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# Homecoming in the Sip





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Following voting two weeks ago, Mr. and Miss Ole Miss, Madison Gordon and Ian Pigg, and Homecoming King and Queen, Kenzee Blount and Bradford Stewart, sat down with members of the DM editorial staff to talk about their lives at Ole Miss and why they decided to run for their respective positions.

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# Abby Church crowned Miss University 2022

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Abby Church was crowned Miss University 2022 on Sunday night during the 73rd annual scholarship pageant. Church is a junior psychology major with a pre-law track and also a member of the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College. After a special interview with judges, an onstage interview, a talent competition and a red carpet competition, Church won the crown. "This has really been a dream come true," she said. "It's been such a good experience. But there's excitement, anxiety and nerves. Everything is rushing through me right now, just overwhelmed with emotions." Church's platform, "Positively Purpose," focuses on empowering

young people to have confidence in themselves for their future, especially in the professional workforce. "Positively Purpose" uses a podcast located on Spotify, a clothing competence organization and a body image 3D initiative to empower young women, and Church serves as its primary host. "Basically, we're empowering young people to develop the internal confidence that it takes to have external success," she said. "The main three ways that we're doing that is through a podcast, which I am the founder and host of, and it can be found on Spotify. We also have a clothing competence organization here on campus, which clothes women in interview attire and professional work clothes so that they can be successful after college. The third way that we're really implementing 'positively purpose'



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Who will be able to shake off their week five loss against a top tier team this weekend? After getting shutout against No. 2 Georgia 37-0 last week, I'm sure Arkansas is looking to walk out of Vaught-Hemingway with a redeeming win under their belts. However, the Ole Miss Rebels lost to No. 1 Alabama 42-21 in a game many thought they had a chance to win. It's safe to say the Rebels have a fire under their belts and an 11 a.m. kickoff isn't going to stop them from sending those little piggies running all the way home. In the game against the Alabama Crimson Tide on Oct. 2, Ole Miss received the ball in the first half and drove the ball down the field in a dominant opening drive. However,

when met with a 4th and 1 at the Alabama six yard line, Lane Kiffin opted to go for it. Jerrion Ealy's run was met with the brunt force of Alabama's defense resulting in a zero point drive for the Rebels. After that stop on fourth down, Ole Miss could not get their offense going for the rest of the first half. The overall defensive performance was less than ideal against Alabama, giving up the most points in a game this season along with an inability to stop Alabama running back Brian Robinson Jr. keeping the Rebels out of the contest. Robinson ran for 171 yards and tacked on four touchdowns. Alabama put up 451 yards on offense on Saturday, compared to Ole Miss' 291 offensive yards. While Matt Corral did not have a terrible outing, he was not receiving much help from his receivers and the running game was simply not there

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# King

# Kenzee Blount

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"Throughout my three years here at the university, I've just been putting in effort into different organizations and trying to get to know people. So at the end of the day, it's just a big accomplishment that I was able to pull off," Kenzee Blount said.

Homecoming king, senior Kenzee Blount, succeeded in being "authentically himself" and hopes to continue in sharing this message to others on campus.

"So hopefully, throughout the rest of my time here at the university, I can really just encourage people to truly just take advantage of all the resources in the community here at the university," Blount said. "And to really just help them understand that they're perfectly where they are, and that without them, our university wouldn't be the same."

Throughout his time at the university Blount has been involved in organizations including co-director for special events for Active Minds, a learning and engagement ambassador, MPower peer leader, director of Rebel Run and an orientation leader.

"The one position that really helped me just growing leadership skills and the individual that I am today would be an orientation leader and just going through that training and doing that for the past two summers has really helped me grow so much," Blount said.

Blount is from the nearby town of Independence, Mississippi and has always held a special place in his heart for the University of Mississippi.

"I always knew about Ole Miss. I'd come to different events and everything but you really don't understand the community that comes with it until you get here. Just being able to make those connections and have that community is really just what makes Ole Miss special," Blount said.

After completing his campaign for homecoming king,

Blount is hoping to create lifetime memories during his senior year both on and off campus.

"T'm trying to get more into going on like little spontaneous road trips and stuff like that. I just got back from a trip to Chattanooga so that was fun," Blount said. "But really just kind of just like getting more out there like traveling and stuff like that."

Blount credits the university as helping the development of his campaign platform and his slogan "be authentically you."

"When I came in my freshman year, I was really just kind of struggling with my identity, and who I was, and everything and just mentors and peer leaders and people in the community here at the university, really just embraced who I am," Blount said. "It's like having a better understanding of who I am. So really, that's just kind of where the idea kind of stemmed from was really just kind of trying to be that person."

After an extended campus absence and restrictions from COVID-19, election results are once again being announced outside of the Lyceum.

"Honestly, when I first started thinking about running and stuff that was kind of like one of the first thoughts that I had because with COVID-19 in the past and not being able to have those announcements out there at the Lyceum, I thought it was a really big bummer. But being able to do that, again, just the thought of it was just kind of exhilarating, but then actually being able to be there," Blount said.

Blount said that being able to be present at the announcement of election results made the hard work of the campaign worth it.

"Hearing like all the names, the announcements, stuff like that, it just really just broadened the perspective. Like wow, this has been what my time here the university's kind of been leading up to, and just really, it was just really just a good time. And it's an exciting moment, honestly," Blount said.

