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## University investigates allegations of sexual harassment

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The University's Title IX office confirmed an investigation regarding allegations of sexual harassment during Sigma Chi's annual Derby Days event.

Janie Buford, equal opportunity/regulatory compliance

operations supervisor said the Title IX office is looking into the matter regarding video footage and eyewitness accounts of sexual innuendos directed at sorority members participating in the annual Derby Days event dance competition.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Brandi Hephner Labanc said upon receiving the report,

she immediately referred it to Title IX.

"For us, it fell in that sexual misconduct policy and we felt that there could be a violation there," Labanc said. "That entails a hostile environment all the way through sexual assault and rape, and we see that as very serious violations of the University community and the safety

we want students to feel on campus."

Derby Days is a philanthropy event sponsored and hosted by the Sigma Chi fraternity, where women from multiple sororities participate in a week of fundraising for charities that also includes a scavenger hunt and a blood drive.

Title IX protects both male and

female students in an educational program from discrimination on the basis of sex — including sexual harassment — whether by an employee, another student or a non-employee third party.

According to the University's Title IX website, the definition of sexual harassment includes

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## Green Initiative hosts first campus Tree Trail Walks



As a part of the Ole Miss Green Initiative's annual week-long celebration of events commemorating "Green Week," the organization hosted its first Tree Trail Walk, led by University Arborist Nathan Lazinsky.

Participants in the 30-minute walk met at the Phi Mu fountain in the quad and made their way through campus, learning the names, importance and fun facts of various trees.

Junior biology major and Green Week intern Kelli Coleman said these events aim to increase awareness about sustainability and educate a wide audience about the importance of caring for the environment.

"This is the first year that Green Week has put on the Tree Trail Walk and we hope that everyone who attends will learn a lot about the different types of trees on campus and have a greater appreciation for what makes our campus so beautiful," Coleman said.

The second Tree Trail Walk this week will start 1 p.m. today at the Phi Mu Fountain.

PHOTO BY: KAMERA GRIFFIN

Right: Ole Miss students Margaret Walker and Reed Ashton Kevin smell leaves from a tree on campus. Top: Ole Miss students and faculty take a Tree Trail Walk tour on campus. Bottom: Ole Miss students listen to arborist Nathan Lazinsky discuss campus trees.

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**DM STAFF REPORT**

## Students win 22 awards in regional journalism conference

The Daily Mississippian was named the top daily student newspaper in region 12 at the annual Society of Professional Journalists conference held Saturday in New Orleans.

Students from the Meek School of Journalism won 22 awards in the annual Mark of Excellence contest. Region 12 includes universities in Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas and Louisiana. Twelve of the awards were first-place honors which will advance to compete at the national level against winners from 11 other regions.

First place award winners include: The Daily Mississippian staff (best daily newspaper),

NewsWatch staff (TV breaking news, best use of multimedia), Atomic Mississippi (TV in-depth), Land of Broken Promises depth report (best magazine), Clara Turnage (general news reporting), Lana Ferguson/Logan Kirkland (breaking news team entry), Logan Kirkland (online feature), Jake Thrasher (editorial cartoons), Deja Samuel (breaking news photography), Kelly Savage (TV general news reporting) and Joe Rogers (online sports reporting).

These students will advance to the national Excellence in Journalism competition will be held Sept. 17-18 in New Orleans.



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Attending the SPJ conference were UM chapter adviser and journalism faculty member Jason Cain, and Daily Mississippian staffers Cameron Brooks, Lana Ferguson, Logan Kirkland, Jake Thrasher and Clara Turnage.

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## An open letter to the Ole Miss student body

Sigma Chi would like to extend a formal and sincere apology for offensive remarks made during Friday's dance competition portion of the annual Derby Days philanthropy event.

Every year, Sigma Chi ends a week of fundraising events for Batson Children's Hospital and donations to Mississippi Blood Services with a choreographed dance competition between Ole Miss sororities. Two Sigma Chi seniors emcee the dance competition every year, and they have always interviewed each sorority's chosen "Derby Day Queen," in a comedic fashion.

Sigma Chi impresses standards upon all of its members, and unfortunately these standards were not fulfilled at Friday's event. Inappropriate language was used, inappropriate questions were asked to the queens, and there was behavior that was upsetting, not only to the competing teams, but everyone in attendance.

