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## Police investigate vandalism of election signs Oxford Police painted on. The signs were set was defaced Saturday morn-someone else's opinion. Oxford Police

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The University Police Department is investigating an incident Friday night involving the vandalism of Associated Student Body candidates' campaign signs.

Some candidates running in the ASB executive officer race had their campaign signs pushed over, damaged or

back up later that night.

Pictures circulating on social media showed secretary candidate Dylan Wood's signed defaced with green and black paint. Green paint spelled the letters "BLM!" on the sign, and black paint covered the top of the Mississippi state flag, marking out the Confederate emblem.

Wood found out his sign

painted on. The signs were set was defaced Saturday morning when his friends texted him photographs of it.

Wood said he was in disbelief and saddened when he found out what happened to his sign. He said everyone is entitled to his or her own opinions and those opinions should be expressed, but he would never deface someone else's property to express his opinion or dissatisfaction with

someone else's opinion.

"I was just sad because I feel like anyone who knows me knows that black lives do matter to me and that being proud of being from Mississippi does not have to mean that I do not care about others," Wood said.

He said ASB is doing everything it can to handle the situation.

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## respond to shots near campus

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## Nissan protest draws thousands







Bernie Sanders, Danny Glover and Nina Turner lead hundreds of workers and thousands of allies in "The March On Mississippi" to the Nissan plant in Canton to demand the company end anti-union intimidation.

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"Stand up, fight back!" the crowd yelled into the air to protest the Canton Nissan plant's working conditions and employee treatment.

The March on Mississippi, hosted by the Mississippi Alliance for Fairness at Nissan, brought Nissan thousands of emplovees, community members and national leaders together to fight for workers' and civil rights.

Employees at the Nissan vehicle assembly plant in Canton argue the working conditions are unsafe, the healthcare and pensions they were promised have been revoked and the Nissan management uses intimidation to prevent workers



PHOTO BY: ARIEL COBBERT

Danny Glover marches with allies to the Nissan plant in Canton Saturday. Several thousand gathered to support Nissan employees' right to unionize.

from unionizing.

The pre-march program began in the early afternoon and included keynote speaker Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, Rep. Bennie Thompson, NAACP President Cornell Brooks, actor and activist Danny Glover, Sierra Club President Aaron Mair and Ohio Sen. Nina Turner.

Marchers walked 2 miles from the Canton Sportsplex to the Nissan Canton plant to show solidarity against workers' rights violations.

As the sunshine beamed down on the crowd. Motown music filled the air and protestors held posters reading, "No more threats" and "We deserve better."

Danny Glover said he will nev-

Oxford police received reports of shots fired near an apartment complex around 3 p.m. Sunday. Officers declined to comment on the situation until an official release could be written by the department.

Sameer Chawla, a junior general studies major who lives in the Gather Oxford apartment complex, was in the shower when he heard shots ringing out in the parking lot in front of his house. Chawla said he heard nine shots in total. He said he got out of the shower and ran to his window.

"I saw the guy carrying the gun," Chawla said. " I watched him walk across the parking lot carrying his shotgun."

Chawla said a man in a red sweater walked into an apartment complex near his. He immediately called the police, who were already on their way, he

Chawla said he watched as a girl wearing a brightly colored shirt walked out of the apartment with the gun and place it in the trunk of her car. He said the girl drove away - right as police officers entered the scene.

Sarah Ozzell, who works at the desk at Gather Oxford, said she heard the shots and looked out of the window to see a man shooting at a Trailblazer that was driving away. She, too, called the police and hid in the back of the building until they came.

Tyesha Jones, also a resident of Gather Oxford and a psychology major, heard the shots and called the police. She said she was frightened and first checked to see if her roommate and her roommate's child were OK. She said she didn't exit her apartment until police were on the

Less than a mile away, more

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## The Grove should inspire environmentalists



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Just like every spring semester, our campus is once again showing us the power and beauty of nature. And through that majestic display, I believe our environment is reminding us of how necessary and connected to us it really is.

Surrounded by blooming flowers and newly sprouted grass, our walks to and from class have become feasts for the eyes. Reading, studying or just enjoying some time outside in a stunning landmarks like our Grove is now a greater privilege than ever.

