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Allegations of 'sexual harassment' at fraternity event continue

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"Is it true that a DG goes down faster than an anchor?"
"Which Sigma Chi would you go down on?"

Abby Bruce, a sorority member and participant in the crowd at Sigma Chi Fraternity's philanthropy event, Derby Days, said she began to feel uncomfortable.

"Which would you prefer at breakfast? A sausage patty, a sausage link or a Sigma Chi?"

Disgusted, Bruce said she left and spoke to other sorority members who were also offended by the sexually-charged questions sorority representatives were asked in front of a large audience. She knew that she needed to say something that night.

"We were all talking about how unacceptable that behavior was and everyone was just completely ashamed and humiliated that I talked to," Bruce said. "I just thought that something needs to be done and people need to be aware that it is okay to speak out."

Bruce said women are afraid to speak up because insensitive comments have been made for so long that it has somehow become excusable behavior. She said members are going in with the mentality

of "Oh, that's just how Derby Days is."

Derby Days is Sigma Chi's annual philanthropy event. This year's efforts support Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital in Jackson. The event is a competition between campus sororities involving mini-contests like a blood drive, Instagram challenge, dance competition and more. Members in the crowd at the dance competition consisted of sorority and fraternity members, their parents, along with patients and the patients' parents from the children's hospital.

"It's just overwhelming that something like that can happen," Bruce said. "I think this event epitomizes the problems we have on this campus regarding the roles of women but I don't think this is the sole case of that."

Bruce said she understands this does not reflect every member in Sigma Chi, and she understands the money it raises is for charity but said this behavior is now reinforcing a broken system where people are "doing something bad in the name of something good."

Clay Wooley, president of Sigma Chi Fraternity, said the comments made at this Derby Days dance competition were wrong and the fraternity didn't do enough to stop it.

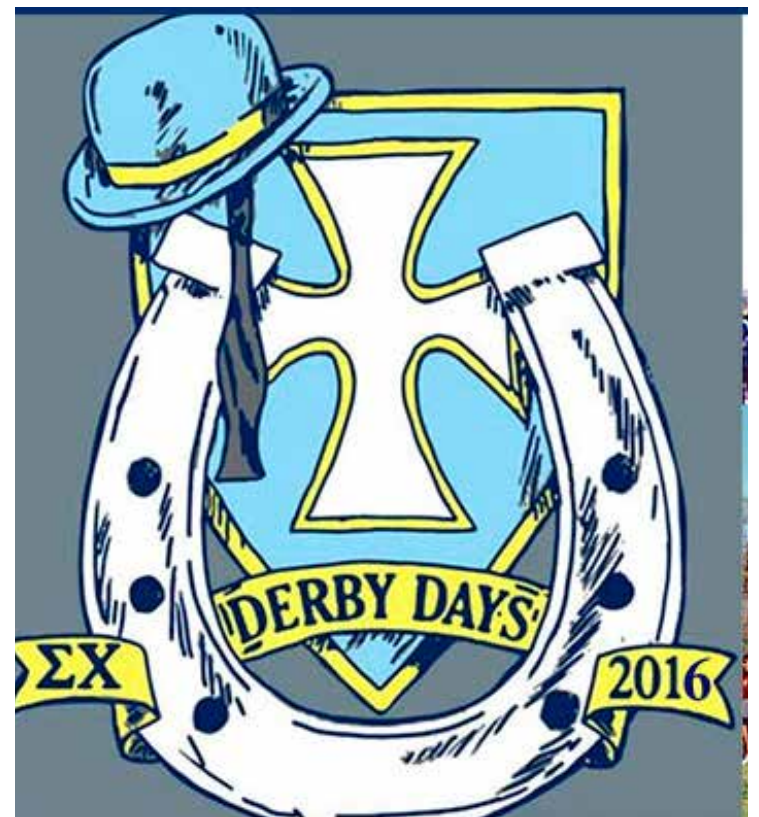
"Those things never should have been said," Wooley said. "Putting it in the category of rape culture, though, that is extreme. It's supposed to be done out of innuendo and fun but it got carried away this year and shouldn't have taken place at all. But if anyone feels like it was encouraging rape culture, I would encourage them to reach out to me and let me know."

