

CRIME



Police inspect a green BMW after forcing the car to a stop between two trees on Peabody early Sunday morning. Residents of West watched the event from the second floor balcony.

ROBERT PROUDFOOT/The Vanderbilt Hustler

Car chase ends on Peabody

Suspect eludes police for half hour before crash near West Hall.

BY RYAN FARHA
HUSTLER REPORTER

A car chase early Sunday morning in downtown Nashville lasted thirty minutes before the suspect was apprehended in a crash on Peabody campus.

The crash occurred by the volleyball court next to West Hall, the Wyatt Center and the Village at Vanderbilt.

South Precinct Police began pursuit of a green BMW, which was stolen in Shelbyville, Tennessee

a little after midnight on Sunday. The chase started on Edgehill Avenue and was terminated after 26 minutes.

However, a West Precinct officer spotted the stolen vehicle near Belmont University, and a second pursuit was initiated. The suspect, 33-year old Marcus Stewart, spent half an hour trying to evade police throughout the Vanderbilt area.

Sophomore Matthew Foust was present at Demonbreun Street to see Stewart's erratic driving.

"A car came around the corner, flew through Demonbreun, going 60 miles per hour with pedestrians walking across the street," he said. "He went around the circle, did a few loops, came back through, made a left, and went back down another street."

"He was crossing over medians, driving the wrong way up streets, and he ran into the side of one of those big police vans," Foust added.

During the chase, Stewart hit

three patrol cars and nearly hit two officers on foot. According to police, the vehicle was only going 20 to 30 miles per hour.

Police tried to spike the vehicle twice but Stewart was able to continue on his course, eventually driving into the circle behind West Hall.

When he realized that the circle was a dead end, he drove onto the grass, heading towards 21st Avenue. Several patrol units continued

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ENVIRONMENT

Work group developed to promote awareness

Students initiate program encouraging dialogue.

BY TANYA ALVAREZ
HUSTLER REPORTER

In an effort to create better environmental awareness throughout campus, Vanderbilt environmental groups have joined together to create a sustainability work group.

"We are taking ideas from other colleges to figure out what we want to do because it has to fit with what Vanderbilt wants," said Jenny Magill, President of SPEAR (Students Promoting Environmental Awareness and Recycling).

"The group was formed to create a sustainability dialoged at Vanderbilt; provide a forum for groups on campus to share ideas, information and resources and to act as a cleaning house for all sustainability related projects and initiatives," said Kristen Shepard, director of Environmental Health and Safety Management System and Sustainability Coordination.

Vanderbilt already has programs in place designed at benefiting the environment, like the MTA bus ride program, which gives employees the option to take the bus to work for free.

"We also hosted a computer recycling effort with Dell that collected 100 tons of computer equipment," Shepard said.

However, according to Magill, many environmental groups on campus have been completely disconnected, making it difficult to get much accomplished. This group will help by fostering communications between multiple disciplines and departments.

For example, Jeff Gowdy, the President of Net Impact Group from Owen was there, and the President of the Law Environmental Group Ben Dickson, was also there. If we just do things with SPEAR, we need to contact other groups to get permission for what we want to do. This way we are all in the room, discussing what each one of us is doing and figuring out if we can help each other."

"There are a lot of student, faculty, administration, and staff groups that are interested in sustainability," Shepard said.

"The sustainability work group is giving us an opportunity to communicate between these groups, and hopefully will make Vanderbilt a

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King Gee dances all night long



EVAN SCHLESINGER / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Chancellor Gee and his wife Constance dance amidst students at the fourth annual Chancellor's Costume Ball on Saturday night.

HEALTH

Breakthrough chemical found

HIV research conducted at Vanderbilt Medical Center.

BY BEN SWEET
HUSTLER NEWS EDITOR

There is a promising new weapon in the fight against AIDS, and it's a powerful one.

A chemical compound called CSA-54, which was recently tested at Vanderbilt by Associate Professor of Microbiology and Immunology Dr Derya Unutmaz, has been shown to

stop the Human Immunodeficiency Virus's ability to infect cells.

Unlike most treatments currently being tested which attack the virus only after it has infected the cells, CSA-54 works to prevent new cells from being infected.

"We have some preliminary but very exciting results," Unutmaz said. "This is particularly important as a compound that targets the viral membrane is likely to be effective against all strains of the virus, regardless of mutations as the viral membrane remains unchanged. The new chemical, devel-

oped at Brigham Young University, is still years away from the human testing stage, but it has already created widespread optimism in the field.

"This is a novel approach to stopping the virus infecting other cells," said Roger Pebody, Terrence Higgins Trusts' treatment advisor. "However it is very early test tube research and is many years away from clinical trials. We will need to see tests on humans before we can know its true value."

In the past 20 years, HIV has killed more than 25 million people worldwide.

Reporting from the BBC online contributed to this story

SERVICE

Vandy helps out Tulane student media

BY ASHLEY ZALESKI
HUSTLER REPORTER

In an effort to speed the Katrina recovery process, the Vanderbilt Student Communications (VSC) board is sponsoring Tulane's student communications organization.

Last Wednesday VSC director Chris Carroll and Assistant Director Jim Breaux traveled to New Orleans, donating 15 computers to the organization.

VSC contributed eight Macintosh computers, while also organizing ef-

orts to collect seven computers from Murfreesboro public schools. VSC also benefited New Orleans based Xavier and Dillard Universities, partners of Tulane's communications department.

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RITES



Courtesy of BEN FOLDS.COM

Ben Folds was announced as the main headliner for this year's Rites of Spring.

VPB announces Ben Folds as Rites headliner

Nashville resident creates excitement for annual event.

BY JORDAN MAMORSKY
HUSTLER MANAGING EDITOR

The Vanderbilt Programming Board confirmed that Ben Folds will be the main headliner for Rites of Spring, ending rumors generated by an on-campus prank that he was the headliner two weeks ago.

Folds will be Saturday's headliner and the last artist to perform in this year's festival.

"At this point all we can confirm is that Ben Folds will be this year's headliner," said senior Kevin Bielke, Bands Chair for VPB. "We will have a lot of critically acclaimed bands this year, we're really excited."

Sunday's announcement comes after a campus prank by the *Slant*, which had spread inaccurate rumors about the concert series, most prominently claiming that Folds would be Saturday's headliner.

Ironically, two weeks later the *Slant*'s prank was actually proven true. "We had an offer out before the whole *Slant* prank had happened—he hadn't accepted yet," said senior VPB co-chair Matt Meiners. "Within a week he confirmed, it might've actually been the day after. That's why it was so ironic."

The VPB harbors no ill will towards the *Slant* and even believe that the hoax helped foster more excitement for this year's concerts.

"I thought it was good because it got the whole campus talking about it and everyone thinking about Rites," said Bielke. "We got a really good impression from what the student body thought after the prank, it just stole our thunder."

