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Leader of the pack: training the Wildrose Way

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Mike Stewart has always been a dog person. In fact, he jokes that he likes dog a lot better than people.

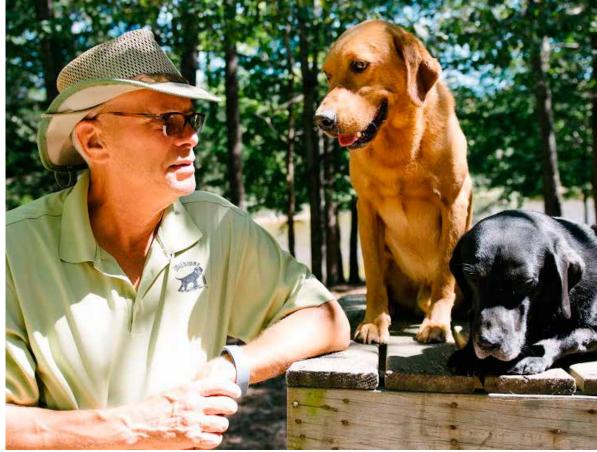
Stewart is a very confident man. He is confident in his program and his dogs. He talks about the dogs as if they are his children or his closest friends. He points out their little quirks and things he likes in their personality. Deke and Indian, two of his personal Labrador Retrievers, move with precision at his every command.

Stewart said no favorite dog in particular led him to where he is today.

"That's like telling your mom to pick out her favorite kid. I don't have one favorite, but I've had loads of friends."

Stewart is a native to Oxford. He attended Oxford High School and Ole Miss, where he majored in public administration and received a masters in criminal justice. Following graduation, he worked for the Oxford Police Department before becoming the chief of police at the University. While working as a policeman, Stewart trained dogs on the side as a hobby.

Stewart learned the art of training from different people



Mike Stewart, an Oxford native, breeds Labrador Retrievers and trains them for hunting and service purposes. He is pictured here

and sources over time. He read books, studied the techniques of Irish and British trainers and soaked up his own experiences.

with his two dogs, Indian and Deke.

This hobby eventually outgrew his backyard and grew into a major career.

the neighbors," Stewart said. "I would have to go somewhere every night to train them."

He was training bird dogs that had large amounts of energy and needed a space to run. In 1988,

"The dogs were noisy with he bought 143 acres of land about 12 miles outside of Oxford to expand his hobby. With that purchase came the very early stages of what would become his enterprise, Wildrose Kennels. In 2000, after 25 years of policing,

he left his career for a new one this one with four-leggers to discipline instead of the bipeds to which he was accustomed.

"There's not much difference in a dog and a fraternity member," Stewart said. "They're all creatures of habit. If you don't build boundaries and limitations they go astray."

Stewart explained that he gives his canine trainees limitations and rewards the dogs when they follow the rules. "That's sort of how I handled the fraternities too," Stewart said.

Stewart is now considered one of the best dog breeders and trainers in the world. He has created his own method of training Labrador Retrievers, which he calls the "Wildrose Way." He has been featured in Forbes Magazine, Garden & Gun and Town and Country. Wildrose Kennels has been chosen twice for Garden & Gun's "Best in the Sporting South" award.

Labrador retreivers at Wildrose can receive three different types of training: "Gentleman's Gundog" training, Adventure Dog training, and Scent Discriminators training. Training with Stewart begins when the dogs are only 3 days old. Stew-

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Officers speak on active shooters and sexual assault

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Oxford and University police departments led a forum for students on Wednesday to discuss the actions and awareness of potential lifethreatening incidents while on campus.

The forum's purpose was to provide necessary resources to keep students, faculty and staff informed in case of emergency.

Due to recent active shooter reports at Mississippi State University and Delta State University, officers Libby Lytle and Jeff Kellum met with students to discuss ways to prevent and handle violence on and off campus.

In the event of an active shooter, OPD officer Jeff Kellum advised students to avoid, deny, defend and report.

Kellum said students should leave an active shooter scene immediately, if possible.

They should avoid areas of danger, remain calm in order to react to life-threatening incidents appropriately and always know where the building exits are located.

Students should close off the shooter's access to their area and find shelter in a place that is out of sight, Kellum said. They should remain quiet. Communication is very important, Kellum said.

"We take care of each other." Kellum said.

According to Kellum, if the shooter reaches a student, they should defend themselves and use any available item as a weapon to protect themselves and those around them.

In addition to Kellum's presentation on active shooter response, UPD officer Lytle discussed violence on the Square regarding sexual assault and self-defense.

"The most important thing is having a plan," Lyle said.

