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DM STAFF REPORT

IHL Commissioner Borsig requests to step down



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Jim Borsig talks to media after an executive session at the IHL Board meeting in March.

Incoming Institutions of Higher Learning Commissioner Jim Borsig announced Thursday that he has requested to step down from his position with the IHL and intends to remain president of the Mississippi University for Women. Borsig was appointed commissioner by the Board of Trustees and was scheduled to assume his new position on April 15.

"I first want to make it perfectly clear that I am in full support of the board of trustees," Borsig said in a press release Thursday. "I have enjoyed

working with the board, both as a university president and as commissioner-elect. The Board is fully dedicated to the success of the university system and I share in this goal. After reflection and prayer, I have realized that my true passion — and my calling at this point in my life — is to serve our state as a university president."

Borsig told The Clarion-Ledger the controversy surrounding the non-renewal of Chancellor Dan Jones' contract did not affect his decision.

"Anyone who has followed

my career over 30 year knows I've dealt with hard things and dealt with controversy," Borsig said. "That has absolutely nothing to do this."

Details regarding the search for a new Commissioner of Higher Education will be discussed by the board at its next regularly scheduled meeting next Thursday in Jackson.

The state College Board made the decision not to renew Jones' contract in March. The board's reasonings for the

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More than a number

When Robert Conyers met Park Stevens in the spring of 2013, a bond was created that would not be broken. Following a car accident that resulted in Stevens' death, Conyers chose to wear the number 75 in honor of his friend.

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Every football player must choose a number. Some choose a lucky number, others choose it based on an athlete they grew up admiring.

Ole Miss offensive lineman Robert Conyers' number means a great deal more than that. It represents the life and legacy of his beloved friend and teammate Park Stevens.

During spring practice after Conyers' freshman year, he met Park Stevens. Standing at 6-foot-8 with long blond hair, Stevens was a goofy and fun-loving walk-on offensive lineman who transferred from East Central Community College.

"At first, I see him, and he is like 6-foot-8, and he's got this long blonde hair, and I'm just like 'Man, who is this big goofy guy?'" Conyers said. "He was just one of those guys that you felt like you knew for your entire life. He had that kind of impact on people."

Park Stevens, affectionally known around his home town of Columbus as "the gentle giant," was a caring young man.

"One year, I'll never forget, he had first asked for a PlayStation 3 for Christmas, and about a month before, he asked us if we would buy his teammate Mike a North Face jacket instead because he didn't have a jacket of his own," his mother Gail Stevens said. "One weekend, Stevens was playing in the Grove Bowl, and the

next he was back home escorting a special needs girl to her prom. It was just the kind of person Park Stevens was. He lived to care for other people."

Conyers and Stevens quickly became close friends. They became roommates and spent the summer of 2013 in Oxford taking classes and going through summer workouts.

Later that summer, as the Fourth of July approached, Conyers, who was from Miami and unable to go home, planned to go home with Stevens to Columbus for the weekend. Stevens left Oxford on July 3. Conyers ended up having a test that day and instead planned to drive down the next day to meet Stevens.

Stevens was about an hour away from home when an 18-wheeler pulled out to cross four lanes of traffic. Stevens hit the back of the 18-wheeler in his pickup truck and was killed on impact.

Stevens' parents were vacationing in the mountains with their older two children and their families at the time of the accident. They received a call from a relative with the devastating news.

It was an unbelievable shock, a devastating loss and a test of faith to a close-knit family.

"You're just numb to it all. You do everything with this armor around you. You're trying to prove to everyone that you can be strong, and it's hard," Gail Stevens said, describing the first year after Park's death. "It is literally



COURTESY: GALE STEVENS



FILE PHOTO: CADY HERRING

ABOVE: Park Stevens, his sister Tina Beth Stevens and Robert Conyers pose for a photo before the 2013 Grove Bowl. BELOW: Wearing Park Stevens former number, Robert Conyers celebrates a touchdown with Cody Core in a game against Boise State last season.

your first thought in the morning and your last thought at night."

Shortly after Stevens' death, his family made the decision to stay involved with the football program and carry out the legacy of

their son.

"Park had a dream, and we made an agreement to finish that dream," said Gail Stevens.

Conyers also made a decision after Stevens' passing to switch

his number to 75, Stevens' number.

