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Celebrating the ‘Sip



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A young boy drives a robot at one of the University of Mississippi School of Engineering tents at Mississippi Day on April 9.

On a picturesque Oxford Saturday, the University of Mississippi was flooded with students, faculty, staff, alumni and visitors to celebrate Mississippi, the university and the Flagship’s contributions to the state as a whole in the first ever Mississippi Day. “I have been on this campus for over 25 years and I cannot think of any other single event that created that kind of energy, excitement, and enthusiasm around so many of our programs and units within our academic mission, and it all happened because of your hard work. Thank you!” said Provost Noel Wilkin in a “Mississippi Day Thank You” video. Under blue skies, thousands milled about the Circle, visiting tables set up to showcase the university’s programs, schools, and departments. The day was an opportunity to bring together the university and Mississippi at-large, open-house style, to have family-friendly fun and see all that Mississippi and the university have to offer.

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Austin to the Mystics



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Mississippi’s Shakira Austin poses for a picture before the WNBA basketball draft, Monday, April 11, in New York.

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After a dominant two years at the Flagship, Ole Miss center Shakira Austin is headed to Washington, D.C., as the No. 3 overall pick in the 2022 WNBA Draft. Austin heads to the Washington Mystics as the sixth-ever player to be drafted from the Ole Miss Women’s Basketball program. The 6 foot, 5 inch center originally from Fredericksburg, Virginia, spent her first two collegiate years at the University of Maryland and landed at Ole Miss for her final years of eligibility as ESPN’s No.

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Mr. University: Men take their turn on stage

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Students packed the Gertrude C. Ford Center on Tuesday night to watch University of Mississippi students compete for a brand new title: Mr. University. Pageant style, 12 male students put on a captivating show for the audience and judges, generating a laughter-filled night. The proceeds from the 2022 Mr. University pageant contributed to the senior

class gift, a yearly fundraiser that the senior class holds to support a philanthropic cause of their choice. This year’s donations benefitted Grove Grocery, an organization that helps the Lafayette-Oxford-university community to battle food insecurity. Senior political science major Lucy Hulet serves as senior class president for the graduating class of 2022 and helped to bring to life the idea of the Mr. University pageant and to choose Grove Grocery as the philanthropy. “We picked a philanthropy

that we knew would make a big impact in the Oxford community’s lives, and the idea to give the money we raised to Grove Grocery as our senior class gift was born,” Hulet said. Consisting of three rounds, the 12 male contestants participated in formal wear, interview and talent categories, each showcasing their personalities through inimitable performances including dancing, singing, magic tricks and a dramatized reading of “The Very Hungry Caterpillar.”



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Senior risk management and insurance major Cade Odom was named the first Mr. University.

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# MR. UNIVERSITY

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“Watching the whole show from backstage was probably the most fun I’ve ever had,” Hulet said. “These guys really came out of their shell and surprised me with all of their interview questions, answers and talents.”

Martin Fisher, Associate Director of Admissions for Orientation and Campus Visit Programs, Women’s Basketball Head Coach

Yolett “Yo” McPhee-McCuin and Emily Boyce judged the eccentric performances, scoring each round in order to select a winner. At the end of the night, the votes tallied up to name senior risk management and insurance major Cade Odom as the first ever Mr. University.

“It was such an incredible honor to have been named the inaugural Mr. University,” said Odom. “There’s so many people who deserve credit for putting on one of the best fundraising events that I’ve been a part of in my four

years here.”

Whether there will be another Mr. University pageant is unknown. Hulet hopes the tradition will carry on throughout the years, leaving its mark on Ole Miss.

“Hearing all of the positive feedback from the event was so rewarding,” Hulet said. “I really hope that I can come back to Ole Miss one day and see posters for the 20th annual Mr. University and remember how amazing the first one was.”



Cade Odom celebrates after being announced as Mr. University.



Cade Odom plays the guitar during the Mr. University Pageant on April 12.

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# 2021-2022 Hall of Fame inducts 10 seniors

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Ten seniors have been inducted into the University of Mississippi 2021-2022 Hall of Fame. Since 1930, this recognition has been considered one of the highest honors a student can receive at Ole Miss.

The 2021-2022 Hall of Fame inductees are sociology major Jon’na Bailey, biological science major Alexis “Brianna” Berry, public policy leadership and economics major Grace Louise Dragna, public policy leadership and integrated marketing communications major Ella Rose Endorf, pre-medical track public policy leadership major Madison Cecile Gordon, public policy leadership major Katelin Virginia Hayward, biochemistry major Reinhard Matthew Knerr, integrated marketing communications major Coleman Merrick McCool, public policy leadership major Ian Vaughn Pigg and economics and political science major Devan Devon Williams.

Brent Marsh, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, dean of students and interim director for fraternity and sorority life, said inductees can feel good knowing their accomplishments did not go unnoticed.

