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Internationalizing the university

In his first year on the job, executive director of global engagement begins to build partnerships

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From Africa to Canada to the United States, Nosa Egiebor has made his mark on college campuses. Now, his job is to connect the University of Mississippi with the rest of the world.

Egiebor was hired last summer as the University of Mississippi's first chief international officer and executive director of global engagement. The office of global engagement is essentially being built "from scratch," Egiebor said.

"It is a new office that is charged with the responsibility of leading the comprehensive internationalization of the University of Mississippi," Egiebor said. "I have offices and departments that are coming from different parts of the university brought together under the office of global engagement. I have to find a way to get all of that unit to work together smoothly."

In January, Egiebor traveled to Ethiopia with faculty and students from the School of Journalism and New Media. They met with students, faculty and administrators at Addis Ababa University.

"It (Addis Ababa University) is a university that has an excellent



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Nosa Egiebor speaks with Molly Fryman (seated), international student adviser, at the Study Abroad Fair on Feb. 12 in the Student Union lobby.

record," Egiebor said. "Before now, Ole Miss did not really have much of a presence in Africa, and we are really pushing to make sure that this university establishes a pretty strong footprint throughout Africa. To that extent, Ethiopia is one of our initial countries, Nigeria is another one,

and Burkina Faso is another one in West Africa."

A new initiative called Ole Miss in Africa will contribute significantly to the university's strategic objective of "bringing the world to Mississippi and taking Mississippi to the world," according to UM Provost Morris Stocks.

"We are committed to broadening the university's reach around the world," Stocks said in a press release. "This will provide many more opportunities for our students to get real-world experience beyond the classroom and also allow our stu-

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OPD prepares for festival

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This weekend, The Double Decker Arts Festival will bring more than 60,000 people to the city of Oxford along with a multitude of safety concerns. The Oxford Police Department believes they have the security for this 20th annual festival down to a science.

Major Jeff McCutchen, head of operations, has worked almost ten years of Double Decker weekends. He understands the community's concerns and plans for a successful and safe weekend.

"We are going to have anywhere from 20 to 50 officers just on the Square," McCutchen said. "If you are not scheduled to work on patrol, you will be stationed around the Square. We will have the reserve, off duty, and the Oxford Mounted patrol all working together this weekend."

McCutcheon said the police will have radios that connect with Cobra Security to keep in contact throughout the event.

"The key for us is to try to spread the net wide," McCutchen said. "We will be coordinating with Cobra on the outer part of the Square with boundaries and road blocks."

Vice president of operations for Cobra Security Lisa Mills said they will have about 70 officers on duty downtown and about 200 in total for the whole weekend. The downtown guards will be stationed at all of the entrances to the Square and will also be providing stage security for the live music.

"If anyone needs assistance, all of our guards will have maps," Mills said. "They will be available and prepared to help vendors know what entrance to use. We will not be allowing coolers or vehicles into the Square, and Oxford police will be enforcing that."

With a festival as large as this one, McCutchen said the key to success is figuring out what works each year.

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Double Decker sponsors match rising costs

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From set up to sponsors, the Double Decker Arts Festival is a community-wide event that requires time and money to orchestrate.

The \$80,000 Double Decker Arts Festival received from sponsorships this year is the highest in the festival's history. The festival also receives funding from the city of Oxford through a hotel tax and a food and beverage tax. Of Double Decker's \$220,250 budget for 2015, the city provided \$55,000. Art and food vendor application fees and festival merchandise sales also help to sponsor the event.

Visit Oxford director Mary Alen Hedges said the festival has relied heavily upon sponsors this

COST OF MUSIC	TOTAL COST	SPONSORSHIP
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\$75,400	\$220,250	\$80,000

year.

"The budget hasn't grown like the festival has grown," Hedges said. "We still need to keep the caliber of the festival and what people expect the festival to be. It's one of the premiere art festivals in the southeast."

Graduate Oxford, a 316-room hotel set to open in August just off the Square on North Lamar Boulevard, contributed over \$10,000 to become the festival's 2015 stage sponsor.