Together with many of our historic buildings, it is this natural beauty and the landscaping efforts of our university that make our campus one of the most beautiful in the country.

For that reason, we should not forget the importance of nature in all of our lives. Not just because plants make Earth livable by producing oxygen but also because nature is the essence and color of our own existence.

All of us, along with the monumental oak and elm trees, the blooming tulips and even the sly squirrels that populate our campus, are ultimately connected by the same drive for life and by the same Earth.

Similarly to how squirrels in the Grove need the shelter and the seeds trees provide, we humans also benefit immensely from the flora and fauna all over our planet. But not all the life on this planet is as privileged as the one on our campus. Most of our natural landmarks, which in a way are the "Groves" of our planet, are threatened by our human activities. Deforestation and rising temperatures and sea levels are impacting the Amazon Basin, the reefs of the Coral Sea and the ice caps of Antarctica, among innumerable others, in ways that we would never allow our Grove to be affected.

and even the sly squirrels It is true that football sea- of great inspiration. And the that populate our campus, son has a damaging effect best thing about it is that it's

on the Grove, but this fact just proves how human activity can be both a cause and a solution for environmental issues.

In the fall, tailgating affects our Grove in a way similar to how industry and human activity impact our planet. However, there are restrictions on cars and fire grills, as well as recycling options, that help us preserve our landmark for the following season. After tailgating season is over, our trees and animal life are left intact. The grass, though damaged, is allowed to regrow for the spring semester.

If we ever want some kind of change to make our Earth inhabitable for following generations, the spring "rebirth" of our Grove can be of great inspiration. And the best thing about it is that it's

happening right in front of us – all we need to do is go outside and open our eyes.

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

#### CLARIFICATION

The Wednesday edition of The Daily Mississippian contained an unclear reason for the silence of two Associated Student Body office candidates at the Black Student Union Endorsement

Meeting. Presidential candidates Austin Spindler and Dion Kevin were not allowed to speak because they did not submit their request before the Black Student Union's deadline.

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#### **VANDALISM**

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"The attorney general, Brent Ferguson, is doing his very best to help me in whatever ways he can," Wood said.

Wood said he wants a conversation to come out of this incident.

"I don't even want the student who did it to be punished for their actions, but I would like the opportunity to sit down with them face-to-face and explain how just because I support my state's flag, that does not mean that any life is less valuable to me," Wood said. "I'd also like the opportunity to explain to them how I plan to make ASB work better for all groups of students, regardless of race, religion or culture."

The Daily Mississippian reached out Sunday evening to Wood and vice presidential candidates Coco McDonnell and Matt Gladden after receiving news tips or photos that their signs also experienced damage.

McDonnell was pushed and broken at the base. She said the sign was easily fixed.

"It's extremely disheartening to see that a group of individuals thinks so little of us in ASB to the point where they want to vanadalize and damage our campaign signs," McDonnell said.

## Statement from ASB

We as ASB Executive Officers were saddened and extremely disappointed to hear that certain candidates' campaign materials were defaced and damaged this past weekend. Since learning about the incidents, the Attorney General has talked to the involved candidates and the Executive Officers and is in the process of talking to University Police Department about the incident.

Students with concerns regarding the election process and election violations should contact ASB Attorney General Brent Ferguson at tbfergus@go.olemiss.edu per the elections process laid out in the ASB Constitution and Code. Students with information or concerns regarding the defamation of personal property that occurred should contact the University Police Department at updcrimereports@ olemiss.edu or 662-915-7234, as UPD is the appropriate channel to report vandalism of property. All involved candidates have been made aware of both processes.

ASB Executive Officers do not condone the defamation of personal property regardless of any student's ideology or political views. We encourage all students to remembers the Creed during this upcoming week and respect the spirit of the elections process.

We encourage students to get involved and vote in the upcoming election. ASB urges consideration of each candidate based on his or her merit and platform when casting ballots on March 7.

Gladden declined to comment.

"I've decided that I do not want to make a statement on this matter as my sign sustained no damaged. Thank you," Gladden said in a text message.

