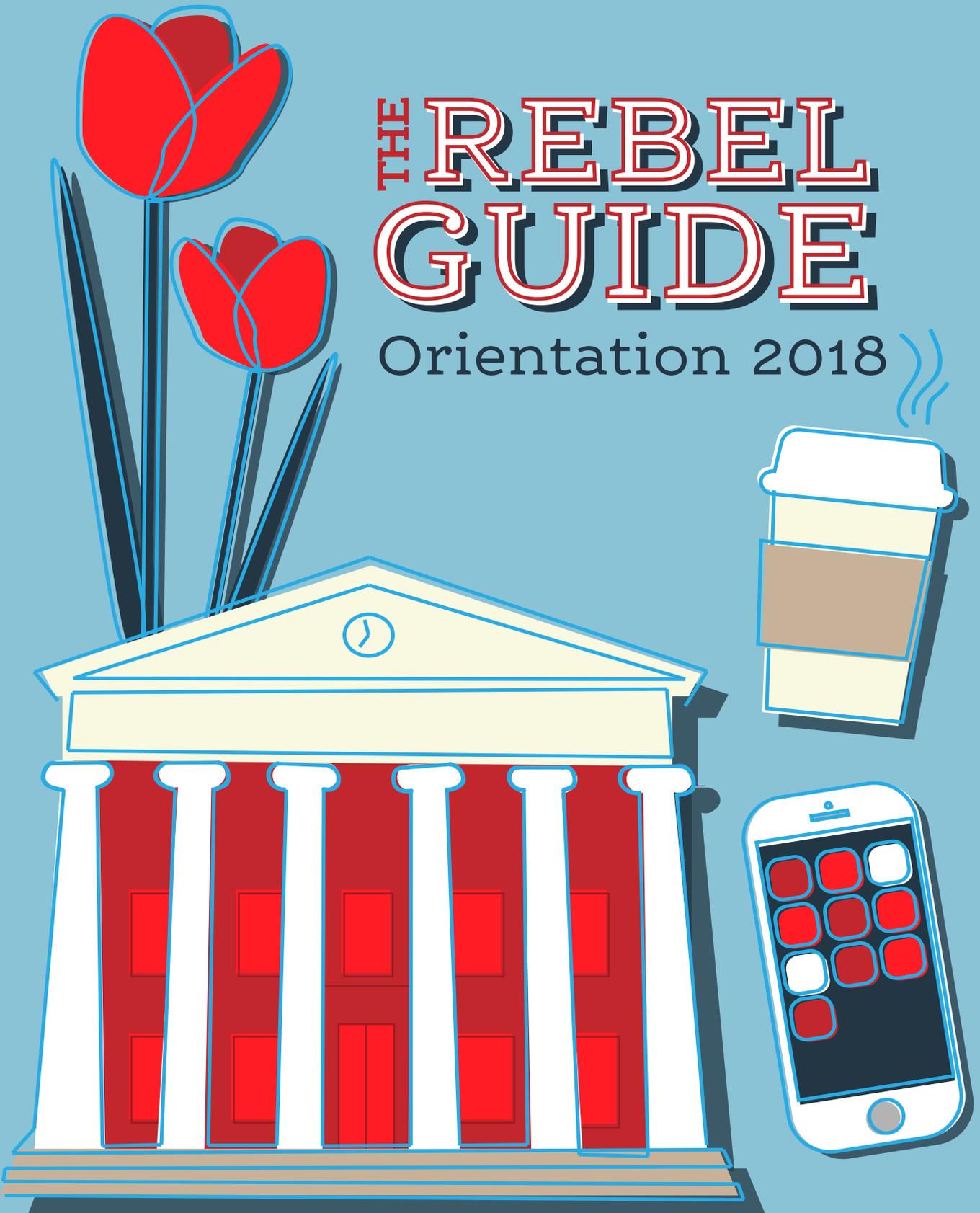


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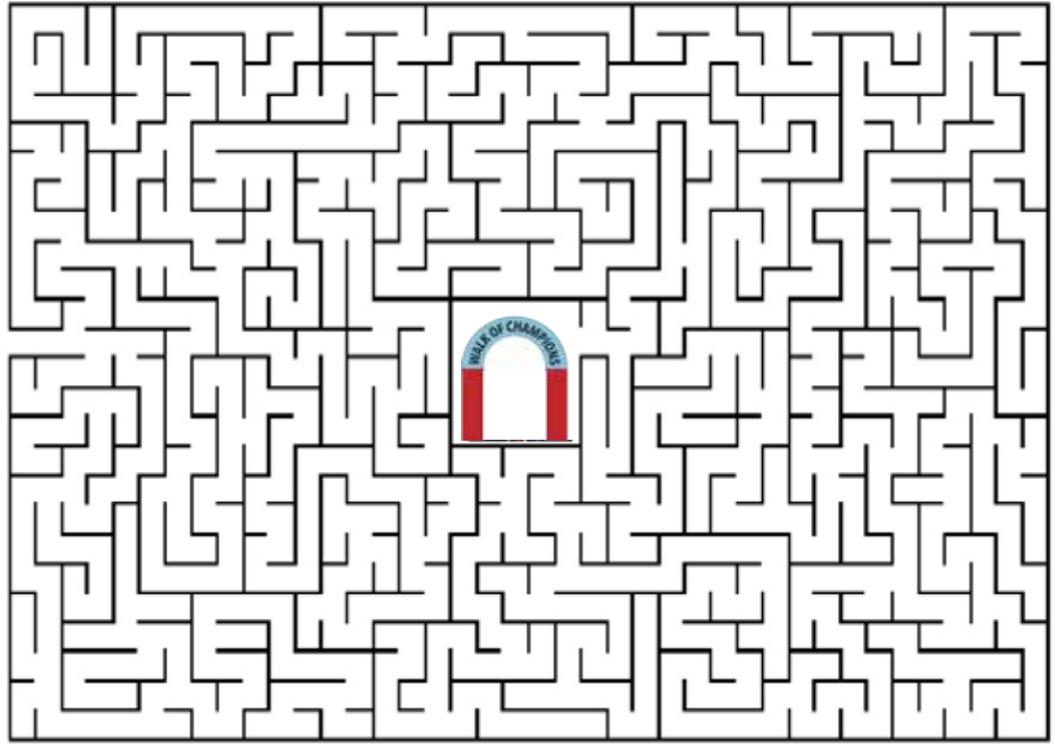
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Dear freshmen, from a senior