Having to compete with a lot of other venues in Nashville, the VPB is pleased with this

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OUR VIEW

Read why the *Hustler* editorial board feels that the Vanderbilt Programming Board has succeeded this year by signing a headliner for Rites of Spring that is popular among students. See Page 6

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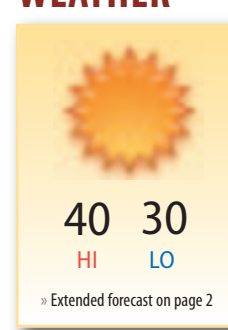
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Percentage of Americans who support monitoring — without a court warrant — some U.S.-based calls with suspected links to terrorists.

WEATHER



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day of classes	class days until exams	class days until Spring Break	calendar days to commencement

WORD OF THE DAY

RE-DOUBT-ABLE

adj. arousing fear/alarm; formidable; illustrious; eminent; worthy of respect or honor

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

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

- 1542 The fifth wife of England's King Henry VIII, Catherine Howard, was executed for adultery.
- 1795 The University of North Carolina became the first U.S. state university to admit students with the arrival of Hinton James, who was the only student on campus for two weeks.
- 1920 The League of Nations recognized the perpetual neutrality of Switzerland.
- 1935 A jury in Flemington, N.J., found Bruno Richard Hauptmann guilty of first-degree murder in the kidnap-death of the son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was later executed.)
- 1960 France exploded its first atomic bomb.

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FORECAST

TUESDAY
Sunny
High: 56
Low: 36

WEDNESDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 62
Low: 49

THURSDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 62
Low: 41

TODAY IN THE BUBBLE

Compiled by Lisa Guo

The Vagina Monologues

Writer and performer Eve Ensler created a one-woman show that speaks of women's bodies covering subjects often considered taboo, risqué, and threateningly empowering. This year, an all VU cast will perform The Vagina Monologues this Tuesday and Wednesday (Feb. 14 and Feb. 15) from 7-9 p.m. in Ingram Hall. This performance is open to everyone. Ticket sales are now available at the Sarratt Welcome Desk for \$15/person.

Love your lover week

Come by the Rec Center during love your lover week (Feb 13th - 17th) for free condoms, brochures on safe sex, or ways to say NO. On February 14th come to the TV Lounge in the Rec Center between 3 and 5 p.m. for Condom Bingo!

Dance Marathon

Dance Marathon is February 17-18 from 7 p.m. to 9 a.m. at the Student Recreation Center. Guest tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from dancers, at Sarratt box office, or at Dance Marathon. Dave Barnes, Who's Bad (Michael Jackson Cover Band), and several campus groups will perform! All proceeds benefit the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. Event volunteers are still needed as well. Visit www.vanderbilt.edu/dance_marathon to sign up to volunteer.

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

VUPD CRIME LOG

Compiled by Lisa Guo

There is no crime to report.

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

VSC: Former heads of Tulane student media bring aid, computers

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Carroll explained that the donation was well worth the cost. "We had them (the computers) and they worked...but to them it was like gold," Carroll said.

The Tulane student media organization was similar to Vanderbilt's, sponsoring a weekly student newspaper, a literary journal and a television station in addition to other publications.

However, after the Katrina disaster flooded the back of the narrow campus, demolishing the student media building, they relocated to an older mall about two miles away from the campus.

After the disaster, Tulane's primary student publication, The Hullabaloo, could only be found online. The printing company traditionally used by the organization had gone out of business.

However, last Friday, for the first time since last spring, the organization produced a printed edition of The Hullabaloo.

"I'm proud to be a part of a university that goes outside the community to help. We are so lucky here," Junior Martin Bahar explained. "I imagine every little bit helps."

Carroll directed Tulane's student media organization from 1987-1991 and Breaux followed in his footsteps about 10 years later. Carroll and Breaux remember being on Tulane's campus when students were asked to relocate.

Since then the New Orleans devotees tracked the school's recovery process through close communication with Tel Bailliet, Tulane's student media director.

"They probably could have made it without us," Carroll said, "but they were very grateful." ■

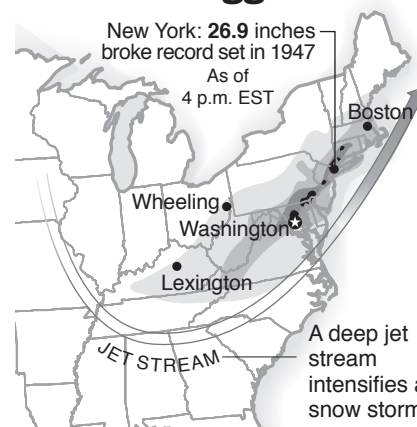
Snowstorm blankets Capitol Hill



CHUCK KENNEDY / KRT

Pedestrians walk along East Capitol Street near the U.S. Capitol, following the first major snowstorm of the season yesterday. Airports from Washington to Boston are shut down due to high, gusting winds and large accumulations of snow.

Cities struggle to clear heavy snow



Sunday morning's snowfall left towns crippled by the intense storm blown in by a nor'easter. The system threatened coastal flooding in New England.

Snowfall in inches
Accumulation ending Sunday, 1 p.m. EST

- 1 to 5
- 6 to 11
- 12 to 17
- 18 or more

SOURCES: National Weather Service; Weather Underground

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“It was really exciting. It was like a winter-wonderland; it knocked our socks off.”

— Senior Tim Dees, who is in Washington D.C. for a UNICEF Conference for Child Survival

SERVICE GUIDE

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Car: Chase ends with suspect apprehended, stolen car wrecked

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to pursue the vehicle.
Officer Mark Anderson blocked the vehicle from going toward West Hall. Anderson clipped the back end of the car, which ended up neatly lodged between two trees.

Stewart then got out of the vehicle and began running. However, the police apprehended him with the assistance of a K-9 unit.

Residents of West were woken up by the chase at around 2 a.m. A crowd of students gathered on the hall's balcony to observe the crime scene.

Jonathan Huddleston witnessed Stewart's apprehension through the window in his dorm room. He described the suspect's attempts to escape.

"He tried to get out of the car," Huddleston said. "He got out and started running. About 10 cops just jumped him, started clubbing him, held him on the ground, and tazed him. And that was that."

No police officers were injured

JUST THE FACTS

The suspect: Markham A. Stewart

Age: 33

Charges:

- Driving on a suspended license
- Outstanding warrant
- Theft of property (BMW)
- Two Felony counts of evading police
- Three felony counts of vandalism
- Five counts aggravated assault

Bond: \$229,000

during the chase.

Stewart was admitted to Nashville General Hospital after the apprehension. He was booked at 5:57 a.m. and is incarcerated in the Criminal Justice Center in Nashville.



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—Sophomore Jonathan Huddleston

His bond was set \$229,000.

After the chase, Anderson commented on the suspect.

"That guy was a nut and that's the official way of saying it," he said.

Residents of West expressed concern over their safety during the chase.