Sunday evening, *The Daily Mississippian* also reached out to ASB President Austin Powell, Attorney General Brent Ferguson and Vice President

Michael Howell for comment on how ASB was handling the incident.

Howell said ASB would be releasing a joint statement. The full statement is below.

The Daily Mississippian will continue to report on this story as it develops, including reaching out to the University Police Department for details on the investigation as they become available.



PHOTOS BY: CLARA TURNAGI

A police car is parked outside of Gather Oxford apartment complex after shots were reported from the area. Witness Sameer Chawla said he heard nine shots in total.

#### SHOTS

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than 75 people attended a home Ole Miss softball game. Several residents standing outside of their apartments declined to comment.

The Oxford Police Department said it did not expect to release a statement before Monday.



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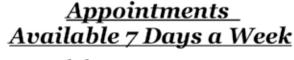
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er forget the first day he went to the Canton Nissan plant workers' hall.

"I looked in their face and those brothers and sisters there, they had heart," Glover said. "They were willing to stand up. Despite all the kinds of fear-mongering and intimidation, they were willing to stand up right here, because they knew that they were on the right side of history.

"They knew that they will win, because when we fight?" Glover asked

Keynote speaker Bernie Sanders concluded the speeches before marchers lined up for their 2-mile trek to the Nissan plant.

"It is the eyes of the country and the eyes of the world that are on you this moment," Sanders said

Sanders said the only way to stand up against Nissan and other big money corporations is for the workers to come together in solidarity.

"One worker walking into a multinational corporation has zero power, but when workers stand together and they negotiate decent wages, decent working conditions, decent healthcare, you have power," Sanders said.

Sanders said he believes corporations send jobs from the North to the South because they think southerners will work for less.

"There is a reason why over the past several decades large national corporations have come to the South – because they think the people here are not prepared to stand up and fight back, but

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Thousands marched to the Nissan plant in Canton to deliver a letter demanding the company end anti-union intimidation.

they've got another guess coming."

Brock Burnham has worked at the Canton branch for the past 15 years.

"We're the small few that will speak up and say, 'Hey, this is wrong," Burnham said. "You have so many people in that plant that are scared to cross that interstate and come over here, speak with anybody."

Nissan has been operating in Canton since 2003.

The Detroit News reported in 2015 that the National Labor Relations Board is charging Nissan Motor Co. and a contract worker agency with violating workers' rights at the Canton plant. United Automobiles Workers has long sought to unionize the Canton plant but union supporters have claimed Nissan intimidated the workers from petitioning for a vote, according to the Detroit News.

In February, U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued three citations against Nissan's Canton plant, according to Mississippi Today. Citations included health and safety violations.

Burnham began working at the plant when he was 25. He works in body shop quality control. Burnham said many of these workers have been hurt on the job. "When you have a repetitive job that you do every day, your body just gets broke down in that one area," Burnham said.

Burnham said Nissan does not move someone to another job to help lessen further damage to the injury.

"They'll give you some biofreeze and Advil and send you back to work saying nothing's wrong with you," Jeffrey Moore, Burnham's coworker, added.

When problems in the workplace arise, Burnham said he has gone to human resources to talk, but they gave him a phone number to call instead. Burnham said he has called the human resources contacts, but it did not lead to any changes.

Jeffrey Moore, Burnham's coworker in body shop quality control, said that regardless of the issues in the plant, he still enjoys his job mainly because of his coworkers. Moore has also been with the company for 15 years. Moore said he works 52 hours per-week on average.

Moore said the benefits he was promised when he first started working have been revoked.

He said that in 2003, Nissan changed the 401(k)-matching program, and in 2007, Nissan froze his pension, so he will not have any insurance when he retires.

The Huffington Post reported the state gave Nissan \$1.33 billion in tax breaks, according to a study by the United Automobiles Workers. In return, Nissan promised to provide Mississippians with well-paid, full-time jobs, according to the Huffington Post.

Moore said marching is not necessarily about increasing his current wages, but about looking toward the community's future.

Burnham said he agrees with Moore that their pay isn't the issue, but rather the ability to retire.

