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Sexual assault: Rise in awareness increases number of reports

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Last week, students received an email stating there was a sexual assault at the on-campus housing complex Campus Walk. With more emails about similar instances entering students' inboxes, it's hard to ignore the growing reality of this issue on the University's campus and the surrounding areas.

Many students don't understand the processes one might go through after finding themselves involved in instances of sexual assault, harassment, domestic violence or stalking. Over the next few months, The Daily Mississippian will answer the following questions: What resources does the University offer students? What do the directors, coordinators, and officers in these offices and organizations do for the campus community as whole and, more specifically, survivors of instances of sexual misconduct? What issues surround sexual misconduct at our campus specifically?

Due to a recently heightened awareness about the prevalence of sexual assault on col-

lege campuses, student advocacy and involvement from federal lawmakers, universities have changed their processes in dealing with sexual assault reports repeatedly over the years. It is still one of the hardest issues to talk about due to the sometimes long-lasting and extremely sensitive effects on victims of these crimes, however, and the work is not yet over.

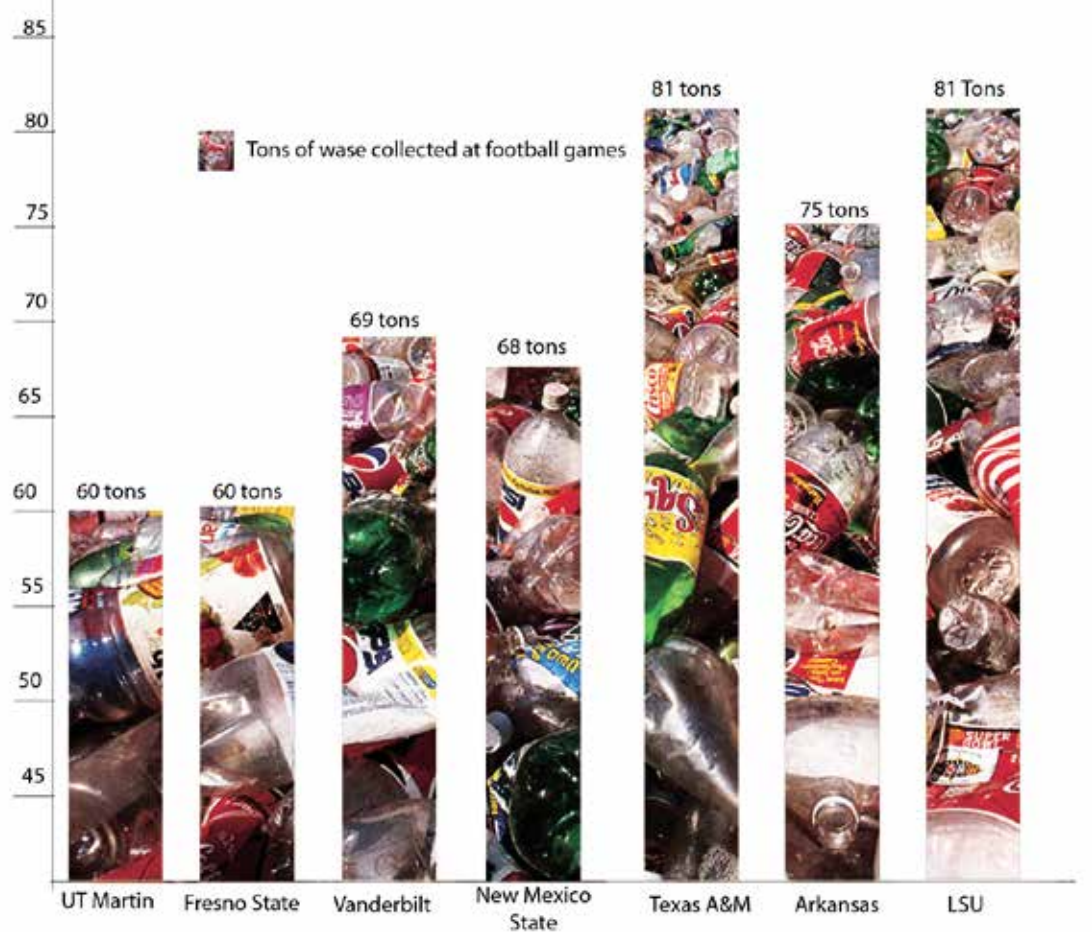
Students can report through a handful of resources, such as the advocacy-centered Violence Prevention Office, Title IX coordinator, University Police Department or University faculty.

The police department puts the power in the hands of the complainant to decide whether he or she wants to continue under the criminal process or not continue at all. Title IX coordinator Honey Ussery will investigate reports of misconduct, and if the complainant wishes, she will report the information to the Office of Conflict Resolution and Student Conduct, which will hold a hearing, adjudicate the case and then make any sanctions.

Rebels Against Sexual As-

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494 tons of waste produced in Grove



GRAPHIC BY: CLARA TURNAGE

Tons of trash are collected from the Grove after each football game.

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One by one, landscaping services workers color the Grove with school spirit, dotting the grass with the infamous blue and red trashcans.

It takes a group of five or six workers around three to four hours to place up to 1,200

44-gallon cans in the 10-acre grove and surrounding areas. Workers start placing the cans Friday morning at 6 a.m.

Forty-four gallons of trash is equal to 352 pounds of waste. If all of the trashcans are filled, there are automatically 422,400 pounds of waste collected in the Grove alone.

Jeff McManus, director of landscaping services, said with

the football team progressing in the national spotlight, the amount of incoming trash will only increase, bringing more students to the University and ultimately producing more waste during game days.

McManus said during the weekend of a non-conference game, landscaping services will

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UPD, FBI continue investigation on game day assault



FILE PHOTO: CADY HERRING

The University Police Department launched an investigation with the FBI after an Ole Miss football game attendee was punched at the LSU game.

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The University Police Department had big plans for increased security at the home football game against Louisiana State University on Saturday, Nov. 21. They followed through on those plans with additional officers, metal detector wands at the entrance gates and special attention paid to those using student ID tickets.

"We were very happy with both the added security from the stadium security personnel as well as the law enforcement personnel," UPD Chief Tim

Potts said.

The University hires additional temporary officers during football season to help with security measures. The temporary officers are brought to campus from other police departments.

"When you're working an event with 80 to 100 officers and you have a limit of people you can use from your department, you have to go where the people are," Potts said. "These are all certified officers where their chief or sheriffs allow them to come over and work part time for the University."

Potts said officers from all over north Mississippi come to

help with games, from Batesville to Southaven to Tupelo.

A video of an altercation between an Ole Miss fan and a temporary officer from New Albany surfaced on Facebook after the game and has since gone viral. The fan, Chris Barnes, is seen being punched by the police officer in the video.

UPD began investigating the incident soon after it happened, and has reached out to the local FBI office for help.

"I mean, when I looked at this case, no matter what UPD would have decided, the public

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A goodbye letter from Sierra Mannie



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There is a popular argument, resilient and scavenging as German cockroaches, that would suggest that I, in daring to love Mississippi and the University of Mississippi, daring to affirm myself and the other black lives that have the audacity to exist here, kicking and screaming when the student body and the administration act up with regard to these things, would have been better off at an HBCU, or a historically black college or uni-

versity. That in choosing not to attend an HBCU, I am somehow betraying my blackness.

That in choosing to attend the University of Mississippi, I am deserving of the occupational hazard of the occasional “nigger” flung from the open window of a dorm, the symbolic lynching of a symbol of integration, the frustration of watching Klanspeople give their money to Associated Student Body senators so that the racist flag of the great state of Mississippi might flap like a buzzard over the heads of the students here on campus as they bite into the Christian warmth of their Chick-fil-A sandwiches.

It is absolutely true that HBCUs, in their undeniable impact on not only the black community but academia, come with a plethora of benefits — a marked lack of involvement of Klanspeople in student affairs being one of the most appealing ones. The Divine 9 is probably never an afterthought when you talk about Greek life on HBCU campuses.

Probably, no one begs you to ignore that slavery existed on HBCU campuses, either.

But I, like many other 18-year-olds, self-centered and frantic about the future, followed my major, followed the money, followed my gut. For my decision, I’ve spent four years in the recuperative glow of Bryant Hall, basking in the brilliance and compassion of its professors and the words of the ancients. At the risk of spilling out its most tender parts for the wrong people to see, I showed this campus my soul. I have fought for change outside of my words, have demanded it with them, and have never been more in touch with all that is black and beautiful about me in my life.