Graduate Oxford manager Mike Hoover said hotel manage-

ment was eager to contribute to the annual festival, and hope to continue their participation going forward.

"We will certainly stay highly involved with Double Decker in future years, as we find this particular event a natural partner due to our shared commitment to the regional arts community," Hoover said.

Double Decker is a major contributor to the funds raised by the city's two percent hotel/motel tax and two percent prepared food and beverage tax, which in turn

fund programs like the Oxford Tourism Council's Special Marketing Projects program.

"That tax brings in over \$2 million each year, and that is divvied up between several different city departments," Hedges said. "Our office gets a portion of that money."

The Special Marketing Projects program helps fund additional, third-party events that bring tourism to Oxford.

As the festival has grown, so too

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dents and faculty to apply their knowledge to help solve global problems that affect us all.”

The university has similar initiatives planned in Asia, Latin America, Europe, the Middle East and Australasia.

John Z. Kiss, dean of UM’s graduate school, was chair of the search committee that interviewed and recommended Egiebor for the senior international officer position.

“He has a wealth of international experience and was an international student himself, having studied in Europe and in Canada,” Kiss said. “He also has extensive experience in building international collaborations and will be an asset to the university as we move ahead in internationalizing the university as outlined in UM 2020.” UM 2020 is the strategic plan to move the university closer to its vision of excellence by engaging minds, transforming lives and serving others.

Egiebor, who is also a professor of chemical engineering at Ole Miss, said his plans to form relationships abroad have been influenced by his travels. One of his favorite places is Australia.

“The environment is kind of totally different from everything



COURTESY: MARK GAIL

(Left to right) UM Chief International Officer Nosa Egiebor and UM School of Journalism and New Media Dean Will Norton meet with Addis Ababa University President Admassu Tsegaye in his office in Ethiopia on Jan. 13. The three administrators discussed a partnership between the two universities.

that I had been used to after in being in North America, in Europe and in Africa,” Egiebor said. “I am somebody who likes nature and wildlife a lot. My specialty is in environmental engineering and water treatment, so the variety of animals in natural structures in Australia just baffled me.”

Australia also has successfully internationalized its educational system, Egiebor said, and he plans to use Australia as a model for some programs.

Examples would include increasing the number of graduate students and undergraduate students from different parts of the world as one major community, and finding ways to have local students and international students interact as much as possible.

“We don’t have that here, but we’re working on it, and it’s really getting better,” Egiebor said. “That’s really part of internationalization, getting both sides to benefit. International students

gaining a lot from local students in the culture and local students gaining a lot from students coming here to study, sharing experiences, cultures and the rest.”

In February, Egiebor visited each individual booth during the campus Study Abroad fair to ensure that he was familiar with each program and opportunity currently offered.

His day-to-day routine in Oxford is “busy and hectic, with everything coming from all different directions.”

“Sometimes dealing with different kinds of people is not easy. Then, you superimpose the need for students on top of that, and now you can see how complicated it can be,” Egiebor said, laughing. “That’s probably the biggest challenge, but it’s a good problem to have and we are working on it.”

Egiebor has more than 30 years of experience at the collegiate level as an administrator and faculty member. He has a chemical engineering degree from the Univer-

sity of Benin in Nigeria, a master’s degree from the University of Manchester in England and a Ph.D. from Queen’s University in Ontario, Canada. He was a professor at the University of Alberta. In 1996, he was invited to set up an engineering program at Tuskegee University in Alabama, and he worked there for more than 18 years.

During his time at Tuskegee, he became vice president for international education.

Now, he is in Oxford, and he has had to make a few adjustments. The biggest difference: athletics.

“Ole Miss is a much bigger institution and athletics is a much bigger part of Ole Miss than it is at Tuskegee, although Tuskegee has pretty good athletics, too,” Egiebor said. “On the other hand, the University of Alberta, where I started, is almost exactly the same as Ole Miss. So, I’ve had experiences and paid my dues everywhere, I can say.”

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Bryant vetoes bill on Common Core

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Republican Gov. Phil Bryant on Thursday vetoed a bill that some lawmakers said would move Mississippi away from the Common Core academic standards adopted by this state and many others.

