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Students organize die-in outside of Student Union

ELIZABETH HOCEVAR

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Shouting "Black lives matter, no justice, no peace," students and Oxford community members gathered to protest injustice regarding police violence against blacks in a "diein" in front of The University of Mississippi's Student Union Wednesday afternoon. Some students wore tape over their mouths with the phrase "I can't breathe" written on them and some held signs stating "Ferguson is Everywhere" and "Black Lives Matter." The protest lasted 20 minutes and included about 40 people. The participants lav in front of the stairs in the Union courtyard.

Freshman Allen Coon organized the die-in. The inspiration for the die-in came from a diein held in the fall of 2014 in the Union food court.

"I saw that there was one in November inside of the Student Union beside the food court, but I felt like it was really unorganized and that students didn't really know what was happening," Coon said. "I felt like it needed to be in a more open environment where people are walking by and noticing it."

Walter Scott, stepfather of Ole Miss football player Fadol Brown, was shot and killed by a police officer in South Carolina on Saturday.

lice violence against people color quite literally affects us all, even here at The University of Mississippi, where we don't think about that being an issue," Coon

Not only did students participate, but locals who heard about against blacks.

"I've been wanting a way to protest all the deaths and was really glad to see a student group

"It really just shows how po-

the protest did as well. Cristen Hemmins, chair of the Lafayette County Democratic Party, heard about the protest via Coon's Facebook post and was glad to have the chance to protest police violence and discrimination

Students lie down in protest of police brutality and injustice in front of the Student Union Wednesday.



PHOTO BY: WALTER LYLE

Silver Em awarded to Anklam Middle-schoolers

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Silver Em Award recipient Fred Anklam Jr. speaks during the Silver Em Best of Meek Awards at the Inn at Ole Miss Wednesday. The ceremony honored Ole Miss journalism students.

participate in mock crime scene on campus

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Seventy-two seventh and eighth graders visited The University of Mississippi's campus Wednesday to participate in a mock crime scene investigation. The students from Pat Kincade's gifted education class at Oxford Middle School spent their morning in Coulter Hall actively learning about forensic chemistry. The students went through processes that real-life forensic scientists and crime scene investigators typically perform.

Brenteria Travis, a computer science Ph.D. student and Mississippi Grant Consortium fellow, coordinated the event. Her fellowship requires a K-12 outreach component, the reason for her involvement with the middle school.

"The teacher and kids enjoyed it so much, the teacher asked if I could put it together again as part of her 2015 unit. I agreed," Travis said.

Travis worked with Murrell Godfrey, associate professor and director of the forensic chemistry program. She said she remembered Godfrey hosting a workshop for students previously, so she reached out to him for help.

"Dr. Godfrey and his team of college students filled in the contents of each session, as forensic chemistry is not my area," Travis

There were five stations the students visited: ballistics, toxicology, crime scene investigation, DNA analysis and latent prints.

Eighth grader Anna Claire Franklin said she was excited to participate because she wants to work with toxicology when she grows up.

"My favorite part was the toxicology section. We learned about testing blood for different things like drugs," Franklin said. "We also learned about testing DNA, and I got to inject DNA into a

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Letter to the editor

"A drop of honey catches more flies than a gallon of gall."

As a Christian, I must say that the dude on campus who was ranting and raving "offensive" doctrines of Christianity blew it. Here's the bottom line – the guy's heart is in the right place. From his perspective, he is just trying to save lost sinners, to guide people towards the straight and narrow. He wants to see you in heaven with him, joyously praising the lord. He believes he is saving you. But he is disastrous at human relations.

The problem here is his methods. First of all the guy is ranting and raving, spitting mad towards everyone. As a Christian, I am embarrassed and sort of want to pull him aside and have a little talk, like taking the screaming toddler in the checkout line at the grocery store to the car. But his kind make me angry as well. I don't know if there is anything I could say that would make him believe I am a Christian, that I go to church, and that I try to live a life that is pleasing to god. To him I am a heathen, a sinner, and I'm going to hell no matter what.

I'm no expert in human relations, but when you criticize, condemn and accuse people, the natural human reaction is to go on the defensive. When attacked, we curl up our fists and defend ourselves, our pride and personal dignity. No wonder no one fell to their knees in front of Micah Armstrong in tears, begging forgiveness, crying out for mercy. Everyone sort of stared in bewildered, offended horror at him as he ranted and raved neo-conservative Christian politics. If turning people to god is the goal, Armstrong is failing.

Micah Armstrong, like many Christians, picks and chooses which Bible verses he likes to harp on. There are a ton of old verses in there about stoning wives who are not virgins, cutting hair, circumcision, intolerance for homosexuality and the like. There are also tons of verses in there about loving one another, showing humility and helping others along. A favorite of mine, which is very applicable to this situation, is John 8:7: "Let any of

you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone."

