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Hello Rebels!

We encourage you to make the most of your summer orientation sessions. Ask questions. Attend as many sessions as you can. Even if you grew up an Ole Miss football fan and have been to campus a million times, you don't know it all. Promise.

A few years ago, we were just like you: new students at the University of Mississippi. The next few days will be exciting, overwhelming and exhausting. Your brain will be full of rules, regulations and responsibilities you didn't think about when you applied.

That's where The Rebel Guide comes in. While you're sitting through info-sessions and trying to figure out how to maneuver MyOleMiss to create a class schedule, we hope you'll find something within these pages to enlighten you. You will learn a bit more about Ole Miss and Oxford from students who were in your shoes not too long ago. And you'll have some fun along the way.

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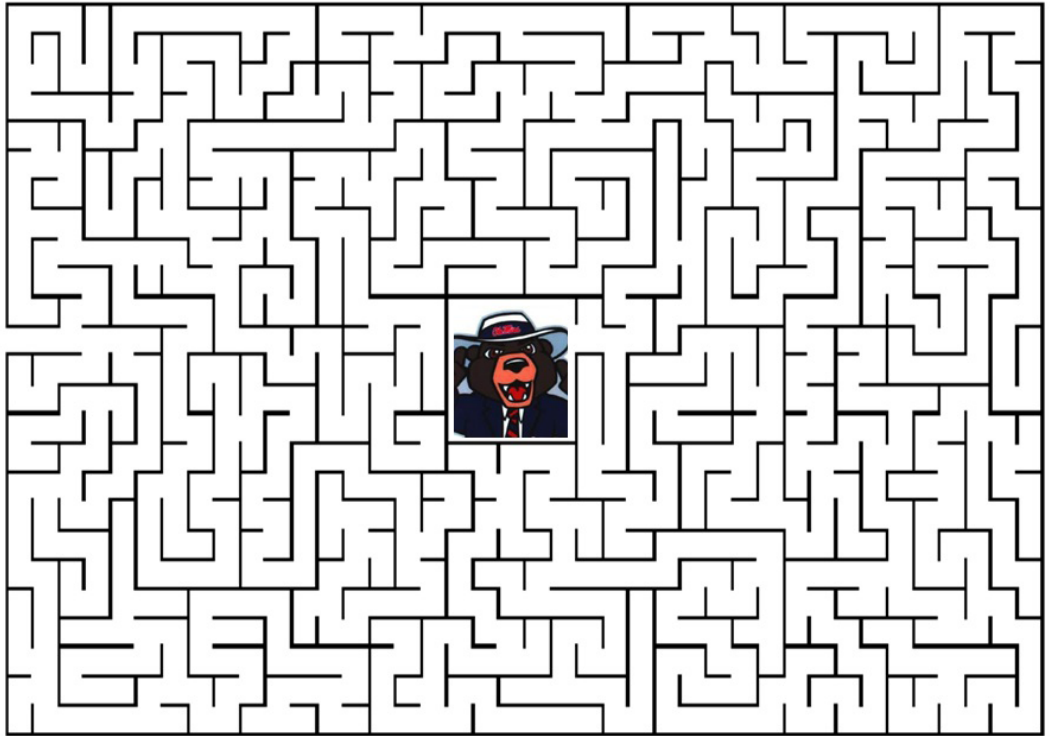
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CAMPUS MAP

As you get acquainted with your new home for the next year, you'll find that some of the buildings on campus will become crucial spots for your time here at Ole Miss. Below are seven of the most prominent locations that'll make your life a little easier.



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TOP 5 GAMEDAY TRADITIONS

BY JOSHUA CLAYTON

Ole Miss has one of the greatest tailgating experiences in the world. That's not debatable. If you need proof, Sports Illustrated named Ole Miss the No. 1 tailgating school in the nation. People who couldn't care less about sports pile into the Grove alongside die-hard SEC football fans for a true bucket list experience. It's hard to beat an autumn Saturday afternoon in Oxford. There's so much going on in the Grove and in Vaught-Hemingway Stadium that it's easy to forget some of the traditions and unwritten rules of an SEC tailgate. Here's the top-5 gameday traditions at Ole Miss.

