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## RASA stands with survivors of sexual assault



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Nearly 200 students gathered in the Grove Wednesday night for Rebels Against Sexual Assault's "Take Back the Night" event honoring sexual assault victims and survivors in the Ole Miss community.

Take Back the Night is an international organization that has held survivor support events since the 1960s. The organization's mission is to end all types of sexual violence. There are now more than 30 countries and more than 600 campuses across the country which hold Take Back the Night events.

Junior psychology and Spanish major Cayla Hari said through Take Back the Night, RASA can help people who feel alone understand they have others who care about them.

"It's really common for people to ostracize themselves after terrible things happen, and it's a natural instinct," Hari said. "We really want to come together as a group and encourage that message. Things like this foster a sense of community and a sense of knowing that you're not alone."

Freshman international studies major Rachel Culp said she attended the event because campus sexual assault is a nationwide issue.

"It's really important to me to show support for people that have been victims of [assault], as well as getting the word out and promoting awareness," Culp said.

Freshman chemical engineering major Catherine Teh attended the event as a part of University Police Department's self-defense class. UPD Chief Tim Potts asked the class to attend Take Back the Night to promote the LiveSafe app, which allows students to monitor their friends' locations on campus and directly contact UPD.

"It's a great app if you go a lot of places alone and you don't feel safe," Teh said.

Hari said she encourages sexual assault survivors to be courageous and take advantage of help that is offered.

"It's scary. It's terrifying. It's so terrifying," Hari said. "It's so easy to feel like you are alone because it's not something we talk about openly. I think you owe it to yourself to step out of your comfort zone and see what the rest of the world has to offer you. That's not awful."



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TOP: Students prepare signs for a march and enjoy refreshments donated by Campus Recreation during the Take Back the Night event Wednesday. BOTTOM: Nearly 200 students march through campus advocating for sexual assault survivors.

## Cathy Grace rocks: Beloved geology professor retires

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Geology professor Cathy Grace is well-known on campus for her excited, musical approach to teaching the sciences. Grace will retire this spring and said she plans to travel the country after her 22 years of hard work at the university.

Grace has a relaxed teaching method, which makes her a favorite among students. Her lectures always

begin with a song that correlates with the topic being discussed in class. One day, Queen's "Under Pressure" prepared the full lecture hall for a presentation on movement below the Earth's surface.

She is known as "geology mom" to graduate student Peshani Heran. Heran said compared to other professors, Grace's teaching style offers a bit of refreshment.

"She's very different from other professors I've had," Heran said. "She's very unique and really cares

about her students."

Aside from being a prominent figure in the geology department among students, Heran said Grace makes an effort to go beyond just her classes and reach out to all students.

"She has this presence where even if she teaches one class, she's involved in your academic career throughout," Heran said.

Teaching class only makes up one half of Grace's geology career at the university,



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COLUMN

# Trump's sexual assault declaration is an empty one



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All people in their lifetime do or say things they do not necessarily want other people to remember. Most of the time, we do not want to judge people on their past and want to give them a second chance.

When considering a per-

son in the highest political office in the United States, should we forget about his past and give him another chance to redeem himself?

President Trump — a man who's been accused by more than 15 women of sexual harassment and assault in his past — has deemed April "Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month."

The irony in that sentence cannot be ignored, nor can Trump's predatory past.

No matter how hard he tries to counteract it, we will always remember the "locker-room talk" that caused an uproar during the presidential campaign.

The backlash against Trump's declaration about April has been immense. Almost everyone seems to be

in agreement that the idea that comes to mind when using Trump and sexual assault in the same sentence does not involve "awareness" and "prevention."

With almost every other president before Trump, this type of thing would be applauded and thought of as a step in the right direction.

But coming from Trump, it just seems like a joke.

The idea of Trump creating a Sexual Assault Awareness Month goes together with the idea of the Ku Klux Klan advocating for the Black Lives Matter movement.

It basically demeans the entire idea of being aware of sexual assault because it's being endorsed by a known

sexual predator.

To keep up with his charade, Trump also recently tweeted that "Only by enlisting the full potential of women in our society will we be truly able to #MakeAmericaGreatAgain." This and his declaration show us that he is trying his hardest to make us forget about his past.

It is not just Trump's "Grab 'em by the ..." statement that is being brought back into the spotlight by this uproar.