Armstrong is disastrous at human relations. He is a sinner, I can tell you that. He sins every day, and I challenge him to say otherwise. Looking down his nose at people and criticizing everyone isn't going to get him anywhere. The man really needs to read "How to Win Friends and Influence People" by Dale Carnegie. Armstrong could use a lot of help with his people skills.

Christians have a delicate tightrope to walk these days. While we must stand for what we believe in, our morals, and our heritage, we also must show love and compassion. Some Christians choose other ways to walk, and in doing so, ruffle a lot of feathers, including mine. Christianity is going to be offensive in some ways, but we're not doing any good condemning others, pointing fingers and hating those who do not believe as we do.

It just seems as if Christianity is a bump in the road, a mere annoyance only slowing the liberal agenda. It makes me won-

der what happened; where did the good ole days go? The focus now is always centered around Christianity's shortcomings, its hinderance of "civil liberties," its "backwardness." There is no focus on the good – on the mission work, on the support churches give communities, on the strong family values and morals Christianity promotes, on the hope it gives. Christianity has a big bullseye on it these days, and everybody is throwing darts.

As a Christian, all I can do is humble myself and try to live like those who came before me. I can show love, show compassion, practice humility and try to live a life pleasing to god. I know I am not alone, and I hope that I have represented what many Christians feel here at Ole Miss.

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There were bullets at the crime scene which provided the students the opportunity to learn about ballistics, including details about different types of bullets and gunshots

Eighth grader Elias Addy helped analyze the ballistics evidence.

"I liked doing the ballistics lab and learning about the different gunshots," Addy said. "We got to look at bullets and match them together to figure things out."

After visiting the crime scene and analyzing the evidence, selected students were put on the witness stand in a mock trial.

Eighth grader Jesse Edge acted as a witness for the CSI unit. He helped collect some of the evidence and analyze it, then he testified on the stand.

"I liked being questioned because I like talking to people and indirectly communicating with people, like in the audience," Edge said. The students were engaged throughout the workshop and were eager when the presenters would ask for volunteers.

Travis said bringing the students to campus allows them to see what they can learn in the classroom or when getting a degree can be applied to real life, like aiding in crime scene investigations.

She is traveling to the middle school today to give a talk on cyber security and digital forensics to the students who participated in the workshop.



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Middle school students participate in a mock crime scene on campus Wednesday.

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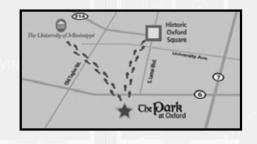
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put this together," Hemmins said. "I think it's really important that we get more members of the community involved – that it shouldn't just be a student effort. Especially with Walter Scott's death and the connection with one of our football players here at Ole Miss, I hope they can really activate the students and create more awareness on this important nationwide issue."

Senior sociology major Juliana Headings felt relieved to have a way to protest.

"I've been hoping for a response on the Ole Miss campus, and I'm glad that this is something that has been finally organized and come through," Headings said. "It is important that we organize and represent on (the victims') behalf and speak for them since they can no longer speak."

The goal of the die-in was not just to spread awareness of the issue but also to evoke an emotional response to the effects of police violence and discrimination.

"I wanted to make people angry," Coon said. "I wanted to rile up emotions from both sides. I want white students to feel really uncomfortable and black students to get angry because this is something that affects them. I just wanted to really trigger some emotions."

The die-in gathered many onlookers and inspired people passing through the courtyard to join the protest. Allen Coon hopes to successfully organize another die-in on campus in the future.

"When Ferguson happened, that was when we all started to wake up, but this is not something new," Coon said. "Even though it's a new year, the problems of 2014 — Ferguson and Eric Gardner — they didn't disappear, they didn't stop happening in 2015."



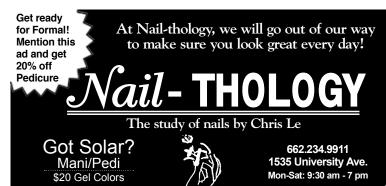
Students protest police brutality and injustice at the Union Wednesday.



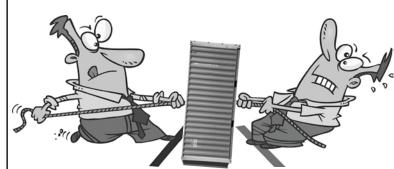
PHOTO BY: WALTER LYLE Senior Juliana Headings wears tape over her mouth with the quote "I Can't Breathe" in protest of the death of Eric Garner in front of the Student Union Wednesday.







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lifestyles

UM professor kicks off book tour of the South

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Assistant Professor of Journalism Alysia Steele said her grandmother, Althenia A. Burton, was the inspiration for her book detailing the lives of 50 church-going women across the Mississippi Delta, "Delta Jewels: In Search of My Grandmother's Wisdom: Portraits and Interviews with My Elders." Burton raised Steele for 14 years after her parents divorced when she was 4 years old.

