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University assesses campus safety, awareness through survey

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This week, a campus climate survey will arrive in every student, faculty and staff member's email inbox.

This survey, in a way, acts as the eyes, ears and voice of University officials like Honey Ussery, Title IX coordinator, and Lindsey Bartlett Mosvick, violence prevention coordinator.

"We're trying to get two things accomplished: No. 1, see what the perceptions are here on campus, and No. 2, try to inform them that these offices exist," Ussery said.

According to Melissa Skolnick, who put together the upcoming survey and last year's version, 11.5 percent of students, faculty and staff— 2,986 people total— completed the survey last year. The pool of possible survey respondents includes individuals on the Oxford campus and at all UM satellite campuses.

Skolnick said though she sees this response rate as a success, she wants to aim even higher this year. According to Skolnick, surveys from 2012 and 2013 yielded lower response rates, 7.6 percent and 8.8 percent respectively.

Last year's survey was sent out in August; with fewer people on campus and the freshman class not yet moved into dorms, Skolnick expected less participation.

However, she said she was presented with some interesting and useful information. Freshmen, many of whom had never set foot

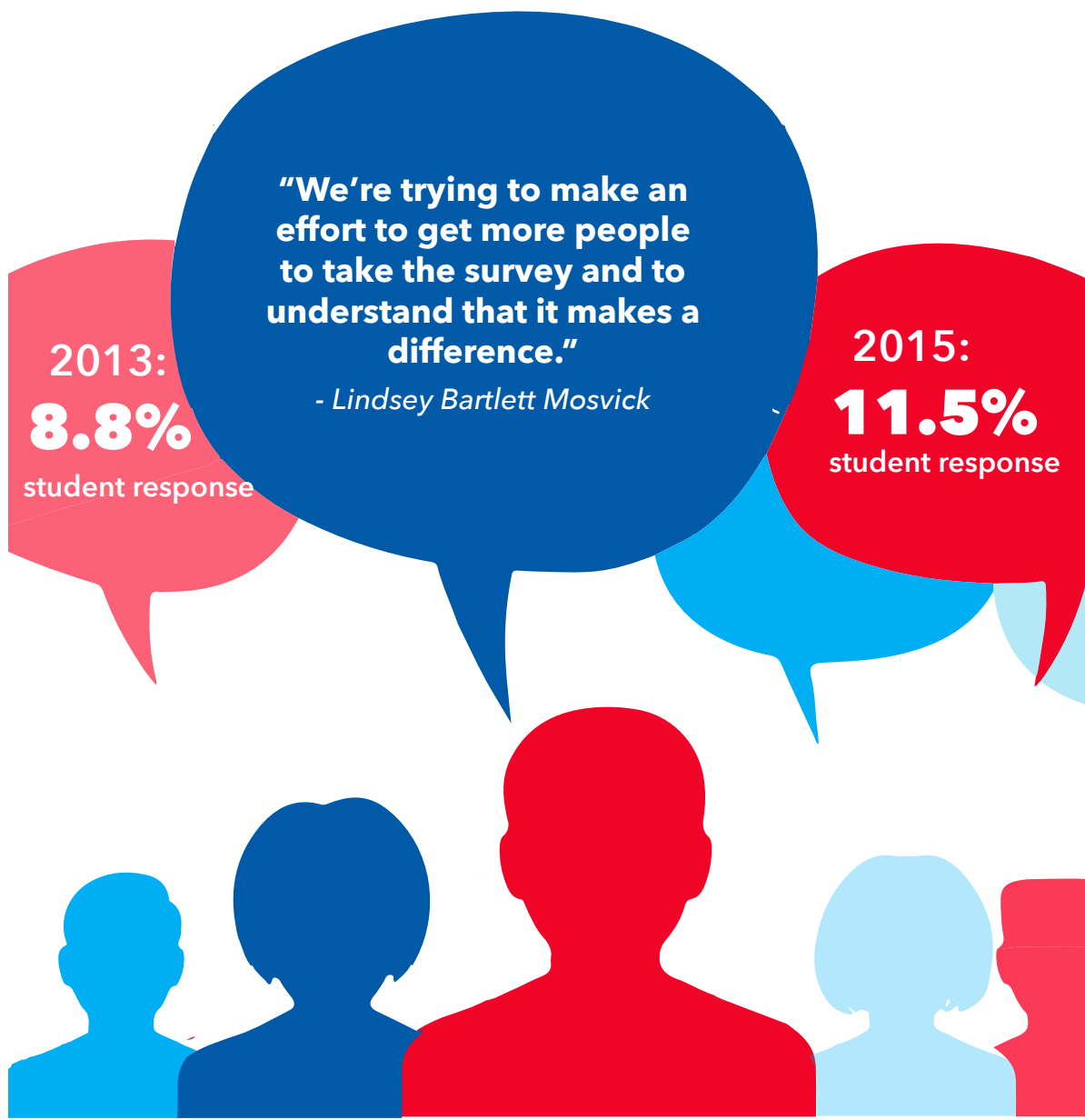
on campus beyond their orientation visits, were a large group of the survey's respondents.

