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"BLACK AND WHITE SIDE"

UNIVERSITY CENTER SEATING 'SUBCONSCIOUSLY' SEGREGATED

By Alexis Young
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The University Center is a popular place for many students to eat in-between classes. However, the first noticeable thing when walking into the eating area are two distinguishing sides—on the east side, African-American students sit and eat, and on the west side, white students sit and eat.

Some University of Memphis students wonder why the two cultures separate themselves while eating.

"A year ago I was with these girls who are part of the Panhellenic sororities and we were in the UC. I asked if they wanted to sit over there [the African-American side] and one of the girls said 'Oh no, I don't want to sit there. That's the jungle,'" Jamal Jones, senior and member of Kappa Alpha Psi, said. "I asked her what she meant by that and she claimed she called it the jungle because it's wild over there."

Other students feel the separation is unintentional.

"I think it's more of a subconscious choice," Amber Strong, sophomore and special events chair for the Black Student Association, said. "People normally make friends with whoever they're similar to. So, it doesn't surprise me that the two sides are separated. I've noticed since my freshman year everyone kind of separates themselves. If you're not friends with someone, you're not going to sit with them, especially if you don't know them."

Steven Miller, senior at the U of M, said he's also noticed the separation since his freshman year.

"It's something we see every day, but we just ignore," Miller said. "When I was a freshman me and my friends would always talk to each other about why there's even a black and white side. It's crazy because everyone subliminally knows about it, but everyone just chooses to not talk about it, but why not discuss it?"

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FACULTY BANNED FROM WEARING CAMPAIGN SWAG

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There's a reason for it. It's either racially driven or it's subconsciously driven. I think more subconsciously. I feel like everyone is scared to sit on the other side because they're afraid they'll be judged."

Erica Jenkins, a sophomore in criminal justice, said she has sat on the "black side" with her old roommate before and never thought twice about it.

"During my freshman year, I would go and meet my roommate in the eating area for food after class. And, each time we would sit on what I guess people call the 'black side,'" Jenkins said. "Of course, I noticed I was one of the only white girls over there, but I never thought about it as race. I was just trying to eat with my friend."

Janet Brown, freshman and member of the Black Student Association, explained she's sat on the "white side" and never felt a negative feeling.

"I sit with my friends over there all the time and nobody really looks twice," Dawson said. "I mean I have noticed there aren't a lot of blacks who sit over there, but I thought it was due to a class type of thing. When you look at the 'black side,' you see a lot of upper-classman and football players, but on the 'white side,' it's kind of mixed in with the classes. I mean, it isn't just whites over there either. I see whites, Asians, Germans and even Cubans."

William Ross, senior and member of Omega Psi Phi, believes the separation between the two explains a lot about U of M students.

"I don't think it's done on purpose," Ross said. "I don't think we go in there saying 'Well, I'm going to sit on this side because this is where all the black people are or I'm going to sit on this side because



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Many African American and white students self-segregate while eating at the University Center.

this is where all the white people are or I'm going to sit all the way in the back because that's where all the Chinese people are. It's just how it is, but at the same time, it explains a lot about us. It shows we're naturally wanting to be with our

own. People want to be with people who are just like them."

Ross explained people think it's weird to sit with people who aren't like them because they're scared to be out of their comfort zone.

"We're automatically weirded

out when we sit with someone who is nothing like us, personality and all," Ross said. "I think it's terrible and weird that people feel like they can't sit on the other side because they'll be judged."

James P. Whelan, associate professor of clinical health and director of the psychological services center at U of M, said the separation could be caused by people who are trying to avoid an awkward confrontation.

"For the majority of us, it's most likely due to us making a quick judgement on how we're meant to behave," Whelan said. "We have to make a decision on what to do immediately when walking in a foreign setting. It has a lot to do with our brain needing to be efficient."

Whelan explained stereotypes people have developed can be changed, but they exist because of quick judgements people make in new situations.

"What comes before that is we need to make judgements about how we're going to behave, and what we're going to say quickly," Whelan said. "We don't have time to debate and ask questions. People have to make that call quickly before making the situation awkward and people fear an awkward situation."

Whelan also explained the brain immediately makes decisions based off the environment surrounding the person.

"You would behave differently walking around on campus than walking around in the Peabody," Whelan said. "We make a quick judgement when something is new to us. For students who've studied abroad, they immediately realize they behave and look different from the people in that setting, which includes skin tone, language, clothes and even the way they walk."

Vandalism and hate found on student's car

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A University of Memphis student found her car keyed and a racist note on her windshield on the morning of Sept. 23 in the parking lot off Central Avenue, opposite Carpenter Complex.

