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RASA hosts 'Take Back the Night' campaign



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Top: Students march with signs in "Take Back the Night" campaign organized by Rebels Against Sexual Assault. Left: Sydney Green, president of Rebels Against Sexual Assault opens up "Take Back the Night" event held on campus Wednesday evening. Right: Marissa Haas, freshman journalism major participates in the tall painting in "Take Back the Night" campaign.

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Cries of "Shatter the silence. Stop the violence!" echoed through campus Wednesday as students marched to "take back the night" in commemoration of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The UM Take Back the Night rally, part of an international

movement, was organized by Rebels Against Sexual Assault and included a candlelight vigil where students shared their experiences of sexual assault. Speakers included Chancellor Jeffrey Vitter, President of RASA Sydney Green, Head of the UM Library's Department of Archives and Special Collections Jennifer Ford, Title IX Coordinator Honey

Ussery and Director of the Counseling Center Quinton "Bud" Edwards. "This kind of meeting is happening all over the country and other universities where they are taking back the night for everyone to feel safe," Vitter said. "We want to make this a family." One in five women and one in 75 men will be raped at some

point in their lives, according to the 2015 National Sexual Violence Resource Center statistics. Additionally, one in five women and one in 16 men are assaulted on campus while in college. "Statistics are staggering. We have to change our community to be safer for everyone and that

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House Bill 1523 discussion continues

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JACKSON – Protests quieted after the signing of House Bill 1523 Tuesday, but the conversation is far from over. House Bill 1523, named Protecting Freedom of Conscience from Government Discrimination Act, made national news as what Ben Needham, director of Southern LGBT advocacy group Project One America, called "probably the worst religious freedom bill to date." Others, however, have hailed the legislation as a needed reform. When he released his statement Tuesday, Gov. Phil Bryant said the bill, "reinforces the rights which currently exist to exercise the religious freedom as stated in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution." Republican Rep. Randy Boyd, who co-authored House Bill 1523, said it does not discriminate against any group of people. Boyd said much of the pushback surrounding the bill is unwarranted. "It's important to protect the Christian rights that we have,"

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Transportation forum encourages parking discussions

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The Office of Sustainability is partnering with the Associated Student Body to hold the campus' first transportation forum from 4-6 p.m. Thursday in Holman Hall room 30. The forum panelists will discuss parking issues and future developments for traditional and alternative modes of transportation throughout the Oxford community. Students are encouraged to contribute suggestions at the forum and transportation changes will be aimed at improving student life in particular. The forum will connect

students with both administrators and staff in charge of their daily transportation on campus. Gordon Podshivalov, data and transportation intern at the Office of Sustainability, said the office aims to educate, connect and motivate community members for the well-being of people and ecological systems. "Besides being a purely practical opportunity to hear from the key people and ask specific questions and get those questions answered, [the forum] is also a place to give suggestions and feedback," Podshivalov said. The Office of Sustainability works year-round on campus

to promote a green conservation of the school's ecosystems. Their Green Grove Initiative helps to keep the grounds clean during football season and promotes the composting program, which deals with unused food on campus. Grace Sullivan, ASB director of sustainability, is one of the forum's panelists and will offer more information on the partnership. Sullivan said it is important for students to use the forum as an opportunity to voice concerns. "It's something that's changing as our campus has grown," Sullivan said. "This panel gives

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Statement from Members of the University of Mississippi Department of English on the Plaque Recently Installed in front of the Confederate Memorial on Campus

As faculty and students in the English Department and as members of the University of Mississippi community, we wish to express our support for efforts to contextualize historical sites on our campus. We wish also to support and repeat the calls by the History Department and others to revise the plaque recently installed in front of the Confederate memorial on our campus.

In our judgment, the current plaque does not accomplish its stated aims. As teachers and scholars of literature and culture, we urge the administration to remember that words mat-

ter, and that the ways we represent the past matter immensely to how we live together in the present. Symbols and the stories we tell about them can have profound impact on our everyday lives. Moreover, the University of Mississippi has an opportunity to take meaningful steps to change the conversation about the symbols we live with and their past and present meanings.