"I wanted to make his parents feel the way they should feel

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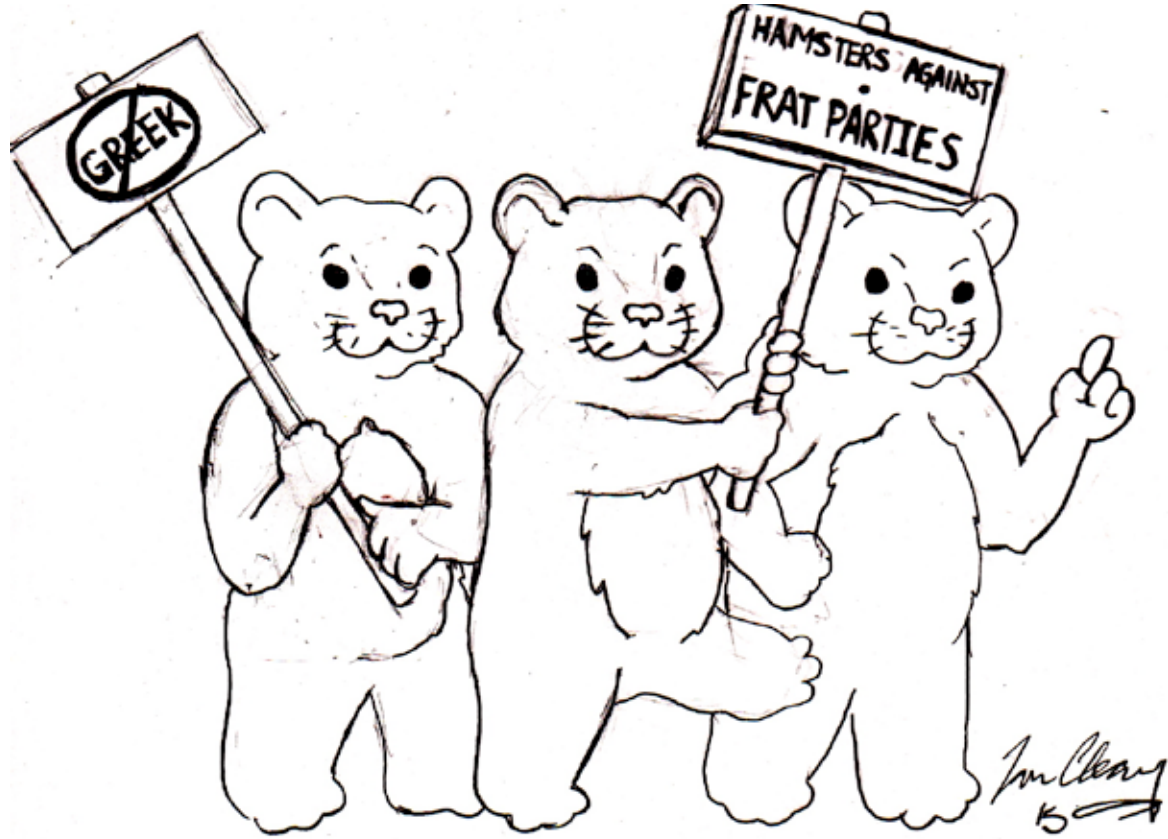
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Privatization and the new slaves

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Privatization represents the ultimate realization of the free-market libertarian worldview: it renders services, industries and jobs previously owned and paid for by the nation-state into the hands of privately owned individuals and corporations. The ideological justification behind this shift in ownership is rooted in the Randian capitalist tradition – ideally, that putting government assets in the hands of private corporations encourages competition, that so-of-ten-invoked process by which different economic players try their hardest to reduce price and increase efficiency, in whatever way possible.

The private sector operates under these guidelines; individuals or corporations produce consumer goods and most non-fundamental services with minimal government regulation. The rule of survival of the fittest then applies – those companies that cannot produce their good with maximum efficiency and minimum cost die out, and those that can thrive.

Historically, in early-to-mid-capitalist economies, only inessential industries operated on this principle. Other industries, those deemed indispens-

able, that must be maintained at a certain price and level of quality for society to operate optimally, were nationalized, that is, owned by the nation.

Nationalization protected these industries from the natural price fluctuation of the capitalist system. Sanitation services, police forces, emergency responders, national defense, airport security, prisons, postal services and schools are all industries provided for by the state or federal government in the United States. In many other otherwise-capitalist countries that further embrace nationalization, key industries like coal, oil and gas are owned by the federal government to ensure that important exports are maintained at a certain price or to avoid the resource falling into the hands of a private monopoly.

Usually, this balance works out well. While socialization of all industries arguably would create a more equal society keeping key services nationalized and most others privatized strikes a balance between equality and capitalist wealth production. This was the ideology behind the New Deal, which created many new federally directed agencies aimed at providing jobs for the unemployed and keeping prices of essential goods artificially low, on the backs of the tax dollars of the rich.

American public policy did not change much until the late 1970s, when more and more libertarian-influenced politicians gained public office – many, but not all, through the Republican Party. The Reagan administration in the 1980s ushered in a new era of deregulation and government shrinkage unprecedented in American history. Inspired by Margaret Thatcher, Reagan made privatization of government assets a viable political option. While he only privatized one government holding (Conrail, sold for \$1.6 billion), he set the precedent that privatization was the new political reality for the United States – a reality carried out by both the Clinton and Bush administrations.