Written on the note were a racial slur against African-Americans, "You dumb n****s," and the words, "F**k North Carolina," said sophomore track and field student, Nicole Lawson.

"Whoever wrote it knows about the things that are happening in my home city, so it makes their actions seem corrupt," Lawson said.

Lawson is from Charlotte, North Carolina, where Keith Lamont Scott was shot and killed by a police officer on Sept. 20. News of Scott's death prompted the city's residents to protest for several days.

Lawson reported the incident

to campus police who said they would investigate and review camera footage of the parking lot. U of M police services were unable to answer issue-specific questions.

Chief of campus police, Derek Myers, said they take every complaint seriously and are working to obtain evidence of the crime.

"The first thing we try to do is determine if it is personal or not by interviewing the victim and ascertaining if there are any recent disagreements or conflicts," Myers said. "We also look at similar incidents on or off campus for any useful information like suspect vehicle, suspect descriptions, physical evidence, etc. We will sometimes try to get fingerprints off of vehicles if the scene is fresh, weather permitting"

Lawson said she doesn't understand why someone would vandalize her car or leave a cruel note.

"I also told my track coach David Queck about the incident. He

was shocked and disappointed that someone had the nerve to do something like this," Lawson said.

She said she had previously spoken to Queck about the effect of Charlotte's events on her emotions, making it natural for her to tell him about the hate note.

Some African-American organizations on campus said they believe they should start spreading awareness on these types of incidents.

"If African-American organizations choose not to speak on these issues, it will appear as if outright racism is accepted at our institution," Realan Lewis, president of the U of M chapter of the NAACP, said.

Lewis also said she is saddened that times have not changed and our society believes these types of things are normal. She said it is time for Americans to progress beyond seeing people only through their race and ethnicity.

"Racism is not and will not be tolerated on our campus," Jared Moses, president of the student government association, said.

Moses said he saw Lawson's story on social media and immediately began to bring attention to the situation by informing higher administration.

"I want to provide a space for

all students to talk about racism in relation to our country, state, community and campus," Moses said.

He is currently working with the Dean of Students, Office of Multicultural Affairs and a few other U of M departments to discuss ways to bring attention to racism on campus and prevent situations like this from happening again.

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Faculty prohibited from advertising political opinions

By Nick Lingerfelt
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The University of Memphis faculty and employees are not allowed to have campaign literature, banners, placards, streamers, stickers, signs or other items of campaign or political advertising in any state-owned building or on any state-owned land because of a law passed in 2010.

A university-wide email was sent on Wednesday with a memo attachment reminding faculty and staff of the specifics.

Tennessee code §2-19-206 prohibits "use of state-owned property for campaign advertising or activities" by public officers and employees, which includes faculty.

"The state should be neutral during the elections.

We work for and represent the state," Carol Rambo, professor of sociology at the U of M, said.

Employees also cannot use their U of M email address to send messages in support of or against any particular candidate. However, they are allowed to have campaign decals or stickers displayed on their own personal vehicles.

The university does not tell faculty what to support or which candidate to represent during their off time.

"I have peace with this set of rules as an employee," Rambo said. "I wish other rules were as cut and dry as this one."

Rambo said there are too many opportunities for the abuse of taxpayers' resources if the U of M does it any other way.

Máté Wierdl, professor of mathematics at the U of M, does not see a problem

with faculty wearing campaign memorabilia.

"This rule is just the expression of the control our state is trying to assert on our campus," Wierdl said. "It basically tells us two things. First, freedom of speech on campus is different from what the First Amendment states. Second, they don't trust that professors can behave themselves, so the state, or whomever, takes preemptive steps to make sure things are in order...the way 'order' is understood by them."

Wierdl said he does not want to influence his students' opinions on political matters. He said he believes students should make up their own minds about politics and thinks it is in their best interest to stay informed.

Junior psychology major Melissa Angarita said



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The University of Memphis faculty is prohibited from displaying campaign advertisements like this t-shirt that student Darrell Ryan is wearing.

faculty should be able to display campaign memorabilia while at work.

"I guess I can see the conflict because this is an educational institution, but we are all adults here," Angarita said.

Students and the general public are free to wear

campaign lapel buttons, stickers, T-shirt and other memorabilia on campus as the law only applies to people who work for the state.

The U of M still encourages all faculty, staff and students to exercise their right to vote.

What do you think about the law that prohibits faculty from showing their political stance?

By Nick Lingerfelt



"I don't see it as being discriminatory. If they're involved with the U of M, they could give off the wrong impression about what the university stands for. You wouldn't want people to think things that are untrue."

