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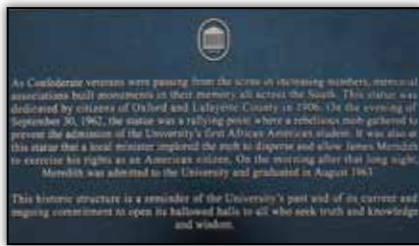
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## History department voices opinion on plaque

UM history faculty submitted a statement to The DM Saturday regarding the contextual plaque in the Circle.

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## news

See [thedmonline.com](http://thedmonline.com) for photo and video coverage of the UM NAACP vigil for Confederate Heritage month



# Big Event receives record number of student volunteers



PHOTOS BY: ARIEL COBBERT AND KAMERA GRIFFIN

Left: Elise Jones pulls weeds in an Oxford resident's back yard. Center: Students volunteering though the Big Event chip off old paint from Skipwith Cottage. Right: Team leader Gabrielle Jackson picks up trash off of Highway 7.

## MORGAN WALKER

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On Saturday morning, more than 900 students participated in Oxford's biggest day of community service.

Volunteers arrived at 8 a.m. at the Pavilion for the kickoff ceremony before heading out to their project sites. During the kickoff ceremony, John Oxford of Renasant Bank said next year he would like to see a rivalry Big Event held between

Mississippi State and Ole Miss as a competition to see which school will have the most volunteers.

The community-wide service event covered 148 project sites throughout Oxford City and Lafayette County includ-

ing both private property and community projects. Student volunteer efforts consisted of activities like landscaping and indoor cleaning at St. Peter's Church, food drives at Love-packs and cleaning local parks with Oxford Mayor George

"Pat" Patterson.

Melissa Ramsey, Big Event co-director, said the event went seamlessly this year and the event was able to make progress with coordinating

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# RASA holds Sexual Assault Awareness month kickoff



Senior Ben White, junior Hank Thompson and junior Allen Marino carry anti-violence shirts at the Take Back The Night rally in front of the Lyceum last April. PHOTO BY: KAYLA BEATTY

## ZOE MCDONALD

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Rebels Against Sexual Assault plans to host several events throughout the month of April for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

In 2009, President Obama officially declared April Sexual Assault Awareness Month. His administration has taken steps such as creating an "It's on Us" week and the White House Task Force to continue the fight against sexual assault on college campuses.

RASA kicked off their calendar of events April 1, in Bryant Hall, where Chancellor Jef-

frey Vitter and law professor Michèle Alexandre spoke.

Vitter spoke about creating a culture where sexual assault is not tolerated and people are treated with respect in accordance with the UM Creed.

Alexandre closed the event with a talk on the history of the objectification of the human body. She urged students to create discussions with peers about consent and respect for others, especially those in non-conforming gender roles.

According to RASA President Sydney Green, conversations surrounding ideas such as consent, respect and what constitutes as sexual assault are all important ways for

peers to help survivors or intervene in the future.

"I think it's really important that we all start conversations with our friends because we can hold events like this all we want," Green said. "We can have professors speak to students about how wrong it is not to ask for consent, but what really makes change is when students like us get together, have conversations and pressure each other to do what's right."

Lindsey Bartlett Mosvick, violence prevention coordinator, helped organize events for Sexual Assault Awareness

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## University of Mississippi history faculty statement

University of Mississippi History Faculty Statement about the Plaque Recently Installed in front of the Confederate Memorial on Campus

As historians at the University of Mississippi, we call on Chancellor Jeffrey Vitter and the contextualization committee convened by Provost Morris Stocks to revise the plaque recently installed in front of the Confederate memorial on our campus.

The Action Plan on Consultant Reports and Update on the Work of the Sensitivity and Respect Committee, which was released in August 2014, recommended that the University “seek suggestions

from various interested constituency groups” to “offer more history, putting the past into context, telling more of the story of Mississippi’s struggles with slavery, secession, segregation, and their aftermath.”

In our professional judgment, the current plaque does not accomplish this goal. In response to Chancellor Vitter’s March 29th call for suggestions to change the wording of the plaque, we submit the following text, which has been adapted from a template created by the Atlanta History Center for this purpose:

“From the 1870s through the 1920s, memorial associations erected more than 1,000 Confederate monuments throughout the South. These monuments reaffirmed white southerners’ commitment to a “Lost Cause” ideology that they created to justify Confederate defeat as a moral victory and secession as a defense of constitutional liberties. The Lost Cause insisted that slavery was not a cruel institution and – most importantly – that slavery was not a cause of the Civil War. It also conveyed a belief, widely accepted throughout the United States, in white racial supremacy.

