's outlandish, outdated substance abuse policy.”

side, I will, too. Let's dig deeper.

The late Junior Seau, one of the league's most famous, best and beloved linebackers, took his own life in May 2012. Autopsy results showed Seau suffered from chronic brain damage, testing positive for chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), a neurodegenerative disease often associated with repeated head trauma that can lead to dementia and depression. Seau's passing is an extreme

University identified the degenerative disease in 96 percent of the players they examined and 79 percent of all football players. Those numbers are something of severity, and the usage of cannabis, more specifically cannabidiol, might be the answer.

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- 49 Mr. Nielsen
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SENIOR HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION

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B.S.E.E. IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

"Portable Biosignal Data Logger"
Directed by Dwight Waddell

Thursday, May 4 at 12:00 pm
Brevard Hall Room 209

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Collin Anders Dietrich

B.S.E.S. IN EXERCISE SCIENCE

"Utilizing the Zebrafish Model to Determine Anti-Epileptic Properties of Mistletoe and Cannabis"
Directed by Kristine Willett

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Thad Cochran Center 3054

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Elisabeth Hart Pepper

B.A. IN HISTORY

"Choctaw Women: Preservation and Adaption from Post-Removal to the 1970s"
Directed by Mikaela Adams

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and the commissioner's (lack of) care

CANNABIS

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While primarily reducing inflammation and pain, CBD is shown to have an antipsychotic effect and treat seizures and neurological disorders, which has caught the attention of many players, both past and present.

Former New York Giants defensive lineman Leonard Marshall is one of the many players to speak out on the topic, having been diagnosed CTE in 2013.

"I was prescribed seriously intense prescription drugs for my CTE [...] I just didn't feel like myself," Marshall said in an interview last month. "Then, I heard reports that studies suggested CBD could help prevent symptoms like irritability, aggression and motor impairment. [...] I was initially reluctant, because I didn't want to add another substance to my system, and I'm not into getting high. When I found out that CBD doesn't have the side effects of THC, I decided to try it."

Marshall was so impressed by how he felt after using

CBD, he has recently become an ambassador for Elixinol, a global CBD company with U.S.-based operations in Colorado, and an advocate for the usage of cannabidiol in the NFL.

"I found with CBD I had a higher pain threshold, I felt calm and finally, I felt 'Leonard could be Leonard' again," he said.

While Marshall is just one example, he is not alone. Players like ex-Raven Eugene Monroe, famed personality quarterback Jim McMahon and former Broncos quarterback Jake Plummer, who started taking CBD oil last year to deal with nagging headaches, are among those to speak out.

Should you need a more credible voice, just hop over to a new tab and type in "CBD CTE." From Lester Grinspoon, a professor emeritus at Harvard, to Nobel Prize-winning biochemist Julius Axelrod, you'll find a plethora of experts echoing positive sentiments. Some even go so far as to say the fact that CBD could possibly be a neuroprotective for CTE-prone athletes is some-

thing "everyone in sports and medicine should embrace," like retired Col. Phillip Blair (U.S. Army), M.D., a U.S.-based CBD expert.

Nevertheless, Roger Goodell's head is - well, to put it lightly - somewhere it shouldn't be.

Of course, I understand the league's narrative is not going to magically change overnight. My head is not where Goodell's is. And I understand there is a historically negative stigma toward marijuana that is the economic driving force behind the lack of advancement toward removing it from the league's outlandish, outdated substance abuse policy.

However, I also understand the times, the medicinal benefits and the fact that retired players are living with severe brain trauma.

Thus, my confusion lies in the compassion for players, of which there is none. I could get behind Goodell's opposition if there truly were no medicinal benefit. But it is beyond known that the cannabis plant has medical benefits, especially for the NFL players who are desperately



AP PHOTO | ELAINE THOMPSON
NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell walks on the field before an NFL football game between the Seattle Seahawks and the Green Bay Packers.

in need.

