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Square crash damages local businesses Officers confront students' prescribed marijuana



PHOTO BY: CAMERON BROOKS

Construction takes place after a crash early Monday morning that damaged multiple businesses on the Square.

Officers confront students' prescribed marijuana

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Earlier this February, Oxford Police Department tweeted a picture of a seized package containing what appeared to be medical marijuana.

When describing the contents of the package in its tweet, OPD used quotation marks around the word prescription, catching the attention of many Twitter users. OPD said its use of quotation marks was a direct result of the questionable authenticity of the packaging of the marijuana.

"A real prescription has the doctor who prescribed the medicine, a Rx number, patient's name, etc.," OPD said in a direct message via Twitter. "This had none of it, despite being labeled 'medical marijuana.'"

Medical marijuana is legal in 28 U.S. states, not including Mississippi. Nearly 46 percent of Ole Miss students come from out of state, and according to the school's website, 1,836 students come to Ole Miss from states with some form of legal marijuana. Many of these students come

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A Ford pickup truck crashed into a small row of storefronts Monday on Courthouse Drive on the Oxford Square. The crash

was reported just after 5:30 a.m.

According to the Oxford Fire Department, the man driving the truck suffered a medical episode, believed to be a seizure, and drove through the flower beds and smashed into the buildings. He was taken to the local

Baptist hospital to treat minor injuries.

Apparel received the bulk of the damages caused by the accident. Next door, Ajax Diner's storefront also took some of the hit. However, the structural construction repairs did not affect Oxford Grillehouse

due to its weekly Monday closing.

OFD was on the scene fixing structural damages to the "hot zone" by Monday afternoon. Joey Gardner, deputy chief of operations for OFD, observed as the

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DM STAFF REPORT

Student government candidates begin campaigning

Three students are running for the student body president position this year, which is the first time more than one candidate has run for the position since 2014.

Emily Hoffman, Dion Kevin and Austin Spindler are running for president. Matt Gladden, Allison Hanby, Coco McDonnell and Elam Miller are candidates for vice president. Running for the position of secretary are Jordan Coopwood and Dylan

Wood. For attorney general, Levis Bevis and Dillon Pitts are running. Judicial chair candidates are Will Nowell and Bryant Carlton. The only unopposed seat is that of treasurer, for which Jennie Jesuit is running.

Students running for the Associated Student Body were permitted Sunday night to put up signs announcing their candidacy in the new campaign area. Due to construction on the Ole Miss

Student Union, the new signs will be on the sides of Business Row, by the Lyceum and the J.D. Williams Library.

Students will be allowed to give out small campaign cards and stickers in the Circle, on Business Row and around the Phi Mu Fountain. The election will take place March 7 through online voting, but paper ballots will be available in Minor Hall, where the temporary ASB office is located.



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COLUMN

Trump's rise: Historic or dangerous movement?



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In Spanish, we have a popular saying that could be translated as “tell me who you walk with, and I’ll tell you who you are.” I promise it sounds better in the original version. This is a piece of wisdom I

have always kept in mind when making and maintaining friendships, especially in college. In the end, the people we associate with and consider our friends say a great deal about who we are. For that reason, as I read some of the speeches from the recent Conservative Political Action Conference, I wondered: Who are conservatives in this country “walking with”? My understanding up to this point was that conservatives in the U.S. defended the so-called “small government,” which includes lower taxes, reduced public spending and protected Christian values, and relies on a world order favorable to private enter-

prise and trade. Whether you agree with those positions or not, they offer many legitimate arguments necessary for healthy function of this democracy. However, the shift of several conservative priorities under the ideological influence of Steve Bannon and the administration of President Trump raises questions about the future of both conservatism and democracy in the U.S. Perhaps the most worrisome issue is the hateful and divisive rhetoric used by some in the Trump administration. Claims such as that of taking undocumented immigrants “the hell out of this country” are neither appropriate

for a president nor consistent with Christian values and standards of speech that conservatives are supposed to uphold. The same applies for comments about media networks being labeled as “enemies of the American people.” In a display of grandiosity I consider alarming, President Trump has also repeated the phrase “our movement” continuously in speeches since his inauguration. In his inaugural speech, he said, “A historic movement the likes of which the world has never seen before.” It is unclear whether that “movement” is his own or part of the new conservative identity. What is clear is

the deviation of the “movement’s” values from traditional Republican ideology. After all, President George W. Bush defended Islam as a religion of peace, and his father, President George H.W. Bush, promoted free trade with the drafting of the North Atlantic Free Trade Agreement. Both of those positions are seemingly under fire by the new administration. The conservative movement has changed dramatically in a dangerous way, and the shift has been far from positive.