Wooley said Sigma Chi is already doing everything in their power to put the focus back on the women because the fraternity cannot do these events without sorority members.

He said the fraternity was not representing itself or the University in the right way in that regard, but core reason for the event is charity.

"We achieved our goal. We raised 1,000 units of blood and over \$25,000 for the children's hospital. That is something that's too important to push to the side because of one really, really bad moment," Wooley said. "Mississippi Blood Services has come to depend on us. You can actually count the numbers of lives saved."

Wooley said, after discussing the issues of what happened with Bruce, he wants to shift the focus more towards the women participating in



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these events.

Wooley said the fraternity is working with Rebels Against Sexual Assault to hold a seminar for their members.

Due to the ongoing investigations, representatives of Sigma Chi said they are not able to speak directly about any individuals. Sigma Chi representatives said preliminary disciplinary action has been taken.

Sara Beth Childers, a member of Kappa Delta sorority,

said the fraternity is not forcing members to dress a certain way or to answer questions with certain answers.

"Honestly, just because they're having a men's club kind of humor shouldn't take away the fact that what they're doing is really good," Childers said. "They should be respectful but don't take away the great work that they do. Everybody's become so feminist

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Color My College 5K returns to campus for second visit



PHOTO BY: EVAN TURNER

Participants run through paint powder during the Color My College 5K run.

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Whether participants walked or ran across the finish line Saturday morning, they had one thing in common: no one finished clean.

The Ole Miss Color My College runners left in waves of white T-shirts and enthusiasm at 10 a.m. from the Grove. The event brought together experienced and novice participants to join in the fun.

Although it wasn't graduate student Nancy Tedford's first 5K, it was her first color run. Tedford said the active side of the event is what draws her to run, but she is not concerned with crossing the finish line first. Along with her friend, Kristin Sparks, she danced with other participants beforehand. Sparks said she was excited about starting the run, but also

about being involved in her first 5K. She used the app Runtime to kick-start her stamina of the run.

"We're ready to get started and get some color," Sparks said.

The route wound around campus from All-American Drive, around the Robert C. Khayat Law Center, Rebel Drive and back to the Grove. Volunteers were placed along the route to pelt runners with red and blue. Even when runners managed to complete the route with minimal paint, they were given packets to throw on each other or on themselves.

One of the first runners to cross the finish line was graduate student and triathlete Samantha Mitchell.

"I'm a little different because I run all the time anyway," Mitchell said. "I stay pretty active, but it's good to get some hills in on cam-

pus."

Mitchell, who has been running for more than 12 years, said she signed up for a fun way to prepare for Oxford's Double Decker Art Festival 10k this Saturday.

"I was just happy to get a run in," she said.

Mitchell said if the color run continues to be held on campus, she'll continue to be a part of it.

Most participants finished around lunchtime, just in time to grab a cold bottle of water and a slice of Domino's pizza.

However exhausting, junior Jessica Moore said the run was definitely worth it.

"When I had friends running with me, going through the finish line made me feel that much stronger."