She emphasized being prepared, whether in the home or on the Square, would help ensure students' safety.

"You and you alone are responsible for your own safety," Lytle said.



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SEE UPD PAGE 3 Jeff Kellum, a University police officer, talks to students on how to appropriately handle active shooter situations.

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First comes love, then comes marriage?



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Few things get under my skin quite like the phrase "more than friends."

While culturally it's become short hand for romantic involvement, it also reveals something that I find incredibly problematic: the systematic devaluing of friendships.

I know that friendship has its place in our cultural understanding, but take a moment to consider the way romantic relationships are prized in American society.

Marriage is often considered the ultimate goal for two people in love, and now that same-sex marriage has been legalized, this opportunity is available to more people than ever before. Believe me, I find this prospect very exciting, but simultaneously a little disheartening.

Regardless of your views on religion, marriage as an institution is seen as the ultimate symbol of commitment and the true legitimization of a relationship. Love is considered the prize, and marriage is the finish line.

But I also love my friends.

I may not be "in love" with them, but to have to qualify that I am "just friends" with someone is a linguistic quirk that implies that friendship is inherently lesser than romantic relationships. I met my two best friends in eighth grade, and we've been inseparable ever since.

They know things about me that not only could a casual acquaintance not know, but things that I might actively try to keep hidden from other people, and they still love me anyway.

Why they put up with me in eighth grade (who was really just like current me but a bit shorter and more volatile) I'll never know, but the relationships that I have formed with my friends have helped me grow into the person I am today. I have to thank them for that.

Friendship can be based upon superficial things, certainly.

We all have that acquaintance from class that we'll speak to in that room and never make real world plans with, but this does not take away from the validity of true, deep friendships.

Like a romantic relationship, they should be based on trust and mutual respect. If you like to watch the same things on Netflix, that certainly doesn't hurt anything either.

to sleep with or get married to your best friend doesn't mean that you can't have important conversations with them. That you don't run to them with your problems or your six pack whenever you have the time.

Think about your best friend,

and if you haven't reached out to them in a while, you've got a cell phone and no excuse.

I know that college is a time of flux and uncertainty for everyone, and making new friends and romantic partners is simply par for the course. All I suggest is that in our rush to find someone who "really gets us," we don't overlook those people with whom we aren't interested in being romantically involved.

Humans are social creatures, and support systems of all kinds are valid if they help you navigate your world more successfully.

While I'm not "in love" with my friends, I know that I love them and that they love me.

If the Beatles are right and that really is all you need, then Just because you don't want I'm not going to let societal dictates of which kinds of love are more important trip me up, and I hope that the sentiment spreads.

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art trains and breeds imported English Labradors, believing their genetics and smaller frame better-suited to field work than American Labradors.

The "Gentleman's Gundog" is a term penned and trademarked by Stewart. This includes extensive training with upland and waterfowl hunting, as well as the dogs' temperaments and loyalty.

Adventure Dogs are trained for multiple sporting activities: hiking, camping, kayaking, mountain biking, etc. Stewart calls the adventure dogs the "Land Rovers of dogs."

"We teach them 14 different skill sets," Stewart said. "The dogs are then classified one of three ways: Trail-rated, certified adventure dog, or master trek-

Through the intensive training of the Scent Discriminators program, Wildrose Labs become candidates for Diabetic Alert Dogs. They are able to notice when a diabetic person's blood sugar levels are dangerously low by merely smelling their breath.

Stewart said the Labradors from Wildrose have gone on to do various types of jobs that they did not specifically learn there.

"There's a fantastic cadaver



Mike Stewart is pictured here on his farm in Oxford.

dog in Memphis," Stewart said. "That dog has been able to find bodies that no one else could."

Not only that, but there are avalanche dogs in the West that are able to find bodies buried in the snow using scent.

Wildrose now has four different training facilities with 143 acres in Oxford, 140 acres in the Delta, 40 acres in Arkansas with a river for special training, and 580 acres in Colorado.

Stewart has a map on a wall in his office with pins proudly showing the location of every Wildrose Labrador in the world.

By 2006, there was a Wildrose Labrador in all 50 states in the United States, as well as in Mexico and every Canadian province. There are now also Wildrose dogs in Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru and Taiwan.

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develop a plan to protect yourself.'

Lytle said one in five women are sexually assaulted. The most important advice she had for students was to have a friend with them at all times.

Lytle spoke on other ways to keep safe, including selfdefense mechanisms.

It is easy for someone to come up behind a student and grab them, but it is hard for the student to scream and get

As a result, Ole Miss UPD and Lytle offer a self-defense program to teach students how to react and protect themselves from those situations.