“Each of these students leaves a significant and lasting legacy here, and induction into the Hall of Fame is an important way of recognizing those contributions,” Marsh said.

Marsh added that the students recognize that they did not get to this place alone. He sees this recognition as a virtue.

“They recognize, however, that they were surrounded by a cadre of other students, faculty and staff who helped them to be successful, and that realization will serve them well throughout their careers,” Marsh said.

According to Marsh, the university is working to create a new Hall of Fame installation in the Gertrude C. Ford Ole Miss Student Union. The installation will display every inductee dating back to 1930.

To Williams, it is an honor to

sit alongside these names. “I have seen the great work that the people before me have done and also have further gone on to do after they have been inducted into the University of Mississippi Hall of Fame and it is nothing short of astounding,” Williams said. “I can’t put into words how honored I am to be given the same honor as many of the past great alumni of this university.”

Williams, who has served as the Interfraternity Council’s vice president and the UM Black Caucus’s president, is not done yet.

“This honor only further helps to motivate me to never stop pushing for what I believe in and also to strive to be nothing short of great,” he said.

Berry said she feels honored to be added to the list of names.

“To be honest, I was in complete shock when Brent Marsh first called me with the news. I’m pretty sure I even made him repeat it for me because I could not believe it the first time,” Berry said. “It is such an honor to join this legacy that allows for me to have an impact and meaning at this university for as long as it stands.”

Berry said she has dedicated the last four years to breaking barriers surrounding student-athletes and academic work. As a cheerleader, she said she has witnessed misconceptions firsthand.

“People see us as individuals who are at a university to do one job, our sport. They disconnect us from academic success and leadership positions through other organizations,” Berry said.

By adding her name to the Hall of Fame, Berry believes she is working to eliminate the disconnect.

“I exemplified that with time management one can do it all — be involved, excel in academics and thrive in their sport,” she said.

Endorf was also stunned by the news, which she said was “beyond (her) wildest dreams.”

Endorf, who serves as chief of staff of the Associated Student Body, said she is thankful for all the support she has received since coming to the university.



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Members of the UM 2021-22 Hall of Fame were introduced in ceremonies April 8 at the Gertrude C. Ford Center for the Performing Arts. They are: (front, from left) Grace Dragna, Katelin Hayward, Ella Endorf and Brianna Berry, and (back, from left) Madison Gordon, Matt Knerr, Devan Williams, Merrick McCool, Jon’na Bailey and Ian Pigg.

She credits the people she has met with helping her become the person she wants to be.

“Coming here from Nebraska, I was nervous that I would have a hard time fitting in, let alone standing out, but I’ve benefited from incredible mentorship and had the opportunity to chase all of my goals while at Ole Miss,” she said.

Endorf said she is inspired by her fellow inductees.

“This is an award I will cherish for the rest of my life, and I could not be more honored to be part of the Hall of Fame,” she said.

Hayward emphasized the help she received from those around her.

“While my name may be on the plaque, I could not have achieved my accomplishments without the support of the faculty and staff in the Lott Leadership Institute and my advisors in the student union,” Hayward said.

Beyond her name on the new installation, Hayward, who has held several positions in ASB, hopes her legacy of positive change will live on after she graduates.

“I hope future leaders continue on this path of positive change and inclusion of all students who call

this university home,” Hayward said.

McCool also acknowledged the support he received from people he has met on campus.

“During my time at Ole Miss, I have been surrounded by people who have put me in positions to make a difference and constantly challenged and built my character,” McCool said.

McCool said he never did anything during his college career with the end goal of receiving an award, though he appreciates the university’s effort to recognize outstanding students. McCool has also received five Emmy nominations for his work with Ole Miss Sports Productions.

“The sense of family that is present around Ole Miss and the Oxford community has built me into the person I am today,” he said.

Knerr shares this appreciation for his Ole Miss family, particularly the new friends and mentors he has met.

“I was exposed to new ways of thinking and diverse backgrounds, and really just pushed to grow throughout my entire journey,” Knerr said.

Knerr serves as president

of Hill County Roots and was recently named a 2022 Goldwater Scholar. He said being inducted into the Hall of Fame is one of his proudest moments as an Ole Miss student.

“I’m honored to be inducted because it shines a light on all of the encouragement, constructive criticism, challenges and support I’ve received as an Ole Miss Rebel,” Knerr said.

To Dragna being inducted reaffirms everything she’s been working toward. Dragna has held office in the ASB and is a member of the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College.

“I’m so grateful to have this connection to the university that has come to mean so much to me over the past four years,” Dragna said.

She, like all of the other inductees, said she feels honored to be included in a prestigious group of students.

“It’s a humbling experience to be surrounded by so many students who have made a profound impact on this university through community service, leadership and academics,” Dragna said.