By Lana Ferguson

Dear freshmen,

College is awesome. You've probably already inferred this, but as someone who is writing this article just a couple weeks away from her own graduation, I wanted to grace you with some senior year wisdom.

Be kind and say hello to the person next to you in class. Freshman year is almost like kindergarten all over again. Everyone is looking to make those first friends - but this time you'll be doing it in a dorm or gen ed class rather than on the monkey bars at recess. These are the friends you'll be able to go to lunch or football games with and experience all of these big "firsts" together rather than doing them yourself. Most people tend to drift away from their "first-semester friends" over time as everyone finds his or her niche on campus, and that's OK. You'll always have those stories and photos from your first few months as a student.

Get involved in many different capacities. You can write for the student-run newspaper, run in Associated Student Body elections, be a friend to international students through Global Ambassadors, help plan events on campus with the Student Activities Association and so much more. This campus is full of opportunities to get active in something you're interested in and leave your mark.

Take advantage of the resources Ole Miss offers. There are so many things at our fingertips as students, from a free gym to a writing center and even a counseling center. It'll probably be a while before you have all of these different programs and centers available free of charge to you, so use them to better yourself while you're here.

Find balance. Yes, you're here for school, and grades should be your No. 1 priority. Make sure you go to class, take notes, study and actually learn so you can graduate. On the other hand, this might be the last time you'll get to live next door or down the hall from your best friends. It's important to hang out with them when you can and build those friendships that will last a lifetime or take a mental break from studying in general with a quick Netflix episode. Just don't overdo it either way.

Finally, don't be afraid of change. I'm not trying to sound like your mom or anything, but these are some of your most formative years. You'll come to Ole Miss one person and leave someone completely different, and that's great. In my opinion, if you're not changing, you're not learning. You'll meet people with experiences different from your own, your classes will teach you concepts you never knew existed and you'll be challenged in ways you never were back at home. If you come to Ole Miss with an open mind, which you should, all of these things will change your perspective on the world.

So, go on. Learn the hotty toddy chant, go to every event you can, make friends and truly enjoy your four (or five or six) years here. They'll go by faster than you think.

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Must-have apps for college

By Briana Florez

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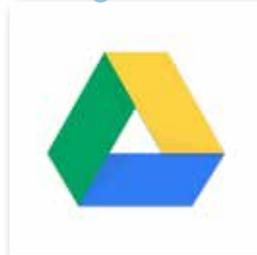
These apps for will come in handy for all aspects of college life while going to Ole Miss.

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What to keep in your closet

By Maddie McGee

In the midst of packing up what seems like your entire life, you may not realize that you're forgetting a few essentials for being an Ole Miss Rebel. From game days in the Grove to walks across campus when you're late to your 8 a.m., you'll be glad you have these items in your closet.

The easiest way to look like a Rebel is by packing all the red and blue you can find. Red and blue Ole Miss T-shirts to wear to class? Check. The perfect game-day dress, polo or jersey? Stash those in your suitcase. There's no better sight than the Vaught drenched in red or blue, so make sure to follow that handy color code for the football games. Don't forget your finest powder blue attire for when the Rebs take on Alabama!



Speaking of Grove fashion, I'm, sadly, about to dash your dreams of wearing your finest (and most expensive) shoes. Though game days are among

some of the best times you'll have at Ole Miss, they involve a lot of time spent walking through the Grove and standing on metal bleachers while cheering on the Rebs. Bring along some flats, sandals or boots that you won't mind wearing for hours.

If you are someone who prefers fashion over comfort, then hear me out on this one. The Grove on the first game day is a dream: green, lush, and pine-straw and mud-free. But once 100,000 tailgaters descend on the Grove, you can count on the remaining games to render the Grove in less than ideal walking conditions. Trust me – you'll want to save those new shoes for formal.

The mud and rain aren't only reserved to the Grove. The easiest way to ruin your day is to get caught in a monsoon on your way to class. You're trekking from Lamar to Bishop when suddenly, the heavens begin to rain down on you and you're drenched. This may seem like a no-brainer, but keep your rain jacket and a travel umbrella in your backpack at all times. Sure, it may be sunny and 75 when you head out to class, but 50 minutes is a lot of time when you take into account the Mississippi weather, and you don't want to be that person trying to take notes in a sopping wet notebook.



