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Blair Wortsmith is named the 2018 Miss University on Sunday night.

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Personality elections dominated by Greek donors

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All but one candidate who ran for this year's personality elections were affiliated with a Greek organization, and candidates were, once again, not required to disclose who donated to their campaign this past election cycle.

All three candidates for Miss Ole Miss — Hannah Bullock, Jessica Tran and Jessi Lockett — said they were funded by their respective Greek organizations.

Mr. Ole Miss candidates Mack Hubbell and Mikhail Love were funded by their Greek organizations, and Jarvis Benson said he self-funded his campaign.

Mr. Ole Miss Chauncey Mullins said his campaign was funded by donations, but he never clarified where the donations came from. Mullins is president

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Meredith, Cochran inducted into Hall of Fame

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James Meredith and Thad Cochran were inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame and received the Distinguished Alumni Award at the Inn at Ole Miss on Friday.

"These alumni have made such a notable contribution across the country and they represent the very best of Ole Miss," Chancellor Jeffrey Vitter said. "They're role models for our students, and they've set a standard for students to aspire to that are very inspiring and uplifting."

Alumni Howard Gerlach, Shaquita Morgan, Mac Haik and Vernon Kelley III were also inducted into the Hall of Fame on Friday.

Meredith, a native of Kosciusko, stepped onto the university campus in 1962 as the first black student and integrated the then all-white campus.

After graduating from the university, Meredith organized the "Meredith March Against Fear" in 1966 to continue to advocate for civil rights. Since then, he has authored numerous books.

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James Meredith and his wife sit at the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award Ceremony as he is inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame on Friday.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A letter calling for reparative justice

We, the undersigned faculty, staff and graduate students, commend the faculty decision at the Meek School of Journalism and New Media to call for donor Ed Meek to remove his name from the school immediately. We thank Dr. Meek for making the right decision to voluntarily withdraw his name from the school after his racist and sexist Facebook post. We must not simply condemn acts and symbols of hate on our campus but also build institutions which affirm our students and raise up historical struggles for justice.

Meek's comments expressed nostalgia for institutional racism and policies of racial exclusion, both of which are represented by the buildings and monuments on our campus. In the listening session on Sept. 20, students emphasized how monuments and buildings named after slave owners and segregationists act as a constant reminder of exclusion and source of harm.

Removing Ed Meek's name from the School is a necessary, but basic, step in a much longer process of reparative justice. Our university must firmly stand for its stated values of intellectual excellence, non-discrimination and inclusion and support for all its students.

Thus, we ask that the administration immediately take the follow-

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First, in consultation with the Ida B. Wells Memorial Foundation and other stakeholders, explore renaming the School of Journalism and New Media after Ida B. Wells-Barnett, the pioneering investigative journalist, anti-lynching crusader, feminist suffragist and co-founder of the NAACP, who was born into slavery in nearby Holly Springs, Mississippi.

Second, establish resources and scholarships for black women who are pursuing journalism degrees at the University.

Finally, establish a Reparative Justice Committee led by students and faculty in consultation with the office of Diversity and Inclusion and the University of Mississippi Slavery Research Group to begin the process of removing the Confederate monument. We acknowledge the important efforts of the contextualization committee. But based on the listening session with students and our classroom discussions, we conclude that more must be done to change the hostile climate on our campus. Accordingly, the committee will work toward other concrete changes to foster an inclusive community. This committee should be led by those most harmed and should promote reconciliation and constructive responses to the historical wrongs of slavery and segregation.

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When will Vitter act?

On Sept. 25, Ole Miss Chancellor Jeffrey Vitter called for an expedited vote on whether or not to remove Ed Meek's name from the School of Journalism and New Media. Within two days, the Undergraduate Council, the Graduate Council and the Council of Academic Administrators all voted in favor of removing Meek's name. Now that they've voted expeditiously, it seems the voting process has come to a halt since the proposal has arrived at Vitter's desk. As of Sunday, Sept. 7, Vitter had not released an update on where the proposal stands.



PHOTO: CHRISTIAN JOHNSON

Ed Meek, the namesake of the Meek School of Journalism and New Media, has requested his name be removed from the school, following controversy around a now-deleted post on his Facebook page.

