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Oxford vigil: 'Love rather than hate'



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A group of about 30 students and Oxonians gathered for a candlelight vigil Sunday night at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Oxford. The vigil was held in response to the recent violence in Charlottesville, Virginia. Attendees shared songs of solidarity and prayers from several different faiths. "Many people have expressed that events like Charlottesville could come to Oxford," event organizer Chris Sapp said. "We wanted to show a strong demonstration for love rather than hate and unity rather than division." Protests and counter-protests surrounding the issues of Confederate monuments, statues and other symbols have been taking place in cities all across the nation.

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Total solar eclipse seen across nation today

JOHN TOULOUPIS
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Students will be treated to a once-in-a-lifetime sight midway through the first day of classes: a minute-and-a-half of darkness. For the first time since 1932, a total solar eclipse will be visible across the entire contiguous U.S.

The eclipse will occur when the sun, the moon and the Earth line up at around 1:20 p.m. During a total solar eclipse, the disk of the sun is fully obscured by the moon.



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International Space Station images of lunar shadow

"Unless one is able to travel to a location where a solar eclipse is known to take place, there is a high chance of not being able to see a total solar eclipses in one's own lifetime," Marco Cavaglià, a professor in physics and astronomy department, said.

A thin band across the United States, starting south of Portland, Oregon, running through the Midwest down south through Tennessee, and ending in Charleston,

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Students react to Union delays

RACHEL ISHEE
NEWS EDITOR

The Student Union won't be opening its doors to students today like originally planned, according to a university press release. Parts of the new building were supposed to be open, offering more dining options on campus. Last-minute delays led to the Union project missing its Aug. 21 opening date.

News of the delay has slowly started to make its way around campus as students return to Oxford for the fall semester.

"The Union not opening on time is super frustrating, but honestly I kind of expected it to be delayed," junior accounting major Skyler Knapp said. "I switched my meal plan from a 5-day plus one plan to the 7-day plus one plan because we were all being told that it would open on time."

Incoming freshman and transfer students seem to be more optimistic about the delay since they have yet to experience the Student Union.

"Since I'm a freshman, I don't really know any different, so the Union being closed isn't affecting me as much as people who are use to having it," incoming freshman Delaney Cavanaugh said. "However, it does take away a lot of different food options and does not replace them with anything, so hopefully it will be open soon."

The Student Union is being renovated in two different phases that will expand the building by almost 80,000 square feet to 173,000 total square feet. Chick-fil-A, Panda Express and Qdoba are set to return, and Which Wich and McAlister's Deli will be new ad-

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Delivering the news how you want it

Starting this week, look for your print Daily Mississippian four mornings a week instead of five. We will publish a print edition on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays.

But don't worry. If news breaks on Mondays, you can still find it on our website, theDMonline.com, and on our Facebook page, Twitter accounts, Instagram and Snapchat. We still will have a full group of editorial students covering events for the website and social media each day.

Why are we doing this? For two reasons:

First, we are student media. Our editors, writers, designers, photographers, illustrators and social media coordinators are full-time students. We want to spend more time delivering news and content in the modern ways you want to receive it. In recent years, our digital coverage of breaking news has won awards and praise from all over the nation. We want to build on our digital footprint, and we want you to follow along while we do it. We want space to do more podcasts, more videos, more watchdog content, more in-depth design, more multimedia interactive features. Having one weekday without that daily 1 a.m. print publication deadline will help.

Second, scaling back daily print production will reduce printing and distribution costs, which will enable us to use our revenue in more productive ways to meet our mission. It's no secret advertising revenue has been declining nationwide for many years, for college newspapers and professional media. It's no secret media employers seek students with multimedia skills. If we want to beef up our new media content, we have to figure out ways to pay for it without reducing opportunities for students who want to work at the Student Media Center.