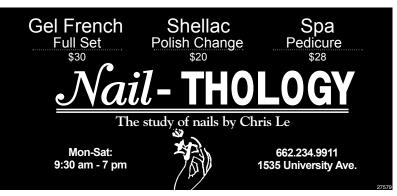
Lytle and Kellum want students to remain alert and report any suspicious persons or activity by contacting the University Police Department.

They also have an active shooter response video on the University's emergency website.

Lytle said public safety measures are being taken to ensure a trustworthy relationship between students and law enforcement.

"We are not here to arrest people, we only arrest those who won't behave themselves," Lytle said. "Don't think of us as the bad people, think of us as the ones who will help you."





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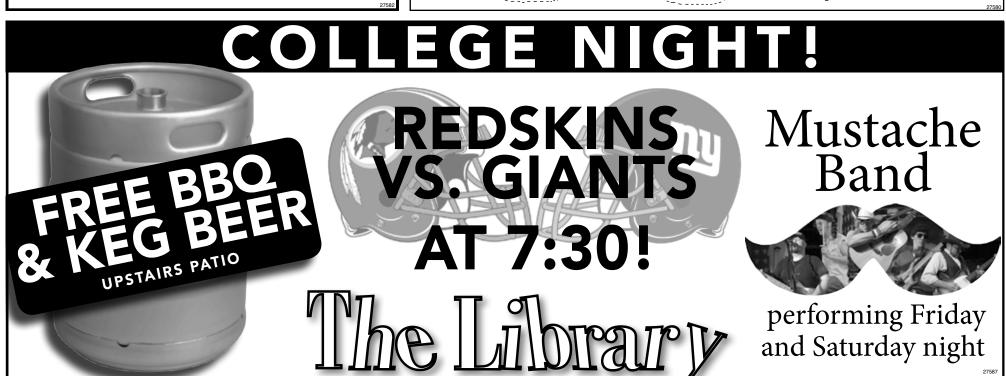
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Photographs from 'Delta Jewels' showcased at Sarahfest

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As part of the Sarah Isom Center for Women and Gender Studies's Sarahfest, pieces by Jon Langford and Alysia Steele, local photographer and University professor, will be on display at the Powerhouse.

Alysia Steele is an assistant professor of multiple-platform journalism. Steele, who has been a photographer for over 30 years, received her Masters of Art in photography from Ohio University in 2010, and has worked on numerous projects around the world. She shot documentary work for Habitat for Humanity, as well as for The Columbus Dispatch in Ghana, Ivory Coast, Uganda, Kenya and South Africa. Her photography and picture editing has won her numerous awards.

Steele said she began her interest in photography when she was about 15 years old.

"I have been a photojournalist, picture editor, multimedia producer and deputy director of photography for over 19 years," Steele said.

Steele has wanted to be a photographer ever since she could



first remember. To her, any other career path was simply unimaginable. Not only is Steele now an assistant professor but she says she is still a student.

Steele's 2015 book, "Delta Jewels," focuses on the lives of church mothers and elders from the Mississippi Delta and surrounding areas. Oral histories and formal portraits of these women, who lived under the harshest of the Jim Crow era's conditions and the Civil Rights Movement, were taken. Part of this collection includes Myrlie Evers, a civil rights activist and former chairwoman of the

"In my humble opinion, anyone who thinks they don't have any more to learn in photojournalism is arrogant," Steele said. "We should always aim to learn as we go."

According to Steele, the best inspiration is found in everyday

"When I was younger and impressionable, I thought the best photojournalism opportunities were working abroad on war or conflict photography."

Her past work has soon her attainment of that goal, but as time progressed, Steele's focus began to change.

"As I've aged and worked abroad, I think the most compelling stories for me were stories in my community," Steele

Steele said she especially enjoys talking to people face to face because she believes other people have wonderful faces and expressions, each with their own story to tell.

"Appreciating that everyone has a story worth telling is so much more rewarding," she said. "I look at local stories with particular interest."

When Steele isn't working as a photographer, she enjoys her

free time, like many hard-working college students.

"In my spare time, you can find me hibernating at home," Steel said. "I prefer peace and quiet on my screened-in porch, listening to music, drinking scotch and reading a book - basically, hiding from everyone - and it takes a lot to pull me away from that porch, let me tell you."

Steele's photographs, along with Langford's art, will be on display at the Powerhouse until Sarahfest's last day, September



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Book Review: 'Want Not' by Jonathan Miles

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Not," "Want Jonathan Miles' second novel after 2008's "Dear American Airlines," is a pleasurable dumpster dive through the various kinds of waste in contemporary society. In three disparate storylines, Miles explores what (and whom) we throw away, where it ends up and how we cope with what we have sloughed off.