17
DAYS

17 days since Ed Meek requested his name be removed from the School of Journalism and New Media. 13
DAYS

13 days since Chancellor Vitter released his last public statement, affirming his support for the decision to remove Meek's name.

DAYS

11 days since the Council of Academic Administrators' recommendation to remove Meek's name moved to Chancellor Vitter's desk. 10 DAYS

10 days until the next meeting of the state Institutions of Higher Learning Board of Trustees, the group that has the final say on the name removal.

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Time to work together to create a better governance



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During campus elections, you were probably bombarded with more stickers and people reminding you to vote than you ever could have wanted. Despite the overabundance of stickers and campaigning, student elections are a vital part of our campus life that provide us with the unique opportunity to select student lead-

ers to either represent our interests in the Associated Student Body or to represent our campus within the larger LOU community.

As with most things, there is always room for improvement in our election processes, and an opportunity to provide input on those changes has developed over the past few weeks. Following Katherine Sistrunk's resignation as the ASB attorney general, which is the student government official responsible for overseeing all elections and election processes, the ASB created an Elections Reform Taskforce and placed Sistrunk and Leah Davis, the ASB principal of Inclusion and Cross-Cultural Engagement on the ASB president's cabinet, in charge of it. This taskforce was established to review current election

procedures and propose solutions to resolve them. It is important, now more than ever, that we speak up and speak out about problems in our current system and work together to find sound solutions.

Why should election reform matter to you?

Election reform directly affects your ability to engage with our campus and share your voice. In the most recent personality election, just under 5,000 students voted in the primary election on Sept. 18, according to the official ASB voting results. In the runoff election held on Sept. 20 to determine Mr. and Miss Ole Miss, fewer than 4,000 students voted. This means approximately 20 percent or less of our campus actually decided who won these important positions in the most recent election. Every vote counts, and it truly cannot be overstated how much your voicematters in these elections. Ensuring your voice is being heard is just as important as participating in the election itself, and election reforms can make sharing your voice easier and more convenient.

As members of this campus community, it is vital that we actively participate in and contribute back to our community. It is our responsibility to ensure that our university is better when we leave than when we arrived. Election reform also provides us with an opportunity to create lasting change for the better by developing sound systems and infrastructure which promote more fairness and accessibility in our elections.

For these reasons and more, it is incredibly important that we get involved with our campus election reform. Email your ASB campus senator. Talk to your friends about how we can best improve our elections. Share your concerns, frustrations and suggestions with ASB officials.

Election reform of this magnitude may not come again for a while. It is vital that we share our voices and work together to create a system that operates in all of our best interests. This year, our future is on the ballot, and it is time that we, the student body, vote for ourselves.

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of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. This election is the first personality election since former ASB Attorney General Katherine Sistrunk resigned from her position saying she realized that Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council organizations provided advantages to their members running in student elections that non-Greek affiliated candidates are not afforded.

"As a member of our Greek community, I have benefited from this system, and I have been provided these advantages," Sistrunk said in a statement. "By publicly acknowledging this, I believe that we can reform this culture to be more inclusive and work to make student elections more equitable."

Judicial Council Chair Alex Crouch, ASB Vice President Walker Abel and ASB President Elam Miller, representing the three heads of the different branches of student government, issued a statement in support of Sistrunk following her resignation.

"It is our hope that (Sistrunk) and others passionate about election reform will implement change for our community," the statement read.

Since then, Sistrunk and Leah Davis, chair of inclusion and cross cultural engagement, have formed an Election Reform Task Force, where they intend to host public forums on Oct. 23 and Nov. 14 to hear students concerns and opinions about the current elections process.

"The task force is dedicated to increasing transparency within the election process, and we are working with different student organizations, and getting advice from various faculty, staff, and University



Miss. Ole Miss Jessica Tran (red) celebrates on election night.



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Homecoming Queen Hallie Gillam reacts to the results from this year's election.



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Chauncey Mullins celebrates after winning Mr. Ole Miss.

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How much ASB candidates spent on this year's personality elections.

leadership in accomplishing this goal," Sistrunk and Davis said in an email response to The Daily Mississippian.

Over the past 15 years, only one non-Greek affiliated candidate has ever been elected Mr. or Miss Ole Miss. Acacia Santos, who was the 2016-2017 Miss Ole Miss, ran while unaffiliated to any Greek organization.