Bringing along a costume or two is also a necessity in college. Now, you may be thinking, "Halloween only comes around once a year!" but you'd be shocked at the number of times a costume may come in handy. If you choose to go Greek, you'll suddenly be expected to produce themed outfits for social events. Other clubs and campus organizations also may have a themed meeting or two, so bring along some greatest hits from Halloween's past, just in case.



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DOs of freshman year

By Jeanne Torp

Freshman year is one of the most disorganized, exciting, confusing, stressful and amazing years of your life. There are similarities and differences amongst everyone's freshman year experience, but regardless of how you decide to tackle this year, here are some basic do's and don'ts to keep in mind:

Be open. Be spontaneous.

Try your best to leave your opinions at the door, and as cliché as it sounds, get out of your comfort zone. Opportunities are going to fly at you left and right - some you'll have time to plan for, some you won't. You're going to master the act of fitting more in your day than you thought to be humanly possible, so take advantage of everything, no matter how planned or unplanned.

Check the weather before class

This is key to success. Oxford weather is possibly the most unpredictable you will ever experience, so you must plan accordingly each day. Monday may require a winter parka and heavy-duty rain jacket, while Tuesday could be so hot and sunny that you dress ready to go to the beach. Wearing the right clothes could determine whether you freeze to death or sweat through every layer, so do not take this advice lightly.

Participate and get involved

College classes are much different than high school classes. You'll often know what your schedule will look like weeks in advance, so get in the habit of planning ahead. Don't get lazy when you have an off week, because those are few and far between. Don't forget to participate in campus life, either - join a club, go to a game, experience Rebel Run, participate in Big Event and RebelTHON - you won't regret it.

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DON'Ts of freshman year

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I mean, do sometimes, of course. But don't watch Netflix instead of getting a late-night ice cream with the people down the hall, going to the movies with a friend you made yesterday or just sitting in your floor's lounge talking 'til the morning with whoever might be there. You can watch Netflix when you're home on break, so make sure to take this time to make the most of your freshman year.

Put too much pressure on yourself

Often times, people spread themselves too thin freshman year, trying their best to be involved in every area of campus, all while making a 4.0 at the end of the semester. Only magicians can do this, and last time I checked, we don't have many of those. It's much harder to be involved in college than in high school, so don't think it's the end of the world if you don't get something you applied for.

Come in with expectations of the "perfect freshman year"

These expectations will not be fulfilled. First semester is weird - there's no getting around that. It's awkward and uncomfortable at times, but don't let that deter you. First semester is about figuring things out and finding your place, which isn't always a pretty process. Second semester is where things really start to pick up and everything falls together, so don't give up hope if first semester doesn't live up to your expectations.



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On-campus resources

By Taylor Welch

There are a lot of on-campus resources that students can utilize. Here's a quick look at a few of them:



Turner Center

The Turner Center is the hub for campus recreational activities. Located across from The Pavilion, the Turner Center holds a gymnasium with four basketball courts, two volleyball courts, three badminton courts and a jogging track. It also has a fully equipped 10,000-square-foot fitness center and an eight-lane swimming pool. The Turner Center offers fitness classes for students throughout the year. Classes include things such as yoga, cardio dancing, kickboxing, cycling, aqua aerobics and Zumba. Fitness stickers will be available for \$20 at the front desk for those interested in attending the classes in the fall. Intramural and club sports sign-ups begin later in the fall. You can register for these at IMLeagues.com/OleMiss.



The Center for Writing and Rhetoric

The Writing and Rhetoric Center offers free courses for students who wish to improve their writing or speech skills. Trained counselors ensure that each student receives the focused attention he needs to better his abilities. Students can also request group workshops held by the staff in order to discuss writing and presentation strategies with their peers in a more formal setting. The center is located on the third floor of Lamar Hall. Walk-ins and appointments are welcome throughout the school week from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Appointments can be made by creating an account at <https://OLEMISS.mywconline.com>.



Counseling Center

The Counseling Center offers free services to all students. The goal of the center is to provide counseling for students dealing with anything from anxiety to substance abuse. Meetings with counselors are completely confidential, and no personal information can be released without the consent of the student. The center is located on the third floor of Lester. Counselors are available by appointment, but walk-ins are also welcome in the case of emergencies. You can make an appointment by calling the office at 662-915-3784 or email at counselg@olemiss.edu.

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in interviews or how to write a resume and cover letter. Services are also provided to those searching for a job or internship on campus or within the Oxford community. The Career Center also hosts career fairs throughout the year for those interested in seeing what opportunities are offered in their fields of study.

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There are 16 NCAA sports teams at Ole Miss – *go see them play*

By Sam Harres

Yes, obviously go to the Saturday afternoon football games, and when spring rolls around, definitely stop by a few baseball games after class. Tailgate in the Grove and hang out in the Swayze outfield. Do all the classics.

But don't be afraid to branch out a little. My entire freshman year, I had no idea the tennis courts were just beyond the trees opposite fraternity row. Literally a hop, skip and a jump away. Now, I count tennis among the most entertaining and exciting sports Ole Miss has to offer. And the best part is they're all free to attend!

On top of that, the Ole Miss Athletics Department loves to give away free crawfish, T-shirts and many other giveaways at all the "small" sports games. Take advantage of it!

College is expensive

– believe me. If you think you won't be struggling for a meal at some point during your four years in Oxford, you're probably wrong. Tennis matches have free crawfish all the time, and their matches conveniently start around noon.

