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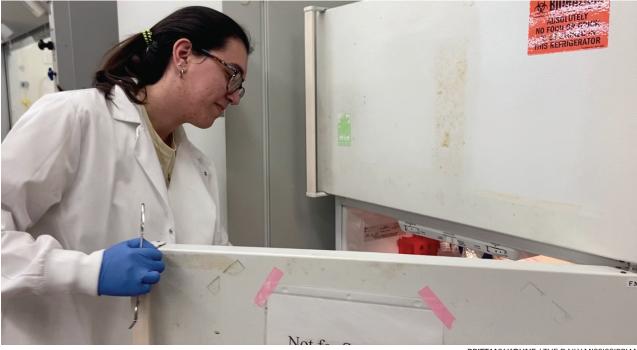
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UM students research new drug delivery systems



Mary Beth VanLandingham works on an ongoing drug delivery test in Coulter Hall at the University of Mississippi.

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For the past year, students at the University of Mississippi - mostly chemistry, pharmacy, biology and engineering majors have been experimenting different ways for drug delivery for the nasal cavity.

Located on the first floor of Coulter Hall, many projects testing drug delivery are currently ongoing.

Eden Tanner, professor of chemistry and biochemistry, started this lab in hopes of finding new ways to administer drugs.

"As anyone who's had a cold or runny nose knows, the nose is full of mucus. And so what we need to do is test our materials to see how they interact with and how they move through or diffuse through that mucus to get through to the tissue onto the other side," Tanner

The materials the lab uses are called ionic liquids, which coats nanoparticles and the coating interacts with the mucus, allowing the nanoparticles to travel through the nasal cavity.

New forms of drug delivery

be revolutionary can pharmaceuticals.

"The ionic liquid will change the diffusion, and that could be really important because it means that we could potentially get drugs across that biological barrier and into people's bodies much more easily than we could without using these tools," Tanner said.

Many scientists today are studying how to deliver medicine to the brain through the nasal cavity.

People who battle with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's or other neurological diseases could benefit significantly from nasal delivery.

However, one of the major challenges has been getting therapeutics across the blood barrier and into the brain.

"Normally in a healthy way, we don't want anything to enter into our brain, but that means we can't get medicines into the brain,' Tanner said. "So one of the things we might be thinking about is how we can package things like gene therapies or antibody therapies or other very sensitive therapies into nanoparticles, and then use the nasal drug delivery to get them into the brain in a noninvasive way."

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To mask or not to mask



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University The Mississippi lifted all on campus mask mandates for the first time since the early days of the pandemic in March 2022. To many, it felt as if the days of COVID-19 were finally over, but not everyone on campus feels that the days of masks and social distancing have come to an end.

According to the Mississippi Department of Health, COVID-19 numbers remain low in Oxford, with only 35 new cases reported on April 4. The spread has slowed, however, only 51.5% of Mississippi residents are fully vaccinated according to the Mayo Clinic.

"Given that my priority is the health and well being, plus their academic success. I believe that continuing masking in classrooms removes a certain degree of anxiety," said Ioannis Ziogas, a professor at the University of Mississippi.

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Lynching marker dedicated in emotional ceremony

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A marker dedicated to the seven known victims of lynching in Lafayette County was dedicated in an emotional, public ceremony Saturday afternoon.

Under a cloudless spring sky, Lafavette County youth solemnly read aloud the names of the seven known men who died from racial terror in this county.
"We remember him," they

said, after reciting the names of all the men, except one. "In 1891, an unnamed Black man was lynched in Lafayette County. We may not know his name, but we remember him."

Trinity Washington, a young girl from Memphis, was the last in line.

great-grandfather, Higginbottom, lynched here in 1935. We remember him," Washington said.

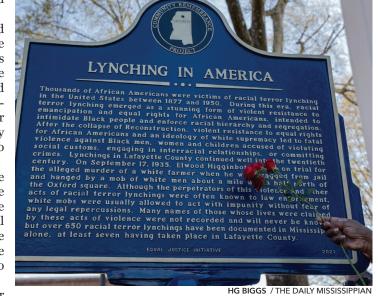
At stage left, sitting in front of the fence around the Oxford City Hall, sunflowers gave a bright contrast to jars of soil labeled with the names of four of the men. The soil was collected at the sites of their deaths.

Donald Cole, a celebrated professor associate emeritus, administrator and the man after whom Martindale-Cole Student Services is named, served as the host for the ceremony to unveil the Lafayette County Lynching Memorial Marker. The marker was placed in September of last year, but due to pandemic concerns, the unveiling had to be postponed until April 2.

