

CRIME

Students experience harassment

National study shows few sexual incidents reported.

BY ELLIE ATKINS
HUSTLER REPORTER

The latest study by the American Association of University Women has revealed that nearly 62 percent of college students are victims of sexual harassment and 32 percent fall victim to sexual assault. "The primary form of harassment that

we're seeing is actually non-contact: it tends to be remarks, gestures and jokes," said a co-author of the report, Elena Silva, in an interview with Reuters. "But the fact that one-third of college students are experiencing some form of physical harassment is certainly a concern." The study also reported that a mere 10

percent of the students harassed filed a complaint about the incident.

"We have a real contradiction here where students are saying, on the one hand, it's no big deal and didn't report it...but on the other hand, they say, 'Yes, I was upset by it, yes, it made me feel bad about myself,'" Silva said.

Convincing victims to come forward may prove to be difficult. Pat Pierce, director of the Opportunity

Development Center at Vanderbilt, said that she believes that the best approach is continuous publicity about sexual harassment, and where to get help.

"It's really amazing how much sexual harassment is occurring on college campuses," Pierce said. "I really think that the awareness of sexual harassment really has a lot to do with people coming forward. I would sus-

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INTERHALL

Candidates declare presidential bids



Donovan Ross

The campaign

Feb. 5 — Campaigning begins at midnight.

Feb. 14 — Candidates must submit lists of campaign benefactors, expenditures and campaign associates for the general election to the attorney general by 7 p.m.

Feb. 15 — General elections take place from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

COMMONS

Commons programs commence

Grants to start residential college activities now.

BY ROBERT PROUDFOOT
HUSTLER SENIOR FEATURES REPORTER

The spirit of Freshmen Commons is coming to life through innovative faculty and student programming two years before its opening in 2008.

The programming, called Small Grant Initiatives, funded three programs this semester costing a total of \$20,000. The initiatives included a ScholarBowl for charity, funding for education about the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design accreditation given by the U.S. Green Building Council and professional ethics seminars. Grants are awarded to faculty to develop programming for students.

Susan Barge, associate provost for residential colleges, sees the programming as a way to start the culture of Freshmen Commons before the bricks and mortar are completed.

"We don't want to turn the lights on in 2008 and have a new culture. We want to create a sense of ownership," she said.

The Small Grant Initiatives program was initiated by Provost Nicholas Zeppos last fall.

Howard Sandler, associate provost for special projects, oversees the grant project and funding.

"The provost's office suggested that we try to do small pilot projects. It seemed like a great concept to have something for current students," Sandler said.

The three projects funded by the Small Grants Initiative offer different approaches to creating an academic environment.

Sophomore Natalia Sanchez first envisioned the ScholarBowl last spring.

"I felt that something was missing in terms of academic competition," she said.

The concept of ScholarBowl is based off of Quiz Bowl academic competitions. There

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NATION



BOYCE ADAMS

President Bush followed Tuesday's State of the Union Address by asking for support in his leadership during a speech Wednesday at Nashville's own Grand Ole Opry House.

Bush spoke in Nashville Wednesday

Speech follows themes echoed in Tuesday's State of the Union address.

BY NICOLE FLOYD
HUSTLER ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

During a visit to Nashville on Wednesday, President Bush said he understands why the nation has become more anxious, and he urged people to have confidence in him.

Bush maintained his optimistic message in a lengthy speech at the Grand Ole Opry House that was designed to build momentum from the previous night's State of the Union address. In a rare acknowledgment of the troubled times on his watch, he tried to show empathy with the public's worries.

"People are uncertain, in spite of our strong union, because of war, and I understand that," Bush said.

Democrats are trying to capitalize at the ballot box this year on uncertainty about Bush's leadership and about ethics scandals in Congress.

Bush said he is leading a strong nation that is protecting itself and spreading freedom. He said the economy

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SCHOOLS

Coke under fire on college campuses

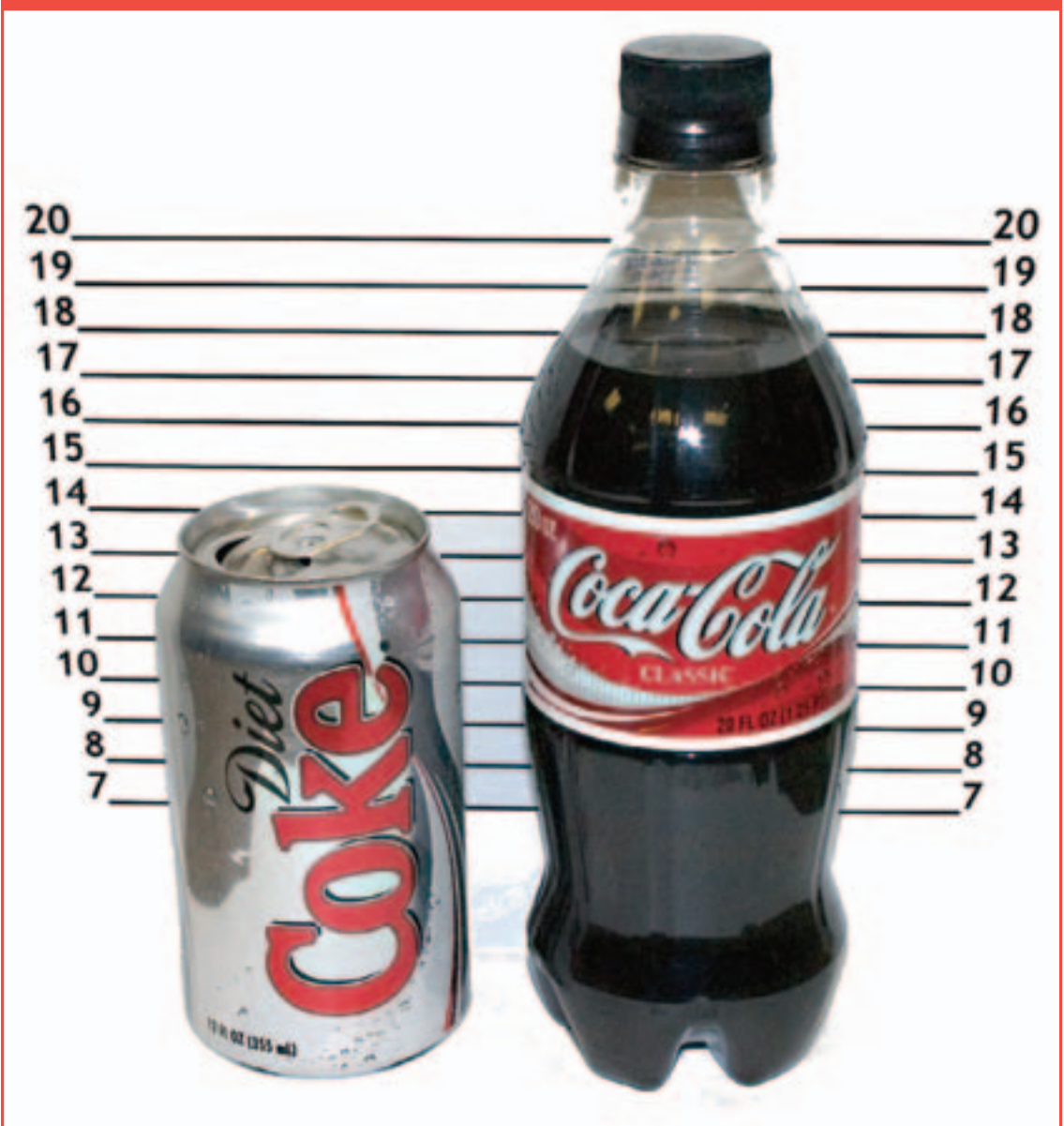


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Allegations spark concern, action

BY CHRISTINE BROWN
HUSTLER REPORTER

College students around the nation have decided to kick their coke habit, Coca-Cola that is.

The Coca-Cola corporation has come under scrutiny because of alleged human rights violations in its South American bottling plants — first from organized labor unions and human rights organizations, then from a public relations campaign

called "Stop Killer Coke" and most recently a number of universities and colleges have moved to sever their contracts with the global company.

Some of the universities that have removed Coca-Cola products from their campuses include University College Dublin (the largest university in Ireland), University of Michigan, New York University, Rutgers University and DePaul University.