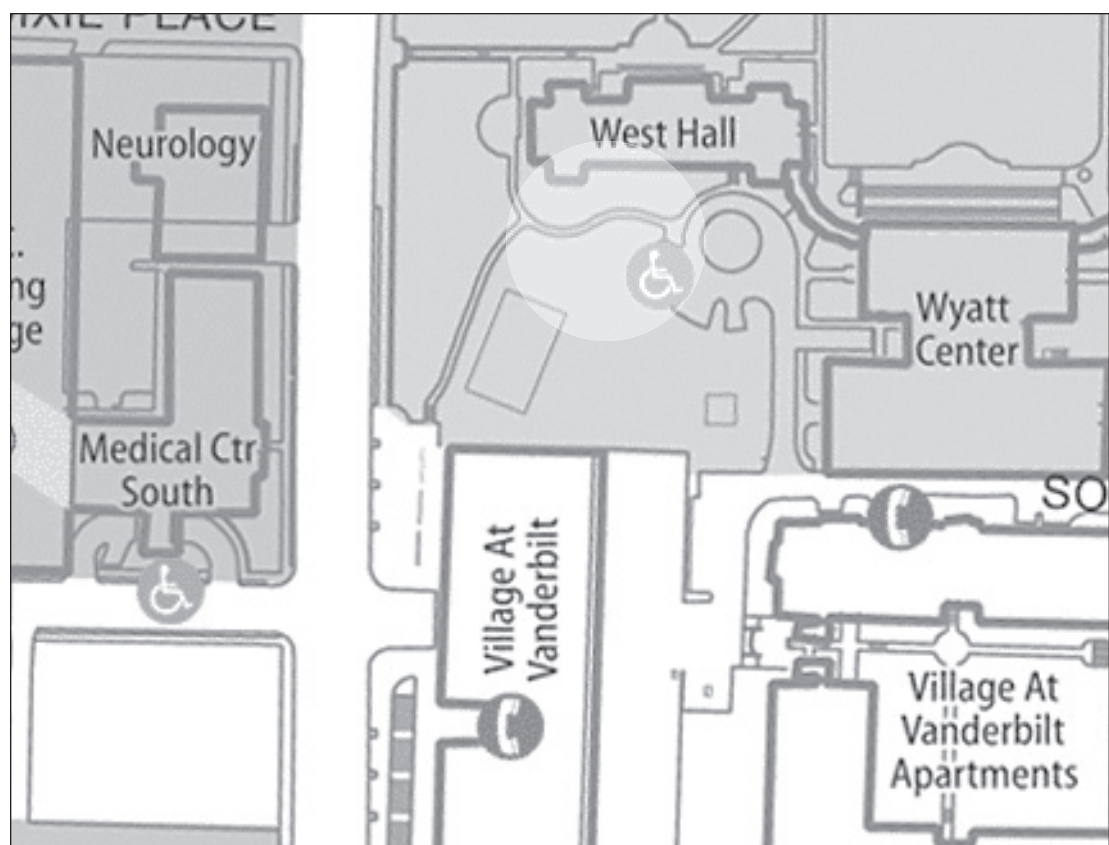
"I didn't know where he was going to run," Huddleston said. "I didn't know if he had a gun because the cops came up to his car with guns drawn."

However, Huddleston ultimately felt protected.

"After this, I feel pretty secure, because the metro cops were on it," he said. ■



ABOVE: The chase began in Shelbyville and ended outside of sophomore student dorms. BELOW: The circle represents the approximate spot where police finally brought the stolen car to a halt.



Recycling: Students push for 'green' campus

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more green environment."

Though students admit there are still challenges, they think this is a start in the right direction.

"We haven't figured out what a sustainable Vanderbilt campus would look like, but we are trying to establish that," said Jake LaManna, a member of SPEAR who

is part of the sustainability work group.

Harvard and Penn State are two of the colleges that already have a sustainability effort. ■

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SPEAKERS

Ashcroft speaks tonight in Ingram on death penalty



Ashcroft

BY BEN SWEET
HUSTLER NEWS EDITOR

Former Attorney General John Ashcroft will speak tonight at 8 p.m. in Ingram Hall about his stance on capital punishment as part of Project Dialogue.

This year, the Project Dialogue theme, "Crime and the Ultimate Punishment," was chosen be-

cause of its uncertain nature in society at large.

"We purposely try to seek out a topic that is in question in the wider community," said Gary White, associate university chaplain and chair of the Project Dialogue committee.

According to him, the purpose of the project, which has been in effect since 1989 on an every other year basis, is to get students and profes-

sors talking about issues that affect them and their place in the world.

"We have too many talking heads in this country that just keep screaming at each other," White said. "We want to stimulate conversation."

Accordingly, events this year have already included a trip to the Tennessee death row and

a theatre production, both of which drew large numbers of students.

The series will continue next Tuesday with a showing of Aileen Wournos' "Life and Death of a Serial Killer" and a panel discussion afterward with input from families who have been affected by the death penalty. ■

VPB: Folds finalizes performance date one day after campus prank

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year's choice for Saturday's headliner.

"Nashville brings a lot of music so it's hard to compete," said Meiners. "We're competing with the Ryman and other local venues for artists, we're really happy

with what we were able to do this year. He is a great act for our budget."

Folds is a Nashville resident and is a widely popular artist among Vanderbilt's student body. The artist regularly plays in the area and employs many different styles

in his music.

At this time, the VPB is not prepared to make any further announcements, only to acknowledge that Folds will be Saturday's headliner.

Yet, the VPB promises to have more exciting an-

nouncements to come, sooner rather than later, possibly later this week.

"Overall, we're really excited about everything," said senior co-chair Taylor Smith. "This year promises to be a great festival." ■

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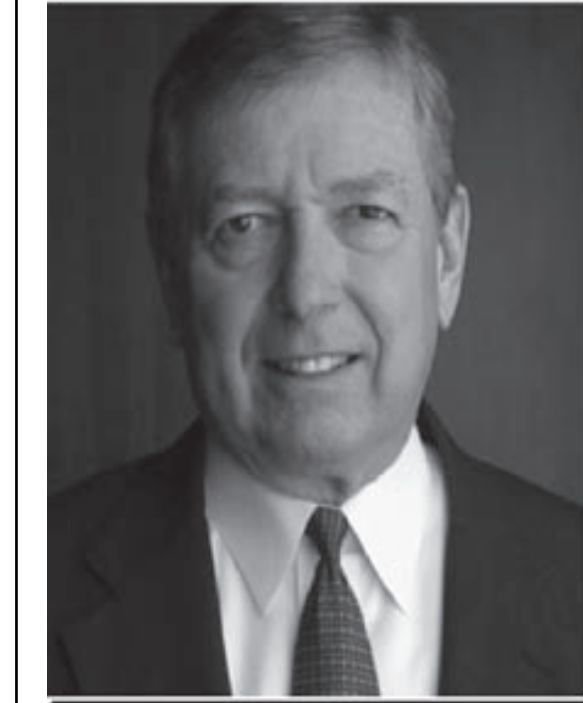
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SERVICE

Peace Corps recruiter visits Nashville area

Students given chance to talk with representative about foreign service.