After welcoming the crowd of about 200 people to the ceremony in front of Oxford's City Hall, Cole thanked the crowd for their presence and introduced the Grammy-awardwinning UM Gospel Choir. Their joyful rendition of "Oh Happy Day" moved the crowd into clapping along.

Alonzo Hilliard with the Lafayette County Remembrance Project came to the microphone to offer thanks to the Alluvial Collective and the Equal Justice Initiative for working with the LCRP for the last five years to bring this project to life.

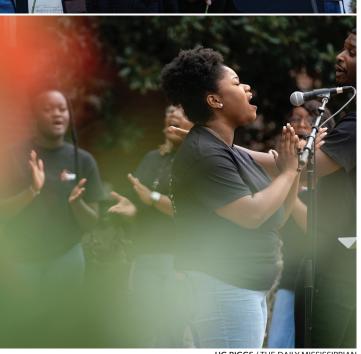
The project began after Kyleen Burke, a law student from Northeastern University



The "Lynching In America" memorial stands on the grounds of the Lafayette County Courthouse in Oxford.

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Top: Descendants of Elwood Higginbottom stand outside the Lafayette County Courthouse.

Bottom: The UM Gospel Choir performs at the lynching memorial dedication on April 2.

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researching victims of lynchings for the Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project, connected with Tyrone Higginbottom after he used a service to look into his DNA results. Higginbottom is one of the descendants of Elwood Higginbottom, whose lynching was most recent and had been researched by Burke.

Higginbottom had started a union of sharecroppers to maintain the integrity of the land they worked, earning him the recognition of "hero to the sharecroppers." When he refused to let a white farmer run his cattle across his field, that farmer attacked Higginbottom while his wife and three children were home. To protect himself and his family, Higginbottom shot the farmer to death.

While most lynching victims never saw a trial, Higginbottom did. As he awaited the jury's verdict, a vicious mob of Oxford and Lafayette County residents took him from the jail, drove him to the intersection of Lamar Boulevard and Molly Barr Road, hung him from a tree and shot his hanging body.

His family managed to escape to Memphis days after the lynching.

"I heard he was a hero to the sharecroppers. He was a hero to me! I would not be here if he hadn't done what he did. My father, my siblings, my kids — we wouldn't be here. He's a hero to me," Tina Washington, Higginbottom's granddaughter, said.

Hilliard said many of the perpetrators of these lynchings were elected officials and prominent members of the community. Often, they were planned in advance for families to attend "like a birthday party, or a dance."

These mob members were rarely arrested for their actions, creating an informal approval of the actions.

"People took photos of the burnt, hanged and shot Black corpses," Hilliard said. "They'd send them to their families as postcards. Too many victims of this racial terror remain unnamed. It is critically important that we remember these victims of racial terror. We must be honest and reshape the cultural landscape through a more honest reflection of history through truth-telling. We must start by speaking their names."

This is when the youth of Lafayette County introduced themselves and spoke the names of each man to a silent crowd, sitting in an unusually quiet Oxford Square.

Harris Tunstal, 1885. Will McGregory, 1890. Unidentified Black man, 1891.

William Steen, 1893. William Chandler, 1895. Lawson Patton, 1908. Elwood Higginbottom, 1935.

A male singer's strong voice broke the silence with the opening of Sam Cooke's "A Change Is Gonna Come" after the last name was read. The crowd joined, singing along and shouting "yes."

He then introduced Pastor Lee Robinson, a descendant of one of the victims. Lawson "Nelse" Patton was a jail trustee and was accused of sexual assault of a white woman. U.S. Sen. William V. Sullivan led the mob which lynched Patton, and in 1908 said he was proud of it.

"I directed every movement of the mob, and I did everything I could to see that he was lynched," Sullivan said.

Pastor Robinson led the crowd in a joyful prayer.

"Remembrance for our yesterdays, and thinking about our hopes for our tomorrows. We no longer take food from a window in the back," Robinson said. "We dine in. We no longer must move on a sidewalk to let a white man pass out of fear of retribution. We walk proudly. Lord, let us learn to love each other and greet each other with a holy smile. Amen, Amen, Amen."

April Grayson with the Alluvial Collective and the informal leader of the LCRP began by introducing the families of three of the victims. Higginbottom's descendants, a crowd of a dozen coordinated in bright blue, stood among the first two rows. Robinson waved from the side of the crowd, then the descendants of William Steen, who was killed because he allegedly bragged about sexual relations with a white woman, stood at the end of the front row. Each family received a round of applause.