The Eta Chapter of Sigma Chi code of conduct specifies that members are to exercise good grace toward women, and we would like to sincerely apologize to the queens, the competing organizations, attendees of the dance, and anyone who was offended by the words and actions of any of our members. These young women are our friends and our sisters, and it would never be our intention to hurt, upset or embarrass them in any fashion.

This incident, as upsetting and unfortunate as it was, gives us an opportunity as a community to address the issue of the sexually insensitive culture that is all too prevalent in the Greek system, not only at the University of Mississippi, but also across the country.

We plan to work with Rebels Against Sexual Assault to hold a workshop for our members that speaks to the severity of sexual harassment by way of verbal abuse that would also be open to the public.

We thank anyone that has come out supporting Sigma Chi because of the philanthropy, however we want to impress upon everyone how inappropriate and insensitive the remarks were. This is something that concerns not only the women involved in the event, but our community as a whole.

The events do not need to be overlooked or washed over, instead they need to be used to open an honest dialogue about making positive change in our society. Instead of arguing and fighting we need to work together to fix these issues moving forward.

Sigma Chi leadership has apologized to each sorority in person and in writing, and preliminary disciplinary action has been taken toward the members involved in Friday night's event.

Derby Days is a storied tradition that has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars in its history. In all other aspects, 2016 was a successful philanthropic endeavor. We would like to thank everyone that put in so much work to help with the events, however we need to address the greater issue at hand.

Sigma Chi is committed to making necessary changes to keep the focus of this great event where it should be on a week dedicated to serving and celebrating our community. We look forward to working together to improve this event and making it more beneficial to Ole Miss for years to come and to upholding the standards expected of the members of Sigma Chi.

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verbal harassment or abuse of a sexual nature, pressure for sexual activity, unwanted touching, leering or ogling at a person's body, demanding sexual favors accompanied by threats, inappropriate display of sexually suggestive or pornographic materials, stalking and sexual violence.

"It's not what we want for our campus community," Labanc said. "We want to create a safe environment for everybody. For all students, we want to create one [community] where people feel like they're valued and they can go to class without worrying about this stuff. At the end of the day, because we've had this, we now have an opportunity to make our community better."

A University official is not required to monitor these events, and Labanc said she is not aware of any who attended Derby Days.

"I think that a clear solution will come," she said. "I think things will change, and I think the student dialogue and the student action will be very powerful and I think that we're in a place right now where that can play out in a really positive way."

If the Title IX investigation

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confirms sexual harassment has taken place, corrective actions will be taken pertaining to the circumstances.

Labanc said they will wait until the investigation is complete and will go from there.

"The silver lining here is there's this really powerful conversation happening on campus now about what it means to respect one another," she said. "I think that's important to evolve our community and make this a

safer place."

University organization Rebels Against Sexual Assault is hosting an event on Friday in response to Derby Days and in order to think generally how to make campus safer and more

comfortable for everyone.

RASA President Sydney Green said she hopes to promote an open, positive conversation about changing the status quo of Greek life on campus to help students who feel unsafe through the event.

In preparation for the event, RASA will sit down with the president, vice president and additional members of Sigma Chi to discuss what went wrong and to ensure the conversation includes more than a one-sided argument. The open meeting will be held Wednesday at 5 p.m. in room 107 of the Croft Center for International Studies.

Green said the organization has sent every sorority president on campus an invitation to attend and give feedback about how female members felt and what they saw over the course of the dance competition.

"Even though not all women felt marginalized by the comments that were made, the women who did feel upset have every right to feel upset about what happened," Green said.

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Top: Ole Miss arborist Nathan Lazinsky tells the history of campus trees to students and faculty. Bottom: Office of Sustainability Project Coordinator Lindsey Abernathy hands out Green week buttons on the Tree Trail Walk tour

## Muslim Student Association celebrates national Hijab Day

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The Muslim Student Association at the University of Mississippi is hosting "UM Hijab Day" today to raise awareness and open dialogue about Islam on campus. Students can walk a designated path around the Circle and the Grove and meet with association representatives to learn more about Islam and Muslim students on campus.

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## Album review: M83's 'Junk' is weird but good



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The first time I heard M83, I was driving home from work on a summer's day. Just as I was pulling into my driveway and about to park in the garage, "Midnight City" came on the radio. For the next 4 minutes and 3 seconds I sat in the car, frying in the Dallas heat, completely transported by the French electronic masterpiece blaring through the speakers of my dad's car. From that moment on, I was hooked.

