

FOOTBALL

Football player Logan arrested for DUI

Second-string full back suspended from team indefinitely.

BY ROBERT PROUDFOOT
HUSTLER SENIOR FEATURES REPORTER

Red-shirt freshman Zachary Christopher Logan, 20, was arrested by Metro Police early Friday morning for driving under the influence. Logan is a full back on Vanderbilt's football team.

Logan had no comment about the incident.

Rod Williamson, director of media re-

lations for Vanderbilt, said that Logan is indefinitely suspended from the football team.

"At this point, there are no book ends on it," he said.

Williamson said Vanderbilt could not comment about the student conduct of individual students, citing the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

"Student athletes have to adhere to the



Logan

are arrested for a DUI.

"The minimum penalty for driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs

is probation and loss of campus driving and parking privileges." Williamson said. "Team coaches may have additional policies."

The Student Handbook details the process for students who

are arrested for a DUI.

Walker Veal, Vanderbilt University Police Department sergeant, said that the VUPD did not make the arrest.

For off-campus arrests, an appropriate hearing officer or judicial body will decide whether the University has sufficient inter-

est for jurisdiction.

Logan was booked into the Davidson County corrections system at 3:47 a.m. Friday morning.

After posting a \$1,000 bond, he was released two hours later at 5:57 a.m.

Additional details of the DUI arrest were unavailable at the time of printing.

Debra Bowser, supervisor of Metro Police operations, said criminal records cannot be made public record until a court has

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SPOTLIGHT

Star Wallin wins 2006 USA Today top honors

Senior undergrad named to Third-Team All-American.

BY DARCY NEWELL
HUSTLER REPORTER

This past week, *USA Today* released its All USA College Academic Team, and once again, Vanderbilt has earned a place on the list thanks to a Wallin.



Wallin

Vanderbilt senior Star Wallin, an undergrad in the College of Arts and Science majoring in sociology and environmental public policy, was included on this year's Third Team in recognition of her scholastic excellence and commitment to affecting change outside the classroom.

The Academic Team is compiled by a group of 12 judges consisting of professors, editors of *USA Today* and members of various organizations (American Council on Education and the National Association of Independent Colleges

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STUDENT LIFE

Tulane students reflect after Vandy semester

BY LISA GUO
HUSTLER ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

After a semester away from their alma mater, Tulane students are settling back into their normal routine in New Orleans.

Spring semester classes at Tulane started Jan. 17, and about 90 percent of students have returned, according to Tulane public relations director Mike Streckler.

"It seems like everyone's re-adjusting fine," said junior Mindy Eads, who attended Vanderbilt last semester but has now returned to Tulane.

Many Tulane students chose to attend other universities for a semester when they found out Tulane would not hold classes during the fall due to damage from Hurricane Katrina. About 100 students enrolled at Vanderbilt as visiting students under the

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SERVICE



PETER TUFO / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Vanderbilt students strut their stuff at the fourth annual Dance Marathon. This year's event, which was held Friday night and Saturday morning, shattered the previous fundraising record and set more than \$112,000 aside for the Children's Hospital.

Dance Marathon breaks old fund-raising record

Event raises more than \$112,000 for Children's Hospital.

BY MONIKA BLACKWELL
HUSTLER REPORTER

Before the event started, some organizers for this year's Dance Marathon said they would be happy just to raise \$50,000, citing the hurricane as a reason not to expect another record year for the 14 hour fund-raiser.

When the night was over, they, along with those in attendance, had helped to shatter those modest expectations and set a new record of \$112,432.70 raised.

This figure is significantly higher than last year's \$100,696.25, of which about \$75,000 was earned through the Gavin DeGraw/Modest Mouse

concert.

The annual event on Saturday night filled the Student Recreation Center with members of the Vanderbilt community eager to get involved and have a good time. In addition to dancing, singing, and entertainment of various sorts, those who came could listen to the stories of families directly affected by the money raised at Dance Marathon.

Beth Huth, mother of 8-year-old Hannah Huth, and her family have come to Dance Marathon since it first started 4 years ago. When she was 3 years old, Hannah was diagnosed with a type of brain tumor called

Craniopharyngioma. As a result of the tumor, Hannah has lost a portion of her pituitary gland and has developed a rare form of diabetes.

Huth explained that the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt is one of two hospitals in the United States able to perform the type of pediatric surgery that Hannah needed, and Hannah's condition has improved greatly as a result of her years of treatment at the children's hospital.

"Having events like this not only raise money, they allow children who go through the things they do to feel

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COLLEGE HALLS

Students to help with Commons planning

BY RYAN FARHA
HUSTLER FEATURES REPORTER

The Common Ground Executive Board is expanding its role as a representative of students for the College Halls at Vanderbilt project.

The board is comprised of 14 student leaders from throughout the community, representing most major groups on campus. Members are appointed by their respective organizations to serve on the board.

The CGEB started last spring as a joint committee of students in SGA and Interhall who would plan for the Commons and ensure that current students benefit from

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College Halls A series
• Look forward to our continuing coverage of the changing face of Vanderbilt.

CGEB Members

SGA	Graham Thompson
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At-large	Natalia Sanchez

STUDENT LIFE

'Heads' take on 'Feds' in tonight's debate

Discussion focuses on legalization of pot.

BY NICOLE FLOYD
HUSTLER ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Tonight, as part of Safe Spring Break Week and Mardi Gras Safety Week, the Vanderbilt Office of Alcohol, Tobacco, and other Drug Prevention along with GAMMA (Greeks Advocating Mature Management of

Alcohol) and CHEERS (Collegians Helping to Educate and Encourage Responsible Socializing) will present "Heads vs. Feds: The Debate to Legalize Marijuana."

The debate will feature Steven Hager, former editor-in-chief of *High Times* magazine and Robert Stutman,

Heads vs. Feds

- **When:** Tonight at 8 p.m.
- **Where:** Student Life Center Ballroom
- **Who:** Steven Hager, former editor of *High Times*; Robert Stutman, 25 year veteran of US Drug Enforcement Agency

a 25 year veteran of the US Drug Enforcement Administration.

Steven Hager served as editor-in-chief of *High Times* from 1988 to 2003, and is also the founder of the Cannibus Cup, a marijuana festival.

Robert Stutman, called by the *New York Times* "the most famous narc in America," has led investigations that have resulted in more than 15,000 drug arrests.

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OUR VIEW

The *Hustler* Editorial Board congratulates the Dance Marathon Executive Board for a job well done this weekend. This year's event raised a record \$112,432.70 for the Monroe Carell Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. See Page 6



Mario Moore

BASKETBALL

Mario Moore will return to the hardwood for Vanderbilt this Wednesday against LSU after taking a medical leave of absence on Feb. 7. Over the weekend, his fellow teammates defeated Georgia 72-55 in Athens. See Page 8

2006 WINTER GAMES

Medal count

The top-10 medal-winning countries as of Feb. 19; totals include 49 of 84 medal events

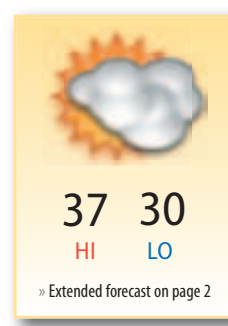
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Germany	7	7	4	18
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Austria	4	5	1	10
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WORD OF THE DAY

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n. person ignorant of large words; one who pretends to know a word, then secretly refers to a dictionary

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

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

- 1790 Holy Roman Emperor Joseph II died.
- 1895 Abolitionist Frederick Douglass died in Washington.
- 1933 The House of Representatives completed congressional action on an amendment to repeal Prohibition.
- 1962 Astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth, flying aboard Friendship 7.
- 1981 The space shuttle Columbia cleared the final major hurdle to its maiden launch as the spacecraft fired its three engines in a 20-second test.
- 2003 Fire broke out at a rock Great White concert at The Station nightclub in West Warwick, R.I., killing 100 people and injuring 200 others.