ASB Attorney General Austin Fiala said he was pleased with how fall elections turned out, and the attorney general's office only received four campaign violations.

ASB Code does not mandate campaigns to disclose campaign donations," Fiala said. "In order to change this, legislation would need to be drafted and passed by the ASB Senate. My primary job as ASB Attorney General is to serve as the custodian of the Code and Constitution. As the Code, presently, does not mandate this disclosure, and as my responsibility is to interpret the Code as written, it would be improper for me to comment on the ethicality of the issue."

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"It's the most important event of my lifetime and I wanted to make sure to recognize the five people responsible for me being here," Meredith said.

Meredith eagerly pulled out a sheet of paper with five names written on it after Friday's ceremony. He emphasized these peoples' contributions in his life and acknowledged them when speaking on what he was able to accomplish over the past 50

Meredith thanked former Ole Miss professor David Sansing, former Ole Miss chancellor Robert Khayat, former Ole Miss chancellor Dan Jones, Oxford-based attorney Hiram Eastland and the Vitter family for contributing the most in his

Lena Chewe, an attendee at the ceremony, said she felt that Meredith could've been commemorated sooner for his contributions to this campus, but she's honored to have taken part in the event.

"I don't know why it's so delayed," Chewe said. "It should've been done long ago, but it's better late than never. He opened up the gates for (black students) to come to Ole Miss and have no problems whatsoever. His life was threatened, and he was guarded here. And, it's an honor for us to be here and see history, even though it's been many years, but history is taking place tonight at Ole Miss."

Shaquita Morgan was awarded Outstanding Young Alumni during the ceremony. She thanked Meredith because without him, she said she doesn't believe she would be standing on the stage being recognized by the Ole Miss Alumni Association.

"A man who paved the way for me to stand where I was today even before I was born," Morgan said.

Alongside Meredith, former U.S. Senator, Thad Cochran, was also honored by the Ole Miss Alumni Association as a Distinguished Alumni.

Cochran, a native of Pontotoc, was a six-term U.S. Senator and was chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations. He enrolled in the university in 1955 and was student body Vice President and a member of Omicron Delta Kappa. Cochran served in the U.S. House of

Representatives for five years before joining the Senate in 1978. He resigned from the U.S Senate in April 2018, citing health concerns.

Kay Webber Cochran, Cochran's wife, took the stand to speak on behalf of Cochran.

"Thad's been honored," Kay Cochran said. "He's thrilled. In the 45 years that Thad was in Congress he received many, many awards, but I can tell you that tonight, being inducted into the Ole Miss Hall of Fame by the Ole Miss Alumni Association — this is the greatest honor he's ever received."

Blair Wortsmith crowned Miss University 2018

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Blair Wortsmith was crowned Miss University during the 2018 pageant on Sunday night.

Wortsmith, a senior managerial finance major, said she had a long journey to the title of Miss University. She began competing in the Miss America Organization when she was 15 and said she knew immediately that she identified deeply with the mission of Miss America.

While in college, Wortsmith continued participating in pageants. She won Most Beautiful at the Ole Miss Parade of Beauties during her sophomore year, which eventually led her to the Miss Mississippi pageant where she was awarded first runner-up.

Last night, Wortsmith's eight-year dream finally came true as Charley Ann Nix, Miss University 2017, placed the crown on Wortsmith's head. She had won a Miss America Sponsored Pageant.

"The moment was just so surreal," Wortsmith said of her win. "It still hasn't sunk in yet. I am so excited and so humbled by all of this."

Wortsmith is a member of the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College and is



Blair Wortsmith is crowned Miss University on Sunday.

the Associated Student Body Director of Promotions.

Worthsmith said it was her experiences in the classroom as a managerial finance major that inspired her platform for the Miss University pageant.

"My platform is guiding youth to financial freedom," Wortsmith said. "The focus is

women in the Oxford community. Our main focus is those who have become burdened

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on implementing and empowering youth with money management skills so they can be successful when they leave college and head to the workforce."

Worthsmith will now head to Vicksburg, where she will have the opportunity to compete against women from all

across the state for the title of Miss Mississippi. The winner of Miss Mississippi will then go on to compete in the Miss America competition.