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# A shot of espresso to the heart

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Early on a gloomy, humid Wednesday morning, Pablo Corona and Chadwick Collier set up their bright yellow coffee truck, attached a yellow and white striped awning, laid down a floor mat that read “hello” in yellow letters and set out three leafy ferns for an elevated sense of comfort.

Inside the truck, a space that measures no more than 120 square feet, Collier polished a silver, two-pull espresso machine and meticulously prepared his work space. Corona sported a hot pink sweatshirt and New York Yankees cap, and Collier a barista’s apron over a muted blue button down.

Located in the parking lot of the Old Armory Pavilion, Caffecitos Espresso, “Oxford’s mobile espresso bar,” has drawn in students and community members alike to relish in their hospitality. A menu slated with americanos, lattes, cappuccinos and more is printed on a rainbow canvas which features a mariachi player, an ode to Corona’s Mexican heritage. A neon sign that reads “coffee” is switched on, as are LED lights that surround the truck’s façade.

As seasoned veterans of the service industry in New York City, Corona and Collier feel more than prepared to

continue with their latest venture. Collier previously managed Uptown Coffee, which at the time was one of Oxford’s only coffee options, and he also worked for the university. Corona worked as a wedding photographer, shooting over 200 events over the past decade.

Their dream for the new business is to inspire more food trucks to join them, creating a movement that will continue to grow in the city.

**Why did you leave New York City and come to Oxford?**

Collier: There was a turn in the economy. Like a crash, and people stopped traveling as much as they did. And we both worked in hospitality. So after two years I had that feeling of, I don’t want to be in New York without a job, without money. So I knew here we would have an opportunity to sort of transition and do whatever we wanted to do.

Corona: We hustled for many years in New York City and the rat race, hitting it hard. And you know, it will wear on, it’s the life there.

**Why did you choose to start a truck? And why off-campus?**

Corona: We knew the community would never go to campus for our coffee. They would never drive over there to find parking, to find coffee from us. So our goal was that the students would come find us and they did on

day one. And now we have the community in our hands and the university students in our hands and we got the best of it. But we really knew that no one in town was doing this and we needed to jump on an idea.

**How is work divided between the two of you?**

Corona: We have been in customer service for many years in our life. Technology wise, Chad is at the head of this company. Customer service, personality, that’s my responsibility. He crafts everything for us. He puts these recipes together. He knows exactly how the machines work. He’s taught me how to use the machinery. And I mean, it’s pretty basic, I can learn.

I used to work at the Waldorf Astoria hotel in New York City, which was serving the top 1%... (they) had all these luxuries at their fingers. And they require people like me to assist them. This was high level customer service. So I learned a long time ago how to make someone that’s paying something feel amazing. And here it’s only \$5 or \$6, but the experience is more valuable than the \$5 or \$6 to us.

**Did you expect the business to grow so fast?**

Corona: No. No, it happened very quick.

**What is something you value the most in your business?**

Corona: Quality is number



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Caffecitos Espresso is a new mobile espresso bar located in the parking lot of the Old Armory Pavilion in Oxford.

one. We are a little trailer that’s providing a service to our community, and a good product.

**Why do you hand out cookies with each coffee?**

Corona: Well we knew that we needed to give something so that they could enjoy it as a treat.

Collier: Back in the day, when I managed Uptown Coffee, the original Uptown Coffee, we used to give a chocolate covered espresso on top of every drink.

Our love for travel plays into the business. So we want to sort of make it an experience, even though you’re not going anywhere, it’s something different and unique to offer that other people don’t offer.

**Why do you keep the truck in the same location?**

Corona: So we’re noticing we have a good base here after eight weeks, and the second we move, we’re fearful that we’ll start to lose that base.

**Do you have a favorite or least favorite drink to make?**

Collier: Frappuccino, girl, frappuccino. The least favorite. They’re the most complicated, not in a normal situation, but here we’re limited to 35 gallons of water in a day. We knew that we were limited on water, so we had to strategize to be here without a water source. And so we had to be really strategic, but as far as the fraps, they just honestly disturb the rhythm.

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# First ever Mississippi Day: fun for students and family

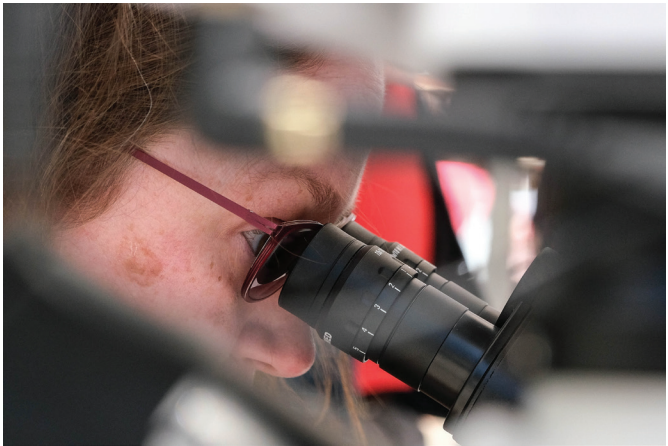


A boy dances with students from the University of Mississippi School of Applied Sciences during Mississippi Day on April 9. Many academic departments set up tents with various activities in which visitors could participate.