“I remain firmly committed to ending Common Core in Mississippi,” Bryant said in a news release. “This bill does not accomplish that goal, and I cannot in good conscience sign it into law.”

Common Core standards are designed to teach students to think more analytically. However, the standards have hit strong opposition from tea party groups and other conservatives who think Common Core could lead to federal intrusion in state education decisions.

Senate Bill 2161 passed in the

final days of the legislative session in late March. It would have created a 15-member commission that could recommend small or large changes in standards of what students should learn in public schools — anything from a requirement that schools teach cursive handwriting to an overhaul of what students are expected to learn in math, history or English. The recommendations would go to the state Board of Education by December, but the board would be under no obligation to accept any of them.

The state board adopted Common Core for Mississippi in 2010, and state Superintendent of Education Carey Wright and board members have stood by the standards, which they have labeled Mississippi College- and

Career-Ready Standards.

“Mississippi’s College- and Career-Ready Standards are by far the highest academic standards we have ever had in the state or the nation,” Wright and Board of Education Chairman John Kelly said in a joint statement in December.

An early version of Senate Bill 2161 would have required the state board to accept at least 75 percent of the commission’s recommended changes. That provision was removed from the final version.

Republican Lt. Gov. Tate Reeves, who pushed for Senate Bill 2161, issued a statement sharply criticizing the governor’s action.

“Gov. Bryant’s veto of a bill that 93 legislative Republicans supported ensures that Common

Core will remain in Mississippi schools,” Reeves said. “To put this in simple terms, those that support Common Core are celebrating tonight.”

Bryant, Reeves and most lawmakers are seeking re-election this year. Many Republicans are campaigning by saying they want to ditch Common Core.

“Over the past several years, Mississippians’ concern about Common Core has increased steadily,” Bryant said in his statement Thursday. “Parents have strongly expressed their dissatisfaction with a system many feel replaces their right to a voice in the education of their children with a centralized, top-down approach that cedes an uncomfortable amount of influence to a federal agenda.”

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have the costs of upholding the quality of the event.

“Music is especially expensive, especially for a free festival,” Hedges said. “That has been a bit of a challenge.”

The festival’s 2015 music budget accounted for \$75,000 of its total expenses. This does not include the \$25,000 in stage and sound expenses or the \$5,000 in hotel and backstage costs.

Owner Richard Howorth said Square Books has been sponsoring the Double Decker Arts Festival for some time now.

“We’ve never been major sponsors because we don’t have major money, but it’s clearly an event that’s good for our business and good for our community,” Howorth said.

Senior psychology major and Belles & Beaus employee Brooke Holloway explained what working a Double Decker day can be like at a business on the Square.

“The best part of working the festival weekend is all the enthusiasm each customer feels,” Holloway said. “Unlike normal shifts, nearly every customer is happy, chill, and having a good time. This attitude makes the workday extremely pleasant and, honestly, quite fun.”

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SENIOR HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION

Karson Brandenburg

B.A.J. IN JOURNALISM

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Opinion on Sex Education
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“After the event we debrief with everyone involved,” McCutchen said. “We always try to see what we might have missed and what we can do better for the next year.”

The police have been posting festival parking reminders all week via their social media accounts. Today, North Lamar Boulevard and Monroe Avenue will be closed starting at 4 a.m.

On Saturday, all streets will be closed beginning at 4 a.m. Any cars left on the Square, North Lamar Boulevard, South Lamar Boulevard, Van Buren Avenue, Jackson Avenue East, or in city lots will be towed at the owner’s expense.