BY LISA GUO
HUSTLER ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

A regional recruiter for the Peace Corps will be visiting Nashville this Tuesday and Wednesday for students who would like more information about volunteering with Peace Corps.

Recruiter and former volunteer Jean Kern will be at Borders from 7-8 p.m. tomorrow and Wednesday. She will also have a table at the Vanderbilt Consortium fair at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds, which takes place from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Wednesday.

Peace Corps is a federal program that sends volunteers overseas to work in developing nations. Aside from country development, the program's stated goals also include improving cultural understanding between Americans and people in other countries.

It requires a 27-month commitment that includes three months of cross-cultural, technical, and language training and 24 months on site.

"Peace Corps has a three month language and culture training program unparalleled by other pro-

grams I looked into, and I wouldn't have traded it for a shorter time abroad because only by learning the language and the culture can I immerse myself in Bulgaria," said Vanderbilt alumna Jennifer Garland.

Garland, who graduated in 2000 with degrees in Anthropology and Mathematics and then received a master's degree in paleoclimatology at Duke, is currently serving as an environmental volunteer in Bulgaria.

While the Peace Corps "doesn't add to your pocket, it definitely adds to your resume and makes you more competitive," Kern said.

She added that afterwards, "you'll never be the same."

"Just as you have been as a catalyst for change in another community, you come back with the tools to be a catalyst for change in your own community."

Vanderbilt alumna Toni Schneider, who is also volunteering in Bulgaria, agreed. "Being a volunteer has opened up my world view," Schneider said. "The Peace Corps allows its volunteers to be highly effective community volunteers in a way that no other organization has even come close to attempting. We spend two years learning about the cultural, political, and economical structure of our communities, and that knowledge allows us to create very real, very sustainable projects."

Schneider graduated in 2005 with a degree in public policy studies. She hopes to pursue work with non-governmental organizations

doing grant writing and project design after finishing her time in Bulgaria.

Political science Professor Mitchell Seligson describes Peace Corps as having a "huge impact" on his current career. Although he knew from high school that he wanted to find a solution to the problem of world hunger, it was the Peace Corps that gave him a direction.

"In the Peace Corps I came to realize that food production was not the problem, but it was the distribution of the existing food. So, my research began to concentrate on equality, with a focus on the peasantry of Latin America. Later, I 'scaled up' to the larger issue of democracy, on which I have been working ever since."

A direct reflection of that interest, Seligson said, is the Latin

American Public Opinion Project that he directs here at Vanderbilt.

Vanderbilt currently has approximately 16 alumni serving in the Peace Corps in places like Honduras, Ukraine and Niger and working in areas such as community services, environmental education and English teaching.

Since the Peace Corps' establishment, more than 250 Vanderbilt alumni have served, said Carolyn Kenner, public affairs specialist for the Peace Corps.

The Peace Corps was established in 1961 by then-Senator John F. Kennedy. According to its website, volunteers have been invited to work in 138 host countries since then.

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OUR VIEW

Ben Folds a success for VPB

The Vanderbilt Programming Board has announced its headline for Rites of Spring and has the student body as well as the staff of *The Vanderbilt Hustler* salivating.

Indeed, the announcement of Ben Folds was a major accomplishment for VPB as they have struggled to bring popular headline acts to the Vanderbilt campus in the past two years.

Two years ago, rapper Talib Kweli performed as the headline act. The urban artist disappointed the sparse crowd by performing for less than an hour, compared to an hour and a half performance the night before by the Wailers.

Last year, nineties band Hootie and the Blowfish came to Vanderbilt, only to see the student body mocking them (for their Wendy's song) rather than cheering them on for their musical talent.

Certainly, for the main headline act these disappointments is what the VPB strives to avoid. Saturday night should be the biggest show of the weekend and should accordingly have the biggest crowds. In recent years, this has not been the case.

In fact, the arrival of Ben Folds for this year's headline act gives the Vanderbilt student community something they have not had in the past two years: a Rites of Spring headline act that is immensely popular among the student body.

Too often in the past two years the VPB has been concerned with politically correct acts and creating a diverse amount of options for Rites of Spring crowds. This focus on diversity of musical tastes has often come at the expense of musical quality in the minds of many students.

There is no doubt that for almost every Vanderbilt student, Rites of Spring is the last time where they can let loose and relax. Before the crunch of exams, Rites of Spring serves as a time for the Vanderbilt community to forget about the stressed of their classes and enjoy the best bands Vanderbilt's budget can muster.

Surely, Rites of Spring should be the most anticipated event of the spring among the student body. Finally, by signing Ben Folds as the headliner, the VPB has succeeded in generating a buzz that has been missing from the Vanderbilt campus in recent years.

The VPB should be commended for a job well done and we all look forward to the new announcements later this week for what promises to be a great spring concert festival.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Immigration process different than portrayed in column

To the Editor:

So I read some freshman's editorial column about immigration in *The Vanderbilt Hustler*. If I could respond to him, I'd say:

Chris, get a grip. What makes you think illegal immigrants simply sneak through our borders without signing a guest book? Yes, some steal across the borders by foot. More, however, come in with perfectly legal visas. They come in with work visas. They come in with student visas. The fun begins when those who come want to remain.

Have you seen our immigration laws? They make the IRS code look like kindergarten reading. When my great-grandparents immigrated to the United States, they didn't need to hire an immigration lawyer. Today one does. "Give me your tired, your poor," reads our famed inscription. Do we really expect the tired and poor to be able to afford these pricey lawyers?

Let me explain reality. Recently my family tried to help a friend who is attempting to get a green card. He came to the U.S. on a work visa, which is expiring. We have been working within the law and have even been in touch with the office of a U.S. Senator to help us through the incredibly cumbersome process. Even the smallest mistake throws the immigrant back to square one. Our immigrant friend misread the fee structure and sent a cashier's check to the INS for

\$190. The actual fee was \$185. The INS kept the \$190 for a "processing fee" but returned the paperwork because the immigrant had not paid the correct processing fee amount. By the time snail mail delivered the letter from INS describing the error, precious time had elapsed, and our friend had to send another \$185 in overnight mail, plus apply online for an extension, costing another \$190.

Does the fact that our procedures are ridiculous give license for people to remain in the United States illegally? Of course not. On the other hand, too many people who are seeking to be legal become illegal because they make mistakes in a system that is a bureaucratic nightmare. We have seen families who have lived here legally for years make minor mistakes in the immigration process and then become faced with the decision of whether to remain in the United States illegally or leave their American-born children behind, return to their native country, and hope to goodness they can get a visa back again to restart the process.

"Give me your tired, your poor." Our deepest held values of compassion, humanity and the American dream are at stake. The suggested guest worker/amnesty program may not be perfect, but surely they are steps in the right direction.