His old tweets about Arianna Huffington, founder of Huffington Post and the CEO of Thrive Global, stating that Huffington was "unattractive both inside and out" and that Trump can "fully understand why

her former husband left her for a man" have also come back to haunt him.

The real question is not when will the public let go of Trump's past and let him do his job as president of our nation — It's when will he own up to his past and stop trying to make it look like it never happened?

The truth is we will never forget your past, President Trump, no matter how many awareness months you declare or nice tweets you send out.

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which began in 1993. She spent her first 11 years in the research center and out in the field. Before getting into field work, Grace said she spent a lot of her time on rooftops and in the cabs of semi-trucks.

Grace spent one summer repairing the ceilings of libraries and occasionally working as a librarian. In 1979, she set out to prove that a woman could be a truck driver, despite backlash from people around her.

"Someone said that women couldn't be truck drivers in 1979, so I had to prove them wrong," Grace said.

What eventually drew Grace into geology was working outside and looking at rocks up close, rather than sitting far off from the site and looking through a monitor.

"Remote sensing is good, but who wants to be an armchair geologist?," Grace said.

Her fear of public speaking is what eventually brought her to the classroom.

"I believe in confronting fear, and I thought that would be a good way to get over it," Grace said.

Geology professor Robert Holt has known Grace since 2000 when she joined the Mineral Research Institute as an office manager. Holt said over the years, he and Grace have become more like siblings than co-workers. He still remembers how Grace slowly but surely brought him and other Geology professors into the Ole Miss football fold with her extra season tickets. Holt said he and Grace watched one game together, which turned into many, and eventually Grace lured enough geology and engineering faculty to the Grove to form their own game day tent.

"I don't have a sister, so I've been calling her 'sister' for years, and she's been calling me 'bro' for a long time," Holt said.

Grace said she plans to visit areas like Vancouver, British Columbia and Maine during her retirement, often sleeping on former students' couches along the way.

Heran said it will be a bit-sweet moment to see the



PHOTO BY: XINYI SONG

Cathy Grace

beloved professor leave. On one hand, she's happy to know Grace will be out doing everything she has wanted to do, but it also means the person Heran considers "the geology mom" will no longer be strolling through the geological engineering department.

"She has a big personality and a big heart, and I think we're all going to miss that," Heran said.

**CORRECTION:**

The Tuesday edition of The Daily Mississippian contained incorrect information on a photo on the front page. Robyn Tannehill was the speaker in the photograph.

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# Foxfire Ranch hosts second blues festival

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Twenty miles north of Oxford, deep in the heart of the northern Mississippi backwoods, lies Foxfire Ranch. The 5,000-square-foot open-air pavilion, indoor banquet hall, stage area and kitchen has made a name by serving up some of the best blues music and soul food in the area.

Since 2008, loyal fans have made the trek down the dirt road every Sunday night from March through November for blues, barbecue and a taste of what makes Mississippi magnificent. After parking on the muddy field, droves of

families, friends and Mississippians alike can be found carrying their coolers and lawn chairs to the stage for an evening of dancing, drinking and eating. Before the sun goes down, little children run around at the feet of their parents and friendly chatter fills the air, alongside the smells of Southern cooking.

But once the guitar begins to sing, the conversation dies down and the focus turns to the music you can feel in your bones.

This Saturday, for the second year in a row, owner Bill Hollowell will open the gates to an evening of special performances for the Foxfire Blues Festival, which features some of the



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biggest headliners in both Hill County and Delta blues, Southern catering and an abundance of boogie.

"With this festival, we try to keep true to the traditional Juke Joint atmosphere but bring about a family feel," Hollowell said. "You know, bring the kids out to enjoy some of the true flavor of what Mississippi blues and a little rockabilly is all about."

This year's star-filled lineup includes legend Leo "Bud" Welch, Little Joe Ayers and Cedric Burnside Project.

It appears to have caught the attention of local blues junkies.

Student Jake Hilton, who grew up on blues music, said he jumped at the chance to catch some of his favorites in the flesh.

"A flyer caught my eye a

few weeks back, and I was stoked to see Cedric Burnside and Bud Welch on the same ticket," Hilton said. "Then once you dive into the rest of the artists scheduled, there's a lot of relatively unknown local talent that can hang with the greats."