More importantly, however, was the Reagan administration's influence on state governments, who saw his attitude towards privatization as an easy way to fill their budget coffers and offer tax cuts, which are politically popular, especially with rich voters. The rich benefit from being able to make money off government industry, and then benefit once again from the tax cuts this enables state government to make. The owners of these formerly nationalized industries then go on to lobby state governments to continue to pursue such policies, and a cycle is created. The

most egregious example of why privatization is a problem can be seen when we look at the trend of prison privatization in the United States.

Prison privatization, while not unheard of in the early 20th century, took off with full force in the 1980s with the founding of the Corrections Corporation of America in 1983. At the same time, the Reagan administration was pushing a new “War on Drugs,” a “tough-on-crime” approach to the drug problem that saw as a solution harsh sentencing, violent enforcement of drug prohibition and the massive incarceration of thousands of otherwise innocent Americans.

Since 1975, the prison population in the United States has been exponentially growing, to the point that the incarceration rate in 2008 was exactly five times what it was in 1975. At the same time, violent crime rates have been in steady decline since 1980. With less and less crime, why does the incarceration rate continue to grow?

Clearly Reagan's drug policies, continued under both Bushes, Clinton and Obama have something to do with it. But those policies are proven to be a failure – drug use continues to rise, despite the harsh enforcement of the prohibition. The answer to this

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question becomes obvious when one follows the money.

Private prisons are a billion-dollar industry; the Corrections Corporation of America can count among its investors the GEO Group, founded by George Zoley, a group that also runs “detention centers” – more accurately called concentration camps – for undocumented immigrants in the process of being deported. The reason this industry is so profitable, besides being awarded lucrative contracts by state governments, is because the privatized prison business model runs on contracting out prisoner labor.

Every prisoner in a Corrections Corporation of America-run private prison is required to perform some form of labor as part of their “corrections” experience. This labor has nothing to do with reforming their character. The prisoners are shopped out as cheap labor, receiving as little as 17 cents an hour, while the private prison is paid for contracting out their labor. If they refuse, they are placed in solitary confinement, considered by the United Nations to be a form of psychological torture. As Kanye West says, these prisoners are truly the “new slaves” in our society, performing forced labor

for next-to-nothing.

This creates an incredibly profitable business model, all dependent on the rising prison population. Unsurprisingly, the Corrections Corporation of America’s investors are all heavily involved in politics. Henri Wedell and the previously mentioned George Zoley are both heavy backers for the Republican Party, while two other investors, Jeremy Mindich and Matt Sirovich fund the Democratic Party. Prison privatization, as we’ve seen in the Clinton administration, is a bipartisan affair. Investors in private prisons go on to lobby federal and state governments, as well as both political parties, to keep harsh drug laws on the books and continue imposing harsh prison sentences for non-violent crimes.

This is what colloquially gets referred to as the “prison-industrial complex.” The private prison business model could not exist without a continually rising prison population, so its investors, who are getting filthy rich off contracted prisoner labor, lobby for policies that keep up the incarceration rate.

It’s a truly violent cycle, and it has resulted in the United States having the largest prison population in the world. Full stop. No other country has more of its citizens in prison than we do. Sixty percent of this prison population

is Black or Hispanic. Fifteen percent of the youth prison population identifies as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. Marginalized people of all kinds are over-represented in our prison system.

Can the problems with United States prisons be placed entirely at the feet of private prisons? No.

Systemic bias is rampant in our society, nationalized prisons or not. But, when 25 percent of United States prisons are now operated on a for-profit basis, there becomes a clear financial interest in getting more people incarcerated and keeping them there longer. The interesting thing is, private prisons, in one way, prove that Randian libertarianism works. They are, objectively, far cheaper than normal, state-run prisons.

Privatized prisons are capitalist competition at work. Of course, slavery made for far cheaper agriculture for the south. It was cheap to build railroads because of undervalued Chinese labor. Saving money does not mean one is doing the right thing. Some industries simply cannot be operated on a for-profit basis. Just look at the results: at a privatized Corrections Corporation of America-run prison four hours south in Natchez, 25 guards were held hostage during a riot staged by prisoners in response to the uniformly poor conditions in the prisons. A study found prisoners in Mississippi

private prisons were, on average, ten to 60 pounds lighter than their equivalents in state-run prisons.

These prisons may be cheaper, yes, but at what cost?

Our society has been torn apart by the overpolicing required to feed this machine, as we’ve seen in Ferguson and New York.

But what can be done?

To start, we must call for politicians to end any and all privatization of essential industries. The tax cuts that result from them primarily benefit the rich, and the poor pay for the costs. From private prisons to private police forces to private military contractors, the for-profit model feeds a system that encourages and values violence.

Secondly, we must prevent the rich from exercising undue political influence. Lobbyists and corporations, as dictated by the Citizens United decision, can presently harness United States public policy in order to make their pri-

vate businesses more profitable.

And finally, perhaps most controversially, we must end the prohibition on drugs. Reagan’s war on drugs has been proven again and again to be a complete failure. Immediate retroactive pardon for all non-violent drug offenders would significantly decrease the minority population in prisons, making communities whole again and undermining the business model that keeps our innocent youth in private prisons. While libertarianism and privatization may save money in the short term, the burden it places on liberty and equality in our society are far too high to stomach.