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SERVICE

Manna Project plans for international spring break service trips

BY KRISTEN CHMIELEWSKI
HUSTLER REPORTER

Manna Project International at Vanderbilt is beginning to pool resources and members in anticipation of its spring break trips to Latin America in March

MPIV was brought to Vanderbilt by

'04 alum Luke Putnam, who sought to expand the residency of the "Manna House" in southwestern Managua, Nicaragua to fellow students who shared his passion to perform service on a global level.

"The goal of the organization," according to Mark Hand, vice president of Inter-

national Affairs for MPI, "is to introduce and connect college students with the realities of life in the developing world."

Frustrated with the minimal options for international service at Vanderbilt, current President of MPIV, senior Bruce Walker, found in Manna the opportunity "to do

something global and international with a service spin." Seeking to learn more about current global issues, Walker admits, "You really don't know much about the world until you go and experience it for yourself."

Hand emphasizes that Manna has "been

specifically designed not to compete with ASB. Our goal was to simply help groups of friends learn how to design and lead their own service trip experiences. We could have had eight trips or zero this year, and that would have been fine."

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OUR VIEW

Read why the Hustler editorial board feels that Bush's plans for shifting America's focus to alternative fuels are admirable but also perhaps overly ambitious. See Page 4

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Commodores beat Alabama 65-53. Tomorrow, visit www.vanderbilthustler.com for coverage of the game. The win takes the Commodores, ranking No. 21, to 15-7 and 4-4 in the Southeastern Conference.



NOTABLE

Scientists have determined that the so-called 10th planet discovered last year, known as UB313, is bigger than Pluto. If it receives status as a planet it would be the farthest known body in the solar system.



POLL

58%

Percentage of Americans who think music in general is getting worse.

WEATHER

Weather forecast graphic showing a sun and clouds, with temperatures 54 HI and 34 LO. Extended forecast on page 2.

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18th	58	21	98
day of classes	class days until exams	class days until Spring Break	calendar days to commencement

WORD OF THE DAY

CAN-ARD

n. unfounded, false or fabricated report/story; horizontal control and stabilizing surface mounted forward of the main wing of an aircraft

Source: Webster's Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary of the English Language

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

- 1783 Spain recognized U.S. independence.
- 1913 The 16th Amendment to the Constitution, providing for a federal income tax, was ratified.
- 1917 The United States broke off diplomatic relations with Germany, which had announced a policy of unrestricted submarine warfare.
- 1943 During World War II, the U.S. transport ship Dorchester, which was carrying troops to Greenland, sank after being hit by a torpedo. (Four Army chaplains gave their life belts to four other men, and went down with the ship.)
- 1995 The space shuttle Discovery blasted off with a woman, Air Force Lt. Colonel Eileen Collins, in the pilot's seat for the first time.

Compiled by the Associated Press

FORECAST

SATURDAY
Cloudy
High: 40
Low: 26

SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 38
Low: 34

MONDAY
Rain / Snow
High: 42
Low: 27

TODAY IN THE BUBBLE

Compiled by Rachel Stevens

Vanderbilt Programming Board applications

Applications for the Vanderbilt Programming board are now available at the Sarratt main desk and on VPB's website at www.vanderbilt.edu/vpb. VPB is made up of an executive board and seven programming organizations, including Great Performances, Late Night Programming, Homecoming, Special Activities, The Music Group, Vandy Fanatics and the Speakers Committee. For more information, visit the VPB website or Alex Fiman at Alexandra.m.fiman@vanderbilt.edu. Applications are due Feb. 10 in Sarratt 207.

C.O.O.L. Idealist National Conference registration

Registration is ongoing for the C.O.O.L. Idealist National Conference that will be held at Vanderbilt from March 3-5. The conference will focus on national and social change. For more information and registration, students can visit www.idealist.org/conferences/cool/2006/.

Brigadoon

Vanderbilt Off Broadway's performance of Brigadoon marks their 10th anniversary as a student organization. The show takes place tonight at 8 p.m. in Ingram hall and will feature music, dancing and kilts.

Phi Beta Kappa applications

The Alpha of Tennessee chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and largest academic honor society, is now accepting applications from prospective members. Information regarding the membership process may be found on the chapter website: <http://sitemason.vanderbilt.edu/pbk>. Applications are due Feb. 17.

Maya Angelou tickets

Less than 500 tickets are left for Maya Angelou's Feb. 27 lecture at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Gym. Tickets are free for Vanderbilt students, faculty, and staff and are available at the Sarratt box office.

Compiled by staff from various sources. Check out <http://calendar.vanderbilt.edu> for more events.

CONSTRUCTION

Demolition of building begins

BY RACHEL STEVENS
HUSTLER EXECUTIVE NEWS EDITOR

Demolition of Vanderbilt's University Plaza building has begun, and plans are in place to create a Zone 2 parking lot on the property. The building is located on 21st Ave. S. next to the Baker Building and across the street from Wilson Hall.

Demolition began in late January, and construction on the new parking lot will be complete sometime in the fall of 2006, according to Cliff Joyner, assistant vice chancellor for real estate operations.

In contrast to a traditional demolition, the building is being disassembled piece by piece from the inside out, one floor at a time. The materials that can be reused from the building will be recycled.

"It's quite a long process," Joyner said. "They are literally in there taking it apart with screwdrivers."

Joyner said that the decision to take the building apart in this manner was made for several reasons, particularly to reduce dust and noise in the area and because of the tight space in which the building is located.

All university offices in the building moved to other locations prior to the beginning of the semester. ■

VUPD CRIME LOG

Compiled by Rachel Stevens

Jan. 31, 11:22 p.m.—An act of vandalism occurred in the 25th Ave. garage. Scratches were found on a vehicle. No suspects have been identified and the case remains active.

For complete listings visit <http://police.vanderbilt.edu>.

SERVICE GUIDE

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Commons: ScholarBowl to take place this month

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currently is a Vanderbilt Quiz Bowl team that competes in competitions with other universities and sponsors high school events. Instead of competing against other schools, student organizations will gather for annual competition to give to charity.

Sanchez, who is an Ingram Scholar, contacted Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education Lucius Outlaw with the idea. When she presented her idea to Chancellor Gee in person his response was positive.

Sandler teamed Sanchez with Associate Professor of Computer Science Doug Fisher and Associate Vice Chancellor of the office of Housing and Residential Education Mark Bandas to coordinate the ScholarBowl charity event. By bringing faculty into the project, Sandler was able to award \$6,000 in Small Grant Initiative funding. These funds help pay for four buzzer systems, test questions and rental of the Student Life Center for the Gala event Feb. 25.

With a budget of \$7,000, Sanchez was able to get co-sponsorship from Interhall, SGA, Student Life and Dining. Sanchez plans to apply for AcFee money for next year.

Sanchez has been contacting organizations for this Saturday's registration deadline. Currently, 18 organizations have assembled three person teams to compete and roughly 50 have expressed interest.

"We want all corners of campus for this academic competition," she said.

Barge tied the importance of ScholarBowl with the goals of the Freshmen Commons.

Small Grants Initiative

Faculty Grants funded by Freshmen Commons for student programming

ScholarBowl	\$6,000
Natalia Sanchez	Sophomore, Ingram Scholar
Mark Bandas	Associate Vice Chancellor
Doug Fisher	Associate Professor of Computer Science
Annual campus wide academic competition of student organizations for charity.	
LEED Education	\$6,000
Paul Speer	Associate Professor of Human & Organization Development
Sanjiv Gokhale	Associate Professor of Civil & Environmental Engineering
Ann Olsen	Graduate Student in Environment Management
Designing educational programming to teach freshmen and Vanderbilt about Peabody's LEED buildings.	
Professions and Consequences	\$8,000
Dennis Kezar	Associate Professor of English
Freshmen programming about ethical discussions about professions, "The bull session without the bull"	

"ScholarBowl is a perfect example of a student initiative partnered with faculty," she said. "They are saying we don't want to wait for these buildings to be built. This is a fun idea, a great idea, wouldn't it be a great to get it off the ground and start a tradition now?"

Dennis Kezar, associate professor in English, received \$8,000 Small Grants Initiative to develop programming about ethical choices within the professional world.

