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Oxford mourns Orlando victims



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The Oxford-University community gathered Tuesday night at Lamar Park to honor the victims of the June 12 shooting in Orlando. Cathy Grace (above) cries after reading the name and age of Jean C. Nives Rodriguez, the first victim listed in commemoration during the vigil on Tuesday. A participant (left) holds a candle and the picture of a shooting victim. For updates on the federal investigation into Sunday's shooting and information on blood donations through Mississippi Blood Services, [see page 6](#).

Oxford reacts to updated Confederate memorial plaque language

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Groups and individuals in the Oxford-University community are speaking out about the newest language that will be posted on the Confederate memorial at the Circle.

Several groups who provided input after the initial plaque language was released in March believe the new plaque is a sign of progress.

Buka Okoye, president of the UM chapter of the NAACP, said

he supported the removal of the memorial initially, but thinks the University has done better by students to update the language.

"This is a step in the right direction," Okoye said.

The new plaque language mentions the Lost Cause ideology in addition to citing the loss of the Civil War to Confederates meant freedom to millions of slaves across the nation.

"That's what I wanted to see, the truth coming out," Okoye said.

As a result of the many groups criticizing the original plaque, a more comprehensive search was made for the updated language. The UM history faculty, after releasing a statement with their own proposed language, composed a comprehensive report on the Confederate memorial and presented it the original Chancellor's Advisory Committee on History and Context.

Assistant Professor of History Anne Twitty worked with fellow history faculty John Neff and Jarod Roll as well as Dar-

ren Grem, assistant professor of history, and graduate student of history Jillian McClure to develop the report.

"Members of the history faculty were delighted to have a chance to use our expertise to provide recommendations to the current contextualization committee and the Chancellor about how to revise the plaque," Twitty said. "We appreciated the opportunity to meet with them both, host two forums to ensure broader community input and present a detailed re-

port based on our deep historical knowledge of not only the Civil War and Reconstruction, but the Jim Crow era as well as the Civil Rights Movement."

Since the revised plaque has been released, Twitty said she would have liked the plaque to mention how black people were disfranchised across the South, but the new plaque language represents a meaningful improvement.

"We feel gratified to have been

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The revised plaque language released on June 10:

As Confederate veterans were dying in increasing numbers, memorial associations across the South built monuments in their memory. These monuments were often used to promote an ideology known as the "Lost Cause," which claimed that the Confederacy had been established to defend states' rights and that slavery was not the principal cause of the Civil War. Residents of Oxford and Lafayette County dedicated this statue, approved by the university, in 1906. Although the monument was created to honor the sacrifice of local Confederate soldiers, it must also remind us that the defeat of the Confederacy actually meant freedom for millions of people. On the evening of September 30, 1962, this statue was a rallying point for opponents of integration.

This historic statue is a reminder of the university's divisive past. Today, the University of Mississippi draws from that past

a continuing commitment to open its hallowed halls to all who seek truth, knowledge, and wisdom.

The original plaque language released on March 11:

As Confederate veterans were passing from the scene in increasing numbers, memorial associations built monuments in their memory all across the South. This statue was dedicated by citizens of Oxford and Lafayette County in 1906. On the evening of September 30, 1962, the statue was a rallying point where a rebellious mob gathered to prevent the admission of the University's first African American student. It was also at this statue that a local minister implored the mob to disperse and allow James Meredith to exercise his rights as an American citizen. On the morning after that long night, Meredith was admitted to the University and graduated in August 1963.

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given the opportunity to ensure that the plaque will contain a far more accurate and honest account of the monument's origins and meaning," Twitty said.

Okoye said he thinks many will still reject the current language because of the "political-

ly correct" nature or because it rejects what a lot of people have regarded as truth.

Mark Stone, who was initially against contextualizing the statue, said he approves of the new language.

"I think it reflects what the monument is about and that is paying respect to those who fought and those who died fighting," Stone said. "No sol-

dier likes war, but those who who serve need something for the people living after they have died to remember them by."

Both Twitty and Okoye said that taking down the first draft and gathering more input from campus was the right decision for the University to make.

Stone said as a veteran, the monument remains a vital part to paying respect to American

veterans as well as American history.