Above: Peter Zee at the biology tent holds a crawfish, possibly a new species, on which he is conducting research.

Photos by HG Biggs.



Top: Students from the Center for Intelligence and Security Studies talk to visitors.

Bottom: A visitor looks through a microscope at the biology department tent.



# Ole Miss swept at home after falling to Alabama in game three

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The Ole Miss Baseball team lost its Sunday matchup against Alabama by a score of 7-3 in what felt like a must-win game for the team. The Rebels have now been swept at home twice in the same season for the first time since 1997 and have fallen to 19-12 and 4-8 in SEC play.

### I don't know

This may be the beginning of the end for a team that had sky-high expectations coming into the season. The Ole Miss offense was supposed to be one of the best in the country, and as they enter the latter half of the season, it is starting to become clear that is not going to be the case. At some point, struggling at the plate is no longer considered slumping and it's just who you are. It feels like the Rebel offense is very close to that point this season, and, I'll be honest, I have no idea why. Some of the players seem like they are pressing at the plate a bit, but it feels like there's something else

going on with the team.

Ole Miss brought back the majority of the lineup that led the SEC in hitting last season, and hitting coach Mike Clement has proven himself to be a solid coach over the years, but for some reason it's just not clicking this season. The offense isn't terrible by any means, but in order for Ole Miss to make a deep postseason run, the hitting has to be elite, and right now I don't know if I would even consider them above average. It's mind-boggling that these veteran hitters aren't performing to the best of their ability, and I'd be lying if I said I had any idea why that is.

### This feels like the end for Bianco

With a 4-8 conference record at this point in the season, it's more than fair to say a national seed is out of the question for this team, and hosting a regional is on life support. In 22 years as the Ole Miss head coach, Mike Bianco has made it to Omaha only once, and some of his teams have caused real heartbreak for

Rebel fans over the years.

I'm not Keith Carter, so I can't say this for certain, but it feels like Bianco has been in the hot seat ever since the 2018 season ended, and with the way this season is going, it seems like year 22 will be Bianco's last. Baseball is a strange sport, and the Rebels going on a miracle run to make it to Omaha isn't 100% out of the question, but it's pretty close. With fan frustration at an all-time high, I would be very surprised to see Bianco in Ole Miss's dugout next season if this doesn't get turned around ASAP.

### What needs to happen now

Hosting a regional is on life support for the Rebels, and a series loss to South Carolina next weekend will put the Rebels in a spot where they will be fighting to even make the NCAA tournament. Since they have zero Top 25 wins and have been swept twice at home, in order to host a regional Ole Miss will probably need to finish the season with a 17-13 conference record. If



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Ole Miss Baseball Head Coach Mike Bianco talks to the umpires and Tennessee baseball coach before a game on March 25.

they wish to make the NCAA tournament, they will probably need to go 14-16 to do so. (This is based on how SEC teams have been seeded based on their conference records in previous seasons, along with the fact that Ole Miss's RPI is really bad right now). Their record in conference

play is 4-8 right now, so they would need to finish the season on a 13-5 run to host and 10-8 to make the NCAA tournament. It's certainly not impossible for Ole Miss to go on a late run, but turning the season around has to happen right now, or this thing is going to end very badly.

# Ole Miss Softball steals game 1 at No. 8 Kentucky after delayed start

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A strong scoring surge in the sixth inning pushed the Rebels past the Wildcats in a hard-fought 7-6 win. The Friday night victory at John Cropp Stadium in Lexington, Kentucky marked the second victory over a top 10 opponent for Ole Miss this season.

The Rebels (29-9, 5-5 SEC) picked up their third straight win with the help of senior Tate Whitley who led the team with a batting average of .448, including four POs on the

defensive end.

After the Rebels climbed to the early 1-0 lead in the second inning, the Wildcats picked up momentum on their end, taking a commanding 4-1 lead late into the fourth inning.

The tide turned for Ole Miss at the top of the fifth inning, as junior Paige Smith broke the Rebels' scoring drought with their first run since the second inning, assisted by freshman Catelyn Riley on a single up the middle.

This eventually broke the game open for the Rebels on

a cold wet night in Kentucky. Senior Sydney Gutierrez and freshman KK Esparza hit back-to-back runs to tie the game at four in the fifth. The Rebels kept their foot on the gas, adding three more runs to secure the road victory.

Ole Miss closed out the series on Sunday with a double header at 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. CT due to a weather cancellation on Saturday. The Rebels eventually fell to the No. 8 Wildcats, 2-6 and 2-8. Ole Miss will be back at home April 14-16 to take on the Florida Gators.