To be fair, the sound of M83 isn't for everyone. Their first album, "Hurry Up, We're Dreaming," was the beautiful brainchild of bandleader Anthony Gonzalez: it was weird, it was trippy and it was great. I'll admit I didn't stumble across M83's debut album until early 2013, but I gobbled up everything I could find that Gon-

zalez had so much as touched in the past three years (I was all about Tom Cruise's sci-fi thriller, "Oblivion," strictly because of M83's work on the soundtrack).

So, when I heard "Junk" was coming out this year, I immediately went and preordered my copy. I've been listening to it pretty much non-stop for the past week and have come to the (difficult) conclusion that while it is not my all-time favorite, it's growing on me like some alien disease. I like this album, but I almost don't want to.

The name "Junk" fits this album well; it breaks away from the continuous flow we've found in other works by M83 and, instead, takes a bunch of statement tracks and throws them together into one work. It's a fun and danceable collection of sound, but it's not quite what you may be expecting, and that makes it kind of funky.

If I had to pick one word

to describe "Junk," I would choose "groovy." Each song has something rather special about it, and at one point or another, you'll love each track.

This album stays very true to Gonzalez's vision of producing music that still vibes with the '80s dream-pop days gone by but with a modern-day pop-electronic flavor I have yet to find in any other band to date. From the energetic "Go! (feat. Mai Lan)" to the fantastical "Solitude," this entire album is full of dramatic, groovy tunes. There isn't a song on this album to which you couldn't make up some kind of dance.

"Junk" stays true to the developing M83 sound, but with this album, there is almost something unsettling about it. The sound we all fell in love with in "Hurry Up, We're Dreaming" resonates in this album better than it has in M83's other work since, but it doesn't quite stick. Instead of feeling

like you're sinking deeper into a dream, "Junk" has you feeling more like you're floating through space with ugly little yarn creatures and the clay hamburger from the cover art. It's still kind of a fun feeling, but it's really weird.

Don't get me wrong, this album certainly has its gems. "Do it, Try it," "Go!" and "Road Blaster" are fun bops you should definitely put on your "SUMMAH 2K16 JAMZ" playlist. "Laser Gun" and "Walk-away Blues" have been stuck in my head since last Sunday. I would go so far as to say that there is a time and a place for every song on this album individually, but the album as a whole is missing something that just leaves you empty after a full listen.

Maybe it's the gently spoken lyrics, maybe it's the whispering children, maybe it's the killer instrumentals that just don't have enough vocals to ac-

company them, (why was the incredible vocal capacity of Susanne Sundfør not used more?) but something isn't quite right about "Junk." The songs all work together, but they don't really connect.

But with a mind like Gonzalez's behind the making of this album, you almost have to appreciate it. M83 makes music that makes you feel, sometimes things you don't quite understand, sometimes things you don't quite care about. Gonzalez makes no apologies when it comes to this album; he wanted ordered chaos and he got it. Most of the tracks are smothered in '80s dream-pop and fun upbeat rhythms that really don't make you feel bad.

Overall, it's worth a listen, especially if you're a big M83 fan. There's a lot to be appreciated by "Junk" and there's a lot of good dancing in the car or in front of the bathroom mirror to be had with this album.

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Goodness, what a weekend of the Aggies. Texas A&M destroyed Mississippi State's pitching this weekend as they garnered a sweep of the Bulldogs on Super Bulldog Weekend. Texas A&M dominated every game except Sunday, when they overcame a tie game in the ninth on the way to the sweep. Texas A&M now has sole possession of the lead in the SEC West.



2. FLORIDA

Florida got back on track after losing their first series of the year to Mississippi State. The Gators swept Arkansas this weekend in dominating fashion. The Gators are the most talented team in the league and showed that this weekend.



3. SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina lost two games to a bad Georgia team this weekend. I don't know what that was about, how that happened or really anything about life because that's just not supposed to happen.



4. MISSISSIPPI STATE

The Bulldogs were torn up on the mound this past weekend, but Mississippi State is still talented enough to garner a national seed. The Bulldogs have a great opportunity to get back on track this weekend as they head to Baton Rouge.



5. VANDERBILT

The Commodores took two of three from Kentucky this past weekend after losing a series to LSU.