Compiled by the Associated Press

FORECAST

TUESDAY
Evening Showers
High: 49
Low: 42
WEDNESDAY
Showers
High: 57
Low: 34
THURSDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 53
Low: 34

TODAY IN THE BUBBLE

Compiled by Lisa Guo

Forum: "Forbidden Images & Free Press?"

The Vanderbilt Interfaith Council Presents a forum on the publication of satirical cartoons portraying the Prophet Mohammed and the resulting global protests. The event will be held today at 8:00 p.m., Wilson Hall, room 103. It is free and open to the public. Panelists will include: John Seigenthaler from the First Amendment Center, Professor Tom McCoy from Vanderbilt Law School, Dr. Awadh Binbazim, Adjunct Professor of Islam, Vanderbilt Divinity School. This panel will be moderated by University Chaplain, Gay Welch.

'Inter-Racial Relationships - Will You Take Me Home?'

OHARE presents the Closet Conversation Series, Part II: "Inter-Racial Relationships — Will You Take Me Home?" Come discuss thoughts and feelings on this topic tomorrow 7:30 to 9 p.m. today, in the Carmichael Towers East — Formal Lounge.

Run for SGA

If you wish to run for an elected position in the Student Government Association in the Councils, the Senate, or the executive positions of President/Vice President, you must attend two mandatory candidates meetings prior to Spring Break as the first step to qualify for candidacy. The meetings are Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m. in Wilson 112 and Tuesday Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. in Wilson 112. At these meetings, all potential candidates will be informed of campaign rules, requirements of each candidate, and all elected positions available. Please email sga@vanderbilt.edu with any questions.

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

Marijuana: Discussion follows debate in Lewis reading room

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The two men will share their ideas and viewpoints on the legalization of marijuana in a debate that Stutman hopes students will walk away from thinking about the subject and continuing to talk about it.

Stutman said that his main point in the debate will be that the legalization of marijuana would lead to many negative consequences.

"The system is far from perfect, but legalizing marijuana would increase usership five to ten times," Stutman said.

Aside from sparking conversation, Stutman hopes that the debate will accomplish several other goals.

"Steve and I are close personal friends," Stutman pointed out. "I want students to realize that people can disagree without being personally disagreeable."

Steve Hager could not be reached for comment.

The "Legalize It" debate will take place tonight at 8 pm in the Student Life Center Ballroom. Admission is free. ■

VUPD CRIME LOG

Compiled by Lisa Guo

Feb. 15, 10:30 a.m. — A student at the law school had her purse stolen after it was left on a chair at the law school cafe. There are no suspects and the investigation remains active.

Feb. 15, 10:45 p.m. — A resident advisor called VUPD after hearing a verbal altercation between two students. Neither student wanted to press charges. The case has been referred to OHARE.

Feb. 16, 2 p.m. — A laptop computer was stolen from a student's dorm room in Branscomb Quad, after the student had left his dorm room unlocked for approximately 5 hours. There are no suspects and the investigation remains active.

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

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Winter comes to Commodore campus



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As the first real snowfall of the year hit Nashville on Friday night, students were shocked back into the reality that winter is indeed far from over. The Central Library, above, seems deserted Sunday night in the wake of below freezing temperatures and the threat of more snow to come.

CORRECTION

In Friday's Athenian Sing advertisement the word "juggling" was misspelled. The advertising staff misspelled the word during the design process. *The Vanderbilt Hustler* regrets the error.

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VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Dance: Families share stories of changed lives

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special," said Huth, "It's truly tremendous."

Senior Lauren Poeling, the co-director of Dance Marathon called the event "something the whole campus can stand behind."

She and Nicole Rossi, the other co-director, explained that Dance Marathon is not limited to one night of the year. Students participating have been involved all year doing hospital tours to interact with families and meeting with morale captains.

Poeling and Rossi described the event as an "activities-a-thon" and explained that the only expectations they have for dancers are to raise \$200 each and to stay for the duration of the marathon.

"We encourage that you're up and moving," Rossi said, but added that this is not a requirement by any stretch. "It's a fundraising event and it's a fun event," Poeling said.

In addition to the traditional ways of raising money through ticket sales and outside donations, a new activity called jail-and-bail allows friends to put each other in "jail" and to be subsequently released upon procuring the appropriate bail donation. Kate Morgan and Kyle Southern participated in a round of the "campus celebrity" jail-and-bail.

"Dance Marathon has brought out an incredible and diverse group of students committed to a great cause...and all those who have put in so much work all year have to be proud for such a successful event," Southern said.

Kristin Torrey, the advisor of Dance Marathon, has been involved since the very beginning. Torrey noted the event's tremendous growth and explained that it is made possible by a variety of groups on campus. Some of the teams are composed of members from Circle K, Masala Sace, BCM, and even a few freshman dorms.

"This is my favorite event that happens all year," said Torrey, "I think it's really important that students at Vanderbilt realize that as good citizens it's important to give back with their time and their money."

Chancellor Gee, also in attendance, commented that Dance Marathon is a "significant opportunity to build community" as well as an integral "social and cultural part of the fabric of the community."

Though the students who remained at the Student Recreation Center for the entire 14 hours are no doubt exhausted, they are proud of their achievements and happy that this year's Dance Marathon was the most successful yet.

"The amount of money we raised demonstrates the students desire to help the children and families in need, and it's something that we should be very proud of," junior Brooke Cocklin, dancer and morale captain, said. ■



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More than 400 students, as well as a handful of student organizations and groups, danced the night away in support of the year's biggest fundraiser.

Commons: Board works for current, future residents

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the project. The group began to hold meetings this fall.

The board has no formal leadership structure. However, it operates under the direction of Howard Sandler, the associate provost of special projects.

Sandler sees the board as an important part of the project for both future residents of the Commons and current students.

"The goal is to make sure there is a student voice in all of the planning for the Commons as well as in the creation of programs that benefit current students," he said.

Sandler points to examples like The Scholar-Bowl, a campus wide quiz bowl event which will raise money for charity. The event is similar to the types of programs envisioned for the Commons.

The CGEB will also interview candidates for the Dean of the Commons, but will not be able to veto the final selection. The Dean of the Commons will be programming director for Freshmen Commons and will be selected at the end of this semester.

In addition to these duties, the CGEB is meant to be a medium for students to express their desires and concerns.

"I want this to be the voice of the students to the administration," Sandler said.

Sandler believes that the board will enable ideas to flow up, beginning with students.

"It has to be a two-way street," he said. "We can't just use students to spread information and then not listen to them."

The SGA representative on the CGEB, Graham Thompson, believes that students need to utilize the committee as a way to voice their opinions.

"You can take as much of a role as you want," Thompson said. "You don't have to be the president of a major organization to get things done. All it takes is an e-mail or a phone call."

Sandler said the CGEB is effective because of its inclusion of leaders from all parts of Vanderbilt.

"When faculty and administration really want to get advice from a wide range of student leaders, this is the place to do it," he said.

Sandler sees the board as a long-term component of the Vanderbilt community.