Blount had strong feelings about the best restaurant in



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Oxford and answered with no hesitation.

"That's an easy one, South Depot Taco Shop. I'll say, there was a big debate over the summer between Chipotle or South Depot and anybody who said Chipotle, I gotta get out," Blount said.

Junior exercise science major Addison Russell is one of Blount's campaign managers and has known him since their first year at the university.

"So Kenzee is my best friend in the whole world. I met him my freshman year, his sophomore year, and the impact that he had on my life, like he really did change who I am as a person," Russell said.

Even though Russell was one of the campaign managers, she said she couldn't have done the campaign without everyone involved.

"Really, everybody helped, like, I cannot express that enough. There were so many people behind the scenes doing things and helping," Russell said. "It was a super fun experience. I wouldn't change it for anything. The people made it so incredible. So anything that we might want to stress about there was always somebody there to help."

Senior integrated marketing communications major Aggie Doddridge is the other campaign manager and she has had a relationship with Blount since high school. After hearing his decision to run, she was overjoyed to be a part of it.

"I've known Kenzee since we were in high school, and, you know, ever since coming to the university and I think those, you know, friendships that you've had for a while can really benefit you and help you guide you through this academic whirlwind," Doddridge said. "When he approached me about wanting to do it, I was just all gung ho and ready to support him and help him in any way possible. He is the type of person that you always want your corner and has truly made the University of Mississippi at home for me."

Doddridge gave a piece of friendly advice for anyone on campus who considers running for homecoming court in the coming years.

"The pros outweigh the cons. And I would encourage people to take that leap of faith to examine how your life has been at Ole Miss. And, you know, no matter what the outcome is, at the end of it, you're gonna learn something from it, you're gonna make a better student because of it, be more well rounded, and you're going to take it into your professional career," Doddridge said.

Even though the campaign may be over, Blount and his team will continue to spread his message across campus and Oxford to encourage everyone to "be authentically you."

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# Queen

# **Bradford Stewart**

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If Bradford Stewart could be any type of bread, she would be a salted pretzel with a side mustard. She said that pretzels are her favorite food to order at concession stands and they're always fun and exciting.

Homecoming queen, senior Bradford Stewart, held her chin high to keep her crown from falling after winning the election on Sept. 23. Stewart said she felt at peace walking up to the Lyceum stairs waiting on the results. However, peace quickly turned to joy after hearing she was the winner.

"Oh my gosh, this isn't real. I feel like I'm dreaming. I remember walking back and talking to Kenzee (the homecoming king) and being like, 'Kenzee, I need you to pinch me. This isn't real," Stewart said.

Even as a Birmingham, Alabama, native, Stewart remembers always shouting "Hotty Toddy" instead of "Roll Tide.'

"I just always loved Ole Miss. I loved the campus, the Grove, the people that I met that were already here," Stewart said. "It was definitely stepping outside of the Alabama-Auburn bubble and doing something different, but at the same time having the comfort of family."

Family seems to be an invisible string that binds Stewart together. Stewart has a line of Ole Miss Alumni in her family, starting from her parents to her two sisters.

Family is so important to Stewart that with her sisters, she started a fashion blog called Poema, which is Spanish for poem. Stewart said that the fashion blog's name was inspired by the bible verse Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Although Stewart is majoring in integrated marketing communications, her dream is to turn the fashion blog into a clothing store with her sisters.

On top of Poema, Stewart is involved in the Rebelettes and The Grove Retreat, which her older sister started when she attended Ole Miss. The Grove Retreat is a Christianbased student organization that welcomes incoming freshmen to Oxford. Stewart held the position of Director of Public Relations this past August. Stewart is also in the Tri Delta sorority, where she currently holds the position of membership experience chair, which handles recruitment and new member education. She is also in a few honor societies.

This past spring, Stewart was nominated by her sorority to run for homecoming queen. After many prayers and conversations with family and friends, Stewart decided that running was a good idea.

"I'm doing this for every single person that I've met on this campus and not for me, like I want to represent them well and be somebody that they want to be their homecoming queen," Stewart said.

From day one, she hit the ground running: Excel spreadsheets, campaign ideas, finding campaign managers, social media content, slogans, stickers and networking.

With all these responsibilities, Stewart said she still found time to attend to all of her other responsibilities and bring a bright light to the people who have supported her through this whole process, despite the exhaustion that comes from campaigning.

"I wanted to be there for the people that I knew were standing by my side so I would just constantly be going," Stewart said.

"Brighter with Bradford," her slogan for the campaign trail, truly encapsulates Stewart as a person.

"I think one thing that going back to what Ole Miss has taught me is it's taught me like where my strengths and weaknesses are," Stewart said. "One thing that I've come to find out is that my strengths are being joyful and encouraging to people. I definitely have lots of weaknesses, so not

discrediting the fact that I do have weaknesses. I wanted to come up with something that was different and just new and unique."

After the slogan was decided, Stewart started designing the stickers and came up with a graphic that incorporated sunshine with colors of powder blue, orange and yellow.

Stewart said she would not have been able to win if it wasn't for her phenomenal team.

"I truly couldn't have done this without Scout Hodges, Greg Vance, Evan Raines and Drew Scott," Stewart said. "Their constant encouragement throughout the two weeks of campaigning, so a huge 'thank you' to them because I would not be where I am without them."