"From a researcher's standpoint, I have a baseline of where people were at — this current group of freshmen — before they stepped foot onto campus, so I'm curious to see now, when this survey goes out, looking at those freshmen," Skolnick said.

Now, in a way, Skolnick can keep track of the freshman class's progress, its ebbs and flows as far as general campus climate, instances of sexual misconduct and understanding of the University's policies.

Around 17 percent of those who completed the survey reported experiencing some form of sexual misconduct as defined by University policy. This number is consistent with the results of the 2013 survey and on the lower end of findings from other universities, according to Skolnick.

With such a small amount of participation, it's hard to gauge what all students are experiencing, Ussery said. According to the recent group of surveys from the American Association of Universities, one out of every five college women will experience some form of sexual assault or misconduct during her college years. Ussery said at the University, not all of these are reported to her or Bartlett Mosvick in violence prevention. Numbers reported by the Clery Act, which mandates



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Former professor 'was living what would become history'



An old photo of James Cooke who passed away March 6, 2016.

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James J. Cooke was known to many as a decorated military veteran, esteemed historian, renowned professor and a dedicated husband and father. Cooke, age 77, died March 6, 2016 at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Oxford.

Cooke joined the U.S. Regular Army in 1957 and was stationed in Ingrandes-sur-Vienne. Shortly thereafter, he met his wife, Josephine, in a picturesque scene at a USO dance in France.

Cooke arrived at the University of Mississippi in 1969, where he taught history for 30 years. He was later commissioned as a

Second Lieutenant in military intelligence as a strategic analyst. He also commanded B Troop of the 108th Armored Cavalry of the Mississippi Army National Guard for six years, and was Executive Officer of the second Battalion, 198th Armored Regiment.

In 1990, Cooke returned to the Regular Army, where he served as a liaison officer and was placed with the French Foreign Legion in Desert Storm. Cooke was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his combat service. He later retired from the Mississippi National Guard with the rank of Brigadier General, and was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and the Magnolia Cross of the State of Mississippi.

In his time at the University, he published 10 novels and numerous articles on history and his time in the U.S. military. In 1987, Cooke was awarded the Liberal Arts Outstanding Teacher of the Year award.

Jeffrey Watt, UM history professor, said Cooke was the first member of the history department to offer courses on the Middle East.

"Given his military background, he not surprisingly showed a strong interest in military history in both his research and his teaching," Watt said.

According to Watt, Cooke's work ethic was exemplary.