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Paige Smith holds up two peace signs after getting on base during a game against Tennessee State on April 5.

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# AUSTIN

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“(Broadcaster) Ryan (Ruocco), how many times during the Ole Miss games we did this season did you and I look at one another and say, ‘Wow, that’s a pro move,’ when Shakira Austin did something on the floor?” ESPN analyst Rebecca Lobo asked during the draft broadcast. “She is 6 foot 5, long and strong, runs the floor and can handle in the open floor. She is really dangerous when she catches around 15 feet. Her ability to put the ball on the floor and get to the rim, she can hit from there as well. She is a player who not only can have an instant impact on a roster... she’s the type of player who has a high ceiling and can grow into a perennial all-star.”

Austin’s two years under Head Coach Yolett McPhee-McCuin brought great success to the program and university, and Austin earned multiple accolades on and off the court. In the 2021 season, Austin led the Rebels in points (503), rebounds (245), blocks (48) and steals (43). Her career-high 29 points against Arkansas helped Ole Miss reach the SEC Tournament Quarterfinals for the first time since 2010.

“First off, I can’t wait to see her outfit because I already know she’s going to slay,” Coach Yo said prior to the draft. “Secondly, this is just incredible. You know, I remember vividly Shakira saying, ‘Coach, I’m going top three, or I don’t want to go at all.’ I’m just truly proud for her. I’m proud for our

women’s basketball players so that they can be inspired. This is just tons of emotions for me and I know the Rebel Nation.”

In her final season in red and blue, Austin led Ole Miss to a record-breaking season, making it to the SEC Semifinals and NCAA Tournament while leading the team in points (486), rebounds (248) and blocks (66). Austin surpassed the 1,000 career rebound mark during the 74-54 Rebel victory over Texas A&M on Jan 17.

Austin won the Gillom Trophy Award in each of her seasons at Ole Miss, earning herself the title of the best women’s basketball player in the state of Mississippi, first Rebel to ever do so. Her key role in helping turn around the program also earned Austin an Honorable Mention All-American and First Team All-SEC in consecutive seasons.

Her dominant presence will be missed at the SJB Pavillion, but the Washington Mystics are receiving a defensive leader in Austin, as she will enter a team who finished ninth in league with a record of 12-20 last season. Austin will likely step into the role behind Elizabeth Williams, the 2015 WNBA Draft No. 4 overall pick out of Duke.

The addition of Austin will provide Head Coach Mike Thibault with much needed depth across multiple defensive positions. She also has the potential to move to the perimeter and give the Mystics offense a little flair. Normally, top-three draft picks are tasked with coming straight into a program and being the No. 1 difference maker. Despite the Mystics’ record last season, however, they are



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Mississippi’s Shakira Austin, right, poses for a photo with commissioner Cathy Engelbert after being selected by the Washington Mystics as the third overall pick in the WNBA basketball draft, April 11, in New York.

a championship-contending team when healthy. Austin is likely to be subbed into the rotation as a seven or eight. The opportunity to be slowly adapted into a new program will serve Austin well in the long run, as someone who is likely to have a long career in the WNBA.

“I feel like I got lucky,” Austin said to the media after her selection. “To be in

a position to learn from vets and people who you just look up to as role players, it’s just an amazing feeling. I feel like this opportunity is going to bring the best out of me, and I’m ready to just start a career in D.C. back home. It’s just an honor.”

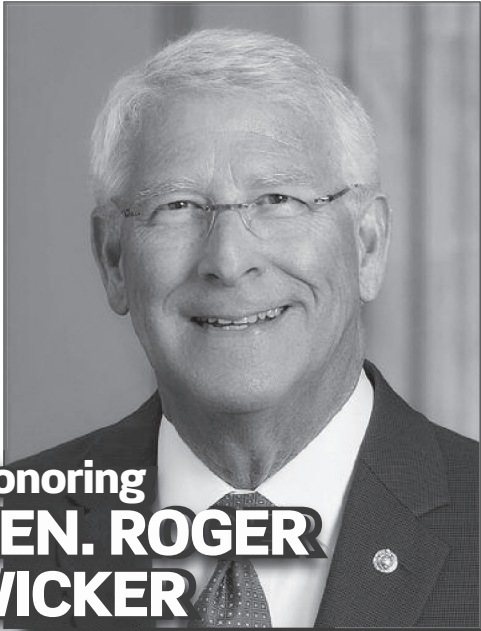
Austin will head to D.C. for training before the Mystics start their season on May 6 against the Indiana Fever at

the Entertainment and Sports Arena in Washington D.C.

“I’m going to have a long career, a successful career,” Austin said following her historic draft. “And coming into the Mystics I feel like it’s just the best opportunity possible for me to learn — and take my time — but also learn from the best. That’s a championship-level team, and that’s where I’m meant to be.”