"No soldier likes to be forgotten after they have given their life or saw others who serve give theirs," Stone said. "I hope the monument stays here so others after me will remember all that went on in the Civil War, and the good things that came out of it after the war was over."



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On June 5, OPD officers responded to an auto burglary at 507 Webb St. The victim reported a stolen golf bag, which contained golf clubs and sunglasses. With the assistance of the Lafayette County Sheriff's Department, both departments identified Ethan Gatlin, 18, of Batesville as the suspect. Gatlin was found in possession of the missing items. Gatlin has been charged with burglary and his bond is set at \$10,000.

On May 18, authorities received a report of suspicious activity about individuals running from houses in the Grand Oaks subdivision. In response, OPD found two houses burglarized while several other homes had broken windows without entry. On May 24, the police received an additional report of a house and auto burglary in the Notting Hill subdivision. Items taken from Grand Oaks and Notting Hill were later discovered near Brittany Woods in a wooded area. Later that week, more cars were broken into on Access Road. During one break-in, officers responded and chased two suspects on foot until they were apprehended. On June 9, police arrested Brandon Slate, 18, of Oxford and Khivante Brannon, 18, of Oxford. Slate and Brannon have been connected to previous local burglaries. Both were charged with three counts of residential burglary and one count of auto burglary and their individual bonds were set at \$20,000.

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Trial postponed for woman accused of attacking service dog



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Amanda Bohl's service dog, Beatrice, was attacked while sitting under a small table in an elementary school last month, leaving injuries to her right leg.

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It has been nearly two months since service dog Beatrice was attacked by a woman on an elementary school campus. Beatrice's story has garnered attention in the Oxford community, but the trial had to be postponed because of a no-show.

The trial has been set to take place in two to six months, after the woman accused of attacking Beatrice did not show up in court for her arraignment on May 25.

Amanda Bohl, a senior education major and Beatrice's handler, said she hopes a new trial will resolve the incident.

"On a state level, this act of violence is considered a misdemeanor," Bohl said. "On a fed-

eral level, it is considered a felony. In my mind, this was also an act of cruelty. Beatrice's story should be known. It is not just my team I am standing up for: It is all teams."

The trial is unusual. According to Maj. Sheridan Maiden of the Oxford Police Department, service dog assaults in the area are an uncommon complaint.

The woman is charged with harassment of guide dogs, which includes malicious and willful beating or attempting to beat a guide dog as well as interfering with or impeding duties performed by a guide dog.

In addition to those charges, Bohl is hoping to seek restitution for all of Beatrice's medical bills.

Bohl said while Beatrice is steadily progressing, she is

fighting off an infection in her joints, which causes swelling and fluid buildup. The animal was recently hospitalized with a 105.8-degree fever.

Beatrice's hospitalization and injuries have severely affected Bohl emotionally and physically over the past two months.

"I fought several internal battles as I try to cope with this event, and I am still having trouble getting around them," Bohl said. "At the moment I remain housebound. Over the past two months I have fallen about a dozen times with minor injuries and am experiencing more pain than I have in months."

Bohl has balance issues and Beatrice's service helps Bohl throughout her day by helping her balance and walk with assistance.

Beatrice's recovery time is still unknown. Bohl and her family are also taking precautions and looking for new prospective service dogs.

"It is an ugly incident and I cannot discount what happened to Beatrice in order to make others feel more comfortable about what happened within the walls of a public elementary school," Bohl said.



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TOP: Students participate in the summer engineering camp at the University. BOTTOM LEFT: Two girls run up and down the tennis courts to build their endurance. Ninety-two students partake in UM tennis youth summer camp. BOTTOM RIGHT: Professor Ramanarayanan "Vish" Viswanathan assists students with their circuit activity as part of the engineering camp Tuesday afternoon.

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More than 25 years ago, Ole Miss started the Summer College for High School Students and the program has been growing ever since.

Ole Miss offers more than 20 plus different camps, some of which have lasted for more than 15 years. The Summer College for High School Students partners with numerous departments including the UM Field Station, the Department of Writing and Rhetoric and several research programs.