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Annual RebelTHON to be held Saturday

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The third annual twelve-hour dance marathon, RebelTHON, will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Jackson Avenue Center.

RebelTHON is Ole Miss's own version of a nationwide movement, Dance Marathon, which raises money for local Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

This year's event will donate its proceeds to Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital in Jackson.

Senior Zachery Newton is serving as the executive director for this year's RebelTHON.

"I'm very excited just to see the progress that the organization has made in three years," Newton said. "It has gone from an idea to a full-fledged, recognized event on campus in a short while almost solely in thanks to the hard work that students have put into it."

RebelTHON has sponsored several other fundraising efforts throughout the school year, including selling t-shirts and hosting a RebelTHON night at Funky's. The dance marathon, which takes place tomorrow, is the final event.

"RebelTHON is meant to be a celebration of year-long fund-

raising effort, so take a chance to just let go at RebelTHON and immerse yourself into what's really going on," said junior Jonathan Larkin, the director of non-Greek relations.

Larkin has been actively involved with RebelTHON since his freshman year.

"RebelTHON is an incredible experience. There will be games, dancing, personal stories from families, great food and an opportunity to give back to children within Mississippi," Larkin said. "Each hour, the theme changes, giving a new environment and outlook, so nothing will get boring."

RebelTHON tries its best to prepare participants for the length of the night. They have sent out a "RebelTHON Dancer Survival Guide" to those already registered. Tips include getting enough sleep, drinking plenty of water and wearing comfortable shoes.

There is also a page within the guide that references how to interact with the families.

Along with students, children that are currently patients at Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital and their families are invited to attend. The RebelTHON organizers



FILE PHOTO: THOMAS GRANING

Participants dance during RebelTHON last year.

encourage participants to talk and interact with the families.

One of RebelTHON's major ideas is "standing for those who can't."

"We are asking students to sacrifice a Saturday night, comfort, sleep, time and maybe some other things in recognition of the sacrifices that so many kids and families have to make," Newton said. "Compared to the child receiving

chemotherapy or the parent who has to quit his or her job to care for their sick child, our sacrifices are practically nonexistent."

Students can register for the event online at rebelthon.org for \$15 as an individual. RebelTHON merchandise will be available for purchase during the event.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

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non-renewal was because of contract management issues at The University of Mississippi Medical Center. The University of Mississippi community reacted immediately to the issue by organizing a rally of 2,500 participants and drafting resolutions. After two weeks of negotiations, Jones and the board failed to reach an agreement. The discussions ended last week when when the chancellor held a press conference in Oxford to announce would deny the extension of his contract for just 21 months.



Tanzanian law students training at UM Law School

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The Tanganyika Law Society, The Colom Foundation and Nashera Hotels have joined efforts in organizing and conducting legal training of advocates at the university's law school. This January, a group of seven law students from Tanzania began legal training with The University of Mississippi School of Law.

Funded by the Colom Foundation and the university, the training is expected to provide special-

ized continuous legal education, significant in enhancing advocates' understanding in key legal aspects. This training is the first of two five-month periods, which will end in May. The second period is scheduled from September to December of this year.

The Colom Foundation is a charitable arm of Attorney Wilbur Colom and his two partners' firm, Colom Law. Colom is also a partner in Nashera Hotels, a hotel business located in Morogoro, Tanzania.

"As a business in Tanzania,

it is our responsibility as a good neighbor to help develop this nation and be a benefit to those around us," said Wilbur Colom, president of Colom Foundation, Colom Investment Limited and principal shareholder of Nashera Hotels. "We are pleased to partner with Tanganyika Law Society, further educating their members. As a lawyer by training, I appreciate the importance of well-trained advocates. This is a noble purpose."

Tanzanian students applied through the Tanganyika Law Society and were then interviewed by associate professor of law Michèle Alexandre. Professor Alexandre and Colom made the final selection of students.

The UM School of Law has

provided a waiver on tuition fees for the trainees, and the Colom Foundation and Nashera Hotels have covered transportation costs to the U.S. as well as accommodation fees for the full period of the course. Colom said that they plan to bring another group of students to school next year as well.

While the law school training is set to benefit the Tanzanian students, it is also said to benefit the university as well.

"The (Tanzanian) students bring new perspectives to the practice of law and to legal education," said Jess Walkman, UM Law School Student Body Association president. "The legal systems around the world can share some similarities, but even

relatively similar systems have distinct differences, and learning from those differences helps us to better train lawyers at Ole Miss who can practice effectively in an increasingly global legal community."

Jack Spencer, a senior public policy leadership major who will be attending law school this fall, is excited for the Tanzanian students to be here.

"The fact that a program as exciting and beneficial as this is going on at The University of Mississippi is fantastic news to me," Spencer said. "I believe that the cultural exchange that this program fosters will lead to improvement in the education of both their students and ours."