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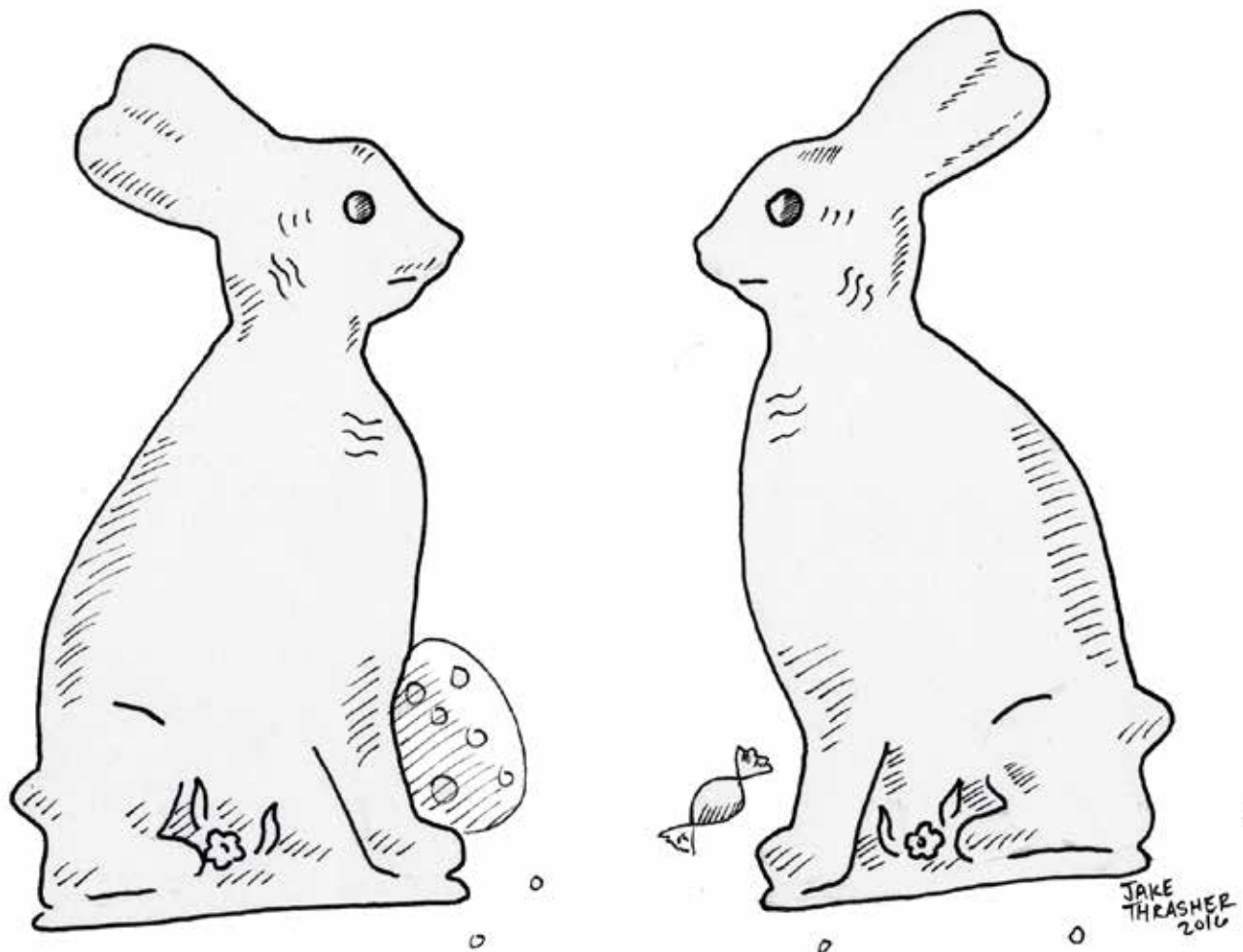
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Is Clinton a friend to #blacklivesmatter?

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If you're a Black Lives Matter supporter, I urge you to consider whether or not Hillary Clinton can be a principled champion for the cause.

In late February, Clinton hosted a private fundraiser in Charleston, South Carolina, where it cost \$500 minimum to attend. An African-American activist named Ashley Williams paid to hear what Hillary Clinton had to say about criminal justice reform in the country, be it her stance on ending mass incarcerations or private prisons.