Mr. Commissioner, I compel you to put money and politics aside and instead let

facts and science drive the league's policy on marijuana, cannabis and CBD.

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B.A. IN PUBLIC POLICY LEADERSHIP, ECONOMICS
"What Did You Expect? How Expectations and the Structure of Student Loans Affect the Incentives to Pursue an Undergraduate Education"
Directed by Mark Van Boening
Thursday, May 4 at 2:15 pm
Holman Hall Room 230
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SENIOR HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION
Mitchell Alexander Dowden
B.S. IN INTEGRATED MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS
"The Grove: Game Days and Beyond"
Directed by Scott Fiene
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SMBHC Room 202
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SENIOR HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION
Elizabeth Frances Milam
B.A. IN ENGLISH
"The Ecliptic of Person, Place, and Time that Perpetrated Post-World War One Conceptualism"
Directed by Elizabeth Spencer
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Taylor Elizabeth Patterson
B.S. IN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE
"Examination of Electroglossography (EGG) and Surface Electromyography (sEMG) as Techniques to Assess Oral Motor Activity During Consumption of Four Forms of Chocolate"
Directed by Carol Britton
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SENIOR HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION
Lemuel Shui-Lun Tsang
B.S. IN CHEMISTRY
"Raman Spectroscopic Studies of Novel Gold-Containing Nanomaterials"
Directed by Nathan Hammer
Thursday, May 4 at 3:00 pm
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SENIOR HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION
Kaitlin Elizabeth White
B.A. IN PSYCHOLOGY
"Dirty Hands"
Directed by Melissa Ginsburg
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SENIOR HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION
Jessica Elizabeth Barnett
B.A. IN BIOCHEMISTRY, PSYCHOLOGY
"Hinge Sequence Elements in Epithelial Cadherin Form and Function"
Directed by Susan Pedigo
Thursday, May 4 at 4:00 pm
Coulter Hall Room 204
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SENIOR HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION
Benjamin Cossitt Logan
B.A. IN PUBLIC POLICY LEADERSHIP
"Educational Legislation in a Polarized Political Climate"
Directed by Amy Wells-Dolan
Thursday, May 4 at 4:00 pm
Guyton Hall Room 101
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Coach Bianco's birthday brings midweek sweep

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The Rebels celebrated head coach Mike Bianco's birthday by giving him a sweep over University of Louisiana Monroe in the midweek series at Swayze Field on Wednesday. Though there were a few more bumps in the road than they had wished for, the Rebels ended up pulling out a 5-3 win over the Warhawks.

With neither teams allowing a single run until the bottom of the sixth inning, the second matchup between the two teams was much more competitive than the 21-7 game Tuesday night.

University of Louisiana Monroe starter Stephen Morrison kept the Rebels off the scoreboard with only a handful of hits until Colby Bortles bombed a home run into the left field bullpen in the bottom of the sixth inning to break the tie.

"He left me a curveball hanging up in the zone, and I put a good swing on it," Bortles said. "Luckily, the wind was blowing out a little bit."

Following the home run, ULM coach Bruce Peddie decided to call to his bullpen and

switch pitchers. However, the Rebels didn't seem to mind the pitching change as they went on to score two more runs in the inning. RBIs came from a Bryan Seamster sac fly and a Cole Zabowski base hit to right field before the four-run inning ended with consecutive pop flies from Grae Kessinger and Tate Blackman.

While Sean Johnson didn't look like he would last long past the first couple of innings, after throwing a couple walks and reaching a high pitch count early in the game, the Rebels starting pitcher put on a dominant pitching performance. When Johnson finally did surrender a hit to the first batter in the seventh inning, coach Bianco came out to the mound to bring in reliever Brady Feigl.

"He's a great, great competitor and a great teammate," Bianco said about Johnson.

After settling down in the third, Johnson had a stellar day on the mound, throwing six innings and allowing only one run and one hit.