"The thing I hate that Nissan does is that they always act like it's about pay," Burnham said. "We make good money – we have to work a lot of overtime to make good money – but they act like we're down here marching for pay.

"We're down here marching for our future," Burnham said.







## Ole Miss baseball has rough weekend in Houston

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Ole Miss traveled to Houston this weekend participating in the Shriners Hospitals for Children College Classic. Facing a trio of top-20 teams, including No. 1 ranked Texas Christian University, the No. 8 Rebels looked at home amongst elite competition but ultimately returned home with three losses.

#### **Friday**

The Rebels kicked off the weekend with a matchup against No. 17 Baylor. The previously undefeated Bears (10-1 after the weekend) blanked Ole Miss 4-0 and held head coach Mike Bianco's men to just two hits. Left-handed pitcher David Parkinson got the start on Friday and conceded three runs off seven hits before



PHOTOS BY: CAMERON BROOKS

Freshman catcher Cooper Johnson throws out a Baylor runner, tagged by Tate Blackman, during Ole Miss' game against Baylor Friday, March 3, at Minute Maid Park in Houston. Baylor would go on to defeat Ole Miss 4-0.

Andy Pagnozzi replaced him for a career-high four innings. The Bears capitalized on a missed catch and collision at the plate to score the first of two runs during the second inning and then followed that with runs in the fourth and sixth. Baylor went with righty ace Nick Lewis for seven innings before turning things over to Kyle Hill, who finished out the final two.

#### **Saturday**

Next up on the schedule was No. 10 Texas Tech. Hoping to rebound from Friday's loss, Bianco's team rattled its bats for seven hits but fell to the Masked Raiders by a score of 5-1. James McArthur, a 6-foot-7 right-handed sophomore, got the start and kept Texas Tech hitless until the fifth inning. Off the back of a failed pick-off attempt, the Rebels conceded an unearned run in the third and then, after a pair of errors in the sixth, gave up two more unearned

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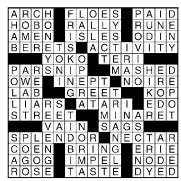
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runs to make the score 3-0. Right-hander Ryan Rolison took over for McArthur in the sixth inning and, after conceding two runs from three hits, got replaced by Houston Roth in the eighth. Tate Blackman and Ryan Olenek tried to ignite the Rebel offense in the eighth inning with back-to-back doubles, good enough for a run, but Tech's starter Steven Gingery escaped before handing the mound over to Jose Quezada, who closed the game out.

#### **Sunday**

Texas Christian University fought off a late comeback attempt to defeat Ole Miss 5-3 on Sunday. Brady Feigl, a righty from Chesterfield, Missouri, got the nod from Bianco and pitched a perfect first inning. The

Horned Frogs, however, quickly figured Feigl out and posted three runs in the second. After a solo shot in the fourth, TCU added a fifth run in the fifth inning before Ole Miss turned to the bullpen. Will Ethridge, a freshman right hander, took over and pitched two perfect innings before sophomore Dallas Woolfolk closed out the final two innings without conceding a hit. Offensively, the Rebels struggled mightily until the eighth inning. Blackman drove in Bryce Blaum, and Colby Bortles went deep with a two run shot, his third of the year, but their efforts weren't enough. Closer Durbin Feltman went three up, three down and got the win for TCU.

Ole Miss returns to Oxford for a three-game series against Georgia State this

## Baseball fans snap back to reality after weekend losses

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Ole Miss baseball should give Big Sean's latest album a listen, because they'll need to "bounce back" after taking a big "L" in Houston this weekend. Fans in Oxford got a harsh, but necessary, reality check from the three losses to ranked teams.

It can be easy to get caught up in the excitement of after-class games and Swayze beer showers, but the Rebels aren't exactly golden yet.

Sweeping Eastern Carolina was a tremendous achievement, but a string of early-season wins over mediocre teams may have elevated Ole Miss fans' hopes to untested heights.

Hope is a dangerous thing in Oxford.