How I got to be an editor of the Opinion section of The Daily Mississippian is that I hated it.

Before I worked here, this section of the paper, colored with lazy thought processes and even lazier language, couldn’t go a day without pissing me off. I would

constantly take to social media in order to express my frustration with the writing here. But, instead of crying on Yik Yak, I went directly to the source and shoved my words off to the people there and requested that I be heard.

I was published, and then I was published again. I talked about my sex life and your sex life. I talked about racism, and friendship, and broken hearts, and the mistake of Miley Cyrus’s celebrity and the tragedy of Kanye West’s. I told the Daily Mississippian that white gay men didn’t know me like they thought they knew me, and then somehow the rest of the world found out, and it spoke back. I’ve talked about Mississippi and my well-deserved spot for myself I’ve carved at the University of Mississippi, both of which, despite all of their sins, I’ve grown to love ferociously, despite the many times I felt failed and be-

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trayed by both. But I don't regret these things. When I love something, I hold it accountable. And I deserve all of the love I offer at the altar of my pride back to replenish the flesh I scooped out of my heart to make it all possible. I came here, and I swam, and I gave it the gift of my time.

And like sands through the hourglass, this is the last time in your life you'll read me in print in the opinion section of the Daily Mississippian.

My time at the University of Mississippi alone has been nothing short of tumultuous. I came to the University of Mississippi as a first-generation college student, a Barksdale Scholar, a National Achievement Scholar, fresher than you — and I leave it, title-free, official honor-free, definitely scholarship-free, and pummeled, and humbled, and altogether better for it. Here, I have extended my forearm with the veins bursting with plum blood to nourish this place, and



PHOTO BY: LOGAN KIRKLAND

I have let it stab me open and drink from me in order to make it better. And, despite my tears and the almost everlasting reaping — Oxford is the type of place where the frivolity of the Square and the students will find you in your darkest, least frivolous moments and tear you to pieces — I am glad that I let it have me.

Possessing me especially has been a long and strange tenure in the Student Media Center as the opinion editor of the Daily Mississippian. And despite all of the attempts to shut me up, I am glad that I complained.

I am glad that the pot was stirred in part by my clenched fist. I celebrate discourse, which laughs in the face of Southern exceptionalism that calls passive-aggressiveness kindness, that lauds meekness as appropriate, that has the potential, to shake the status quo at its corned core.

I have finished my part. Sierra Mannie is done.

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put out around 900 to 1,000 trashcans in the Grove and Circle. For a conference game or popular opponent, 1,200 trashcans are distributed.

McManus said the Alabama game holds the record for the most waste produced in a single day. That game produced 90 tons of waste. The runner-up game was the Texas game, with 87 tons of waste produced.

The tons of waste produced has increased from 489 in 2013 to 494 this season.

McManus said in the first two games of this season, there were already 120 tons of waste. Fresno State and UT Martin were non-conference games played under extreme heat.

McManus said while landscaping services cleans the Grove, the workers do not sort the trash because there is not enough time to do so.

"I'm trying to get us back to our beautiful and 'normal' campus," McManus said. "It's all about getting it in and getting it out."

McManus said tracking the amount of waste that is coming out of Oxford, especially from the campus, is hard but not impossible.

What is typically measured and tracked is by looking at how many "tips" a garbage truck makes at a dumpster annually. A "tip" is when a garbage truck lifts the dumpster overhead.

"We track the number of tips and where the tips are taken from," McManus said. "So, that is where you get that number every time that truck drops."

McManus describes the Grove after a game as "a picnic gone bad." Landscaping services reached out to non-profit groups for additional, volunteer labor.

The response was poor, he said.

The Baptist Student Union, however, agreed to work at \$13 an hour per person. McManus said this arrangement is effective because they do not have to pay overtime and wear out their workers.

McManus said he is thrilled to be able to help support some of these groups. Other groups that responded were from the city and county high school sports teams and other charitable organizations.

"We are the place non-profits go to," McManus said.

Lanie Anderson, the assistant director of BSU, described the Grove as "rolling hills of trash" after game days. Although Anderson is happy about the improvement, she said she sees places which need attention.

Anderson said there are still a lot of empty green bags that are left lying around the Grove.

"Any recycling is better than none," Anderson said. "If people tailgating would be more aware of that opportunity, it definitely would be improved."

Amberlyn Liles, director of sanitation and recycling for Oxford, said this issue of waste is important to city leaders but the expansion of the department's efforts tend to be overlooked by other city projects.

"It is so many people coming into town and it's more and more every season, and we see the impact across the board," Liles said. "It's not a sexy project, and I get that."

Each ton of waste that is taken to the landfill costs \$36, Liles said.

That means the waste in the Grove alone has cost the University \$17,784 in only three months and \$53,208 in three seasons.

"Trash costs money," Liles said. "Recycling costs money too, but depending on the market values, there is a return in the investment."

Liles said recycling is a more complicated process than people think. She said that there is



Attendees mill about the Grove on game day.

FILE PHOTO

not a demand for recycling glass bottles because it is cheaper for businesses to buy new glass.

A shipment of glass to Atlanta where it can be processed would cost around \$4,000 per trip, Liles said.

"Really, that's all that it's about, is money," Liles said. "Getting (glass) to the recycler is more expensive compared to other products that we recycle."

All the other products the department recycles that have monetary value and the city receives funds that go back into the general fund, according to Liles.

As Oxford grows in size, Liles said the department does everything it can do to expand each year. She said the city budgets around \$3 million and the department usually matches that number.

Liles said it is important for the community to recognize the amount of waste being produced and to cut down on that amount by recycling as much as they can. She said to especially pay attention to receptacles and to encourage others to recycle during football games because it is difficult to monitor.

"How do you educate that many people?" Liles said. "People will recycle if it's convenient, if it's easy, if you don't make too many rules. That's why you want to have a recycling bin

next to a trash can."

The Green Grove Initiative, a branch from the Office of Sustainability, is another organization looking to improve not only the quality of the Grove, but also acquiring the recyclables.

According to Ashley Maiolatesi, Green Grove Initiative intern, there were over 400 volunteers last year. For game days, there are 60 volunteers per game and 15 volunteers designated to sort through what is recycled on Mondays and Tuesdays, lasting about four hours.

Maiolatesi said there are a large number of objects that cannot be recycled, including food, glass and certain plastics. She said about 15 to 20 percent of what is collected cannot be recycled.

It's important to be conscious about how much waste is thrown away because Mississippi is one of the only states that has landfill space, according to intern Kelli Coleman.

"We definitely abuse our privileges, because they are filling up fast," Coleman said. "The trashcans are just overflowing with things."

Maiolatesi said it is important for fans and the Office of Sustainability alike to work together to help solve a larger problem.

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would have been skeptical of whatever decision we made," Potts said. "I think we owed it to our community, to the public, to bring in an independent entity to be able to look at the incident. Right, wrong or indifferent, we owe that to the community, and that's what we did."

Potts said UPD is still investigating the altercation and arrest at the LSU game, but sought a different perspective from the FBI.

"We look at it from an administrative standpoint, as far as an employee," Potts said. "We've asked the FBI to look at it bigger picture."

Since the investigation is still ongoing, neither the UPD nor FBI would comment on details of the altercation.

"The only thing we can say about this matter, because it's still ongoing, is that the FBI continues to collect facts in this case and will work with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Oxford to determine the appropriate course of action," Jason Pack, supervisory special agent from the FBI's Jackson office said.

Barnes has been charged with a felony of assaulting a police officer and three misdemeanors including resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

Barnes is planning to plead "not guilty" to these charges, according to his attorney, David Pool. The officer in the video is on paid administrative leave pending the investigation.

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“Chicken Soup for the Soul” is being made into a TV series. According to WAPT News, Mississippi is the chosen venue for the film. Author Mark Victor Hansen told Gov. Phil Bryant that he would dedicate the first 15 minutes of each episode to show miracles in Mississippi. He said he wanted the series to be filmed in Mississippi because he wants to “erase the old image [of Mississippi] and repaint a new, glorious, miraculous Mississippi image.” There are sure to be tears involved.

