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Threat shakes Starkville, would Ole Miss do the same?

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Phones buzzed across Mississippi State University Thursday morning with a message alerting students of an active shooter on their campus. As panic ensued, so did the rumors.

As more information became available for the students, it was revealed that no shots were fired and there was never a weapon.

Though many agreed with the university's decision, criticism still resonates through MSU's campus, and many say

the situation was blown out of proportion. The University of Mississippi would react in a similar manner, however, said chief of police Tim Potts.

"I think it is unfair that people would criticize the alert they put out because there was no shooting," Potts said. "They did

what any parent of a student or any student would want, and they did it very quickly. That is exactly what we are supposed to do and we would do."

Potts said in any situation, no matter how the police receive the information, they must assess whether it is an emanate

threat or a credible threat, and if it is going to impact campus. He said that the police have to make that determination swiftly and react accordingly.

"Thank heavens the situation ended how it did at State,"

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"We still feel invisible."

- Alexandros Vasios-Sivvopoulos

PHOTO BY: ROYCE SWAYZE

Alexandros Vasios-Sivvopoulos, president of graduate student council, voiced his concerns at the final chancellor listening session at the Ole Miss Inn ballroom Thursday. Many faculty and staff members fear the university's best interests are not being represented in the college board's search for the new chancellor. See more online at thedmonline.com.

Session attracts few students

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Lack of student representation at the third and final Campus Listening Sessions held by the Board Search Committee on Thursday was a disappointment to the committee, faculty and student leaders on campus.

Rod Bridges Associated Student Body president, said a lack of student representation could lead to a lack of input in a very important, university-wide process.

"I think the show of students that aren't here is disappointing for me, so I'm going to use this time to ask, you know, what can we do to make sure that the students, all 24,000, are gon-

na be able to say something?" Bridges said. "I think that we did a decent job of publicizing the event. I think students know that they've not got the opportunity to share their concerns, but I think this is a poor representation."

After an open discussion between Bridges and various board members, board search committee member Glenn Boyce decided the online survey, which is part of the Chancellor Search website scheduled to be closed at 11:59 p.m. Thursday, would be extended one more week. The purpose of the survey is to give all outside parties a chance to communicate to the committee their concerns without having to attend a listening session.

The deadline for chancellor search applicants is September 1, 2015 and the board is scheduled to make their final decision sometime in December.

The committee chairman Alan Perry was not at the sessions due to previously scheduled vacation plans. Ford Dye of Oxford took Perry's place and spoke on behalf of the committee.

"We always want more turnout, but we got some good information and I'm hoping also the students, faculty and alumni realize there's online opportunities to contribute. And all that information we compile and we look at it," Dye said.

"Everything we got today

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Students reflect on surviving Katrina