Rev. Dr. Carrie Scott
Undergraduate Parent

Offensive words are always offensive

To the Editor:

Although not surprised, I was appalled by the graffiti found in a Stevenson Center restroom last week. It's sad to think such an ignorant person attends such a prestigious university. That said, I have a few reservations that must be expressed.

To white people and others: Don't say the word in the presence of an African-American...ever! I know you're going to say, "But you guys use it. Why can't I? That's a double standard." Although your argument is valid, you still can't say it. It will always be offensive due to the history of the word. You might also ask, "Why can't we let the past go? My generation wasn't the one that enslaved and oppressed your people." Once again, a valid argument, but one must look at the social and economic dynamic of the day.

African-Americans make up roughly 12 percent of the U.S. population but only about one percent of the nation's wealth, which means you are still reaping the rewards of the previous generations' racially discriminatory policies. No matter how you look at it, in most instances, we are still second-class citizens. I still can't go into American Eagle without at least two tentative eyes studying my every move. So, if you can't refrain from saying the word altogether, which would be preferred, say it in private as you've been doing.

To black people: Stop using the word...period! It's still offensive. Now, I know you're going to say that there is a difference between "nigga" and "nigger." According to what I was taught, the word "nigger" denoted an ignorant person and "nigga" is a term of kinship among our people. At one time, I accepted this to be true, but there is a flaw with this argument. If "nigger" denotes an ignorant person, anyone could use it to describe an ignorant person. Also, this argument that using "nigga" mitigates the word is completely wrong. If any non-black person came up to me and said, "Whassup my nigga?" I would still be offended. We can't own a word. That's impossible. Therefore, I propose that we stop using the word altogether.

Martiez O. Sanders
Sophomore, A&S

COLUMN

Closing American borders is not against 'founding principles'

McGeady's recent column on immigration was a pleasant departure from what most liberals usually write on the subject, as it mercifully spared us the "we are the world"

is an absolutely horrible idea for reasons that are too complicated to discuss here (I'll save them for later), but I don't really blame him for thinking this since he is, in all likelihood, a newcomer to the cause of immigration reform. The problem I would like to address here pertains to one particular line of his: "It would be wrong and against the very founding principles of our country to close the borders."

To be perfectly honest, I'm not really sure what our "founding principles" are anymore, but I do have a pretty good idea of who our founding fathers were, and the plain fact of the matter is that, while they might have made a few flowery statements here and there, on the whole they were pretty deeply skeptical about the benefits of immigration.

In his "Notes on the State of Virginia," Thomas Jefferson criticized the desire of some to increase America's population through immigration, asking, "Is this founded in good policy?" He argued that immigrants would bring their own languages and cultural habits and infuse them into American political philosophy, and thus "warp and bias its direction, and render it a heterogeneous, incoherent, distracted mass." Jefferson thought it safer to rely on natural increase, even if it would take longer, because then, "may not our government be more homogeneous, more peaceable, more durable?"

Alexander Hamilton (who was himself an immigrant from the West Indies) agreed with Jefferson on this point, despite the fact that he was on the opposite end of

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THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE

CHAD BURCHARD

and "let's have open borders" banalities that almost always seem to flow from the pens of the bleeding hearts. Nevertheless, there are serious flaws in McGeady's argument. He seems to think that the only problem with immigration is that much of it is illegal, and if we just increase legal immigration then everything will be ok. This

COLUMN

Students choose 'the bubble'

"Where everyone is too rich and spoiled to give a crap about the world." That is the definition of Vanderbilt on urbandictionary.com. This is, of course, a terrible and offensive website. It is too much

OPINION EDITOR

REEVE HAMILTON

like a bathroom wall in that it gives weak people an outlet to anonymously voice hateful sentiments and unfair stereotypes. Many people like to say that stereotypes are based in truth, and, while I think that is debatable, I have an idea of where the above one came from. After all, Vanderbilt students have a nice way of saying, basically, the exact same thing. They just say they live in the "Vanderbubble."

This separate world cut off and sheltered from the rest of society, the Vanderbubble, of course, does not exist. Vanderbilt University consists of over 6,400 of intelligent students with varying interests and viewpoints from all over the world. And that is just undergraduates; graduate and professional students make up another 5,000. The students alone are an amazing resource for interaction with societies beyond Vanderbilt's campus; and then, of course, there is the city the campus is in. Nashville is located in a city steeped in history, the capital of its state, with a music scene that is tough to beat. Community service opportunities, free news publications, and impressive art exhibits and theatrical performances abound, both on and off campus. There are more churches in Nashville than in any other American city per capita. All the opportunities to be active in the outer community socially, intellectually, religiously, artistically, and politically are all at the fingertips of the Vanderbilt student. Then again, University organizations do such an amazing job of providing intellectually stimulating activities, such as Maya Angelou's upcoming lecture, that one need not even leave the campus to actively engage in the world beyond Vanderbilt, though it is, of course, recommended. However, to take advantage of these opportunities requires action. There is no excuse for living "in the Bubble," other than by choice, by lazily resigning to the assumption that the Bubble exists and there is nothing to be done about it.

It is something of a self-perpetuating cycle. If we live in a bubble, then it stands to reason that all the opportunities Vanderbilt provides will always be there for us to take advantage of at our leisure. It might never even enter our thoughts that individuals exist

in the surrounding community that might be willing to pay money to see someone as interesting and important as Maya Angelou when she graces us with her voice from beyond the bubble. We might assume that, despite all the posters around campus, the reports in the newspaper, and the e-mails saying that tickets are going fast, the tickets will always be there. Thus, we might miss out on this great opportunity, further insulating ourselves from the outside world.

It is embarrassing for students to express shock that Maya Angelou, one of the most prominent intellectual voices on the lecture circuit, sold out quickly, especially after all the warnings that ticket availability was rapidly dwindling. When someone of Angelou's caliber comes to campus, the interested student should have the awareness to get a ticket as quickly as possible. To not do so boils down to just plain laziness. And then, having not taken advantage of the ample opportunity to acquire a ticket, to turn around and complain that one is not available comes off as, well, spoiled.

Simply paying attention and acting quickly can open up amazing opportunities. On short notice this year, a small group of students got to witness a free intimate performance by Béla Fleck and Edgar Meyer in the Blair practice hall. Prominent fiction writers Margot Livesey and Charlie Baxter have come and given readings on campus this year. George W. Bush spoke in Nashville a couple of weeks ago. Al Gore spoke at Vanderbilt a few weeks before that. John Ashcroft is speaking on campus tonight; if tickets are still available, go get one. Impact Symposium, which brought Al Sharpton, Ann Coulter, and Howard Dean last year, is coming up. Hundreds of students are doing ASB this spring break. In April, Nashville will be throwing a big Earth Day celebration in Centennial Park. Vanderbilt students are not separated from society; they are right in the middle of a hotbed of society's political, social, intellectual, and religious conversations and activities.