"I never recorded her voice or took her photograph," Steele said. "It has been my only regret as a granddaughter and journalist."

Nearly 20 years after Burton died, Steele began putting together "Delta Jewels" as a coffee table book recording the oral histories of 50 Mississippi Delta women.

"I can't interview her (Bur-



Author Alysia Steele presents "Delta Jewels" at Off Square Books Tuesday.

ton), but I figured I could interview other people's grandmothers," Steele said.

For her interviewees, Steele said she was looking for women over 70 who held the title of "church mother" in their community.

After driving 6,000 miles and capturing 7,000 photographs and 240 hours of audio, the finished product is a biography, autobiography and snapshot of a changing landscape in Mississippi.

Steele signed "Delta Jewels" at a release party Tuesday at Square Books. Now, adding to the ever-cumulating mileage, Steele is beginning a tour of the South showcasing her work. In many of the stops, such as those in Clarksdale, Yazoo City and Ruleville, Mississippi, one or more of the women from the book will be present to meet fans.

"This book isn't an overview of the women or their lives, but poignant highlights from their lives," Steele said. "I wanted to share life lessons so people could learn history that's not shared in traditional history books -- some African-American history that's largely overlooked."

The stories range from those of happiness to those of tragedy and oppression. In an interview with The New York Times, Steele said the stories women told her brought her to

"They put a face on history for me," Steele said.

After the book was completed, Steele raised \$4,300 on Indiegogo.com to frame and deliver a portrait of each of the women.

Steele said she wanted readers to reflect on the elders in their life after having read "Delta Jewels."

"More than anything, I want people to record voices of their loved ones, and I want them to photograph them," Steele said. "Collect their voices and images before it's too late before you forget what their voices sound like."



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Vanderbilt owns a 27-7 overall record and stands alone atop of the SEC with a 10-2 record in conference play and has sole possession of first in the SEC East. Vanderbilt's resume is impressive with three-game sweeps over Arkansas and Georgia and wins of two out of three games against Auburn and Tennessee.

Coming in at No. 1 in the country, Vanderbilt will be the third top-ranked team the Rebels will face this season. Ole Miss is 3-3 against the nation's top-ranked team in 2015 and has played 11 games against top-15 opponents this season, going 5-6 in those games. Ole Miss is 21-17 all-time against Vanderbilt under head coach Mike Bianco.

Vanderbilt saw their six-game win streak come to an end Tuesday evening in a 3-1 nonconference loss to Lipscomb. The pitching staff is what makes Vanderbilt the top-ranked team in the country, as the pitching staff holds opposing hitters to a .215

average, which leads the SEC. The starting weekend rotation for the Commodores makes the staff elite. Right-handers Carson Fulmer, Walker Bueller and Jordan Sheffield hold a combined record of 11-1.

The offense isn't too shabby either for Vanderbilt. There are four Commodores that are hitting over a .340 average led by junior infielder Dansby Swanson, who bats .368 on the season. Swanson also leads Vanderbilt with a teamhigh 12 steals; Vanderbilt leads the SEC with 56 steals total. Redshirt junior infielder Zander Wiel and junior outfielder Rhett Wiseman both have six home runs and nine doubles on the season.

The Rebels have found their top two starters in the weekend rotation in junior left-hander Christian Trent and sophomore right-hander Brady Bramlett. The third starter has been a question mark most of the season, but freshman right-hander Will Stokes has taken over that spot. Stokes' first three starts came in the last three SEC series finales for the Rebels, where he is 0-3 with a 5.40 ERA. Stokes pitched a career-high 5.2 innings in his last start against

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Diamond Rebs to face tough task against Vanderbilt tonight

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After a disappointing midweek loss to Southern Miss Tuesday, Ole Miss will travel to Nashville to take on the defending national champions, the Vanderbilt Commodores, tonight.

In the first game of the 2015 Mississippi College Series, Ole Miss lost a close game to Southern Miss 6-5 Tuesday night as a result of poor pitching. Ole Miss dropped to 16-17 overall on the season with the loss.

Eight different Rebels recorded a hit on the night, led by junior outfielder Connor Cloyd, who had a creed-high three hits against the Golden Eagles. Floyd went 3-for-5 with two runs to collect his third-straight multi-hit game.

Pitching struggled once again for the Rebels, and finding a consistent midweek starter still haunts the team. Sophomore left-hander Evan Anderson only lasted 1.1 innings, giving up three runs (two earned) on seven hits. The entire pitching staff struggled as Southern Miss totaled 13 hits and scored six runs to top the Rebels.



FILE PHOTO

Ole Miss pitcher Evan Anderson prepares to throw the ball earlier this season.

The offense for Ole Miss has been in a groove lately; however, the pitching staff has continued to struggle, and the team is paying for it, dropping to under .500 for the first time this season.

Pitching will be a key factor for the Rebels as they face Vanderbilt on the road for a three-game series starting tonight.

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