In response to Chancellor Vitter's March 29th call for suggestions to change the wording of the plaque, we urge that language accompanying the statue and other historical sites take into account the following:

1. First, and most fundamentally, the southern confederacy was founded and staked on slavery, and any effort to contextualize monuments to the confederate past must acknowledge this.
2. Second, confederate symbols have been promoted and justified by the university in part because of the confederate military service of many of its students during the Civil War.
3. Third, the confederate memorialization movement that brought us the statue in the early twentieth century also brought the incorporation of the confederate battle flag in the state flag design of 1894 and the rise of the second Ku Klux Klan.
4. Fourth, the violent segregationist rioters who rallied at this statue in 1962 did so because it remained a symbol of the confederacy, slavery, Jim Crow, and the ongoing project of white supremacy and southern racism.

We support the University of Mississippi's aspirations to welcome and educate everyone, and we believe in this university's potential to help Mississippi become a more welcoming, hospitable, and genuinely open place. We understand that the past is complex and that historical markers are a small but significant part of dealing with it. We also affirm that, in moving toward a better future, we must acknowledge the past—we can mourn the dead and acknowledge the realities of their lives without celebrating their cause. We encourage the administration in efforts to acknowledge our shared history and to be forthright, open, and honest about the aspects that continue to be uncomfortable, unsavory, or potentially controversial.

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RASA

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is a shared responsibility that we all need to be vigilant about," Vitter said. "Awareness, support and looking out for each other are by far the best things we can do to eliminate these sorts of situations."

Green said events like "Take Back the Night" encourage students to come together for a unified cause.

"I think it's important we are here tonight as students gathering to take a stand against this issue,"

Green said. "It's really important to pressure our peers to make a change and if something does happen to you or a friend, your peers will support you."

Tim Potts, chief of the University Police Department, said though he believes the University is a relatively safe place, things happen everywhere.

"I think raising awareness is a group effort," Potts said. "It's the student organizations, violence prevention, the chancellor. It takes more than just one."

Psychology major Madison Baldwin was at the event to support the Feminist Empowerment at The University of Mississippi

organization, a new Mississippi chapter of the feminist majority at the University.

"We are here for the empowerment of women, but for the equality of everyone," Baldwin said. "Our goal is to make the University and the community a safer place for women and everyone."

Title IX Coordinator Honey Ussery said it is not only women, but men and those of different sexual orientations who deal with assaults. She said everyone should feel comfortable coming to the Title IX office.

Theresa Starkey, assistant director for the Sarah Isom Center for Women and Gender Studies,

said integrating student groups like RASA with other campus organizations creates a coalition of support, mobilizes change and is a great way to raise awareness.

Lindsey Bartlett, Violence Prevention Office project coordinator encouraged students to be mindful of each other.

"Tonight is a way for the entire community to agree sexual violence is wrong and we can help them on their path of healing," Bartlett said. "The best prevention method for violence is asking people to look out for one another and step in at an uncomfortable situation."

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students the opportunity to have their voices heard in the planning process."

Sullivan said the Office of Sustainability hopes to tackle a handful of campus transportation issues this coming year, starting with the forum. The office is promoting carpooling, biking, skating and walking for the increased social, health and ecological benefits.

Podshivalov said the goal is to find a way to preserve beauty while being more efficient. This balance can be hard to find.

"We are all committed to the good stewardship of our resources, including time, health and neighbors," Podshivalov said. "Sustainability is not just about keeping the place nice; it's about mutually improving our lives for generations."

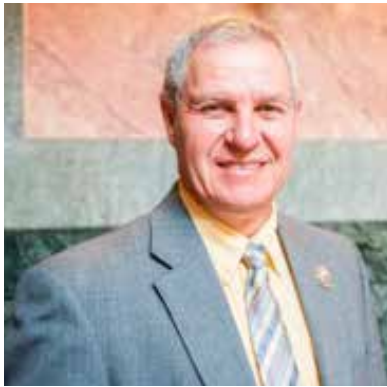


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Republican Rep. Randy Boyd was a co-author of HB1523.

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Boyd said. "Our constitution guarantees freedom of religion. This is not a discriminatory bill against the LGBTQ community like they want to portray it."

Boyd said many of those who oppose the bill were only doing so because, "they want to get their name out in front of the media."

Boyd said this bill protects religious rights as they pertain to marriage.

"You take this same bill and say there is a Muslim in the state of Mississippi, they would have the same rights," Boyd said. "Muslims are more strict than Christians are on [homosexuality]."

One of the most prominent defenses of this bill – a defense Boyd employed – is its protection of religious rights. However, Democrat Rep. Rufus Straughter said he disagrees.

"People use religion as a way to hide behind old ideas," Straughter

said. "I think if you're a Christian, you're a Christian. There are a lot of things my Bible tells me that make me want to do unto others as I would have them do unto me."