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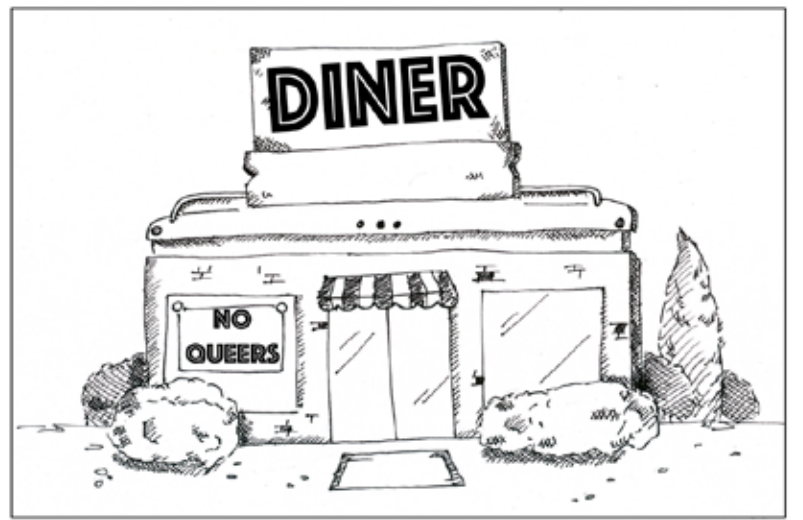
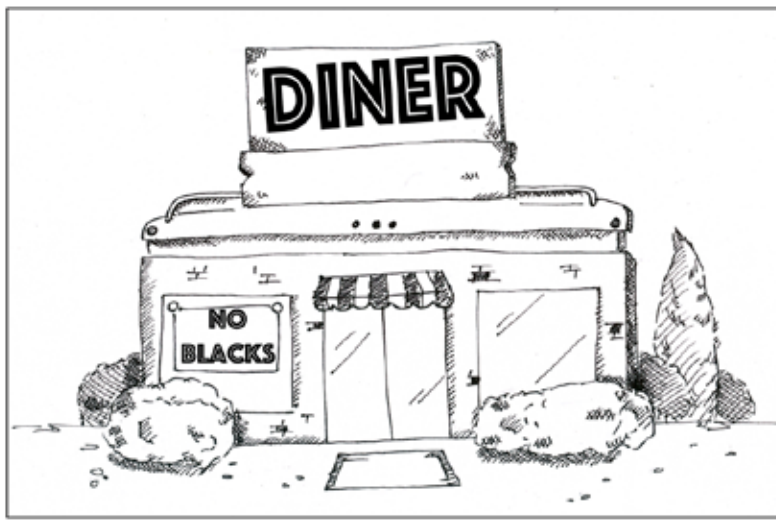
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In response to taxpayer-funded animal testing

Dear Editor,

I am co-author of the report and represent Animal Justice Project in the U.S. First, the group involved is Animal Justice Project, not Alliance. Secondly, the information in the report is a matter of public record and is available on the NIH website and PubMed, which can be found here.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25707704>

The statement made by Marc Rolph was completely arbitrary. We are specifically discussing recreational drug addiction experiments on animals. Where are the cures and advancements that he is talking about? Where are the actual results that help human drug addicts?

To make such a sweeping statement as to suggest that doing away with rats in research would "do away with advances" makes no sense. Extrapolating results from mice and rats to humans does not work. Over 95 percent of drugs tested on animals do not work in humans and never reach the market because we have entirely different biological systems. The ex-director of the NIH, Dr. Elias Zerhouni stated, "We have moved away from studying human disease in humans. We all drank the Kool-Aid on that one, me included. Researchers have over-relied on animal data. The problem is that it hasn't worked, and it's time we stopped dancing around the problem."

The fact is that hundreds of privileged academics have made their careers being funded for years by taxpayers to experiment on rats and mice that have no oversight.

A lot of the experiments mentioned in the report do not even state the numbers of rats and mice they used because they don't have to. They discard animals like trash that are not giving them the results they want so they can write another grant application the next year.

One thing is for sure - we will never truly know the extent of animal experiments at UMMC or how much money they receive because no one will ever tell you.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Social media is an often-unused tool for change

This weekend, the University of Mississippi saw the power social media has to inspire change. What began as one Facebook post grew into an investigation within just 24 hours of its posting. The rise of social media as a public platform has given way to social justice on a level previously unseen.

Anyone, anywhere can inspire change.

Perhaps more moving, however, is the courage and power of individuals who are willing to speak up about such issues. After the original post, other students came forward with similar statements; someone just had to break the ice.

Existing issues on the Ole Miss campus may never come to light if individuals do not point out that which they believe does not follow the University of Mississippi's Creed. The great voice social media provides is useless when we are silent.