Hodges, one of Stewart's

campaign managers, said it was a joy to work with Stewart for the run to homecoming queen.

"She has impacted so many people in so many corners of the campus, and they all really showed up to support her," Hodges said. "She truly is one of the hardest workers I know and is so great at pouring into those she works with. It brought us so much closer and I'm so grateful to have worked with a candidate as amazing as she is."

Within the upcoming week, Stewart has a lot on her plate. From reading books to children, ice cream bars, photoshoots with alumni, double-decker bus tours and riding in the homecoming parade, Stewart said she's so grateful to have this opportunity to connect with so many people in the Ole Miss and Oxford community.

accredits Stewart her authenticity and success to Ole Miss.

"One thing that this university has taught me, or really shown me throughout my four years here, or three years here is like who I truly am," Stewart said. "It's challenged me and it's really pushed me and given me different opportunities and experiences, friendships and people that I know are going to be in my life forever."

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Ole Miss has not only brought Stewart knowledge and education, but close friends and support systems. As she enters her final year at Ole Miss, she offers students this piece of advice.

"I've loved getting involved in different organizations across campus that have brought me so many amazing friendships and memories," Stewart said. "Without the encouragement from those friendships, I wouldn't have been able to do half of the things I've been involved in my last three years."



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# Mr. Ole Miss

# lan Pigg

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As a child, Ian Pigg dreamed of becoming a zookeeper or a vet. As an adult, he's figuring out his dream after college deciding between working in fundraising and development or going to graduate school to get an MBA.

Right now, as a college student, Pigg is fulfilling another dream: being Mr. Ole Miss.

The senior public policy leadership major was elected Mr. Ole Miss on Sept. 21 and will be recognized as such on Saturday at the homecoming game against Arkansas.

Pigg's campaign, "At the Table," was inspired by one of his favorite songs, "Crowded Table" by The Highwomen, and he featured the song in one of his campaign videos. The song is about having a full table and a seat for everybody.

"(Ole Miss) gave me a seat at the table and I'm some random first generation college student from some town (Clifton, Tennessee) that nobody has ever been to Ole Miss from," Pigg said. "So (my campaign) kind of morphed into 'At the Table' because I want to celebrate the people who have found their places, but also make sure that everyone feels like they have a seat at the table because we have the capacity for it. I think we're a really welcoming student body and we have people who are really trying to make change and be the best that Ole Miss can be, but it just takes a little bit more work."

Winning the title Mr. Ole Miss proved his campaign correct, he said.

"I think it speaks to the whole idea of my campaign that everybody has a seat at the table no matter where you come from, if your parents and grandparents and great grandparents went to Ole Miss or if your parents didn't even go to a four year university, so it's been really awesome," Pigg said. "It just shows you can be whatever you want to be here, like you don't have to have this pedigree to succeed here."

Surprisingly, Pigg wasn't initially set on attending Ole Miss. Pigg said he was dead set on going to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, but his mom was against it because the UT campus is six and a half hours away from their home.

"My mom was like, 'Ian, you're not doing that.' So of course that made me want to do it even more," Pigg said. "But she's like, I really think you should go look at Ole Miss. I'd never heard of the University of Mississippi. Come to find out it's two and a half hours from my house, I had no idea."

Pigg toured the university twice while in high school, once in the fall and once in the spring. He said he didn't love it in the fall because the leaves were gone and he was generally in a bad mood that day, but he loved it when he came back in the spring. What really sold him, however, was the Ole Miss Women's Council Scholarship, for which he interviewed.

"At the end of the call they were like, 'How sure are you that you're coming to Ole Miss?' And without thinking about it I was like, 'You know I'm 99% sure, 100% sure if I got the scholarship,' " Pigg said. "I got off the phone call and I was like, 'Did I just say that? I'm literally about to pick a roommate at UT Knoxville.' But (the Women's Council) called me and offered it to me, so here I am."

isn't Pigg new to campaigning for homecoming elections. Last year, Pigg, along with senior integrated marketing communications major Kylie Cockrell - one of his best friends who ended up being one of his own campaign managers - were campaign managers for Lilli Gordon, who won Miss Ole Miss.

"It was a full circle moment when Lilli called me (the night I won). She said, 'Hey, welcome to the club," Pigg said.

He said he thought whether campaigning as a campaign manager or candidate – was a great experience.

"I really love supporting my friends, and it's a completely different experience when it's your name on the ballot, but not in a bad way," Pigg said. "I was so surprised by the outpouring of support I got from so many people across campus."

While Pigg did win Mr. Ole Miss, he didn't consider running until this year, when his friends started encouraging him to run.

"I was just scared that people wouldn't really identify with what I wanted to talk about," Pigg said. "So I thought about that and I thought about the past three years, like all the friends I've made and how much this place meant to me. I was like, 'I might as well take a shot at it."

Deciding to run for Mr. Ole Miss may have been a difficult decision to make, but deciding who would be his campaign managers was not. Cockrell and senior mathematics major Harrison Grimes are two of Pigg's best friends and were easy choices as campaign managers.

"Kylie was actually my first Ole Miss friend. We met during orientation," Pigg said. "Then with Harrison, I feel like we've done everything on this campus together.'

Cockrell said when Pigg asked her to be a campaign manager, there were a lot of emotions. As they were each other's first friend at the university, Cockrell said she has shared some of her best memories with him and has loved watching his love for the university grow.