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from states where patients are allowed to carry upwards of 3 ounces of the plant. Rob Waller, director of the Lafayette Metro Narcotics Unit, said he understands students may be coming from far away states, but their medical marijuana is not welcome in town. "You have to follow laws as they are written in the location that you're at," Waller said. "You can stay in the

state where you got your prescription, but you cannot bring it here." Ole Miss junior Lia Aiavao is originally from California, a state where medical marijuana has been legal since Proposition 215 passed in 1996. The school reported 236 Californian students on campus in 2015. Though Aiavao is not prescribed marijuana herself, she said she has become very passionate about the issue through the struggles of her brother. She said while he was away at school where the

plant is still illegal, her brother faced many problems. "He, like so many others, was so used to being able to get it at home, and when he went back to school he didn't know what to do," Aiavao said. OPD said it has not handled many cases of out-of-state students arguing their marijuana should be considered legal while in school but runs into medical packages from time to time. "We don't have a lot of students claiming medical marijuana," OPD said in a direct message via Twitter. "But we

see it on breaks where students have time to visit medicinal marijuana states." Waller said since state laws are independent, each state can have a different law, and that's where states rights come into effect. Because the state has not legalized the drug, it is still illegal, he said. "If someone is caught with it, it's up to the officer on what to charge them with, if at all," OPD said. "It could be a simple possession of marijuana or possession of paraphernalia. It doesn't matter if it's legal in another state; it's illegal

in Mississippi." Ole Miss is the only institution in the county with a license to legally grow and study marijuana, but the plant hasn't grown at the Maynard W. Quimby Medicinal Plant Garden in 10 years. The garden's presence has had little effect on marijuana law, as the Mississippi legislature has no active marijuana legislation.

This article was submitted to The Daily Mississippian from an advanced reporting class.



PHOTO COURTESY: OXFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Due to a wreck that happened in the early hours of Monday morning, Ajax Diner had to close.

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team assessed the destruction.

"My role is just standing back, watching, making sure everything is done safely and that none of our people get injured," Gardner said. "The guys are doing some structural work on these buildings, making sure we don't get any more damage than we have right now."

Ajax Diner was closed Monday due to its proximity to the accident and the loss of a structural column in the front of the building, but it is expected to reopen by Tuesday.

"Hopefully we can be open tomorrow," Ajax Diner owner Randy Yates said. "I'm just glad this didn't happen later in the day when the Square is crowded."

JCG Apparel owners Mary Katherine and Lewis Herrington said they are unsure on when their store will be able to reopen.

"It's really too early to tell about any of it," Lewis said. "The engineers are trying to determine whether or not the wall is going to collapse and if it needs to be

replaced. The brick column the driver hit buckled and has a lot of weight on it, so they are trying to be as safe as possible."

Mary Katherine was on the way out of town when she received the news about the damages to her storefront.

"Oxford Police called me early this morning to tell me about the accident, but I was already headed to Colorado for vacation," Mary Katherine said.

Lewis said JCG Apparel will be out of commission for the time being.

"Insurance will cover the repairs," Lewis said. "Obviously, if the store is closed, there will be zero sales."

Oxford Police Department Officer Ryan Winters said the situation is still being "actively investigated," though not much could be disclosed as of Monday afternoon.

"Police report is in the process of being completed," Winters said. "They are finalizing it trying to figure out what went on, talk to people about what happened."

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While Ajax Diner is expecting to be open Tuesday, JCG Apparel will be out of commission indefinitely.

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Natural hair care and cultural expression event today

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The UM Women of Color Network will present a two-part event to provide personal insight and advice for women on how to maintain natural and healthy hair this week.

“Pressed by Perceptions: Natural Hair Care and Cultural Expression on a College Campus” will be held tonight in the last week of Black History Month and again Thursday in honor of Women’s History Month. The events will be from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. both days in Weems Auditorium at the Robert C. Khayat Law Center.

Natural and healthy hair has now become a movement across the world. Increasingly more African-American women are turning away from chemicals and relaxers and instead choosing a more natural route to maintaining and growing their hair.

LaTanya Dixon, a member of the UM WOCN, is leading a committee of six women who have organized this campus event.

Part one of the event will give those in attendance knowledge of how to properly nourish and style natural hair. There will also be a panel discussion in which women from campus community describe their natural hair journeys from student, faculty and staff perspectives, according to Dixon.

Part two will consist of a panel of faculty and staff who will discuss cultural expression in the workplace. A mixer with light refreshments will follow the panel discussion to extend the conversation of cultural expression and build community.

Speakers and guests for the event will include Katrina Caldwell, vice chancellor for diversity and community engagements; Acacia Santos, Miss Ole Miss; representatives from four members of the National Pan-Hellenic Council— an acting body for the nine historically African-American fraternities and sororities— and many other faculty and staff who will share their personal hair experiences and advice.