There is no reason for Vanderbilt to be perceived as it is on urbandictionary.com. They should be seen as important participants in the world rather than people that are "too rich to give a crap." So much of the truly important dialogue in the world is going on all around this campus, that to miss out on it truly requires a lack of caring. If a person misses out on something, like Maya Angelou's talk, it is not the fault of the University or the insulated life "in the Bubble." It is the fault of the individual who did not care enough to participate in these activities when they had the chance.

—Reeve Hamilton is a sophomore in A&S.

AROUND THE LOOP

Were you surprised by the graffiti they found in Stevenson Center?



ALLIE FEDEROFF
Sophomore

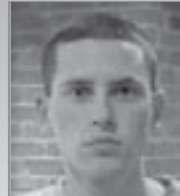
"While I find it offensive, I'm not surprised that these views exist on Vanderbilt's campus."



MELODY GOODEN
Freshman

"Not at all. I think it is something that plagues colleges across the country."

Compiled by Reeve Hamilton



JOSEPH HILLS
Sophomore

"Racial sensitivity is an area for improvement on campus."



ROY STONE
Junior

"At a school this big, you kind of expect something like that to happen. It's disappointing."



LAUREN SMITH
Freshman

"It is pretty ridiculous. I am ashamed for them and surprised."

Burchard: American story should be paramount

From BURCHARD, page 4

the political spectrum. He argued that "the opinion advanced in [Jefferson's] 'Notes on Virginia' is undoubtedly correct, that foreigners will generally be apt to bring with them attachments to the persons they have left behind." Hamilton believed that "the safety of a republic depends essentially on the energy of a common national sentiment . . . on the exemption of the citizens from foreign bias . . . and on the love of country which will almost invariably be found to be closely connected with birth, education and family."

George Washington was also in agreement. He made some public statements on how the United States should be a home for the oppressed, but in his private correspondence, he wrote that "my opinion, with respect to immigration [to America] is, that except of useful mechanics and some particular descriptions of men or professions, there is no need of encouragement." Benjamin Franklin was even more explicit. In his essay "Observation Concerning the Increase of Mankind," he commented on the influx of Germans into Pennsylvania, fearing that they would "establish their language and manners to the exclusion of ours." Franklin never got to find out, as the French and Indian War intervened and cut off all German immigration.

Whatever our "founding principles" might be, it seems pretty clear that our founding fathers weren't exactly keen on admitting the tired, the poor, and the huddled masses.

Were they right to be skeptical? One's assessment probably depends on one's definition of the word "assimilation." In our modern world, we are taught

to believe that one can just as easily change cultures as one can doff a T-shirt, but the actual process of integrating into a civilization is one that probably takes generations to accomplish. It is extremely difficult, for instance, for an immigrant to ever assimilate to his new country's past. It is one thing to learn about a nation's political and military history in school, but it's quite another to have ancestors who actually fought and endured it, and to have that heritage passed down to you in the form of family stories and heirlooms.

Even today, for example, I can't help but notice that for many of the descendants of the European immigrants who arrived here in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, the battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg have about as much meaning as the medieval battles of Bannockburn or Bosworth Field. On the other hand, when I once suggested to a friend of mine that it might be time for Southerners to "get past the whole 'Confederate thing,'" my friend (who has four great-great grandfathers who fought for the Confederacy and who recently became a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans) reacted viscerally to my comment and came pretty close to yelling at me.

My own definition of assimilation is pretty simple. I'd say it happens when an immigrant adopts the American story, and no other, as his own. When, for example, a Mexican immigrant sees the Mexican War as a fight that "his side" won. As to whether or not the new immigrants will ever feel the same way about the Mexican War as, say, my friend in the SCV probably does, I offer no prediction.

—Chad Burchard is a senior in A&S.

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SPORTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Dores hold on to sweep Cats



EVAN SCHLESINGER/ VU Media Relations

Demarre Carroll had one of his best performances in a Vanderbilt uniform Saturday, scoring 22 points and snaring 12 rebounds. He had double-doubles in both victories over Kentucky, getting 15 points and 11 rebounds in Lexington.

Commodores snap four-game losing streak, beat Cats twice for first time since 1973-74.

BY WILL GIBBONS
HUSTLER SPORTS EDITOR

Vanderbilt fought off a furious Kentucky rally, as well as 32 years of history, to take an 84-81 victory on Saturday ending its four game losing streak. It is the first time the Commodores have swept the season series against Kentucky since the 1973-1974 season.

Demarre Carroll led the way with 22 points and 12 rebounds. Derrick Byars had 17, along with 6 assists, and Shan Foster scored 16 points. All five Commodore starters scored in double-figures.

"Guys with lesser character and inner strength would have not shown up or would have panicked, Coach Kevin Stallings said. "We did none of that. We made mistakes with the press, but other than that 1:30 seconds we played a good basketball game."

Up 82-72 with just under 90 seconds left in the game, the remaining seconds seemed like it would be a formality. Yet, two Vandy turnovers, two layups, and a Patrick Sparks three-pointer later, the lead was down to three at 82-79.

A crowd of 14,316 held their breath when Alex Gordon had the ball stolen from him by Rajon Rondo at the top of the key with the Dores clinging to an 84-81 lead.

In desperation, Gordon grabbed Rondo after falling

to the floor, sending the Kentucky star to the free throw line after an intentional foul. Rondo, however, missed both free throws and missed a three on the ensuing possession. Ramel Bradley missed a well-defended three on the game's last play, sending Memorial Gym into a frenzy.

"Rondo made a great play to strip the ball from Alex (Gordon) and Alex reacted," Stallings said. "Unfortunately, it was an intentional foul. It was the right call. I told Alex after the game that that was the play that won the game."

In the first half, both teams shot very well, but it was Shan Foster's four three-pointers that helped Vanderbilt build a seven-point lead toward the end of the half. Bobby Perry, however, did not miss a shot on his way to eight first half points, as Kentucky pulled to a 47-44 deficit at halftime.

Vandy came out of the locker room at the same pace, scoring the second half's first five points and gaining a 52-44 lead. Kentucky fought back, and Patrick Sparks began to catch fire. The guard had four timely three-point baskets, the last one pulling Kentucky to within three points. Sparks had 12 second half points and 17 for the game.

"Every time we got back in the game, I'd hit and then they'd hit," Sparks said. "It was a tough first half. They snuck in and then they hung on for the win."

While they had a tough time defensively throughout the game, it was Vanderbilt's pressure at the end that did not allow Sparks to get a shot on the game's last play.

"We didn't want anyone to be open," Stallings said. "We were not to go inside the three point line."

The win pulls the Commodores to 4-6 in the Southeastern Conference and 13-8 overall and makes bleak postseason hopes look brighter. A team that has witnessed heartbreak several times this year, Vanderbilt finally won a game in the final seconds.

"Our previous experience in these situations clearly helped us," Derrick Byars said. "We showed composure in the end. It was very satisfying because we've had three to four close encounters. We stuck together, we made clutch free throws. We rallied at the end of the game, and that means a lot to us."

For Vanderbilt, being aggressive on offense was all the difference. The Dores took 19 free throws, and Kentucky center Randolph Morris was not a factor due to foul trouble.