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about having their son out there on the field.” Conyers said. “It created a bond between a family mourning the loss of their son and a football player honoring a lost friend.”

“He has become our fourth child. He is just like a son to us,” Gail Stevens said.

Conyers said he often refers to them as Mom and Pop. He turns to them with a problem he may face or if he misses them and just wants to catch up.

“We take care of him and he takes care of us, but the main thing is he never fails to tell us he loves us,” Gail Stevens said.

When Conyers takes the field next fall, you will see the number 75; a number that represents more than just the starting center. It represents a loved, Christian young man whose life was tragically cut short. It represents a family carrying out the legacy of their lost son and a young man honoring a lost friend. It represents a bond between the Stevenses and Conyers, who became a son to them.

“The first time we saw it, it took our breath away.” Dean and Gail Stevens said. “Now, when we see it, we see our son because we see Robert as our son too. When we see Robert, we see Park too.”

This upcoming season would have been Park’s senior season. Park’s parents Dean and Gail, along with Conyers, work to keep Park’s legacy alive.

“God has a plan for everything,” Dean Stevens said.

He said he and Gail Stevens have learned a lot from the legacy their son left behind.

“If I can be half of the man that Park was in his twenty short years of life, then you can call me successful,” Dean Stevens said.

Conyers has also learned a lot in the two years since the accident.

“Every time I start to feel sorry for myself about something, I just think it could always be worse,” Conyers said. “Nothing felt worse than that day.”

The story of Park Stevens is an example that great things can come out of bad situations. Dean and Gail Stevens continue to be an active part of the Ole Miss football family. Whether it’s sharing a daily Facebook post with words of motivation or the text they send every morning to as many as 40 players, they want the team to know they are thinking of them and encouraging them.

“We always tell them that life is not promised after today and to always be working on the impact you are leaving in this world,” Gail Stevens said.

For Conyers, the legacy of Stevens provides a sense of encouragement for him.

“Park is a reminder of the good things in life,” Conyers said. “It’s a reminder that there is a good side to everything. Nothing has to get you down. That is how you should live.”

Mississippi in Brief

Compiled by Lizzie McIntosh

LELAND LIVIN’

WMC Action News reported that residents of Leland, Mississippi who are 18 years and younger have been issued a curfew. The city’s Board of Aldermen approved the curfew on Monday, which requires underage citizens to be off the streets by 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and by 10:30 on the weekends. The curfew is supposed to last until the end of the school year, but Police Chief Billy Barber said the dates of the curfew have not yet been decided. Those who do not abide by this law will face fines up to \$500. This law will make parental curfew enforcement a whole lot easier, that’s for sure.

NO PAIN, NO GAIN

WTVA News reported that five Leflore County residents were arrested this week for forging prescriptions of painkillers. They were indicted by a local grand jury. No trial has been announced, but the five citizens have each been charged with various counts of acquiring a controlled substance by fraud. The five allegedly attempted to forge prescriptions for oxycodone and hydrocodone. In fact, they forged prescriptions in an attempt to attain about 3,000 dosage units of the painkillers. These charges are a result of an 18-month investigation by the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics.

OK NOW LADIES

Perhaps the biggest headline involving Mississippi news this week is the story surrounding Mississippian Sarah Thomas. Thomas, of Pascagoula, was named the first full-time female official for the NFL Wednesday. The Washington Post reported that Thomas has been officiating since 1996 and has played sports since she could walk. She was a softball star in high school and a college basketball player at the University of Mobile. She started her officiating career at high school games and then moved to the college level. She was the first woman to officiate at a Bowl game and in a Big Ten stadium.

“Football is thought of as probably the most, quote, ‘manly’ of sports,” sports writer Jack Cleveland said. “But it’s like Jack Vaughn told me a long time ago, ‘You don’t have to be a man to tell whether somebody jumped offsides or not.’ And you don’t have to be a man to learn the rules of football.”

Thomas has gained some serious girl power points. Even Beyoncé would be envious.

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The White Animals to perform at Proud Larry's Saturday

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They were really hot in the '80s, and now, they're back to show you what you missed. The self-proclaimed kings of the Southeastern Conference music scene, The White Animals, are returning to Oxford for the first time since 1987 for a show at Proud Larry's Saturday night.

"When we left (the music scene), there were no CDs or digital downloads," said Kevin Gray, the lead singer and founder of the White Animals. "People kept telling us how much they wished to hear our sound again and didn't have any way to get to it. We had to come back and make our music accessible."

What started as a duo of Gray, who was a resident phy-

sician at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville, and his guitar teacher Rob Jackson soon became a full time project when guitarist Rich Parks, bassist and booking agent Steve Boyd and drummer Ray Cabtree joined. The White Animals played in cities all across the SEC perimeter and built a passionate fan base along the way.

"We were a band that wanted to have the spirit of punk, in which you are standing on stage, and your fans are right there in front of you," Gray said.