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MEMBER NEWSPAPER

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that they can't take anything lightly. I think that she was aiming at them when it should have been aimed at the sororities individually."

Sororities are sending emails to members not allowing them to speak to media or making other social media posts because Panhellenic wants to make a "united front" on this issue. Bruce said this censorship is causing a riff in the sorority sphere.

"It makes it where even women are telling women not to speak out about injustices they see, because they don't have the authority to do so," Bruce said.

One sorority member who chose to remain anonymous, said a sorority requesting its members not to speak up for themselves perpetuates of this kind of behavior.

"It's scary how some people are, even some girls, are defending the way they treated them saying that they're using the philanthropy as a guise for them acting like this," the source said. "I think that it makes it worse. They're turning a blind eye to the problem. They're just defending their friends. It's very concerning to me when women try and silence other women about being treated like this."

The source said the treatment of the comments made

at Derby Days are indicative of something bigger.

"I think that that mirrors sexual assault in real life. That's how a lot of sexual assaults occur. There's a girl, she's not sure what to do," the source said. "She doesn't want to refuse, she doesn't want a guy not to like her. She doesn't want a whole group of boys ostracizing her for just speaking out against something that's not okay. I think that is a little concerning for people I go to school with and some people that I consider my friends."

Another sorority member who chose to remain anonymous said the Associated Student Body President Austin Powell was in the crowd, and the fact that he did not speak out against these comments was frightening. The source said, if she did not know him, it would cast a negative light on the University.

"How scared would I be that Ole Miss and the student body president shared the values of this event? Because the values on display at this event weren't anything I'd want to be apart of," the source said. "I'd be scared to report a rape, because I would be like, 'Well the student body president was a Sigma Chi and he was at this thing and he obviously didn't get up there and stop and take

the microphone.'"

Lori Hendrix, a sorority member who attended the event, said this is only embracing rape culture. She said the culture of the Greek system needs to be restructured and people don't need to be afraid of that change.

"I think Sigma Chi men know that what they said was more than sexually suggestive-it was sexually-aggressive language," Hendrix said. "Some of the remarks were so sexually-aggressive, they made my skin crawl and other girls leave the event crying."

Hendrix said it is disappointing to see the men of Sigma Chi discourage women for respecting themselves and speaking out, rather than taking personal responsibility and discouraging men from using their platform as an intimidation tool.

Hendrix said there could have been rape victims at the

event.

Hendrix said the chapter members on display at the event should respect not only women, but themselves and their own Sigma Chi brothers enough to hold themselves to higher standards.

"I am not ashamed that I am speaking out. I am not ashamed that I expect myself and my sisters to be treated with respect, and I am not ashamed that I believe women are more than their sexuality," Hendrix said.


Hendrix said she is sure the emcees at the event didn't think what they did was wrong because they've never been told how uncomfortable it makes women feel before. She said they are being told that

women left the event crying, but they point to the ones who didn't as if that proves something.

Hendrix said it is important to look at the 1,100+ shares that one post of our discussion has. She said it proves there's more women -and men, and members of both the Greek and Ole Miss community - that feel this way.

Hendrix said she knew not all of Sigma Chi was represented by the speakers.

"I'm sure they have nice people," Hendrix said. "I'm sure they have gentlemen. But where the hell were they?"




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Top right: Runners throw their hands up as they get red powder thrown on them during the Color My College 5K run.

Bottom left: Runners from the Color My College 5K run throw red and blue powder in the air at the After-Party to celebrate the event.

Bottom right: Children play in the paint at the After-Party at the end of the Color My College 5K event.



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8 p.m. - Moon Taxi - The Lyric
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5 p.m. - Bill Dunlap signs "Short Mean Fiction" - Off Square Books
7:30 p.m. - "A Midsummer Night's Dream" - Fulton Chapel
8 p.m. - Dave Rawlings Machine - The Lyric
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Rebels rally, come up short in finale at South Carolina

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Ole Miss softball battled in what turned out to be a back-and-forth day offensively, but the effort came up short as South Carolina took the final game of the series, 7-5, Sunday at Carolina Stadium at Beckham Field.