"We started in 1984 with the PACE program, which became the Summer College for High School Students in 1998," said Ellen Shelton, pre-college program director. "In 2000, we added Summer Academy, 12th Grade Lott Leadership Institute and ninth grade Lott Leadership Institute. In 2001, we started Jumpstart, and in 2005 we added Rebelquest."

Shelton said she believes summer programs have a significant impact on the students

who participate every year.

"We have students who come back every year because they love the programs," Shelton said. "Students have told us that they have chosen UM for their undergraduate degree, and we have also had students who have realized that they do want to attend a four-year university rather than a community college."

Shelton said while she would love for their students to attend Ole Miss in the future, the programs' initial goal is for them to achieve whatever they want and to have stronger visions for the future. She credits her success to her team because of their ef-

iciency.

"I'm kind of like the superintendent of the programs, as I have a brilliant team who are the main coordinators of the different programs," Shelton said.

In addition to the summer camps for younger students, the pre-college program also continues to expand every year. This year there are 17 programs.

At least one new program is added every year, according to Cass Dodgen, director of Summer College. Dodgen said he loves how the program can change people's image of Ole Miss entirely.

"I believe that we bring many

students to campus that would not otherwise be here and they leave with a love and interest in Ole Miss that did not exist before they arrived."

Shelton said the University hopes to enrich young students and to further their educational experience.

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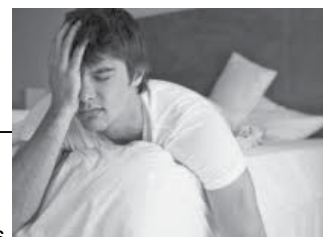
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Community members come together to support the LGBTQ+ community and honor the victims of the Orlando shooting at Lamar Park in Oxford on Tuesday.

FBI seeks public's help reconstructing killer's movements

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Orlando gunman Omar Mateen apparently made a series of Facebook posts and searches before and during his attack on a gay nightclub, raging against the “filthy ways of the west” and blaming the U.S. for the deaths of “innocent women and children,” according to a Senate committee letter released Wednesday.

The killer whose rampage left 49 people dead also searched for “Pulse Orlando” and “Shooting” online on the morning of the carnage Sunday and said on Facebook: “America and Russia stop bombing the Islamic state,” according to the letter.

The Senate Homeland Security Committee sent the letter to Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, asking the company to produce information on Mateen’s online activity and to provide a briefing to the panel.

The letter illuminating Mateen’s state of mind in the final hours of his life was released as the long, sad procession of memorials and funerals for the victims began in Orlando and as the FBI appealed for the public’s help in reconstructing the killer’s movements. The FBI is also trying to establish how much Mateen’s wife may have known about the attack at Pulse dance club.

“We need your help in developing the most complete picture of what he did and why he did it,” FBI agent Ron Hopper said at a news conference.

In its letter, the committee said staffers have learned that five Facebook accounts were associated with the 29-year-old American-born Muslim.

“The real muslims will never accept the filthy way of the west,” Mateen wrote, according to the letter from committee chairman Sen. Ron Johnson, a Wisconsin

Republican. Johnson did not say how he learned of the posts other than to cite “information obtained by my staff.”

As he did in his call to a 911 operator during the massacre, Mateen pledged his allegiance on Facebook to the leader of the Islamic State and, in his final post, warned: “in the next few days you will see attacks from the Islamic state in the usa.”

Despite his professed loyalty to the extremist group, the Obama administration has said it has seen no evidence that the shooting rampage was directed by the Islamic State.

A spokesman for the FBI did not immediately return a call for comment Wednesday evening, and Facebook had no immediate comment.

Orlando shooting provokes blood donation discussion

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The Pulse nightclub shooting has started a conversation about FDA donor guidelines in Oxford, but when it comes to donating blood after a crisis, every drop counts.

Many in Oxford, as well as nationally, believe the 12-month deferral for gay and bisexual men who want to donate blood is obsolete and discriminatory to members of the LGBTQ+ community.

“World Blood Donor Day, June 14, occurred just two days after the mass shooting at Orlando Pulse nightclub,” said Jaime Cantrell, visiting assistant professor of English. “That gay and bisexual men were turned away from donating blood in Orlando is both insulting and horrific, adding another heart-wrenching dimension to the massacre.”