"Coach preached to us to bring the fight to them, don't let them bring the fight to us," Demarre Carroll said. "We've been in close games plenty of times before and this time we stayed together."

Vanderbilt will try to make it two in a row when it hosts Florida in a critical SEC matchup on Wednesday night. ■

Vanderbilt 84, Kentucky 81

Kentucky	Min	FG-FGA	3P-3PA	FT-FTA	O-D-R	A	PTS
Perry	21	3-5	2-3	0-0	2-2-4	0	8
Morris	15	3-7	0-0	2-2	1-4-5	0	8
Sparks	34	6-15	5-9	0-0	0-2-2	5	17
Crawford	15	1-4	0-3	0-0	2-0-2	1	2
Rondo	30	3-8	1-3	2-6	0-2-2	2	9
Orbzut	13	3-3	0-0	0-0	1-1-2	0	6
Moss	28	5-8	2-3	0-0	1-1-2	3	12
Thomas	22	2-4	0-1	1-1	3-2-5	1	5
Bradley	22	2-5	2-5	4-4	1-2-3	3	14
Totals	200	30-65	12-27	9-13	12-16-28	15	81

Turnovers: 8 (Sparks, Moss, Morris 2; Perry, Rondo 1)

Steals: 11 (Rondo 4, Sparks 3, Perry, Crawford, Moss, Bradley 1)

Blocks: 2 (Orbzut, Bradley 1)

Vanderbilt	Min	FG-FGA	3P-3PA	FT-FTA	O-D-R	A	PTS
Carroll	34	9-12	0-0	4-6	5-7-12	2	22
Foster	34	6-10	4-7	0-0	1-0-1	1	16
Terrell	29	4-9	0-0	3-4	1-1-2	2	11
Gordon	26	2-3	1-1	5-6	0-2-2	4	10
Byars	36	6-12	2-4	3-3	0-5-5	6	17
Cage	23	3-5	2-2	0-0	0-0-0	1	8
Nwankwo	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2-0	0	0
Skuchas	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	2	0
Totals	200	30-51	9-14	15-19	7-20-27	18	84

Turnovers: 12 (Byars 3; Cage, Carroll, Terrell 2; Foster, Gordon, Nwankwo 1)

Steals: 4 (Gordon 2; Carroll, Foster 1)

Blocks: 2 (Foster, Nwankwo 1)

	1st	2nd	Total
Kentucky Wildcats	44	37	81
Vanderbilt Commodores	47	37	84

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Technical: none
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Vandy loses late lead, falls to Lady Vols

BY ALEKSEY DUBROVNSKY
HUSTLER SPORTS REPORTER

The Vanderbilt Commodores women's basketball team fell to their in-state archrivals, the Tennessee Lady Vols 70-67 on Sunday evening. Caroline Williams missed a shot at the buzzer to give the Lady Vols a sweep of the Commodores this season.

The loss came despite a strong showing by Commodore center Liz Sherwood who poured in 20 points on nine of eleven shooting despite having to match up with the vaunted Tennessee front line of Candice Parker, Alexis Hornbuckle, and Sidney Spencer.

Sherwood was Vanderbilt's main offensive weapon and the Tennessee defense struggled to contain the center.

"We were just setting screens for her like we do in all our offenses and she was just wide open," said Head Coach Melanie Balcomb. "Liz did a good job of finishing. Liz has been inconsistent inside, but tonight she went with confidence, and she finished, and she drew fouls. And that's what we've been asking her to do."

For the Commodores, Nicole Jules added 12 points, Carla Thomas scored 12 points and grabbed five rebounds, and Cherish Stringfield added 11 for the Dores, who came into the game riding a four game winning streak.

This game was quite different from the two teams' previous meeting this season. The Commodores held on to the lead for most of the game and shot 56.6 percent from the field. Tennessee also shot 25 more free throws than did the Commodores.

"It happens every time I come to Tennessee,"

Balcomb said. "If I had it figured out, it wouldn't keep happening."

A number of critical misses, however, defined the outcome of this game. Leading 67-62 with 3:48 remaining in the game, the Commodores could not find any opportunities in a tough Tennessee zone defense and gave up eight unanswered points to close out the game.

"They were making runs when they got offensive rebounds," said Balcomb. "That's when we were fouling them a lot, on their offensive rebounds. That was one of the keys we wanted to take away because that's one of their strengths. And that's one of the areas where we didn't do a good job down the stretch."

The game began in far different fashion for Vanderbilt. The Commodores were able to use stifling defensive

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MEN'S TENNIS

Commodores claim two home victories

BY FRANKLIN PETR
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The Vanderbilt Commodores captured two wins this weekend by defeating in-state opponents UT- Chattanooga 7-0 and Memphis 6-1, improving their record to 4-1.

Sunday's match began with a tough doubles match. After losing the No. 1 seed 5-8, Evan Defaux and Andy Mack team played a highly contested game eventually winning 8-7. Vanderbilt's second doubles win of the day came from freshman Nik Cromydas and partner Sachs. The pair defeated Memphis' Bryan Banker and Matt Brewer to clinch the doubles point 2-1 for Vanderbilt.

"I wasn't happy with doubles today at all," Duvenhage said. "We were very lucky to win the dou-

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MEN'S BASEBALL

2006 team defeats former greats in Alumni game

BY TAYLOR WATSON
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Although the weather conditions were not ideal, the Vanderbilt Commodores beat the Alumni team 6-2 in the cold and snow. The Commodores were lead by the strong starting pitching of senior Matt Buschmann who went six innings and gave up two runs and just three hits.

Buschmann's only rough spot was the second inning when he walked back to back men to start things off. Those walks came back to haunt him when he gave up a two out, two RBI single with men on second and third. No other alumni player got into scoring position as Buschmann finished with five strikeouts on the day.

The right-handed Bushmann showed a

good moving fastball along with a strong curve and slider that kept hitters off balanced all day.

Jensen Lewis, who was selected in the third round of the 2005 MLB draft by the Cleveland Indians, started the game. Lewis, who had a strong season in Class A ball last year, gave up two runs in his two innings of work. Both runs were scored in the second inning when freshman Diallo Fon, who opted to go to Vanderbilt after being drafted by the Yankees in last year's draft, hit a liner past the diving second baseman into right field for a clutch two out, bases loaded two run single. Lewis finished his outing with two strikeouts, two hits, and one walk along with the two runs.

Jeremy Sowers, perhaps the best known alumni player, pitched two innings without giving up a run. Sowers was selected sixth

overall by the Cleveland Indians in the 2005 MLB draft and was a huge success. After pitching in three different levels of competition (Class A, AA, and AAA ball), he was named Cleveland Indians' Minor League Pitcher of the Year. Baseball America's John Manuel was quoted as saying that Sowers' potential is to be a third starter for a team but that he has "a 10 percent chance or so that he's Tom Glavine."