Kezar likes to describe the project as "the bull session without the bull." He plans to adopt a flexible and fun approach to exposing students to professions and the ethical choices presented in the job market. Some examples are having professionals who made ethically wrong choices speak to freshmen about

their experiences.

"There are people here interested in making the intellectual spirit and substance happen," Kezar said.

Kezar hopes to plan the initiative this semester and implement it with next year's freshmen.

According to Ann Olsen, graduate student in Environmental Management, the Commons buildings are some of the few LEED accredited structures in the region. Olsen, along with Associate Professor Sanjiv Gokhale and Associate Professor Paul Speer, was awarded \$6,000 in Small

Grant Initiative funding to educate Vanderbilt about these buildings.

"We would like some sort of education about these LEED buildings," Olsen said. "We would like to very concretely involve current freshmen in creating signage."

Olsen said that this project would involve more than just signs state LEED accreditation.

"It is more than just signage. It is about educational programs and the forming of interested groups."

By doing innovative work in signage and education about the LEED buildings, Vanderbilt earns an extra point towards accreditation.

The goal is to involve 20 to 30 students in the process of creating awareness about the LEED buildings.

Olsen, with Gokhale and Speer, will educate students about LEED. Then the students will work with the design consultants for Freshmen Commons to develop educational materials, such as displays similar to museums. They are currently looking for interested students to participate.

"It is an opportunity to involve freshman in a process with the faculty and other students," Olsen said. ■

Coke: Vanderbilt officials aware of allegations

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At Carnegie Mellon University students sponsored a "Coke dump," spilling the product in the street to highlight the issue.

Even at Emory University, a school with a \$4.4 billion endowment from Coca-Cola, the 11th largest in the country, the student newspaper ran an article speaking out about the issue.

After the Jan. 3 issue of the Chronicle of Higher Education reported that certain colleges have stopped contracts with Coke due to alleged human rights violations, Vanderbilt Dining issued a statement concerning the issue.

"When Michigan took their action, we realized we needed to be up to speed on these issues and make sure that Vanderbilt was aware of this," said Frank Gladu, assistant vice chancellor for business services.

"We have not been contacted by anyone regarding this issue, though we are monitoring it as we do all public issues that affect colleges and universities," said Michael Schoenfeld, vice chancellor for public affairs. "In general, Vanderbilt has a strong commitment to partnerships with companies who conduct business in the way that respects human rights and environmental stewardship."

The recent boycotts show the many college students are outraged at the alleged human rights violations that have come against Coca-Cola.

One of the most serious allegations includes the murder of a Coca-Cola plant worker in a factory in Colombia. Activists remain concerned that Coke has refused a third-party investigation and has only allowed a self-funded investigation, which cleared the company of all wrongdoing.

Coca-Cola recently issued a statement to the University of Michigan Board of Regents ad-

ressing many of the charges made against the company, emphasizing Coke's commitment to addressing specific situations and to taking a leadership positions in worker rights. The statement was published on cokefacts.org.

Boycotts can be harmful in terms of public image to any company. However, a boycott is unlikely to affect this global company financially since all of Coke's North American profits account for only 25 percent of their total profits—a small portion of its \$18 billion in annual revenue.

Coke products are widespread and include Coke, Sprite, Dasani water, Crush, Dr. Pepper, Nestea, Fanta, Minute Maid, Hi C, Powerade and Odwalla. ■



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Awards will be announced by April 7th, 2006

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Harassment: prevalent on college campuses

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pect that there are many incidents that we'll never have any knowledge of."

Although the number of reported cases of harassment continue to rise each year, Pierce believes that it is not due to an increase in number of incidents, but simply that more people are reporting the crimes.

"I think it's because there's a lot more dialogue about what's appropriate behavior in and out of the classroom, or in the workplace," Pierce said.

"There's a lot of publicity and that's increasing the awareness. I doubt that there's more sexual harassment occurring, but that more people are reporting. We're doing a better job of informing people where to go for help," Pierce said.

So what constitutes sexual harassment at Vanderbilt.

The brochure "What you need to know about sexual harassment: a guide for Vanderbilt students, faculty, and staff", describes sexual harassment as almost any undesired sexual attention.

All unwelcome flirting, sexual bribes, sexist comments and as-

saults, fall into the category of sexual harassment and should be reported to the Opportunity Development Center, Pierce said.

"The threat of sexual harassment impedes the free work of thought. It keeps this university from becoming all that it might," said Chancellor Gordon Gee in his statement in the brochure. "Trust that Vanderbilt will deal with any complaints promptly and will act appropriately upon that investigation. Your trust and support will help us continue to grow together."

There are many resources on Vanderbilt's campus for students who have been a victim of sexual harassment or assault. Project Safe, a program managed by the Women's center, provides all victims with a place to seek refuge and receive help. For further information about this program and how to file a report, please contact the Opportunity Development Center or Project Safe in the Women's Center. ■

State of the Union address Highlights of President Bush's State of the Union address



Energy
"America is addicted to oil. The best way to break this addiction is through technology."



Health
Give individuals that buy Health Savings Accounts the same tax advantages as those with employer sponsored insurance.



Education
Train 70,000 high school teachers to lead advanced-placement classes in math and science.



War on terrorism
Called on Congress to reauthorize the Patriot Act. Said America will continue offensive in war on terror.



Fiscal policy
Urged Congress to make tax cuts permanent. Pass a line-item veto to limit special interest projects.



Mideast
The world must not permit Iran to gain nuclear weapons. He set no timetable for withdrawing troops from Iraq.



Medicare, Medicaid Social Security
Form a commission to tackle the impact aging baby boomers are having on entitlement programs

SOURCE: White House

AP

Bush: Vanderbilt students attend speech

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is "roaring," despite concerns that people have after being forced to change jobs in the face of competition from China, India and elsewhere.

"My worry is that people see that uncertainty and decide to adopt isolationist policies or protectionist policies," Bush said. "In other words, in uncertain times it's easy for people to lose confidence in the capacity of this country to lead and to shape our future."

Kevin Moore, president of the College Democrats, said that he too is uncertain about whether Bush will follow through with his initiatives.

"As a national security hawk, I was glad to hear President Bush make energy independence a top priority," Moore said. "But as with other priorities, I would not be surprised to see it fall by the wayside. The Department of Energy is planning to lay off scientists in the Renewable

Energy Department next week."

Bush said America's challenge is to stay ahead of competition without withdrawing from the world. He planned to expand his thoughts on the issue in a tour to Minnesota, New Mexico and Texas on Thursday and Friday.

Bush's laid out his entire agenda in the 57-minute speech, going even beyond what he said during his State of the Union address.

He touched on everything from war and education to technology in the automobile industry and medical malpractice suits.

The friendly audience at the packed Grand Ole Opry House frequently interrupted the president with applause and laughter.

A number of Vanderbilt students were present when the president visited the Grand Ole Opry.

Among them was Vanderbilt College Repub-

licans President Evan Schlank.

"The President's visit to Nashville was a tremendous honor, and the determined optimism and vision for America he articulated in his speech resonated with everyone attending," Schlank said. "All the College Republicans who were able to attend were especially excited and motivated after hearing the Commander in Chief," Schlank said.

Outside, more than 100 protesters held up their own signs that said "No Confidence" and "No warrant, no wiretap, no W"

The signs referenced Bush's much-debated secret program of eavesdropping on phone calls and e-mails in an attempt to sniff out terrorist plots, which he vigorously defended in his State of the Union address and inside the concert hall. ■

Contributing reporting by the Associated Press.

Manna: Group also works with non-profits in the Nashville community

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There will be three spring break trips this year, taking students to Nicaragua, El Salvador and northern Mexico.

Throughout their weeklong trip, explains Hand, "students will be participating and initiating various community development projects, from teaching to sports coaching to medical assistance to tutoring street kids at Managua's city dump."

Nicaragua co-site leader, junior Erin Duncan had always wanted to work within the medical profession in Latin America. "Through Manna, regardless of your interest or major, there is something to learn and explore both locally and globally about Latin American culture," she said. "People don't think they can impact

the world, but through Manna, they can."

Senior Carmen Wolfe, co-site leader for El Salvador, echoes this sentiment with her desire to learn about pre-med, global health, and health care clinics in Latin America compared to the approaches taken here in the United States. She plans to bring "toothbrushes and other household and medical supplies that residents of these areas might not even know about."