GIT-R-DON'TS

Larry the Cable Guy sued a Diamondhead gas station in Mississippi this week for trademark infringement. He filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court in Gulfport for the gas station using his phrase “Git-R-Done” on merchandise without permission. Larry the Cable Guy and Git-R-Done Productions has 11 versions of trademark rights on the phrase. According to gulflive.com, the Giterdone store in the Diamondhead station has denied all charges in the lawsuit and is fighting the charges. For now, they are continuing sales of their “Giterdone” merchandise.



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WHEN YOU GET A POSTCARD FROM YOUR DOG

And she's in Hawaii. American Airlines mistakenly sent a corgi named Bethany to Hawaii instead of Mississippi this week. According to the Consumerist, the dog's owner posted ads on Facebook asking for help in finding his dog after she did not arrive on the same flight as him. American Airlines then sent a system-wide alert to find Bethany and tracked her down, surprisingly, in Hawaii. While Bethany's case ended well and her owner was grateful, this is not the first time such a mix-up has happened. CBS released a report that airlines have lost 52 pets on flights during the last decade. The main question is how Hawaii got confused with Mississippi — there aren't many common denominators between the two states.

HUNGER PAINS

According to the Miami Herald, a Mississippi man stabbed his parents this week over fast food. Ronald Pritchett of Purvis killed his father and stabbed his mother because they ordered fast food and did not get him any. Pritchett stabbed his parents at their home on Wednesday. He now faces charges of second-degree murder, attempted second-degree murder and auto theft. He was arrested Thursday after being found by authorities at another relative's home in Purvis. He is currently booked as a fugitive in the Lamar County Jail.

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- Recipient of the DISTINGUISHED AWARD OF MERIT for 1989 from the Mississippi State Bar given to one Attorney in the State each year for outstanding contributions to the practice of law.
- Voted "Best Attorney in Oxford, Mississippi" in the 2013 Grover's Choice Awards
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- Appointed by the Mississippi State Bar to the Mississippi Commission on Attorney Ethics and Attorney Violations of the Canon of Ethics and All Mandatory Rules concerning the Practice of Law. Occupied the positions of Vice Chairman and Chairman.
- Member of the Chancellor's Trust at the University of Mississippi since 1981.

Listing of these previously mentioned areas of practice does not indicate any certification of expertise therein.



The Associated Student Body Senate would like to thank and show appreciation to the staff members, student staff members, AD Hoc Employees, and service members of the University of Mississippi for their hardwork and dedication at the university during the 2014-2015 school year.

The functionality at the university was pleasant and organized for the students and guests. The maintenance and custodial departments worked relentlessly throughout the school year maintaining the buildings, especially during the 2014-2015 snow days. The employees of Cobra Security maintained the department and/or office throughout the school year while assisting students and guests. The staff of the campus mail assists on a daily basis of providing effective communication and mail exchange for recipients inside and outside of the university. The servicemen and servicewomen of the University Police Department provided and enhanced safety on campus. The staff members of Aramark provided food and catering for students, faculty, staff, and guests of the university. The student employees of the university assisted the staff, faculty, and students with any circumstance. All staff members work relentlessly to provide assistance and support for all current and future students at the University of Mississippi.

The Associated Student Body Senate would like to thank the Football, Women's Volleyball, Women's Soccer, and Cross Country teams on all their success this year

The football team went 9-3 this season and is poised to go to a bowl game.

The women's volleyball team went 22-11 and Nakeyta Clair was named to the All-SEC team for the second year in a row.

The women's soccer team went 14-5-4 and made it to the NCAA Sweet 16.

The women's cross country team placed in the top five, five times, and the men's cross country team placed in the top five, four times, and made it to the NCAA Championship.

The graduating seniors have devoted four plus years of service to Ole Miss.

The Associated Student Body Senate would like to thank Claude M. "Tad" Smith, the Smith family, and the Tad Smith Coliseum for all they have done for Ole Miss Athletics.

Claude M. "Tad" Smith was a dual athlete at Ole Miss from 1926-1928, in football and baseball. The Tad Smith Coliseum has been in service on the campus of the University of Mississippi for 50 years come January. Tad Smith was a coach at Ole Miss from 1929-1950 and the athletic director from 1946-1970. The families have continued their support of Ole Miss Athletics.





GRAPHIC BY: CLARA TURNAGE

WHAT FALLS UNDER THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI'S "SEXUAL MISCONDUCT" POLICY?

- Sexual penetration with any body part or object without effective consent.
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- Voyeurism
- Stalking
- Use of drugs/alcohol to induce incapacity. Attempt to administer drugs or substance for the purpose of inducing capacity.
- Retaliation



GRAPHIC BY: CLARA TURNAGE

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sault is a student-led organization that focuses on increasing awareness and knowledge about sexual misconduct in the campus community. The organization formed this past April after a group of students held a screening for the CNN documentary, "The Hunting Ground." RASA engages students through information meetings, film screenings and, most recently, It's On Us week. They inform students about the most recent issues both nationally and locally. Before the bill lost support, RASA held an informational meeting to explain the Safe Campus Act and how it would change the University's current processes.

Whether they choose to report or not, it is the student's choice to utilize any on-campus resources; however, any University faculty or staff member who hears about a potential sexual assault does have a duty to report the instance to Title IX.

Each office said the University has grown in the past few years as far as awareness of the issue and the resources it now provides. Lindsey Bartlett Mosvick, who has been the head of the advocacy-centered Violence Prevention program for two years, said she has seen an increase in reporting, not just to the police, but also to avenues such as the Title IX Coordinator and her own office.

Mosvick provides anything students need to feel safe and comfortable on campus, such as housing changes, help with the student conduct process or through the criminal justice process. She can come to the aid of students as early as the administering of an evidentiary exam or rape kit. She does not work with respondents, but counseling services must be available for them under Title IX requirements.

"I am very happy that reporting has increased," said director of student conduct Aniesha Mitchell. "Often people will look at a school that has a lot of reports of sexual misconduct or domestic violence and

think, 'that's a problem school,' but, in my opinion, reports are good because it demonstrates that students are confident in the system to respond to the behavior, so they know if they report it's going to be taken seriously and they'll be protected from retaliation."

This result is positive, and allows her to better understand the campus climate and watch for repeat offenders.

"I've had, obviously we've had, complaints, and I'm looking into them," Ussery said. "And some of them are serious. Very serious complaints. I think that's because (students) feel more comfortable coming in here now. We're getting more awareness. People know that we are an avenue for them."

These avenues, Title IX, violence prevention, and, if the complainant chooses, the student conduct process, are important because a survivor might not want to undergo the inevitably long process of a criminal trial.

"By the time everything is settled there, everybody could be graduated. If it happens your junior year, what good is it going to do you waiting a year or two because you still have to see that person on campus," Ussery said. "We have 60 days here to do our investigation, and we can, in certain circumstances, issue interim suspensions during our investigations so that the complainant feels

Consent according to University of Mississippi's sexual misconduct policy: An affirmative agreement- through clear actions or words- to engage in sexual activity. Consent can be revoked at any point during sexual activity. Consent cannot result from force, threat of force, coercion, fraud or intimidation. An incapacitated person is not able to give consent.

safer on campus."

According to Mitchell, an issue that has been on the rise is retaliation.

"I think that the increase is not attributed to a malicious intent," Mitchell said. "I think people don't understand what retaliation is and forms of retaliation."

Any threats, violent or non-violent, to a student, such as not permitting students to participate in student groups, or saying they'll be hindered in the recruitment process, is retaliation.

A much larger issue, but one that determines the course of a

potential sexual assault situation, is consent. Under University policy, consent is defined as "an affirmative agreement—through clear actions or words— to engage in sexual activity." Consent can be revoked at any point during an encounter, and incapacitated parties cannot give consent.

"What I've seen is, yes, with the sexual assault, I've experienced students not understanding what consent is under University policy, and not knowing how to gauge consent," Mitchell said. "And not knowing whether or not they actually had consent."

Alcohol consumption can be the biggest hinderance in an investigation. When both parties are seriously intoxicated, witnesses and those involved can have different perspectives on an event and forget important details.

Bystander intervention is the University's attempt at stopping sexual assault at the source: students and community members. Mosvick holds sessions during which she educates University community members on intervention and the Green Dot program. Sessions are usually tailored to different groups, such as freshmen EDHE classes, fraterni-

ties, sororities and, of course, orientation groups.