6. KENTUCKY

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7. **LSU**

LSU is really getting it together. They've won five of their last six SEC games. While Alex Lange has been somewhat of a mystery on Saturdays, the Tigers have really put it together at the plate and are becoming really dangerous in SEC play.



8. **ALABAMA**

Dear God, Alabama can pitch. The Crimson Tide has three legitimate SEC starters and will pose problems to any team in the SEC. The Crimson Tide is getting the bats going from being a great SEC team.



9. **OLE MISS**  
See Alabama.



10. **GEORGIA**

Georgia gets this spot this week simply because they beat South Carolina, which makes absolutely no sense. So, congrats to Georgia.



11. **ARKANSAS**

Arkansas has fallen on hard times. They've been swept two weeks in a row and lost a series to Missouri the week before that. Arkansas will likely miss the NCAA tournament for the first time in a while.



12. **AUBURN**

They beat Tennessee, so congratulations on your award of being No. 12 in this week's power poll.



13. **TENNESSEE**

Tennessee's spring game went well. Josh Dobbs showed he could be a potent passer in this league, and Jalen Hurd is a stud at running back. This year will be a test for the Volunteers, as every expert it seems has them winning the SEC West.



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## Baseball to travel to Memphis for midweek matchup

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Ole Miss begins a stretch of five games in six days Tuesday at Autozone Park in Memphis where they will play the Tigers for the second time this season. This game was originally scheduled for March 30 but was postponed due to inclement weather.

The Rebels hold a 92-52 advantage in the all-time series, and the two teams have already met once this year — a game that Ole Miss won 9-7. Memphis scored three runs in both the second and the third inning, jumping out to a 6-0 lead before Ole Miss used a seven-run fourth inning to take the lead. Andy Pagnozzi earned the win, pitching 3.2 innings in relief of starter James McArthur.

McArthur will take the ball again in the second matchup for Ole Miss in the first of two midweek games for the Rebels. McArthur had a streak of five consecutive starts won last week as Ole Miss fell to Southern Miss 5-1. McArthur has pitched well this year after overcoming a slow start that stemmed from a foot injury he suffered in the offseason that prevented him from participating in fall and winter



PHOTO BY: TAYLOR COOK

Henri Lartigue attempts to tag out Southern Miss' player sliding into home base during Wednesday's game.

practice. McArthur is one of the reasons why Ole Miss is 8-1 in midweek games, and he has a 4-0 record with a 2.05 ERA in his last five outings.

Memphis comes into the game with a record of 13-23 (4-

5) and are coming off of a series in which they lost to No. 23 East Carolina at home. The Tigers did manage to salvage the series finale, winning 6-5. They will start freshman right-hander Jonathan Bownan. He boasts a 1-3 record

and a 3.51 ERA in four starts and four relief appearances this season.

After a frustrating weekend at the plate against Alabama, a series in which the Rebels only scored six runs in the three

games combined, Ole Miss will try to reverse its fortunes in the batter's box this week. Bianco shook up the batting order a bit in the series finale in Tuscaloosa, most notably by moving Tate Blackman to the leadoff spot. Blackman has reached base safely in 21 of the last 22 games.

This is an important week for Ole Miss. After these two midweek games against Memphis and Murray State, the Rebels will enter the second half of SEC play with a three-game set against Auburn at home this weekend. For a team that had aspirations of hosting a regional and earning a national seed when conference play began, it will have its work cut out for it as it hits the back end of its SEC schedule. The Rebels currently sit at 7-8 in the SEC. Their RPI is at seven, but they will likely need at least 16 SEC wins to be in any serious hosting conversations at the end of the year. The offense has come and gone, and it still has not sured up the back end of its weekend rotation.

Ole Miss can't improve its NCAA tournament resumé this week, but it sure can hurt it if it drops a couple of games this week against teams it should beat. First pitch is set for 6:30 p.m.

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<b>TOMORROW</b> <b>BASEBALL</b>  <b>MURRAY STATE</b> SWAYZE FIELD • 6:30 PM	<b>BASEBALL</b>  <b>AUBURN</b> SWAYZE FIELD • 6:30 PM	<b>SOFTBALL</b>  <b>ARKANSAS</b> OLE MISS SOFTBALL COMPLEX • 7 PM	<b>BASEBALL</b>  <b>AUBURN</b> SWAYZE FIELD • 1 PM