Democrat Rep. of District 41 Kabir Karriem voted against the bill and said he still opposes it.

"Anytime there is any legislation that is going to discriminate against a segment of people, I just cannot go along with it," Karriem said. "It puts Mississippi in a very bad light. Knowing the history of Mississippi, where it came from and where we're going, this piece

of legislation turns the clock back 50 years. It's an unfortunate situation and an unfortunate piece of legislation that we've produced here in the House."

Karriem said the legislation could be detrimental to businesses statewide.

"I'm really afraid what effect it is going to have on the industry and businesses in the state," Karriem said. "When you have other states banning travel here, to Mississippi, because of this legislation, it's not a good look for Mississippi. I don't know what the future may

hold."

Boyd said he isn't worried about Mississippi losing business, however.

"Some of these folks that say they're not going to travel to our state because of it, they're going to miss something," Boyd said. "Everybody knows about Mississippi's hospitality."

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When it comes to labelling the music he makes, musician and Jacksonville, Florida native JJ Grey sometimes draws a blank.

“It’s kinda tricky for me, because it’s like being too close to something,” he said. “Like trying to describe yourself. You’re looking in the mirror and still don’t know what you look like.”

A producer he worked with eventually dubbed his sound “front porch soul,” a description with which Grey seems to be satisfied.

JJ Grey and his band Mofro will bring their soulful sound 8 p.m. Thursday at The Lyric of Oxford.

The band has played at The Lyric several times over the years; their last visit was about a year and a half ago. Grey said he always loves coming to Oxford.

“It’s a different world out in the middle of nowhere,” he said. “Mississippi is a lot like where I grew up. Oxford has its own flavor. I love Ajax Diner to get my catfish and greens and cheese grits. It’s a little oasis on the road.”

The band’s members may

have changed over time, as some musicians move on to different gigs or grow weary of touring and being on the road, but the passion for the music remains the same. Grey and his current lineup have been playing together for about two months.

As the band prepares for Thursday’s show, Grey said he swears by the importance of rehearsing, but not too much. Instead, he said he believes in leaning heavily on inspiration hailing from the night itself.

“I don’t like to go in and try to force an idea across or anything,” he said. “I like a show to

ramp up and break down kind of like a heartbeat.”

And when the time of the performance arrives, what Grey loves most is the honest moment he gets to share with the audience.

“Nothing exists except that moment, that time, doing that thing with that show,” he said. “You’re not thinking about other things; you’re just doing what you do. I used to think of it as escapism. The longer time goes on, the more I realize it’s not to escape reality-- it’s more to get to reality to escape my bullsh*t.”

Senior risk management and

insurance major Shanna Nichols said she saw the band for the first time at last year’s Double Decker festival and was blown away by their performance. She has been an avid listener and fan ever since.

“I would describe their music as a blend of soul, funk and Southern blues— a great combination,” she said. “The reason I love it so much is because it is so soulful you can feel it down to your bones. That’s how I measure music, by how much it moves you, whether it’s from the lyrics, the instrumentals, the vibes, etc. JJ Grey & the Mofro definitely does that for me.”

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Student's second album reaches No. 8 on iTunes

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Local artist and student Sam Mooney released his second EP, "Find My Way," on iTunes on Tuesday to high praise and consistent ratings.

Mooney's second EP drew much anticipation after his first EP, "Somewhere In Between," broke through the top 10 on the iTunes singer-songwriter charts.

"When 'Somewhere In Between' released, it exceeded my expectations," Mooney said. "I thought we had a decent chance to chart, but I didn't think we would make top 20 or top 10 on the charts."

Mooney, a sophomore IMC major, grew up with a heavy influence in soul-centered music adopted from his parents in his hometown of Brookhaven.

"I grew up listening to a lot of older musicians," Mooney said. "My favorite musician for much of my life was Ray Charles. I probably have around 15 Ray Charles CDs that I got before I was 12 years old."

Mooney's EP "Find My Way" has adopted much of these influences and more, such



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as blues, country and even pop, which contributes to its unique, genre-bending style.

"I think a big part of it is, I grew up listening to artists like B.B. King, Johnny Cash and Stevie Wonder, so I would attribute a lot of my sound to

what I grew up listening to," Mooney said.

One reviewer on iTunes describes Mooney's artistry as "channeling a host of artists from old school soul to modern soft rock," comparing him to artists such as Ben Rector

and Eric Hutchinson.

Mooney said his new EP holds a personal meaning for him and serves as a reminder of his journey as an artist.