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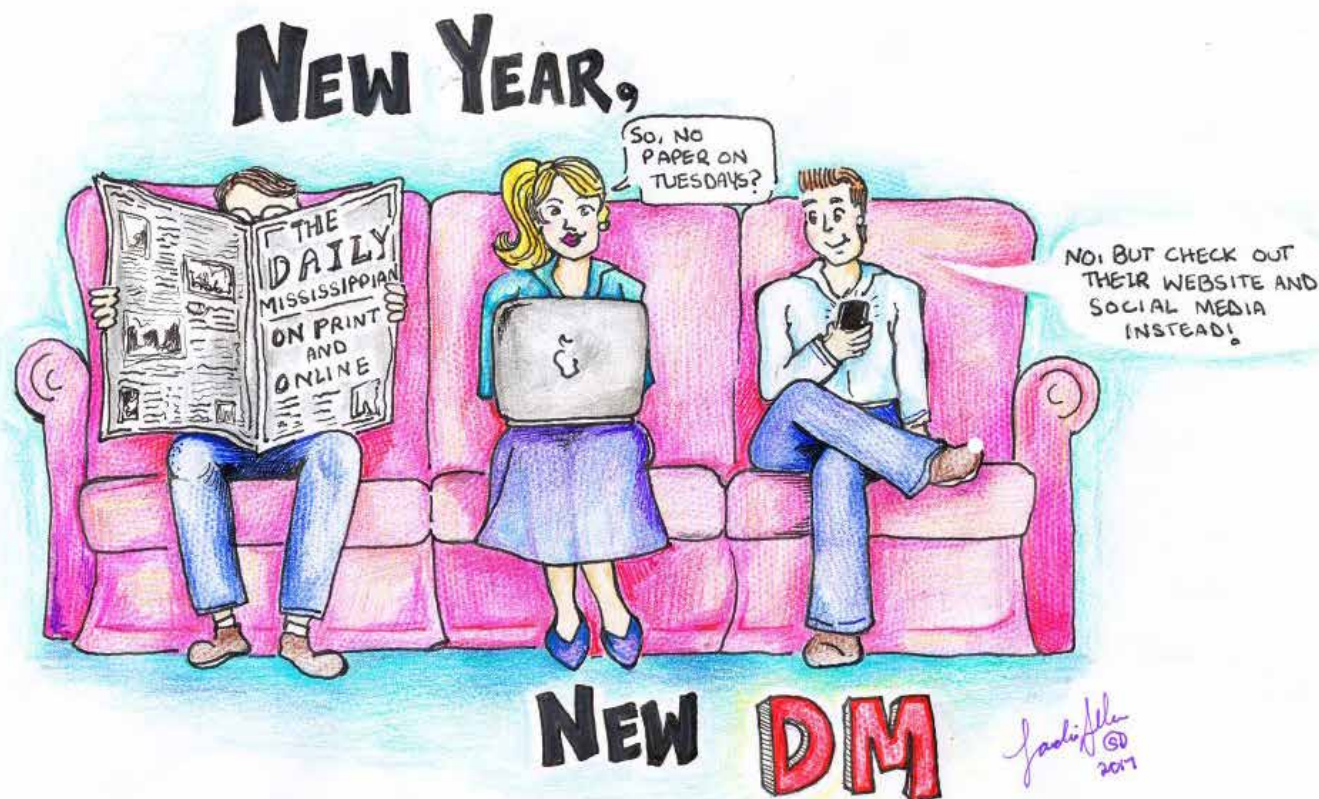
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Along with our colleagues at the Student Media Center – who publish the yearbook, produce a daily TV newscast and broadcast news and music on our radio station – we are totally committed to our Student Media Center mission: We provide an educational learning environment, work experience and leadership opportunities for students interested in careers in the media (more than 150 students work at the SMC each semester); serve the university and local communities by providing editorial and business information and services; and offer a forum for the exchange of ideas.

We're excited to try new things and take The DM to new levels. We want our readers to be a part of that. We'll open our newsroom doors to the community for an open house later this semester Wednesday, Sept. 13, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Come in, see the behind-the-scenes of how the newspaper is created each night and mingle with editors.