Campaigns for legally mandated “Jim Crow” segregation and for the disfranchisement of African Americans accompanied celebrations of the Lost Cause; these campaigns often sparked racial violence, including lynching.

Historians today recognize slavery as the central cause of the Civil War and freedom as its most important result. Although deadly and destructive, the Civil War freed four million enslaved southerners and led to the passage of constitutional amendments that promised national citizenship and equal protection of laws, regardless of race. This monument, created in 1906 to recognize the sacrifice of Mississippians who fought to establish the Confederacy as a slaveholding republic, must now remind us that Confederate defeat brought freedom, however imperfect, to millions of people.”

We welcome the opportunity to play an active role in our campus’s ongoing efforts to provide historical context for existing symbols and building names on campus.

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## BIG EVENT

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volunteers compared to previous years.

"This was actually the first time we have been able to send at least two volunteers to every project we had registered, which is a huge deal," Ramsey said.

The Big Event volunteers helped beautify the Oxford community in different capacities. Volunteers participated in projects ranging from gardening and painting walls, to placing flowers on cemeteries and picking up trash.

"We do pretty much anything you can think of that needs to be done in Oxford," Ramsey said.

According to Ramsey, the Big Event received incredible amounts of positive feedback from both participants and project hosts. Volunteers

filtered in after the projects were complete with several heartwarming stories about the impact of their service. Many project hosts sent in hand-written letters expressing their gratefulness to Ole Miss students for their time spent volunteering. They also received several calls from project hosts already requesting to participate in next year's event.

"The community really appreciates the students coming out to volunteer for three hours to help in whatever area they need help in," Ramsey said. "We are so thankful for Ole Miss students for being open-minded and coming out to give up their Saturday morning to do this."

Amber Fulton, senior managerial finance and accountancy major, volunteered in the Plein Air community in Taylor. Her group assisted with various roadside cleaning and landscaping projects

throughout the community. Fulton said she was surprised by the overwhelming kindness she received from the project hosts.

"The people we volunteered for were really appreciative and even bought our lunch at Carter's Grocery after we finished our project," Fulton said. "It was an amazing experience helping give back to such a loving, sweet community."

Allison Bradshaw, senior political science major, said she most enjoyed working and getting to know other volunteers.

"I feel like the planning staff stepped up their game this year to put together a wonderful program," Bradshaw said. "I liked the added element of working on mixed teams so that I was able to meet and bond with other students at the university. It was great to see the positive impact that our efforts can have in the Oxford community."

## RASA

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Month last spring but said the student leaders in RASA took the reigns in putting together the events this year.

RASA will host "Take Back the Night" at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Lyceum Circle. The event will honor survivors of sexual assault. The event will also offer an opportunity for survivors to share their experiences with a candle light vigil.

RASA will also offer opportunities throughout the first half of the month for students to make their own pieces of T-shirt art for the Clothesline Project.

The UM Student Disabilities Services and Student Veterans Association are hosting a Healing Art Reception and Panel from 5-8 p.m. April 14 at the Powerhouse. The event is an opportunity for the community to view art pieces illustrating the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder on victims of sexual assault.

On April 19, RASA will host a screening of "The Hunting Ground," an award winning documentary film about campus sexual assault with a student panel.

The month will conclude with a performance of the popular "Vagina Monologues," made iconic by Eve Ensler in the 1990s. The performances will serve as a fundraiser for Family Crisis Services of Northwest Mississippi.

RASA is hoping to use this month to educate UM students

on the importance of sexual assault awareness.

"I think that our main goal is in accordance with the month itself," Green said. "We're raising awareness about sexual assault. We want to raise awareness about the resources that the University offers for survivors of sexual assault."



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## Nadir Bliss and Bonus bring varied sound to Oxford

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Tonight, if i die in mississippi will join Oxford's own Nadir Bliss and Bonus to serve up some local sound at Proud Larry's.