Apart from service abroad, Manna aids in service to the Nashville community as well. Participating in many of the same sites as Vanderbilt's Juntos program, Manna focuses on working with local non-profits like Conexión Américas, WorldRelief, and Project SHARE, tutoring and teaching English in both classrooms and homes.

Hand said, "Once we become a part of the community we are seeking to serve, once we walk in solidarity with them, then we may be able to offer them assistance and, more often than not, wind up taking more from those relationships than we have given."

MPIV will host a "Mannafit" Dinner for \$12 on the Card (\$15 at the door) at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Life Center Ballroom. Tables of eight seats may be purchased for \$80.

The benefit will present information on the spring break sites, and will also host four bands, area restaurants and a silent auction of Vanderbilt students' art, Latin American products and an iPod. Proceeds will be sent to the pre-natal and pediatric health center in Nicaragua.

Hand said that MPIV is driven by an inspirational quote from Lilla Watson: "If you have come to help me, you are wasting your time. If you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together."

In the future Manna looks to add more sites, possibly in Central America and the Caribbean, and further strives to extend its hemispherical reach through proposed student-run programs to locations of their choice.

Hand said, "The United States' destiny is in fact wrapped up in the fate of countries, which we might not even be able to identify on a map, and there MPI offers an outlet through which to reach such countries." ■

Tri Delta's Shining Stars

New Member Class of '09

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Ellyse Attinger
Shanellé Binggeli
Melody Bishara
Katie Bluhm
Amy Brown
Katy Cannon
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OUR VIEW

Bush's ideas are good but it is an uphill battle

During the State of the Union address on Tuesday, and to the amazement of critics, President Bush made the reduction of dependence on Middle Eastern oil his top priority.

"America is addicted to oil" he said, and then vowed to greatly reduce America's oil addiction through turning to alternative sources of energy.

The editorial board of *The Vanderbilt Hustler* applauds President Bush for openly addressing what is a constant concern to almost every American. The Texas oil tycoon spoke of things from clean coal to safe nuclear energy to using ethanol distilled from wood chips or switch grass.

Over the years the *Hustler's* reaction to political jargon has generally been impartial. Whether from a Democrat or Republican, promises have been made and broken, with speeches used only to boost ratings.

The *Hustler* editorial board is intrigued with Bush's planned but skeptical in its feasibility, especially if research efforts, especially in the private sector, aren't increased.

The reaction of the infamous oil cartel, OPEC, is intriguing. In Wednesday's *Financial Times*, OPEC made a statement that caught our attention. OPEC warned President Bush that his promise would only lead to higher oil prices. OPEC argued that if the U.S. attempted a policy of drastic reduction in oil usage, then Middle Eastern countries would cut off investments in American ventures.

These hostile words serves as evidence that President Bush is willing to challenge Middle Eastern oil dependence to move the US in a direction of a cleaner, safer future.

The Editorial Board is skeptical about the outcomes of this rhetoric.

If President Bush plans to restructure America's energy problem, he will have to fight an uphill battle against influential, wealthy Americans and the Middle East. Bush used Nashville to continue that momentum from his State of the Union Address and spoke of ethanol research in Tennessee. The *Hustler* Editorial Board hopes that President Bush follows through with his promise of "reducing Middle East oil imports by 75 percent in 20 years."

The *Hustler* editorial board would also like to see the President's funding for ethanol research increase in hopes of achieving his goals. We must all remember that it is in our hands to reduce our dependence on oil. When filling up our SUV's with gas, instead of complaining about high prices, we should look at altering our priorities.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Slant should not apologize for Rites prank

Dear Editor,

There were many reasons that the *Slant* recently distributed posters with our "dream team" Rites of Spring line-up, and we believe some of them need to be clarified.

In Wednesday's opinion section, A&S Senior Matt McGrath demanded an apology from the *Slant*, asking whether it is funny that most people believe what they read, or whether the "well-intentioned credulity of most Vanderbilt students is something to be exploited."

It is not funny that most people believe what they read, and it is even less funny that they do not read fine print. A front page story in the *Hustler* last week mentioned that college students lack basic skills such as interpreting news, and we believe that this prank should serve as a wake-up call. For those who claim that "Vanderbilt Parody Board" was printed too small, we reply that on mortgages, credit card offers and such, the small print is what really matters.

For not disclaiming in 72 point font, we do not apologize.

Concerning the widespread "well-intentioned credulity," we strongly believe that it should not be exploited, but in actuality criminals are exploiting it today. Last semester the *Hustler* wrote about con artists stealing laptops. Monday's *Hustler* wrote of a man conning frats out of thousands. We cannot allow this to continue.

The *Slant* was in no way were attempting to exploit our student body for our gain from this exercise, but rather merely to illustrate nagging truths of our collective weakness that have recently become targets of multiple con artists.

For making this point, we do not apologize.

McGrath also claims that we misused student funds and trust. This prank was funded out of our staff's own pockets, not out of activity fee funds, out of consideration for our small budget.

Our intent was not to demonstrate disrespect toward the *Hustler*, the Programming Board, or the student body, only to educate and amuse. We hope that the parties involved will be understanding of our goals, and that no hard feelings linger.

Finally, anyone who felt extreme rage or euphoria over the idea of Ben Folds headlining should realize it's not too late to join the Vanderbilt Programming Board or submit suggestions for bands they'd like to see. If more of the student body gets involved, this can be an even better Rites of Spring than previously hoped for.

We don't apologize for that either.

Joseph Hills
Junior, A&S
The Slant staff member

Editor's Note: The poster that *The Vanderbilt Hustler* was given by freshman Elise Masur when she entered the *Hustler* office Sunday night claiming to be a representative of the Vanderbilt Programming Board did not have any of the fine print that Hills referenced. The area that contained the fine print referring to "The Vanderbilt Parody Board" was black on the poster given to *The Hustler*.

Administration should help minorities

To the Editor:

I would like to comment regarding Monday's "Our view" article titled "Applaud Vanderbilt admissions."

First let me introduce myself: I am staff engineer at Vanderbilt's ISIS, ethnic Hungarian from Romania, white, Caucasian, 30 year old, with H1B temporary visa, and have been working at Vandy for 3 years.

Now getting to the subject: I have some experience regarding minority status in a country and that is why I would like to express my disappointment in how the editorial reflected on minority issues. Typically, people in the majority don't have to ability to put themselves in the situation of those in minority and typically those in the minority think that they are left out of something. This is a source of misunderstanding and conflict.

A democratic society shares the power — as you probably know — between the executive, the legislative, the judiciary and the media. The idea is that no one branch should be given excessive power, because the other important areas of life would suffer. That is why a delicate balance has to be maintained all the time.

Now translating this to a democratic, multicultural society: the population is not culturally, ethnically or racially homogeneous. If some ethnic/racial community is left out from the power, the leadership might feel adverse to the majority of the population or to the state itself, because they don't feel like they are really represented. They don't feel like they would have the same chances and opportunities. It is in the best long term interest of the society to change this adverse attitude, that is why affirmative action has been enacted,

I suppose, to help minority people reach the same representation on all levels of the society as those of majority. For example, the ratio of white/black people in the state/nation should be reflected in the state or U.S. government representative's racial background.

Of course some say, typically those in majority, that knowledge and achievement should be preferred to racial or ethnic background, but I am dreaming of a society where all ethnic communities get a fair share in all areas or levels of society and power.

Currently, if you look at the unemployment or crime rate you can see a definite difference between how the white population and the African American population is represented in these numbers. Affirmative action has been enacted, I think, to create opportunities for those in minority as well. The handicap is immense, because of historic reasons you all know. I would not like emphasize the individual responsibility of white people for their forefathers' deeds, but as a community, white people could recognize the necessity of instruments aimed toward the integration of those in minority, for the long-term peace in a society, for their best interest.

I personally believe that university admissions play a key role in helping the minority community getting the corresponding share (as their percentage would indicate among the total population) in the leadership of this country.

Zoltan Molnar
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Campus in need of humor

To the Editor:

Recently, several letters have been sent to *The Vanderbilt Hustler* speaking out against *The Slant's* shenanigans. I think these people need to grow a sense of humor. There is much in life that becomes easier if a little humor is applied. Anyone who tries to bring a little more levity to my day gets an A+ in my book.