With influences like The Beatles and The Rolling Stones, this band strived to make an imprint on the South.

"In the '80s, we ruled the SEC towns," Boyd said. "We were the band your grandparents warned your parents



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40 years ago, and the kids used to run up to meet us," Gray said. "We enjoyed playing in Oxford."

Fans replied to this sentiment with comments that not only express their excitement for the band's return, but also for the good times come to mind when they think of the White Animals.

"I first heard the White Animals in The Gin in Oxford 1981 and have been a fan ever since," said Mark Caraway from Jackson.

Boyd said he wanted to appeal to the current generation, too, so, with an Ole Miss ID, student tickets are \$8 instead of \$12.

"We want them to experience the band their parents loved," Boyd said.

While the band is not opening for the likes of the Talking Heads at the moment, they can still book venues such as Proud Larry's and the Young Avenue Deli in Memphis where their loyal fan base follows.

Scott Caradine, owner of Proud Larry's, said the show already sold a large number of tickets and is expected to have a huge crowd.

"We're excited to see old friends, and you never know who will show up," Gray said. "That's the fun part."

about, only they didn't listen. By the end of our run, we were headlining campus-wide concerts in every SEC town including (Oxford)."

When asked how they came up with the name The White Animals, Steve Boyd said, "Literally, there was a white cat and a white dog who belonged to a couple of band members. Alternatively, we were paying tribute, as white kids, to the rock/blues style of music the generation before us played that was sometimes derisively referred to as 'animal music' in their time, by the Sinatra/Perry Como-listening older set."

The band started their own label, Dead Beat, and used it to release their own songs. They released their first album "Lost Weekend" in 1982, and after gaining some experience on the road, they released their most selling album, "Ecstasy," in 1984 and their self-titled last album in 1985.

The band is now returning to one of their many hotspots with the hopes of picking back up. This should be no issue, considering their fans have never left their side, Gray said.

"We used to play tons of shows in Oxford, almost 30 or

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'GAME OF THRONES' RETURNS

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This Sunday marks both the debut of the fifth season of HBO's hit series "Game of Thrones" and our collective deliverance from the Seven Hells that is life without it.

With a year gone by and a cast that features thirty main and countless supporting characters, remembering the plot points and storylines of the series can be about as difficult as surviving a wedding in Westeros.

While winter may be winding down in the real world, Westeros is about to experience the winter the Starks have been warning us about since the beginning. To prepare for the winter and wars to come, here is everything you need to know before Sunday night.

(Read no further if you want to avoid spoilers from last year's

season.)

THE WALL & BEYOND THE WALL

When we last left the frigid Wall, Jon Snow (Kit Harington), Samwell Tarly (John Bradley) and the rest of the Night's Watch had just fended off a Wildling invasion lead by King-beyond-the-Wall Mance Rayder (Ciaran Hinds).

During said battle, Jon's fierce Wildling ex-lover Ygritte (Rose Leslie) was struck by an arrow, heartbreakingly dying in his arms.

In the aftermath of the carnage, Jon and Mance met beyond the Wall to discuss the situation, though Jon initially planned to assassinate the Wildling leader. Before he could do so, an army flying the banners of self-proclaimed King Stannis Baratheon (Stephen Dillane) rushed the Wildling encampment, saving the Night's Watch

and bringing the Wildlings to subjugation.

This season, expect to see a power struggle at the Wall between King Mance and his Wildlings and King Stannis, Melisandre (Carice van Houten) and his army, with the Night's Watch caught in the middle. Hopefully, these factions can put their differences aside and unite to face the growing threat of the Others.

Also, if you were expecting to see Bran Stark's (Isaac Hempstead-Wright) posse interact with the Three-Eyed Raven in the lands north of the Wall, you're in for a disappointment. This storyline is confirmed by showrunners David Benioff and D.B. Weiss to be excluded from the fifth season, leaving us utterly Hodor-less.

THE NORTH

Poor, poor Theon Greyjoy (Alfie Allen) — ahem, I mean Reek. We've seen him mutilated and tortured at the hands of the sadistic Ramsay Bolton (Iwan Rheon), and now that Roose Bolton (Michael McElhatton) has taken control of Winterfell and the North, Theon is nowhere near being free.

Even his sister Yara (Gemma Whelan) and the Ironborn of the

Iron Islands can't save him now.

However, Theon may encounter some unexpected guests at Winterfell, including someone sure to be a blast from his past. Perhaps this could be the first glimmer of hope for Reek?

Even so, some interesting things should be going down in Winterfell, setting the stage for some much needed retribution

for House Stark.

THE RIVERLANDS

Last season, Brienne of Tarth's (Gwendoline Christie) journey to uphold her oaths to the late Catelyn Stark brought her and her squire Podrick Payne (Daniel Portman) back into the war-ravaged Riverlands. Her

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search for sisters Sansa and Arya Stark culminated in an epic showdown between Brienne and Sandor “The Hound” Clegane (Rory McCann).