"I think this will be a permanent part of the landscape," he said. "It will be a part of the university that's been missing." ■



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Tulane: After Nashville semester, students begin task of rebuilding

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division of unclassified students. Eads, who is a Nashville native, said that her Vanderbilt experience last semester was "great. Not everyone gets to experience another school for a semester."

Eads also said that she settled into the social scene on campus fairly quickly, despite being "shaken" from the experience.

"I definitely took advantage of the party scene. It was great to see what kind of things [Vanderbilt students] do for fun."

Other Tulane students also noted the warmth of the Vanderbilt community.

"Everyone was friendly and tried to help me have a good time. I missed my Tulane friends of course, but it was good to meet

a lot of other friends too," said sophomore Ryan Nevin, another student who attended Vanderbilt after Tulane was closed.

"The students and faculty were incredibly helpful and accommodating in every way," said senior Emre Albayrak. "I was also very impressed with the amount of activities offered to the students."

"If I had to do it over again I'd definitely apply to Vanderbilt as well," Albayrak said.

Some students did say they regretted not taking full advantage of their time at Vanderbilt. "In hindsight, I would have liked to taken more advantages of (academic) things that Vandy offers," said Eads. "We didn't apply ourselves academically because we were taking classes pass/fail."

Despite the setback in the academic year, things seem to be coming back together at Tulane.

"There is a lot of energy and enthusiasm, and students are taking part in community service projects every weekend painting schools and cleaning up debris," said Streckler.

"There's also a lot of settling into regular college life - hanging out, going to class; that's nice to see," he added. "The campus looks great."

"To be honest, I don't know a single person, even an acquaintance, that didn't return," she said. "The teachers are doing a great job of incorporating our experiences into our classes to help us adjust, and not just act like last semester never happened," Eads said. ■

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Wallin: Sisters both achieve national honors

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and Universities, to name a few).
"Star is an academic superstar and is richly deserving of the honor she is receiving," said Richard McCarty, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Wallin was also honored on USA Today's similar list in recognition of high school students in 2002. She attended Hattisburg High School in Picayune, Mississippi, where she was the environmental club president and founded Project CARE (a student organization collecting grants of more than \$10,000 to help humans and animals in need), all while maintaining a 4.0 grade point average.

Furthermore, Star's older sister Amber, who was an elementary and special education major at the Peabody College and graduated in 2004, was honored by USA Today in 2004, claiming a spot on the First Team.

Karen Campbell, a professor of hers in the sociology department, believes that Wallin merits this recognition not only for her academic success but also for her efforts to create change. "Star is strongly committed and willing to work hard both to be an excellent student and to be an effective agent for change in the world; that is a powerful combination," Campbell said.

During her time at Vanderbilt, Wallin has worked in hopes of raising awareness of the environment and promoting good recycling habits among students. She is one of the "core leaders" of the on-campus organization Students Promoting Environmental Awareness and Recycling (SPEAR).

"I think SPEAR is one of the most dynamic groups of really passionate students on campus," says Wallin. "We try to take a very holistic approach to environmental issues - emphasizing the importance of individual's daily choices."

Some of the group's notable achievements are the founding of an educational program for incoming freshmen about the importance of recycling, and most recently, creating a resolution for the construction of the new residential college system.

However, Wallin's participation in Vanderbilt organizations spans far beyond her work with SPEAR. Wallin is an Ingram Scholar and also spends her time on campus as an outdoors instructor for Wilskills.

In addition, she serves as both the SGAs Envi-

ronmental Affairs Committee Chair, and Chair of the Speaker's Committee, who is bringing Maya Angelou to Vanderbilt later this month.

"Star is a highly accomplished individual who has successfully integrated her personal and academic missions," said Wallin's sociology advisor, Daniel Cornfield. "She is passionate about promoting the welfare of humanity, deeply inspired by sociology and public policy, rigorous and exacting in her analyses of social problems, and creative in the development of policy initiatives."

Wallin, quick to refute praise, believes that her greatest achievements are those that go unnoticed.

"I am probably most proud of what I consider to be a personal commitment to what I believe in - my every day ins and outs and my daily commitment to the things that I talk about," Wallin said.

Upon her graduation in the spring, Wallin will work in Washington, D.C. at a consulting firm.

"Following that I plan to go into public interest and environmental law, so I'll be going to law school sometime soon," she said. "Eventually, I'd like to work in the non-profit or public sector." ■

Logan: Other athletes have received DUIs

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resolved a case. A DUI, for instance, is a closed record until the case is resolved. Civil records, such as car accidents, are immediately considered public record once reported.

Don Aaron, spokesman for Metro Police, was unavailable for comment.

Logan, who played as a full back last season, is a red-shirt freshman. He played in eight of the eleven games and rushed for three yards on one carry. He was second on the depth chart behind full back Steven Bright.

Last year, Logan was charged with assault and aggravated assault for an altercation in an elevator with seniors Kevin Loos and Joe Goodell.

Logan's arrest isn't the first time a Vanderbilt athlete has been arrested

for a DUI.
Ryan Mullins, Vanderbilt baseball pitcher who graduated in 2005, was arrested for a DUI last spring. He was suspended for two baseball series or six games.

Abi Ramsey, Class 2005 alumna, was suspended from the woman's basketball team for nine games after being arrested for a DUI.

According to the NCAA Study of Substance Use Habits of College Student-Athletes, just under two percent of university athletes are arrested for a DUI violation. This student athlete survey was presented in 2001.

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OUR VIEW

Well done, Dance Marathon organizers

Dance Marathon began on Vanderbilt's campus four years ago, and since then, it has grown into one of Vanderbilt's most successful fundraising events of the year. Each year, Vanderbilt students put months of time and energy into organizing the event, which raises money for the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. The Dance Marathon Executive Board is primarily responsible for organizing the night, a series of events, performances, and activities that lasts 14 hours.

This year, because of Hurricane Katrina, event organizers had very low expectations for the night. However, their original goal of \$50,000 was shattered this Saturday when organizers announced that Dance Marathon had raised a record \$112,432.70 for the children's hospital. This total also far surpasses last year's record of \$100,696.25, of which about \$75,000 was raised from the Gavin DeGraw/Modest Mouse concert.

Dance Marathon has enjoyed a success that few could argue with. Even in a year where only limited donations were expected, organizers were still able to break last year's record. We would like to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate Dance Marathon's Executive Board for a job well done.

The Children's Hospital is a hugely worthwhile cause and it is one that many Vanderbilt students love to rally behind. However, an event must be well-organized and thought out if it is to enjoy any measure of success, no matter how worthwhile the cause may be. The Dance Marathon Executive Board has done a great job of ensuring that their event goes off without a hitch.

Moreover, the Executive Board has kept the student body interested in their event by continuing to come up with innovative ways to raise money. This year Dance Marathon received donations not only through traditional means such as letter writing campaigns and ticket sales but also through inventive money raising activities such as the jail and bail.

We would like to thank all Dance Marathon organizers and participants for working to make the event such a success this year. As Vanderbilt students, we should all be proud to be members of a community that time and time again so selflessly helps other in need.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Columnist should engage in constructive dialogue

To the Editor:

I was exhausted after reading Christopher McGeedy's latest 800-word rant on the Bush administration's "horribly, ragingly terrible" performance and its attempts to "violate civil liberties," "exploit the American people," "smear dissenting opinions," "blur reality" and destroy "the fundamental ideals that America stands for." After I checked to make sure that the world wasn't hurling off its axis as a result of this spewing corruption, I decided it was safe to write a quick response.