Talmadge and Micah are a "freegan" couple squatting in an abandoned building in New York City and living off the city's abundant supply of garbage. Their life is Micah's vision, and Micah is the novel's conscience and heart; Miles devotes a lot of time and beautiful sentences to her Walden-esque upbringing in rural Appalachia. Talmadge

is devoted, but more so to Micah than to her ideology. This becomes clear when Matty, Talmadge's former Ole Miss roommate, comes to crash with the couple. Matty is a scampy grifter far better suited for con jobs and petty theft than foraging for produce. He does what literary visitors do best: overstays his welcome, clashes with the party he feels has stolen his friend from him, and reminds Talmadge of his slacker past, complicating his idyllic life with Micah.

Elwin is an obese linguistics professor reeling from a recent separation from his wife. A caretaker of dead languages, Elwin is defined by his efforts at conservation. When he hits a deer with his Jeep one night, he takes the carcass home, skins and cleans it, and cooks venison steaks to feed his father, a historian

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suffering from Alzheimer's, for Thanksgiving lunch. He finds new purpose when he is invited onto a government project to design a marker that will warn future societies to avoid a buried cache radioactive materials. His arc drags occasionally with his navel-gazing on his failed marriage, but Miles makes Elwin, and his steady fumbling toward redemption, easy to root for.

Sara is a wealthy 9/11 widow remarried to Dave, a slimy debt collector who has made a fortune harassing people into paving off "stale" accounts they could legally ignore. We first see Dave after Thanksgiving Dinner, gazing admiringly into his toilet at what he has left there. Lyrical descriptions of human feces seem to be a trend in recent novels -Jonathan Franzen has done so twice - but given "Want Not"'s focus on waste, and Dave's comically vile persona, the inclusion does not seem excessive here. Dave is a complete scumbag greedy, chauvinistic, homophobic, you name it – but his saving grace may be his attempt to connect to Sara's 17-year-old daughter, Alexis. At first, Dave's attention to his stepdaughter seems clumsy, even creepy, but it gradually reveals itself to be a more authentic concern for Alexis than Sara's shallow worries about her daughter's weight and appearance. Alexis may be the novel's one false note. She comes off mostly as a surly, eye-rolling cutout than an actual teenager. This is especially disappointing given that her storyline builds to a harrowing, can't-lookaway conclusion by the end of the novel.

JONATHAN MILES Cupyrighted Material COURTESY: AMAZON.COM

These storylines touch, as they must, sometimes in passing glances and sometimes in life-altering encounters. Some of these connections can be seen from a mile off, but this doesn't make the outcome any less satisfying.

"Want Not" would be an impressive feat merely for pulling off so many riffs on its central theme of waste: Miles throws in nuclear refuse. memories trashed by Alzheimer's, salvaged roadkill, discarded divorcées, and even

meditations on genocide. It's a clever performance; but where he could have settled for cleverness, Miles imbues the proceedings with heartfelt characterization and gorgeous prose. A year or two after reading it, you may find you're still carrying this book about trash around in your head, unwilling to toss it out.

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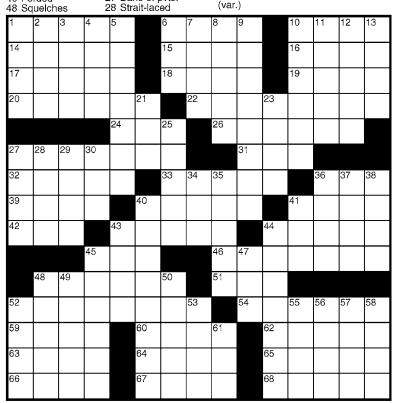
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Nkemdiche trying to build off Alabama performance

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Robert Nkemdiche has always garnered a lot of attention. In high school, he was the No. 1 overall player in the class of 2013. His recruitment was closely followed by the entire college football world, and his decision to attend Ole Miss was broadcast on national television.

On the field, it's no different.

Because of his size and skill set, he is the focus of opposing offenses. He attracts double teams and creates opportunities for other guys because of the amount of attention put upon him.

"He's a freak of an athlete," Hugh Freeze, head coach, said.

"He wants to be good. He wants to be really good and he has the potential to be that."

All of the attention and focus has never seemed to bother him, and it was no differ-

ent in what may have been the biggest game of his career last Saturday. Nkemdiche had 10 total tackles including two for losses and 0.5 sacks. After his dominant performance at Alabama, Freeze called it his best performance as a Rebel.

"I thought it was it was his best game since he's been here. Very few people could have played the number of snaps he did with the amount of production that he had." Freeze said.