Brienne wounded The Hound badly (possibly mortally), and Arya (Maisie Williams) escaped to Braavos.

This season, Brienne will presumably continue looking for Sansa, eventually heading to the Vale of Arryn based on the fact that Sansa shares blood with the current Arryns.

THE VALE

Much like the rest of her family, Sansa Stark (Sophie Turner) hasn’t caught a break since the beginning of the show. She and husband Tyrion Lannister (Peter Dinklage) were accused of poisoning one of the douchiest characters in TV history, King Joffrey (Jack Gleeson).

Because of Petyr “Littlefinger” Baelish’s (Aiden Gillen) schemes, she successfully escaped from King’s Landing and made it safely to The Eyrie where her Aunt Lysa (Kate Dick-

ie) ruled the Vale. Her Aunt Lysa proved to be insane, attempting to throw Sansa out of the Moon Door because of her odd relationship with Littlefinger. Littlefinger saved her by killing her aunt, and Sansa saved him in return by covering for his deed.

This season, the storyline in the Vale is up in the air. Under Littlefinger’s tutelage, will Sansa finally be able to take vengeance against those who have destroyed her family? Will she finally beat the haters and become a major player?

KING’S LANDING

Meanwhile, King’s Landing definitely tops the list for Least Desirable Places to Live in Westeros. The death count here for major characters from last season includes the gruesome demises of King Joffrey, Oberyn Martell (Pedro Pascal) and Tywin Lannister (Charles Dance).

These deaths are key for the direction of season five. With Joffrey’s death, his much kinder younger brother Tommen Baratheon (Dean-Charles Chapman) became king, to House Tyrell’s delight. Betrothed to kill-’em-with-kindness, twice-widowed Margaery, Tommen will essen-

tially be a Tyrell puppet king.

In the wake of Tywin’s death, Queen Cersei (Lena Headey) and Jaime Lannister (Nikolaj Coster-Waldau) will become more involved with their lives, with Cersei almost certainly using and abusing her newfound power, clinging to Tommen at all costs. Cersei versus the Tyrells should reach its boiling point this season, especially when Margaery’s grandmother Olenna Tyrell (Diana Rigg) returns to town for another wedding.

DORNE

When Oberyn volunteered to represent Tyrion in his trial for Joffrey’s murder, facing his long-time nemesis Gregor “The Mountain” Clegane, everyone knew something bad was bound to happen. Oberyn turned out to in way over his head, and his horrific death will more than likely result in Dorne and House Martell seeking open vengeance against the Lannisters.

Oberyn’s paramour Ellaria Sand (Indira Varma), his bastard daughters the Sand Snakes, and the Prince of Dorne Doran Martell (Alexander Siddig) will become key characters in season five.

Doran’s son Trystane (Toby Sebastian) is betrothed to Jaime and Cersei’s daughter Myrcella (Nell Tiger Free). With tensions rising between the two families, Jaime and Bronn (Jerome Flynn) will probably travel to Dorne to bring her safely back to the capital. Clashes between Jaime and the Sand Snakes are almost a given at this point.

ESSOS

Last season, Arya continued to become one of the most badass characters on the show. She killed grown men thrice her size, left the Hound dying on the roadside in spite of him acting as a protector and boarded a ship set for Braavos, one of the Free Cities in Essos.

When in Braavos, Arya should finally put that coin given to her by Jaquen H’ghar (Tom Wlaschiha) to use, allowing her to officially begin training as an assassin with the Faceless Men. I can’t wait to see her eventually use these skills to avenge her family.

After murdering his father Tywin and ex-lover Shae (Sibel Kekilli), Tyrion Lannister is also set for a tour of Essos thanks to his savior Varys (Conleth

Hill). His ultimate destination should be the Queen of Meereen, Daenerys Targaryen (Emilia Clarke), or so it seems according to Varys’ master plan.

When we last saw Dany, she was struggling with ruling Meereen, the main city of Slaver’s Bay. Even with the guidance of lover Daario Naharis (Michiel Huisman), interpreter Misansei (Nathalie Emmanuel), and guard Barristan Selmy (Ian McElhinney), Dany finds herself at a crossroads between embracing her Targaryen heritage or adapting to Meereen.

Ultimately, she chose to forsake fire and blood, locking dragons Viserion and Rhaegal beneath the great pyramid from which she rules. However with Drogon still flying free and her rule being challenged from factions within the city, Daenerys should see a return to form this season.

Could we see her ride a dragon this season? One can only hope.

Regardless of what happens, season five should serve to be the most gruesome, heartbreaking and intense installment yet of “Game of Thrones.” Tune in on HBO Sunday night at 8 p.m.



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splitting time with him now that he has returned from injury. Meanwhile, former quarterback Kendrick Doss recently made the move to safety and will try to use his athleticism to shut down the opposing offense instead of running it from under center.