“I believe attendees will appreciate hearing the voices and stories of people they see every



PHOTO BY: ARIEL COBBERT

Rachel Coleman, LaTanya Dixon, Celesia Blackmon-Miller and Kirstie Manning pose for a picture. The UM Women of Color Network will present an event to provide personal insight and advice for women on maintaining natural and healthy hair.

day on campus with whom they may not regularly get the opportunity to have these kinds of discussions,” Dixon said.

Santos said she looks forward to hearing the stories of the other panelists.

“I think it’s so important to hear from everyone and know that there are people who have gone through the things you’re going through and have come out just fine,” Santos said.

The struggles many black women face with their hair are not commonly discussed.

“I want those attending to know that they aren’t alone in this,” Santos said. “We’re here to encourage our natural beauty and show those in attendance that it can be done.”

AJ Lester, hairstylist and brand owner of AJ Hair Addiction, said she is excited about the event because it gives women the opportunity share their knowledge of hair. Lester focuses more on healthy hair, as she is currently transitioning to chemical-free hair herself. She will give a live tutorial of a common go-to hairstyle for women wearing their hair natural.

“I feel the event will be a confidence booster for students, staff or anyone who has natural hair or is uncertain,” Lester said.

“Attendees can expect to learn about the experiences and perspectives of women in our campus community, who wear their hair natural in spaces that

may or may not be accustomed to natural hair,” Dixon said.

Black women are sometimes more nervous or anxious about how the public may react to their hair and how it’s styled.

Many African-American women start the process of relaxing, or chemically treating, their hair at a young age to achieve a straight, non-kinky texture.

Jannell Granger, a senior international studies and Arabic major, began the process at the age of 13 and stopped two years ago when she grew tired of relaxing her hair. She wanted to do something different with her hair and chose to let it grow naturally.

Going natural is a big step for some women because it can mean a drastic change in appearance.

“When I first did the big chop, I feared that I would come off as masculine,” Granger said. “I remembered that I am not my hair.”

“The big chop” is where women decide to chop off all their relaxed or chemically treated hair. Sometimes this requires women to cut their hair to finger nail length or shave their hair down to its most natural point.

Hair grows from the root, and the newly grown hair is what’s considered to be the most natural of the hair shaft that has been relaxed.

Women can go from easily manageable straight hair to a

small ‘fro or a shaved head.

According to Granger, her

mom always told her her hair is only 10 percent of who she is, and her confidence is the other 90 percent.

“I have not had an issue wearing my hair confidently, because the most beautiful woman in my eyes is a curly redhead, my mom,” Granger said. “She wears her hair with confidence, and her ability to do that inspired me to do the same.”

Granger will also be speaking in a panel discussion for the event.

These are the types of stories that can be expected during “Pressed by Perceptions: Natural Hair Care and Cultural Expression on a College Campus.”

“We hope their stories and advice will help normalize the cultural expressions of women of color on college campuses,” Dixon said.

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Men's tennis takes 2 from Arkansas-Pine Bluff



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Freshman Tim Sandkaulen hits the ball during a match on Sunday against the University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff.



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Sophomore Fabian Fallert prepares to hit the ball during a match on Sunday against the University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff.

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In its home opener, the Ole Miss men's tennis team shut out Arkansas-Pine Bluff twice Sunday at the Palmer/Salloum Tennis Center.

In a throwback to their days of playing together in Germany, sophomore Fabian Fallert and freshman Tim Sandkaulen teamed up for a 6-0 win at No. 1 doubles in the first match. Ricardo Jorge and Mississippi native Robert Mounger won 6-1 at No. 3 doubles.

In singles, Arkansas-Pine

Bluff retired at No. 1 down 5-0 in the first set, and then the Rebels won all remaining matches in straight sets for the 7-0 win.

Around 200 fans showed up and braved the cool temperatures to catch their first glimpse of highly-touted Sandkaulen in his home debut. The former European and German National Champion won both his singles matches on the day.

The second match began with singles, and the Rebels won 5-0.

"It was great to finally play at home this season, and we want to thank all the fans who came out and braved the chilly weather to watch the matches. We now turn our attention to the SEC and look forward to a great match on Friday at Alabama," head coach Toby Hansson said.

The Rebels will travel to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, March 3 to face Alabama in their SEC opener.

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Rebel hoops facing key games of the calendar

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Following an 80-77 win over Missouri, Ole Miss looks to ride the momentum of back-to-back wins into its final two games of the regular season.

Winning six of their last eight games, the Rebels find themselves trending in the right direction as they prepare for Wednesday's game in Tuscaloosa. Both Alabama and Ole Miss sit at 9-7 in conference play, making this a pivotal game as regular season play comes to a close. Alabama, a team that wins most of its games in low-scoring affairs, relies heavily on its defense.

