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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

SGA candidates begin campaigning

Status Quo challenged by outsider sophomore Joseph Hills.

BY SEAN SEELINGER

The Student Government Association campaign season started at 12:01 a.m. yesterday as candidates and their supporters braved the cold to hang signs around campus.

Members of three tickets will compete for the position of SGA President and Executive Vice President.

Two junior Arts and Science senators, Bill Weimar and Boone Lan-

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caster, each with three years of SGA experience will be challenged in the race for president by sophomore Joseph Hills who intends to challenge the status quo within the organization during his campaign.

"Companies bring in outside

CEO's all the time," Hills said. "In this case, the incumbent SGA has made some pretty blaring mistakes."

Weimar and Lancaster both said that SGA experience is necessary on each ticket. Lancaster's running-mate sophomore Cara Bilotta has served on SGA for two years as a Special Events Committee member and then as co-chair of the Student Services and Technology co-chair.

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SGA candidates' signs compete for attention outside of CX2. Candidates and their supporters were allowed to start campaigning at 12:01 a.m. yesterday morning. By sunrise, signs supporting the presidential tickets were all over campus.

Accelerator offers real business experience

Competition for spots increases substantially for second summer.

BY MEREDITH CASEY

Imagine working from 7 a.m. until 1 a.m. for thirty days straight while dressed in business attire. Students involved in Vanderbilt's Summer Business Institute, called the Accelerator, will

do just that - participate



in a uniquely fast-paced non-traditional MBA-like program. Accelerator is an intensive four-week immersion in business for undergraduates and recent college

Competition has in-Sicard creased substantially for the

65 slots available for the Accelerator, compared to last summer, the first session of the program. The underlying concept of Accelerator is the "learn by doing" method in which concepts introduced in the classroom setting are immediately implemented via projects and real experiences, said to Mike Sicard, director of Accelerator.

The largest group project assigned entails coming up with a product or service, designing a strategic plan for producing and marketing it, and implementing a complete business plan including a budget, according to Sicard. The final product is presented at an actual business expo at the Fairgrounds.

"The product can be anything but food," Sicard said. "Also, nothing illegal or porn related." Please see ACCELERATOR, page 7

ASB members reflect on a spring break of service



ABOVE: Vanderbilt students Michelle Schultz (left) and Will Hubbard (right) play with children at a daycare center in Montreal. The mission of the trip was to work with underprivileged children and the homeless. **BELOW:** The ASB group in Leland, Mississippi joined forces with the "Care-a-vanners", a retired group of individuals that travel around the country with Habitat for Humanity, in building this house.



CRIME

Students break into Branscomb Varsity Market

BY MEREDITH CASEY

had a severe case of the munchies before spring break.

Three Vanderbilt students broke into the closed Branscomb Munchie Mart and stole soft drinks, cigarettes and snack food on the evening of March 5th at

11:53 p.m.

All three individuals were ar-Several Vanderbilt students rested by Vanderbilt Police and booked downtown.

> "Any sort of policy violation or action like that on campus will be investigated by our office," said Ruth Nagareda, director of Student Conduct and Integrity.

ishment depends on circum-

"We investigate the items involved, how it happened and the intention of the student...the law may consider breaking and entry as something we may not," Nagareda said.

"More students than you'd According to Nagareda, pun- think steal from the Munchie Marts, especially if they are intoxicated and not thinking clearly... perhaps the students who stole those items were not in their right mind," said sophomore Jessica Schwartz.

The names of the students involved could not be released, according to Andrew Atwood, director of Crime Prevention.

Morgan shooting case will go to trial

Lawyers say suspects shot in selfdefense after being harassed.

BY ROBERT PROUDFOOT

The Morgan House shooting suspects' attorneys cited self-defense when they declined a plea bargain offer last Wednesday in favor of a jury trial starting June 26.

Carlos Branch, 26, and Edward Allen Jr., 22, still remain in jail as suspects for the Sept. 25 shooting that injured freshman wide receiver George Smith in the arm.

Branch and Allen have both been charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, reckless endangerment with a deadly weapon and carrying a weapon on school property with intent to go armed.

Harold Donnelly, Branch's attorney, said that if found guilty, the suspects could face roughly six years in prison. Susan Niland, spokeswoman for the district attorney general's office said that each charge has a range of years and sentencing depends on prior offenses.

The Assistant District Attorney James Sledge offered the suspects a plea bargain.