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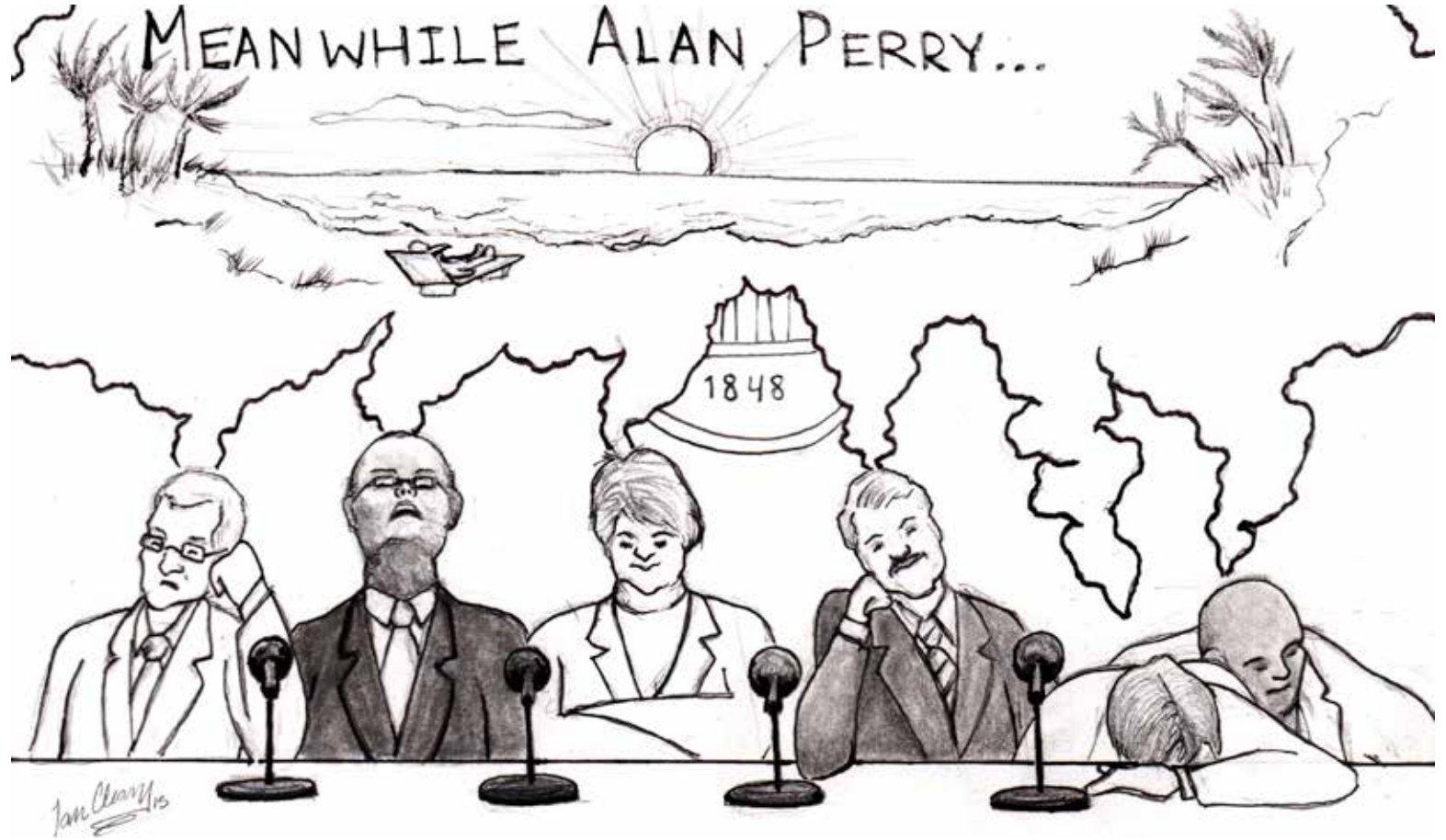
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Sexual Assault: can you hear it now?

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Colleges and universities everywhere are taking an initiative to decrease the number of sexual assaults that occur on various campuses.

To some, this task may seem somewhat impossible. Others believe that a screeching halt to such activity can be forced upon students through rigorous school policies.

Rape is no laughing matter. It is a serious and prevalent reality that all those in higher education must face head-on. This year, the University of Mississippi (along with hundreds of other institutions) have resorted to a mandatory program for freshmen, entitled Haven, aimed at instructing students on how to handle situations involving possible sexual assault; how to prevent them, avoid them and handle the aftermath.

Each student was required to read and participate in a variety of online exercises in which they read various social situations leading up to possible assault. At the end, each freshman must pass the cumulative quiz with a grade of at least 85%, intended to show a mastery of the content. So, now that all freshman are “masters” in sexual assault-ology, what will happen?

The common statistic says that approximately 1 out of every 5 college women will experience some form of sexual assault during their time in school. That is a very real and very scary number. Something must inarguably be done to subside such horrific behavior.

Haven and other programs of a similar nature are certainly a step in the right direction in terms of making students aware of just how serious this topic is, but the question remains: what is the real solution? To answer this, one must simply look at the evolution of our society.

In earlier times (we’re talking biblical- mid-1900’s), women were universally treated as inferior beings.

Women were eventually given equal rights to men, such as the right to vote and the right to equal pay, in efforts led by ladies such as Susan B. Anthony and Eleanor Roosevelt.

As America modernized itself, women in society took on prominent role.

Yet, there was, and still is, one overarching problem.

Women have been achieving in all areas of society, but how does this society view women as a whole population? To answer this, one must simply look at the most popular source of entertainment

across the world: music. Apple’s iTunes has sold nearly 30 billion songs since its creation in 2004.

Take a look at a few of the top songs on Billboard’s Hot 100 this week.