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# Men's Golf finishes sixth at Mossy Oak Collegiate

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The Ole Miss Men's Golf team wrapped up regular season play with a sixth place finish out of 19 teams, shooting 863 (-1), at the Mossy Oak Collegiate in West Point, Mississippi. The Rebels led the field in pars at 171 on the week.

Ole Miss has had a successful 2021-22 regular season. The Rebels opened the season coming in third at the Blessings Collegiate Invitational. The team went 2-2 at the SEC Match Play Championship, finding wins over Auburn and Tennessee, but falling to Arkansas and Alabama. The Rebels were crowned champions in Nassau, Bahamas, at the White Sands Bahamas Invitational. Following the win, Ole Miss finished out the regular season with top-6 finishes in every tournament. The Rebels will now start preparing for the SEC Championship.

At Mossy Oak, redshirt

freshman Kye Meeks led the team with a career best finish, 214 (-2), to come out tied for 12th. Meeks had a strong third round with a team-high five birdies to finish out the tournament shooting 71 (-1).

Close behind Meeks was Evan Brown, finishing tied for 20th overall, shooting 70 (-2) in the final round with a score of 215 (-1) on the week. Brown tallied 38 total pars, the second most of the tournament, to secure his fourth top-20 finish of the season.

Jackson Suber, Co-SEC Golfer of the Week, finished tied for 23rd with a score of 216 (E) on the week. Suber logged a round of 73 (+1) to finish off his tournament.

Sarut Vongchaisit and Brett Schell rounded out the Rebels tied for 46th and 74th place, respectively. Vongchaisit concluded the tournament with a round of 76 (+4) and Schell finished with his best round of the tournament at 74 (+2).

Vanderbilt claimed the team title at the Mossy Oak Golf Course

with a team score of 839 (-25), led by Commodore golfer Gordon Sargent claiming the individual title at 204 (-12).

Ole Miss finished behind Vanderbilt, Auburn, LSU, Mississippi State and Kansas State to claim sixth place before heading into postseason play.

Last year, the Rebels placed 12th at the SEC Championship after an impressive final round by Suber. The Florida native fired a 65 (-5) in the final round, the first Rebel to shoot 65-or-better twice at the SEC Championship. The team also earned a berth to an NCAA Regional for the fourth consecutive season and 13th time in program history. Ole Miss is led by former Rebel standout golfer Chris Malloy, his eighth season as the Ole Miss Men's Golf head coach.

The Rebels will have a week to prepare for the SEC Championship. The tournament will begin April 20 and finish on April 24 at the Sea Island Golf Club in St. Simons Island,



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Kye Meeks competes for Ole Miss Men's Golf in the Mossy Oak Collegiate at Mossy Oak Golf Course in West Point, Mississippi, on April 12.

Georgia.

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T12. Kye Meeks: 70-73-71  
-214 (-2)  
T20. Evan Brown: 75-70-70  
-215 (-1)

T23. Jackson Suber: 73-70-73  
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# "I want to work with my local community. I want to give kids opportunities"

UM grad fights LGBTQIA+ stigma through nightlife and safe spaces

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Big-city nightclub scene meets drag show meets Oxford. This is what Code Pink brings to the Oxford Square, in addition to providing new opportunities for aspiring performers and a safe space for members of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Tonight, Code Pink brings "a pre-pride month explosion party" to The Lyric. Dress code includes anything from fairies to angels, demons, nymphs, mermaids or even princesses. Attendees can look forward to "big clouds, butterflies and ugly mushrooms," according to Code Pink's Director, Blake Summers.

Code Pink was established by Matt Kessler in the spring of 2016

and was passed along to Summers later that year. Since its founding, Code Pink has strived to bring new opportunities and a "big city experience" to the LGBTQIA+ community in Oxford and its surrounding areas.

"Matt was a grad student, and eventually moved to New York," Summers said. "I was a performance artist at first, and when he moved, I inherited it."

The drag show started as a DJ and two performers at Proud Larry's. However, Summers said that the event's popularity boomed on Halloween of 2016.

The line was wrapped around the building, and this huge nightlife scene exploded, according to Summers.

Summers said that the first mission statement included the

desire to have a safe space. Now, that concept is what he is most proud of.

"I want people to feel like they have a space where they can dance with who they want, kiss who they want and just feel completely comfortable," Summers said. "Now we've even got allies coming because they feel safe there, too. That safe space — that's what I'm most proud of."

Summers has recently transitioned Code Pink into an LLC as opposed to an organization. He anticipates this transition will increase the opportunities which Code Pink can offer their performers and production team members.

"Our other mission is to give young people opportunities," Summers said. "Whether that's



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Fendi LaFemme performs at the Code Pink Christmas drag show in Oxford on Dec. 10, 2021.

being a DJ, a drag queen or working in design, we want to give them a platform and to pay them."

Post COVID-19 lock-down, Summers made the decision to cancel two events.