She interrupted Clinton, asking about the “super-predator” language Clinton used to label youth gangs while advocating for former President Bill Clinton’s “tough-on-crime, long-on-incarceration” 1994 Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act bill, and whether Hillary

wished to apologize “to black people for mass incarceration.” After all, African-Americans constitute roughly 1 million of the total 2.3 million incarcerated population in the United States indirectly today thanks to this bill.

Despite being visibly irritated, Clinton never answered the question of how she came to her 2016 stances on criminal justice reforms.

At the end of the day, the young activist was removed by the Secret Service. What shocked me was how dismissive of Williams Clinton was when Clinton said, “Let’s get back to the real issues.”

What a waste of \$500. From this single dismissive comment alone, she has showed she doesn’t care for the Black Lives Matter cause, that black lives in this country inherently don’t matter. It speaks volumes of her character and seriousness to listen to what activists like Williams has to say about the state

of our justice system and how to best address it, barring her prison lobbyist donation acceptances last year.

After all, one can say that it is indirectly thanks to Hillary the state of mass incarceration exists the way you see today, due to her heavy public support on Bill’s bill back as First Lady.

The reforms banned those convicted of drug crimes from many post-prison rehab programs, like federal student loans, meant to reintegrate offenders back into American society, and it advocated for long, mandatory prison terms. The number of people in American prisons rose 60 percent by the end of Bill Clinton’s presidency, which disproportionately represents a hefty amount of minority groups.

For Black Lives Matter supporters, hearing two Democratic candidates argue in favor of revamping criminal justice this election cycle is a refreshing re-

lief, because it should mean that the voices of black lives in this country are also being heard.

But, unfortunately, Clinton seems to only be courting Black Lives Matter supporters because it is politically expedient to do so. This compared to Bernie Sanders, who has long championed equality and justice for African-Americans for decades and has met privately with the families of Eric Gardner and Sandra Bland, both of whom are victims in a long series of questionable police action.

If I were to opt to seek a candidate who cares enough to see real change with criminal justice and how we can improve law enforcement in this country, I would want to vote for someone who supports the Black Lives Matter movement on principle.

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“Jim was my office neighbor for several years, and he typically arrived in the office each morning about 6, well before the time that most of us showed up for work.”

Josie Nicholson, Cooke’s daughter, said his teaching style was like no other. “He had a passion for bringing history alive for others to experience it— not just memorize facts, dates and locations, but to learn about the men and women that made their mark on the world,” Nicholson said.

According to Nicholson, Cooke was an avid re-enactor.

“He had my mother make all of the clothing he wore, because he was dedicated to authenticity, he wanted to be sure the buttons were sewn on correctly, that the underwear was exactly the way they would have worn it,” Nicholson said. “Then he would go out and live the long weekends and

fight the battle of Shiloh or Gettysburg, with the horses and everything.”

Cooke’s passion for the military, history and academia allowed him to connect with all types of people, Nicholson said.

“The things he was passionate about were the values of duty, honor, and respect,” Nicholson said. “He felt driven by serving a bigger purpose and being a part of things.”

Cooke’s love and passion for the military did not end with retirement. He remained active with the local branch of both the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. According to Nicholson, Cooke requested memorial donations be made to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Cooke valued honor and service so much he chose to have a WWII soldier’s flag draped over his casket at his memorial to honor his service.

“He thought this man deserved honor and respect,” Nicholson said. “He wanted to make his service come alive again.”

His 11th book will be published posthumously in the coming year.

His legacy and passion for military history will be passed on to his four children and a grandson soon to be born.

“He had such a passion for military history,” Nicholson said. “He knew he was living what would become history.”

SURVEY

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university reporting on a variety of crimes and safety concerns, are low because not all instances are reported to participating offices and not all instances occur on campus. In last year’s campus climate survey, data showed the highest number of sexual misconduct reports came from off-campus housing.

“I think that our response rates haven’t matched national levels,” Bartlett Mosvick said. “We’re trying to make an effort to get more people to take the survey and to understand that it makes a difference.”

Skolnick focused on creating experience-based questions while putting together the survey.