McGeedy is absolutely correct that America is facing big dilemmas. Though his column offered no signs of solutions or ideas, it is reasonable to imagine that he would like to address and discuss these issues. Unfortunately, somewhere between his comparison of the NSA's wiretapping program to FDR's "internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II" and his insistence that we went to war in Iraq over "nothing," McGeedy seems to have lost his ability to participate in a dispassionate, proactive dialogue.

This is the dilemma of some people in the Democratic Party. Faced with the opportunity to connect to the moderates in America who don't reflexively believe that Bush is infallible or completely incompetent, such liberals often ostracize everyone not erudite enough to grasp their obviously correct views.

As if he's explaining something to a fourth grader, rather than to 51 percent of the voters in this nation, McGeedy lectures, "If you...hire a manager that doesn't know what he's doing, you fire him; you don't rehire him for another four years!"

Obviously frustrated that people don't seem to understand this, McGeedy makes honest discussion of the issues difficult by his loose usage of the facts. He asserts, for example, that people who have spoken against the Iraq war have been "silenced, criticized, slamed, dishonored, and disgraced."

While I have not seen any speech police marching through the streets lately, I am all too aware that no one has put a muzzle on Barbara Boxer or Ted Kennedy. Bush, in fact, referred to war critic John Murtha as "a fine man, a good man" on November 20, 2005. McGeedy goes on to claim that Bush ignored "opposing views when filling two Supreme Court vacancies." That's simply not true. Bush invited Senate leaders from both parties to a September 2005 meeting to discuss potential nominees, according to a Sept. 18 article by Debra Rosenberg in *Newsweek*.

McGeedy comes to the conclusion that he doesn't "respect" the president.

Without launching into a discussion on the necessity of McGeedy's personal approval, it is safe to acknowledge that in our free land, respect for the president is not mandatory. I hope that respect for our country, however, will oblige McGeedy to shelve the ravings and bring some ideas and solutions to his future columns.

Marty Pendleton
Freshman, A&S

Hustler coverage of Interhall elections was biased

To the Editor:

I am writing to speak out against the blatant electioneering in the recent Interhall election via and on behalf of this paper. Unfortunately there is nothing that can be done now.

In two of the past *Hustler* editions (Feb. 10 and Feb. 15), *The Hustler* basically turned its news and opinion pages into Donovan propaganda outlets. It is one thing to endorse one of the candidates, though I've always opposed the power the paper had to do so in light of it being the only paper on campus and the only source of news. It is an entirely different matter, however, to print a front-page article that speaks mostly to how great and qualified one former) of the other candidate.

Even worse is the action of Interhall

President Kyle Southern – as well as this paper for printing it on the day of the election – of endorsing one over the other. In my three years here I've never seen either an Interhall or SGA president endorsed on the day of the election not just as news, but also as a letter to the editor.

This was an obvious attempt to railroad Ross without any time for his campaign to respond appropriately and adequately. Unfortunately, nothing can be done now either way, but hopefully the journalistic standards of integrity, fairness and accuracy, which have been lacking in recent weeks and months, will be applied from now on.

Michael Wilt
Junior, A&S

SGA must take responsibility for its \$9,000 mistake

To the Editor:

I would like to encourage the Vanderbilt community once more not to take everything in print at face value. Kate Morgan's letter "Despite \$9,000 loss, SGA budget remains strong" stands tall as a shining example of political chicanery, but it's not likely to win any Not-Deflecting-Responsibility contests anytime soon. Yes, the contract was signed two years ago by a previous administration. So why, Kate, did you not budget your funding around it? What excuse could you possibly have for allowing your unallotted fund, which should be co-sponsoring events which benefit the community as a whole, not SGA get-togethers, to get down to \$200 less than three-quarters of the way through the year? I suppose when you can just go beg more money from Student Life to sponsor your mechanical bulls you don't have to be responsible, but I suppose we're a bit of a rarity in that we expect a little more from our elected leaders.

Meanwhile, even if we assume that the \$9000 was spent and nothing could be done about that, why didn't the SGA attempt to recoup some of said losses? Why didn't Kate Morgan send out one of those mass e-mails offering these cut-rate rooms to students? Everyone enjoys a night every once in a while of not having to shower in flip-flops; is SGA truly so disconnected from the student body that they did not see an opportunity when one almost falls into their laps?

In addition, Kate Morgan's letter shows that she fundamentally just does not "get it." We were not aware that calling attention to things she said and her own organization's minutes is "uninformed." Most people would call it "journalism." It may paint her and her organization

in a negative light, but that's because

in this case they deserve to be painted in a negative light. Kate Morgan should have chosen her words more carefully instead of saying "It will be a good reminder that SGA is not an ATM" (except for the Marriott Hotel, apparently). She should have come clean with her constituents and admitted that SGA screwed up, instead of blaming everyone and everything else, including publications which call for greater scrutiny into SGA actions.

I'm not even going to go into great detail concerning the huge self-contradiction midway through the letter in which she says "The money for our budget does not come from AcFee funds; it comes from Student Life, so our budget does not detract from money that could go to other student organizations" but then says "Secondly, our budget is distributed among our various committees at the beginning of each year, with excess placed in what is known as our 'unallotted fund.' These funds are used when an organization comes to us requesting money for an event co-sponsorship." Which is it, Kate? Could that \$9000 you spent out of the unallotted fund have gone to a deserving student organization in the form of a co-sponsorship or not?

It would appear that Kate Morgan's letter is more of a complaint that her administration was caught being irresponsible rather than an acceptance of responsibility and consequences, and that is a shame. That, Miss Morgan, along with blaming a natural disaster that is causing many people REAL problems for your budget mistakes, almost divine-right attitude, and lack of apology for both, is what is "immature."

Ceaf Lewis
Editor-in-Chief, *The Slant*

COLUMN

America is not an abstraction

Recently, the pages of *The Hustler* were once again filled with angry denunciations of something I had written, and while I almost never respond to responses, I felt that the sheer foolishness contained in Ventzislav



THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE
CHAD BURCHARD

Stoychev's letter to the editor warranted my making an exception.

His assertion that immigrants are serving in the military because they love America is not by any means a given. It could simply mean that they're poor and that the military is one of the best deals they can find. The Barbarians often fought for Rome because it paid well, and when Roman money started running out, they quickly turned on their former employers. He states that immigrants make up five percent of our armed forces. Very well. That means they are contributing less than half of their share of the population, which is around 12 percent (I don't know what percentage of 18- to 25-year-olds are immigrants or the children of immigrants, but I suspect few would disagree that it's probably much higher than 12 percent).

Leaving that issue aside, the core of Ventzislav's argument seems to be that being an American has much more to do with "ideals and beliefs" than history or ancestry. That is a notion that John Zmirak explored in his essay "America the Abstraction," published in *The American Conservative*, and was most recently criticized by Harvard Professor Samuel Huntington in his book *Who Are We: The Challenges to America's National Identity*. I strongly suggest that Ventzislav read both. The idea is basically that America itself is an idea, that it is the belief in certain abstract principles that makes one an "American." These principles usually vary depending on who you ask, but they typically include freedom, democracy, hard work, tolerance, a belief in upward mobility, free market capitalism, etc.

That is what Ventzislav means when he says that "the recent Guatemalan immigrant who works 20 hours a day and still goes to church on Sunday is an American" and talks about a Mexican immigrant serving in the U.S. army as an "American . . . despite his citizenship status." Of course, the problems with this definition ought to be obvious. Simply put, a nation is supposed to be particularistic and unique from other nations, while the values here described are by their very nature universal.