The two teams posted a combined 22 hits on the day, as neither starting pitcher lasted a full three innings. After the Gamecocks (32-12, 5-10 SEC) chased Rebel starter Kayla Landwehrmier before she could record an out, Ole Miss showed fight plating five in the third to reset the table.

Landwehrmier, who was dominant in a 67-pitch effort Saturday versus the Gamecocks, got the start again Sunday, but South Carolina plated three runs off two home runs

in the first bringing in early relief by way of Madi Osias.

Osias went four frames in relief work and gave up five hits, three earned runs, and walked four getting the loss, while Elisha Jahnke limited the Gamecocks to just three hits and one unearned run.

After South Carolina took what looked to be a comfortable lead, Ole Miss threatened in the second when the Rebels put runners on the corners, But, Grayce Majam was called out at second stealing on a very close play that stranded two of the Rebels' eight runners on the day.

But, in the next opportunity at the plate, Ole Miss exploded for five runs, the seventh time this season plating five or more in a frame, to go up 5-4 thwarting the early momentum.



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Courtney Syrett swings during a game against Tennessee-Martin on April 13 in Oxford.

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Elantra Cox led it off with an infield single, before Haily Lundermanreached on a

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sacrifice bunt and throwing error. After a fielders choice that resulted in Cox being out at the third base bag, Ashton Lampton roped a 2-RBI double into right center making it a 4-2 contest. Alex Schneider then drove in her lone run on the day after an infield RBI single, before Dakota Matiko drilled another 2-RBI double in the same spot as Lampton, pushing the Rebels in front 5-4.

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ed in the bottom half after a sacrifice fly scored the tying run, but Osias worked out of a potential jam getting a strike-out and groundout to limit the damage.

From there, the Gamecocks went on to post single runs in the fourth and fifth off a sacrifice fly and error, in what would be the final tally on the day.

Matiko led the offensive effort, tying her career high with a 3-for-3 day driving in two. Schneider went 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored, while Cox also finished 2-for-3 from the leadoff spot. Lampton was responsible for two of the Rebels' runs off her 2-RBI double, while Lunderman, Becker and Sarah Van Schaik all added one hit each.

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Men's and women's tennis teams split weekend matches



PHOTO BY: EVAN TURNER

Zvonimir Babic celebrates after beating Wood Benton 6-3, 6-4 on court six against South Carolina this weekend. Babic improved his record to 10-1 in dual matches, 5-1 in the SEC, and has also won seven in a row.

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MEN'S TENNIS

The Ole Miss tennis teams split their matches this weekend as they garnered a 4-3 victory over South Carolina on Friday, but fell to the Georgia Bulldogs 4-0 on Sunday afternoon during senior day.

Ole Miss was able to shake off the disheartening doubles point and win four singles matches in Friday's contest. The Rebels got solid victories from Gustav Hansson (6-2, 6-1) and Stefan Lindmark (6-3, 6-2) which gave them the lead in the match. The Rebels would also get a match victory at court five from Fabian Fallert (6-3, 6-1) to take a 3-1 lead over the Gamecocks. The Rebels would finish off the match at court six as Zvonimir Babic won his match in straight sets (6-4, 6-3).

The Rebels were not able to take the momentum into Sunday's contest against Georgia, as they lost the doubles point and were not able to get anything going in their singles matches. Georgia moved to 12-0 with the victory, and will be the No. 1 seed in next week's SEC tennis tournament.

Ole Miss was defeated rather soundly as they lost their matches at courts one and two before falling 4-0.

Ole Miss will be the No. 9 seed

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Ole Miss defeated Arkansas on Friday 4-2, but fell to the Missouri Tigers on Sunday 4-3. Ole Miss fell to 3-11 in SEC play after Sunday's match.

The Rebels were able to jump out early in Friday's match against the Razorbacks to win the doubles point, taking a 1-0 lead in the match.