The Student Activities Association works to ensure that "contestants are comfortable and excited ... whether it is their first year or their

third," according to Rosa Salas Gonzales, president of the Student Activities Association.

'The role of SAA in this event is to promote ticket sales, recruit contestants. select judges, and execute all tasks the day of the event such as tally points," she said.

These tasks are undertaken by 30 committee members under the instruction of student directors Landon Chapman, Kelsea White and Eliza Williams.

Director of the Student Union Bradley Baker said he focusses on many of the larger aspects of running the pageant such as securing funding and following official protocol of Miss America preliminary pageants. He said the university tries to learn from the previous year's pageants and make improvements.

"Falling under the umbrella of Miss America and Miss Mississippi means there are certain guidelines we have to abide by and procedures we have to follow," Baker said. "There's a lot of scholarship money at stake in these pageants and the organization keeps us accountable to that.'

Wortsmith was awarded a \$4,000 scholarship as a part of the Miss America Organization's scholarship program.

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TOP: The 2018 homecoming court poses on the field of Vaught-Hemingway Stadium during Saturday's homecoming game versus Louisiana Monroe. BOTTOM LEFT: The 2018 Homecoming Queen Hallie Gilliam waves to the crowd during halftime of the homecoming game versus Louisiana Monroe on Saturday. MIDDLE RIGHT: Mr. and Miss Ole Miss Chauncey Mullins and Jessica Tran wave to onlookers during the homecoming parade last Friday. BOTTOM RIGHT: Miss Mississippi Asia Branch and Miss Tennessee Christine Williamson take a photo with fans in the Grove before Saturday's game versus Louisiana Monroe.



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TOP LEFT: James Meredith is honored on the field at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium during halftime of Ole Miss' 2018 homecoming game. Meredith joined other new Hall of Fame inductees on the field during Saturday's game. TOP RIGHT: Former U.S. Senator Thad Cochran waves to the crowd the day after being inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame, accompanied by his wife, Kay Cochran. Former UM Athletics Director Warner Alford (left) was honored with the Alumni Service Award. BOTTOM RIGHT: Ole Miss students ride on their float during Friday's homecoming parade.



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Ole Miss Theatre enters final week of 'She Kills Monsters'

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After a two week run of shows, Ole Miss Theatre will put on its last performances of "She Kills Monsters" this week. The final shows are at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 9 through 13 and at noon on Oct. 13 and 14 in the Meek Auditori-

Written by Qui Nguyen and first performed in 2011, "She Kills Monsters" is a comedy featuring homicidal fairies and references to 1990s pop culture.

The play centers around Agnes Evans who leaves her home in Ohio after her teenage sister, Tilly, and her parents die in a car accident. Agnes finds her little sister's journal in which she wrote a Dungeons & Dragons game, then takes the journal to a game store in order to learn more about it.

After visiting the store, Agnes decides to play the game. On this journey, Agnes discovers things



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The fantasy production "She Kills Monsters" is performed by Ole Miss students and is this year's first production by the Department of Theatre and Film.

about Tilly that she did not know before. In doing so, Agnes is able to get closure about what happened to her sister and create a connection with her that didn't exist when Tilly was alive

Guest director Michael Hood said that Nguyen's play is a "masterpiece of inclusion nestled within an adventure that is much more than it might seem.'

Hood said he has worked on many shows, but this play in particular has much more action, monsters and strong female characters.

"It has a great deal of fighting in it, so there is a lot of combat choreography," Hood said.

Hood also said that senior theatre arts major Sydney Hanson was the perfect fit to play Agnes because of her experience with combat acting.

Production for "She Kills Monsters" began last spring

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and the cast started rehearsing in mid-August. Sophomore theatre arts major Lizzy Martin, who plays Tilly, said that they have had rehearsal every day since August 20.

Martin said that one of her favorite things about the show is the costumes and weapons they get to use.

"The costume designers really did a great job putting all the ideas together and everybody on the design team (did)," Martin said. "They all did such a phenomenal job in really just bringing this whole project together."

Martin said the whole story is meant to show that it is alright to "be yourself" and accept others for who they are. Martin also added that even though Agnes and Tilly weren't close when Tilly died, by playing the game, Agnes got to feel connected to Tilly.