"He finished plays and he was disruptive, and that's how he has got to play the rest of the year."

Nkemdiche agreed with Freeze when asked if he thought if it was the best game he's ever played.

"I felt like this was the moment where I needed to step up and make the energy felt," Nkemidche said. "I don't talk a lot. I'm more of a guy to try to make my presence felt."

That is exactly what he did on Saturday. He was productive and was able to get into the Alabama backfield and disrupt the run game, leading to one of the biggest wins in Ole Miss history. One of the biggest knocks against Nkemdiche during his tenure at Ole Miss was his not finishing plays. Nkemdiche finished those plays Saturday and made his presence known from the start.

"What we've been working for this whole time, it finally came to show," Nkemdiche said. "The behind the scene work that we do in the spring and summer, and the world got to see the Rebels."

Some saw Ole Miss' 43-37 in Bryant-Denny as an upset in the world of college football. As for Nkemdiche? Not so much.

"Everybody thinks it was an upset, but we were expecting that," Nkemdiche said. "So it's not really a high we have to come down from. We expected that, and so now it's on to the next game."

Even after such a monumental win, Nkemdiche and the rest of the Ole Miss team are still looking to improve.

"I've still got to figure out ways where I can elevate my game in any way possible," Nkemdiche said "You know your expectations for yourself, and so you want to start looking at the minute things to make yourself better."

Nkemdiche said he remembers the letdown last year. After a 7-0 start, and climbing as high as third in the college football playoff rankings, Ole Miss faltered a little bit down the stretch.

The Rebels lost four of their last six games to end last season, but Nkemdiche says the DNA in this team is different. There will not be a letdown this year.

"It's fun to see everybody preaching about the moment of now," Nkemdiche said.

"We just have to get hyped, just like we did against Alabama and treat every team like that. If we play like we know how to play, we can do some really good things."



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Rebels adapt to injuries for game against Vanderbilt

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The Ole Miss football team started off the season relatively well in terms of injuries, but the Alabama game was more rough than the first two weeks.

Junior safety Tony Conner, senior offensive lineman Justin Bell, freshman offensive lineman Rod Taylor and junior Robert Conyers also sustained injuries against the Crimson Tide.

Conner went through successful surgery to repair a torn meniscus this week, leaving him out for a minimum of four weeks. Head coach Hugh Freeze gave an update on Conner after the surgery.

"Doctors felt really good about it and he was in good spirits last night, so hopefully we can get him back quickly," Freeze said.

Freeze also updated the status of the offensive lineman for the game against Vanderbilt.

"They've all practiced with the exception of Bell," Freeze said. "So, they're going to give it a go. I don't know about Bell yet."

With Conner out, the husky position will be manned by sophomore A.J. Moore, senior Chief Brown and freshman Zedrick



Coach Hugh Freeze rallies players before the football game against Alabama last Saturday.

Woods.

Defensive coordinator Dave Wommack said he was proud of their performance thus far and doesn't anticipate a single one of them taking the bulk of Conner's reps.

"I think we'll alternate them in there. I've been pleased at how fast Zedrick has been able to learn, because he hadn't really played that (husky) spot," Wommack said. "We almost put him there when we got him here in the summer, and we decided to go ahead and put him at rover, but its amazing to me that he hasn't made more mistakes in practice. He's doing a great job."

"You lose a Tony Conner, no matter what its difficult to replace him, but I feel very confident in all three of those guys being able to play that spot," Wommack continued.

Vanderbilt had a rough start to their season so far, going 1-2 with losses to Georgia and Western Kentucky, but Freeze and Wommack still see the Commodores as a formidable opponent for this Saturday. Both coaches praised the play of wide receiver Trent Sherfield and quarterback Johnny McCrary, with Freeze pointing out Sherfield's speed and athleticism.

"He's a good athlete, a good route runner, and the quarterback played really well too and that helps receivers play well," Freeze said. "The quarterback can extend plays and is athletic."

Wommack even gave a little insight in to how the defense planned to contain McCrary when breaking down the Vanderbilt offense.

"I think he's a good SEC wide receiver. I think their quarter-back's outstanding, and their backs, they've got a nice receiving core," Wommack said. "Any time you have 200 yards receiving in a game, you might get a little double coverage there."

Overall, Freeze did not see the Vanderbilt team as an easy opponent by any means, especially on the defensive side of the ball.

"They're one of the top in the nation right now in points per game and not giving up many yards. (They) played a really good Georgia team and battled them for two-and-a-half quarters toe-to-toe," Freeze said. "I think we've got a fight coming for sure. I'm expecting a very difficult football game."

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