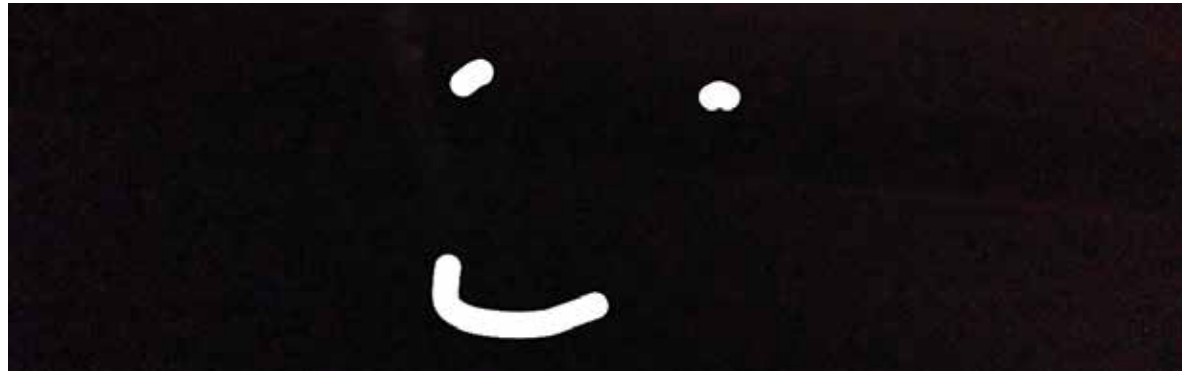
Nadir Bliss' Sean O'Hara and Bonus' Kieran Danielson are well-versed in the Oxford music scene; both musicians having played in Oxford for about three years in a variety of bands.

O'Hara has been playing music for a large part of his life, but has only recently realized the reason for his passion for music making.

"I soon began to realize I wanted to be a musician because of a song's ability to connect with people in really strange ways," O'Hara said. "Some of the best and worst moments of my life are contained in feelings of hearing certain melodies for the first time or the millionth time. It could be that the memory you had somehow became part of the song, or for some reason the song made it special. I just think that's one of the coolest things ever."

This translates through the work he is doing with Nadir Bliss. As a self-proclaimed "weirdo pop" band, their songs, at first listen, produce feelings reminiscent of a spring day. There is a certain dichotomy within them as well, evident in their light sound and deeper, resonating lyrics.

Bonus, on the other hand, de-



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scribes their sound as a "melancholy pop," leaning towards a slower, heavier sound.

"I draw inspiration from free time," Danielson said. "When I'm not caught up in doing some-

thing, I get really restless and anxious, and that's when I sit down and write music. I have about 20 minutes a day and I cram in as much as I can whether it's a quick band practice or an

isolated writing session."

Both Danielson and O'Hara describe the Oxford music scene similarly, with fondness of the bands and venues that are involved, but express the same desire to see expansion within it.

"There are too few bands for the amount of creative people in this town," Danielson said. "I just know that there are a ton of people in their dorm rooms, in their

apartments and in their houses that are dying to get out there and play, but it's really hard. For one, there's really only two venues in town to play a show at if you're starting out, and secondly, it's intimidating because there's such a small amount of bands, so when there is a new one, there's a bit of spotlight pressure. My advice though, is to please just go for it."

Both artists said they are excited to play in a unique town like Oxford, especially at a venue like Proud Larry's.

"It's definitely a cool thing to get to play at places like Proud Larry's," O'Hara said. "With a venue like that in Oxford, I feel really honored to play music in the same spot where people like Modest Mouse played."

Danielson echoed O'Hara's sentiment.

"Larry's treats you really well," he said. "There's always a sound guy. They hook you up with beer and food. [The owner] Scott is good at reaching out to bands and he's always willing to give you a shot. The staff that works there is awesome and some of my favorite shows of all time were there. I know Proud Larry's will be here forever and that makes me really happy."

Oxford seemed to be a point of pride for both musicians because of its livability for those desiring to make music.

"I don't know if I could be making art anywhere else the way I have in Oxford, in a lot of ways. I'll always love this town," O'Hara said. "Don't tell me it ain't got no heart when I can hear it beat out loud."

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**8:30 p.m.** - Trivia Night - The Blind Pig  
**9 p.m.** - Nadir Bliss w/ Bonus & if i die in mississippi - Proud Larry's  
**9:30 p.m.** - DJ Night - Rooster's

### TUESDAY

**6:30 p.m.** - Ole Miss Baseball vs. Southern Miss - Swayze Field  
**7 p.m.** - Writers, Players & Poets - Shelter on Van Buren  
**8 p.m.** - Riff Raff - The Lyric Theater  
**9:30 p.m.** - Open Mic Night - Rooster's

### WEDNESDAY

**6:30 p.m.** - Music of the South Symposium Concert w/ Jericho Road Show - Shelter on Van Buren  
**7:30 p.m.** - An evening with Humphrey's McGee - The Lyric Theater  
**9:30 p.m.** - Karaoke - Rooster's  
**9:30 p.m.** - Movie Night - Lamar Lounge