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1. WALK OF CHAMPIONS

In 1985, head coach Billy Brewer, wanted a way for his players to experience the atmosphere of the Grove, so he started leading them through the 10-acre yard before games. Since then, the Walk of Champions has been the climax for every tailgate in the Grove. The football team starts at the north end of the Grove two hours before kickoff and walks to the stadium while being cheered on by the Rebel faithful on either side of the sidewalk.

2. TENT HOPPING

When you walk past the Grove on your way to class, it's hard to imagine tens of thousands of people can pack into it. When you walk up to the sea of red and blue on Saturdays, it's a reminder that you're at the best tailgating school in the nation. You may know everyone you walk past or you might not know anyone. Either way, there's always a tent open welcoming you to enjoy the Southern hospitality in the form of a pig in a blanket or a chicken tender. Just remember to say please and thank you!



3. LOCK THE VAUGHT/HOTTY TODDY

The party doesn't stop in the Grove. After you've found your seat in Vaught-Hemingway Stadium, prepare to lock arms with your neighbor, and rock back and forth to welcome the Rebels to the gridiron. After that, when you hear "Are you ready?", if you don't know how to respond, you'll learn quickly.

4. TENT RUN

This tradition starts on the Friday before the game. The Grove and The Circle close at 6:30 p.m. that night and a countdown is started. At 7 p.m. sharp, fans descend upon the Grove with tents in hand in a mad rush for their territory. Tailgate space is first-come, first-serve so run fast.

5. ARRIVE IN STYLE

The Grove is like a fashion show for most people. Make sure you check what color to wear and pick your best outfit. Check out our "5 Most Instagramable Spot on Campus" for more. (Page 20)

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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 IM-Leagues.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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CAREER CENTER

Need help finding a job or deciding your major? The Career Center in Martindale is the place to go. The support center offers advising for students who are unsure of what degrees or careers they wish to pursue. Students can also find helpful information about how

to handle themselves 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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Now that you know about these above resources, make sure to make use of them during your time on campus.

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What I wish I knew as a freshman.



"I wish I would have known that time would pass by this fast. Senior year comes quick, so have a lot of fun and make your four years worth it."

Meghan Bullock

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"Don't rush through things. Enjoy your time while you're here, because you're never going to get it back and it's going to go by fast. Spend your time wisely."

Gabby Brown

New Orleans, LA
Senior, Political Science



"Getting involved is not as hard as it seemed in college. I thought that getting a job or participating in a club in college would be really hard but it ended up being really easy."

Ben Hager

Murfreesboro, TN
Sophomore, International Studies



"Try to be involved and take leadership roles in one big thing, and then be involved in a lot of smaller things. But don't overwhelm yourself and try to do as much as you did in high school."

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BY ELIZA NOE

It's true when they say that you'll need a translator when visiting the South. The next ten months of your life will be spent navigating the deep fried language of Lafayette County, so we've put together a starting guide to the new lexicon of your college career.

Fixin' to

If someone says that they are "fixing to do something," it means they're getting ready to do that action. There's no time limit when someone says they're "fixing to," so you might as well get comfortable.

"Sarah, what are you doing this afternoon?"
"I'm fixing to go to the store."

Being Ugly

In the South, "being ugly" has nothing to do with your physical appearance. More accurately, it represents how your attitude is looking. Gossiping, misbehaving and being rude all fall under "being ugly."

"You shouldn't be talking about someone behind their back. Don't be ugly."

Cattywampus

Not lined up or arranged correctly; crooked.

"The painting on the wall over there is all cattywampus. Go straighten for me."

Bless your Heart

When someone says, "Bless your heart," he or she is not exactly expressing true sympathy or concern. While this phrase is utilized in many ways, most of the time, it's used to soften the blow of an insult. For this one, listen to the tone of voice and use your best judgement.

"Bless her heart. She's as dumb as a doornail, but at least she's pretty."

OLE MISS FRESHMAN BUCKET LIST

BY ISABEL SPAFFORD

As you enter your first year of college, you'll go through so many new experiences that it can get overwhelming. Luckily for you, we've put together a list of some of the quintessential Ole Miss experiences you have to go through during your freshman year.