Grayson invited the audience to a second ceremony to be held shortly after this one, honoring

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Elwood Higginbottom's son, Pastor E.W. Higginbottom, with a bench installed in his memory near the Old Armory. E.W. Higginbottom spent the last years of his life finding healing through the search for information about his father. He was four at the time of his father's death and his family's subsequent fleeing, and he did not remember much about Mississippi until he returned eight decades later to find answers.

"History is not so long ago," Grayson said. "It's actually pretty fresh, and I'm glad our community could bring some healing. Any student can change the world by starting with their own community."

Keiana West and Blackwell spoke as Cyan representatives for the Equal Justice Initiative. EJI "provides legal representation to people have been illegally who convicted, unfairly sentenced, or abused in state jails and prisons," and contributed to erecting the monument. Blackwell said that as recently as the 1980s, representatives of the Supreme Court told Bryan Stevenson, the founder of EJI, that "we'd rather have a racist death penalty than no death penalty at all." West also mentioned the importance of the Equal Justice Initiative.

"We at the Equal Justice Initiative believe that everyone is worth more than the worst thing they've ever done," West said at the end.

Tina Washington, the granddaughter Elwood of Higginbottom, reflected further on her emotions about the day.

"I wish my daddy could see this," Washington said. "The same community where his daddy was killed is full of people who celebrated his daddy today."

The informal ceremony at the Old Armory for the bench in E.W. Higginbottom's memory carried much more emotion. He passed away from COVID-19 during its earliest wave, and his niece laughed through tears recounting his stories from "adult daycare." As his family touched his name on the plaque, laid flowers on the bench and cried, each one spoke about how much they missed him.

After Effie Burt delivered impromptu performance "Amazing Grace," Valerie Reaves, a niece of Elwood Higginbottom and the family's historian, emotionally addressed April Grayson in front of the small gathering.

"What you have brought to our family," Reaves said shakily, speaking of Grayson's role in the memorial marker, "is beyond measure. It is peace, and we will never thank you enough."

The emotional moment was followed by a surprise from April

"Now that I have your attention," Grayson laughed after several tear-filled hugs, "I have a surprise." In the five years since she became a part of the Lafayette County Remembrance Project, she has gotten many phone calls about the family. Just two days ago she received a call from an elderly woman named Tommye in Pennsylvania, who had seen the coverage of the ceremony on the news.

Her father was close friends with Elwood Higginbottom, and she believes she was one of the last people to see him alive as he sat in jail.

Every time he saw Tommye, he would hand her "a couple of real live little frogs to play with, and she loved him." Grayson grimaced a bit as she formed her hands to mimic holding a couple of real live little frogs, turning the

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Members of the Oxford-Lafayette community sit outside the Oxford City Hall for a dedication ceremony of the lynching memorial outside the Lafayette County Courthouse on April 2.

family's surprise into laughter.

Tommye wants to share and other memories of the community with the

Higginbottom family as soon as





Left: Donald Cole introduced the various speakers and performers at the lynching memorial dedication.

Right: Effie Burt sits on the bench outside Oxford City Hall during a moment of silence honoring lynching victims.

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COVID-19 numbers remain low, but those who are vulnerable still have reservations about ending masking.

"I am aware of a few cases of immunocompromisation amongst my students," Ziogas said. "Many of them have approached me saying that they are very worried about their own health and the health of their family."

According to Ziogas, these concerns have led him to continue wearing a mask in his classrooms and encourage his students to do the same. In part, Ziogas said that the students' return from spring break is an additional

"There's this kind of among concern faculty and students that the cases are going to increase exponentially," said Ziogas. "I've had students approach me in tears because of the anxiety of the lack of a mask mandate."

In spite of the natural desire to return to normalcy,

Ziogas stated that his students have been very understanding that there are others around them that have serious reasons to fear infection. He said that most of his students voluntarily wear their masks.

It is not just those that are immunocompromised wish to continue masking. There are also those who feel more comfortable wearing a mask and social distancing on campus.

Anthony Alexander, a psychology major, continues to wear his mask in public spaces. He said that he planned to wear his mask for an indefinite amount of time, whether or not COVID-19 remains a threat.

"If you really think about it, if we had already been wearing masks would it have been as easy to come into contact with those diseases? I feel like it (masks) should've already been an option," Alexander said. "It just makes me more comfortable to be

Many students feel similar to Alexander, and wish to wear their masks even though they have no imminent fear of catching COVID-19.

> Lexiana Walker,

pharmaceutical sciences major, still wears a mask on campus. Walker said it was surprising that the university lifted the mask mandate because there are still active

Walker is more comfortable continuing to mask because "it helps prevent the spread of COVID-19, and I feel like this (COVID-19) is not going away."