After discussing the case with the suspects, both Richard Dumas and Donnelly informed Division II Criminal Court Judge J. Randall Wyatt Jr. of the defense's desire to take the case to a jury trial.

"This is an issue of self-defense," said Dumas, Allen's attorney. "I believe that when the facts come out, and I mean not just the facts that can be seen on the video, that it will become clear that my client was protecting himself."

Sledge and Niland were not willing to discuss the details of the case.

"We are not going to comment about the case," Niland said. "The evidence will be released at trial."

Police records made public by court proceedings give more information about the night of the shoot-

"The things the public has seen in



George Smith

Football players listed as possible witnesses

Former redshirt freshman running back Zach Logan

Sophomore corner back Khalil

Sophomore offensive lineman

Cameron Bradford Redshirt freshman wide receiver

Redshirt freshman defensive end

Derrius Dowell Sophomore right back Jeff Jennings

Sophomore running back Cassen

Jackson-Garrison Freshman safety Reshard Langford

Junior wide receiver Marion White

Senior strong safety Kelechi Ohanaja

Freshman defensive back Darlon

Redshirt freshman corner back Josh

Redshirt freshman wide receiver

Sean Walker **Source:** Court documents, Metro Police reports

the videotape footage is only one side

of the story," Donnelly said. "It is not the whole story."

Metro Police records said that the football players were celebrating the birthday of offensive lineman Cameron Bradford and the football team's fourth win of the season against the

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OUR VIEW

Read why the editorial board feels that federal privacy laws such as the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act had unforseen negative effects on the handling of the Morgan House shooting. See Page 8

LIFE

Life writer Brandon **Duncan previews** the Vanderbilt Juggling and **Physical Arts** Club's upcoming Juggleville show, a first for the young group. See Page 10

BASKETBALL

Be sure to check out Vanderbilt men's basketball as they

take on Notre Dame in their first contest of the NIT tonight at 6 p.m. on ESPN2. Look for more information on both basketball teams' post-season play in Friday's issue.

NOTABLE

The College Board, which owns the SAT college entrance exam, disclosed last week that scoring errors had been discovered on 4,000 out of 495,000 tests taken during the October sitting.

POLL

Percentage of Americans who said they believe the nearly 3-year-old war in Iraq is going well for the United States, down from 46 percent in January.

» CNN.com

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day of classes	class days until exams	class days until Rites of Spring	calendar days to com- mencement

WORD OF THE DAY

COME·LY

adj. pleasing/agreeable to the sight; good-looking; suit-

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

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1913

1975

Roman dictator Julius Caesar was assassinated by a group of nobles that included Brutus and Cassius.

Christopher Columbus returned to Spain, concluding his first voyage to the Western Hemisphere

1820 Maine became the 23rd state.

President Woodrow Wilson held the first open presidential news

1964 Actress Elizabeth Taylor married actor Richard Burton in Montreal; it was her fifth marriage, his second.

> Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis died near Paris at age 69. Compiled by the Associated Press

FORECAST

THURSDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 64 Low: 43

FRIDAY Partly Cloudy High: 54 Low: 32

SATURDAY Partly Cloudy High: 52

Low: 33

TODAY IN THE BUBBLE

Compiled by Katherine Foutch

Lotus Eaters Sophomore Honorary Applications

Members of the class of 2009 with a 3.5 GPA are eligible to join Lotus Eaters. Applications are evaluated based on overall leadership ability, attributes you can bring to the society, and the quality and effort shown on the application. This year's main projects include Athenian Sing and the Virtual School. Applications are available now at https://sitemason.vanderbilt.edu/form/i3uXSw

Louis Cameron: Projected Works

Vanderbilt University is pleased to present a solo exhibition of New York-based artist Louis Cameron's Projected Works at the E. Bronson Ingram Studio Arts Center Gallery from March 13-26, 2006. Organized by Assistant Professor of Physics, James H. Dickerson II, Projected Works is a two-part installation: the world premiere of a new slide projection and Cameron's acclaimed video Universal. Both explore the intraconnections of light and physics in visuality. The new slide projection consists of red, green, and blue clusters, projected onto a white canvas.

Vanderbilt Baseball vs. Butler

The men's baseball team will play Butler University at Hawkins Field at 4 p.m. today,

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

Revenge killings push Iraq closer to civil war

BY STEVEN R. HURST

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqi authorities discovered at least 87 corpses _ men shot to death execution-style _ as Iraq edged closer to open civil warfare. Twentynine of the bodies, dressed only in underwear, were dug out of a single grave Tuesday in a Shiite neighborhood of Baghdad.