ONE

Try to get free food from every sorority

Every sorority has something unique to offer, and I mean this in a culinary sense. Not only can this inspire you to make friends across the panhellenic spectrum, you can get some free food along the way. Some sororities' chefs really go hard. There's no down side! I'm not going to lie, it's a difficult goal to achieve, but the college experience is all about embracing challenges. I believe in you, you can do it! Extra points if you go on a day with its own name, like "Fried Friday" or "Wings Wednesday." Alternatively, you can try to go to a party at every fraternity, but frankly there's no food.

TWO.

Get to know some campus workers

Part of becoming a member of your community is getting to know the people that make up your community. Don't fall into the rut of only getting to know people who are your same age and have your same interests. It gets pretty old pretty fast, and it doesn't give you a whole lot of growing room. Put yourself out there and make some connections with the men and women who do the jobs that make our lives easier! Plus, if you're friends with the crossing guards, they just might you pass when you're running late to class.

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MOST INSTAGRAMABLE SPOTS: CAMPUS EDITION

BY ANNIE SHARP

Ole Miss has been noted as one of the most beautiful college campuses in more than one magazine over the past decade, but finding the right spot to showcase it's beauty can be tricky sometimes. Online Editor Annie Sharp found the best spots around campus that are sure to make a statement on anyone's timeline.

PHI MU FOUNTAIN



For a sunny day on Snapchat: Walk out of the library doors towards Paris Yates and right there is the perfect scenery to take a landscape shot of the greenery with the fountain in the center and Paris Yates Chapel hiding in the trees peeping through in the back. Freshman aren't the only ones encouraged to swim in the fountain. It is no secret that graduation pictures have the possibility to start feeling basic, with the fake laugh as you hold your cap with the stereotypical caption "Can't believe I made it!" A fun way to spice up a photo session is to grab some friends and splash around in that fountain. Have some personality in your pictures, look like you are having fun and this is the perfect spot to do it.

WALK OF CHAMPIONS



Whether you are an incoming freshman, graduating senior or a dedicated 5th year this spot never gets old. My biggest advice specifically to the freshman would be to get pictures here on Game Day with all your friends. When you are frantically trying to find them in the Grove chaos and you use The Walk as a meeting place, snap a pic while you are there. It is the perfect spot to feature the traditions of a gameday at Ole Miss and you will love getting to look back on it in years to come.

Possible Captions:

5th year: "Walking with the Champions for one last victory lap!"

Incoming Freshman: "Someone told me this is where I could find the football players?"

LYCEUM



This spot is obvious, it is the first thing you hear about at orientation and if you have ever been to Rebel Rags you probably own a shirt with the Lyceum clipart on the frocket. Just because it is a historically significant doesn't mean you have to take a picture in front of it, you have to take a picture in front of it is because it is one of the reasons Ole Miss is known for looking more like a resort than a college campus. The building has definite fresh and clean southern vibes that will compliment anyone who stands in front of it.

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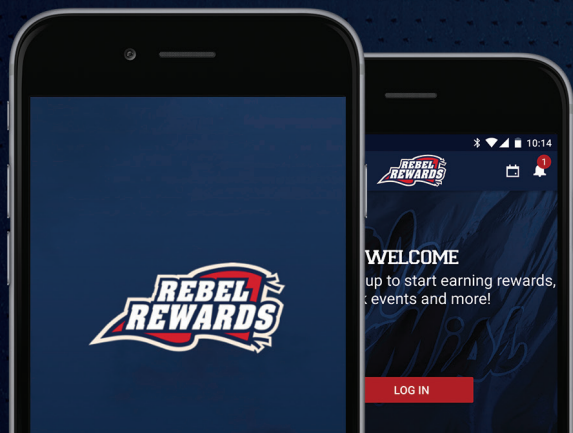
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There are 16 NCAA sports teams at Ole Miss, *go see them play*