What astounds me about these complaints is that they seem to be based on the assumption that an edgy humor publication should never offend anyone; that 100 percent of their material should be inoffensive. When you consider that professional comedians, such as late night talk show hosts and stand-up routine masters, often offend people even with years of experience, this goal seems rather unlikely.

To those who make decisions regarding activity fee money, please take this letter as representative of the silent majority who enjoy the university's humor publication, and wish it many more years of successful pranks and edgy jokes. To everyone else, it is entirely too funny that we believe everything we read. Take everything (except this letter) with a healthy dose of skepticism.

Jason Roberts
Junior, Engineering

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Name petition not on Board's agenda

To the Editor:

I write to express my deep disappointment that Vanderbilt apparently has decided to eliminate its varsity men's soccer program. I confess that I am hardly an impartial observer, in that I lettered in men's soccer at Vanderbilt for four years (1991-94). Nevertheless, I think it is a tremendous mistake to eliminate this program.

I was hardly a star. I played in many games, but not all. I also double-majored, studied in Spain for a semester, and returned to Vanderbilt for graduate school. I learned some of my most valuable lessons playing soccer at Vanderbilt, made great friends, and had some pretty good times.

I do not doubt that student athletes in all sports have similar stories about their positive experiences at Vanderbilt, which is precisely what leads me to wonder why you would eliminate students' opportunities in this area.

Vanderbilt awarded a small number of men's soccer scholarships per year for a roster of more than 20 players. Furthermore, soccer does not require large amounts of equipment. The program was not expensive either in scholarships or in dollars, yet a relatively large number of players benefited from the program. The team shared existing facilities, including the newly constructed soccer/lacrosse complex, which would provide a greater return on investment if used by three teams rather than two. Soccer, the world's most popular sport and America's most popular youth sport, also offset its expenses with summer camps.

While it is true that the SEC does not have a men's soccer league, I would prefer to see Vanderbilt take the lead in the SEC rather than follow.

Joshua Shanholtzer
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AROUND THE LOOP

What did you think of President Bush's State of the Union address?



STACY CLARK
Freshman

"I thought it was more effective than usual because he had more reasonable goals."



JAMIE MESHEV
Graduate Student

"I boycott everything he does so I didn't watch it."



LAURA DELGADO
Junior

"Is he still in office? When's that next election?"



LINDSEY WILLIAMSON
Sophomore

"I didn't watch, I was too busy studying economics!"



JON TOUB
Junior

"I thought what he said was good if he plans on following through with it!"

Compiled by Allison Malone

COLUMN

Security guards in Highland Quad are merely for show, not security

So I went to the Munchie Mart in Morgan a few nights ago to grab a late-night study snack.

While I was waiting for the elevator, I struck up a conversation with the security woman and asked her how she

suspect who suspiciously darted out the building? Probably not, if her arthritic joints don't allow her to move very easily. I'd venture to say with a fair degree of confidence that she serves no practical purpose whatsoever.

Now don't get me wrong, she was as nice as she could be and was more than quick to say hello to me when I walked in the door. But Vanderbilt doesn't need to be paying for a door greeter in Morgan.

I agree that campus safety should be of utmost importance. I agree that the number of security problems we've had this year is disconcerting. But I don't agree with how the administration is reacting; it seems to me that the higher-ups are responding in a manner that is more to show face than anything else. After all, I'm sure it bodes well for the university to be able to say it stationed guards in the dorm buildings to protect its students. But surely the administration isn't so naive as to think that these "guards"

are really doing any good and would truly protect us should something go wrong.

I can't help but feel that the administration simply posted watchdogs on Highland because that's where the shooting happened and not because the administration is really committed to making campus safer. I mean, if they were legitimately concerned about student safety, why didn't they hire security personnel for high-traffic buildings like Towers?

You know, there's really very little about this university that I would change except for this seemingly common game of instituting policies that exist more for bragging rights than their expressed purposes. I understand that education is a business and that business isn't always fair, but I'd like to think this place respects me — and if not me, then my money — enough to at least be honest. Maybe I'm wrong though. Maybe I'm off my rocker and

Vanderbilt knows something about my safety that I don't. Maybe the administration really believes it's done a great thing with the security guards in Morgan and Lewis. If this is the case, however, then I hope they realize sooner rather than later that they're wrong. The arthritic security guard is a kind, friendly woman, but she does not need to be guarding my well-being.

So to the administration: if you want to implement new security measures on campus, that's awesome. But at least give us students some semblance that you understand what you're doing. Security guards who have no authority or weaponry probably aren't the answer. We pay a lot of money to go here, so it'd be nice if you would spend our dollars wisely. ■

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CASUAL
TAYLOR SEWELL

was doing. She said she was okay but that her arthritis had been acting up that day. Wait. Arthritis? A security guard with arthritis...

I'm sorry, but please tell me what a middle-aged arthritic woman sitting in the lobby of Morgan is going to do if someone is shot on the eighth floor. How useful can she be? Do you think she'd be able to run after and catch a

COLUMN

New rape policy sparks needed discussion on Vanderbilt's campus

Vanderbilt's Safety Task Force has created a new rape policy for campus that requires mutual agreement before engaging in



OPINION EDITOR
ALLISON MALONE

sexual activity. For men on campus, this new requirement has sounded off alarms in their heads.

They are afraid of being accused of rape by a girl they hardly know after a night of drunken debauchery and careless decisions. Their excuse: she shouldn't have gotten so drunk in the first place. But where is the responsibility of the man? In previous debate over the issue, men have said that women should be responsible for themselves and their friends. Women should know that showing up at a fraternity house or even a party at Towers after having a few drinks greatly increases their chance to be put into a compromising situation.

But why are fraternity houses and bars a place where women must be afraid to enter for fear of being taken advantage of? It is perfectly fine for a male to get drunk in his fraternity house or apartment on his home turf; but when it comes to after-dark activities, do women have a place they can go without having their guard up?

The new rape policy will be nearly impossible to enforce, except in the few instances where individuals step up and report an incident. However, I do not think that the requirement was made in order to police every sexual activity taking place on this campus. I do believe that it is a good way to start discussion and encourage both males and females to think about the consequences of a drunken decision and of the culture on campus. A handful of rapes are reported on campus annually, but can you imagine the incidences that have gone unreported because someone was too embarrassed or believed that the situation was his or her own fault? If women are told that they should be responsible for avoiding rape situations by not drinking, wearing conservative clothing, or by going out in a group of friends, they will believe that it is their own duty to protect themselves. In a rape situation, a woman would believe that the incident was her fault, and never report it. Believe it or not, rape legitimately occurs on this campus; and students need to address this fact.

Men and women should think about the culture that promotes these feelings for women on campus. There should never be a situation where a woman feels uncomfortable or unsafe while inside Vandy's bubble, especially not because of another student.

I hope that the new rape policy sparks discussion among men and women on campus concerning the way we should all be treated in order to feel secure enough to participate in campus social activities.

Yes, alcohol hinders the capacity to make good decisions, thus making it even more practical that sex should be consensual between both partners. If one person is too inhibited to make a decision, there is a great risk that he or she would not consent if sober.

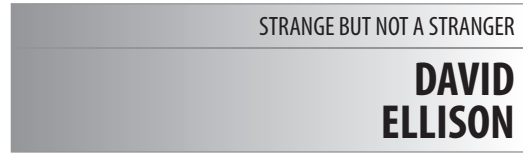
Rape can happen regardless of the time of day, type of dress or the presence of alcohol. Even one rape on campus is too many. ■

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COLUMN

Detroit needs Motown-infused renewal as the site of the Super Bowl

Ford's in the tank, GM has hit "junk" status, you have the nation's poorest big city, a declining population and football fans everywhere have let out a collective yawn when sizing up the Steelers/Seahawks match up for Su-



STRANGE BUT NOT A STRANGER
DAVID ELLISON

per Bowl XL. My friends, it is not a good time to be from Detroit. The last sporting event of significance occurred when Ron Artest decided to promote his rap CD in the stands with some Pistons fans, and the metropolitan area has just now begun to thaw from a lockout-induced year without the Redwings. Wracked by ineptitude on every level, the Lions have been a magnificent failure despite a plethora of first-round talent on offense and a coach that formerly held a reputation as an offensive genius. While the league-friendly networks will likely shun critical coverage, area football fans may use the Super Bowl as a platform against embattled GM Matt Millen. Earlier this year, Millen looked more crumbling despot than front-office train wreck as security apprehended a protesting fan in the most Stalinist of fashions. Philadelphia's old Vet Stadium made use of an on-site jail cell. Should Ford Field improvise a gulag?