Mississippi in Brief

Compiled by Lizzie McIntosh

BILOXI HIGH ‘TIL I DIE

The Sun Herald said the school district of Biloxi has been dragged into a national discussion over the appropriateness of schools using Native American words or imagery for mascots. The Biloxi High School band was a part of the National Cherry Blossom Festival parade in Washington D.C. last week, during which they caught the attention of Indian Country Today Media Network. The ICTMN claimed that the headdresses that the members of the marching band wore were offensive and inappropriate. An online petition has been made to ask the Biloxi Indians to get rid of their mascot, and it has already gotten over 680 supporters. Biloxi High School is fighting back—they made a counter petition in response in an effort to keep the mascot, and it has already collected more than 1,900 signatures. Biloxi High alumni and author of the counter petition, Kristen West is proud of her high school’s mascot. “The BHS Indian mascot and headdress is not to be offensive, rather to show our pride and honor to be able to represent our strong history here in Mississippi,” West said. It will be interesting to see whether or not this discussion affects institutions like Florida State or the Atlanta Braves.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI ON TOP

Northeast Mississippi has steadily improved in the unemployment category. In fact, the jobless rate for the region reported an unemployment rate of 6.5 percent in March, which was at 8.7 percent just a month before. The Daily Journal confirmed that April of 2006 was the last time that the region has had a 6.5 percent jobless rate. That being said, this is the 20th consecutive month in which there has been a jobless rate under 10 percent. Northeast Mississippians have been reported as saying, in the words of Princess Vespa from “Spaceballs,” “Hey, I don’t have to put up with this! I’m rich!”

DOUBLE TROUBLE

The Hattiesburg American reported two Mississippi prisoners are challenging the constitutionality of the state’s lethal injection procedures. The two prisoners are condemned to the death penalty. Their lawyer, Jim Craig, filed a suit in the U.S. District Court in Jackson on their accounts. He claimed that Mississippi’s methods of execution provide risks of excruciating torture that violate the Eighth Amendment’s injunction against cruel and unusual punishment. Craig said Mississippi plans to execute prisoners by using a new substance they haven’t used before. His lawsuit states that the drug is “untested and untried,” which creates a substantial risk for his clients.

SENIOR HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION
Kelly Kennedy
B.A. IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
“Still Innocents Abroad: The Relationship between Anti-Americanism and American Foreign Policy in the Middle East”
Directed by: Dr. Jeff Carter
Friday, April 24 at 11:00 am
Croft Hall Room 305
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SENIOR HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION
Morgan Stringer
B.A. IN HISTORY
“A War on Women? The Malleus Maleficarum and the Witch Hunts in Early Modern Europe”
Directed by: Dr. Jeffrey Watt
Friday, April 24 at 11:00 am
Bishop Hall Room 338
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SENIOR HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION
Allison Marcum
B.S. IN BIOLOGY
“Differences in Bacterial Communities on Decaying Leaf Litter of Different Trees in Response to Burning as a Forest Restoration Technique”
Directed by: Dr. Colin Jackson
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Honors College Student Union to present Fine Arts Showcase

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The Honors College Student Union will present an exposition of student artistry in the Honors College this Saturday, as well as the work of two faculty artists, Bruce Levingston and Philip Jackson. The Southern Wild: The First Annual Sally McDonnell-Barksdale Honors College Fine Arts Showcase will be held at the Powerhouse, a perfect location for a display of inter-disciplinary arts.

Both Georgia Norfleet and Eleanor Anthony, honors college students and organizers for the event, praised the Powerhouse for opening its doors and supporting the Honor College Student Union's ventures.

"Yes, it's the perfect venue, but they have also just been so supportive," Norfleet said. "They get it. This is what they do. They love hosting events like this. They love supporting art in the community and that's exactly what this event is supposed to do."

The showcase will begin in the foyer of the Powerhouse with visual art, including the work of renowned realist painter Philip Jackson, who is also an associate professor of art at the university. Sculptors, painters, potters and drawers will present their work,



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and there will be a reception with food and a cash bar.

"I kind of describe it as a progressive dinner," Norfleet said.

Guests will move into the theatre for a performance art segment that will include poets, singers, musicians and dancers. Bruce Levingston, the Honors College artist-in-residence who dazzled crowds at this year's convocation with his performance served as a huge supporter and advisor for the showcase. Levingston will also be playing a much-awaited piece

at the event.

Many view the Honors College as a conglomeration of deep-thinking academics who fully focus their energy on their studies; however, "The Southern Wild" aims to exhibit students who pursue various intellectual artistic endeavors alongside their academic disciplines.