"I know how much this university and the people he's met mean to him, and I was so proud to help him bring all of it together into a campaign that was important to him and this



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and Columns Society. Grimes

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able to watch Pigg's college

journey, and having Pigg be a

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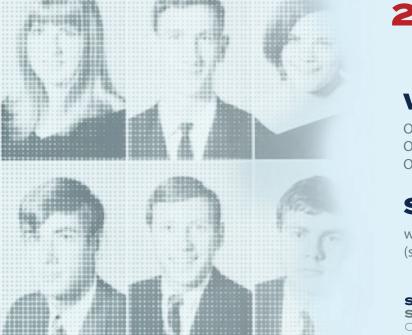
with the community," Grimes said. "They've all known how great he is for three years, and then it was time to get the word out to the rest of the community."

Pigg said part of what makes the university special to him is the people, whether it be people that have helped him throughout the past few years or people communicating with each other.

"I think people at Ole Miss are kind of forced to face or have tough conversations and really communicate with each other, so I think that also makes us a really tight knit group of people and people who really are working hard to kind of make this place a more welcoming campus and I think that's also really unique," Pigg said.

This leaves just one question. Does Pigg think he's one of those people who's helped make the university a more welcoming campus?

"I hope so," Pigg said. "I've really tried to. I hope people think I did."



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# Miss Ole Miss

# Madison Gordon

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For Madison Gordon, Ole Miss was as good as destiny.

"From the beginning, my family always knew Madison was going to go to Ole Miss," she said. "Of course, once senior year came around, I started to venture out. But there was of course, as cliche as it sounds, always something that was pulling me back to the University of Mississippi."

Gordon, who was elected Miss Ole Miss, hails from Meridian, Mississippi, a town two and a half hours south of Oxford. A public policy leadership major on the pre-medical track, Gordon's time at Ole Miss has been marked by engagement, involvement and chiefly, a commitment to service which was a large part of why she decided to run for Miss Ole Miss.

"There are a number of procedures and positions that come with just the homecoming court, but this one stood out to me the most, especially because of the service aspect that's attached to it," she said. "I think that our university has a heart for giving back."

Her campaign, "Growing with Gordon" was largely centered around a service initiative. Gordon worked with Operation Fit Nation to raise money and assemble health and fitness kits. The local organization aims to address Mississippi's health crisis by empowering underserved communities. At the intersection of Gordon's policy, public health and medicine interests, Operation Fit Nation was exactly the kind of organization Gordon wanted to use her campaign to spotlight.

"I just really felt like working with them and partnering with them was going to be something tangible," Gordon said. "And so, I was definitely wanting that to kind of connect, you know, with my major with the campaign with the message. I wanted everything to kind of intertwine."

Gordon equated the campaign process to running — literally.

"I'm gonna be honest with

you," she said. "It felt like I was running. For a very long time."

But because of the community around her, though - her family. sisters at Tri Delta, friends, and campaign managers to name a few — the process was smoother and ultimately, successful. Olivia Jordan, a senior public policy leadership major, and one of her campaign managers, described working with "Growing with Gordon" as fun.

"We tried to keep things very high energy and funny so everyone would stay engaged and excited about the campaign throughout the two weeks," she said. "Everyone on Madison's campaign team was so fun to be around and just excited to go to work for her so that made the campaign period so much better for everyone involved. It was a fun group!"

"They were there for me. And so, of course, it's not the scale of a presidential election or anything. But you know, there are a lot of moving parts and a lot of things that you have to pay attention to," Gordon said. "There's also a lot of humility that comes with the process, which I think is very important. And I experienced that. But also when the time came that Tuesday night, and they had announced the number as well as you know, my name attached to that number...I don't really, I don't really know."

Upon hearing that she had been elected Miss Ole Miss, Gordon fell to her knees, overwhelmed by the surreal feeling.

"Grateful is the word for it." she said. "Because having their support - you know, whether it was watching the live stream, or they're physically like them actually being there for me, and like, wanting that for me. It's just, it's honestly something that's invaluable. And like, still to this day, incomprehensible. I'm beyond grateful. It was a feeling that was hard to put into words. And so I'm just...I'm just forever grateful."

As mentioned earlier, Gordon has a long track record of involvement in a variety of clubs, organizations and events. One of her favorites, she explains, was being a member and later director of one of the Associated Student Body's First Year Engagement programs, Council.

"Being a director of FYE Council kind of brought it full circle. I think also being a part of that program really shows the example that the university can set when it comes to mentors and role models," she said. "They really kind of break down the whole stereotype of someone you look up to, or someone you admire, having to be someone that's older than you. And I would definitely say I really enjoyed being part of that, because it kind of sets an idea of what future generations of the University of Mississippi will look like."

In addition to her involvement with FYE Council, Gordon has also been active as an Orientation Leader, the Minority Association for Pre-Medical Students and the Big Event to name a few.

When describing some of the more challenging moments she has faced at the university, Gordon points to the experience of navigating Ole Miss and its spaces as a person of color.

"If I'm going to be honest, as you know, as a black woman, you're always kind of finding affirmation how other people respond to what you do for them. And so I think that that's something that, you know, it just kind of comes as is," she said. "African American women a lot of the time kind of bear the brunt of a lot of things. And so I think it's just always having to make sure that you are continuously accepted in certain environments, in certain areas and, you know, sometimes that can be a personal problem. So you know, you just kind of have to roll with the punches."