"It's the evidence-based best practice for preventing violence right now. We don't have a lot of evidence, but right now what the evidence tells us is that activating bystanders is the best way for us to prevent this type of violence in the campus community," Mosvick said.

Mosvick said she hopes, with increasing education on these concepts, students will educate their peers and become more responsive.

"The major principle of prevention is people modeling helping behaviors," Mosvick said. "We ask y'all to do these things, those Green Dots and active bystander moments, because as you start to do them, people model helping behaviors. Peers are the biggest influence."

Making information easily accessible to students, through RASA and through a recently updated informational website, UMSAFE.olemiss.edu, is imperative to spreading knowledge on the issue.

"With this new website, we're trying to make everything really easily accessible in a way that students identify with it better," Mosvick said. "And it looks good on mobile."

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Recent growth in parking, enrollment increases revenue

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Though the parking and transportation department added 1,414 new spots this year alone, many more are on the way.

The completion of the new parking garage attached to the Pavilion at Ole Miss offers 400 new reserved spots, 162 of which are still available for purchase.

The non-reserved spots in this lot work on a meter system, which generates an average \$300 a day for the parking department.

"There are a lot of things coming in down the road," Mike Harris, director of Parking and Transportation, said. "We try to do all we can to accommodate everyone as best we can with the limited amount of parking that we have."

That limited amount, however, is growing. The department plans to bring 1,429 new parking spaces to campus with the completion of their next project a residential parking garage behind Kincannon residence hall, for which construction will begin this spring. Vehicles with any form of residential pass will have access to this new lot, meant to accommodate the rapidly growing student body.

In addition to their new parking areas, the parking department partnered with the Parker app in August 2014. The app allows users to pay Oxford or University meters directly through their phones, as well as see which lots are full before arriving to campus.

Funding projects such as the app and new parking areas has not been easy, however. The department acts as an auxiliary, meaning they receive no state or University funding other than that which they generate internally. The bus system alone requires around \$1 million a year, Harris said.

"Students don't pay to ride buses; we don't have a transportation fee," Harris said. "So we pay that out of our permit and citation revenues."

Harris said he has always been an advocate of having those who utilize a certain resource pay for that resource.

"Those who are using the roadways and parking lots are those who buy permits," Harris said. "Those who are getting those citations are those who have vehicles."

A staff of only 12 officers across campus generates this funding. These officers are divided into precinct zones on campus, with two officers covering each zone. Harris said that these officers strive for consistency. They know which areas yield the most citations, so they monitor these areas specifically. Each year, these officers write between 45,000 and 55,000 tickets, Harris said.

The \$1-1.5 million generated from ticketing revenues comes from a mere 12 percent of all UM students, with 88 percent of students remaining ticket-free throughout their time here. Harris said he sees ticketing as a necessary hassle to ensure a stronger parking system for everyone.

"We see an illegally parked vehicle and we write a ticket," Harris said. "I've never written a person a ticket; I write a vehicle a ticket."

One of the most difficult facets of the job, Harris said, is accommodating for the different groups on campus.

"We have a lot of different areas to cater to and one is no more important than the other but we have to look at students, faculty and staff as our primary," Harris said. "The numbers are what dictates how you shuffle those things around. Students are the biggest number, faculty and staff second."

With something that affects as many parts of campus as parking does, there are always many people who want to advise, Harris said. A common suggestion for the parking department is to restrict freshmen from having vehicles on campus. Harris said the department has refrained from this restriction because the University's rural setting and large number of out-of-state students discourages them from doing so.

"We see that as being such a negative," Harris said. "We think that if we were to make that decision, it would be detrimental to our enrollment growth."

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1,414 SPOTS ACROSS CAMPUS

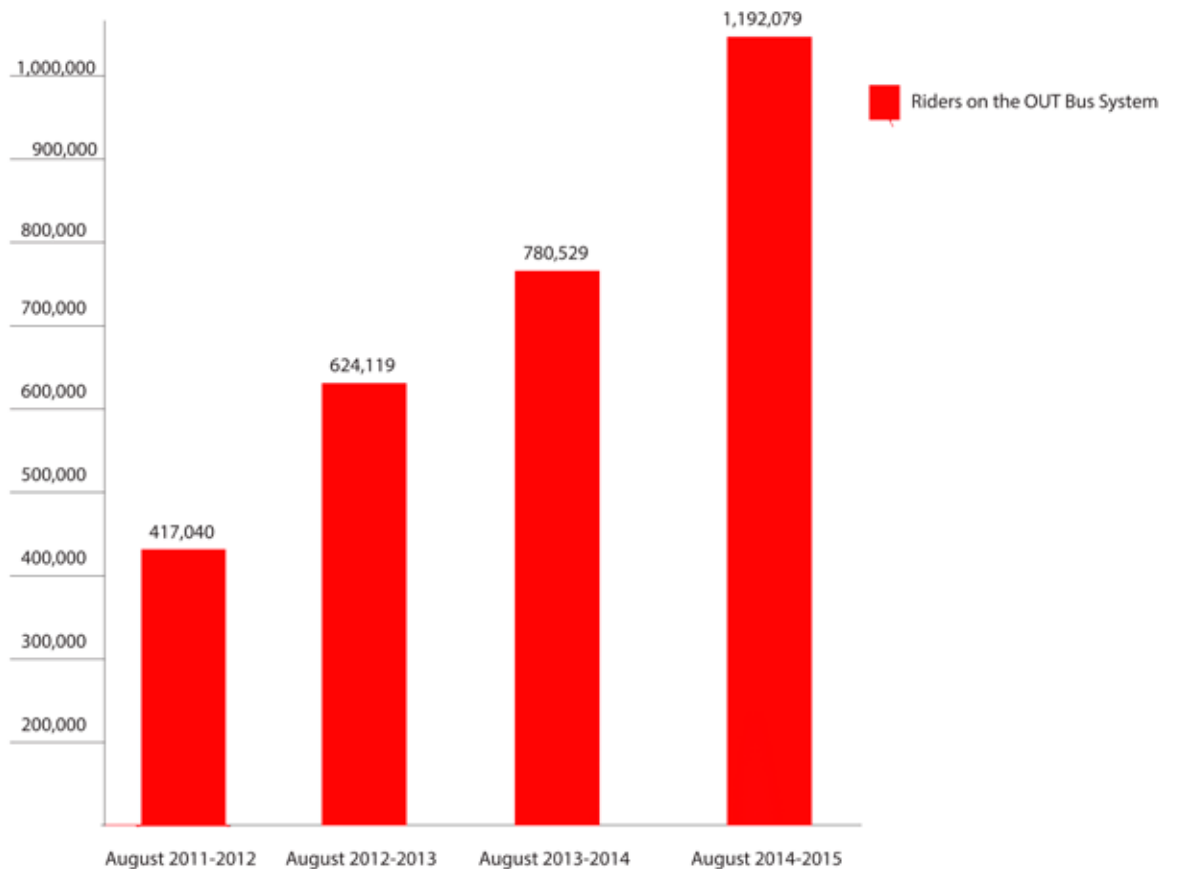
HOW MANY PARKING TICKETS ARE ISSUED EACH YEAR?
45,000-55,000 TICKETS

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A LOOK AT THE LYRIC AS IT MOVES THROUGH THE HISTORY OF OXFORD



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In the daytime, a quiet, white-brick building stands downtown. The chipping paint on the exterior has probably been there for decades.

In the late 1800s, a livery stable owned by William Faulkner's family stood at 1006 Van Buren Avenue. The location was prime for the horses who pulled buggies around the Square in downtown Oxford, who were held and fed in the stable. A little over a month ago, Mac Miller performed to a wildly enthusiastic sold-out show in the exact same space.

Perhaps one of the most colorful and historic buildings in Oxford, The Lyric Theater has gone through nearly as many transitions as the town that surrounds it.

General manager at the Lyric Lindsay Dillon-Maginnis said what we know today as the Lyric has been a part of Oxford's history in more ways than many people realize.

"It's existed since the 1800s as something or another," she said. "Most people don't notice this, but in fact, there are marks on the floor over there where it was a garage, like a body shop, and the painted marks where you would park your car are still in the floor. So, even the floors have been the same since it was redone."