Some of the bloodshed appeared to be retaliation for a bomb and mortar attack in the Sadr City slum that killed at least 58 people and wounded more than 200 two days earlier.

Iraq's Interior Minister Bayan Jabr, meanwhile, told The Associated Press security officials had foiled a plot that would have put hundreds of al-Qaida men at critical guard posts around Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone, home to the U.S. and other

foreign embassies, as well as the Iraqi government.

A senior Defense Ministry official said the 421 al-Qaida fighters were recruited to storm the U.S. and British embassies and take hostages. Several ranking Defense Ministry officials have been jailed in the plot, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the information.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday that he had not received anything definitive on the report, but cautioned that earlier accounts are often adjusted later on.

"We've always known that there are people who have tried to infiltrate the various security forces and tried to get close access to places that they ought not to be," he said. "There's nothing new about that I know of." ■

Founder's Week celebrates Cornelius

Michael McGerr, Professor of American History at Indiana University, will deliver the inaugural Vanderbilt Founder's Day Lecture on Thursday, March 16. The lecture is in conjunction with the 133rd anniversary of the

Vanderbilt. McGerr's talk, "The Commodore's Strange Gift: The Founding of Vanderbilt," will take place at 5 p.m. in

first gift of the University's

namesake patron, Cornelius

Wilson Hall, Room 103. McGerr is writing a history of the Vanderbilt family titled 'The Public Be Damned': The Vanderbilts and the Unmaking of the Ruling Class.

"Commodore" Cornelius Vanderbilt, the great steamboat and railroad magnate, was known for his obsession with making money and was almost as notorious for his lack of interest in charity and philanthropy. The lecture will unveil the surprising reasons behind Vanderbilt's uncharacteristic decision to give the money to found Vanderbilt University in 1873.

"The book narrates the lives of seven generations of the Vanderbilts in order to explore the rule of the family, long the richest in the nation and probably the world, in shaping the culture and ambitions of the rich in industrial America," McGerr said. "The Commodore's endowment of the University is one of the key episodes that dramatizes the Vanderbilts' growing determination to create a family dynasty that would dominate American public life."

VUPD CRIMF LOG

Compiled by Katherine Foutch

Mar. 12, 10:23 a.m. - An act of vandalism occurred at 2416 Kensington Avenue(Kappa Kappa Gamma). The suspect painted graffiti on the exterior wall of the house. There are no suspects and the case remains active.

Mar. 13, 11:26 a.m. – A laptop computer was stolen from 1225 Stevenson Center Lane(Chemistry Building). The suspect is a black male, in his mid 20's, and around 170 pounds. Authorities have yet to find the suspect and the case is active.

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

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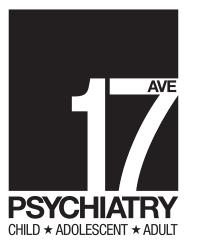
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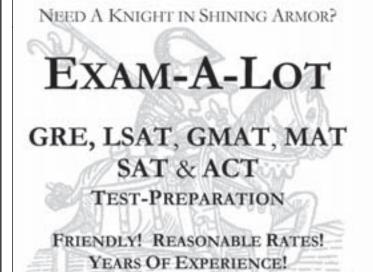


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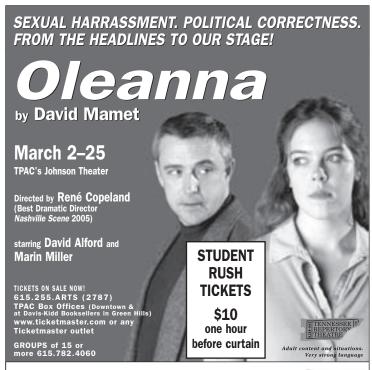
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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

"Communication, Leadership, Accountability, Perspective"

Joseph Hills, Presidential candidate

Sophomore, **Major:** History

Campus Involvement: Vanderbilt Dining Line Worker, Student Supervisor, and Special Events Planner; Midshipman in Vanderbilt Navy ROTC; Benton Chapel lector; Slant staff writer; McGill Dorm Council Publicity Chair; member of Chancellor's Task Force on Greek Areas Subcommittee

Michael Slanovits Vice-presidential candidate

Junior, Major: Secondary Education, Mathematics

Campus Involvement: member of Vanderbilt University Fencing Club; member of Vanderbilt Society of Writers; research assistant for Kevin Leander in the Learning and Literacy Department of Peabody College; McGill Project; McGill Dorm Council Secretary; tutor at Sylvan Park Elementary School; co-sponsor of University School of Nashville Quiz Bowl

The platform

Our primary goal is to increase transparency and accountability in SGA.