Fetty Wap’s Trap Queen is number nine, and contains lyrics such as “I’ll run in ya house, then I’ll f**k ya hoe, Remy boyz are nuttin’...” Selena Gomez and A\$AP Rocky hold the number six spot with Good For You, with lyrics such as, “Gonna wear that dress you like, skin-tight...leave this dress a mess on the floor, and still look good for you...you say I give it to you hard, so good, so good.”

Tove Lo’s “Talking Body” has been near the top for quite some time, who’s chorus sounds like this: “If we’re talking body, you got a perfect one so put it on me. If you love me right, we f**k for life, on and on and on.”

Certainly, not all people listen to this music.

Nonetheless, it’s safe to say that Billboard is a reliable company, representing the most popular mainstream songs in society today. Those are the words people are funneling into their ears. Now, that’s not to say that a song with distasteful lyrics is necessarily bad.

Some have very catchy tunes,

some are written by an artist who wishes to express a serious struggle in their life, such as Eminem.

But as we begin to examine the long-term effect, we see a precedent being set for future songs: they have to contain similar lyrics to those mentioned, or they won’t gain any sort of following. As these types of songs are drilled into the minds of students like us, in which women are continually objectified and treated as possessions rather than as a unique, equal individual, it can be understood why a statistic such as the 1:5 ratio of college women exists.

An effort by universities to educate students on the reality of sexual assault is absolutely necessary, and efforts to prevent it—equally so.

But when students are told that one thing is okay by the mainstream media, and told the opposite by an online program at their school—who are they going to listen to?

Sexual assault exists everywhere. Each of us has the ability to do something about it.

It starts with us; we must change our own views before we can attempt to change anyone else’s.

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is helpful and obviously we would've liked to have more of a turnout."

Because of the small student presence, those who attended were given ample opportunity to speak. Senior mechanical engineering major Anne Marie DeLee spoke in front of the committee about what she wants out of the new chancellor.

"As we go on to picking a new chancellor, I, for one, am for the small town college feel. One of the reasons I picked Ole Miss is because I felt like this was a family," DeLee said. "I was born and raised in Mississippi but I was actually looking at attending college out of state— but then that small town feel, that family feel is what brought me to Ole Miss. That is something I'm concerned about us losing, so I would love for us to find a chancellor that will enable us to keep that feel."

Bridges told the committee that whether they agree on an is-

sue, the students who get behind that issue have passion.

"I want people to take that momentum into choosing a new chancellor, and I'm not seeing that," Bridges said.

To make up for lack of student representation, Bridges invited the committee to attend a student organization round table discussion on the search for the new chancellor to be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday September 2 in room 209 of Bishop Hall. There was no discussion of whether the committee would attend.

"I think we're gonna have an excellent candidate pool," said Dye. "I'm very optimistic about the process."

If an active shooter alert occurs:

If an active shooter threat ever occurs on or around campus, being prepared and remaining calm are integral to responding appropriately.

After receiving notice of a threat, the first is to assess the situation and evacuate immediately if it is safe to do so.

If evacuation is not possible, wait for police clearance and assistance.

In the meantime, it is important to remember to avoid, deny and defend. Avoid the

suspected area of danger and know the building's exits.

Next, hide in a secure area, barricading the door and staying in a spot outside of a direct line of fire. It is very important to remain as quiet as possible—even the vibration of a phone can alert the shooter of someone's location.

Deny the shooter access into the room. They may bang on the door or pretend they are someone else, like a police officer or someone seeking help.

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Potts said. "When it comes to situations like that, you have to make decisions quickly."

Potts said he likes to say 'you see something, you say something,' meaning if anyone sees something different or suspicious, they need to bring it to the department's attention. Potts said his officers will always be willing to check out anything that seems suspicious.

Lacretia Wimbley, the editor-in-chief of Mississippi State's student newspaper, said an alert was released to inform the university's community. Everyone was asked to proceed with caution and seek safety.

That's when campus was put on lockdown, and teachers were told to hold students or

take them into rooms that were secure while the situation was assessed, Wimbley said.

"My initial reaction was confusion," Wimbley said. "But then I became slightly afraid because of the term 'active shooter.' An active shooter, in my mind, means that someone is actually wielding a gun and possibly firing it."

Although Wimbley was afraid, she said she knew, as a journalist, it was important to get the facts to the students to ensure their safety.