Since part of the play is about accepting others, Martin said that one of the things that helps her get into character is thinking of her little sister, who is a part of the LGBTQ community.

"I'm not necessarily playing (my little sister), but most of my actions and emotions are definitely inspired from the way she possibly feels about certain situations," Martin said. "It really helps me connect with the character in such a better way."

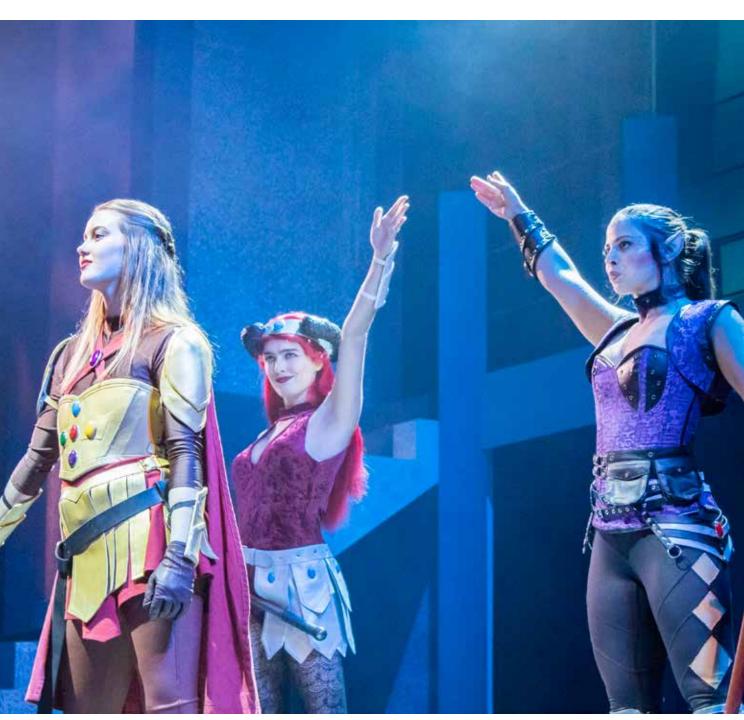


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Ole Miss Soccer defeats Arkansas despite Merritt injury

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The Ole Miss Rebels came out like a team on a mission against the Arkansas Razorbacks, putting Arkansas players on their heels for much of Sunday's contest. The strong performance resulted in a convincing 3-1 win to make Rebel soccer 3-2-1 in SEC play.

The victory comes off of a heartbreaking 2-1 loss to Missouri on Thursday night. The Tigers scored a game-winning goal in the final minutes of regulation, sending the Rebels home empty-handed.

Sunday's game against the Razorbacks did not begin ideally for the Rebels. Goalkeeper Marnie Merritt had to be substituted following an injury in the 7th minute. Merritt's injury forced head coach Matt Mott to turn to freshman Morgan McAslan to take over for the veteran goalkeeper.

McAslan made a huge oneon-one save in the 26th minute



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Gabby Little keeps the ball away from forward Elizabeth Woerner during game versus Memphis earlier this season.

to keep the game scoreless, and this would be the first of her two saves in the game. The freshman was put into a difficult situation replacing the injured Merritt, but she made the most of the opportunity catching cross after cross and taking full control of the box. Ignoring the nerves, she was able to get a good result in her SEC

debut and help the team see the

"I was trying to feel confident when I walked out onto the field, to know (that) I've done everything I can so just get out there and do my best and do it for Marnie," McAslan said.

The Rebels would score first off of a Lonnie Mulligan strike

from outside the box with 13 minutes left in the half following an excellent Ole Miss counter-attack. The ball struck the crossbar before bouncing and crossing the line to give the Rebels the lead. Kizer and Ella Frischknecht assisted the goal, which was Kizer's fifth and Frischknecht's first assist this season.

Kizer and Channing Foster kicked off the second half with a goal just five minutes into the second frame. Kizer found Foster on a perfectly placed through ball, and Foster would effortlessly slot it just inside the near post to give the Rebels a 2-0 lead. The Rebels struggled to put the ball in the back of the net against Missouri three days prior, but that wasn't the case in Sunday's game.

"We worked the other day (in practice) on taking control and putting the ball in the back of the net whenever you have a chance, so today we were a lot more clinical in front of goal and it definitely paid off," Foster said.