“People don’t like to be put into categories,” Skolnick said. “In order to avoid labels, what I did is this; you will not find the words ‘rape,’ ‘victim,’ or ‘survivor,’ anywhere in the survey.”

All of the terms used in the survey are defined according to university policy, so taking the survey also serves an educational purpose in addition to creating a picture of the university, Skolnick said.

The survey covers more than sexual assault. A very telling question, according to Skolnick, asks students whether the University’s environment is welcoming, ex-

citing or isolating, among other options. Many students answered they felt welcome— 83 percent in 2015. The survey also focuses on issues like stalking and relationship violence, which are also areas of interest for Bartlett Mosvick’s Violence Prevention Office.

“From my perspective, it allows me to know if maybe there are groups of people or issue areas where my office is not doing enough,” Mosvick said. “I can use the numbers and data in the survey to assess where we need additional education or outreach, or if certain communities aren’t accessing my office or reporting to Title IX.”

Skolnick said she wants to increase participation and yield data from a larger sample of people on campus. Graduate students in particular have historically participated least in the survey.

“We’re really wanting to increase participation this year,” Ussery said. “It’s really hard for us to solve problems without knowing how the students, faculty, and staff feel. We want to know what their perceptions are. And if you have been involved in a sexual assault, this is a great opportunity for you to report your experience in a confidential way.”

Confidentiality is vital to the campus climate survey. When the survey is sent out, it is impossible for anyone to track emails or names. According to Skolnick, she

receives the individual survey results with ID numbers to keep the identity of any participants completely anonymous.

“The nature of this material is very personal, but again, it’s confidential,” Skolnick said.

Schools investigated by the Office of Civil Rights are recommended to carry out campus climate surveys. Bills like the Campus Accountability and Safety Act recommend institutions be required to send out these surveys. The White House even recommends climate surveys in their resource guide to sexual violence response at universities.

“We’re at a unique time right now where there’s a big push for climate surveys at campuses, and it looks like, legally, we’re heading into the direction that there’s going to be some sort of federal mandate,” Skolnick said. “Perhaps there’s a whole bunch of bills that are sitting there that are going to make them mandatory.”

This year’s climate survey, according to Ussery, could take between five and 15 minutes and is created to educate the participants and those receiving the data. The climate survey will be sent out this week and will be open until April 30.

“We’re actually trying to get ahead of this and find out what our campus climate is now,” Ussery said.

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- Reports
- Cyberstalking: 1
 - Disorderly Conduct: 2
 - Disturbance: 1
 - DUI (First Offense): 2
 - Fake ID: 2
 - Harassment: 3
 - Larceny: 4
 - Motor Vehicle Accident: 11
 - Possession of Alcohol: 5
 - Possession of Marijuana with Intent to distribute: 1
 - Possession of Paraphernalia: 5



- Reports
- Auto Burglary: 1
 - Careless Driving: 11
 - Civil Matter: 3
 - Disturbance: 11
 - House Burglary: 1
 - Malicious Mischief: 2
 - Noise Violation: 4
 - Petit Larceny: 4
 - Stalking: 2
 - Welfare Concern: 13
- Arrests
- Careless Driving: 6
 - DUI: 8
 - Malicious Mischief: 1
 - Possession of Marijuana, less than 30 grams: 1
 - Possession of Marijuana with Intent to distribute: 1
 - Possession of Paraphernalia: 7
 - Public Intoxication: 2

OPD investigators charged a 38-year-old man of Abbeville, Mississippi with cyberstalking/email threats and harassment as a result of harassing his former girlfriend after his January arrest this year for domestic violence. Lonnie Bogard's bond is set at \$2,500 after his Tuesday, March 22, 2016 arrest.