It was nearly a century before the bones of The Lyric ever played host to any musical acts. After the building served as Oxford's livery stables until 1913, the space became Oxford's very first theater, hosting both live theatrical performances as well as silent film viewings. In 1924, The Lyric advertised its "amusements of the week" in the University of Mississippi yearbook. The theater was owned and managed by Robert X. Williams, Jr., son of the mayor and cousin-in-law to William Faulkner, who often left well-wishes in the backs of Ole Miss yearbooks. Over time, the motion-picture theater would come to play a major role in Oxford's history, hosting movie premieres that would be talked about for decades to come.

"The biggest one was 'Intruder in the Dust,' that I know of," Dillon-Maginnis said. "William Faulkner actually attended it. That was probably the biggest thing to come through because it was the first movie premiere that was actually in Oxford. Before that it was just a normal silent movie screen."

But the glory of The Lyric hasn't always shined so brightly. For Dillon-Maginnis, who grew up in Oxford, her first memories of 1006 Van Buren are of offices. The building was abandoned in the 1970s for several years until it was purchased by Watt Bishop, who sought to repurpose the space as health center office spaces in the early 1980s. The Lyric sheltered a dental practice, a dance studio and a copy business over the next few decades until the 2000s, when it was rescued from a dull fate.

Bishop's son Bradley, along with college friend Tim Sims, began renovating the building in 2007 with the intention of re-opening the Lyric as an entertainment venue for the community. Since then, The Lyric has hosted performances by artists like Snoop Dogg, Willie Nelson, Tyler, The Creator, Grace Potter and many more.

In June of 2012, The Flaming Lips came through during their "Most Concerts Played in a 24-Hour Period of Time" tour. Some artists, like The Lumineers, played at the Lyric right before making it to the big time. Others, like Corey Smith and Cherub, keep coming back year after year.

"We build these repertoires with these artists and they want to come back, while others just kind of pass through," Dillon-Maginnis said. "Those are the shows that do so well, and then they go on to do even bigger shows from there."

Originally, Dillon-Maginnis said the Lyric was supposed to host as many concerts as any other theater in the South, such as The Varsity in Baton Rouge or The Pageant in St. Louis. But over time, it became apparent the seasonally-populated Oxford would not be able to provide a demand for concerts year-round. So, the Lyric did what it's done for nearly a century—it adjusted.

"I think the idea was completely to be a music venue all the time," Dillon-Maginnis said. "We made sure that our space was as neutral as possible. You know, we've done MFA fights, we've done midget wrestling and turned it around and done a wedding reception the next day. It has to be a malleable space in order to really fit in this town."

Events at The Lyric range from concerts and private social events to wedding receptions and community activities. Dillon-Maginnis said one of her favorite events was an indoor pool party one hot and lazy summer.

"We put a pool in here for a summer and we had bands

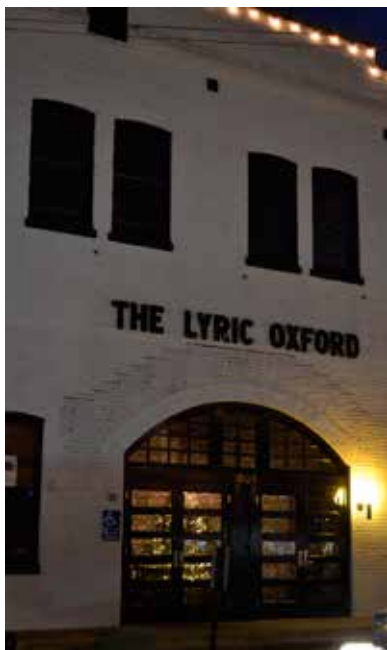
play," she said. "You could get in the pool, we had ping pong and that was probably my favorite event that we've had ever here. It was really neat, the swimming pool was 26-feet around and we had all these great lights. Bands would play so you could get in the pool and drink while you were watching your show, and that was really neat."

By the time The Lyric reopened in 2008, its entire interior had been gutted. It was condensed from three stories down to two. A shower, a small laundry room and a spiral staircase leading to a modestly decorated green room were added to accommodate touring performers. Over time, the window for Oxford Canteen was added so customers could be served in the alley between the building and South Depot Taco Shop. Amelia, the small shop in what was originally the ticket office, opened in 2009. Dillon-Maginnis said the Lyric carved out little niches for people to do other business while the theater sleeps during the day.

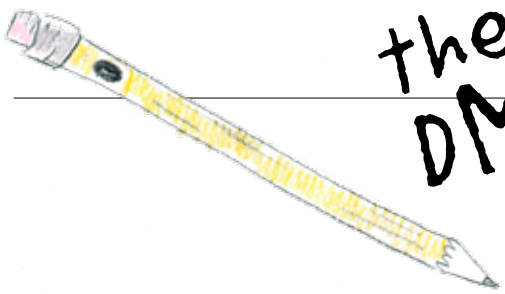
But even as the Lyric evolved over the past hundred years, it has maintained its soul. Its high ceilings are filled with echoes of its days as a stable, laughter from movie audiences long gone, applause from shows that drew their last curtain decades ago. On the face of the building, a pyramid-like pattern in the brick outlines where the famous Lyric marquee once hung. Dillon-Maginnis said by 2016, the theater hopes to have the historic appendage once again igniting the street outside 1006 Van Buren, just like in its heyday.

"We really want it back. We've gotten so close and they've turned us down, but it is historic," she said. "Bringing it back is something we all really want and I don't think the city can disagree. I think their hesitation was the lighting, but we would be tactful with it."

The Lyric Theater goes beyond providing entertainment for the community. It's the pearl of Oxford, the white brick building that has sat patiently on the Square for more than a 100 years, bearing witness to history. It's our church of celebration, our living museum of society, music and live entertainment—a true-born child of Oxford.



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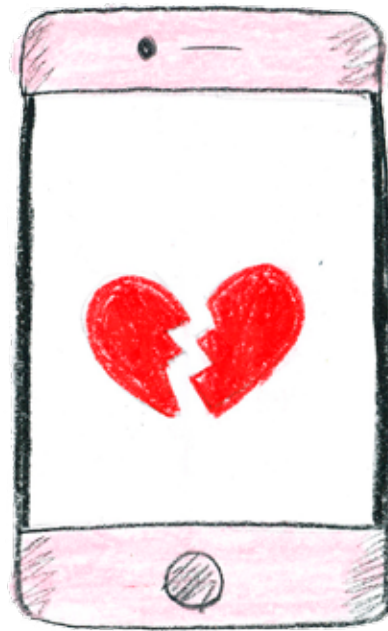
I understand you didn't learn it the first time. You slept through that midterm with the relief of, "Oh, my lowest grade can be replaced by my final," and then you blew it off with a wave of your hand. But it's go time, and there is no escaping it now. You have to learn it. All of it. Because it's finals week. It's here. So, here are a few study and preparation tips to save any innocent bystanders from having to experience you cracked-and-whacked out.

Phone Break-Up I know when that Hotline Bling, that could only mean one thing, and it's the fact that you're distracted. So put it up or leave it at home. Having constant incoming texts or scrolling through your Snapchat stories can leave you with a serious case of FOMO (Urban Dictionary it, but not on your phone), and you simply don't have time to cure it. So be preventative. Part ways for a while — I can assure you that Kim K won't notice if you don't like her picture for a few hours. But if the idea of parting with your phone for more than an hour causes you severe and debilitating anxiety, I understand. Put it on airplane mode or "Do Not Disturb." Watch the clock, and give yourself 30 minutes before you can check it again. You and your phone are in a relationship. So, let it know that sometimes you just need a break.

Dress for Success No; don't put on your Sunday best before hitting the books, because you aren't looking to be on the best-dressed list this week. Let those comfortable clothes that you have always been too embarrassed to wear out of the house and into the sun. Sweatshirts and sweatpants, fuzzy socks and slippers, hats and messy buns—unleash them to the world. Convert your "Netflix and Chill" to "Textbooks and Strong-will." You want to be as comfortable as possible when taking on next week. Bring layers. If it's hot, shed; if it's cold, pile them on. Don't let the temperature of your most suitable study environment determine what type of study experience you have.

Discomfort is Key A little bit of discomfort while studying can be a good thing. Dress comfortably, yes, but maybe choose the hard wooden chair as opposed to the plush couch. Try not to study in your bed. Fluorescent lights

keep you alert and focused. Lamp-light, on the other hand, can cause you to feel tired and often too relaxed. Leave your dorm room or apartment -- go somewhere you



don't usually go study. Find an environment that is quiet, of course, but maybe is a little out of your comfort zone. The library is an awesome place to go, but if it's not for you, there are plenty of other options on or off campus. Do a little pre-finals homework and find a place that's a good fit for you. It's worth the investment.