· Continue working with VTV to get every SGA meeting taped and archived for greater accessibility.

• Endorse the publication of voting tables with individual's votes on the SGA website — a proposition our opponents choose not to second this semester. The tables would be updated after every meeting.

• Make the SGA budget a continuously updated document available for public inspection at any time

• Evaluate how Vandy Vans routes will be affected

by the completion of the Freshmen Commons.

• Consider the possibility of a Peabody Express line from Peabody to Frat Row and back on Friday and

· Work closely with Interhall to re-evaluate disaster response plans.

• Publicize VandySwap and turning it into an economically viable system

• Encourage diversity by sponsoring cultural events and inviting speakers to campus with leadership, academic experience and a willingness to rock the boat.

We will truly work to ensure that SGA works not for itself, but for you.

SGA: Candidates debate resolution on publication of voting records From SGA, page 1

Weimar's running-mate junior Brennan McMahon has no previous SGA experience but has served on Interhall for three years, twice as dorm president and recently as an area coordinator.

"Now that Vanderbilt is moving towards a residential college system...SGA is going to need to have leaders who have experience dealing with Housing so that SGA can more adequately handle the problems that it needs to address," Weimar said. "By having Brennan on board, she brings experience that I don't have."

Hills said that leadership experience, not SGA experience is necessary to serve as president.

"The advantages of being on SGA can be had through other leadership positions," said Hills' running mate, junior Michael Slanovits.

Hills noted his experience filling in for an injured platoon sergeant in Vanderbilt Navy ROTC and as a supervisor for employees at a Styrofoam factory.

Hills, however, posted fliers with a "dream line-up" for Rites of Spring that included a then unannounced performance by Ben Folds. The group also sent freshman Elise Masur to impersonate the Vanderbilt Programming Board to release the false information to The Vanderbilt

Citing laptop thefts and a con artist who scammed Greek houses in recent months, Hills said, "Vanderbilt students would like to trust everyone on campus but we were trying to make the point that you can't always believe everything. As university students we should be questioning what people say."

Lancaster and Bilotta expressed concern regarding Hills' character citing his central role in organizing a prank in conjunction with his role as a staff writer for The Slant

"I know part of the prank was to display that there was definitely too much trust in the Vanderbilt community in light of other scams on campus," Bilotta said. "I do understand that he was trying to make a point. It does raise some concerns about the way he went about trying to prove that point."

There were several points that were brought up on more than one ticket's platform.

Lancaster and Hills are calling for a renewed look at the Vandy Vans system, especially regarding the upcoming move of all freshmen to the Commons.

The Weimar-McMahon and Hills-Slanovtis platforms both call for increased transparency.

Both tickets' members want to post SGA budget online.

Hills said that he wants SGA meetings broadcast on VTV.

Weimar is proposing the creation of an online form for student groups to request sponsorship funding after which they will be paired with a senator to discuss their needs prior to bringing a resolution before the Senate.

The Lancaster-Bilotta platform suggests numerous structural improvements within SGA that would make SGA more "efficient, proactive and connected."

Hills, who is proposing the publication of each senator's voting records, challenged Weimar and Lancaster's opposition to publishing such records.

During the February 22 SGA Senate meeting, a resolution, sponsored by SGA president Kate Morgan, was presented that called for the number of votes in favor and against resolutions to be posted online. A motion to publish individual records was not seconded by any member of the Senate, including

"It seems to me that they are very apathetic to the issue or genuinely feel that it would be better if people did not know how representatives

Weimar and Lancaster.

voted while representing them" Hills said.

Lancaster said that he "agrees with (Hills) regarding his concern" but there was concern among SGA members that senator's votes would not be able to be coupled with an explanation as to senator's rationale behind their decision, citing technological obstacles to posting explanations on the current Web site.

"It is something we will continue to work towards," Lancaster said.

Morgan said that "the main concern is that someone would see a voting result and not understand the scenario as to why they voted that way and would get an incorrect impression as to the reason for the senator's vote."

Weimar said that he would be willing to look at publishing individual records should such links become feasible but said "the real answer is to get more media coverage (at the meetings)."