Even when faced with challenges, Gordon continues to strive for that which makes her and the world around her better a part of her nature that people close to her can attest to.

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Madison for 3 years now. She is not afraid to challenge those around her - in the best ways possible. She's the kind of person you want in your corner, always supporting her friends and cheering you on," Jordan said. "Madison pushes everyone around her forward and I know she'll do the same for Ole Miss."

Her mother, Stephanie Wright, has seen these qualities in Madison throughout her entire life and is proud to see her thrive in them throughout her time at the university.

"It brings me joy to see my precious Maddie setting out to accomplish the desires of her heart," she said. "She's been outgoing, loving and passionate about people all her life. I encourage her as Miss Ole Miss to continue to lead with love and serve all for the greater good."

As the year continues, Gordon is looking forward to working with Mr. Ole Miss and the rest of the homecoming court to continue service initiatives and make an impact on the university. She plans on going to medical school and pursuing a master's in public health. But for now, Gordon is focused on making the most of what remains of her time at Ole Miss.

"But I'm definitely allowing myself to live an enjoyable time as a senior. But also putting my academics first. I think I'm

always just kind of making sure that I'm satisfying everyone, whether it's my family or my friends, but also, like, still having fun and remembering that like, I'm literally 21," she said. "So you know, just being able to find a balance, but also enjoy those bittersweet moments that come with senior year, you know, all those first lasts. So yeah, I would definitely say just enjoying the moment, for sure."

In a word to the Ole Miss student body, Gordon encourages everyone to make the most of their time by stepping out of their comfort zones and into something greater.

"I would definitely say learn how to be comfortable in the uncomfortable. Because I think that there are so many people who live a life where their day-today basis is uncomfortable. So the least that we can do is step outside of ourselves, and learn how to be uncomfortable," she said "I think that that creates more of a community. Because there's a sense of empathy. There may not be understanding. But yeah, there's empathy. So learn how to be uncomfortable. Comfortable in the uncomfortable."

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is through a body image 3D initiative, where I am the head, and I am inspiring people with confidence, self-esteem and self-love in my everyday life."

Every year, the winner of the Miss University pageant earns a spot in the Miss Mississippi competition in Vicksburg in July 2022, and this will be Church's first Mississippi experience. This pageant also serves as Church's first Miss America preliminary competition.

Church said she hopes to continue to grow her platform throughout the Miss Mississippi competition.

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"I think if I was crowned Miss Mississippi, it would just be such a blessing because it would be given a bigger platform on which to expand my own platform and just expand that reach even more," she said. "It would leave that lasting positive impact on even more people in the community and outside of Ole Miss and outside of Oxford, but the entire state of Mississippi, which would be a responsibility that I am more than prepared for and it would be such a great honor."

The Student Activities Association's pageant committee puts on this scholarship competition every year, with the exception of the previous year due to

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"We do have to work with the Miss America organization to make sure we're following their regulations and all guidelines," senior nutrition major and SAA pageant committee co-director Mary Frances Buzhardt said. "Basically, as long as we're following those, me and Sarah (one of the other codirectors) kind of just had free rein to choose everything like choreographing the opening number to deciding what the walking pattern was going to be, what the girls were going to wear and all that kind of stuff. Like all the little things that you don't really think about going into a competition and then seeing it all play out."

Church will receive \$5,000 in scholarship money from the Miss America Scholarship Organization as she prepares for her debut in Vicksburg.

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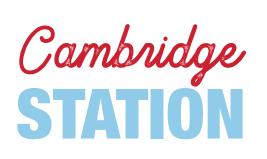