### THURSDAY

**6 p.m.** - Thacker Mountain Radio Feat. Live Music by Folk Family Revival & Live Literature - Off Square Books  
**7 p.m.** - JJ Grey & Mofro - The Lyric Theater  
**8 p.m.** - Karaoke - El Milagro's  
**8 p.m.** - After Thacker: Keith Skyes - Shelter on Van Buren  
**9 p.m.** - Sam Mooney CD release w/ special guest Michael Simeon - Proud Larry's

### FRIDAY

**2 p.m.** - Double Decker Bus Tour - Visit Oxford  
**6 p.m.** - VOX Presents: The Poetry of Holly Baer - Shelter on Van Buren  
**6:30 p.m.** - Ole Miss Baseball vs. Arkansas - Swayze Field  
**6:30 p.m.** - An Evening on the Red Carpet Auction - Powerhouse  
**7:30 p.m.** - The Midtown Men - Ford Center for the Performing Arts  
**8:30 p.m.** - The Wood Brthers w/ Lauren Shera - Proud Larry's

### SATURDAY

**3 p.m.** - The Jazztones - Shelter on Van Buren  
**6:30 p.m.** - Paperclip Scientists - Shelter on Van Buren  
**7 p.m.** - Ole Miss Baseball vs. Arkansas - Swayze Field  
**7:30 p.m.** - St. Paul and the Broken Bones - The Lyric Theater  
**9 p.m.** - Boyfriend w/ Group Text - Proud Larry's  
**9 p.m.** - Oxford Artists' Guild Spring Art Show and Sale - Courthouse Lawn

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## Two school records highlight Rebel track's weekend



Ole Miss Track and Field at the 2015 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships at the University of Oregon in Eugene.

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A pair of school records and some of the nation's fastest times in a few events highlighted the Ole Miss Rebels' weekend of competition at the Pepsi Florida Relays and Stanford Invitational.

In a weekend at two of the most prestigious and well-attended meets in the country, Ole Miss athletes compiled the two school

records, four top-two individual finishes and 18 outdoor personal bests. Many of the Rebels' times run this weekend will rank among the top 25 or 30 in the nation.

"The trips to Florida and California were both very successful," head coach Connie Price-Smith said. "I was very pleased with the outcome of the competitions.

School records and personal bests are always exciting to see. I think the men and women are doing a great job and progressing nicely."

It was quite an outdoor season debut for sophomore Craig Engels and junior Trevor Gilley in the Florida Relays 1500 meters on Friday. Engels placed runner-up in 3:38.82, breaking his own

school record of 3:40.28 from last year. His time ranks him No. 2 in the NCAA this year and would have been the second-best time in the country for all of last season. Gilley placed third in a personal-best 3:41.77, ranking him No. 2 in school history and No. 3 in the NCAA this year. Sophomore Derek Gutierrez also ran a person-

al-best time of 3:47.07.

Over at Stanford, the three Rebels in the women's 10,000 meters all came away with personal-best times that were better than the previous school record, led by sophomore Emily Bean's 33:39.36. Junior Mary Alex England, who previously claimed the school record, ran 33:47.91, while sophomore Shelby Brown checked in at 34:41.08. No Ole Miss woman had ever broken 34 minutes in the 10K before this weekend.

The Rebel men's hammer throwers showed off their strength in the Florida sun. In the invite section, sophomore Dempsey McGuigan earned seventh place with a mark of 68.00m/223-1, just off his school record of 223-7. In the college division, senior Nathan Loe was runner-up with a personal-best heave of 65.41m/214-7 that continues to rank him No. 2 in school history and should move him up into the top 20 or so nationally this season.

In the men's 3000-meter steeplechase, sophomore MJ Erb made his Ole Miss debut in the event with a time of 9:00.27 that ranks him No. 5 in the school record books. Sophomores Brandon Harvey (9:19.89 - No. 9 in school history) and Abraham Merinar (9:38.31) both clocked personal bests in the event.

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## SEC Baseball power poll

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1. **FLORIDA**  
They're really good. They're 20-0 at home and just swept No. 1 Texas A&M. The Gators are led by A.J. Puk, a dominantly left-handed pitcher, and are getting contributions all throughout the lineup.



2. **MISSISSIPPI STATE**  
They're really, really good. With Dakota Hudson going on Friday night, the Bulldogs are going to be the prohibitive favorite on most Friday nights in the league. The Bulldogs have seasoned veterans in Gavin Collins and Austin Sexton on the roster. Mississippi State, as of right now, looks like a SEC title contender, and a team that could make a serious run at the College World Series.