Walker also said that she believes that masks will become a permanent fixture for some people, although she will stop wearing hers once she feels more comfortable.

Comfort is also a common theme amongst those that continue to mask in public areas. After two years of only seeing half of everybody's face, some students feel strange parting with their masks.

Hannah Scardino, sophomore Arabic major, said that the transition has been very unusual for her.

"The past two years, I've been wearing a mask almost constantly," Scardino said. "You know, you grab your backpack, your shoes, your mask and you put it on, it just feels weird without it at this



Lauren Chandler wears a mask on Jan. 25 while working on a class assignment in Farley Hall. Masks were still required in campus academic buildings in January.

point."

It is unknown what the future of COVID-19 will hold. There is still debate as to whether or not there is still

an active pandemic. Although no masks are required on campus, the university still requires masks on all public transportation.



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Dean search underway for **SMBHC**

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The search for a new dean for the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College (SMBHC) has commenced. During the month April, candidates will hold presentations at meet and greets open to honors students.

candidates The dean are Graeme Harper, John Sisko, Michael Barnett and Ethel Scurlock. Scurlock has served as interim dean this academic year following the resignation of Douglass Sullivan-González in the spring semester of 2021.

Lee Cohen, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, is serving as the chair of the search committee.

Committee members could not comment due to a non-disclosure agreement.

In an effort to involve students in the search process, the SMBHC will host meet and greet sessions for all four candidates. Candidates will give presentations, and students will have the chance to answer a survey at the end of the event.

Harper gave presentation Monday evening in the Butler Auditorium. Harper currently serves as the Dean of the Honors College at Oakland University.

Sisko will present at 3:30 p.m. today, April 7 in the Union Ballroom. Sisko currently serves as Vice President and Dean of Faculty at Ripon College.

Barnett will present at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14 in the Overby Auditorium.

Scurlock will present at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 19 in the Overby Auditorium.

"The opinions of honors students as to who should lead the Honors College is meaningful," Penny



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The Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College will host candidates for a new dean throughout the month of April.

Leeton, program manager of inviting honors students to the SMBHC, said in an email

the events.

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Mary Beth VanLandingham, a junior chemistry major, joined the lab last semester.

"I test the diffusion rates of different ionic liquid capped nanoparticles, so basically what that means is nanoparticles are really little particles that can self-assemble into little capsule things. So ideally, like this lab, we're interested in drug delivery," VanLandingham said. "So ionic liquids are basically just liquid salts and when you put the nanoparticles in them, you can get funky results. So, I'm looking at the diffusion rates of ionic liquid coated nanoparticles through nasal mucus."

VanLandingham spends around 10 hours a week at the lab and when she is not at the lab she is reading literature or doing programming.

Typically VanLandingham synthesizes nanoparticles, which means putting chemicals together and letting them stir for a calculated amount of time and cap them, which takes about two

When she is not doing that she uses a programming language called Python to look at videos she took using an optical microscope and analyzes the activity.

"I can put it in the program and it'll spit out the diffusivity constant. Like I said, I use the optical microscope to actually take recorded videos of the nanoparticles, like diffusing through the mucus, which is kind of cool to see them move around because they're really tiny. You couldn't see that with your naked eye," VanLandingham said.

The video shows tiny white dots, which can be seen due to fluorescent dye, shaking in the frame. This movement is the diffusion rate.

"The computer program measures how far the particles travel or diffuse per frame or so and that allows us to measure what we call a diffusion coefficient, which is basically a number that expresses how far did the particles move per second," Tanner said. "What we want to know is, does the ionic liquid coating change that? Does it make them faster or slower in the mucus? The different liquids affect the diffusion coefficient in different ways."

Tanner anticipates experiment on ion coating affecting diffusion to be finished by the end of the semester, however there will be many stages after.

The next stage will focus on transport across the nasal mucosa,

a type of tissue that lines the nasal cavity, and after that the lab would move towards animal models to see if the delivery of drugs could cure diseases.

Without the extensive time at the lab, the discoveries VanLandingham and Tanner found would not have the experiment at the stage it is at now.

"Mary Beth's project, she makes these beautiful diffusion cells and she really has to be careful to control the thickness of those cells because our microscope can really only focus in 2D, and so if she makes them too thick, she won't be able to focus on the particles and those that took weeks for her basically to figure out exactly what depth she needed," Tanner said. "So if she didn't have those 10 hours a week, you can imagine it would take her months instead to figure out the ideal depth. So it's really just giving you space and time and freedom to walk through the problems that naturally come up when you're designing an experiment and building new things for the first time."