I'm sure there are plenty of Guatemalans living in Guatemala who work 20 hours a day and go to church

on Sunday, but does that mean they're Americans? Is the Indian computer programmer who believes in capitalism and democracy but is at the same time working to take as much of the global economic pie for his own country and away from his American competitors an American? Of course not. And just because you're running from death squads and America happens to offer you asylum doesn't mean you want to become an "American." Indeed, I can't help but notice that often the very first thing these refugees do is start lobbying our government to overthrow the people in their home country who forced them to flee, regardless of whether or not it would be in America's best interests to do so. Take, for example, the Cubans of Florida. If not for them and their influence in a key swing state, the silly embargo on Cuba would have been repealed long ago, and cigar lovers like my dad would be able to enjoy their Havanas in peace.

Being an American has always had something to do with believing in freedom and hard work, but once upon a time it also had to do with belonging to a particular people with a particular past, a particular language and a particular culture. One shouldn't dismiss the ties of history, or as Lincoln called them, "the mystic cords of memory," so easily. For example, there is a long and complicated history between white and black Americans in this country, and whites might well be persuaded to consent to Affirmative Action for blacks because they feel guilty over what their ancestors did, but it's much harder to persuade them to do the same for Hispanics, the vast majority of whom chose to come here very recently and, in many cases, illegally.

In short, you can't just base your national identity on universal principles. America is free and democratic. Ok, fine. There are dozens of other countries that are also free and democratic. Then what makes being an American so special? I am personally convinced that one reason why Europeans consider Americans so arrogant is that we drone on and on about how free and democratic we are, as if they were somehow still living under fascist dictatorships. But what other national characteristics are Americans these days supposed to talk about? Apparently, judging from the responses I got, they're not allowed to talk about anything else.

—Chad Burchard is a senior in the College of Arts and Science.

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AROUND THE LOOP

How will the Freshman Commons affect the Vanderbilt community?



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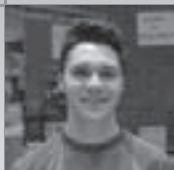
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Senior

"I'm leaving next year, what does it matter to me?"

Compiled by Reeve Hamilton

COLUMN

Solution exists for social security crisis

In Washington, there is an important issue that will eventually affect all Americans. Unfortunately, most politicians aren't willing to do very much about it. The issue I'm talking about is the looming bank-



THE RIGHT ANGLE
CHRIS DONNELLY

ruptcy of the Social Security system. Although President Bush has talked about his eagerness for reform, politicians instead try to do what is politically fashionable now by simply scaring seniors into believing that any type of change would leave them penniless. This largely explains why nothing was accomplished in 2005, when the president first talked about reforming the program. However, just because nothing has been done about the problem doesn't mean that a solution doesn't exist.

When President Roosevelt began the Social Security program in 1935, there were roughly 16 workers supporting every retiree. Today, due to the baby boom generation's just beginning to enter retirement, there are only 3.3 workers supporting every retiree. Official projections now show that by 2030, there will be only two workers for every beneficiary of the program. This is clearly a problem because soon the Social Security program is going to begin running deficits, and under the current system that is funded by a 12.4 percent payroll tax, the entire system will be insolvent by 2029, according to many projections. The option for fixing the problem that many people are talking about is simply to raise payroll taxes, especially on high-income earners. However, this is only a Band-Aid for a bigger problem, and tax increases would hurt the economy.

A better route to take would be one that would help all Vanderbilt students as we enter the workforce, and, although it is well down the road, eventually enter retirement. A plan offered in Congress by Sen. John Sununu (R-NH) and Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI) is an ideal way to help fix Social Security and put more power into the hands of future workers, us included.

First of all, to get the "scaring seniors" strategy out of the way, nothing would change for workers currently 55 and over. However, starting in 2011, the Sununu-Ryan plan would allow all worker to put 5 percent of the 12.4 percent payroll tax they pay on their first \$10,000 of income into a private account, and then place 2.5 percent of any other earned, taxable income above that into their account. Also, people choosing to participate in the account system would be put into a "life-cycle" fund, adjusting the portfolio of near-retirees into safe, government-backed bonds. This helps demystify the whole idea

that private accounts could cause workers to be "left with nothing" when they retire. The reason this plan makes so much sense is that it will allow workers like us soon-to-be graduates of Vanderbilt to invest in our future personally, instead of simply having the government do everything for us.

"So how can we pay for this plan?" many people ask. The Ryan-Sununu program would be accompanied by a measure that cuts the rate of federal non-defense spending across the board by one percent every year, for eight years, and these savings would be used to help finance the transition into private accounts. In addition, the short-term surpluses in the current Social Security system would be used to pay for the transition as well, putting the program into a temporary deficit. However, under current projections, the program would achieve permanent surpluses by 2038 and become solvent by 2051, just around the time the program would become insolvent if we did nothing to fix it (as I said before, the only option would be to raise taxes, and I don't think any of us want to pay higher taxes). What is great about this plan is that, according to Congressman Ryan's website, "under the Chief Actuary's score, workers would accumulate over \$7 trillion in their accounts by 2024. Wealth ownership throughout the nation would become much more equal, and the concentration of wealth would be greatly reduced." So in addition to fixing Social Security without raising taxes, this plan may also very well work toward fixing a problem that many people, especially on the left, complain about: the growing gap between rich and poor. Projections for this program show that, again under the chief actuary's score, the payroll tax could in 75 years go from 12.4 percent down to 5.18 percent, which would be the largest tax cut in U.S. history and a stark contrast to the suggestion we may need to raise the payroll tax to 20 percent.

Right now, there has been no action on this great piece of legislation, mainly because of the scare mongering going on by the senior citizen lobby. However, if you as a future American worker would like to increase your chance to have control over the money that you're putting into the Social Security system, as well more money saved when you retire, I strongly suggest that you call or write your elected representatives in Washington and tell them to support this bill. As the young people of America, it is in our interest to have these personal accounts.

—Chris Donnelly is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Science.

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I grew up an avid sports fan and nothing about that changed when I came to Vanderbilt. After almost four years here, I am still a diehard sports fan. Scratch that...I am now a diehard Vanderbilt fan.

I absolutely love Vandy sports. I can honestly say that I have attended at least one of every Vanderbilt sporting events (that includes both men's and women's sports). I proudly shake my gold shaker, sport my Vandy black and gold, and throw up my VU at every game.

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Commodores get road victory in Georgia

Vanderbilt avenges a earlier crushing defeat in Nashville.

BY WILL GIBBONS
HUSTLER SPORTS EDITOR

In a season that has had some heartbreak, perhaps Vanderbilt's convincing 72-55 road win over Georgia was redemption for the Commodores. Using a 14-4 run to open the second half, Vandy cruised to victory, avenging a shocking 75-74 loss to the same team two weeks prior in Nashville.

Leading the way for Vandy was swingman Shan Foster with 23 points. Although he missed all his three-point attempts, Foster used his athleticism to drive the baseline, as well as his mid-range shooting to lead the team in scoring. Demarre Carroll also contributed 15 points and seven rebounds, continuing his impressive play.

"Foster was a handful for us tonight," said Georgia Head Coach Dennis Felton. "He's got excellent size and can raise up over you at any time and shoot so he was tough for us to slow down."