We're YOUR newspaper. Help us fulfill our mission.

Lana Ferguson, Daily Mississippian Editor-in-Chief
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MEMBER NEWSPAPER

COLUMN

Dear professors, America needs your guidance



FRANCISCO HERNANDEZ
COLUMNIST

As today's solar eclipse teaches us, a lack of light can be a cold and frightening experience. Unfortunately, this summer revealed an even more unnerving darkness: the lack of intellectualism in our nation's mass media.

In a country where in 1787 a small group of intellectuals forged one of the world's strongest democratic systems and in the 1960s civil rights leaders brought the constitutional ideal of a "more perfect union" closer to realization, the lack of honest and informed public debaters is even more worrisome.

Our current times have challenges of their own, and if we want to avoid a national existential crisis, there are many questions we need to face with braveness and thorough examination.

Just as the opioid and obesity epidemics require the intervention of medical doctors and healthcare professionals, this information crisis requires the intervention of intellectuals and academics. And nobody is more prepared for the task than university professors all across the U.S.

I know that the responsibilities of teaching, researching and serving publicly that professors already perform are enough to ask for. But times like this require some additional steps and adaptations. The divisive questions being debated are simply too plentiful to let fester.

Is immigration an essential part of this country's identity, or has it become an economic and social burden for some? How will we avoid the reintroduction of white supremacy

into our politics? Is access to affordable healthcare necessary to promote the general welfare? Does our system of meritocracy justify our level of economic inequality? What steps should we take to stop human-induced climate change?

These are just some of the most important questions of our time, and their answers will shape decades to come. Yet the media has proved unprepared to predict and address these challenges, even in a time when information is more accessible than ever.

Overabundance of information has only divided us further without providing any clarity: Mainstream public debate on the left comes from late-night TV hosts with a talent for comedy but no scientific or academic background, while the right contributes its loud-mouthed cable news anchors who prefer yelling over discussing substantial policy ideas.

Social media and the internet provide a similar picture: Algorithms record readers' preferences and cater to our biases with sensationalist stories

that will increase the number of clicks or likes.

Academic specialization has greatly expanded our fields of knowledge, but it's not clear whether it has allowed us to keep a united vision about our past, our present and our future. Academia needs to step outside its comfort zone of specialized knowledge and begin providing guidance to society as a whole.

The classroom is a great starting point to promote open debates that avoid political agendas and focus on the latest fact-based research. Engagement in social media will also be crucial, as those platforms, for better or for worse, represent the future of public debates and require active and informed guidance for college-graduates and non-college graduates.

Lastly, the participation of professors in the mainstream media is a necessity for both journalism and academia. Academics will provide the background the media lacks, while mainstream publications will contribute with a louder voice and reach than specialized

journals.

Maybe with this joint effort, as literature professors might say, we will be able to rage, rage against the dying of the light.

Francisco Hernandez is a senior international studies major from Valencia, Spain.

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South Carolina, will be able to see the total eclipse. Astronomy fans spending the day in Oxford will miss out on the eclipse's totality, but can surely observe a rare positioning of the sun and moon.

"Although eclipses are not rare events, total solar eclipses visible from a given location on Earth are pretty rare, as they occur on average every 375 years," Cavaglià said. "There is no better way to start the new academic year than with an exceptional astronomical event."

The closest spot for students living in Oxford to catch the eclipse in totality is a few hours north in Nashville, Tennessee.

"If you are trying to drive up last minute, expect a huge traffic jam," Tibor Torma, director of the Kennan Observatory, said.

While Oxford isn't located in the 100 percent total-coverage band, the city will still experience more than 90 percent coverage of the sun, with a peak of 93 percent at 1:24 p.m. Cavaglià said though a total eclipse is especially spectacular, today's partial one will create the interesting appearance that the moon has taken a bite out of the sun.

"The moon will be coming in slowly," Torma said. "It will start chipping away at the sun starting around noon."