Coincidence? No, not at all.

In the fall, you'll have football, women's soccer, cross country and women's volleyball. In the winter, basketball, rifle and

track take center stage. And finally, the spring brings tennis, baseball, softball, golf and more track. Each team, no matter how big or small, would love to have your support.

If you're sitting around with your friends on a Friday, wasting a beautiful Oxford afternoon, check the Ole Miss sports schedule. There is (almost) always a game to attend or a match



to watch. You won't regret it, and you'll probably leave with a free T-shirt.

With that said, a tip for the Grove: dress for the heat. As an out-of-stater, I was simply not prepared for the frankly excessive Mississippi heat

and humidity. When I was a freshman, the first football game was a "white game." Each Ole Miss football game gets assigned a color – either red, blue or white – for the fans to wear. Don't

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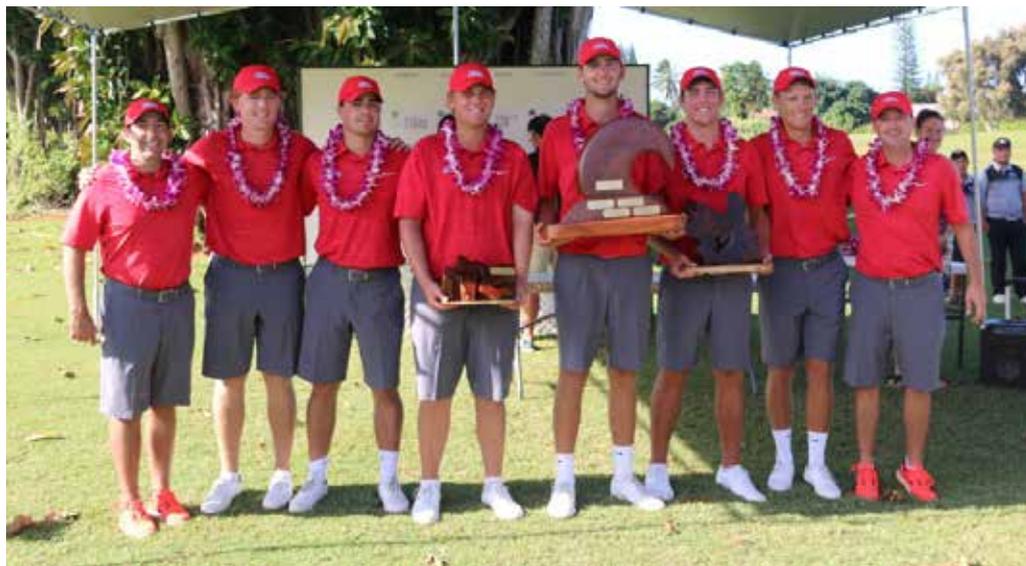
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worry - the color schedule is online.

Well after three hours in the sweltering heat of the Grove (compounded by the thousands of Rebel fans packed shoulder to shoulder among the tents), my white button-up had turned mostly transparent and my khakis had visible sweat stains. It was miserable. Dress for the heat. Wear a breathable polo and shorts.

If nothing else, make the most of your time at Ole Miss. This university has some of the finest



athletics programs and facilities in the country. You'd be a fool not to take advantage of them. Some of your best memories might be made at Vaught-Hemingway or Swayze, or they could be at

the nationally ranked tennis facilities.

My favorite Ole Miss sports experience so far was a basketball game this past February. We were hosting Auburn, and the Tigers had a 26-point lead before the Reb-

els came surging back for a 90-86 victory.

The Pavilion cost \$95 million to build, and I now understand why: The atmosphere it provides is unreal.

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How to make your first year the best year

By Story Ball

It's freshman year, finally. The year you've been waiting for and can't wait to start. There is so much to do here in Oxford. So many opportunities, classes and the best environment you could have chosen. And while there is so much thrown at you in the upcoming year, here are a few tips to make freshman year the best year.

Get involved but not overworked

There are so many organizations, clubs and extracurricular activities to get involved in here on campus.

Try out as many as you can, even ones you might not have thought you would like. That being said, once you find out your favorites, narrow it down to a few you can really focus on. Getting involved is so important, but taking on too much freshman year is very stressful.

Use your meal plan to the max

Meal plans can be confusing and never fully understood, but ask someone who knows what he's talking about to explain it to you, and use every meal swipe you get.

Get to know your professors

Most classes are bigger in college with a wide range of professors. Get to know them. They want to know their students, even in the largest of classrooms, and it will help out with understanding material and finding comfort in the class.

Get out of your dorm room to study. And study a lot.

There are so many awesome places on campus to study. Find your favorite spot and stick to studying somewhere other than your residence hall. You will be glad you did.

You probably won't know your career path right away. Don't stress - no one else does, either.

One of the biggest things freshmen expect to know once they come to college is their career path. But it takes time and taking different types of classes to really figure it out. You will probably change your mind multiple times, and that's OK.

Participate in a charity event like the Big Event or RebelTHON.

Spending time one morning or night giving back to the community as a college student is extremely rewarding. These school-wide events are such a privilege to participate in, so don't overlook them.

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Attend as many sporting events as you can

Ole Miss has the best environment for a sporting event, and as a freshman, especially, you should attend as many as possible.

The Grove on a football weekend is indescribable, and there is nothing more fun than a basketball game in The Pavilion. Try to go to at least one event of every sport. Get out there and cheer on your Rebels.