The Rebels would jump out to a-1 lead in the contest when Zalina Khairudinova and Natalie Suk won at courts four and two, respectively.

Ole Miss clinched the match when Marija Milutinovic won her match at court six.

The Rebels weren't able to sustain the momentum when they traveled to Missouri on Sunday.

Ole Miss dropped the doubles point Sunday afternoon, but were able to fight back and win three matches in a row to take a 3-1 lead. They were not able to win another match, however, and the Rebels fell to the Tigers 4-3.

Ole Miss finishes the season 3-11 in SEC play and will be the No. 12 seed in this week's SEC tournament.

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Diamond Rebels drop series to Alabama Crimson Tide

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Conference play has been an up and down ride for Ole Miss. As the offense hit another lull this weekend in Tuscaloosa, the Rebels lost another road series. Ole Miss was unable to capitalize on a 4-0 Friday night win behind six shutout innings from Brady Bramlett and dropped the final two games to Alabama.

Bramlett, for the second week in a row, provided Ole Miss with what they needed on the road as he preserved a 1-0 lead for six frames before turning it over to Will Stokes and Wyatt Short out of the bullpen. The two left-handed relievers kept Alabama from scoring in the final three innings and were the benefactors of three insurance runs in the top of the ninth before finishing off the 4-0 victory.

Offense was hard to find on Friday night, and it only became harder on Saturday as the Rebels were blanked by the Crimson Tide 2-0 in large part due to a seven-inning, four-hit shutout outing from Alabama's Jake Walters, who earned his third win of the season while evening the series at one.

Walters, much like Bramlett the night before, pitched well

on minimum run support as he left the game to a 1-0 lead after seven innings. He struck out four and issued just one walk in an efficient outing. Thomas Burrows kept Ole Miss off of the board in the final two frames and evened the series at one heading into Sunday.

Sean Johnson drew the start in the rubber game for Ole Miss. The junior right-hander was the Sunday starter until the South Carolina series and has been in and out of the rotation since.

He pitched well, allowing just a run on three hits in four innings. The issue with Johnson is how his elbow reacts after he has pitches, stemming from Tommy John surgery that he had a year ago. Bianco has been hesitant to leave Johnson in the game when his pitch count gets up, and is likely the reason for his early departure on Sunday. He threw just 72 pitches before Bianco brought in Andy Pagnozzi.

The issue with Johnson's quick hook is it puts a heavy burden on what has been a good bullpen this year. This Sunday, however, the bullpen allowed six runs, all of which came in the fifth inning following Johnson's departure as Alabama blew the game open. Pagnozzi relieved



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Tate Blackman throws the ball to first while turning a double play during a game against Arkansas earlier this season.

Johnson initially, and three of the runs were charged to him. Will Stokes and Matt Denny followed Pagnozzi and each allowed a run.

The six-run fifth inning doomed Ole Miss as Alabama secured the series win with a 7-2 victory in the finale.

Analysis: This was a big series loss for Ole Miss because it delivered a pretty big blow to its chances to host a regional. Offense was hard to come by for both teams in the first two games, but good teams, ones that host and earn national seeds, find a way to take two

games on the road in a series like this. The starting pitching the first two days was good, but the offense did not back it up. It is pretty simple.

If you don't score runs, you are not going to win games. This team is 26-1 this year when it scores three runs and 0-10 when it does not. For as much attention and criticism as the rotation has received, that stat is pretty telling of the offense.

With that being said, it is evident now that the Rebels' issues on Sunday are not going anywhere and it's going to be a problem for a team that has aspirations of playing a regional at home.

Ole Miss is now 26-10 (7-8). They're halfway through SEC play, and currently sitting on the outside looking in when it comes to the conversation of hosting any postseason games.

At least 16 SEC wins will be needed if they want to be in the hosting conversation at the end of the year, and that is no tall task with three series against ranked teams still left on the schedule. If they don't hit more consistently and sure up the back end of the rotation, the Rebels could struggle down the home stretch of SEC play.



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