Of course, there have been some off the field issues as well. The automotive giants have been run according antiquated business models and executives have realized that declining market share and an industrial welfare state do not mesh too well. When Detroit exploded during World War II, fierce competition guaranteed unions would maintain a toehold in Michigan. When the times were good in the sixties and seventies, the workers were promised everything short of a trip to the moon. But just as the Sun Belt eclipsed the Rust belt, fierce international competition in the automobile industry has presented

the consumer with a plethora of enticing options. Ever since Reagan, the American economy has grown exponentially. While investment flooded to Silicon Valley, Detroit got left behind. Foreign automobile companies invested below the Mason-Dixon line to avoid heavy labor influence, and American companies distributed jobs around the world at competitive wages. The decline of the private sector means finances teeter on collapse, but the city still managed to foot the bill for half of the new football stadium. In order to prepare for the Super Bowl, dilapidated buildings downtown were torn down in order to cast a more ascetically pleasing view of the city. Ironically, the NFL's enthusiasm for civic renewal has threatened to tear down the last institution that can save Detroit—Motown.

Snubs, whether deliberate or not, are the worst kind of insults. So when the NFL asked the Rolling Stones to perform at half time, time stood still for the citizens of Detroit. The cradle of American popular music would host a British Rock Band? My allegiance to Led Zeppelin disqualifies personal xenophobia and anti-European grudges. I hold no illusion that any Motown legend would likely be as old as Mick and Keith, so one cannot accuse me of seeking a fountain of youth. But if any city needs to be revitalized with native blood, it has got to be Detroit.

No offense to the Stones, but the NFL has slighted the greatest troubadours of the 20th century. I'd put Smokey Robinson head to head with Petrarch, and would like to see if Mozart could capture the harmony of the Supremes. Romantics have long dealt with star-crossed lovers, but few could emulate the anxious swagger of Stevie Wonder in "Uptight." Say what you will about the Temptations, but it is the Four Tops that best elucidate the problematical pleasures often associated with the Seven Deadly Sins. Hell, I love Motown because it's a team game. Each singer alternates between the lead role and team player, knowing full well that the tenor,

the bass and the baritone combine to create the majestic sound that drives this columnist insane. Indeed, fellow history-nerds could test my "taste of honey is worse than none at all" theory and identify the cause of several revolutions as the moment of initial reform. Louis XVI was damned when he allowed the Estates General to meet, Nicolas II created an opening for Lenin by promising a republic, the Soviet Union disintegrated with similar liberal promises and perhaps we will see the consequences of China's economic reform a few years later down the road.

I need Motown to ease my mind, but Detroit needs it even more. The NFL tried to put out the fire by assigning Stevie Wonder for the pre-game, but a few Englishmen now reign over the city that best represents the past glories and contemporary illnesses of America. Instead of an opening line of a new drama, this Super Bowl will likely punctuate an era where Detroit stood on the economic and cultural forefront. As pallbearers to the funeral, the Stones should do their best to honor the likes of Smokey Robinson, Barrett Strong, Diana Ross and the Four Tops. Mick Jagger and Keith Richards will cement their role in the musical pantheon if they display ultimate humility and cover a few Motown classics. Make the best out of an awkward situation by subbing "Brown Sugar" for "Baby I Need You're Loving." Cast away "Sympathy for the Devil" in favor of "Tracks of My Tears, and it wouldn't be beyond a rock and roll band to play "I Heard it through the Grapevine." These great songs blend into every musical genre, and a marriage between the Stones and Motown would be an immediate crossover hit. My whimsical desires would likely be dismissed as nothing but a dream, but wishful thinking may be the only thing left for dreary, old Detroit. ■

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COLUMN

Why I am not surprised by Hamas' victory in Palestinian Election

When I read the news last Thursday morning, I can't say I was surprised by Hamas winning a majority of seats in the Palestinian parliamentary elections. Hamas itself may have been a little taken aback by their own success,



GUEST COLUMNIST
LAURA BRESLIN

but me, not particularly.

What did shock me, however, were the instantaneous cries from all around denigrating Hamas, primarily for reasons that I will admit can be legitimated. An avid reader of *The New York Times*, I have followed closely their post-election analyses and nearly every article references Hamas's commitment to the destruction of the state of Israel, and indeed, Hamas's covenant — produced when it split for the Palestinian Muslim Brotherhood at the start of the first Intifada — does call for such destruction. Yet if we recall our own political history, we can be comforted in knowing that political parties change and evolve with the times, and Hamas has done just that.

In stark contrast to Condoleezza Rice and the U.S. State Department who couldn't tell the pulse of the Palestinians from a ticking clock, no group has felt the heartbeat of Palestine like Hamas. Unlike Fatah, the campaigning Hamas politicians spoke from a place people could understand. And no, that place was not based on a call to destroy Israel. Admittedly, the Hamas campaign platform did advocate the use of all means necessary to resist the Israeli military occupation, the right of the Palestin-

ians to all of "Historical Palestine" — Palestine before the creation of Israel — and other issues troublesome to the Israelis and the international community. Yet nowhere on their platform did they call for the destruction of the state of Israel. In America, some people refuse to accept Darwinian evolution, but this is political evolution, and improvement. Politics has a way of moderating groups. Since bringing Hamas into a dialogue last year after the bilateral meeting of the Palestinian and Israeli heads of state in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, Hamas has remained almost totally committed to a ceasefire, even after its long-time rival Islamic Jihad continued carrying out attacks.

While the Fatah's forefathers lived in high style in Tunisia, what would become Hamas remained in Palestine building schools, setting up hospitals and like the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, doing all the things the government didn't do to improve the lives of Palestinians. Unlike the upper society types of Fatah, Hamas is primarily made up of lower-to-middle class Palestinians. Their largest support base is in the overpopulated and impoverished Gaza. Who better to confront the corruption plaguing the Palestinian state than the very people who have watched for years their money vis-à-vis national income being siphoned off by Fatah? If anything else, the anti-corruption and reformist stance of Hamas won the party many, many votes, not wanting to push Israel into the sea.

Hamas does have a history as a terrorist group and this is a history that will plague them as a political power; however, in terrorism, especially ethno-nationalist terrorism, one must examine the conditions that produce such terrorism. The United Nations estimated that due

to the Israeli closure of the Karni crossing between Israel and Gaza, Palestinian farmers are losing approximately 500,000 dollars per day due to rotting crops. The World Bank reported that nearly half of all Palestinians live on less than 2 dollars per day, poverty created largely due to the affects of the Israeli occupation. Factor in housing demolitions, unemployment, illegal detainment, legalized torture, property seizure, discrimination, and the innumerable other injustices Palestinians deal with on a day-to-day basis and there one may find a cause — I repeat, a cause, not a justification — for the use of terrorist tactics by Palestinians. For Hamas to renounce the use of violence (violence is never, in my opinion, permissible), there needs to be tangible improvement in the Palestinian situation. Stop seizing land, stop building settlements, return to the 1967 borders, give the Palestinians the 50 million tax dollars currently being held by Israel, and most importantly, recognize that the roadmap to peace cannot be a one-lane highway built with high walls, but an equal two-lane road.

Israel has been hailed since its inception as being an oasis of democracy in a sea of authoritarian regimes. The Israeli leaders will undoubtedly play the terrorist card when refusing to deal with the Palestinians, but in doing so, what does that say for their so-called democracy? When, I must ask you, did democracy become so selective? Hamas is democratically-elected party, running on a platform appealing to the Palestinian people on many levels. It should have come as no surprise how well they succeeded. ■

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SPORTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Another lead squandered

Commodores lose six-point halftime lead, fall to Volunteers in Knoxville

BY JAMBU PALANIAPPAN
HUSTLER SPORTS REPORTER

Winning games on the road in the Southeastern Conference is hard enough for the Vanderbilt basketball team. That job got a lot harder for the Commodores on Wednesday night in Knoxville.