Coffee Enough said.
Music Makes the World Go 'round Music while studying has almost turned into its own specific field of science. Studies upon studies have been done. For some it works, for others — maybe not. But for those of you that it does work for it, embrace it. Blare Tha Carter III through your

headphones. Pair Beyonce and Beethoven, and maybe your GPA will soar. Hello is assured to get you where you need to go. Spotify has an endless amount of playlists that cater to almost any taste and are specifically designed for studying. For those of you who feel like music isn't what you need, give it a try for an hour next week. At the end, look and see if you were productive during that period of time. Music can add an undeniable element of concentration. Use it to your advantage.

Eat. Sleep. Eat. And repeat. "I can't stress enough the importance of a proper diet and ample sleep during finals week," said your high-school guidance counselors. And I can't discredit them—the same goes for college. Eating good, balanced meals (which does not include cheese pizza, I am afraid to admit) provides your body with the energy it needs to survive next week in the battle zone. Concentrate on large amounts of proteins with moderate amounts of starches. "Vegetables," says mom. She's right. Don't gorge at one sitting. Instead of eating two big meals (because we all know you aren't eating breakfast), try to eat several times throughout the day. Coffee and other caffeinated beverages dehydrate you, so keep ample amounts of water and electrolytes on deck. Sleep is also extremely important. When you're slaving over facts, quotes and equations for hours and hours, your brain needs time to rest and organize everything you just learned. A good night's sleep is mandatory. Naps can also be a great tool, but only when utilized correctly. Hour-long naps leave

you confused, hungover and asking yourself what day it is. 20-30 minute naps are recommended and can leave you feeling energized, recharged and ready to take on anything. Overall, the correct pairing of a balanced diet and sleep is equally as important as learning the material, and it can really help you kick ass next week. Don't cheat them.

SEX Now that I have your attention, subtract the "s-" and add "-ercise." Exercise. Exercise causes your body to release endorphins and some other amazing stuff that I didn't learn in biology. It can reduce stress and supply an element of productivity to your study routine. "I don't have time," you might think. Think again. Go out for a speed-walk or a jog 15 minutes or so before you commit to study or on your way to the library. Stretch and do a set of crunches in between chapters. Do squats while your taking a shower or reciting off that list your trying to memorize. Be proactive. Incorporating exercise in order to release some

of that pinned up stress could be one of the most important additions to your study plan.

Treat Yo'self Give yourself breaks. You deserve and need them! After hours and hours of being confined to a musty desk in the library across from some guy who is blaring Nirvana through his headphones, go outside. Enjoy some coffee, water, and a snack. Go eat a good meal. Lie down and take a scroll through Instagram or Twitter. Breaks in studying offer your brain a solution similar to sleep — it gives your brain time to rest and recuperate, while also giving it time to process the new and old information.

Contrary to what you think, the most important thing to remember during finals week is yourself. Treat next week like a study-vacation. Take care of you. Relax. **You've got this.**



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s/M. Green
Clerk of the Circuit Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi

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Ole Miss men's basketball's 5 most notable wins

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1.

Ole Miss' basketball team went into the 2013 SEC tournament needing wins to get to the program's first NCAA tournament since 2002. The Rebels had placed themselves squarely on the bubble and needed to make an impression. Andy Kennedy's future in the program was in limbo.

"People want results, and the NCAA tournament is the only result in basketball," former forward Murphy Holloway said. "So, yeah, I felt pressure for AK."

The Rebels came into the SEC tournament as a three seed and earned a bye in the first two rounds before a Fri-

day night match up with Frank Haith and the six-seed Missouri Tigers. Ole Miss struggled early, and went into halftime trailing by seven.

The second half was much of the same; the Rebels trailed by 13 points with 13 minutes to play. With their NCAA tournament hopes hanging in the balance, they proceeded to erase the deficit and used a 10-1 run to tie the game with 2:44 after a Reginald Buckner-put back dunk completed the comeback.

The game went back and forth for the next two minutes. The Rebels trailed by three with 30 seconds left before an unlikely hero saved their season. Backup point guard Derrick Millinghaus, playing in place of an injured Jarvis Summers, hit a three to tie the game at 62.

"When Jarvis went down, my first thought was 'I'm gonna have to make sure I take care of the ball and get my teammates involved,'" Millinghaus said. "After I made the 3 to tie it back up, I felt that I was in a

groove to carry the team."

After a Missouri turnover on the next possession, the Rebels found themselves with a chance to win the game, and yet again Millinghaus came up with a big shot. With five seconds remaining, the freshman from Brooklyn split two defenders and got into the lane before launching a floater over a defender that found its way inside the basket with under a second left, giving the Rebels the victory.

Ole Miss would go on to win the SEC tournament two days later, and clinch their first NCAA tournament berth in 12 years. Without Millinghaus's heroics, the SEC Championship and NCAA tournament win wouldn't have been possible, and it was indeed one a crucial moment in program history.

"I think that shot was huge for the program, but I also think my play before that shot was huge too," Millinghaus said. "If it wasn't for the rest of the team, I wouldn't be able to

be in that position to make that play."

had to knock off Florida to win the SEC Tournament and guarantee the Rebels and NCAA tournament berth.

"Coach was just like 'Hey man, go make a memory,'" Murphy Holloway, senior forward, said.

Andy Kennedy led Ole Miss to its first SEC tournament title in 32 years as the Rebels knocked off 13th-ranked Florida 66-63. The Rebels struggled early, shooting just 43 percent

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After Ole Miss beat Vanderbilt on Saturday in the 2013 SEC Tournament, the Rebels

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under leadership of head coach Andy Kennedy

from the field in the first half, and found themselves trailing 38-26 at halftime. The Rebels and their NCAA tournament hopes were still very much in question.

"AK said 'We've been here before. We live here,'" Holloway said. "We're always down at half. We play our best basketball in the second half."

Led by a 23-point and 10-rebound performance from Holloway, the Rebels mounted an enormous comeback and outscored the gators 40-25 in the second half. Florida had a chance to tie the game, but Kenny Boynton's three point shot rattled out as time expired.

The win secured Ole Miss' first NCAA tournament appearance since 2002.

Ole Miss went up against two future NBA first-round draft picks in Frank Kaminsky and Sam Dekker. A lot of brackets didn't have the Rebels advancing past the Badgers. Marshall Henderson started off very slow, hitting just one of his first seventeen attempts. Henderson rallied to score 19 points, while Reggie Buckner added 9 points and 10 rebounds, as the Rebels outscored

Wisconsin 35-21 in the second half to come away with the 57-46 win.

"We just had to get out and run. They weren't very talented," Holloway said. "We out-toughed them and got the win."

a 17-point halftime lead. However, the Rebels didn't quit as they stormed back in the second half to knock off the Cougars 26-20. Stefan Moody led the way with 26 points, while senior forward M.J. Rhett racked up 20 points.

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Trailing 69-68 with five seconds left, senior point guard Chris Warren lifted up and hit a three to defeat No. 10 Kentucky in the 2011 season. The Rebels had led the whole game but squandered the lead with minutes remaining. The 5-foot-10 point guard made sure that the Rebels would go home with one of the biggest wins in his coach's tenure.

"It's just so much fun," Warren said after the game. "Winning is fun and we haven't been doing that much lately. We called the play, ran it the right way and it felt good when it left my hand. We needed this really, really bad."

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A few hours after the Rebels defeated Florida to clinch the automatic berth from the SEC in the NCAA tournament, the Rebels learned they would play Wisconsin. The Badgers were known for their slow play and ball possession offense. The 12-seeded Rebels came into Kansas City as a big underdog against Bo Ryan's 5-seeded Wisconsin Badgers.

"We didn't let them control the game," former forward Murphy Holloway said. "They didn't have great shooters."