Although many concerns arose from students asking why authorities used the term active shooter if there wasn't a gun, Wimbley said she felt the university handled it well.

"I was concerned about that at first, but I feel they did that to take the highest precaution as possible," Wimbley said.

The university informed its

community later in the morning that classes would resuming at 2 p.m. The announcement was followed by another email asking professors to be understanding because of the sensitivity of the subject and the scare, Wimberly said.

MSU student Lee Moseley said the classroom he was in was located right next to where the incident was located.

"That was the first time I actually got scared," Moseley said. "We were one of the first classrooms he would have come to."

Moseley said he and his classmates moved to the back of the classroom, taking cover under desks. The class he was in moved to a different room that was located further away from the doors.

"I was relatively calm at first," Moseley said. "You don't know how to react to that, but you have to."

The class's belongings and persons were searched by police in an effort to ensure there was no further danger before students were released, Moseley said.

Moseley said he had made it to his car when he saw students running and screaming. Looking at his phone, he saw rumors that there was a possible second shooter and students had been killed.

"It was like something out of a movie," Moseley said.

A woman on the drill field screamed, causing a panic. Students became frightened and ran from the area. A similar incident occurred in a nearby building, Moseley said.

Moseley said he felt the entire situation was handled very well.

"They did what they were supposed to do," Moseley said. "That's what they have to do,

treat it like the worst case scenario."

Potts said students should take this opportunity to educate themselves on what to do if there is an active shooter and to sign up for RebAlerts because it can send out life-saving information.

RebAlert allows the University to easily contact people and make urgent information available, according to Potts.

"Preparedness is something all emergency teams have to have," Potts said. "It doesn't even have to be something on the Ole Miss campus that happens, it could be close to campus and we will send out an alert if we feel like it might be a threat."

The Crisis Action Team is in charge of the RebAlert system, but UPD works very closely with them, according to Potts.

Potts said that the video on the crisis website, which addresses what to do if an active shooter appears on campus, should be viewed by everyone in the Ole Miss community. The video outlines important procedures to follow should a similar situation arise on our own campus.

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Children of the storm: students reflect on Katrina

BY: ASHLEY NORWOOD

Many students at the University of Mississippi were only children when Hurricane Katrina struck the coast. They, while navigating the age that brings so much change, battled something more sinister: the fight to survive one of America's worst natural disasters. Some tell stories of friends who found one another while taking shelter, others remember traveling away from the storm. All, however, have something to share.

To see more personal accounts, see thedmonline.com.

CHAN BOOKER AGE 20, MOSS POINT

We did whatever we could for each other for the first couple weeks after the storm, but it took a while before it got back to "regular life." My family stayed in our house during the hurricane. It was me, my mom, my dad, three older cousins and my little cousin who was 5. As the flood waters rose, we had to swim out the back window. Our house had up to six feet of water. But, it's crazy, we were extremely calm. We swam until we got to the highway. Our whole neighborhood flooded. Off Highway-613, there were over 100 people in a small abandoned gas station. The family across the street from the gas station managed to save one of their cars, and they gave us

a ride about five miles north to my Grandma's house, and we stayed there for six months after Hurricane Katrina. But when we returned home, it was bad. The water line was above my head. The refrigerator was in the dining room. It really didn't look like home. We had just moved there two years ago. I didn't have any friends there; it was weeks before we got electricity. I just remember everybody being outside. Playing and helping

each other clean-up and pick up limbs in each other's yards for awhile. I remember everybody pitching in where they could. We all ate together - fish fries, grilled food. Me and my brother had bikes, and we hung out with new friends all day. I have friends that will always be my friends from that time.



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Lil Boosie returns, leans heavily upon past hits

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Many have pleaded to #free-boosie, and their wish was granted. Lil Boosie, or “Boosie Badazz” as of 2013, was set free March 5, 2014 from an eight-year stint in the Louisiana State Penitentiary. Since his release, Boosie has been working nonstop on new music, and on Wednesday night the rapper performed at The Lyric to a full crowd.

Rap concerts are definitely a unique scene. If you allow yourself to get into it, it can be like entering an alternate reality. Heavy bass fills the air along with an inescapable, unidentifiable scent. People push, people shove; it is a invigorating experience, to say the least. There certainly was not a specific instance or quality that set Lil Boosie’s perfor-

mance apart.