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



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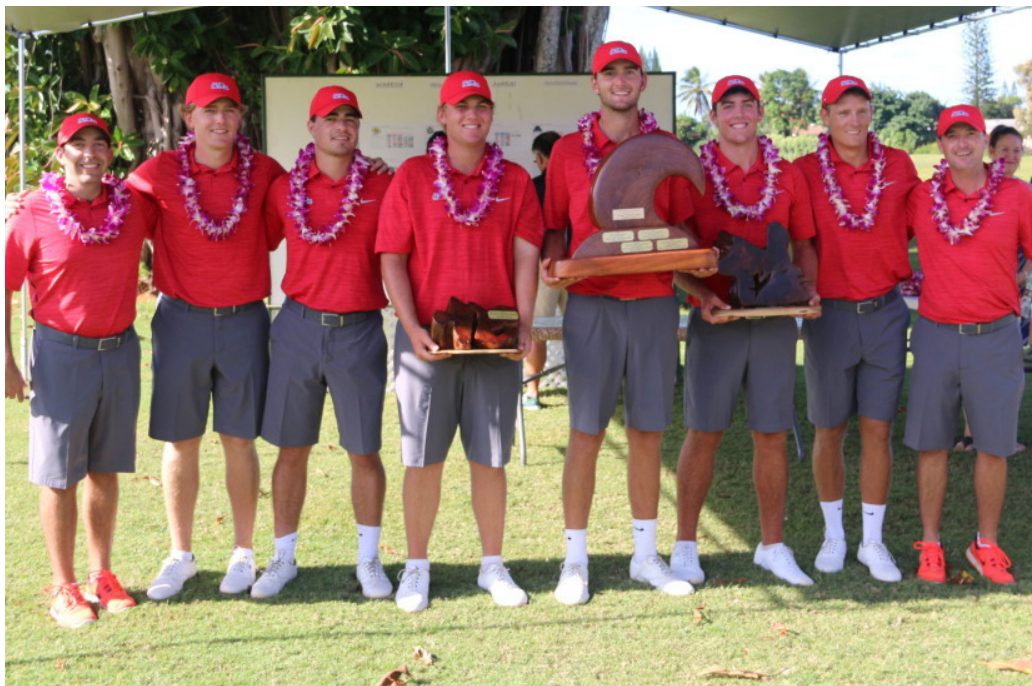
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first football game was a “white game.” Each Ole Miss football game gets assigned a color – either red, blue or white – for the fans to wear. Don’t worry – the color schedule is online. Well after three hours in the sweltering heat of the Grove (compounded 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 Rebels 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.

Get out there.
Find your fun.



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THREE.

The Doorknob to the Universe

This is it – the real reason you decided to come to Ole Miss. You can spend your whole life trying to find it, but unless you already know where it is, you never will. This paradox has driven many mad. But don't worry! Find a nice, trustworthy upperclassman to take you to find it. It takes a while to get there, but it's worth it for the adventure. Who knows, maybe you'll even find some clarity there. I've probably said too much already.



FOUR.

Write your own list

There are going to be so many cool new things this year. Write your bucket list as you go. Go to Sardis at night with your friends and bring a giant inflatable dolphin? Write it down, and check it off. Change your major three times and find the thing you actually want to study? Put it on the list! Eat at the Taco Shop every day for a week? Find a group that you never thought you would be into but that you become super passionate about? Have some tough times and find people who help you through them? The best parts are going to be things you never would have thought to write down.



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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.

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Talk with recent graduates

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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.



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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.

Sincerely,
A sentimental senior

MUST-HAVE APPS FOR COLLEGE

BY BRIANA FLOREZ

GroupMe



GroupMe is essential for every college student. I downloaded the app a few weeks before college started to communicate with other girls who were going to live in my dorm. You will find that most communication between any groups for projects, organizations, friends or even intramural teams is done through GroupMe.

Blackboard



Blackboard is what professors use to manage students' assignments, grades, announcements and everything else dealing with classes. The app makes it convenient for students to access their grades or read an assignment from their mobile device, rather than get on a computer. You will want to make sure you download Blackboard right away so you can check your grades on the go.

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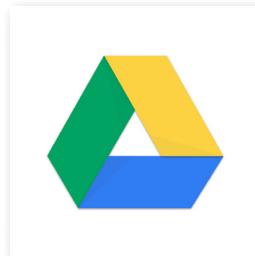
These apps for will come in handy for all aspects of college life while going to Ole Miss.

Quizlet



Have no idea what's going to be on that test? Feel like you already know it all? Curious what other people are studying? Quizlet offers online study tools that are often shared among students in a class to help them prepare for big tests. Looking at other students' study guides for your class can make the difference between an A and a B.