At linebacker, the Rebels lost two important seniors in Deterrian Shackelford and Serdarius Bryant. Senior Denzel Nkemdiche should be the starter at outside linebacker. At middle linebacker, senior Christian Russell returns, but senior C.J. Johnson has made the switch to middle linebacker to add more depth at the position. Johnson originally came to campus as a linebacker but hasn't played there since his freshman year. It will be interesting to see how he does at his old position.

A number of other players have a great chance to impress at linebacker in the scrimmage. Junior Temario Strong has seen a lot of special teams playing time as well at linebacker and could be a factor at middle linebacker. Sophomore Demarquis Gates played a solid amount as a freshman and could make an impact at outside linebacker behind Nkemdiche. Ray Ray Smith is another sophomore who should see some time at outside linebacker during the game, and fellow sophomore Tayler Polk, played well at linebacker and on special teams throughout last season and should see time as well. Junior college transfer Terry Caldwell has also entered the mix at linebacker and stands a good chance of earning significant play at middle linebacker after racking up tackles last year at Northwest Mississippi Community College.



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C.J. Johnson celebrates a touchdown from the sidelines during the Chick-fil-A Kick Off game last season.

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Grove Bowl preview: offensive, defensive line

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Fans will see many different looks from the offensive and defensive lines during Saturday's annual Grove Bowl. The defensive line is replacing two starters due to graduation and position changes. The offensive line is battling through a number of injuries and will be featuring a lineup very different from the starting group last season.

One of the key things to watch on the offensive line Saturday is the play of junior Jeremy Liggins. Last year, Liggins played tight end and quarterback, but with the depth behind the injured junior left tackle Laremy Tunsil being thin, Liggins has made the switch to offensive tackle. Liggins was oversized as a quarterback and tight end, weighing in at almost 300 pounds. His size makes him better suited for the offensive line, but the outstanding athleticism that allowed him to play at quarterback and tight end will work to his advantage at tackle and give him an extremely high ceiling.

Overall, the offensive line has eight players who will miss the spring game due to injury. This

leaves seniors Fahn Cooper, Justin Bell, Ben Still; freshman Javon Patterson; Liggins; red-shirt freshman Jordan Sims; sophomore Rod Taylor; junior Jacob Feeley and finally, red-shirt freshman Tyler Putnam as the offensive linemen who should see time in the scrimmage.

Patterson has impressed so far during camp and should be able to make an impact in the game as he battles to see time in his first season at Ole Miss. Sims is also looking to make an impact early in his collegiate career, and head coach Hugh Freeze said he might be the most improved player among the linemen.

With the graduation of defensive tackle/end Bryon Bennett and senior C.J. Johnson moving to middle linebacker, some new and inexperienced players on the team have a good chance to stand out in the Grove Bowl on the defensive line. At defensive tackle, junior college transfer D.J. Jones will be fighting for the starting spot opposite junior Robert Nkem-diche, but he could see time at both tackle spots during the scrimmage. Redshirt freshman Breeland Speaks will also be fighting for his first chance at



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Offensive lineman Justin Bell celebrates with running back Jaylen Walton during a game last season.

playing time with the Rebels. The Grove Bowl provides an excellent chance for him to add on to what has been an impressive spring for him so far.

At defensive end, sophomore Marquis Haynes will step into the starting position full time,

with Johnson moving to linebacker. Redshirt freshman Garrald McDowell and Victor Evans both have a chance to make an early impact as reserves and should have plenty of chances on Saturday. Evans has great speed and should add

another dangerous pass rusher to the Rebels defense. McDowell has the ability to play outside at defensive end and move inside to play defensive tackle and should bring a good blend of speed and power to the defensive front.

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Grove Bowl preview: linebacker, secondary

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Some of the biggest changes from last year's team are happening at the linebacker and secondary positions on defense. Ole Miss has to replace several stars who helped give the Rebels one of the top defenses in the nation last year. Fans will get their first glimpse at their replacements in Saturday's Grove Bowl.

The biggest losses came from the secondary, as All-American safety Cody Prewitt and All-American cornerback Senquez Golson went on the the NFL. At cornerback, junior college transfers Tony Bridges and Tee Shepard are expected to step into starting roles and should see a good amount of time in the scrimmage. Bridges is new to the team and Shepard was a part of the 2014 signing class but missed last season



FILE PHOTO

Mike Hilton prepares to make a tackle during a game against Presbyterian College last season.

due to a toe injury. This will be the first opportunity for fans to see the new set of corners take the field for Ole Miss. Behind them will be sophomore Kendarius Webster and junior Kailo Moore, who should see a significant amount of time in the spring game and in the up-

coming season.

At safety, the Rebels will attempt to negate the loss of Prewitt by moving senior Mike Hilton, who started corner last year, to free safety. The Grove Bowl will offer fans and the media the first chance to see how Hilton makes the switch

in the secondary. Sophomores A.J. and C.J. Moore will also be subbing in at safety and at husky, so keep an eye on them in the game as well. At strong safety, senior Trae Elston returns, with senior Chief Brown

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