Starters Julian Terrell and Derrick Byars both fouled out as sloppy second-half defense and poor shooting plagued the Commodores in a 69-62 loss to in-state rivals Tennessee.

The Volunteers, who came into the game ranked 16th in the most recent AP poll, played a lethargic first half in which the Commodores looked like the top 25 team. Vanderbilt went into the locker room up 33-27 at the break.

However, the strong play of Tennessee center Major Wingate pushed the Volunteers right back into the lead at the beginning of the second half. Stifling perimeter defense by the Commodores forced the ball inside to Wingate, who capitalized by scoring 14 of his 16 points in the second half against the foul-plagued Vanderbilt interior line.

"I really thought our guys played hard and played well on the defensive end," said Vanderbilt head

coach Kevin Stallings. "We just didn't make shots in the second half, and shooting will come and go on you, but I really thought our guys competed hard."

Neither team could keep or build a lead as they exchanged baskets in what proved to be an exciting and frantic final five minutes. However, the Commodores had no response to Tennessee's steady free throw chances as the Volunteer lead swelled to nine with a minute left.

Tennessee capitalized on the Commodores' sloppy play, scoring 27 points off of 16 Vanderbilt turnovers. When Vanderbilt did manage to set up its offense, they were met by an uncharacteristically cold shooting night, going 4-20 from three point range. Super sub DeMarre Carroll led the Commodores once again with 16 points and 12 rebounds. Terrell had 12 points and 10 rebounds before fouling out, and Byars added 12 points of his own.

Fundamentals, like fouling and missing free throws, have plagued the Commodores throughout the season. The Volunteers attempted 32 free throws, compared to five for Vanderbilt. Tennessee guard CJ Watson was 4-5 from the line and finished with 11 points.

"Eventually the foul problems and the discrepancy in free throws just got us," Stallings said. "It was too much for us to overcome."

The Commodores did hold Tennessee to just 36 percent from the field and 4-18 from beyond the arc. Stallings, who was befuddled by the eventual outcome of the game, was whistled for a technical foul midway through the second half.

"I probably deserved one long before I got that one," Stallings said. "You've got to stand up and fight for your guys at some point. We out-rebounded them by 12, and not only that they had a lot more misses than we did. We hold them to 36 percent, we

Tennessee 69, Vanderbilt 62

Vanderbilt	Min	FG-FGA	3P-3PA	FT-FTA	O-D-R	A	PTS
D. Byars	24	5-8	2-4	0-0	1-6-7	3	12
D. Carroll	37	8-12	0-0	0-0	7-5-12	1	16
J. Terrell	19	6-8	0-0	0-3	2-8-10	4	12
M. Moore	28	2-11	0-6	0-0	0-2-2	2	4
S. Foster	37	3-12	1-7	0-0	0-3-3	2	7
A. Gordon	11	0-1	0-1	2-2	0-3-3	4	2
D. Cage	20	3-4	1-2	0-0	0-2-2	1	7
D. Nwankwo	16	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-1-2	2	2
T. Skuchas	8	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0
Totals	200	28-59	4-20	2-5	1	19	62

Turnovers: 16 (Gordon 5; Byars, Carroll, Foster 3; Terrell, Cage 1)

Steals: 5 (Carroll 3; Moore, Nwankwo 1)

Blocks: 2 (Terrell, Cage 1)

Tennessee	Min	FG-FGA	3P-3PA	FT-FTA	O-D-R	A	PTS
A. Patterson	31	3-9	0-0	2-4	4-7-11	0	8
D. Bradshaw	32	3-7	0-3	4-6	3-9-12	3	10
M. Wingate	21	5-6	0-0	6-8	2-1-3	3	16
C. Lofton	29	2-8	1-4	2-2	2-1-3	2	7
C. Watson	36	3-11	1-3	4-5	0-1-1	0	10
J. Smith	27	2-7	2-7	4-6	0-0-0	0	10
S. Asumnu	17	3-8	0-0	1-1	0-2-2	3	7
J. Howell	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	5
R. Childress	2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	1	0
Totals	200	21-58	4-18	23-32	1	17	69

Turnovers: 8 (Patterson 3; Wingate 2; Bradshaw, Lofton, Smith 1)

Steals: 6 (Patterson, Asumnu 2; Bradshaw, Smith 1)

Blocks: 2 (Patterson, Watson 1)

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Vanderbilt Commodores	33	29	62
Tennessee Volunteers	27	42	69

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shoot 47 percent...some of those things didn't add up."

The Volunteers hold a perfect 11-0 record at home this season and now lead the Eastern Division by one game over Kentucky and Florida.

Tennessee head coach Bruce Pearl was ecstatic over his team's victory and place atop the conference.

"This is the biggest win of the year for us," Pearl said. "The reason I say this is such a big win is Kentucky, Florida, Vanderbilt and Tennessee are all competing for the Eastern Division title."

"When you beat one of those three, it counts twice, a win for you and a loss for them."

The loss drops the Commodores record to 12-6 (3-4 SEC.) Before the season is over, they will host Florida, Kentucky and Tennessee at home. Vanderbilt's next game is Saturday at home against Georgia. ■



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Senior forward Julian Terrell posted 12 points and ten rebounds in a losing effort Wednesday night at Tennessee. Terrell fouled out late in the contest.

COLUMN

Quarterback Mackenzie Adams is in the game

BY JARRED AMATO
HUSTLER ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

After listening to Al Pacino's speech in "Any Given Sunday" three times, I chugged a Gatorade and put on my jersey – it was game time.

Well, it wasn't actually my jersey. It was a black and gold No. 30 jersey--which we all know is senior line-backer Moses Osemwegie--that I bought at the campus bookstore for 50 bucks.

But while the jersey wasn't real, the football game was; just not with helmets and pads, but with a joystick. It was EA SPORTS NCAA Football 06, a video game for

Playstation 2.

The opponent was real, too. I challenged quarterback Mackenzie Adams, one of the only freshmen to be in this year's game, to play me Wednesday night.

How good of a "gamer" is he?

"Well, I am the Vaughn champion and the Stapleton champion," Adams said. "But I'm just a little bit above average. I'm not great."

Adams didn't want to admit it, but I knew he thought he was going to destroy me, so I made the game a little more interesting. It was going to be a simulated version of next year's season opener: Vanderbilt at Michigan.

No more No. 6--that's Jay Cutler--at quarterback, who's rated an 89 in the game. Adams was going to play against me with himself behind center, although I did allow him to improve his rating to a 76.

Adams never dreamed of seeing himself in a video game, but here he was playing against the Wolverines in "The Big House."

In the actual game, Vanderbilt took an early 7-0 lead when Adams connected with No. 13, senior Jason Burns, for a 12-yard touchdown.

After Osemwegie sacked Michigan quarterback No. 7, sophomore Chad Henne, on the Wolverines' own goal

line, the game looked like it was going to get ugly. But, on the next play, Henne threw a record-setting 100-yard pass to No. 8, senior Jason Avant, to tie the game at seven.

Trailing 21-14, Henne threw a 69-yard touchdown pass to Avant with one second left in the half. On the ensuing kickoff, Vanderbilt fumbled and Michigan returned for a touchdown.

The Commodores had to be thinking, "Here we go again."

But, to their credit, they didn't crumble. After set-

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MEN'S SOCCER

Coach looks to defy odds once again

BY JORDAN MAMORSKY
HUSTLER MANAGING EDITOR

In 2003, an assistant coach from Southern Methodist University came to Vanderbilt University with a goal. Coming to a school that was known for its academics, not its men's soccer team, head coach Tim McClements strived to resurrect a program that had perennially struggled.

Three years ago, McClements dropped his bags in Nashville fresh off a quarterfinal appearance in the NCAA tournament with no. 1 ranked SMU. The coach had come from one of the best soccer programs in the country to a project, at best.

"In that role as an assistant (at SMU) there were opportunities for me to move on," McClements said. "The main thing for me was to find a school that had a strong name and that had a strong commitment, not necessarily to where they were, but to the potential of what the program could be."

Indeed, part of the reason McClements chose to coach at Vanderbilt was the school's commitment to a men's soccer program. At the time Vanderbilt had assured McClements that they too wanted to raise the program to national prominence.