While Boosie spoke over tracks, his eclectic posse mobbed on stage along with the beat. The entourage was an interesting crowd, ranging from a gray-haired dreadlocked man to a shorter character named “Key” who wore a towel on his head for the entirety of the performance.

The crowd was thick as Boosie sped through his biggest hits in a somewhat bothersome manner. Songs like “Wipe Me Down” and “Zoom” that were once spread around on Razr phones as Bluetooth ringtones, and which hold fond middle school memories for many, were the highlight of an anticlimactic performance.

The performer closed with a couple of his newer, lesser known songs, which were not disappointing. His energy and

crowd onstage were pacifying enough, giving the audience both a focal point and providing an entertaining example as how to act at a Lil Boosie concert.

Once Boosie had wrapped up for the night, a DJ put on a random assortment of music, cuing to concert-goers it was time to go home. The crowd slowly dwindled. What a show.

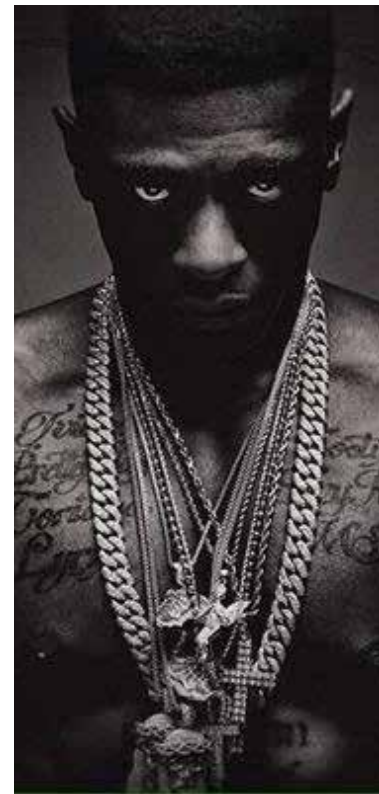
To those who would criticize his performance, it is only fair to cut Boosie a small amount of slack. His creative aesthetic has changed slightly, sometimes suggesting that he no longer has the momentum he once had. His fast-paced beats that had become synonymous with his music are not as distinct as they once were.

Boosie seems to have fallen into the same rut other rappers struggle through after be-

ing released from prison. They have a story to tell now, after all, but, unfortunately, their experience does not always translate into success.

Lil Wayne and T.I. are examples of this flawed music-producing formula where rappers try to relate life on the inside into more emotional yet catchy music. The biggest exception for Boosie is his post-jail single “On That Level” which does not carry the same Boosie-flow as around 10 years ago, but is still catchy.

“On That Level” is a jam people will listen to over and over, which for an artist trying to re-establish their name in entertainment, is precisely what Boosie needs. Now that Boosie Badazz is free once again, hopefully he can find his niche in the modern hip-hop world.



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This season: best and worst case scenarios for Rebs

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As the college football season inches closer, Ole Miss is eight days away from their season opener against UT-Martin. It has been an offseason full of optimism as well as uncertainty for the Rebels.

From the quarterback position to the linebackers, the Rebels have a number of question marks that will soon be answered or exposed over the course of the 2015 season. Looking at the big picture raises the question: What is the best and worst case scenario for this season?

The worst case scenario would be finishing at the 6-6 mark. That may seem unlikely for a team that returns the bulk of their talent from 2014, but it's possible and could stem from a number of different issues. Inconsistent quarterback play, a thin offensive line and a grueling schedule could leave the Rebels wondering what could have been at the end of the season.

Though it is an open competition, junior Chad Kelly appears to have the edge over redshirt sophomores Devante Kincade and Ryan Buchanan to win the quarterback spot.

Much like the entire Ole Miss team for 2015, Kelly has a tremendous upside, but at the same time could also struggle. He is a mobile quarterback with good



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Rebels celebrate after beating Alabama last season

arm strength and is accurate enough to win games—but also a loose cannon. Kelly's troubled past leaves a fair amount of uncertainty as to whether his mental game is up to the standard needed for success in the Southeastern Conference. Kelly's playmaking ability is there, but whether he or any of the three quarterbacks can take control and lead the offense remains to be seen.

The offensive line is another concern that could cause the Rebels to struggle. Ole Miss allowed 31 sacks in 2014, which ranked 12th in the conference. The line is more experienced this year, but depth remains an issue. Juniors Robert Conyers and Laremy Tunstall are coming off injuries from the end of last season and need to stay

healthy for the Rebels to be a contender in 2015.