"The Southern Wild" has been a recurring theme within the college, and through their diverse display this weekend, these students will be able to convey what

the phrase means to them.

"There is no one vision of Southern identity," Anthony said. "We're this mix of people and backgrounds; some of us aren't even originally from the South, some of us have moved here for school or work, some of us have lived here our whole lives. We all have different experiences that we associate with this place, and this showcase is about seeing things through other people's eyes. I'm really excited to see the totality of that come together."

One performer, Elizabeth Romary, chose to exhibit her own connection to the South through dance alongside her friend Kate Prender. Romary's piece, fittingly called "The Southern Wild," is set to music from the film *Beasts of the Southern Wild* and takes inspiration from her own childhood in North Carolina.

"When choreographing a piece, I just like to listen to the music and then kind of think about things it reminds me of. And that music reminds me of being a kid," Romary said. "It reminds me of running around in my backyard and just having fun and exploring. To me, that's my Southern experience."

Romary took inspiration from different regional dance styles like Cajun dancing and Appalachian step dancing.

"The Southern Wild" will present a wide range of works from artists who otherwise might not have a chance to display their work through the Honors College.

"We realized that the work and talent of the artists in the college didn't really have a formal venue within the SMBHC community, and we felt that creating that space was important not only for the development of the artists, but also for the rest of the Honors College students and the broader university community," Anthony said. "I believe strongly in the Honors College's commitment to the citizen scholar model of education, and I think an integral part of citizen scholarship is fostering and investing in our shared artistic culture, both as artists and as supporters of the arts."

Anthony and other organizers put all of this together in hopes that the arts showcase would be a perpetual opportunity for honors students to exhibit their chosen craft.

"We'd love for everyone to come and invest in the artistic life of this university," Anthony said. "This whole weekend is really about celebrating the culture and community of Oxford, and I'd ask, 'what better way is there to do that than supporting the work of students here at UM?'"



Double Decker Spring Run hosts 20th anniversary Saturday

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Running shoes, water bottle, athletic clothing and a good attitude: put all of these on the checklist to prepare for the upcoming Double Decker Spring Run 5k or 10k and the Kids Fun Run. The three-race event will begin April 25 at 7:30 a.m. Pam Swain, the race director, is excited for the upcoming event.

"This is actually our 20th annual event," Swain said.

The annual race was started in conjunction with the Double Decker Festival in 1996.

"We are both celebrating 20 years this year. When the festival was organized, we, the Chamber of Commerce, felt like, along with tourism, there needed to be a healthy component to the events for the weekend."

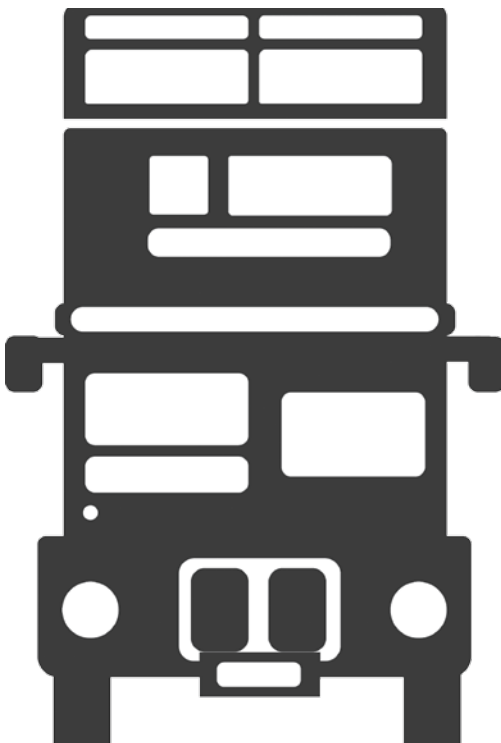
Swain said the biggest factor to deciding on the addition of the Spring Run was the type of community Oxford is. "Seeing as our

community is such a running and walking community, we decided at that time to start the Double Decker Spring Run."

The Double Decker Spring Run has "grown tremendously" since the first time the event was introduced, Swain said. Swain took control of the run in 2003. At the time, the race consisted of only about 300 runners. Since then, it has more than quadrupled in size.