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7 p.m. - Cards Against Humanity night - The Growler
8:30 p.m. - Trivia night - The Blind Pig
9 p.m. - Dale Watson - Proud Larry's
9:30 p.m. - DJ Night - Rooster's

TUESDAY

5 p.m. - T.J. Ray signs "Side by Side: Moonshine and Murder in Mississippi" - Off Square Books
6:30 p.m. - Bluegrass Jam Session - Shelter
7:30 p.m. - Trivia night - Frank & Marlee's
8 p.m. - Third Eye Blind - The Lyric
9:30 p.m. - Open mic night - Rooster's

WEDNESDAY

7 p.m. - UM Cinema Festival - Ford Center
7 p.m. - Davis Coen - Shelter
9:30 p.m. - Karaoke - Rooster's
9:30 p.m. - Movie night - Lamar Lounge

THURSDAY

6 p.m. - Thacker Mountain Radio Show featuring Jericho Road Show and Lucero with live literature - The Lyric
7 p.m. - UM Cinema Festival - Ford Center
7 p.m. - Hugh Mitchell - Shelter
8 p.m. - Karaoke - Taqueria El Milagro
9 p.m. - Light Beam Rider with Holy Ghost Electric Show and Delta Springs - Proud Larry's

FRIDAY

7 p.m. - Reads, Beats, & Eats, with Mustache the band - The Lyric
7:30 p.m. - Mississippi: The Dance Company presents "Fresh Start" - Meek Auditorium
8 p.m. - HanaLena - Shelter

SATURDAY

Noon - Miss-i-sippin' beer festival - Old Armory Pavilion (University Ave.)
3 p.m. - The Jazztones - Shelter
5 p.m. - Augusten Burroughs signs "Lust & Wonder: A Memoir" - Off Square Books
7 p.m. - Eric Deaton Trio - Shelter
7:30 p.m. - Mississippi: The Dance Company presents "Fresh Start" - Meek Auditorium
9 p.m. - American Aquarium - Proud Larry's
9:30 p.m. - Karaoke - Rooster's

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tro both collected RBI off a walk and hit by pitch, respectively. Haley Culley then broke the game wide open giving the Rebels a 5-3 advantage with a bases-clearing triple over the center fielder's head, moving her to a tie for third all-time on the career triples list (six).

After the Cowgirls tied it up in their next chance, Strother again gave the Rebels a 6-5 lead off an RBI single up the middle, but it didn't last after a two-run OSU fourth and an insurance run in the fifth.

Strother paved the way for the offense in game two, going 3-for-4 with two runs scored, while Culley finished the game 2-for-3 with three RBI off of a triple. Sophomore pitcher Elisha Jahnke was tagged with the loss after allowing six earned runs off eight hits and four walks in four innings, while Kayla Landwehrmier finished it out with one run allowed off one hit and a walk.

Next Up

The Rebels return home to the Ole Miss Softball Complex Tuesday, March 29, for a 6 p.m. contest against Samford.

BASEBALL

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fore the series, that it was a performance issue, and a door might be open to the job, and Short's performance definitely makes him an option.

"I am here to do whatever the team needs me to do," Short said. "If he wants me to start, then I'll start. If he wants me to stay in the back of the bullpen, then I'll stay in the back of the bullpen. It's all up to coach B."

Though it might seem like a good idea, it's not quite time to shake things up that much. Bianco said he expects Johnson to return next weekend at Mississippi State, and Short is a lynchpin on the back end of a Rebel bullpen that has been dominant to start the year. Moving him would shake things up, and that's not something Bianco would like to do, at least for the near future.

Offensive MVP: Henri Lartigue

Let's be honest: Ole Miss did not do enough at the plate all weekend to warrant any kind of offensive award—but junior catcher Henri Lartigue went

4-4 on Friday night and 5-12 on the weekend, which is noteworthy. Overall, the Rebel offense was stifled by a dominant South Carolina pitching staff. Ole Miss stranded 23 runners on the weekend and only gathered 12 combined. It was easily the worst offensive showing of the season.

Analysis:

Let's not mince words here; this weekend was bad in all facets. Ole Miss did not pitch well, hit well or field well (six errors in the last two games).