"When I got back to school, I had a really tough fall semester," Mooney said. "Not

so much with academics, but after touring over the summer and knowing that music was what I wanted to do, school felt like it was in the way of that."

These feelings became an inspiration for one of the songs featured in Mooney's EP, aptly named after the album's title.

"I was kind of scared about releasing that song because it's the most vulnerable thing I've written," Mooney said. "I'm really putting a lot of the insecurity I have in life out there for everyone to see and that's a tough thing, but it's also a really good thing."

In spite of the personal obstacles that make him uncomfortable, Mooney said he thinks these moments are important so that fans can know him in an honest way.

"'Find My Way' is kind of a metaphor in the sense that I'm finding my sound," Mooney said. "And it has relevance in my life because since the last EP, a lot has changed, and me finding my way has been a recurring theme in my life."

Mooney will be performing at 7 p.m. Thursday at Proud Larry's.

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Ole Miss softball team might just make history

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I was going to save this until Friday when the No. 1 Florida Gators softball team rolled into Oxford, but I decided it's beyond pertinent to get this out there.

Ole Miss Softball is really good, and I mean really good.

They're beyond fun to watch. They're athletic. They're tough, and they're the best team that's ever donned the red and blue uniform at Ole Miss.

They're led at the top of the lineup by sophomore Elantra Cox, who is hitting .423 on the year, good for eighth best in the SEC. Cox personifies Ole Miss' aggressive mindset as she's 17-19 on the year in stolen bases, only behind Miranda Strother, who is in the top 25 nationally in stolen bases as she's 25-29 on the season.

The Rebels are also paced by

Hailey Lunderman, a freshman from Philadelphia. Lunderman is hitting .422 on the season, good for ninth in the SEC.

The Rebels' power comes from senior Natalie Martinez and junior Courtney Syrett as both have tallied four home runs on the season.

This team is led on the mound by senior Madi Osias, who has a 2.72 ERA in 22 appearances this season. Ole Miss has also received valuable contributions from freshman Elisha Jahnke, who has posted a 2.97 ERA over 21 appearances.

Ole Miss took two of three from in-state rival Mississippi State this previous weekend for the second straight season. The Rebels were able to brush off a hard fought 1-0 loss on Sunday night in time to rebound to win Monday night's rubber game.

Ole Miss is currently in ninth place in the SEC at 4-5, the toughest



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Elantra Cox hits during the game against Youngstown State on March 9.

est softball conference in America, and has garnered wins over top-25 teams such as Missouri and Kentucky.

Ole Miss is currently No. 33 in the current RPI standings according to NCAA.com, but that hasn't been updated since the Rebels' victory on Monday night.

Ole Miss has set themselves

up to do something that no other team in Ole Miss history has done, and that's to make the NCAA tournament. Ole Miss tied the school record for wins in Mike Smith's first year in 2015, compiling 30 wins, and with 19 games remaining, the Rebels will surely break that mark.

The Rebels will take on the No.

2 Florida this weekend. The Gators have played in the women's College World Series the previous three seasons and have won back-to-back national championships.

The Rebels will host the Gators in a three-game series, the first weekend action in Oxford since top 25 Missouri came to town for a three-game set in early March.

Ole Miss will have to play its best softball of the year to beat the Gators, but they've proven throughout the year that they can compete with top-level teams in the SEC.

The Rebels and Gators will battle on at 6 p.m., 6 p.m. and 1 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday respectively.

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SEC West projections

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1. ALABAMA

I'm picking Alabama to win the SEC West until Alabama doesn't win the SEC West. Sure, they're going to lose a lot of great players from the National Championship 2015 team. Sure, they're going to have to replace Jake Coker at quarterback, but I have a feeling Nick Saban and the offensive mastermind that he is will figure it out. Alabama has a solid SEC East test from Tennessee, but gets the Kentucky Wildcats in Tuscaloosa as their other Eastern Division opponent.



2. OLE MISS

If Ole Miss can get out of the month of September with a winning record, they'll have a shot to compete for the SEC West once again. The Rebels return the best quarterback in the SEC, and that will always give them a shot. Ole Miss will have to replace four contributors on the offensive line, but they bring in talented newcomers in Greg Little and Bryce Matthews that should see time there. Ole Miss has questions in the back end of the defense, but the defensive line should provide a strong presence and get pressure on the quarterback. If Chad Kelly plays like he did in 2015, or possibly even better, Ole Miss will be in the thick of things come November.