"This past year in 2014, we had 1,200 runners," Swain said. "Our numbers are trending really high above where we were at this point last year. We expect to hit 1,300 or 1,400 runners this year."

The Spring Run, despite originally being geared for the Oxford community, has branched out across much of the continental United States.



"We generally have people coming to this race from about half of the states in the nation," Swain said. "Somewhere from around 22 to 25 states are represented in our registration numbers. It's really cool."

Some of the draw to come race miles from home may be due to the prizes presented to the winners.

ners.

"For all of our age category winners in both the 5k and the 10k, places first, second and third, we have one-of-a-kind pottery pieces that are created by the Mud Daubers on campus," Swain said. "They are really, really neat pieces." Swain said the pottery pieces are specifically designed for the race winners.

"It's just a great way to, on an art weekend, take a little bit of art home to represent something a runner really, physically did themselves."

There are cash prizes of \$200 for category winners, and, of course, bragging rights on the table as well.

The courses loop around the Square and through The University of Mississippi campus. The races start and end on Lamar Boulevard.

Pam Swain encouraged everyone to come out and try their luck in the Spring Run.

"It's such a fun weekend where our community really comes together," she said about Double Decker weekend. "People come

into our community to be a part of a memorable weekend. To be able to kick off that weekend that morning with something that is good for your body, that is healthy, that is fun, and that's also a bit of a challenge for some people. It's just a great way to start out your Double Decker Day."

Race Day Registration opens at 6:15 a.m. on race day and closes at 7:15 a.m. Registration for both the 10k and 5k race is \$35 dollars. Registration for the kids' one mile race is \$15.

More information about the Double Decker Spring Run, including course maps and the full schedule of race events, can be found at www.doubledecker-springrun.com, and questions and concerns can be directed to s2finfo@s2fevents.com.

"We just encourage people to come and be a part of something that's fun, something that's active," Swain said. "You know, you don't have to be a competitor. You don't have to be someone who is in it for the best time. It's just something that's for anyone who is in for a good time and to make themselves feel great to start out the day a little healthier."

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Ole Miss softball gets ready to challenge South Carolina

NATALIE ALLEN
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After a busy week of domination, the Rebels prepare to take on No. 32 ranked opponent South Carolina in a three-game series this weekend at the Ole Miss Softball Complex.

The team defeated Alcorn State in back-to-back games Tuesday. They took game one by a score of 18-3 before shutting out the Braves 17-0 in game two.

Senior pitcher Lauren Lindsey picked up the win on the mound in game one with three strikeouts. Freshman Kayla Landwehrmier led the team in game two with five strikeouts.

In game two, Ole Miss had nine hits and only one error. Freshman shortstop Grayce Majam went 3-3 with two RBIs.

In game one alone, the Rebels hit three home runs including a grand slam by senior infielder Allison Brown. This was Brown's seventh home run of the season. 10 players on the Ole Miss team have home runs this season.

Brown was also named SEC player of the week after the three-game sweep of Arkan-

sas last week. She hit .778 for the week with four runs and four RBIs. Junior pitcher Madi Osias also picked up all three wins from the mound last week against Arkansas and was named SEC Pitcher of the Week.

This is the first time the Rebels have had two weekly honors in a season since 2009. It is only the third time ever in Ole Miss softball history.

This three-game win was the first time Ole Miss has swept a series with an SEC opponent since they beat South Carolina in 2012, and they are looking to do the same this weekend.

The Rebels are now 28-19 on the season and are picking up momentum heading into postseason play. In head coach Mike Smith's first season at Ole Miss, they are just two wins shy of the most in school history, which was set in 2005 with a total of 30.

Although this week's wins were well-earned and worth celebrating, the Rebels cannot afford to play these next games against South Carolina at the same pace.

The Rebels need to focus on executing their fundamentals



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Allison Brown (14) bats during the softball game against Alcorn State.

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senior class treasurer/secretary

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and playing the game their way without careless errors.

"We didn't base run as well as we should have, but sometimes that happens when you get in a lull and the atmosphere wasn't the same as an SEC weekend," Smith said. "We're going to see something totally different this weekend and we have to change our mindset for going back into the weekend."