Through the lab and this VanLandingham experiment, has gotten to apply skills she has learned in a classroom and seen the practical use of them.

"You're getting results. We recently published our first paper, so that was really exciting,"



Coulter Hall on the campus of the University of Mississippi.

VanLandingham said. "Everyone in the lab is really nice and willing to help each other out on things and it's just a good experience."

The project VanLandingham works on is not the only project that is happening in Coulter.

There is a project that experiments on hitching a ride on different blood components.

Although this lab focuses more on physical chemistry, VanLandingham wants to pursue a career in environmental chemistry research.

However, all forms of specialties will be important in understanding the materials of drug delivery.

"Fundamental kind physical chemistry is important to understand in order to be able to really develop tools that give us that control over where the things are going in the human body, and that in order to do this work, we really need a device, an interdisciplinary team," Tanner said. "Mary Beth is a chemist, but we have people who are in pharmaceutics, people who are in engineering or in biology and we really need all of those skill sets to be able to solve these grand challenges. So I really also want to emphasize the importance of diversity and collaboration and people bringing different life experiences to get science done."



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Reeves signs largest tax cut in state history

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Mississippi Gov. Tate Reeves signed into law what he and other lawmakers claim is the largest tax cut in state history on Tuesday. The law, which will gradually lower state income taxes over four years, is a win for Republican lawmakers who have been pushing for a cut in or the elimination of state income taxes throughout this legislative session and in past sessions.

"This is a tremendous victory, and it will make a massive impact on the lives of Mississippians, and it will make a tremendous impact

on our economy for years and years to come," said Reeves during the bill's signing ceremony.

The new law will eliminate the 4% tax bracket by 2023 and gradually cut the 5% bracket to 4% by 2026. Additionally, single income taxpayers will not pay taxes on the first \$18,300 of income, and married filers will not pay taxes on the first \$36,600 of income.

of Proponents the legislation hope the low income taxes will draw more people to Mississippi and help revitalize the economy after what has been a difficult two years. Reeves and House Speaker Phillip Gunn have pushed for an elimination of the state income tax entirely.

Though the legislation means more money in the pockets of everyone who pays state income taxes, some who stand in opposition of the law are asking at what cost the cuts will come. In one of the poorest states that struggles consistently provide adequate physical and mental healthcare and properly fund schools, other legislators have expressed concerns that this legislation could have serious negative implications for the state's budget.

Individual income tax is Mississippi's second largest source of tax revenue. In 2020, the individual income tax accounted for 32% of all tax revenue collected by the

state, second only to sales tax which accounted for 38%.

The changes will go into effect next year.

Rebels dominate rubber match in Lexington

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The Ole Miss Baseball team won Sunday's game three matchup against Kentucky by a score of 10-1 to secure their second SEC road series of the year. The Rebels scored 10 runs on 13 hits while shutting down Kentucky offensively and cruised in a game that they really needed to win.

Thank you offense

The Ole Miss offense dominated game three after a string of very underwhelming performances in SEC play. After being all but shut down by the Tennessee pitching staff a weekend prior, the Rebels scored only two runs in each of their first two games against Kentucky and recorded just eight hits. The Rebel bats woke up when they needed to the most after suboptimal performances on Friday and Saturday and took the series-deciding game into their own hands. It was a tremendous sign to see success from the offense after

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their previous performances and it should give the team some much-needed confidence heading into next week. The Rebels will have a great opportunity to build on Sunday's game as Alabama, whose pitching staff has struggled this year, comes to Oxford this weekend.

HYDR Jack Washburn

The transfer from Oregon State was given the nod to start on the mound for the Rebels in game three after head coach Mike Bianco decided to shake up the rotation after the Tennessee series. In just his second weekend appearance this season, Washburn did more than anyone could have asked of him and gave the Rebels more than a good chance to win. He allowed only one run in five innings pitched while striking out six to join in on the offense's domination of Kentucky. Washburn looked comfortable and confident on the mound which is really impressive considering this was his first SEC action. Assuming the rotation looks the same this weekend, Washburn will finally be pitching meaningful innings for the Rebels after being the midweek starter to this point in the season.

Ole Miss really needed this series

The win improved the Rebel's record to 19-8 and 4-5 in the SEC. Had they have dropped two games to the Wildcats, it would've dropped their record to 3-6 in conference play. The last time Ole Miss started out the conference slate that poorly it missed the NCAA tournament completely (2017). Needless to say, this was a very important game for the Rebels, not just for their record, but for themselves mentally. Bouncing back from a bad weekend at home against a pretty decent SEC team on the road is not an easy thing to do, and the Rebels showed some toughness in doing so. The Rebels have now won three series on the road against teams that will most likely make the NCAA tournament



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Kemp Alderman bats during a game against Oral Roberts on March 11.