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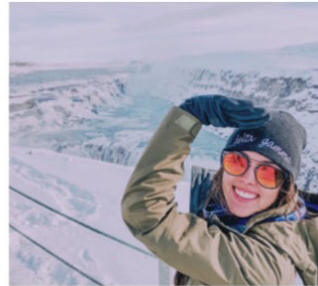
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STUDY TIPS FOR SUCCESS

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.

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.

5. Quizlet can be your friend

It's like an electronic form of flashcards, which means you can study on your phone or laptop. Once you make the card set, you can go through them at your own pace, play games with them, or even go through guided learning exercises. If you make an account, you can also collaborate with other people in your class to make a mega set of cards, too.

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

Watch Netflix

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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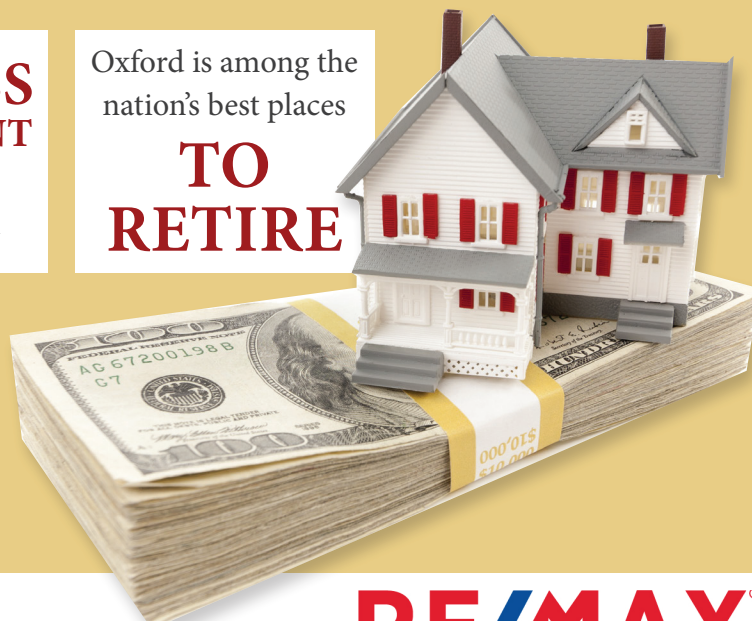
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WHAT TO KEEP IN YOUR CLOSET

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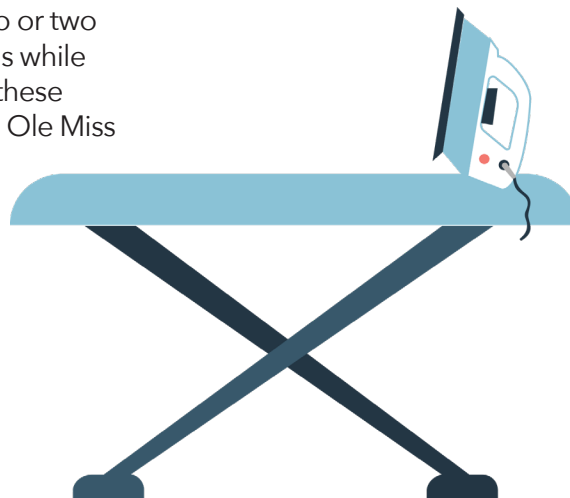
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Clothes aren't the only things you need to stash in your closet while in college. You're going from living in an entire house to a tiny room that you may or may not be sharing with a complete stranger, so you're going to need to purchase some of those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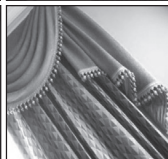
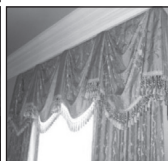
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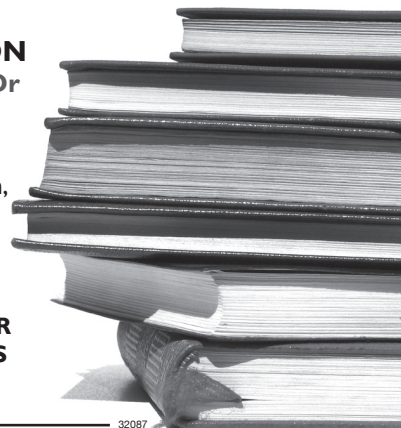
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