With those two potential issues looming on the offensive side of the ball, a rigorous schedule won't help the Rebels either. Ole Miss has road games at Alabama, Auburn, Florida and Mississippi State this year. Each of those teams with the exception of Florida were ranked in the top five last season. Home games against LSU, Arkansas and Texas A&M are not guaranteed wins either.

When you run down the Rebels schedule it only makes having consistent quarterback play and a healthy and solid offensive line even more essential.

While there are high expectations for 2015, there is also the possibility that the Rebels will



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Rebels suffered a disappointing loss against Auburn last season.

struggle.

With that being said, let's look at the best case scenario for Ole Miss.

Chad Kelly could very well end up being just what the doctor ordered for Ole Miss at quarterback. Kelly, who voiced his strong desire to rewrite his story in a positive manner, could provide a spark for the Ole Miss offense with his mobility, accuracy and ability to extend plays. He also has a stable of receivers to throw to.

Kelly is saying all of the right things and could take the reins and become the offensive leader for whom Hugh Freeze is looking.

The defense will also be stellar this year.

Barring injury, Ole Miss will take the field every game this year

boasting the best defense on the field. Yes—even the game in Tuscaloosa.

Ole Miss returns the majority of what was the best scoring defense in college football in 2014 and will come back more experienced in 2015. If senior C.J. Johnson can make a smooth transition to middle linebacker and anchor what is considered to be the weakest link of the Ole Miss defense, the Rebels will be hard to score on this year. Getting senior defensive Chief Brown back in the secondary won't hurt, either.

Most of the pieces of this puzzle are in place. If Ole Miss can solidify a quarterback and stay healthy, the sky is the limit for this team. It is entirely possible that the Rebels could finish 11-1 and find them-

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Rebel volleyball kicks off with three-game weekend

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During his first season as head coach at Ole Miss, Steven McRoberts helped lead the Rebels to their best season in seven years with a record of 22-10.

Friday night's match against Oral Roberts marks the start of the 2015 season, and the beginning of this year's quest to the NCAA tournament.

Ole Miss returns eight players and all six starters. They also added seven newcomers that will help with the team's depth.

Three of the key returning players are the two lethal hitters senior Nakeyta Clair and junior Melanie Crow, along with the junior record-breaking setter Aubrey Edie.

Clair and Crow spent part of the summer in New Orleans representing Ole Miss and competing against some of the best collegiate volleyball players in the country as part

of the USA Volleyball Collegiate National Team.

Clair set the single season record for kills in 2014 with 366. She was also the AVCA All-American honorable mention and received SEC and AVCA Regional Honors. Entering her senior year, her leadership and experience will be vital to the success of the team.

Crow had 352 kills in the season and led the team in aces (42), which ranked her 3rd in the SEC with .36 aces per set. In a close 3-2 loss to Texas A&M, she tallied a career-high 23 kills. Last year, she helped the Rebels win their first tournament title away from Oxford since the 2007 season at the Buffalo Classic, where she was named to the All-Tournament team.

As the setter, Aubrey Edie is considered to be the "quarterback" of the offense. Last season, she set the single season record with 1,322 assists which ranked third in the



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Taylor Alexander is all smiles for the start of the 2015 season.

SEC. She set a single-match and career-high record of 62 assists against rival Mississippi State. After last season, she's now third all-time in Ole

Miss volleyball history with 2,271 assists.

The Rebels goal for the season is to succeed in conference play.

This season, they will face off against some of the greatest teams in the country, including Florida, who finished last season undefeated in conference play (18-0).

Ole Miss went 8-10 in conference matches last season, yet maintained an overall winning record during the season. If they can achieve a winning record in conference play and make it into the top four ranking in the SEC, they will have a shot at making it to the NCAA tournament.

Oral Roberts should prove to be a great first contest for the Rebels first match. Oral Roberts was picked to finish fourth in the Summit League this season after scoring a 15-15 record in 2014. They also return all six of their starters. The player to watch for the opposing side is sophomore outside hitter Laura Milos, who averaged 4.37 kills per set in 2014.

After the night's competition, the Rebels will take on Tennessee State at noon on Saturday, followed by Northwestern State at 7:30 p.m.

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