Sowers, a lefty with an effective curveball, immediately showed off the pitch to Diallo Fon, who struck out swinging at the curve. Sowers did get in some trouble in the inning giving up an infield single to Alex Feinberg, a single to Ryan Flaherty, and a walk to Brian Hernandez. But, with the bases loaded and only one out, Sowers induced a double play when Matt Meingasner hit a line drive to the

second baseman. The next inning for Sowers was much easier as he only gave up a walk.

Freshman Nick Christiani closed out the game and got the save for the Commodores with a strong ninth inning in which he only gave up a walk. He finished the game with a strikeout on a hard fastball down the middle of the plate.

"It was good to play against someone else and face some really good arms," Coach Tim Corbin said. "The second inning was big, we had some good situational hitting and Diallo came up with a clutch two-out hit. (Ryan) Flaherty's homer to lead off the third then put us over the top."

Vanderbilt opens its season Friday against San Diego at the USC/Public Storage Classic in Los Angeles. ■

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MARGIE CURRAN

Women's Lacrosse Player



VH: How excited are you for Tuesday's season opener against Mount St. Mary's?

Margie Curran: I am pumped. We've been practicing hard and tomorrow is hopefully a start to a great season.

VH: What is the biggest difference between this year's team, ranked No. 15 nationally, and last year's team?

MC: We have more depth and have people who come off the bench who can do just as good of a job. We're also faster and more athletic.

VH: As a Duke basketball fan, what do you think of J.J. Reddick?

MC: He's just unbelievable. He's not human. I'm having a fun time watching him this year.

VH: BI hear today (Sunday) is your birthday. What are you going to do to celebrate?

MC: I'm going out to dinner and doing some school work. I love that I get to spend my birthday with teammates.

Dubrovensky: Williams misses final three

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pressure to break away to a 30-16 lead in the first half, but the Lady Vols reasserted themselves after a timeout and climbed back in to the game.

In their comeback, The Lady Vols attacked the basket relentlessly, and drew 22 fouls on the Commodore defense. In the game, The Lady Vols made 23 of their 32 free throw attempts, compared to just three made free throws on seven attempts by the Commodores.

Vanderbilt also struggled to contain Tennessee's Parker, who had her way with the Commodore defense for most of the game. Vanderbilt continued to lead throughout the game by pounding the ball in the paint, where they held 48-32 edge over Tennessee.

Vanderbilt's leading scorer Caroline Williams was limited to three points on one of five shot attempts, all three pointers that were well-guarded, including her last.

"I was looking for Caroline for three, but they switched out on it," Davis said. "It was tough to get the shot we wanted to."

The Commodores seemed to have taken the Lady Vols three-point shooting out of the game, as they forced Tennessee into missing their first five long-range attempts. But a critical three by the Lady Vols' Shana Zolman cut a seven point Commodore lead down to four, 62-58, in the closing minutes, and they eventually were able to complete their run and prevail. ■

Tennessee 70, Vanderbilt 67

Vanderbilt	Min	FG-FGA	3P-3PA	FF-FTA	O-D-R	A	PTS
Thomas	23	5-7	1-1	0-2	0-4-4	1	10
Jules	37	6-8	0-0	0-0	2-3-5	0	12
Stringfield	36	4-11	3-6	0-0	0-2-2	4	11
Davis	29	4-10	0-2	1-1	0-1-1	9	9
Williams	36	1-5	1-5	0-0	1-2-3	0	3
Risper	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1-2	4	0
Rogers	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0
Brockman	1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	2
Sherwood	17	9-11	0-1	2-2	0-0-0	1	20
Wirth	1	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0-0	0	0
Totals	200	30-53	4-14	3-7	7-20-27	20	67

Turnovers: 19 (Williams 6; Thomas 4; Jules, Stringfield, Davis, Risper 2, Rogers 1)
Steals: 5 (Thomas, Jules, Stringfield, Rogers, Sherwood 1) Blocks: 1 (Jules)

Tennessee	Min	FG-FGA	3P-3PA	FF-FTA	O-D-R	A	PTS
Spencer	24	4-8	0-2	3-4	1-0-1	0	11
Parker	30	7-12	0-0	5-8	2-4-6	1	19
Anoskie	30	0-5	0-0	7-10	4-3-7	2	7
Zolman	37	3-7	1-2	2-2	1-2-3	2	9
Hornbuckle	33	2-8	0-1	6-8	1-2-3	5	10
Moss	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0
Fuller	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2-2	0	0
Fluker	17	4-4	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	8
Dosty	5	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-2-3	0	2
Totals	200	23-49	1-6	23-32	10-18-28	13	70

Turnovers: 12 (Hornbuckle 3; Fluker, Spencer 2; Parker, Anoskie, Zolman, Moss, Dosty 1)
Steals: 9 (Anoskie, Zolman, Hornbuckle 2; Spencer, Parker, Fluker 1)
Blocks: 6 (Parker, Anoskie 2; Spencer, Hornbuckle 1)

	1st	2nd	Total
Vanderbilt Commodores	36	31	67
Tennessee Lady Vols	31	39	70

Technical: none
Ejections: none
Attendance: 12,377

Petr: Vandy beats in-state foes Memphis, UT-Chattanooga

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bles point."

Ryan Preston avenged his doubles loss by defeating his opponent 6-3, 6-1 in the No. 1 seed. Preston's doubles partner Jordan Magarik also won in singles, closing out the match 6-1, 6-2 against the Tigers' Tezar Putra.

Dufaux also had a tough singles match against Memphis' Michael Jetter. After winning his first set 6-3, Dufaux dropped the second set 3-6. The fierce competition continued in the tiebreaker with both players trading points until Dufaux finally got a break, winning 13-11.

Junior Andy Mack struggled in his singles match dropping the point 6-7, 3-6 to New Zealand native James Spence. The loss marked the first blemish on any of Vanderbilt's victories.

Vanderbilt's No. 5 seed Nik Cromdys defeated the Tigers' Garrison Pilant 6-2, 6-1. The win continues his undefeated streak of 5-0 in singles play.

Against UT-Chattanooga Friday, Vanderbilt earned the doubles point

with Preston and Magarik winning 8-3, and the Dufaux/Mack and Sachs/Cromdys duos taking the other two matches 8-6.

In singles play Vanderbilt junior Nathan Sachs was the first to finish, taking a win in the No. 4 seed 6-3, 6-1.

"It's nice to be in front of all of our fans," Sachs said. "The support really pumps me up."

Dufaux played a close No. 3 seed match, defeating UTC's Artym Vlasenko 4-6, 6-4, 1-0(7). Dufaux rallied during his second set to force a tiebreaker.

The Commodores took all six points in singles, with every match besides Dufaux' decided in straight sets. The wins included solid performances by No. 2 Andy Mack and No. 4 Nathan Sachs.

"Andy Mack is just so consistent," Duvenhage said. "You know what you can expect from him on a daily basis, he's really great."

Vanderbilt returns to Currey Tennis Center for their next match on Sunday, February 19 against Butler University, as they prepare for SEC play. ■

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