Kizer would put the nail in

the coffin of Arkansas' comeback effort with a goal with six minutes remaining in the game for her 12th goal of the season. Kizer said the team impressively rallied around Merritt following the injury.

"She's done so much for every single person on this team, and we owed her the win," Kizer said.

Matt Mott was unable to say how long Merritt would be out, but said she will have an MRI on Monday. Mott said he was impressed with the freshman McAslan's SEC debut.

"She knows how to do the job, and I thought she was great, she handled everything thrown at her," Mott said.

Ole Miss came into the Arkansas game following a frustrating defeat at Missouri on Thursday. The 2-1 result was the Rebels first SEC loss on the road this season.

Ole Miss will face LSU on Thursday in Baton Rouge before again going on the road to face the Kentucky Wildcats the following week.

Volleyball earns first conference win in victory over LSU

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The Ole Miss Volleyball team played two games this weekend, losing at Arkansas on Friday before snapping a four match losing streak with a win over LSU at home on Sunday.

The Rebels lost to Arkansas 2-3 Friday night (26-24, 25-22, 22-25, 19-25, 13-15), extending their losing streak to four straight to begin conference play. After taking the first two sets, Ole Miss dropped three straight, including a heartbreaking fifth set that went the distance.

Junior Emily Stroup led the team with 20 kills on a .129 hitting percentage. Stroup also had 22 digs and two blocks. Senior Caitlin Wernentin recorded a then-career high 17 kills on a .333 clip, contributing four digs and three blocks as well.

"We lost a heartbreaker on Friday night," head coach Steven McRoberts said. "(It was) a threehour match and both teams had been struggling up to that point."

The Rebels snapped their losing streak on Sunday afternoon, getting their first SEC win of the season in a 3-2 victory over LSU (22-25, 25-22, 21-25, 25-21, 16-14). In an emotional game in which both teams were seeking their first SEC win, the Rebs barely edged out the Tigers, with the two teams being very evenly matched.

Ole Miss came out swinging in the first set, gaining an 11-6 advantage early before LSU fought its way back into the match, tying the game at 18-18 after an attack error by sophomore Lauren Bars.

After battling back and forth LSU went on a short 3-0 run to take a 24-21 lead, eventually taking the set 25-22.

The second set went the other way entirely, as LSU took the early advantage before an 11-3 run from Ole Miss gave the Rebs a 24-21 lead. Stroup recorded four kills during this run, willing the Rebels to a 25-22 set win, evening the match at one set apiece.

The third set was even closer, as neither team was able to pull away in a back and forth battle. There were 12 ties and three lead changes, and neither team managed to lead by more than two as the teams drew even at 20-20. LSU then finally pulled away, scoring four straight to take a 24-20 edge. After ceding a point on a service error, the Tigers closed out the set 25-21 and took a 2-1 advantage in the match.

The fourth set was also close, but the Rebels' ability to score at pivotal moments helped them along the way. The set was tied at 15-15 before a 3-0 run by Ole Miss, countered by a 3-0 run by LSU tied the game back up at 18-18. In a key point, a kill by Wernentin gave the Rebs the advantage, and they did not relinquish their lead from that point on. A Stroup kill gave the Rebels the set at 25-21, and paved the way for a winner-take-all fifth set.

The fifth set was as close as possible, with an astounding 13 ties and five lead changes in a first-to-fifteen set. LSU's early 3-1 lead proved to be the largest lead of the set, and after trading points for the entire set, the Rebels came out on top with a 16-14 win, clinching the match three sets to

Stroup recorded a career-high



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Nayo Warnell spikes the ball during the game versus Georgia earlier this season. Georgia won the game 3-0.

30 kills on an impressive .313 clip, also contributing 24 digs, one block, one assist, and two aces.

"I think we all were pretty confident, we had a really good week of practice," Stroup said. "(This win) gives us a lot of confidence just knowing we finally put it

together and could get the win."

Wernentin posted a new career high with 21 kills on a .300 clip, and shined in pivotal moments, especially later in the match. She recorded five digs and two blocks.

"I was feeling good, the game against Arkansas I hit a career

high of 17, and that was a huge confidence booster. Coming into this game I already had a whole bunch of confidence," Wernentin said. "I just went after it, played with no fear of mistakes or anything and it came out to be the best thing for me."