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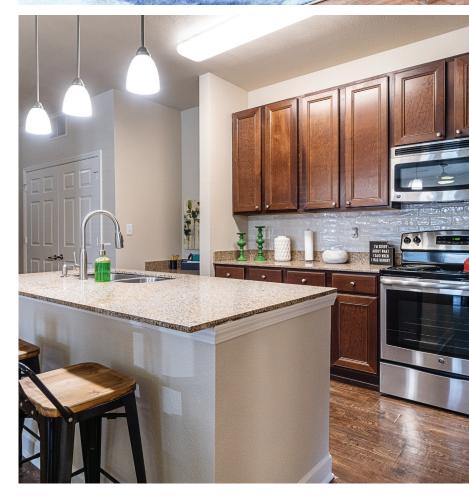
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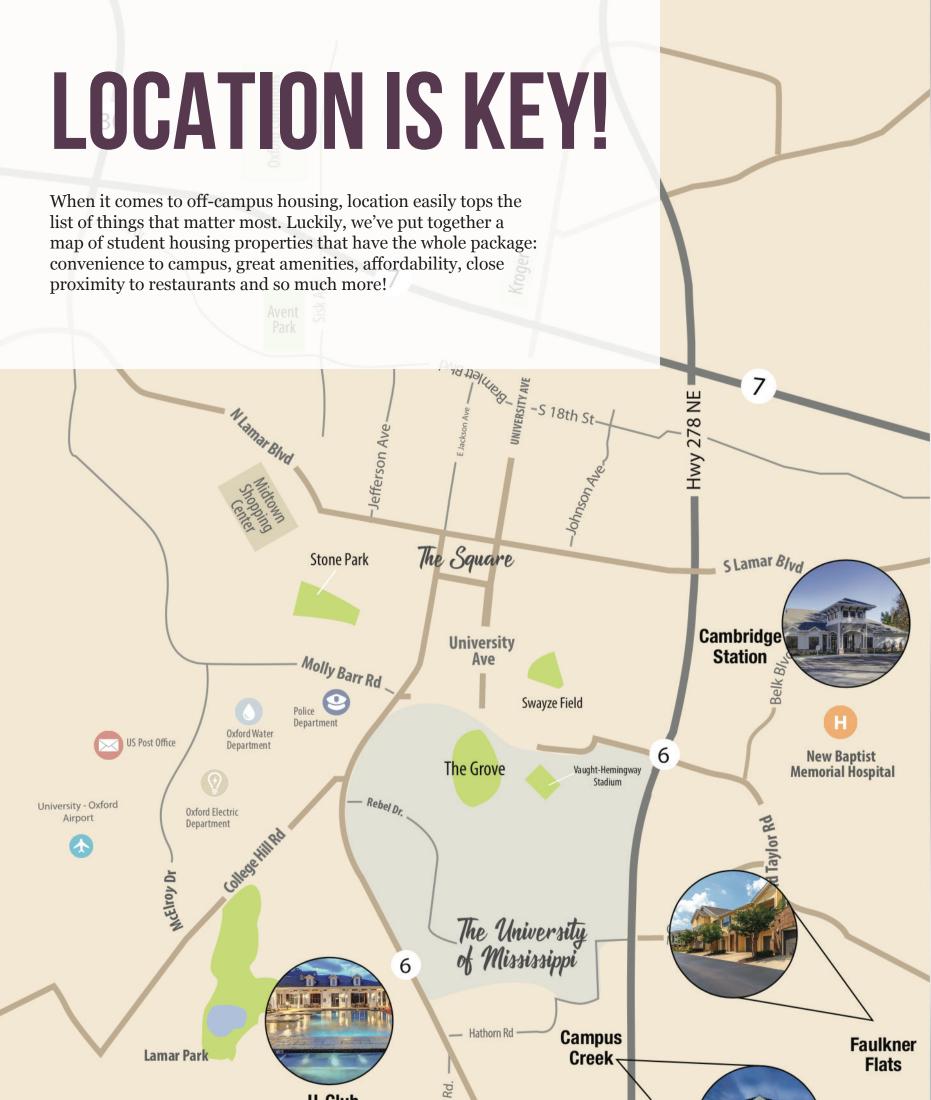




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Ole Miss wide receiver Braylon Sanders makes a diving catch against Alabama on Oct. 2.

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for the Rebels. A lackluster 78 yards rushing was the lowlight of the 42-21 loss against the Crimson Tide. It's up to the Rebels to shake off the disappointing loss and turn it around against the Razorbacks.

Last year, Arkansas got the best of the Rebels in the infamous six-interception game for Corral. Corral looked shaky, but Coach Kiffin never relinquished faith in his quarterback. After a fumble by Corral on the opening drive last year and two consecutive

interceptions in the second quarter, Ole Miss found themselves down 20-0 against the Razorbacks. The second half looked to tell a different story, but every time the Rebels looked like they were competing to get back in the game, Corral would throw an interception.

Times have changed. Corral has not thrown a single interception this season, and despite the one loss to Alabama, he still threw for 213 yards and was 21 for 29 on the day. He has not fallen off and is still a dominant quarterback in college football.

In order to come out hot against Arkansas on Saturday, Corral needs the full power of his team behind him and the defense needs to make plays in order to take some pressure off of the offense. Arkansas is No. 2 in the NCAA for passing yards allowed, giving up an average of 129.8 passing yards per game. This is something the Rebels struggled with last year, but given that Corral has clearly grown as a player and a leader, it will be interesting to see if times have changed. Look for players like Ealy and Braylon Sanders to make a difference in Saturday's game.

Arkansas was rattled against Georgia, scoring no points and getting completely embarrassed

on defense. Georgia's offense put 345 yards and 37 points on Arkansas. Before their loss to Georgia, Arkansas was on a roll, beating the likes of No. 15 Texas and No. 7 Texas A&M. Sam Pittman's Razorbacks will take to the field and look to do exactly what Alabama did, run the ball straight down Ole Miss' throat. So the big question is, can the Rebels stop the run?

Well, this is the SEC and the SEC West. You go play the number one team, now you come home to a top 15 team that obviously struggled last week. Everyone has struggled, you know, Georgia's got great players and exposes people, so prior to that (Arkansas was) playing extremely well. They run the ball really well and they don't give up explosive plays. I think they're second in the country in pass defense. This is a scheme we struggled with a year ago. We basically switched to it pretty much on our defense, because it's really good and they do a great job, and they play super hard," Kiffin said during his weekly press conference.

There's no doubt it will be a high scoring affair and a #PartyintheSip when the Rebels return to Vaught-Hemingway on Oct. 9 against Arkansas. Kickoff is set for 11 a.m. CT and broadcasting live on ESPN.