Soul will be shared through the music and through food.

The festival, boasting Foxfire's famous hickory smoked pulled pork, collard greens, sweet potatoes and other Southern staples, has the mouths of many drooling singularly at the thought.

"I can't think of many things better than blues, top-notch barbecue and beer," Mississippi native Blake Martin said. "Honestly, those three B's are how I was raised and what has

come to shape me."

For those unable to attend the event this weekend, the Foxfire Ranch venue hopes to continue to develop the festival, catering to the love of blues that is ever-present in north Mississippi.

"As it's our second year, I am expecting a larger turnout this year," Hollowell said. "Anywhere between 200 and 250 people would have me smiling ear to ear and continuing to grow from there."

The Foxfire Blues Festival will be held from noon to midnight Saturday. Tickets are on sale now online for \$20, while students get an additional discount, making online tickets \$15. Should you look to stay in the area for the evening, RV parking is \$10, and campsites are \$20 each.

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

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# Rebels hope to beat LSU, improve SEC ranking

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Following Tuesday night's win over Southern Miss, head coach Mike Bianco and his players will travel this weekend to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for a three-game slate against No. 8 LSU.

The Tigers currently sit one game back in the tightly contested battle for the top spot in the SEC West. Ole Miss lies two games back from the lead and desperately needs a strong showing at LSU to move up in the rankings as May and the SEC Tournament inch closer each week.

The Rebels are on a five-game win streak, and an away series win against SEC rival LSU would go a long way toward improving their conference stand-

ings. Here's what to look for ahead of Thursday night's matchup:

### Maintaining offensive efficacy

While Ole Miss experienced an extended hitting slump midway through the season, its past five games hold plenty of promise. For Ole Miss to deal legitimate damage to the Tigers, it needs to channel the same focus and offensive mentality shown in the games against Southern Miss and Alabama this past week.

Improved offense could be credited, in part, to a re-adjustment of the batting order, allowing Nick Fortes and Tim Rowe to add their consistent hitting to the everyday lineup. While the two have the fewest at-bats in the lineup, they lead the

team in batting average and have already added big runs and hits. Fortes and Rowe also boast three home runs on the year.

Bianco's eye for the game helped place Fortes and Rowe in key batting positions to improve a floundering offense. The duo's performances will be needed now more than ever as the remaining schedule includes some of the toughest teams in the nation. For Bianco and his team to come out unscathed, they will need a renewed commitment to offensive tenacity at the plate.



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### Stopping Deichmann's bat

Rarely should a defensive game plan revolve around one player, but LSU outfielder Greg Deichmann is no ordinary player. Deichmann is tied for second in the SEC with 10 home runs this season and can influence the outcome of LSU's games almost singlehandedly. The junior could wreak havoc on the pitching staff if his bat warms up early.

While the Rebels' pitchers have been tough to play against this season, they've struggled to overcome early conceded runs. Deichmann

Infielder Will Golsan bats at a game earlier this season.

will threaten the Rebels' pitching squad regardless, but if Ole Miss can limit the destruction early, its chances of winning improve tenfold.

### The Baton Rouge effect

The Tigers are an impressive 18-4 while playing at home, so the Rebels will need to be bring their A-game if their conference playoff hopes are to con-

tinue. While the home-field advantage could play a role against LSU, sound offensive execution and defensive control should trump all.

Maintaining offensive efficacy, limiting early game-changing plays and playing with enough confidence to overcome LSU's home-field advantage should be enough to spur the Rebels on to victory.

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# Three key story lines to follow during NHL playoffs

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The 2016-2017 NHL regular season has entertained fans across the country with emerging teams, rising stars and an impressive cast of veterans. With the playoffs beginning this week, here are a few key storylines to keep an eye on:

## Will the Washington Capitals finally live up to their expectation?

Qualifying for the playoffs in nine of the past 12 seasons, the Washington Capitals are no stranger to postseason play. But the Capitals still lack a Stanley Cup banner hanging from the rafters in the Verizon Center.

Since their inaugural season in 1974, the Capitals have only reached the Stanley Cup final once, which may surprise many hockey fans considering their history of regular season dominance.