For the first half, it was an up and down affair. Vanderbilt scored the game's first eight points, but Georgia was able to gather themselves and take a 21-19 lead on a Dave Bliss layup. The Dores, however, responded with a 9-0 run of their own, which was highlighted by a Dan Cage three-pointer, as well as a jumper from seldom used big man Alan Metcalfe.

Before halftime, Georgia was able to chip away at Vandy's lead to make it 32-28 heading into the locker rooms. In the second half, Foster came out hot, scoring 14 points in the first six minutes of the half, helping Vandy extend its lead to 12 at 48-36.

"They were playing me pretty tight," said Foster. "I knew once I gave them a shot fake or tried to get in the lane a little bit, I'd be able to make some things happen. It turned out great for our team."

A Cage three made it 15, and the Dores eventually built a 20 point lead at 66-46 with seven minutes left in the game. The Bulldogs cut it to 13 at one point, but Vanderbilt never looked back once it built a double-digit lead.

"It feels good to win like this on the road because these guys are good," said Vanderbilt Coach Kevin Stallings.

Georgia was playing without two of their best freshmen. Guards Mike Mercer and Billy Humphrey violated team rules and were suspended for the game, leaving the Bulldogs with just eight scholarship players. Facing a similar situation last year, Georgia defeated Vandy by 10 points, a loss that may have kept

Vanderbilt 72, Georgia 55

Vanderbilt	Min	FG-FGA	3P-3PA	FT-FTA	O-D-R	A	PTS
D. Carroll	35	6-12	1-2	2-4	1-6-7	0	15
S. Foster	34	8-14	0-6	7-8	0-2-2	2	23
J. Terrell	21	3-6	0-0	1-2	1-5-6	1	7
A. Gordon	36	2-4	1-3	0-2	1-1-2	5	5
D. Byars	31	3-6	1-4	2-2	1-5-6	2	9
D. Cage	18	3-4	3-4	0-0	0-3-3	0	9
D. Nwankwo	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0
T. Skuchas	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2-2	0	0
A. Hammond	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0
A. Metcalfe	9	1-3	0-0	2-2	3-0-3	0	4
TEAM					0-1-1		
Totals	200	26-49	6-19	14-20	8-26-34	11	72

Turnovers: 14 (Carroll 3; Byars, Terrell, Cage, Skuchas 2; Gordon, Metcalfe, Hammond 1)

Steals: 7 (Terrell 4; Gordon, Byars, Carroll 1)

Blocks: 2 (Foster, Carroll 1)

Georgia	Min	FG-FGA	3P-3PA	FF-FTA	O-D-R	A	PTS
Idrissi	24	3-10	4-9	6-6	0-1-1	1	12
Greavu	1	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0-0	0	0
Bliss	18	1-4	0-0	3-4	1-4-5	1	5
Stukes	34	6-17	3-8	0-1	1-4-5	0	15
Gaines	24	2-4	0-1	0-4	2-3-5	1	4
Newman	26	3-5	2-3	0-0	0-0-0	0	8
Toney	26	2-4	1-2	0-0	1-1-2	2	5
Brophy	31	1-3	0-2	0-1	0-0-0	3	2
Butler	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0
McAuley	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0
Singleton	11	2-3	0-0	0-0	1-1-2	1	4
Totals	200	20-50	6-16	9-18	10-16-26	9	55

Turnovers: 16 (Stukes 5; Bliss 3; Idrissi, Newman, Singleton 2; Gaines, Brophy 1)

Steals: 7 (Stukes 4; Brophy 2; Gaines 1)

Blocks: 1 (Idrissi)

	1st	2nd	Total
Vanderbilt Commodores	32	40	72
Georgia Bulldogs	28	27	55

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Vanderbilt out of the NCAA Tournament last year.

For the game, the Commodores dominated the glass at 31-22 and shot 50 percent while holding Georgia to 40 percent. With the win, Vandy avoided last place in the SEC East, and improved its record to 14-9, 5-7 in conference play. The Bulldogs are now 14-11, 4-8 in the league.

While it was a solid win, there was a brief verbal disagreement between Julian Terrell and Coach Stallings. When Terrell was taken out of the game, the two had words for each other and Terrell was thereafter on the bench for a long period of time. They seemed to resolve their differences, as Terrell started the second half and finished the game with seven points and six rebounds.

After hosting LSU on Wednesday, Vanderbilt will try to avenge another heartbreaking home loss when they travel to South Carolina next Saturday. ■



LEIGH AUERBACH/The Red and Black

Derrick Byars and Alex Gordon trap a Georgia player in Saturday's 72-55 win. Wearing throwback uniforms, Vandy ended a four-game road losing streak.

Moore to return Wednesday

BY WILL GIBBONS
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Vanderbilt senior point guard is expected to return to action Wednesday night against No. 25 LSU.

On February 7, Moore took a medical leave of absence, and he has missed four games since then. Doctors have cleared Moore to rejoin the team and play.

A preseason All-Southeastern Conference selection, the senior has had a whirlwind of a season. After being suspended for the first three games of the season, Moore made a game-winning shot against Oregon, but overall has not produced at the level he has in the past.

After averaging 13.5 points per game a year ago, he has averaged 6.3 points per game this season. He and sophomore Alex Gordon have both started games at point guard this season.

It is unknown when Moore will return to practice, or how much playing time he will receive Wednesday. While sitting out, Moore has still been present at Vanderbilt home games and has been supportive of the team.

"He's been the symbol of this program recently and just to see him cheering us on is great," said forward Derrick Byars after last weekend's home victory against Kentucky. ■

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Dores fall to Bulldogs

BY JAMBU PALANIAPPAN
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Georgia guard Sherrill Baker showed the Vanderbilt women's basketball team why she is considered the best defender in the nation Sunday afternoon at Memorial Gym. Baker was the catalyst of a potent Georgia attack and staunch defense and finished with 22 points as the No. 10 Lady Bulldogs overpowered the No. 22 Commodores 83-61.

"Georgia is extremely good defensively," said Vanderbilt Head Coach Melanie Balcomb. "Baker is probably the best defender in the nation. We weren't aggressive and we didn't stop their drives."

"We let them attack us all night off the dribble. On the other end, we just couldn't knock down shots."

The Commodores managed to stay with the Lady Bulldogs for the first ten minutes of the game, but a series of three pointers and pressing defense sparked an 18-5 Georgia run.

Vanderbilt had no answer to Baker as Caroline Williams, the Commodores' top scorer this season and best outside shooter, was zero for seven from three-point range in the first half. She did not make a field goal until the six-minute mark of the second half and finished with just seven points on 1-9 shooting.

The Lady Bulldogs led 43-28 at the half and came out of the locker room with the same intensity, opening the second frame with a 12-3 run.

Poor shooting all around beleaguered the Commodores, as they were three for 20 from three-point range in the game. This was extremely uncharacteristic for the top three-point shooting team in the Southeastern Conference.

"We're a great three point shooting team," Balcomb said. "You don't want to turn off that part of our game, but you want to be cautious when they aren't going in."

Conversely, the Lady Bulldogs peppered in a wide array of

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Women's tennis pulls off upset

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In a highly touted dual match, the No. 14 Commodores defeated the No. 10 Baylor Bears on Sunday. Both teams came into the match at 6-1.

Baylor boasts three players ranked in the top 100 by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, with No. 9 Zuzana Cerna, No. 17 Zuzana Zemenova, No. 80 Daniela Covello.

The Commodores' No. 1 doubles team of Maggie Yahner and Amanda Taylor finished first winning their match 8-2 against Baylor's team of Covello and Zemenova.