For those Oxonians sticking in town, campus officials have planned two viewing parties for the partial eclipse. The J.D. Williams Library will set up a tent from 11:30 to 3 p.m. with pinhole projectors and eclipse glasses for students to observe the eclipse on the quadrangle by the Phi Mu fountain.

The Department of Physics and Astronomy will host its own viewing party outside Lewis Hall between the Lyceum and the library from noon to 3 p.m., complete with a solar projection device and telescopes.

"People think that eclipses are not very bright, but they are very wrong," Torma said. "It is more dangerous to look in a partial eclipse than a normal sun. A partial eclipse is darker, which means the human pupil opens up and lets in more light, but the eclipsed part of the sun is just as bright as when it was full."

While viewing the eclipses, it is important to take into account safety precautions to avoid eye damage. Experts also warn against taking photos with any sort of cameras, including smartphones, because it will cause damage to the device.

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ditions.

During construction, Ole Miss Dining will extend its hours of operation in all locations to make up for the lack of dining options.

According to the news release, students, faculty and staff will not lose the value of their meal plans and Rebel Unlimited Plus 1, faculty and staff meal plans, Spring Greek Plus 1, Upperclassmen Plus 1 and Upperclassmen Weekday Plus 1 will not be affected. Rebel Market, the Marketplace at the Residential College, the Grill at 1810, Freshii, Chick-fil-A, all of the P.O.D.s, P.O.D. Mobile, Papa John's, Raising Cane's, Einstein Bros Bagels, Steak 'n Shake and Starbucks will be open for food options.

As of now, no reopening date has been released, but Thursday's news release said Phase 1 of renovations will be opening soon.



PHOTO BY: TAYLAR TEEL

A look at the back entrance of the unfinished Student Union.

"I am disappointed about the delay in opening the Student Union," said Brandi Hephner LaBanc, vice chancellor for student affairs, in the news release. "It was a hard decision, but the correct one. We want to provide

students the best experience at Ole Miss, and prematurely opening the building would have disappointed them much more than waiting on a completely finished product."

See today's *Daily Mississippian Back-To-School* section for full details of the Student Union expansion and what was found in a time capsule on the construction site.

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COLUMN

New-look Rebels could be most exciting yet

GRAYSON WEIR
SPORTS EDITOR

College football returns Saturday.

Sure, it's the Colorado State season opener and it's being played in Australia, but it's college football, nonetheless. And that means just seven days later the Rebels will take the field in front of 64,000 in white.

This year, of course, is a little bit different. The games don't hold the same consequences. Which might just mean we're in for the most fun year yet.

With Hugh Who-Must-Not-Be-Named now cemented as a piece of Ole Miss history for some of the highest of highs and definitely the lowest of lows, there's no denying the man won us some big-time ball games and is one hell of a recruiter.

(You know – I take it back. I'd rather have an escort scandal than have LSU take



FILE PHOTO

Terry Caldwell throws up the Landshark after making a tackle last year.

Orleans Saints and the Auburn Tigers, is the whole package. His defenses were outstanding at both of those programs, and he's already played in the SEC West, where he helped lead a unit that was tremendous at stopping the run, limiting explosive plays and being stingy in the red zone.

Perhaps McGriff will right the ship and bring us back to the days of slobber-knocker hits followed by the oh-so-familiar (yet seemingly nostalgic) fin thrown up to the sky.

That's pretty damn fun, too.

And then, of course, there's the no consequence factor, like I mentioned. Our boys will be coming out hot, playing every game with a chip on their shoulder, with a giant middle finger up to the NCAA. Why not go out and spoil some seasons, win out and silence the haters?

Sounds like a good time to me.

This no consequence factor also applies to the Rebel faithful. Kind of. Outside of possible run-ins with campus police or other authorities, there's really no reason to not show up loud. If you miss the Hotty Toddy? Eh, no biggie. Miss the first touchdown of the game? There will be plenty more; trust me. Get there when you get there, just be sure to get there. Just because our season won't end in bowl-game bliss doesn't mean we can't get behind the guys who are still here, still grinding and still having fun. At the end of the day, there is no postseason ban on the Grove. Go out and have a day.

a knee on the goal line up 52-3 with five minutes left in the game. That's the lowest of lows. Thanks, Houston Nutt. I digress.)