"They're good at what they do," head coach Andy Kennedy said. "They're the best defensive efficiency team in the league, and they're the best rebounding team in the league."

With a win in Tuscaloosa, the Rebels would move to 10-7 in conference play and would put themselves in very good position to se-

cure the five seed in the SEC Tournament. Kennedy sees the opportunity his players have before them and hopes they do not focus too much on hypotheticals. By keeping things routine and practicing like any other day, Kennedy has focused his players on finishing the season strong.

"We need to go and play as well as we can in Tuscaloosa, come home and play as well as we can against South Carolina and try to build momentum to be as whole as we can heading into Nashville," Kennedy said.

Following an early exit in last year's SEC Tournament, the Rebels hope to make their presence known this year in Nashville, Tennessee.

A team without a superstar, Ole Miss has relied on a cast of individuals and team play to win games.

"We don't have a guy like last year who can go 40 a night," point guard Breein Tyree said. "This year, we have to feed off each other. If one guy isn't having a good night, we look to each other to pick us up."



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Freshman guard Breein Tyree dribbles down the court during a game earlier this season. Tyree has emphasized the importance of teamwork in the Rebels' efforts.

Tyree has been one of the players called upon to carry the team throughout the season. He's grown mightily throughout the course of his freshman season and has shown flashes of the explosive player he can be. Keep in mind that Tyree is still less than a year removed from his second torn ACL, and his knee still isn't quite 100 percent.

Tyree has been a centerpiece of the Rebels' offense toward the latter part of this season. With his perfor-

mances in recent games – 15 points against Missouri and 24 against Mississippi State – Ole Miss will continue to look for Tyree to lead the offense in coming games.

As the season comes to a close, the Rebels are reaching a stretch of games they cannot afford to lose. A team that has struggled with consistency all season is now going to face its toughest tests yet in a series of must-win games. Kennedy said he hopes through recent games and practices, the team has

worked out some of the issues that have caused it problems throughout the year.

"We seem to solve one problem, and then another one will pop up," Kennedy said. "But I do like the fight. This team finds ways to win games, and not always the most aesthetically pleasing ways."

The ability to win games when it really matters is how teams continue playing in the month of March. With the momentum of recent success, Kennedy and the Rebels hope to finish the season strong and carry their confidence into the postseason.

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Ole Miss softball shines in Hatter Invitational

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The Ole Miss softball team is coming off a dominating five-game weekend sweep at the Hatter Invitational before its home opener on Wednesday.

The Rebels opened the weekend with a 14-2 win against the Colgate Raiders and then a win over No. 23-ranked South Florida 8-0. Pitchers Kaitlin Lee and Alyssa Clayton gave up two combined earned runs during the win against Florida.

Saturday, the Rebels continued the dominating performance and pushed their win streak to eight games by gaining wins over the Colgate Raiders and the host, the Stetson Hatters.

In the rematch with the Raiders, Brittany Finney made her second career start in the circle and struck out a career high six in the victory.

Lee took over in the circle at the beginning of the sixth allowing just one hit and striking out two. The Rebels topped the Raiders once again in a dominating 8-2 fashion.

In game two against Stetson, Morgan Bruce dominated



Ashton Lampton throws to first base during the Hatter Invitational. The Rebels swept all five games in the tournament and play their first home game on Wednesday.

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ed and did not allow a hit until the fifth inning, finishing the game with just three hits overall in their 3-0 win.

"They were hitting ground balls all day, and that was really the goal," Bruce said. "My defense was behind me all the

way, especially in the last inning."

The Hatters had two runners in position, but with a team effort, those runners were not able to score. For the Rebels, it wasn't until the fourth inning that they were

able to put the only three runs of the game on the board.

Miranda Strother got her second home run of 2017 over the weekend giving a 3-shot run in the fifth inning. Strother feels like the team is on a roll right now and the con-

fidence in each other is very high.

Finishing tournaments with multiple wins and high-scoring games are some of the reasons for the high confidence the players are beginning to have in each other.

"I think our team right is vibing to the energy," Strother said. "Any one of us could go up to bat and we know that they are going to do well. There's no stopping us right now."

Although the Rebels have been playing away for the past three weekends, Strother said she thinks this confidence will roll into the upcoming games they have scheduled at home.

"If we can beat them while we are away, there's no reason why we can't beat them while we are at home," Strother said. "I'm really excited to see what we do on our own turf, and being able to have our fans and our atmosphere, there's no reason we shouldn't win."

Ole Miss will host its first home slate versus Louisiana Tech on Wednesday. Following the Wednesday game, the Rebels will play two straight home tournaments, the Red and Blue Classic Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Oxford.

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