Vanderbilt's No. 3 team of freshman Courtney Ulery and Liberty Sveke held off a late surge from Baylor to win their match and secure the doubles point for the Commodores.

The No. 2 match was hard fought by both sides. After falling behind early 1-6, Vanderbilt's Taka Bertrand and Amanda Fish broke service twice before Baylor's team finished the set 3-8.

Vanderbilt won the doubles point 2-1. Head

coach Geoff Macdonald was very impressed with his No. 3 team.

"They had a tremendous win. They played really well and it was a huge match for them," said Macdonald.

In singles play Vanderbilt's Caroline Ferrell finished first defeating Iva Mihaylova 6-3, 6-0. The sophomore No. 5 seed never struggled in the match, improving her singles record to 4-3 on the season.

Vanderbilt's Amanda Taylor defeated Daniela Covello 6-3, 6-2 to give the Commodores a 3-0 match lead. Taylor's win marked her first over a nationally ranked opponent.

Sophomore Taka Bertrand, currently ranked No. 47 by ITA, clinched the match for the Commodores with her straight set upset over Zuzana Cerna 7-6, 6-2. After the tough first set, Bertrand pulled away from the No. 9 player for an easy second set win. The win extends the No. 2 seed's unbeaten record to 7-0.

"Taka did a fantastic job," commented Mac-

donald. "She's one of the toughest competitors I've coached."

In the No. 1 seed, Vanderbilt junior Amanda Fish fell to Zemenova, the 2005 NCAA singles champion. Fish played well, but could not overcome a first set loss to Baylor's top player, losing 4-6, 6-7.

Baylor won its second point in the No. 4 game. Vanderbilt's previously unbeaten Courtney Ulery lost her first match of the season to Klara Zrustova.

Vanderbilt freshman Liberty Sveke lost in straight sets to Zuzana Krchnakova in the No. 6 seed. Sveke's 6-7, 4-6 loss marks the second straight loss for the freshman.

Overall, the Commodores proved their team could play well against any opponent.

"We had a great win over the Big 12 champions," Macdonald said.

The Commodores continue dual match play on Saturday against visiting Rice University. The game will be played at the Currey Tennis Center at 9:30 a.m. ■

MEN'S TENNIS

Tennis team prevails against Butler

BY JARRED AMATO
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For the men's tennis team, yesterday's match, much like the weather, was not pretty. Nonetheless, the Commodores found a way to win, defeating Butler 6-1 at the Currey Tennis Center.

"It may not have been pretty, but they gutted it out," Vanderbilt head coach Ian Duvenhage said.

"This group of guys is going to leave it out there. I haven't seen them quit or go through the motions one time."

Duvenhage had high praise for junior Nathan Sachs, who won both his doubles and singles matches.

"Nathan and (freshman Nik Cromydas) really took the pressure off of us by winning quickly and

easily," Duvenhage said of their 8-4 victory over Butler's James Low and Eric Breitenbach.

Sachs defeated Bulldog Parker Ross in a close match, 7-6, 6-2, at No. 3 singles.

"I thought Nathan did a great job, after being down most of the first set, to come back and find a way to win in the tiebreaker and then beat (Ross)

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Late goal propels Virginia past Dores

BY ALEKSEY DUBROVNSKY
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The Vanderbilt University women's lacrosse team had a furious second half rally fall short against the University of Virginia, and the Commodores fell to the Cavaliers 10-9 in a cold and physical game at the Vanderbilt Soccer/Lacrosse Stadium complex on Sunday afternoon.

"There were a lot of lacrosse breakdowns that ended up making us lose the game," said Head Coach Cathy Swezey. "We didn't make adjustments. We'd make a mistake, and then the next time down the field we'd make the same mistake instead of learning from it the first time."

The ending to this match was similar to last year's, as the Cavaliers held the lead the entire match, and then held off a Commodore offensive bombardment led by senior Kate Hickman in the final minutes. Hickman finished the game with four goals on four shots, but she felt frustrated by her team's inability to get past the 2004 National Champions. Virginia has defeated Vanderbilt in seven consecutive meetings.

"I hate should haves, but his is one we should have won," said Hickman. "We definitely have the skill, we have the experience now, but we weren't putting things together fundamentally and that's what ended up beating us in the end."

Victory appeared within reach of the Commodores after they tied the game 9-9 on a goal by Hickman with 10:18 left in the match. The Commodores had two good scoring opportunities in the remaining minutes of the half, but could not capitalize on either one.

A foul committed by the Commodores close to their own goal set up Virginia's Nikki Lieb to score the go-ahead goal that made the final margin. After that goal, the final eight minutes of the match became a physical and slippery affair. However, the bitterly cold weather was not considered important to the outcome of the match.

"I wouldn't put weather as a factor at all," Hickman said. "It was kind of cold, but we weren't slipping too much. The ground was a little wet, but we weren't mentally blocked by it."

After Virginia raced out to a 4-0 lead, the Commodores responded by scoring four goals of their own within a five-minute stretch, two of those being scored by freshman Cara Giordano. A goal by sophomore Margie Curran with 19 seconds left in the first half cut Virginia's lead to 6-5.

Vandy dominated the second half by maintaining possession on the offensive and attacking the opposing net relentlessly. Coach Swezey marked that her team's inability to finish around the net was an issue that they would have to address.

"In terms of execution, we needed to develop and get better at the things that we were weak at early on," Swezey said.

This loss drops the Commodores to 1-1 on the season, but with conference play slated to begin next week with a match against the Penn State Nittany Lions, most of the team's goals are well within reach.

"We want to prove to all the people who ranked us number fourteen or number fifteen in the pre-season that they're wrong," Hickman said. "We want to be in the top ten." ■

BASEBALL

Baseball drops two of three

BY DREW GOODWIN
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The Commodores dropped to 1-2 in their opening weekend of play after falling to the University of Kansas Jayhawks in eleven innings at Dedeaux Field in Los Angeles, CA.

In the top of the eleventh inning, with the score tied 2-2, the Kansas loaded the bases off of Vanderbilt reliever Ty Davis and then scored the go ahead run on a sacrifice fly. The Jayhawks then added two insurance runs on two RBI singles by Ritchie Price and Jared Schweitzer. The final score stood at 5-2 in favor of the Jayhawks, but they will not come away from the tournament empty-handed.

"There is always something to gain from a loss," senior starter Matt Buschmann said. "We learned the hard way that when we get into the eighth or ninth inning with the lead we need to finish strong. Some of our younger players grew up a little bit during this weekend too. They had a few jitters to start with, but they definitely showed that they are going to be an important asset of our team."

On Sunday afternoon, as well as throughout the entire weekend, the pitching staff stepped up for the Commodores. Starter Cody Crowell had an impressive performance, pitching seven shutout innings. He allowed two runs on four hits in seven innings and made a statement regarding his importance as a pos-

sible starter.

"Cody was a red shirt last year, and now he is easily our most improved player," Buschmann said. "He hit his spots all day long, confused the hitters, and really gave us a good chance to win. We couldn't have asked any more out of him today."

Buschmann also pitched well in his start against twenty-fifth ranked USC on Saturday. In six innings he allowed two runs and scattered seven hits on his way to a victory. Vandy also dropped a 10-0 decision to No.9 San Diego.

The Commodore relievers also stepped up throughout the weekend. Relievers Stephen Shao, Tyler Rhoden, Nick Christiani, and Ty Davis combined to throw 8.1 innings while allowing only three runs on a measly eight hits.