Having such an asset on the recruiting trail out and head coach Matt Luke in won't make the talent already on the roster vanish. The offense is stacked, and new offensive coordinator Phil Longo has the reins.

Longo, who came over from the FBS program Sam Houston State, captained the most prolific offense in college football just a year ago. Longo's Air-Raid attack averaged 547.3 yards per game and 49.5 points per game in 2017. So if you thought the

Rebels threw the ball a lot last year, expect even more tight spirals down the sideline this year.

That's fun.

Now add the best receiving core in the nation to that offense and place Shea Patterson at the helm.

That's even more fun.

On the other side of the ball, former defensive coordinator Dave Wommack's long overdue retirement is a sight for sore eyes. Welcoming back a familiar face in Wesley McGriff to fill the hole, our abysmal defensive effort should be no more.

McGriff, who returns to Ole Miss following successful stints with the New

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Ole Miss soccer dominates in season opener

MAGGIE CROUCH
SPORTS WRITER

The Rebels came out kicking in their season opener against Alabama State on Friday night with an 8-0 win over the Alabama State Hornets.

Junior forward CeCe Kizer led Ole Miss with a hat trick in the first 30 minutes to set the tone for the rest of the game. Coach Matt Mott said Kizer is back this season and better than ever.

"She battled a couple injuries last year but had a great spring that carried into fall camp," Mott said. "In pre-season she was just dynamite."

And Kizer sure did explode on the field. She first scored four minutes into the first half and then twice more to solidify an early lead.

"I thought we came out really strong," Kizer said. "We got a lot of opportunities offensively and were very organized defensively, which gave us a lot of scoring opportunities that we capitalized on."

A new season also means new legs on the field, and this quick lead in the first half allowed more than 20 Ole Miss rostered players to see the field throughout the rest of the game. Firing off a whopping 35 shots compared to the Hornets' four shots over the 90 minutes of play, the Rebels saw firsthand that with many



PHOTO BY: TAYLAR TEEL

Sophomore Gabby Little prepares to score a goal Sunday night against Northwest State.

shots come many goals.

In addition to Kizer's hat trick, Grace Johnson, Alyssa Frazier, Alley Houghton, Mary Kate Smith and Emily Holten also saw their shots hit the back of the net. Johnson, Fra-

zier, Smith and Holten celebrated these first goals of their college carriers.

Sophomore forward Alley Houghton was another big contributor to the explosive offense the Rebels brought to the

field Friday night. She not only had a goal of her own but also led in assists, stacking up four of them throughout the game.

Although the Rebels came out on top, they took some time at the start of each half to find their rhythm due to "nervous legs," as coach Mott put it. After Kizer's initial goal, it was another 25 minutes before she scored again, followed by four more goals, sending Ole Miss into halftime with a 6-0 lead. The second half gave reprise to this pattern, beginning with 15 minutes of scoreless Rebels.

But once the Rebels did find their groove, they were able to make things happen. Coach Mott said he knows they will bring intensity and energy every time they step on the field.

"I know this team has what it takes to be a dangerous team all year long," Mott said.

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of Information Act request that would eventually reveal Freeze's interactions with escorts and ultimately led to his downfall.

What's next for Ole Miss football?

Prior to the events involving Freeze's phone records, the university stood firmly behind Freeze, defending his actions and reaffirming his innocence to the NCAA. Athletics Director Ross Bjork and Chancellor Jeffrey Vitter both appeared in press conferences, uniting the university behind a man who built a remarkably wholesome public persona. They asserted that boosters acted in rogue without

Freeze's approval. But once Freeze left, the university was strong-armed into pivoting its defense.

Early signals seem to indicate Ole Miss will spin Freeze's departure as an internal solution. With Freeze gone, the NCAA can no longer go after the problem's alleged source. In other words, Ole Miss could attempt to convince the NCAA that it took care of the situation in-house.