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#### No. 6 Oklahoma at No. 21 Texas: Owen Pustell Final Score Prediction: Oklahoma 21, Texas 35

Oklahoma is holding onto their top 10 status by a thread. Yes, they're 5-0, but they have only one win of more than one possession despite playing a schedule full of unranked teams. Spencer Rattler, who came into the season as the Heisman favorite, has been playing below expectations and has fans calling for his backup. The Sooners certainly have the talent to make a playoff run, but have been lacking execution and will face their hardest test of the season on Saturday when they visit the Longhorns. Texas comes into this game at 4-1, with their loss being to an Arkansas team which has played surprisingly

well and put themselves as the No. 13 team in the nation. Texas has an elite offense that runs through sophomore running back Bijan Robinson, who honestly looks like he could start for a number of NFL teams. True freshman receiver Xavier Worthy gives the offense a deep threat which keeps defenses from stacking the box, opening up the ground game even further. If Oklahoma's defense plays up to their ability, this game will be close, but if they show the same energy that they've had through the first five weeks, expect Texas to run up the score.

No. 13 Arkansas at No. 17 Ole Miss: Aidan Gallardo Final Score Prediction:

Ole Miss 48, Arkansas 32 This is an interesting game because it's between two teams looking to bounce back after losing for the first time this season. Ole Miss and Arkansas both suffered losses last week against the nation's top two teams: Alabama and Georgia.

The Rebels look to rejuvenate their offense after a subpar showing against Alabama. Even though Matt Corral didn't play horrible, Ole Miss just couldn't find a way to move the ball down the field against a polished Alabama defense. The Rebels weren't able to convert on fourth downs, going just two for five.

Ole Miss' defense didn't look good. They couldn't find an answer in stopping Alabama's running game. They allowed Alabama running back Brian Robinson Jr. to rush for 171 yards and four touchdowns.

As for Arkansas, they didn't look all that great either. They lost to Georgia 37-0 and Georgia's starting quarterback J.T. Daniels was out for the game. Granted, Georgia looks like the best team in the country, but it's no excuse for Arkansas to not even put any points on the board.

It seemed as if the Razorbacks were rattled playing in a full house in Athens. Arkansas committed 13 penalties for 100 yards. A couple of those penalties came from false starts and it looked like the crowd noise was overwhelming for Arkansas' quarterback KJ Jefferson as he only threw for 65 yards.

This game will be close, high-scoring and entertaining. How will Corral respond to Arkansas after throwing six interceptions against them a season ago? How will KJ Jefferson bounce back after a poor performance against Georgia? Can Lane Kiffin get the Rebels back on track in the win column? I think he can.

No. 2 Georgia at No. 18 Auburn: Catherine Jeffers Final Score Prediction: Georgia 38, Auburn 10

Coming off of a win in Death Valley for the first time since 1999, Auburn might seem like a good underdog victory, but does a win over LSU really mean anything this year?

Bo Nix might've just been the luckiest quarterback in the world on Saturday night. That fourth down sideline-tosideline scramble that led to a touchdown was one of the raziest plays I've seen in a while. There's no way in heck Nix can pull that off again, especially against this Georgia defense. Georgia is strong and fast and their defense hasn't given up a touchdown with the exception of a late play against South Carolina when they were already up 40-6. Georgia is the real deal, and Auburn almost lost to Georgia State two weeks ago (talk about embarrassing). When Bo Nix gets to his usual scrambling, prepare for Jordan Davis and Nolan Smith from Georgia to absolutely light him up. As much as I'd love to see an upset, there's just no chance it will be against Georgia. It



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This defense has been able

will be interesting to see if Auburn can even score, with their less-than-ideal offensive performance against Georgia State and LSU, but I have some faith that they can at least tack on a TD and a FG.

No. 4 Penn State at No. 3 Iowa: Ruby Draayer Final Score Prediction:

to win ball games for them, despite having a pretty vanilla offense. The Hawkeyes have not shown a lot of interest in the run game this weekend, averaging only 126 yards on the ground. They aren't overly impressive on offense, but thanks to chances created by their incredible defense, they're in the top-five. (They also play in the Big Ten Conference but I don't think everyone is ready to talk about that just vet). Penn State has only allowed three turnovers on the year but has no offense to be able to show up on the road for a game like this. The Iowa defense is too good, Penn State doesn't run the ball and they have to play in Iowa City. I don't think that this game will really be an especially fascinating one, but at least it will knock someone out of the top five. This one goes to Iowa because defense wins games, and they're at home. Go Hawkeyes!



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# Author, professor and legend: remembering Jere Hoar

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Jere Richmond Hoar is remembered as an author and professor, but more importantly, a legend at the University of Mississippi.

Hoar, a former journalism professor at Ole Miss, died on Oct. 2 at age 91. Hoar taught at Ole Miss for more than 30 years and served as acting chair of the department and head of the journalism graduate program for more than 20 years. He earned

the respect of students and faculty, and he was often known as a tough but fair teacher. Curtis Wilkie, an acclaimed journalist and graduate of Ole Miss. commented on Hoar's impact on his career.

"He flunked me for failing to turn in my stories on time for his feature writing course," Wilkie said. "As a result, I did not graduate with the class - my class — of 1962. By giving me an F, Jere taught me a lesson I would never forget. I can say that during a career as a reporter that lasted for nearly 40 years, I never again missed a deadline."

was named the Hoar university's teacher of the year in 1974. He taught 25 graduate and undergraduate courses in both journalism and law.

"The most fortunate colleges and universities have one or two professors who become renowned for the ages. For journalism at Ole Miss, it has been and may always be Jere Hoar," Journalism School Associate Professor Charlie Mitchell said.