"I have to protect our community, whether they agree or disagree," he said. "People missed it. It wasn't forgotten. We're lucky to have such a strong brand and to have become a tradition. People care about this."

Following the hiatus, Summers said the hunger was there.

Since its return, Code Pink has brought in artists from all over the country. Summers believes that with their support, people will have a better outlook on LGBTQIA+ life in the South. He hopes to decrease stigma around the queer scene and to provide a better outlook for the community's future.

As for the future of Code Pink, Summers said the size will depend on the ambition of the group. "As a director, I have to make the choice: 'Do I want to give people opportunities, or do I make us the best of the best?' At this moment, I want to work with my local community. I want to give kids opportunities," Summers said.

One night at a time, Code Pink, and the drag scene at large, offer an opportunity to connect with others, whether that be within

the performance space or as an audience member.

"It's about sharing an experience, giving people something to enjoy," Summers said. "I think that's really all people want, to connect more than superficially. I like to give people hope and a different reality if they need it."

Summers said that he has seen many victories, but they have all been in small ways.

"We see people coming out of their shells and even older people saying 'We never thought we'd see this,' or 'we can't believe this is happening,'" Summers said.

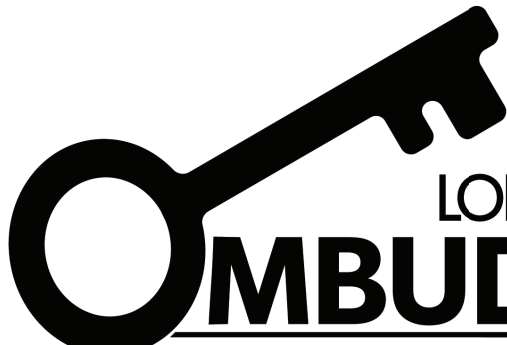
"The atmosphere and energy at Code Pink is very, very different from a typical night at Proud Larry's," said Michael Scruggs, a Proud Larry's waiter and host. "It's more lively and more fun."

With recent shifts in the political climate, LGBTQIA+ students are able to find and make their own spaces more easily than they could in the past. Although posters may be ripped down and hate is a prominent issue, Code Pink has garnered support from many local businesses. Queer people are generally more accepted in Oxford now than they were five years ago, when Summers graduated from the university.

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

Kanazsha Cooper’s biggest role model growing up was her grandmother, Cynthia Profit.

Whether working as a beautician, certified nursing assistant or selling insurance, she did everything she could to provide for her family and care for those around her, according to Cooper.

When Profit was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, the roles reversed, and Cooper and her family had to become caretakers to Profit.

Profit passed away in September 2019, but her passion for spreading love and

helping people is evident in her granddaughter. Cooper, now a senior at the University of Mississippi, carries on Profit’s legacy in everything she does.

Cooper is a biology major with plans to become a physician.

“I love helping people, and I feel like the most hands-on way you can do that is to be a physician,” Cooper said.

During her sophomore year, Cooper had to go from hospital to hospital with her grandmother, and spent much of that time interacting with physicians. Cooper noticed that many physicians weren’t trained in having realistic yet comforting conversations about death.

“In the medical field, you’re not trained to tell someone that they’re going to die,” Cooper said. “I want to become a physician so I can be comforting to my patients and let them know that end of life does not mean that it ends in this room here today.”

After shadowing Dr. Neeka Sanders, an OBGYN at the Tupelo Women’s Hospital, she is exploring going into the field of women’s health.

“Black women statistically have a higher mortality rate when it comes to childbearing births,” Cooper said. “It’s hurtful to hear as a black woman that my chances to die while I’m giving life into this world are extremely high. Seeing her (Dr. Sanders) in her position and the way she cares for every one of the ladies that she takes care of, it’s like you know when you’re giving birth that you have someone who cares about you and who wants to see you make it to the other end.”

Cooper plans on a future full of service, but her roles here at the university have allowed her to help countless people over the past four years.

“My grandmother wouldn’t want me to be sad. She raised a strong, beautiful black



PHOTO BY: KHARLEY REDMON

Kanazsha Cooper.

woman,” Cooper said. “That ignited a fire in me to give that to someone else. So what I did was I became a mentor for the biology department.”

As a mentor for the biology department, Cooper works one on one with students enrolled in Biology 161 and Biology 162.

“Our job is to make sure that they have some support going through that, whether that is advice on advising, advice on how to get through a test or just me planning activities to make sure that they understand what’s going on in class,” Cooper said. “And some days, it’s more than just academics. Sometimes I’m a confidant, I’m a comforter and everything all in one.”

Cooper is also a mentor for the Mississippi Bridge STEM Program and the Increasing Minority Access to Graduate Education program.

Cooper’s current service also extends beyond the world of biology and medicine.

Cooper is a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. The sorority was founded in 1908 at Howard University as the first Divine Nine sorority and currently has 1,026 chapters with nearly 300,000 total members.