Franklin Simmon
freshman
Age 19



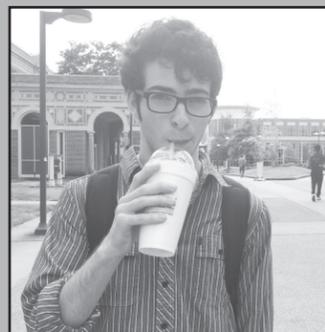
"It's our American right to vote and we should be able to express our opinions. Everyone should vote and this is a good way to publicize it. We have campaigns encouraging students to register to vote on campus, so why shouldn't employees be able to express their right to vote?"

Lauren Wade
Social work
sophomore
Age 19



"I think that's a good idea. I'm not interested in [a professor's] politics. It could be a distraction."

Rose Murray
freshman
Age 19



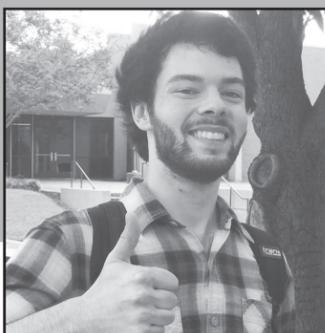
"They should be allowed to have memorabilia, but they shouldn't further their chosen campaign."

David Schild
freshman
Age 18



"It's a free country. They should be able to do what they want."

Kyndal Lark
freshman
Age 18



"That's a good question because I don't like restricting freedom, but teachers shouldn't influence student's opinions. It's a good debate to have."

Jake Gordon
Communications
sophomore
Age 20



"If they were allowed to, it might be a distraction."

Braendon Prude
Economics
junior
Age 20



"We're a free country. Everybody should be allowed to display what they believe."

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Memphis vs Ole Miss Football Preview

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Memphis (3-0, 0-0 AAC) at No. 16 Ole Miss (2-2, 1-1 SEC), 6 p.m. Saturday ESPN2/ESPNU/SEC Network

Series Record

In a rivalry that started in 1960, Ole Miss leads the series 33-11-2 against Memphis. Last season, the Tigers were able to upset the No. 13 ranked Rebels for their first series win since 2004.

What's at Stake

Memphis has a chance to show the nation they are as good or better than last season. The Tigers reached a program-high No. 15 ranking in the AP poll after starting 8-0 last season. Now, despite being 3-0 and outscoring opponents by more than 42 points per game the Tigers are still looking for a spot in the top 25. A Memphis win would result in national attention and a potential top 25 ranking.

Ole Miss, who came into the season with National Championship hopes, already has two early losses on the season. A third loss will completely take them out of the College Football Playoff and likely out of the top 25. The pressure is starting to pile up for the Rebels in week five.

Key Matchup

In both losses this season, Ole Miss has turned the ball over multiple times, four against Florida State and two against Alabama. The Tigers' defense has not yet faced a team with the offensive talent of Ole Miss, but they have shown the ability to create turnovers. The game could be decided by the turnover battle if Memphis' defense can get the ball and the offense can capitalize. If Ole Miss can stay away from turnovers, Memphis may struggle to stop the Rebels.

Players to Watch

Riley Ferguson

Ferguson is coming off a seven-touchdown game against Bowling Green, but Ole Miss has been effective in stopping the passing game in three of their four games, holding all of their opponents except Florida State to less than 170 passing yards. Ferguson will have to keep playing at a high level to be able to put points on the board against Ole Miss.

Sam Craft

In Craft's first game this season, he touched the ball eight times for 56 yards and a touchdown. He is a versatile player who can be a threat rushing and receiving. He might not get many touches, but Craft's versatility could add a few wrinkles to the Tigers' offense that Ole Miss has not seen.

Chad Kelly

Kelly has shown his ability to carry an offense for Ole Miss, but he has also shown that he makes bad decisions at times. Against Florida State, Kelly showed both sides as he threw for 314 yards, four touchdowns and three interceptions.

Facing a Memphis defense that hasn't seen the type of talent Ole Miss possesses, Kelly might fill the stat sheets. But, if the Tigers' defense can keep playing strong, Kelly could make a lot of critical mistakes.

Evan Ingram

Ingram is the tight end for Ole Miss and Kelly's favorite target leading the team in receptions, receiving yards and touchdowns. He is averaging nearly 100 yards per game and more than 15 yards per reception. If Memphis can keep Ingram from forming a rhythm with Kelly, Ole Miss might struggle to move the ball through the air.



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Leonard Pegues (53) mocks Ole Miss' 'land shark defense' sign after sacking Chad Kelly during last season's upset of the Rebels.

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