Hoar was not only a professor at Ole Miss, but an author as well. He published more than 40 scholarly articles, three television scripts and a textbook chapter, as well as 30 short stories after his retirement. Hoar's "Body Parts: Stories" was named a Notable Book of the Year (1998) by The New York Times. "Body Parts" also was awarded the Pirates Alley William Faulkner Prize for Fiction. Hoar also wrote "The Hit," a noir novel set in Mississippi, which was published in 2002.

"People remember him because he was hard and detailed ... to me, he was an inspiration because of what he had to say about writing and journalism," Mark Dolan, an associate professor of journalism, said.

Born to a father in the Air Force, Hoar was a man built on high standards, excellence and dedication. Hoar lived in several states as a child and began working in a print shop setting hot type at a young age when his father purchased a daily newspaper in Troy, Alabama.

By age 16, Hoar was the police reporter and by age 17 he was an editorial writer for the newspaper. It was then when he decided on a career in journalism. He later became news editor of the Oxford Eagle.

"His standards were the highest and his ethics impeccable," said Mitchell, "but he was equally compelled to help students succeed."

Hoar's legacy at Ole Miss continues through one of the largest supporting scholarships for the School of Journalism and New Media at Ole Miss, named the Jere Hoar Scholarship Fund, which continues to support the university with significant financial gifts.

"He touched the lives and careers of so many greats that came through the school. I have yet to meet any that didn't point to Dr. Hoar as a major influence on their success in this profession," said Fred Anklam Jr., Assistant Professor and City/County Editor of the Columbia Missourian, and a past student of Hoar's.



Anklam also said as intimidating as Hoar was as a professor, he was equally warm to his students as a friend, and enjoyed hearing about their accomplishments.

"He rejoiced in the work we were doing as professionals and took pride in his role in shaping us," Anklam said.

Donations in Hoar's memory may be made to the Jere Hoar Journalism Endowment at the University of Mississippi c/o University of Mississippi Foundation, 406 University Ave., Oxford, MS 38655 or the charity of the donor's choice.

"In sports, people talk about 'impact players.' At Ole Miss, Jere Hoar was an impact player, and will be respected for generations to come," Mitchell said.



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# OPINION

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### ILLUSTRATION: VANESSA CLARK $\,/\,{\rm THE}\,\,{\rm DAILY}\,\,{\rm MISSISSIPPIAN}$

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and Brown sisters under the

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out racism and pushing for a

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### **GUEST COLUMN**

# What we owe each other

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On Sept. 29, The Daily Mississippian published an opinion piece titled, "Society does not owe you anything" by Hannah Newsom. From a UM alumna and former opinion columnist for The Daily Mississippian: This piece was an embarrassment.

Let's first look at the denial of systemic discrimination: racism, sexism, ableism, etc. in this piece. "(Owning America's past) is based on the assumption that America was structured to ensure minorities would have a systemic disadvantage. This narrative is not only untrue, but it is harmful to everyone." This statement belies a deep ignorance about our country's history.

Our Constitution saw enslaved peoples as threefifths of a human being. The South fought to hold on to their right to continue enslaving people. Mississippi's secession document stated, "Our position is thoroughly identified with the institution of slavery," and before this piece was published, a battle was waged to denv James Meredith entrance to the university. Our country has worked to ensure that white people retain positions of power, from voter suppression efforts to redlining. These real-world efforts have consequences, including persistent racial wealth gaps, health disparities and police violence against Black people.

almost 59 years to the day

The piece also calls out Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) efforts as "discrimination toward any student who is deemed privileged by current societal standards." Learning to be inclusive and celebrating our diversity is not discrimination. Discrimination is being denied entrance to a sorority because of your race. Discrimination is not getting a job interview because of how your name is spelled. As such, "even at Ole Miss," DEI trainings are only a small step in ensuring people feel accepted, no matter their identity — not a personal attack on you or your whiteness.

"No one person has the right to be successful, especially when their success comes from stealing other people's things." Let's start with the land stolen from Native Americans. We can then talk about the stolen labor and bodies of enslaved peoples and end with the stolen artifacts we see in almost every museum. Every day, white people like me continue to benefit from centuries of oppression and abuse committed by our country against marginalized individuals. I expect this was unintentional, but this statement makes a strong case for reparations.

As an aspiring Elementary school teacher, the author is undoubtedly aware of the responsibility that she will one day have to encourage and uplift the young minds in her classroom, to help them begin to navigate the large, complicated world around them. As a Ph.D. student in Education Policy, I know education can play a powerful role in the pursuit of happiness the author notes that she believes in, but if our teachers turn a blind eye to racism and

the systemic challenges many of their students will face, the education system will continue to perpetuate the abuses of the past.

Supporters of Hannah's article might instinctively want to reject my thoughts outright. But, I encourage everyone to think about the ways in which privilege affords some people things that others are denied. Take a campus slavery tour from the University's Slavery Research Group. Read "Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?" by Beverly Daniel Tatum and of course, feel free to reach out!

Whether or not I change your mind, I feel a responsibility to speak out as a white woman,

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I did, however, agree with one of the article's arguments:

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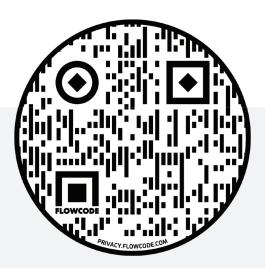


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