Manage your time wisely

You won't have to have studied as much in high school as you will in college. Take time each week to make sure you know what you have going on each day, and manage your time accordingly.

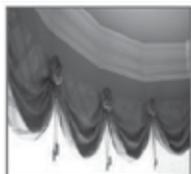
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Networking: An important key to success

By Ethel Mwedziwendira

As the college experience revolves around academics and the social scene, rarely is the importance of networking emphasized before starting your undergraduate career. The importance of networking didn't strike me until I started to apply for internships. Creating a relationship on the professional level with professors, guest speakers and other students is critical, and it can be a challenge.

Connect with professors

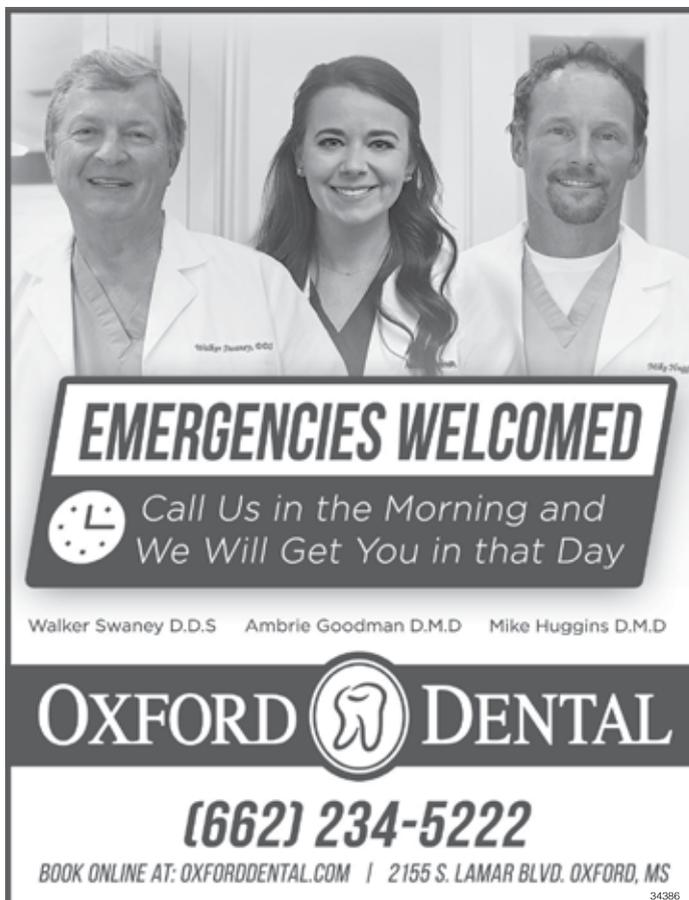
Don't be afraid to be that student that builds a professional relationship with your professor or faculty advisor. No matter what your major is and subject field, your professors have advice that could be beneficial.

LinkedIn

LinkedIn, a social-networking site on the business level, is a great way to connect with professionals, but don't overdo how you use the site. LinkedIn isn't Facebook or Twitter. Be sure to update your profile regularly.

Attend events

I cannot stress enough the importance of attending events hosted by university and campus organizations. Get in touch with those speakers. Most of the time, they want to hear your future plans and may have resources for you.



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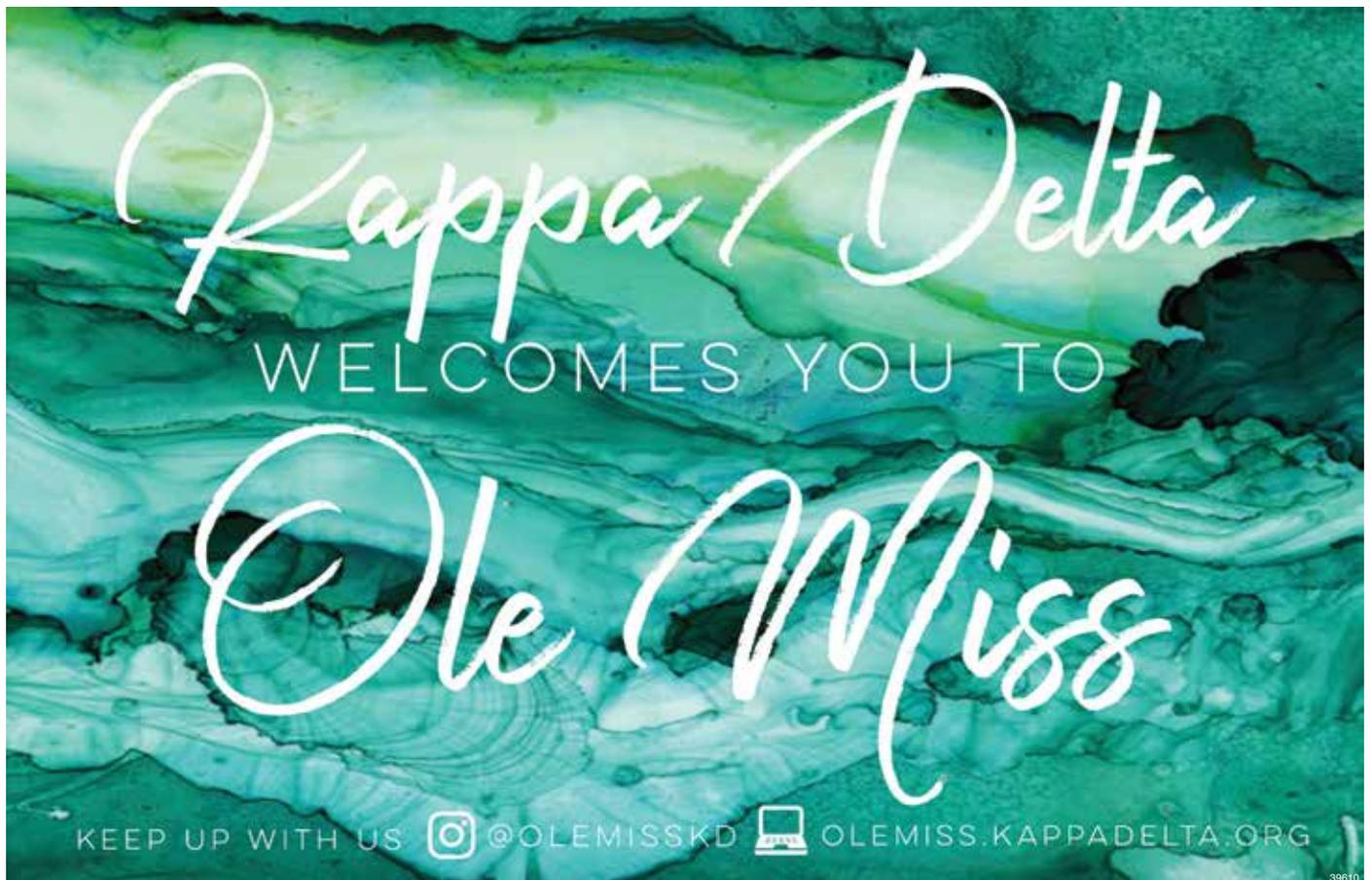
Join organizations and be active on campus