Led by captain Alexander Ovechkin, the Capitals have not only dominated the Metropolitan Division this season, but the entire Eastern Conference. The No.1 seeded Capitals certainly hope to shake their post season funk and ride their regular season proficiency into a first round matchup against the Toronto Maple Leafs.

## Will the Toronto Maple Leafs end their 48-year drought?

A member of the "Original Six" era of the NHL, the Maple Leafs' franchise dates further back than any other team in the league. After winning 13 Stanley Cups throughout the early years of their franchise, the Maple Leafs now find themselves in the midst of a fairly severe Stanley Cup drought.

Making the playoffs just once over the past 11 years, the Maple Leafs became the

laughing stock of Canadian NHL teams.

Rookie sensation Auston Matthews, however, has given the Maple Leafs hope for ending their 50-year championship search with a Stanley Cup. Matthews, the first overall pick of the 2016 draft, has become the keystone of the Maple Leafs offense, leading the team in both goals and total points.

With an offensive cast led by experienced head coach Mike Babcock, the Maple Leafs are equipped to compete with any team they face over the coming weeks.

## Does rookie Connor McDavid have what it takes to win the Stanley Cup?

The Edmonton Oilers, taking notes from the Maple Leafs, have missed the NFL playoffs for the greater part of the last decade. After earning their first post-season berth in 10 years, it seems the Oilers' rebuilding

stage could be drawing to a close.

Led by 2015's first overall draft pick Connor McDavid, the Oilers have led their division for much of the season. McDavid, after missing the majority of his rookie season due to a collarbone injury, continues to impress as one of the NHL's most talented play-makers.

Leading the league in points, McDavid has proven himself one of the most talented young forwards in the league since Sidney Crosby's debut in 2006. In his first career playoff matchup, McDavid and the Oilers will face the San Jose Sharks, who are also hunting for their first Stanley Cup in franchise history.

Winning seven of their last eight regu-

lar season games, the Oilers are primed to ride a wave of momentum all the way to the Stanley Cup finals.



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# Ole Miss softball takes down Memphis at home

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On a clear Wednesday night in Oxford, Ole Miss softball faced off against the Memphis Tigers for the fifth time this year. The No. 22 Rebels walked away with a 4-0 win, their 27th win of the season.

The Rebels entered the match still reeling from a series loss to No.5 Auburn over the weekend. The Tigers, on a two-game losing streak of their own, travelled to Mississippi with a 23-18 overall record.

As the two teams' defenses excelled, both sides struggled to score early. Kaitlin Lee, Ole Miss' right-handed ace, started on the mound and, as usual, dropped batter after batter.

"Our pitching dominated again, as usual, and Kaitlin Lee did a good job throwing strikes," junior utility player Paige McKinney said. "She always does a good job not throwing too many balls. We had a few clutch hits and capitalized on their errors when they made them."

The Rebels broke the deadlock in the third inning as McKinney forced a Memphis error and brought in the first run of the night. Miranda Strother earned Ole Miss its second RBI of the inning off a solid knock to the outfield.

The Tigers continued to commit error after error throughout the match as the scoreline continued to slide in favor of the hosts. In the bottom of the fifth inning, Elantra Cox singled to left field, but the Tigers' left fielder threw it away, allowing Cox to score an inside-the-park home run.

Sarah Van Schaik shot an RBI single up the middle shortly after, scoring Kylan Becker and giving the Rebels a 4-0 lead. Ole Miss put runners in scoring position a few additional times before the game drew to a close, but all were left stranded.

With a vital SEC rivalry series this weekend against Louisiana and a lackluster 3-9 conference record, momentum from beating Memphis at home should be a welcome change of pace for the Rebels. Still, Cox



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Pitcher Katlin Lee throws first strike in game against Memphis on Wednesday.

and the rest of the Ole Miss softball players understand there is work to be done.

"We need to work on communicating," Cox said. "There were some times on the field where we were not on the same page."

Head coach Mike Smith's team finally overcame last

weekend's offensive woes. Against Auburn, the Rebels scored just one run in two of their three games. For McKinney, the work starts at the plate.

"We need to continue to square up on balls," McKinney said. "We go through a period where we don't get

any hits for a few bats."

The Rebels are scheduled to face off against the Auburn Tigers in a three-game series April 14-15. On Friday, the teams kick off the weekend with a doubleheader starting at 2 p.m. and subsequently at 5 p.m.

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