Bars also posted a career high, recording an astonishing 51 assists to go along with two kills, five digs and two blocks.

"I was really confident, we've been practicing all week and I believe in our team even though we were o-3 (before this weekend), I knew we were going to come out really strong," Bars said.

The Rebels will look to build on this momentum next weekend, when they will play Missouri at home on Friday before travelling to Lexington to take on No. 18 Kentucky on Sunday.

"I think that this game going forward is going to be the 'click' moment," assistant coach Tori Plugge said. "We did a lot of really good things as a team, so to be able to battle like that and finally come out on top is going to be such a confidence booster for our team moving forward."



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the power in his right arm. His impressive ability on the run was clear on Saturday afternoon. He made a defender miss a tackle on the sideline before scampering 61 yards to the end zone on a zone read play. The coaching staff plans to let Corral have full control of the offense instead of only handing the

"I was happy to get Matt Corral some quality snaps," head coach Matt Luke said. "You saw [Corral's] ability to pull it and run and make decisions in the RPO game."

The defense clearly had its marquee performance of the season on Saturday. With a secondary that has had to absorb season-ending injuries to three starters, Luke had to flip running backs Tylan Knight and Armani Linton to the defensive side of the ball. At safety, Linton totaled six tackles, one and a half for loss. Knight finished with three tackles.

For two guys seeing their first defensive snaps of the season, nine tackles between the two can be considered a win. Defensive coordinator Wesley McGriff had confidence in both of his converted running backs' ability to step in and play well.

"Armani (Linton) has some time on task," McGriff said. "He knows the scheme. It was good to see him come over and be in a plug-andplay situation. It was good to see Knight get over there and play a little bit. He has tremendous football DNA. He plays fast."

With a full slate of SEC games remaining, Luke and the Rebels are in a good position to finish with a winning record in his first season as full-time head coach. Arkansas and Auburn await before the bve week.



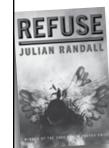


TOP: Wide receiver A.J. Brown scores a touchdown during Saturday's homecoming game versus Louisiana-Monroe. Ole Miss won the game 70-21. BOTTOM: A.J. Brown and Elijah Moore lead the Ole Miss team onto the field before the second half of Saturday's game against Louisiana-Monroe. Players touch the statue of Chucky Mullins for good luck as they exit the tunnel.

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Record-setting offensive fireworks power Rebels to win

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For the first time this season, the Ole Miss Rebels put together a complete performance.

The Rebels beat Louisiana-Monroe by a score of 70-21. This brings an end to the non-conference schedule. All four of the wins on the schedule so far have come outside of the Southeastern Conference. The offense operated at its most efficient level thus far and broke some records along the way to the blowout win. The defense surrendered only 14 points and played well, considering the mounting injuries.

For the second time this season, Phil Longo's offense tallied 70 points. For the first time in school history, the offense eclipsed 800 yards of total offense.

The offense clicked in a way that had not been seen this season. Jordan Ta'amu was finished after the first half, but his numbers are that of a complete 60-minute performance. His stat line reads 21 completions on 24 passes for 374 yards and three touch-

downs in the air. He ran for another pair of scores in the first half.

The N.W.O. all went over 100 yards receiving for the game and all had a touchdown catch. DaMarkus Lodge ended a 97-yard, one minute and seven second drive at the end of the first half with a touchdown grab. He totaled 179 yards on nine catches. A.J. Brown equaled him in catches and gained 133 yards. D.K. Metcalf averaged 28.8 yards-per-catch and totaled 115 yards. Nine different players caught a pass on the day.

Running back Scottie Phillips added 74 yards on the ground, finding the end zone twice. He also was the recipient of true freshman quarterback Matt Corral's first career touchdown pass; Phillips caught an 11-yard swing pass from Corral to score.

Corral saw his first extended period of game action of the season, playing the entire second half. His arm talent was on display on a 30-yard completion to D.K. Metcalf near the sideline. Corral placed the ball over Metcalf's shoulder perfectly, showing he has touch to go along with



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Quarterback Jordan Ta'amu makes a pass downfield during the homecoming game versus Louisiana-Monroe on Saturday. Ole Miss won 70-21.

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