"Slider, slider, slider," Johnson said. "I had my fastball the first few innings, and then my arm started to get a little tired, but my slider is my pitch I can

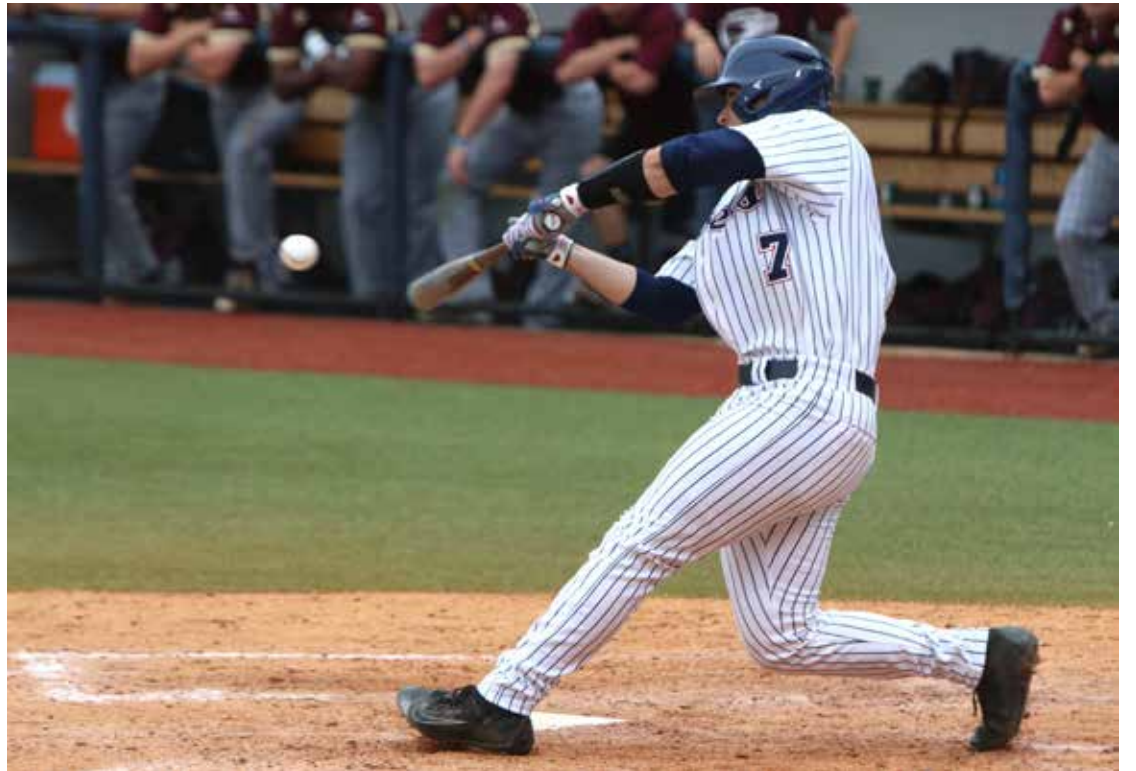


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Sophomore catcher Nick Fortes hits a home-run during Ole Miss' 5-3 win over the University of Louisiana-Monroe on Wednesday. Fortes, Ole Miss' batting average leader, has hit three home runs in the past two days.

throw at any count."

On offense, Nick Fortes kept swinging a hot bat for the Rebels, blasting his third home run in two days. Fortes, who is currently leading Ole Miss with a .320 batting average, extended the Rebels' lead to three and headed to the eighth up 5-2.

The only real trouble for

the Rebels was in the top of the eighth inning, when Will Ethridge was on the mound with the bases loaded and one out. Ethridge eventually escaped the inning while only giving up one run to make the score 5-3 in favor of the Rebels heading into the bottom half.

After three quick outs, Ole Miss closer Dallas Woolfolk

ran out to the mound in the top of the ninth with the score 5-3 to try and grab his 10th save of the year. After a quick double play and an incredible diving play and throw to first from Bortles, Woolfolk earned the save and reached double digits on the year as Ole Miss beat the Warhawks 5-3.



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