(UCF, Auburn, Kentucky), and their only series lost in the SEC came at the hands of a Tennessee team who is now 9-0 in conference play. Ole Miss is still in a pretty good

place considering some of the struggles it has had so far this year, and the hope for them is that it will only get better as the pitching staff gets figured out and gets healthy.



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UM students gather for 2022 Big Event

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Each year, Ole Miss students gather for the Big Event — a chance to give back to the community that serves as their home away from home. Working in groups from early Saturday morning until noon, Big Event volunteers engaged in a variety of service projects in and around Oxford.

"Big Event is so important because it is an opportunity for us to give back to the community that constantly pours so much into us," said sophomore public policy leadership and international studies major Genevieve Wilson. "It brings students from all over campus together and provides great opportunities to lead and to do something proactive with your Saturday."

The Big Event has historically been one of the largest service projects in the history of the University of Mississippi.

Like Wilson, sophomore chemical engineering major Thomas Isonhood appreciates the opportunity to give back to the community and loves the way the event brings together the university.

"I love the Big Event because it brings together a lot of students from different backgrounds and majors, who might not otherwise meet, all with the common goal of serving the LOU community," he said.

Isonhood also pointed to the leadership opportunities that a student-led effort like the Big Event creates.

"I also love that there are so many opportunities for students to take leadership, from being a project leader to a subcommittee member to the executive board or even just being a volunteer," he said. "There's a place for everyone."

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, Big Event 2021 had to limit project sites as a safety precaution. This year, back in full swing, project sites included the South Campus Rail Trail, Central Elementary School and Magnolia Montessori School among many others.



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Ole Miss students help clear leaves and dead plants from the Oxford Community Garden as part of the 2021 Big Event.

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SCHEDULE Jackson Suber crowned champion at Irish Creek Intercollegiate

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The Ole Miss Men's Golf team competed in the Irish Creek Intercollegiate tournament over the weekend where they finished second and fell just one stroke behind first-place UNC Charlotte.

Over the three rounds, the Rebels tallied a total team score of 829 (-23) while Charlotte had a total score of 828 (-24). Nonetheless, it was yet another impressive performance by Ole Miss who finished one stroke short of first place in their last tournament as well.

Senior Jackson Suber played lights out in every round and has been on a roll as of late. The Tampa native was given the opportunity to compete at the PGA Valspar Championship a couple of weeks ago. He also led Ole Miss with his best individual score during last week's Hootie at Bulls Bay tournament.

This past weekend, Suber finished with the best individual score throughout the field where he shot 202 (-11) and had a pair of 66s in the first and third round. This was his fourth career individual victory.

Other highlights came from senior Sarut Vongchaisit and sophomore Brett Schell who both tied for 15th and shot a total of 210 (-3).

Ole Miss looks to keep up their momentum as they head into their last tournament of the regular season. They will be competing in the Mossy Oak Invitational on April 11-12. It will be held at the Mossy



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Jackson Suber competes in the SEC Match Play Championships at the Shoal Creek Golf Club in Birmingham, Alabama.

Oak Golf Club in West Point, Mississippi.

Here are the results from the Irish Creek Intercollegiate. Jackson Suber: 66-70-66-

T15. Sarut Vongchaisit: 70-69-71-210 (-3)

T₁₅. Brett Schell: 71-67-72-

210 (-3)

T31. Evan Brown: 68-72-74-214 (+1)

T42. Jack Gnam: 76-70-69-215 (+2)

*T31. Kye Meeks: 69-72-73-214 (+1)

*competing as an individual

Little brother stays down

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Some things are inevitable: death, taxes and Ole Miss beating Mississippi State. On Sunday, the Rebels Men's Tennis team went down to Starkville and upset the Bulldogs in a dominant fashion.

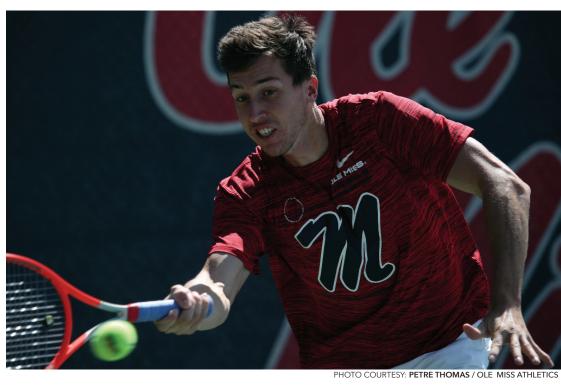
The Rebels took five of the seven games played, despite being the lower-ranked team. The heavyweight match of the afternoon was No. 36 Nikola Slavic taking on No. 39 Florian Broska of Mississippi State. Slavic came out on top in a match that lasted just three games.