At the same time, do not reach for the panic button just yet. South Carolina is probably the hottest team in baseball. The team has won 13 in a row since losing back-to-back games to Clemson, and is now 6-0 in the SEC. Getting a sweep is incredibly difficult to do, and getting two in a row, with the second coming on the road against a top ten team, is even more remarkable. At a certain point, you just have to tip your cap to them.

That's not to say there are not issues. If Ole Miss wants any shot of contending, it's going to have to have its starters go more than four innings. The Rebels cannot tax their bullpen that heavily all year and expect to have success.

Ole Miss also needs to field bet-



PHOTO BY: CAMERON BROOKS

Tate Blackman throws the ball to first for an out during Saturday's game against South Carolina.

ter, as it had three errors in each of the last two games. You will not win games in the SEC doing that.

As far as the rotation is con-

cerned, let's not blow the whole thing up just yet. Brady Bramlett had the worst start of his career, Chad Smith fell victim to some errors, and it was Pagnozzi's first career SEC start.

Bianco made it sound like Johnson will be back on the hill in game three next weekend, so for now, he needs to get healthy to provide a better picture of what the Rebels have in their rotation.

If it does not work out, there are options. As mentioned earlier, Short has not started a game since high school, but was adamant on Saturday saying he can do it if called upon.

Pagnozzi was good in his first two starts and really just had one bad inning on Saturday. Will Stokes, one of last year's Sunday starters, is still in the bullpen too. There are options, but not necessarily ones that need to be exercised yet.

When it comes down to it, Ole Miss ran into a really hot team at a bad time. Sure, there are issues, but this team took two of three from Louisville a month ago and started 20-2, so don't get lost in the storm.

Ole Miss returns to action on at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday against Memphis at Autozone Park.

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South Carolina sweeps Rebels in weekend series

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For the first time in this 2016 season, Ole Miss had a weekend that did not go its way— and I mean, it really did not go our way.

South Carolina used three great starting pitchers from its weekend rotation to punish the Rebel bats.

Ole Miss also had six errors on the weekend, and the Gamecocks took full advantage of that. It was the first time Ole Miss had been swept since 2014 at Alabama, and the first time it has been swept at home since Vanderbilt in 2013.

“The truth of the matter is that we were not very good this weekend in all phases,” Ole Miss’ head coach Mike Bianco said. “Everybody’s to blame, including the coaches.”

What went wrong: Well, it would be easy to sit here and say everything, and that might not be inaccurate, but let’s start with the pitching. Ole Miss did not have a starter get out of the fifth inning all weekend. South Carolina scored five runs in the first inning combined on the weekend and scored 10 of its 18 runs on the weekend in the first three innings.



Wyatt Short pitches in relief during Saturday’s game against South Carolina.

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The Gamecocks took control of each game early and their pitching did not let up after that. South Carolina got 6.2 innings of one-run ball from ace Clarke Schmidt

on Thursday, an eight-inning, four-hit performance from Braden Webb on Friday, and then six innings of shutout baseball from Adam Hill on Saturday. Ole

Miss was just 23-101 (.228 from the plate on the weekend, and the lone game that it recorded double-digit hits, it also stranded 11 men on the base paths.

“They got all the big hits. I’m saying that as a compliment, not as an excuse. We didn’t get any big hits. We got a lot of good hits, but we needed the big hit to get us back in the game,” Bianco said after Thursday’s loss, and it really summed up the weekend quite well.

Ole Miss just could not get the big hit.

Pitching MVP: Wyatt Short

It was a tough weekend for Ole Miss’ pitching as a whole, but Short was one bright spot. In an uncharacteristically early appearance. Short, the Ole Miss closer, pitched 5.2 innings and allowed just one hit in relief of Andy Pagnozzi in game three. Pagnozzi was starting in place of the usual game-three starter Sean Johnson, who Bianco said needed rest as he is still recovering from Tommy John surgery a year ago.

“Really the thing was to give Sean a break,” Bianco said after Saturday’s loss. “Sean has pitched well, and competed so so well for us, but really his stuff has deteriorated.”

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