South Carolina is 32-17 for

the season thus far including wins over top-ranked teams Tennessee and Kentucky. They have six games left in their regular season: three against Ole Miss and three against in-state rival Mississippi State.

This weekend's series will begin Friday night at 6 p.m. This will close the home portion of the season for the Rebels, who will then finish off the last four games of their regular season play on the road against Mississippi Valley State and Texas A&M.



PHOTO BY: MARLEE CRAWFORD

Lauren Lindsey (18) pitches during the softball game against Alcorn State.

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Ole Miss will look to continue to get offensive production from the hot bats of junior outfielder Connor Cloyd and sophomore third baseman Colby Bortles. Cloyd is coming off of seven hits in nine plate appearances in the two midweek games. Bortles continues to consistently swing a hot bat as he has now reached base in 19 of his last 20 games and leads the team with 34 RBIs.

"I think I've been seeing the ball better lately, just trying to get my pitch and not swing at bad pitches," Bortles said. "I'm just trying to see the pitch and drive it."

This weekend is an opportunity for the Rebels to get on a run and finish strong over the last 15 games of the season. Three of Ole Miss's last four weekend series come at home as they look to find some consistency.

The Rebels are very aware of how important each game is and what they need to do to reach the postseason.

"Coach talks about it, we've got to be above .500 to make the postseason and to make a regional and make a run," senior right-hander Sam Smith said. "If we can take care of business over these last 15 games we will



PHOTO BY: MARLEE CRAWFORD

Colby Bortles (25) runs to first base during the baseball game against the Central

be fine."

The Rebels remain confident about their ability to play good baseball down the stretch.

"We've done it against the best competition in the country," head coach Mike Bianco said. "It'd be one thing if he hadn't done it this

year but we have."

"If we can just be consistent and play good, I believe there is not a better team in the country when we're clicking on all cylinders," Bortles said.

First pitch Friday is set for 6:30 p.m.

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Rebels to host Alabama Crimson Tide in weekend series

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After splitting two midweek games against Central Arkansas and Memphis, the Ole Miss baseball team continues to attempt a postseason push with a home series against Alabama this weekend.

The Rebels come into the series with a 21-21 overall record and will be looking to finish strong in the last 15 games of the season. The Rebels will try to finish with an above .500 record in order to be eligible for an NCAA tournament berth. Ole Miss is currently listed as a two seed in the Champagne regional for the NCAA Tournament, according to D1 Baseball.

Alabama comes into the series after two midweek wins against Mississippi Valley State. The Crimson Tide are in a similar

record of 20-18 (7-11 SEC) and remain firmly on the bubble with regards to their NCAA tournament hopes.

Friday night will feature a great pitching matchup. Junior left-hander Christian Trent will square off against Alabama senior left-hander Taylor Guilbeau. Trent comes into the game with a 5-4 record and a 4.09 ERA. Trent will be looking to rebound after suffering back-to-back losses for the first time in his Ole Miss career. Guilbeau comes into the game with a 2-3 record and a 3.29 ERA. Guilbeau has not received a lot of run support in his starts this year.

Junior right-hander Brady Bramblett will take the ball for the Rebels Saturday and freshman Will Stokes will pitch on Sunday.

Alabama will start sophomore right-hander Geoffrey Bramblett on Saturday and junior right-



PHOTO BY: MARLEE CRAWFORD

Junior Connor Cloyd (27) runs to first base after batting during the baseball game against the Central Arkansas.

hander Will Carter on Sunday. Bramblett sports a 5-2 record with a 4.22 ERA while Carter is 2-5 with a 5.40 ERA.

The Tide are led offensively by sophomore right-fielder Casey Hughston and junior shortstop

Mikey White. Hughston leads the team in home runs with five as well as leading the team with a .363 batting average. White is second on the team with a .353 average, and in home runs with four. Hughston and White along

with junior second baseman Kyle Overstreet, who leads the team in RBIs with 32, will give the Rebel pitchers all they can handle in the middle part of Crimson Tide batting order.

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