Whether you are involved in one organization or 20, get involved in something. There is an organization for every single person, despite what you may think. Involvement can look good on your resume, but don't let it be a resume filler. Through those organizations you'll meet some of the most brilliant people. If there are no organizations on campus that interest you, be the change and create one. There is a likely chance that someone on campus will be interested in the same thing, too.

Internships and work experience

Experience is important, and through those experiences, you meet some of the most interesting people. Get in touch with the people at your work and internship. Introduce yourself. Stay in touch, whether it's sending a quick text or email every now and then. You never know when they could be of help, but avoid contacting those people only when you need something.

Despite endless hours spent studying and stressing about student loans and other responsibilities, don't be afraid to get out of your comfort zone and meet people. I came to college soft-spoken, and it's still something I struggle with. When it comes to my future career and hearing how competitive it is, however, I know that putting effort into reaching out to people is critical to success. Challenge yourself and meet new people because, after all, college isn't just about what you do inside the classroom.



Picking your major

By Jessica Duffield

It's a significant responsibility to choose the right path, and many times, it takes time to know what career you want to pursue. Many first-year students believe they have already failed college by not knowing what major they want to follow. However, many colleges recommend students wait and seek a major their sophomore year; this way, they have a better understanding of different subjects and have given themselves time to explore new ideas.

Here are five steps to help lost students find their way.

1. Interest

This can be as simple as what you like and what you dislike. Picking a major is like choosing a job: pick one you like so you won't be miserable your whole life. If you enjoy the material you are studying, you will engage more in class and will be motivated to attend lectures and finish your coursework. You should be able to envision yourself in the future using the skills you learned in the classroom and decide whether it fits your criteria. However, with that being said, you might find that new interest arises while you are in college because you have more options of topics – the most exciting thing about college life is that it introduces you to a whole new world of subjects. Give yourself time to explore your interest if you are not already sure of one.