The Rebels nearly swept all six singles matches, except for Gregor Ramskogler defeating Lukas Engelhardt in two games. The other Mississippi State victory came at the hands of Davide Tortora, who dominated Jakob Cadonau in two sets (and a total score of 12-3).

Ole Miss secured the doubles

point despite losing the first doubles match as Broska and Ramskogler defeated Lukas Englehardt and Finn Reynolds 7-5. The second and third doubles match both ended in the Rebels' favor as Jan Soren Hain and Simon Funk beat Carles Hernandez and Nemanja Malesevic in a close match that ended 7-6.

In the final doubles window, John Hallquist Lithen and Slavic defeated Alberto Colas and Tortora. Despite his loss in doubles, No. 110 Reynolds bounced back and swept No. 72 Malesevic in two games (7-5, 6-2) to secure the Rebels another upset victory. The Rebels have been having a rough season so far, going 12-10 overall but just 2-7 in the conference. This win was much needed for a later-season morale boost as Ole Miss had lost its last six straight (all SEC matchups) before the trouncing of the in-state rival Bulldogs.



Nikola Slavic warms up before competing against a Georgia opponent at Palmer/Salloum Tennis Center in

The Rebels hold the burden of playing in the SEC, which houses four of the top 15 programs in the nation. Next up, the Rebels will face Texas A&M in College Station as they get ready for the final stretch of the season before the SEC tournament and hopefully the NCAA tournament.

The Rebels and Aggies last met in mid-February, with Ole Miss coming out on top four games to two. This matchup will be tough, however, as Texas A&M has won five of their eight SEC matchups and are an astounding 14-4 at home. The

Aggies are coming off a loss to Auburn, who are ranked 28th in the nation but have won three of their last four. Realistically, Ole Miss needs to win out and make a run in the SEC tournament if they want good seeding in the national tournament.

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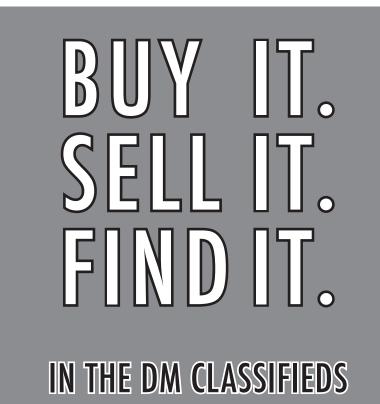


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Rebels lose heartbreaker to USM

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The Ole Miss Baseball team was defeated by Southern Mississippi 10-7 in a neutral site battle on Tuesday at Trustmark Park in Pearl. The loss drops the Rebels' record to 19-9 on the year after failing to hold on to a late lead against the No. 18 Golden Eagles.

Just couldn't finish it

After a four-run bottom of the seventh inning gave the Rebels a 7-6 lead, Rebel closer Brandon Johnson was called upon to try and close the game with only five outs to go and a runner on third. Johnson. who had been dominant in closing to this point in the year, was unable to get the job done. A single scored the runner on third, and after two walks, Southern Miss's Danny Lynch crushed a three run homer to give USM a 10-7 lead that would hold, making for a heartbreaking loss for the Rebels.

Whatever

Ole Miss had a lead in the eighth inning with its go-to pitcher on the mound to close it. If you lose a game like that it sucks, but you just gotta tip your cap. Brandon Johnson has been incredible all year, and if you put him in that situation 10 more times, he's probably closing out the game in nine of those. Southern Miss is a good team that is really hot right now, and the Rebels will get another chance at them later in the year. A midweek loss to a Top-25 team isn't a big deal. Hosting a regional or getting a national seed is largely decided by conference record, so going on a run in conference play will make all okay. That being said, the Rebels could really use a sweep at home against Alabama this weekend, so hopefully they put this loss behind them to focus on the Tide.

Defense looked bad

The Rebels, who haven't been great in the field this year, committed three errors, one of which resulted in a run. The defense has probably been the weakest part of this season. To be fair most other SEC teams are just as bad this year for some reason, but it just hasn't clicked the way the Rebels hoped it would. It looks like they are just going through some growing pains due to a lack of experience. Jacob Gonzalez, Peyton Chatagnier and Hayden Dunhurst are the only Rebels who play at their natural position every day so it's going to take some more time before everyone is experienced enough to be fully settled into their spot. In the meantime, the defense has been borderline bad enough to consider it a real problem. Hopefully, they can clean it up or it will bite them in a big spot late in the year.