"When I looked at Vanderbilt, the things they were doing for the program, the fields, the stadium, they were just starting to do those things to make the move to be nationally competitive," McClements said. "I thought it was a great opportunity for me to get in on the ground floor, come in and work on changing and building the program."

A winner as a player and coach, McClements sought to bring a new attitude to a squad that had historically struggled in the competitive Missouri Valley Conference. Armed with a meager 2.1 scholarship allotment, McClements knew the task would be difficult.

"When I came in, it was obviously going to be a building process," McClements said. "We were only allotted 2.1 scholarships, and you know that was obviously difficult to deal with--but when I looked at it, I knew they were enough things that could get me through the first few years, to head us in the right direction."

Despite the obstacles facing McClements and the program, the squad enjoyed immediate success. In 2003, McClements directed an overachieving

team to seven overtime games, five ending in ties. A year later, the Commodores were 7-10-1 and had a new set of stellar recruits returning. In less than three years, McClements had righted the Commodores ship.

"We just started working, we started working on bringing in the best players that we could," McClements said. "The kids that I've had here are great kids. I think that we just worked hard and brought in great student athletes."

With all the cards stacked against a successful men's soccer program--the lack of funds, the strong competition in the MVC, McClements had found a way to win. In 2005 he won MVC coach of the year honors, while the team finished with a 9-7 record and nearly earned a NCCA tournament bid

Yet, for a team that had high hopes and optimism for the 2006 season, there is no more tomorrow--there is no way for McClements to finish the goal he had set for himself and the team in 2003.

McClements, despite the administration's decision to dissolve the soccer team, harbors no ill will towards Vanderbilt. He only worries now about how he will provide for his family.

"It's tough going home and telling your wife and kids that not only you don't have a job, but we're going to have to move," McClements said. "Where's that going to be? You ask, but you don't know."

For a coach that preached hard work on and off the field, McClements has always had a strong bond with his players. Even with the dissolution of the team McClements has done all he can to help his players plan their next step.

"I want the players to make the decision based on what's best for them and their families," McClements said. "My players are very smart. My players are great kids, at the end of the day they'll be successful."

There is no doubt that future success not only awaits Vanderbilt's men's soccer players, but also the coach that guided them from basement dwellers in the MVC to nearly receiving an NCAA Tournament bid in 2005.

"We need to move on as difficult as it is," McClements said. "Hopefully a couple of years from now we can look back on this and know that we moved on and have been successful."

While his dream of building a nationally prominent Vanderbilt men's soccer program has been all but extinguished, McClements will no doubt carry on this dream at another school with a new set of players, equally ready

to learn.

"The fact that there's not a program here means that it can't be here," McClements said. "We need to move on, as difficult as it is. All I can do is keep doing the best I can. Hopefully at the end of the day people will recognize that and I'll get another opportunity." ■



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Former Vanderbilt men's soccer coach Tim McClements was responsible for resurrecting the program. Now, he must search for another coaching position.

COLUMN

A strong recruiting class for Johnson

What could Bobby Johnson be doing these days? The last time I checked, no football games have been played since November. If I put money on it, he's prob-



COLUMN
ANDY LUTZKY

ably been sitting in front of his fireplace, with fluffy slippers and a plaid robe on, reading *The Vanderbilt Hustler* three times a week, and yearning for more on those dreary Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Well, good thing I'm no betting man. The period between the last game of the season and Feb. 1 gets pretty hairy and intense. That exact date in February signifies National Signing Day, when high school prospects all around the country can officially declare their intentions to play for a university. Before that day, all they can do is verbally commit to a school, which means nothing until they sign their name on that dotted line.

Like characters on an episode of "The OC," verbal commits sometimes change their minds at the last minute, and create drama by turning their back on their first love, sometimes leaving them at the altar on Signing Day. Even Vanderbilt had some drama this February.

As of Jan. 30, the University of Georgia thought that lineman Greg Billinger was going to stay home and be a Bulldog. He verbally committed way back in July. All within two or three days, however, the young lineman visited Vanderbilt and, after presenting Georgia with the proverbial "Z-Snap," offered his verbal commitment to Vanderbilt, which he backed up with a signing on Wednesday.

Billinger is what you'd call a "two-way" player, meaning that in high school, he played both offense and defense. Chances are, he'll end up on the offensive line, where his six-foot-three, 260-pound frame will excel once he hits the college training regimen.

Most of the onus of this year's recruiting class was on the offense, where for the second year in a row, the Commodores corralled in a nationally-recognized

quarterback. A native of Arlington Heights, Ill., Jared Funk carries plenty of hardware along with his accurate arm. He was named conference player of the year last season, while being named to the Illinois Academic All-State team. His high school coach said that Funk has a chance to be better than "that kid we sent to Northwestern a few years ago," who, for those keeping track, happens to be Brett Basanez. Basanez started all four years at the Big 10 braintrust, and led a Playstation offense to seven wins and a Sun Bowl berth against UCLA.

Now, imagine for a moment, playing cornerback against Jared Funk's offense. You break your defensive huddle to find that you're matched up man-to-man against a six-foot-two, 245-pound behemoth that has the agility of a wide receiver. You'd be envisioning the future of Jonathan Massey, out of Pascagoula, Miss., another nationally-ranked offensive weapon. Massey will probably slide down to tight end, even though he is a freak athlete; he was his team's backup quarterback and punter, and started at center on the basketball team. He joins another once-highly recruited

playmaker at tight end, Brad Allen, in what could be a very productive group of pass catchers for whoever plays quarterback in years to come.

How about more fire power? No problem. Vanderbilt reeled in two Tennessee Mr. Football award winners in Smyrna's two-way lineman Adam Smotherman and Murfreesboro's five-foot-five, 160-pound running back, Gaston Miller.

Smotherman committed back in February of 2005, before leading his team to the Class 5A playoffs. Miller played limited time because his team was ahead by so much, but in his little bit of duty, managed to rack up 1,938 yards rushing and an absurd 36 touchdowns.

Those are only five of Vanderbilt's 26 commitments. For the second straight season, Johnson brings in a class rife with size, athletic ability and versatility. The recruiting classes here get exponentially better as Johnson's staff establishes themselves more. With all this size and talent coming in—along with the great play of youngsters like Earl Bennett last season—the future is bright. Any armchair quarterback sitting at their fireplace could see that. ■



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Amato: Commodores top Wolverines in video game

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ting for a field goal on the opening drive of the half, No. 36, senior Andrew Pace, intercepted Henne's pass and returned it 55 yards for a touchdown.

Sensing that my chances at an upset were dwindling, I had to change up the play-calling. On third down, No. 20, sophomore running back Mike Hart, took a direct snap that caught the Commodore defense by surprise, and ran 14 yards for a go-ahead score.

That put the pressure on Adams, who finished 9-14 for 197 yards and two touchdowns. There was 1:51 to go and the quarterback was trailing by four in college football's loudest stadium in his first career start.

Using both his arm and his legs (he had nine carries for 94 yards and two rushing scores.) Adams capped off a flawless two-minute drill with 15 yard touchdown run to give Vanderbilt the lead with 33 seconds remaining.

The Wolverines weren't about to hand Vanderbilt the game. Henne quickly led his team down to the Commodore 25 yard-line with three seconds left.

Right before I was about to attempt the game-ty-

ing field goal, Adams called a time out to ice me. With a chance to go to overtime, I mistimed the kick and shanked it wide right. Just like that, it was over. I choked.

As disappointing as it was to come up short, Vanderbilt's simulated 38-35 victory over Michigan could be a good omen for what's to come next year.

"I hope that's how it ends right there – something like that," Adams said.

To earn that chance, Adams said he has been working hard this offseason to improve all aspects of his game, especially getting more comfortable with the offense.

"Playing in front of 110,000, I don't know how I wouldn't be excited," Adams said of the possibility of playing at Michigan. "Watching (Cutler) come up big in key situations and in front of a lot of people has helped me."

There's nothing more intense than playing in "The Big House," but at least Adams has already proven he can handle it.

But, I still want a rematch. ■

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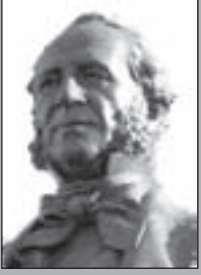
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