3. **SOUTH CAROLINA**  
The Gamecocks lost two of three at Vanderbilt this weekend, but are dominant on the mound. Clarke Schmidt runs his fast-ball into the mid 90s providing hitters a tough challenge. The Gamecocks are currently tied with Florida for the SEC lead.



4. **VANDERBILT**  
After dropping the first series of SEC play, the Commodores have responded winning five of the last six conference games including a series win over the top 10 Gamecocks.



5. **TEXAS A&M**  
Texas A&M is sort of a mystery at this point. They took two of three from Auburn to being SEC play, but didn't look especially dominating. They then took two of three from LSU, but again didn't look great. The Aggies then dropped all three contests this weekend to Florida. We'll know more about the Aggies after they travel to Starkville two weekends from now.



6. **KENTUCKY**  
It's time to start taking the Wildcats seriously. They won their third consecutive SEC series, including a series win over Florida, this weekend.



7. **ALABAMA**  
I think Alabama has the potential to be really good. Geoffrey Bramblett is really good for the Crimson Tide on Friday nights and Alabama has a deep bullpen led by closer Thomas Burrows.



8. **LSU**  
Alex Lange is really good for LSU. The rest of LSU is not really good. Lange even got touched up this weekend vs. Auburn. The Tigers may be having a rebuilding year, something that won't set well on the Bayou.



9. **ARKANSAS**  
Missouri was 0-6 before this weekend. They're now 2-7 because Arkansas decided they weren't interested in taking the Tigers seriously this weekend.



10. **OLE MISS**  
Ole Miss has played two really good teams in South Carolina and Mississippi State. They've gone 1-5. It's not time to hit the panic button, at all, but Ole Miss needs to respond this weekend at home against Arkansas.



11. **GEORGIA**  
Future first round pick Robert Tyler is keeping Georgia in most opening games, but the Bulldogs continue to struggle to win games. They were up late on Thursday and Friday night before blowing the games to Alabama.



12. **AUBURN**  
Auburn scores around eleventy billion runs a game which is good because their pitching gives up around eleventy billion runs per game.



13. **TENNESSEE**  
If Dave Serrano doesn't get it turned around soon, Tennessee has to wonder if they're ever going to see the type of success that Rod Delmonico brought to Knoxville when they went to the College World Series three times in his 17 years.



14. **MISSOURI**  
Between their awful football team, basketball team and baseball team, I'm sure it's great to be a Missouri Tiger.

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## Diamond Rebels drop series to rival Mississippi State

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It was much of the same for Ole Miss baseball through the first two games against Mississippi State. The Rebels lost the night game 3-1. Brady Bramlett went 5.1 innings allowing two runs on six hits.

Ole Miss was only able to tally four hits in the contest, and it was in part due to the complete game, four-hit performance from Mississippi State's projected first-round draft pick Dakota Hudson.

The offensive struggles continued in game two as it dropped the swing game 6-2, again only recording four hits. Only getting an inning and a third from starter Chad Smith did not help the Rebels' cause either. Smith was chased from the game in the second inning after allowing four runs on five hits.

The offense came to life a bit in game three after a shuffled Mike Bianco lineup was able to salvage game three 5-2. J.B. Woodman hit leadoff and Ryan Olenek hit second in the order.

Woodman batted in the lead-off spot eight times in 2015. After being out-hit 18-8 in the first



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Infielder Will Golsan catches a ball at an earlier game this season.

two games, Ole Miss was able to get the offense going on Sunday in their 8-5 victory. While Mississippi State's pitching on Sunday hasn't compared to Hudson or Saturday starter Austin Sexton, Ole Miss needed to get

itself back on track and not go without a win two weekends in a row.

Analysis: Avoiding a second consecutive sweep on Sunday was important for the psyche of this team if nothing else, but it's

no secret this team is struggling. The offense has been spotty the last two weeks, and the starting pitching has not been close to the level needed to win in the Southeastern Conference. It is also in part due to running into

two of the hotter teams in the league and maybe the country in South Carolina and Mississippi State.

The good news is that four of Ole Miss' next five series come against teams with losing records in SEC play, and four of those match ups are at home. With only 28 games in the books, this season is still young and there is plenty of time. But that does not mean that this team looks like the same one that started 20-2 and knocked off Louisville.

The most consistent crutch for this team is its strong bullpen, but they have been taxed far too early in games due to the starting pitching not being able to go deep into games. Sean Johnson's departure in the fourth inning means that no starting pitcher has reached the sixth inning. That is probably the most glaring issue that needs to change if this team is going to get back on the right track. If Ole Miss can start getting better performances from their starting pitchers, giving their bullpen an opportunity, the Rebels will put themselves in a much better position to win.

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