The Rebels barely snuck in the NCAA Tournament in 2015 after an embarrassing loss to South Carolina in the second round of the SEC Tournament. BYU shot lights-out in this game as they hit fifteen three-pointers and even held



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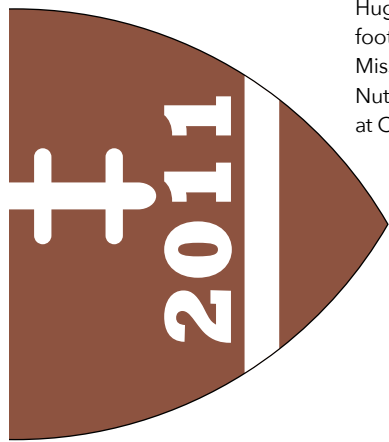
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DECEMBER 5, 2011

Hugh Freeze takes over the head football coaching position at Ole Miss left vacant by Houston Nutt. Nutt went 6-18 his last two years at Ole Miss and 1-15 in SEC play.

NOVEMBER 24, 2012

Ole Miss knocks off Mississippi State for the first time since 2008. The Rebels garnered bowl eligibility for the first time since 2009.

10 A.M. FEBRUARY 6, 2013

Laremy Tunsil, the number one offensive tackle in the country, commits to Ole Miss from his high school in Lake City, Florida.

Ole Miss opens the Hugh Freeze era. The Rebels trail 20-14 to Central Arkansas before winning 49-27.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2012

Five star wide receiver Laquon Treadwell commits to Ole Miss. Treadwell had offers from Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Michigan and other premier programs.

JANUARY 17, 2013

Four star safety Tony Conner chooses to attend Ole Miss over the University of Alabama.

1 P.M. FEBRUARY 6, 2013

Robert Nkemdiche, the consensus number one player in the country, commits to Ole Miss.

6 A.M. FEBRUARY 6, 2013

HUGH FREEZE: REGAINING REDEMPTION



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Hugh Freeze took over as the head coach of the Ole Miss football program on December 5, 2011.

The program he took over had lost 14 consecutive SEC games. The program he took over had discipline issues. The program he took over had effort issues. The program he took over was Ole Miss, and it was left for dead by Houston Nutt.

He walked into his introductory press conference serenaded by chants of "Hugh." He talked about his vision. He talked about Mississippi being his home.

"I've taken (My family) all around the nation to get back to one place," Freeze said as he choked up. "And that is the University of Mississippi."

Ole Miss had a talent gap that day. They went 0-8 in the SEC in 2011. They were outscored, on average, 37 to 12 in SEC play. They lost to Louisiana Tech. By 20. At home. On homecoming.

Ole Miss had to recruit if they were going to get more talented. That's how it works. The Rebels' recruiting from previous seasons was ranked well. The problem

was, half of the recruiting classes didn't make it to campus.

Freeze had a different approach.

"Recruiting will simply be this: to develop dynamic relationships with every student athlete that we're recruiting and everyone that is involved in that decision making process," Freeze said. "We have to win the state of Mississippi in recruiting, and it will start with great coaches understanding the families and making it happen here."

Freeze's goal on that cold, rainy December day was simple. His goal was to get Ole Miss to the SEC Championship game.

Ole Miss was not supposed to be competitive in 2012. Steve Spurrier quipped that he would rather play Ole Miss than travel to Baton Rouge.

The Rebels opened the Hugh Freeze era on a muggy September night against Central Arkansas University in Oxford. Bo Wallace started at quarterback. Though they were losing 20-14 at half-time, they came back to win 49-27.

Texas came to Oxford two weeks later in a game that would prove whether or not Ole Miss was ready to compete at a high level in

the SEC. The answer came in the form of a 66-31 defeat.

They played Alabama close and lost. They hosted Texas A&M the next week. The Rebels blew a 14-point fourth quarter lead for another SEC West loss.

A 41-20 victory over Auburn on October 13 would snap the Rebels' 16-game SEC losing streak.

"Obviously, words really cannot describe the feeling in that locker room and in the stadium. For the better part of two and a half years, the Rebel fans and students and players and administration have had to put up with some disappointing times," Freeze said. "We're not there yet, nor do we think we are, but today we were. We were good enough in four quarters to win an SEC game."

Ole Miss' season would continue to be tumultuous. They won at Arkansas the next week, followed by three consecutive SEC losses. With one game left in the season, the Rebels needed a win to be bowl eligible.

The Rebels were in on high profile recruits. They were in on the unanimous No. 1 player in the country, Robert Nkemdiche. They were in on a five-star receiver from Crete-Monee High School, Laquon Treadwell. They had a

shot at the best offensive tackle in the country, Laremy Tunsil. They were trying to fend off Alabama to get hometown safety Tony Conner.

Five-star recruits don't often go to programs that have losing records. There was one opportunity to avoid their third losing season in as many years and keep their postseason hopes alive: beat Mississippi State for the first time since 2008. They carried the Egg Bowl trophy out of Vaught-Hemingway that night, and the win changed the program's perception, likely, forever.

"We're going to have some fun times together. Those kids have had some difficult times, and now they can hear the good side of it, so I'm thrilled," Freeze said. "To send them out to a bowl game somewhere will be really nice."

Ole Miss beat Pittsburgh 38-17 at the BBVA Compass Bowl in Birmingham, Alabama.

That victory paled in comparison to what the Rebels accomplished in the next few weeks.

Laquon Treadwell committed to Ole Miss.

"I wanted to be a part of something special. The program is on the rise with the new coaching staff," Treadwell said. "Coach

Freeze stresses love and is a very positive man. I want to be a part of returning Rebel nation to glory."

The Rebels had their first chip in the game. The next few weeks were like Christmas for the Ole Miss football program. The hope of what might be coming, but the anxiety that it might not come.

It was early on Feb. 3 when Robert Nkemdiche announced where he would play football. Most people were asleep at 6 a.m., but many Rebel fans woke up to see where the No. 1 player in the country would commit. They weren't disappointed; Nkemdiche showed off his red suspenders and Ole Miss cap.

"I feel like it's the right place for me," Nkemdiche said after his announcement. "I feel like they can do special things, and they're on the rise."

Two hours later, Laremy Tunsil was slated to make his college decision in Lake City, Florida. Tunsil had plenty of suitors, including high-profile programs Georgia and Alabama. As we all know, he chose Ole Miss.

The last domino to fall was right up the road in Batesville. Tony Conner had been considering Alabama. Did he want to play for

SEPTEMBER 14, 2013

Ole Miss knocks off The University of Texas in Austin 44-23.

OCTOBER 4, 2014

Ole Miss knocks off number one Alabama for the first time in eleven years with college game day on campus.

NOVEMBER 21, 2015

Ole Miss knocks off number 15 LSU to keep their dreams of an SEC Championship alive.

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A depleted and injured Ole Miss team knocks off LSU 27-24 after Andrew Ritter makes a 41 yard one yard field.

OCTOBER 19, 2013

Ole Miss knocks off number four Mississippi State to win the egg bowl and clinch an access bowl birth.

NOVEMBER 29, 2014

Ole Miss beats Alabama in Tuscaloosa for only the second time in program history 43-37

Ole Miss knocks off Mississippi State in Starkville for the first time in 12 years while positioning themselves for back to back access bowls.

NOVEMBER 28, 2015

SEPTEMBER 19, 2015

*"My purpose was to come here and help leave a mark so the people behind me can keep it going."
- Robert Nkemdiche*



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the home school or did he want to go to the already-elite program across the Mississippi border?

Conner threw up Ole Miss' Landshark. Conner stayed at home.

They could have played football anywhere else in the country, but they chose Ole Miss.

Expectations were high. They were still true freshmen. The Rebels went 7-5 their true freshmen season. They beat LSU for the first time in four years. They lost the Egg Bowl in Starkville. Bo Wallace fumbled. They faced Georgia Tech in the Music City Bowl in Nashville. They won. Everyone in the Rebel faithful was willing to wait. The heralded 2013 recruiting class was 18 and 19 years old.

The 2014 season was the season in which the rise needed to take place. Reality tells us that most five-star prospects get drafted after their junior year. That left some of the 2013 recruiting class with only two seasons left on campus.

The Rebels 2014 season started off historic. They won their first four games.

They hosted Alabama next. College GameDay came to campus. Katy Perry ate a corn dog.

The Rebels were down 14-3 at halftime. They were the victim

to the referees, who blew a face mask call that resulted in a touchdown for Alabama.

Ole Miss dominated the second half. Laquon Treadwell scored a touchdown to cut the Crimson Tide lead to 14-10 in the third quarter. Laremy Tunsil protected senior quarterback Bo Wallace's blindside the whole game. Robert Nkemdiche and Tony Conner made play after play to keep the Alabama offense in check.