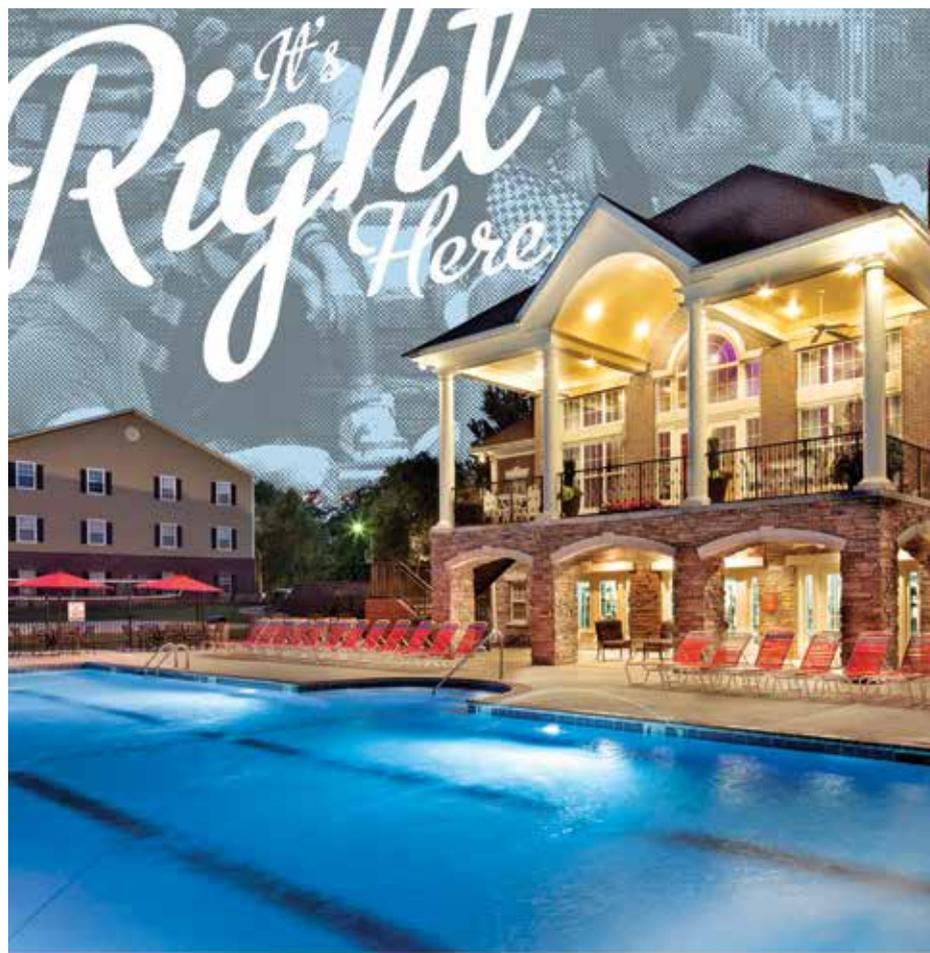
2. Abilities

When thinking about your interest, you should also think about what you are good at. This does not mean you should major in whatever you were good at in high school, but it should help as a guide in what path you should follow. For example, if you are passionate and good at writing and reading and you got all A's in those classes, you might want to major in something that consists of both. This can be a variety of things, such as English, journalism, history, creative writing, philosophy, etc. It's essential that you feel confident that you will be able to do well in most of your classes.

3. Talk and meet with advisers, current students and alumni

Get out there and talk to people. Experience different perspectives and hear different stories on how and why they chose their majors. Don't be afraid to ask questions, especially on why they would recommend a specific major. Advisers will also help narrow down a list of potential majors that could fit you. Narrowing down will make it easier to pick one. It's also critical to find students who are currently or who have already taken classes in the major you are considering and getting a feel for what it would be like for you. No one will be more honest with you than a current or old student.

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4. Earning potentials

On a more serious note, future earning potential is worth thinking about. This can be a massive factor for students who are paying for college on their own or taking out loans. You can use sites such as PayScale and Glassdoor to investigate incomes of different majors if you're concerned or want to have a realistic frame of mind while entering college.

5. Reading books and articles

Reading is also a great way to explore your options. By reading non-fiction books, you can quickly decide what subject entertains you and makes you want to keep reading and which one makes you want to cry. If you're reading material and can't even flip to the second page without feeling bored, it might not be the major for you.

With all of this being said, take some time going through your options. You can go to the Ole Miss website and see what courses are offered and start doing some research. You are in no rush to choose a major. Many college students end up changing their majors before finding the right one. It's your future, so take all the time you need.



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“My favorite thing about Ole Miss is being a part of a family and calling Ole Miss my home away from home. I could not imagine spending my college years anywhere else.”

Riley Bryson

Junior paralegal major from Jackson



“My favorite part of Ole Miss would have to be the people. Ever since the day I have moved here, I have been overwhelmed with how warm and inviting everyone has been to me. It was like I was in a family, and that was one of the main reasons why Mississippi was so unique to me.”

Sophia Whiteside

Freshman hospitality management major from San Francisco

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"My favorite part about Ole Miss is no doubt the endless opportunities it gives you to grow in recognizing the things that matter the most in life. Yes, it is highly successful educationally, but outside the classroom, Ole Miss is full of opportunities that have helped me grow. Everyone is awesome in their own way, and Ole Miss has put me in a position where I've been enlightened to this truth."

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"My favorite thing about Ole Miss is the Grove and how beautiful the campus is. Everywhere you go, there is something pretty to see. Not only is the campus memorable, but there is nowhere with better people than Ole Miss."

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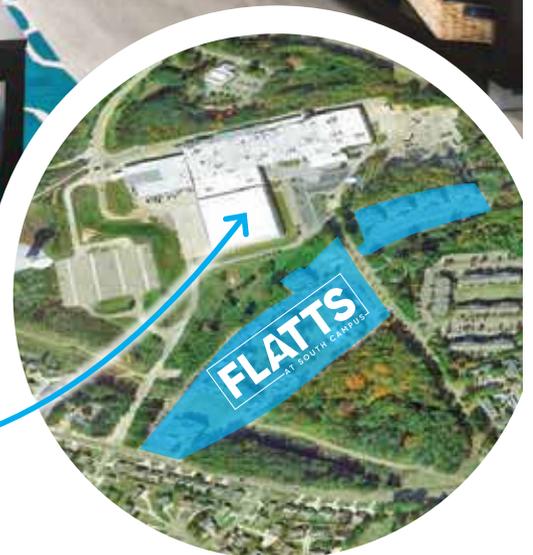
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Study tips for success

By Lana Ferguson

Whether you had to study a lot in high school or not, chances are you'll be spending time hitting the books once you get to Ole Miss. Here are a few study tips to help you get started:

1. Find a good study place and stick with it

For some people, the desk in their dorm room works perfect. Others need a change of scenery. In a college town there are a lot of good study spots to suit your needs. If you like having a white board to write out equations, check out Lamar. If you prefer complete silence and zero distractions, the third floor of the library is perfect for you. Other places include a local coffee shop, a table in the Grove, the lobby of your favorite building on campus, and more. Once you find a study spot, become a regular.