The FDA regulations for donors were amended from a lifetime ban to 12 months of celibacy in December 2015. Years after technology has advanced to detect the HIV virus, federal regulations have been slow to allow gay men the opportunity to contribute.

“The hateful root of the FDA’s ban on accepting blood from gay men stems from misinformation and hysteria surrounding HIV/AIDS, or what the CDC coined the ‘4H disease’ during the Reagan era: Any man who’d

had sex with another man at any point between 1983 to December 2015 was banned from donating blood for life,” Cantrell said. “That some blood banks aren’t operating under the new, relaxed yet still discriminatory regulation is archaic, and life-costing given the extensive screening and testing done on donated blood.”

UM Pride Network president Spencer Pleasants said he believes the ban should be lifted, but blood should always be tested thoroughly.

Some argue that even with the ban in place, gay men are not completely prevented from donating blood.

“As a rule itself, I feel like it has good intentions of keeping blood donations healthy and HIV free,” UM Pride Network member Ryne Anderson said. “However, there’s no way of really verifying whether or not someone is telling the truth and actually hasn’t had sex.”

While the guidelines keep some potential donors away, blood banks are urging able donors to come forward.

“While the tragedy in Orlando is a very large scale, it shows how important it is to keep the blood center shelves stocked in the event of an emergency,” said Merle Eldridge, Mississippi Blood Services communication manager. “Mississippi has small scale emergencies every day from vehicle accidents to emergency surgeries to cancer treatment needs and we have to be

prepared before these occur. As recently as yesterday, Tuesday, June 14, the O negative blood type shelf was empty after 13 units were sent to a local hospital for an unscheduled surgery.”

Several days following the the Pulse nightclub shooting, blood banks were drained. However, with the help of willing donors, the OneBlood blood bank that had supplied units was filled to capacity shortly after, according to the Orlando Sentinel.

Currently, the Mississippi Blood Services resources for B positive and B negative blood types are classified as critical need and O positive, O negative and platelets are in severe shortages.

“We are in an extremely urgent need for many of our blood types and our priority is to ensure that it is available to the hospitals we serve here in Mississippi,” Eldridge said.

Lolita Gregory, regional operations manager for the Mississippi Blood Services in Oxford, said blood donated in Mississippi can be donated in honor of the victims, but will normally stay within the state to service day-to-day services that blood donations supply.

Gregory said in extreme cases, such as the Boston Marathon bombing on April 15, 2013, Mississippi has been called upon to donate units of blood to impacted areas, but Orlando has not requested additional help.

Gregory said while it is important to donate at the time of a crisis, individuals who commit to donating regularly are the “true heroes,” especially if they have a rare blood types or are universal donors.

Mississippi Blood Services is encouraging all donors to call 601-981-3232 or download the free mobile app to find a location or blood drive near them to help prevent an emergency from becoming a tragedy.

“We never know when we will get that call, but we never want people to wait until we get that call,” Gregory said.

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Reflecting and Responding to the LGBTQ+ Tragedy in Orlando

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Supergroup Prophets of Rage forms to protest upcoming election

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For any music lover, the first time hearing a Rage Against the Machine song is somewhat of a spiritual experience. The unique blend of rock, metal, funk and hip-hop influences are truly one of a kind, and the socialist agenda put forth by brilliant lyricist Zach de la Rocha is enough to make even the staunchest of Republicans rethink his beliefs.

Although the group officially disbanded in 2000, their music has found immense popularity among today's music lovers. I personally heard Rage Against the Machine for the first time during my junior year of high school, and I have been in dismay of not being able to see the group live since.

However, this summer, I may just get the next best thing.

As a collaboration between members of Rage Against the Machine and old-school hip-

hop groups Cypress Hill and Public Enemy, the supergroup dubbed Prophets of Rage has formed to protest what many have considered a highly corrupt and controversial election cycle.

Consisting of all but one member of Rage Against the Machine, this may be many fans' only chance to see the legendary group live, and as Tom Morello, renowned Rage Against the Machine guitarist and Prophets of Rage founder, would like us to believe, the new group is more than just a reunion.