“We promote sisterhood, education and humanities,” Cooper said. “What it means to me is that I am a strong black woman, and I want to help my community, whether it’s local or global. That is what we do.”

Some of Cooper’s favorite service projects through her sorority include the Soles4Souls shoe collection and Lions Club International eyeglass collection. In addition to this, Cooper also noted that Alpha Kappa Alpha pays special attention to promoting

women’s health and helping people build an economic legacy.

Cooper used her participation in Alpha Kappa Alpha to run for and serve as one of the National Pan-Hellenic Council senators on the Associated Student Body for the 2021-2022 school year.

This year Cooper is a member of the infrastructure committee, which focuses on improving the physical components of campus. Cooper’s main project this year was making Dormitory Row West, the one-way street by Rebel Market, safer for pedestrians.

After talking to her chair and campus higher-ups, Cooper was able to get clearer one-way signs on Dormitory Row West.

Although Cooper’s focus was on the infrastructure committee this year, her reasons for running go beyond wanting to make the campus physically better. Cooper’s motivations tie back to her desire in everything she does to be a caretaker, helping hand and voice for the communities she holds close to her heart.

“I wanted to represent the biology department, and I wanted to represent the African American community,” Cooper said. “In the senate, we’re the minority, and it’s important that I’m able to use my voice to speak for someone who may not have that voice. I get to represent my community and I hope every day that I step into that room that I’m representing them well and to the fullest of my abilities.”

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# OPINION



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## FAREWELL COLUMN

# *I did my best and the DM did too*

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When I was a freshman here, I read Slade Rand and Taylor Vance’s farewell columns in The Daily Mississippian. Even though I had only started working for the DM that spring semester, I remember thinking to myself, “What would I write in a farewell column?” Well, it looks like that time has come, three and a half years later.

Working at The Daily Mississippian has given me an even greater appreciation for what journalists do. Whenever I talk to people about what I like about working at the DM, it’s something I always mention, along with the fact the DM gives me a better understanding of how journalism works. In this farewell piece, I’ll be quickly going over some things about journalists, in an attempt to help you understand more about what we do and why we do it. It means a lot to me, and I hope by the end of this you’ll see why.

### Journalists always do their best to tell the truth

I feel like this one is a no-brainer, but I still feel like it

needs to be said. In the Society of Professional Journalists Code of Ethics, the first point there is “Seek truth and report it.” Our job as journalists is to report the facts to you, our audience, so you can process them and do what you will with the information. I even have a tattoo on my arm about truth: “vincit omnia veritas,” which is Latin for “truth conquers all.” Truth and honesty are very important to me, and it’s a big part of why I’m a journalist.

I will admit, sometimes we get things wrong. It’s never on purpose. Journalists — for those of you who may not believe it — are human beings who sometimes make mistakes. If we make a mistake, we issue a correction online and in the paper if that mistake was printed. Owning up to mistakes is hard, but something we are willing to do.

### Journalists don’t always agree with what’s being published

Journalists, much like all of you, do have opinions! We’re just supposed to keep them out of the workplace to remain objective and unbiased. That’s what we do with our daily news coverage.

We also try to represent a variety of voices on campus in our opinion section. If you’ve ever read an opinion piece that you disagreed with in the past year, I’m willing to bet money that at least one person on the editorial staff was in the same boat as you.

Sometimes, people go on social media — mainly Facebook or Twitter — to vocalize their dislike of an article, and unfortunately, that can be done in a very rude fashion. I have been told on Twitter that I “support racism” and that “Ross Barnett would be proud of me” after a more conservative opinion piece was published, just because I gave that column the go-ahead in publishing. Even if you don’t agree with what’s being said, our job as journalists is to publish pieces that come from all perspectives when it comes to the opinion section. We wouldn’t be doing our job well if we weren’t making you aware that opinions opposing yours existed, would we?

### (Student) journalists are doing their best

I just feel like this needs to be said. Everyone that works at The Daily Mississippian —

editors, writers, photographers — is a student at the University of Mississippi. We’re juggling classes, job applications and summer internships applications. Anything and everything you could think of, we’re trying to do. It’s stressful, balancing working at the DM and literally everything else, but the work we do here is worth it to me.

We have worked tirelessly all year to provide you all with the latest news. We work rain or shine, tornado watch or tornado warning. Upon reading that, you may think we’re crazy. I can’t deny that we may be at least a little crazy for it, but it just goes to show how dedicated we are to journalism.

Being a journalist is hard. It’s tiring and stressful, and there always runs the risk of being cyberbullied on Twitter

for one thing or another. But journalists are some of the hardest workers I know. Journalists are public servants; they work relentlessly to best report a story to their audience and help educate them on their surroundings. Unfortunately, they are not seen as public servants, but as (underpaid) writers. Journalists deserve all of our respect and support for the work that they do for their community. I know they will always have mine.

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