If last season's football games against Florida State and Ala-



PHOTO BY: CAMERON BROOK

Freshman shortshop Grae Kessinger stands waiting for a pitch during Ole Miss' game against Baylor Friday at Minute Maid Park in Houston. Baylor would go on to defeat Ole Miss 4-0.

bama have taught us anything, it's to always take early success with a grain of salt. Hillary Clinton led the polls for the entire election cycle. Cleveland gave up a 3-1 lead.

Maybe it's a good thing the Rebels lost early.

Perhaps it'll temper expectations, and head coach Mike Bianco's men can get back to business. We'll probably drop in the rankings after this weekend, and that's OK. There's plenty of season ahead.

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## Rebels cap season off with win over USC

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After a close start, Ole Miss pulled away late in the first half, securing a 42-31 halftime lead. Andy Kennedy's team played a near perfect first half; it won the battle on the glass, committed fewer turnovers, shot 57 percent from the field and was 60 percent from beyond the

It was senior night Saturday in The Pavilion, and seniors Rasheed Brooks and Sebastian Saiz received well-deserved send-offs. The two senior leaders combined for 17 points and 10 boards in the first half alone, both demonstrating the abilities that have made them household names in Oxford.

The flawless play was largely ignited by freshman point guard Breein Tyree and Sebastian Saiz. Tyree led all scorers with 13 first-half points, while Saiz chipped in 11 points and seven rebounds.

"They're (South Carolina) the No. 2 rated defensive efficiency team in the country. They force the second most turnovers in the country, but we made it. We shot the ball, man," Kennedy said about his team. "We were up 20. I knew they weren't going to go away."



Sebastian Saiz goes up for a shot during a game against LSU earlier this season.

go away. Ole Miss opened the second half with the same sort of impassioned play that gave the team its halftime lead, opening with a 9-0 run. Once the lead ballooned to 20 points, South Carolina, led by Frank Martin, came roaring back.

South Carolina's "swing-in

And South Carolina did not momentum" could be attributed to a number of factors: Terence Davis picking up of his fourth and fifth fouls wasn't a good place to start. Davis, Ole Miss' engine and, at times, most dynamic offensive threat, fouled out with 14 minutes to go in the second half. He had just three points.

spearheaded by Sindarius Thornwell, the second leading scorer in the conference. The senior currently averages 21 points, seven rebounds and just under three assists a game. Thornwell has been the metronome for a Gamecock team that has fluctuated in and out of the top 25 rankings all year.

Despite a furious comeback effort that briefly cut the Ole Miss lead to four, South Carolina was never able to get over the hump, ultimately falling to Ole Miss 75-70.

For Ole Miss, the victory over South Carolina and Arkansas' simultaneous defeat of Georgia slated the Rebels as a No. 6 seed in next week's SEC Tournament. Projected to finish ninth in the conference, Kennedy's team continues to defy expectations.

South Carolina head coach Frank Martin gave high praise to Ole Miss, specifically concerning its postseason fate.

"I have no idea why no one is mentioning Ole Miss in the NCAA Tournament conversation," Martin said.

Throughout the season, the Rebels have, more often than not, looked the part, but they may fall short on paper. Yet every opposing coach who comes through The Pavilion seems to

South Carolina's attack was levy high praise for this group.

South Carolina is arguably Ole Miss' best win of the year, and at a time when marquee wins come at a premium, beating the Gamecocks should at least give the NCAA Selection Committee something to think

Saiz led the Rebels in his final game in Oxford with 21 points, 15 boards and three blocks.

"Sebas was tremendous," Kennedy said. "What a great way for him to go out on senior night."

Saiz also notched his 19th double-double of the year, the most of any player in the SEC. For the 6-foot-9 Spaniard, Saturday night capped off an illustrious career as a Rebel. The undersized center has made a tremendous impact in his four years in Oxford. At a school where basketball is often an afterthought, he's made quite the name for himself.

"That was my favorite game at Ole Miss, I'm not going to lie," Saiz said. "It was emotional. The fans were outstanding. I loved it. I feel like if we can get one or two more wins in Nashville, we can be in the NCAA Tournament."

Ole Miss will face the winner of Auburn and Missouri Thursday night in the second round of the SEC Tournament.

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