Given Rage Against the Machine's historically political approach to just about everything, there seems no better time for such a band to speak up, and as Morello has repeatedly emphasized, Prophets of Rage is a group formed out of civic duty to the nation to set the record straight and hopefully have the people's voice heard again.

But, is it really?

On the other hand there is probably no better time for the group to form and boost their pocketbook a bit, and with a closer look at the details of Prophets of Rage, it is not hard to see that this is the case.

The supergroup was first brought into discussion when mysterious posters began covering the walls of buildings in Los Angeles in which a militant logo was displayed as well as the web address prophetsofrage.com.

The website contained a countdown to June 1, and, upon that date's arrival, the formation of the group was announced as well as a pop-up show at Whisky a Go Go. Tickets were \$20 and all proceeds went to P.A.T.H. (People Assisting the Homeless).

The group held two additional shows of this nature with the low price point and all proceeds going to charity, and from any point of view, it truly seemed that Prophets of Rage was on a mission from the rock gods themselves.

This was only further confirmed when Morello told Bloomberg Politics that the group had plans to protest the Republican National Convention in Cleveland this July. The last time Rage Against the Machine pulled such a stunt, more than 100 people were arrested due to out of control protests, and this year's show is sure to live up to that expectation.

This is when things suddenly began to go in a different direction. After weeks of pure adrenaline and hardcore, rock 'n' roll rage spewing from every action the group made, Proph-



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ets of Rage announced a North American stadium tour, dubbed "The Make America Rage Again Tour," taking place late this summer.

The group plans to stop in 35 cities across the continent, and although the minimum ticket price remains at \$20, depending on the experience and seat the consumer wants, that price can easily skyrocket to upwards of \$300.

In the group's defense, a portion of all proceeds from each stop will be donated to a local homeless charity, but that percentage remains undisclosed. And, 35 arenas filled with thousands of people paying anywhere from \$20-\$300 can be very lucrative for a band that had no intention of reuniting in the foreseeable future.

Perhaps this is best complemented by the group's overall lack of message. While there is a clear opposition to the presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump, the group doesn't necessarily offer an al-

ternative to getting rid of the candidate altogether.

In many cases it feels as if Prophets of Rage is arguing for total anarchy, yet Morello seems to disagree with that notion as well.

In an interview with the Los Angeles Times, Morello stated "This music doesn't have an ideological litmus test to listen to it. It's for everybody — Republican, Democrat, independent and anarchist — who feels deep down that the system is messed up."

But if the system is so messed up how do they plan to fix it? Just "rage"? As fun as that may sound, it doesn't necessarily offer any sort of solution.

However, the hard truth is that fans just really don't care. As a die-hard Rage Against the Machine fan, the idea of even a partial reunion is freaking awesome.

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In 'Sunset City,' Melissa Ginsburg lets in the dead

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In "Sunset City," Melissa Ginsburg's hypnotic first novel, the author's native Houston emerges as a hot new locale for literary noir. Alienated, smoggy, choked with traffic, crowned with brilliant, "pollution-stained" sunsets, Ginsburg's Houston is where barista Charlotte Ford finds a detective waiting for her in the rain in front of her building. Danielle Reeves, Charlotte's "oldest, dearest friend," has been found murdered, bludgeoned to death in a motel room.

Growing up, Charlotte and Danielle were inseparable. Both girls had absent mothers -- Charlotte's was addicted to painkillers, which eventually killed her; Danielle's, a wealthy

developer, was emotionally unavailable, married to her career. Both liked drugs, but Danielle liked them more. She got hooked on heroin, did time for possession, and lost touch with Charlotte. The estranged friends met up again just days before the murder. Danielle was off drugs and working for a porn website called Sweet-Dreamz.net. She seemed happy and healthy. Charlotte didn't kill her, but their meeting was the one anomaly in Danielle's recent past. Whatever happened, it had something to do with Charlotte.

Melissa Ginsburg is the author of the poetry collection "Dear Weather Ghost" and the chapbook "Arbor." Her training as a poet infuses the of-

ten workmanlike construction of crime fiction ("He poured a drink," "She lit a cigarette,"



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"The phone rang") with lyricism and pathos. It also informs the book's pacing, driven more by

atmosphere than plot.