"Our staple has always been our good pitching," Buschmann said. "It's something that we have always counted on and it's something that we will be able to count on again—especially from our relievers. Seeing Steve (Shao) and Nick (Christiani) mowing down hitters really gives the starters a mental boost knowing that help is always available from the bullpen. I'm excited to see what our staff is capable of for the rest of the season."

Vanderbilt returns to Nashville on Wednesday afternoon to face off against Tennessee Tech in the team's home opener. ■

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AMANDA FISH

Women's Tennis Player



VH: What's the best part of playing tennis at Vanderbilt?

Amanda Fish: Our team. We have a bunch of really fun girls. Being around them every day and working with them and the coaches.

VH: Did growing up in a small town (Scituate, Massachusetts) help you improve as a tennis player?

AF: If anything it made it harder. I had to drive a long ways to find good hitting. It wasn't easier, but it made me work harder.

VH: Explain to us your nickname.

AF: Oh, Nemo. Well, basically, my last name is Fish, and the movie *Finding Nemo* came out when I was a freshman. There's not much behind it, though I'm not really sure who gave it to me.

VH: You're a huge Red Sox fan. How upset are you with the departure of Johnny Damon?

AF: I'm not a fan of him anymore. I used to like him when he played for the Red Sox, but now he's a traitor.

Amato: Victory was not picture perfect

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pretty easily in the second," Duvenhage said.

At No. 1 singles, sophomore Ryan Preston improved to 5-1 on the year with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Low. Commodore sophomore Evan Dufaux won a hard-fought match at No. 2 singles, outlasting Brandon Gill in three sets and Cromydas remained undefeated with his 6-1, 6-3 victory at No. 6 singles.

Despite the lopsided score, Duvenhage said that the match could have actually gone either way.

"I thought it was a really close match and the score could've been a lot closer," Duvenhage said. "We played a tired match and we'll have to play better than we did today."

In addition, the coach said he expects the team to improve its level of concentration as it prepares for Minnesota here Saturday and Southeastern Conference play down the line.

"Our concentration tends to go in and out," Duvenhage said. "It's going to have to be consistent against better teams or they'll make us pay."

Still, the Commodores, who remain undefeated at home on the short season, cannot be too upset with the victory.

"They deserve a lot of credit for getting it out," Duvenhage said. ■

Palaniappan: Team shoots three for 20 from three-point range in loss



Liz Sherwood attempts a shot in the lane against two Georgia defenders. The Commodores had a long afternoon, dropping an 83-61 decision to the Bulldogs.

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shots that exploited the lethargic Commodore defense.

"Defensively, we didn't have a sense of urgency," said Vanderbilt forward Carla Thomas. "Our shots weren't falling, but we couldn't stop them. If you aren't shooting well, you have to be able to hold the other team until you can find your rhythm. We didn't do that."

The interior play of Thomas and center Liz Sherwood was impressive. Sherwood led Vanderbilt with 16 points and 7 rebounds. Thomas finished with 13 points and 5 boards.

"We played zone out of respect for their inside players, not disrespect of their outside players," said Georgia Head Coach Andy Landers. "We let them have some of those inside points as they just missed those open outside shots."

Vanderbilt struggled to contain the Lady Bulldogs, and found its offensive rhythm much too late. Much of Georgia's success can be attributed to its offensive execution and ball movement.

Four Lady Bulldogs ended the game in double figures. Along with Baker's 22, Cori Chambers added 18, Tasha Humphrey ended with 15 points and 7 rebounds, and Megan Darrah had 14.

With just two regular season games left before the SEC tournament, the loss comes an inopportune time for the Commodores.

"I thought we had been improving over the course of the season," Balcomb said. "We didn't make the necessary adjustments. You have to be concerned with this kind of performance this late in the year. We fell on both sides of the floor." ■

Georgia 83, Vanderbilt 61									
Georgia	Min	FG-FGA	3P-3PA	FT-FTA	O-D-R	A	PTS		
Darrah	37	6-9	1-2	1-2	1-5-6	1	14		
Humphrey	35	4-11	1-2	6-7	1-6-7	6	15		
Baker	38	9-14	0-1	4-5	0-2-2	2	22		
Chambers	33	7-10	4-5	0-0	0-2-2	1	18		
Kendrick	33	3-6	1-3	1-2	1-3-4	3	8		
Greene	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0		
Hardrick	13	1-2	0-0	4-4	1-1-2	2	6		
Bostice	7	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1-1	0	0		
Taylor	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0		
Totals	200	30-52	7-13	14-17	4-25-29	15	83		
Turnovers: 15 (Baker 5; Darrah, Humphrey 2; Kendrick 3; Cahmbers 1, TEAM 2) Steals: 12 (Kendrick 5; Baker, Chambers 2; Hardrick 3) Blocks: none									
Vanderbilt	Min	FG-FGA	3P-3PA	FT-FTA	O-D-R	A	PTS		
Thomas	32	5-9	0-0	3-4	2-3-5	2	13		
Jules	21	2-4	0-0	0-0	1-1-2	1	4		
Rogers	11	0-3	0-2	0-0	0-1-1	1	0		
Davis	31	3-4	0-1	5-6	0-1-1	5	11		
Williams	27	1-9	1-8	4-4	0-1-1	1	7		
Risper	18	2-3	1-2	0-1	1-2-3	0	5		
Stringfield	31	2-10	1-7	0-0	2-2-4	2	5		
Sherwood	20	5-8	0-0	6-8	1-6-7	0	16		
Brockman	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0		
Wirth	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1-2	0	0		
Totals	200	20-51	7-22	13-22	8-21-29	12	61		
Turnovers: 19 (Davis 6;Stringfield 4; Risper, Sherwood 3; Rogers, Jules, Thomas 1) Steals: 7 (Thomas 3; Davis 2; Jules, Rogers 1) Blocks: 2 (Jules, Thomas 1)									
							1st	2nd	Total
Georgia Bulldogs							43	40	83
Vanderbilt Commodores							28	33	61

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The loss drops Vanderbilt's record to 17-9 and 6-6 in the Southeastern Conference. The Commodores' next game is Thursday when they host the University of Kentucky.

"We can't dwell on this," Balcomb said, "We have another game to prepare for. It would be a mistake to focus too much on this. We just need to move on." ■

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 64 Newly hatched stage
 65 Horse tackle
 68 Foreigner
 69 Took a chance
 70 Actress Remick
 71 Hollywood Noah
 72 Winter falls
 73 Building wing

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 1 Baffle
 2 1946-52 N.L. home-run leader
 3 Idiomatic
 4 Hot tub
 5 Pacino and Hirt
 6 Laughter sound
 7 Bungling
 8 Adorn
 9 Clip before the flick
 10 Church keys
 11 Tiny landmass
 12 O'Flaherty or Neeson
 13 Fewer
 14 Hard at work
 24 Holiday brink
 25 ___ Aviv-Jaffa
 27 Last bit
 29 Use a straw
 31 Impoverished
 32 Church part
 33 Coloring agents
 34 Groupie target
 35 Soft seating
 36 Depend
 37 Bring legal action
 41 Mom-and-pop grp.
 44 Boss Tweed's ___ Hall
 45 Pitcher's stat
 47 European high point
 48 Part of m.p.g.
 50 Skater's figures
 53 Acquire knowledge
 55 Plane passageway
 56 Harden
 57 Tripod for art
 58 Granite block
 59 Work of fiction
 60 Clinton's canal
 62 Singing group
 66 Just out
 67 Wynn and Begley

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 Thursday, Feb. 23
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 during dinner
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