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2. Study throughout the semester

Cramming the night before a test doesn't really work in the long run. If you check back up on your notes and everything that's being outlined once a week, it'll make the days before a test or project a lot less stressful.

3. Go to class and take notes

OK, this one may sound like common sense, but it needs to be said. When you go to class and pay attention, more information will stick in your brain for when you go to study. It'll also help to have the notes you wrote down from class so you can reference them during your studying. Bonus points: Sometimes teachers will review what is going to be on the upcoming test in class so if you go, you'll get that extra help, too.

4. Make a list of everything you need to do

Checklists are helpful so you don't forget to do an assignment or to study a specific chapter. Once you have everything all laid out, you'll be able to prioritize what items need to get done first. A list will keep you on track and there's nothing quite as satisfying as checking something off once you've completed it.

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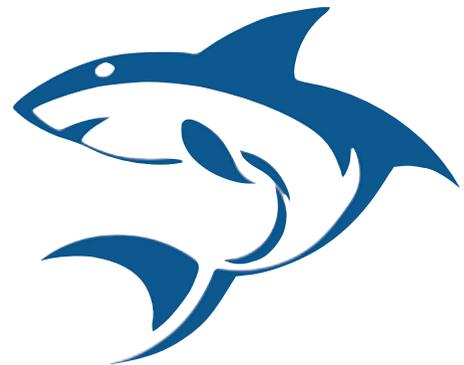
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Start off with these tips and test a few other ways of studying out until you find what works best for you. Success is coming your way!

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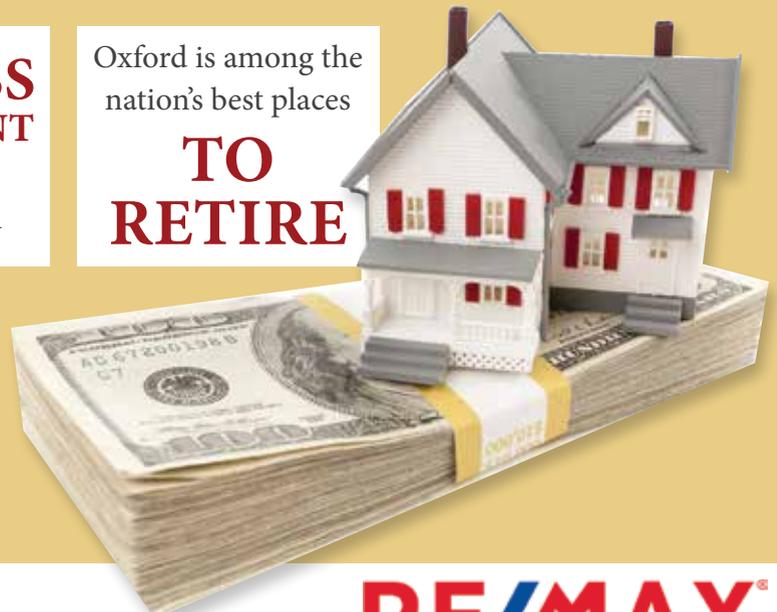
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Clothes aren't the only things you need to stash in your closet while in college. You're going from living in an entire house to a tiny room that you may or may not be sharing with a complete stranger, so you're going to need to purchase some of those things that you took for granted at home.

Two of the most commonly forgotten things are a drying rack and an iron or steamer. You don't want the dorm dryers to shrink your new shirt, so a drying rack is key. An iron or steamer will come in handy way more often than you think. You'll be the most popular gal or gent on your floor

when all your floormates have to dress up for class presentations and you're the only one who can help them get rid of the wrinkles in their business slacks.

Packing for college can be daunting, so don't forget the no-brainers, like extra blankets and sheets and a photo or two of your high school pals while you're gathering all of these essentials for taking on Ole Miss and Oxford.



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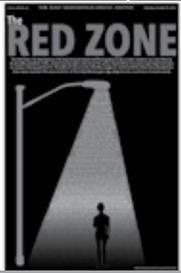
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Nicknames, fake names and anonymous accounts can be traced to your real identity through basic modern technology. Even social sites based on user anonymity such as Yik Yak explicitly advise users they “value safety and will cooperate with authorities if there’s a post that poses a threat to people.” If you are uncomfortable posting something in association with your real identity, don’t post it.

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“What would your grandma think?” Consider this in all your social media interactions as a guide for whether or not the content should exist. “If you wouldn’t want your family or employer to see it, don’t put it online,” says Ryan Whittington, University of Mississippi assistant director of public relations for social media strategy.

Get a LinkedIn

LinkedIn is a means for maintaining business connections and constantly

sharing your resume with interested parties. “All students need a LinkedIn with a good head shot,” Whittington says. “LinkedIn gives an air of professionalism and a leg-up before you need to start looking for jobs.”

Content lives forever

One screenshot can revive life into a “deleted” post. Monitor your own social accounts and clean as you go. Social media accounts are not private forums, despite your privacy

settings. Going viral may sound appealing, but being infamous for something controversial or trivial has the potential to negatively affect your opportunities.

Social Media is not your modern-day diary

Limit the amount of personal information you share in each post and the number of times you share a day. For instance, avoid tweeting 1,000 times in one day and avoid sharing your student ID number in a photo.



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