This is a ghost story disguised as a detective story. Charlotte is consumed by Danielle's murder, but she's no amateur sleuth. Her response is closer to a lot of real people's: She reaches for the whiskey, not the binoculars. She screws up at work and is let go. Through a kind of boozy osmosis, Charlotte draws steadily closer to the truth, prodded by the handsome detective in charge of the case, her own memories, and her interactions with the people who last saw Danielle. The cast includes Sally Reeves,

Danielle's mother; Brandon Young, her hot-tempered lover and porn director; and Audrey,

her beautiful but drug-addled friend and scene partner.

In the book's most memorable moments, Ginsburg blends the erotic with the macabre. One of Danielle's porn clips arouses even as it fondly recalls a friend's familiar gesture. The action builds to a steamy, ketamine-fueled séance in which Charlotte and Ginsburg "let in the dead."

Readers expecting a standard whodunit will find the bare bones here, but "Sunset City" is richer for the stories it tells instead: an elegy for friendship, a sexy, unromantic ode to a city, and, finally, a coming-of-age tale older than the pavement over Houston's wetlands, about walking through the underworld and coming out changed on the other side -- if you make it.

The Everymen to perform Saturday at Proud Larry's



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The Everymen
 These Mad Dogs Need Heroes

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This Saturday, Proud Larry's welcomes New Jersey-based band The Everymen to the stage along with their unique rock sound.

This is not the first time that the six-piece Jersey band has made its way down South to our very own college town. Mike V., songwriter and guitar player for the band, explained a little bit about their last Oxford experience.

"We played once last year on tour," he said. "It was a strange trip but in a most excellent way."

In addition to being steadily on tour since May, the band also just released their latest album, "These Mad Dogs Need Heroes." This album follows their previous releases with just enough variation to prove that The Everymen are headed in a positive direction. Music

seemingly from another time meets the modern in the 11 saxophone-laced tracks.

"The best way that I've heard anyone describe it to us is that it's just us only better," Mike said. "We didn't change the formula. We didn't try and reinvent ourselves. We just made a record that sounds better, that has better songs and is a much clearer concept than anything we've done before. It's still the same old Everymen. Just better."

The new album boasts stronger lyrics with a similar sound as the band seemingly turns it up a notch, simply amplifying their previous works. Throughout the band's nearly seven-year existence and the 15 members that came and either stayed or went, it feels as though The Everymen has matured into their sound and built upon an already great foundation.

If anyone knows about the

foundation of this band, it is Mike, who has been a member since the band's conception. He has helped to cultivate the jazzy rock sound The Everymen claim as their own.

"American rock n' roll, doused in beer, stinking of classic doo-wop and Jersey-tinged punk," Mike said. "With a sax, of course."

This eclectic style translates into their live shows in a way that promises not to disappoint. In his own words, Mike promises a proper "dance party America" vibe to their upcoming show.

"This show will be a bit more of a proper rock n' roll affair, which we're psyched about," he said. "Ultra high energy, beer swilling rock n' roll."

You can find The Everymen performing alongside local band The Holy Ghost Electric Show at 9 p.m. on June 18 at Proud Larry's.

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Rebels selected in MLB Draft



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Junior J.B. Woodman hits during the first game of the Louisville series on Feb. 26.

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The Major League Baseball Draft went about as well as it could have for the Ole Miss baseball team. Several players who were expected to be drafted went in spots that should yield them good contracts from MLB teams, should they choose to sign and step up to the minor leagues. However, the real win for the Rebels comes from members of the 2016 recruiting class who, following the draft, announced they would be playing next season in an Ole Miss uniform.

Of the drafted players from the current Ole Miss team, shortstop Errol Robinson was drafted with the No. 25 pick in the sixth round by the Los Angeles Dodgers and has announced he will sign a contract with them. The Rebels' top starter, pitcher Brady Bramlett, was drafted by the Boston Red Sox with the No. 12 pick in the 13th round and will sign a contract with the team.