When Senquez Golson picked off Blake Sims in the end zone to end the game, Ole Miss had done something that hadn't happened since a man named Eli was taking snaps for the Rebels. For the first time in Freeze's tenure at Ole Miss, Ole Miss was relevant not only in the SEC West, but nationally.

"We believed we could do this," Nkemdiche said. "We believed we could beat these guys man, and we did."

Ole Miss would win its next two games before losing three consecutive SEC games. Laquon Treadwell broke his leg in the game against Auburn. The momentum was slowing.

Ole Miss was looking to regain the Egg Bowl after losing it the previous year in Starkville. Some questioned the effort that the

team would put forth since they had no chance to win the SEC West, not to mention an injured quarterback and star receiver.

The Egg Bowl trophy would return to Oxford after a 31-17 Rebels win.

"It's a great feeling to reclaim the pride of our program and win the Egg Bowl. It's a priority we have every year," Freeze said after the game.

The Rebels had beaten their second top-five opponent in the 2014 season. They had gotten themselves into an access bowl. They were ranked No. 9 at the end of the regular season. In three years, Hugh Freeze and his staff had made the Ole Miss football program relevant nationally.

The 2015 season would likely be the last for some of the program-changing 2013 class. The 2015 season would need to be the year the Rebels at least made a run at the SEC Western Division Championship.

On Sept. 19, 2015, Ole Miss looked more positioned than ever to compete for not only the SEC championship but the national championship. Ole Miss knocked off Alabama, the gold standard of the SEC, in Tuscaloosa for the second time in the history of their program.

"I think there's a lot of growing up that happened tonight with some kids," Freeze said. "The maturity in some showed. Hopefully, we'll take all the positives from it and be excited about the win, but look at everything that we didn't do properly and get better for next week."

"This team is stuck in the moment," Nkemdiche said. "Because the moment's real beautiful."

The Rebels lost two of their next three games. They lost at the Liberty Bowl. They were dominated. Suddenly, the season that was, wasn't.

"I hurt for our kids, for our coaches, our fans and our administration," Freeze said. "It is very difficult and gut wrenching. It will test everything about you."

At that point, the Rebels had a decision to make. They were still in play for the Sugar Bowl, somewhere, the Rebels hadn't gone since 1969. They had two rivalry opponents left in LSU and Mississippi State.

They dominated LSU. They won 38-17. It wasn't that close.

"Those guys had a choice to make after those disappointments. It's all about how you respond and how you react," Freeze said. "In this day and time, it is very difficult to maintain your

focus, sometimes. Putting your team first can be hard. Those guys have continuously bounced back from disappointment after disappointment."

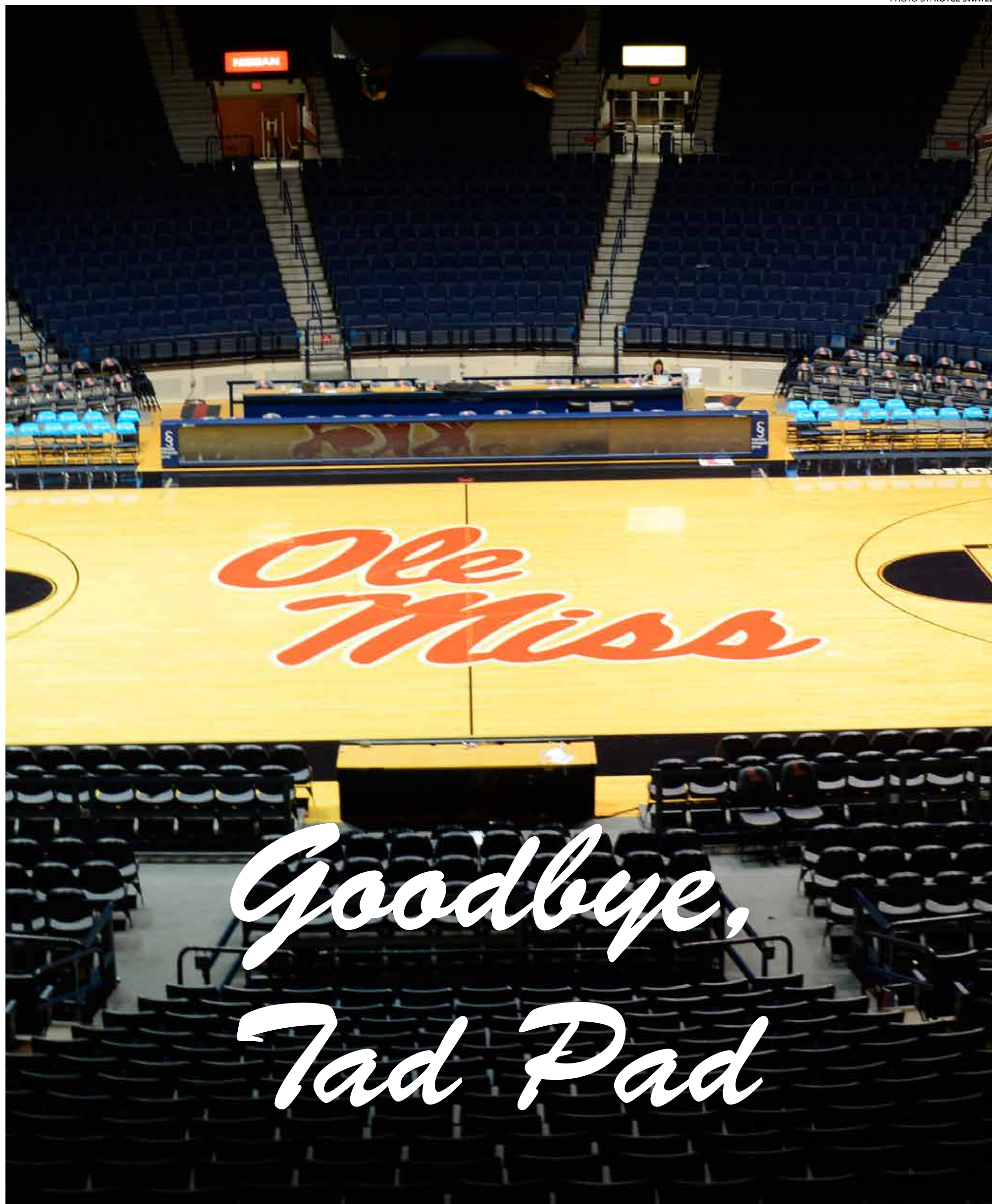
The Egg Bowl was likely the last time this group would play together. Treadwell, Nkemdiche, and Tunsil are all projected to be first round picks in this year's NFL draft.

"I approach it the same way," Treadwell said. "Have fun with my teammates and make sure our energy is high. Keep loving on them and we'll play together and look to get a W."

Ole Miss jumped to 21-0 and never looked back. The Rebels had beaten Mississippi State for the third time in four years. The Rebels program was changed, something that likely wouldn't have happened without a win over Mississippi State three years ago.

"I think in time we will certainly be able to know, but I want to say that I think that this group has made us nationally relevant. I don't think we have a losing record against anybody in the SEC West," Freeze said. "To come from where we did four years ago, I think this group made us relevant and it is hard for anyone to argue that."





Goodbye, Tad Pad

The C.M. Tad Smith Coliseum will open its doors to spectators for the last time Sunday, Jan. 3. As the Ole Miss women's basketball team begins its 2016 Southeastern Conference schedule and the \$95-million-dollar Pavilion at Ole Miss prepares for its grand opening, the building affectionately known as the "Tad Pad" will host its last game just a month shy of its 50-year anniversary.

In 1964, when the University broke ground on its new basketball stadium, the Ole Miss football team started the season ranked No. 1 in the country. Georgia Tech was playing its first season outside the SEC. That same year, Cleveland Donald Jr., who would become the University's second black graduate, entered the school under a federal protection order.

Originally named the Rebel Colise-

um, the venue was later re-christened to honor a former rebel and three-sport letter who later served as athletics director from 1946-1970. The capacity of the Pavilion will be 9,500.

Just as Smith was credited with major expansions in Ole Miss athletics, his namesake arena has seen the Rebels celebrate their 100th win and make their first eight NCAA Tournament appearances since its

opening in 1966. The stadium's seating capacity was increased to 9,061 in 2008.

The cost, adjusted for inflation, of the Tad Pad was just over \$13 million. That investment bought the University a space which welcomed its student classes and brought them together over love of sport for nearly half a century.