3. LSU

The most talented team outside of the quarterback position in the SEC West. Unfortunately for LSU, their quarterback is still Brandon Harris. The Tigers don't catch any breaks in the scheduling department either, as they'll open the season in Wisconsin taking on the Badgers and will have to play in the Swamp in 2016. LSU had questions regarding the firing of Les Miles after the 2016 season, and unless there's a huge improvement at the quarterback position, that question will come up again.



4. MISSISSIPPI STATE

I like how Mississippi State's schedule sets up. I understand that they've lost the best player to ever don maroon and white in Dak Prescott, but Dan Mullen has proven during his tenure that he turns out quality quarterback after quality quarterback. The early leader for the position of quarterback is Nick Fitzgerald, and while he probably won't provide the legs that Prescott provided, he'll be able to make the same type of throws. The Bulldogs get South Carolina from the East in the second game of the season, along with their permanent opponent Kentucky.



5. AUBURN

This is where it gets weird. I haven't bought into Gus Malzahn, and I don't think I will until he's successful again. The 2013 season was blessed by God, and since then he's fallen off. It looks like Jeremy Johnson is still competing to be the starting quarterback, unless newcomer John Franklin III takes over. If Johnson is the starter on the Plains, pray for Auburn.



6. TEXAS A&M

Since Arkansas can't beat Texas A&M, I'll put them ahead of the Razorbacks. This is where I tell you that Kevin Sumlin isn't that great of a coach, and this might be the year that Texas A&M implodes all over itself. Is losing two former five-star quarterbacks in a month good?



7. ARKANSAS

I love Bert. I love him dearly. I think they will take a step back this year, as they lost their top four offensive playmakers in Brandon Allen, Jonathan Williams, Hunter Henry (oh, my heart hurts again) and Alex Collins. The Razorbacks will likely turn to redshirt junior Austin Allen, Brandon's younger brother, at the quarterback position. The Razorbacks have a tough schedule as they have to play TCU in the non-conference and get Florida as their SEC East rotation game.

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Forward: A crucial stretch lies ahead for Diamond Rebels



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Colby Bortles hits a ball during Tuesday's game against Tennessee-Martin.

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Ole Miss is at a delicate point of its season right now. After starting 20-2, and winning its first SEC series at Tennessee, the Rebels have scuffled as of late. Things just are not going well. The Rebels were swept by South Carolina at home, and dropping two of three last weekend at Mississippi State has Ole Miss at 20-7 and 3-6 in SEC play, which has them sixth in the SEC west only behind a 2-7 Auburn club.

The starting pitching has not been there at all. An Ole Miss

starter has not made it six innings in SEC play, and seven of the last nine games, the starter has not made it out of the fifth. The offense has hasn't been there enough, scoring six runs just twice in the last seven games. Where this team stands now is exactly what makes the next four weeks so crucial. To be fair, Ole Miss has faced top ten team each of the last two weeks, but that does not change the fact that there is ground to make up. Luckily for them, the schedule gets a little friendlier.

Three of the Rebels' next four series come at home, and all three of those home series come against teams that cur-

rently have a losing record in conference: Arkansas, Auburn and LSU. The lone road series comes next weekend at Alabama who sits at 16-11 (5-4). Midweek games with Southern Miss, Memphis, Murray State, and Mississippi State loom in between these series. If there was ever a time for this team to make up ground, it's in the month of April.

Mike Bianco plans to shake up the weekend rotation before taking the field this weekend against Arkansas, so change in the pitching staff is coming. It is not yet known what exactly that change is, but he made it pretty clear on Monday that it is

in fact on its way. Ole Miss has won back to back games, scoring eight runs and six runs respectively in those games. They will need that type of offense over these next 16 games to win, because if they don't, it will be a tough trek to the finish line.

After the next four series, things become a substantially tougher. Ole Miss hits the home stretch with three games in Athens against Georgia, three at home against #21 Kentucky before closing out the season at #6 Texas A&M, who by the way, was number one in the country before being swept at Florida last weekend.

The season is still young, and

Ole Miss is still just 29 games in. Its RPI is currently at six, as is its strength of schedule, so the NCAA tournament resumé is far a far cry from in trouble. A couple of more series like the last two could change that though, which is again what makes these next couple of weeks so important.

April brings warmer weather, and this year, it also brings the Rebels an opportunity to get back on track, because if they don't, the closing stretch of the season will not be nearly as friendly. First pitch Friday against Arkansas is set for 6:30 p.m.

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