J.B. Woodman was drafted the highest of any Rebel, as the Toronto Blue Jays selected him

No. 57 overall with the 16th pick of the second round. It's hard to imagine Woodman returning to school after being selected so high in the draft, especially with the large contract the Blue Jays will offer him.

Catcher Henri Lartigue was also drafted relatively high, as the Philadelphia Phillies selected him with the No. 1 pick of the seventh round. Lartigue has not officially announced whether or not he will sign a contract with the Phillies, but it's likely he will.

Players drafted in the first 10 rounds typically aren't selected unless the MLB team knows they will sign a contract, so don't expect Lartigue or Woodman to return to school.

The Miami Marlins selected rising senior Chad Smith with the No. 7 pick of the 11th round, but he has not announced whether or not he intends to sign a contract or stay in school for his senior season. There's a good chance Smith eventually signs a contract. The Rebels' star closer Wyatt Short is in a similar situation, as he was drafted by the Chicago Cubs with the No. 29 pick in the 13th

round, but has not announced whether or not he will sign with Chicago.

MLB teams typically call highly-ranked prospects to say they are prepared to draft them with their pick if they can agree on a contract. If the prospect is seeking a higher contract than the team is willing to offer him, the team will pass on him to select a different player, making the prospect slide down in the draft and maybe not be drafted at all. This happened with several members of the Rebels' 2016 recruiting class, which explains how some players were drafted much lower than previously expected.

Of that 2016 class, Grae Kessinger, who was ranked as the No. 14 best high school shortstop in the country, was selected in the 26th round of the draft but has already announced he will attend The University of Mississippi. Cooper Johnson, the No. 2 ranked high school catcher, was drafted in the 28th round and has also announced his intention to play for the Rebels.

A left-handed pitcher with impressive velocity, Ryan Rolli-

son was selected in the 37th round of the draft, but has also announced he will play for the Rebels. Fellow pitcher Will Ethridge was drafted in the 35th round but is also likely to attend Ole Miss.

Ole Miss often loses a few prospects to the MLB Draft each year, so the freshman class proj-

ects to be even stronger than usual for the Rebels. Also joining the Rebels will be Oxford High School catcher Thomas Dillard, who led the country in home runs, Oxford pitchers Jason Barber and Houston Roth and IMG pitcher Greer Holston, among other highly-ranked prospects.