Brandon Johnson pitches against Tennessee on March 27.







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"Women of Ole Miss" is a four-part interview series thedocumenting voices of women attending the University of Mississippi. Each part focuses on a different student, exploring unique life experiences and accomplishments and what it means to them to be a woman.

Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Dubai, Canada and Cleveland,

Looking at the list of places that Esraa Al Shawakri has lived, it goes without saying that she is no stranger to making a big move. In 2018, Al Shawakri and her family packed up their things once again and settled

While her husband's job at

Baptist Memorial Hospital-North Mississippi was the initial reason for the move, she wasted no time in utilizing the opportunities at the University of Mississippi and immersing in herself the community.

In addition to being a full-time mother of twins, Al Shawakri is now a graduate student in the department of pharmaceutics and drug delivery, as well as an active member in the graduate student and Muslim communities on campus.

Al Shawakri received a master's degree from the University of Jordan in 2015, but changes in her career and research interests pushed her to get a second master's degree.

"I have a master's degree in clinical pharmacy back home, but for here, my master's is in pharmaceutics and drug delivery, which is more industry," Al Shawakri said. "It's two different fields. So I had to do my masters."

Al Shawakri's formulation focuses on development, which is an area of pharmacy that tracks patentability and life cycles of medications.

using techniques, hot-melt extrusion and 3D printing," Al Shawakri said. "It's the future of formulation development in our department."

After completing master's degree, Al Shawakri plans to continue her education and start a Ph.D. program. Al Shawakri's favorite part of being a woman in STEM is that it's a mix of science, technology and being a mentor. She hopes that she stands out as an example of what women, in Jordan and Oxford, are capable of accomplishing.

"There are women in STEM in Jordan," Al Shawakri said. "They have a lot of work and research, but they are not as recognized as they are here. I want to be an example for women from Jordan to show them that we are all the same."

Esraa Al Shawakri.

Al Shawakri holds positions in multiple UM student organizations that help make her that example. She is the social media manager for the UM chapter of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Sciences and a senator for the Graduate Student Council.

The American Association of Pharmaceutical Sciences hosts journal clubs and events for pharmacy students on campus. The Graduate Student Council is responsible for making decisions for graduate students on campus and hosts the yearly GSC Research and Creative Achievement Symposium.

"To be honest, students voted for me in my department, and I wasn't even thinking about this," Al Shawakri said. "It makes me very happy that people think I'm a good person for the position."

Al Shawakri is also the current treasurer of the Muslim Student Association.

The Muslim Student Association is not just an organization that hosts events and programs to bring Muslim students together but to bring all students together, Al Shawakri said.

"It's open for everyone: Muslims, non-Muslims, and all ages," Al Shawakri said. "We're inviting everyone to come to see who we are, and we appreciate and respect every religion and everyone in the community."

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In addition to being an example for women in STEM, Al Shawakri wants to use her experience and insight to help all UM students, especially students who are mothers like her, in navigating everyday life. The idea came to Al Shawakri during the pandemic when she had to balance her work and take care of two kids at home. To do this, Al Shawakri is in the process of building her social media presence with hopes of becoming an influencer that people can look to for organization and study tips.

"I was searching through YouTube for study with me videos, and it came to me that no Ole Miss student had done this before, no mother had done this before," Al Shawakri said. "I want to make it a huge deal to help students to have the best desk organization, the best outfit while you study, as a mother, as a student, as a person who has a lot of tasks in

Although Shawakri Al has different goals for how research, community leadership and social media presence impact people, one common message is clear in everything she does.

"We can try whatever we want in life," Al Shawakri said. "We're open to any opportunity, to any work, to any research. It gives us power - to not be restricted. All due respect to motherhood, but we can do other things and be successful

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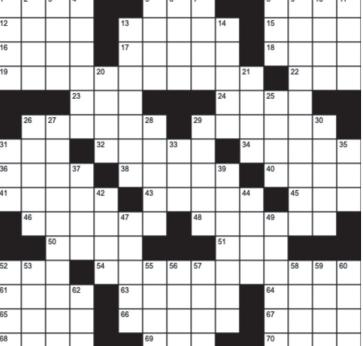
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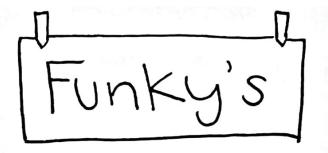
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