This effort will attempt to minimize further sanctions. But is it an admission of guilt from the university? Is the Ole Miss athletics department admitting Freeze played a part in the recruiting scandal after repeatedly denying his involvement? Not necessarily, but it certainly does not look good.

The NCAA has not hand-

ed down its final sanctions yet. Representatives from Ole Miss are set to meet with the NCAA's Committee on Infractions on Sept. 11, just five days before the Rebels' game at the University of California, Berkley. If it finds the Rebels guilty of "failure to maintain institutional control," among potential other violations, the penalty could include a mandatory two-year bowl ban. If that's the case, 2014 and 2015 recruiting class players can transfer without red-shirting. Players including Ken Webster, DeMarquis Gates, Marquis Haynes and DaMarkus Lodge could walk.

Other penalties could include mandatory scholarship limits (already in place) and further fines and penalties. While it's an un-

likely sentence for the Rebels to receive, the so-called "Death Penalty" (banning a school from competing in a sport for a set number of years) was handed to Southern Methodist University's football program in 1987 after repeated recruiting violations.

With an already weakened 2017 recruiting class, the NCAA retains the power to seriously cripple Ole Miss football for years. The Com-

mittee on Infractions has remained tight lipped lately, and there is little indication as to how Freeze's dismissal will affect the sanctions.

Nutt's lawsuit has since been dismissed; a U.S. district judge cited a lack of subject matter jurisdiction. The former coach, who finished his final season in Oxford with a 2-11 record, is expected to refile in state court later this year.

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Amid turmoil, what lies ahead for Ole Miss football?

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After a summer riddled with controversies and accusations surrounding Ole Miss football's recruiting practices and a pair of now-former coaches, many fans in Oxford are not sure what to expect this fall.

Interim head coach Matt Luke, formerly an offensive coordinator under Hugh Freeze, enters the 2017 season with an impressively talented group of players. But questions remain as to Ole Miss' on- and off-field future. If the NCAA takes an especially aggressive stance in sanctioning the Rebels' program, the team could suffer for years to come.

Where did things go wrong?

The NCAA began its investigation into Ole Miss' recruiting practices after Adrian Wiggins, hired to coach the Lady Rebels' basketball team in March 2012, was fired in October of the same year. The university cited recruiting violations. Wiggins' firing marked the official start of the NCAA investigation.

Fast forward to 2015, and the investigation shifts a gear higher when Laremy



FILE PHOTO

Former head coach Hugh Freeze prepares to take the field last year.

Tunsil's stepfather, Lindsey Miller, accuses Tunsil of illegally meeting with NFL agents. Tunsil, at the time one of the nation's top offensive tackles, sits out for most of his junior season.

2016 could have been the

year Ole Miss recovered. In January, the NCAA closed its investigation and handed the university a Notice of Allegations (NOA) consisting of more than 30 recruiting violations that included the women's basketball,

track and field and football teams. The list was extensive but far from a certain death sentence.

Enter Tunsil's draft night catastrophe.

In late April, less than an hour before the 2016 NFL

draft began, an anonymous hacker gained access to Tunsil's social media accounts and released a video of the two-time All-SEC junior smoking marijuana, as well as a screenshot of Tunsil allegedly asking an Ole Miss coach for money. The NCAA reopened its investigation.

Soon after, in August 2016, it began interviewing players from a number of schools, including Mississippi State, who may have been offered illegal rewards from Ole Miss boosters. The players were granted immunity for their testimony.

In February 2017, the NCAA added eight accusations to its first NOA.

The university's official response arrived June 6, 2017, and included a self-imposed one-year bowl ban, among other recruiting restrictions. Just a week later, on July 12, Houston Nutt, head coach from 2008 to 2011, sued Ole Miss, the university's board of trustees and the Ole Miss Athletics Foundation for defamation. He claims the accused made false statements regarding his tenure in Oxford. This lawsuit led to the Freedom

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