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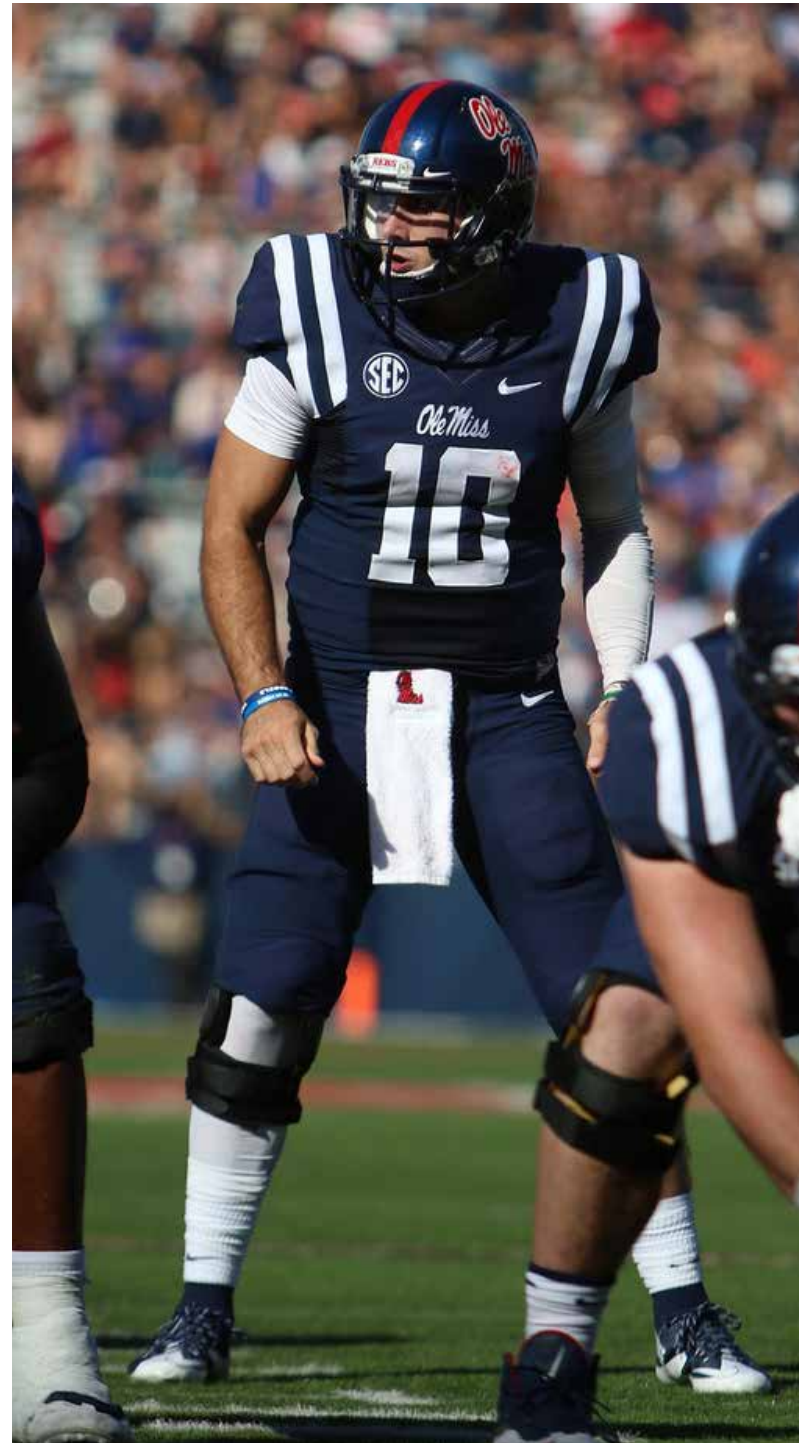


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LEFT: Akeem Judd gains yards for the Rebels. RIGHT: Chad Kelly talks to the offense before the snap during a game last season.

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In the backfield, the Rebels are set at the quarterback position with the top returning passer in the SEC, Chad Kelly. Kelly is going into his senior season after setting school records in a season in which he passed for 4,042 yards on a 65 percent completion percentage and scored 31 touchdowns to 13 interceptions.

Kelly is in no danger of losing his starting job, but the spot behind him will have plenty of competition, with redshirt freshman Jason Pellerin and true freshman Shea Patterson both vying for the backup spot.

Both from Louisiana, whoever wins the backup spot will have to lead the Rebels' offense should Kelly suffer an injury any time during the season.

Pellerin has a significant size advantage and the added boost of a year spent learning the offense, but the highly touted Patterson is very polished as a passer for his age. Either way, the Rebels don't look to have any problems with the quarterback position for the upcoming season.

The running back position should yield much more competition, as the top back for the past three seasons, Jaylen Walton, has graduated. The two

backs with the most experience on the roster for next year are senior Akeem Judd and junior Jordan Wilkins. Judd rushed for 421 yards and three touchdowns on 77 carries last season, while Wilkins went for 379 yards and four touchdowns on 72 carries. Judd and Wilkins offer a lot more power than Walton did and should improve with an increase in carries.

With Walton gone, the Rebels will need a speedier back to complement the power of Judd

and Wilkins, which is exactly where redshirt freshman Eric Swinney comes in. Swinney would've seen time last season had he not had to redshirt due to injury and should get a chance to make up for lost time this season. Swinney's speed and elusiveness adds another dynamic to the Rebels' backfield, and he has also been adding strength to his frame and looks to be a complete back. While Judd and Wilkins have the advantage in the backfield

right now, don't be surprised if Swinney gets a lot of carries in his first year playing with the Rebels.

Junior Eugene Brazley also adds some speed to the Rebels' rushing attack, as he has looked great in limited action with Ole Miss, running for 222 yards and three touchdowns on 22 carries last season. Four-star freshman D'Vaughn Pennamon also has a chance to earn some early carries but could be a candidate to redshirt.

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