Candidates also differed on their opinion of the performance of the Morgan-Frazier administration.

Both Weimar and Lancaster praised Morgan's increased communication with and accountability towards the student body.

Members of both tickets pledged to do more.

"Even though they were great communicators we want to further that and bring even more transparency to SGA so that people don't feel alienated from the organization,"

McMahon said. Hills and Slanovits were more critical of Morgan and Frazier. They focused much of their criticism on the handling of the cancellation of the SGA-SEC conference which cost SGA \$9,000 due to a binding contract that it had with the Marriott

"They did not attempt to re-sell the rooms," Hills said. "Though signed by a previous administration, neither Morgan nor Frazier attempted to bring up the fact that their president had signed something without full Senate approval which would have been grounds for impeachment."

Morgan previously said that the conference was cancelled at too late of a date for anything to be done with the room.

2004-2005 president Andrew Maxwell volunteered to host the conference while attending the SGA-SEC exchange at the University of Tennessee during the fall of

Weimar, substituting for Morgan, attended the conference as

"It sounded like a great idea," Weimar said. "I thought of the SGA conference as a way to show off why I love Vanderbilt."

Maxwell was unavailable for comment.

Weimar, who did vote with the majority to appropriate SGA funds to the conference during 2004-2005, said that he was not involved in the funding decisions.

"We could have made all the other schools pay (the full amount)," Weimar said. "We couldn't have foreseen the contract problem and couldn't have foreseen Hurricane Katrina but in general I think it's a good idea to showcase Vanderbilt."

Hills, however, said that the idea of an SEC-SGA conference is an "inherently bad idea. With the advent of technology (they could have shared information online)."

He went on to criticize the traditional SGA turnover dinner.

"That would be a prime example of SGA supporting itself," Hills said. "They could hold that dinner at Rand. Everyone has a meal plan. I'm not saying the event shouldn't happen but SGA shouldn't be taking money that could be supporting other events."

Primary elections will be held next Tuesday. General elections will be held a week later on March 28.

"Bill & Brennan: Building a Better Vanderbilt"

Bill Weimar, Presidential candidate

Junior, **Major:** Economics, **Minor:** Political Science

Government Experience: 2005-2006: Junior Senator for the College of Arts and Science; SGA Executive Board Vice-President of Student Affairs. 2004-2005: Sophomore Senator for the College of Arts and Science; SGA Executive Board Vice-President of Student Affairs. 2003-2004: Freshman Senator for the College of Arts and Science. Campus Involvement: Kappa Alpha Order historian; member of Vanderbilt Mock Trial team; Campus Campaign Manager for Teach for America; participant in the Future Leaders Program

Brennan McMahon, Vice-presidential Candidate

Junior, **Major:** Political Science, **Minor:** French

Government Experience: 2005-2006: Interhall Peabody Area Coordinator. 2004-2005: Interhall President of Gilette Hall. 2003-2004: Interhall President of Hemingway Hall. Campus Involvement: VUceptor; Vanderbuddies tutor; member of ArtReach; Chi Omega Sorority Sisterhood Chair

The platform

Promoting Campus Safety, Strengthening Financial Responsibility, Expanding Technology Access, Enhancing Academic Opportunity, Prioritizing Student Concerns in Kirkland

 Promote and ensure the success of the DoreWalks program and promote

the creation of more

concerns.

- Collaborate with the Vanderbilt Police to maintain the current patrol areas for Greek Row police officers and advocate for a wider expansion of police coverage in other campus areas.
- Work with Housing to revise the procedures for mandatory residence hall evacuations
- · Meet with the Vanderbilt Police to increase lighting between Branscomb, Highland, Peabody and Blair. • Ensure a more rapid removal of social security

- numbers from most university documents. • Increase the transparency of SGA by posting the
- complete budget and expenditure totals online
- Display the current balance allocated for sponsorship requests to help student leaders make reasonable expectations
- Create an online form for student leaders to request financial assistance and advice. The student leader will then collaborate with a Senator to assess their financial needs and learn about possible avenues of sponsorship prior presenting a formal resolution to the Senate.
- Collaborate with the Provost and University Librarian to purchase more computers for the Engineering Library or to expand the hours of operation of the Stevenson Computer Lab
- Work with Information Technology Services to encourage the expansion of wireless internet service campus wide.
- Replace existing computer kiosks with more advanced and reliable kiosks.
- Work with academic deans to create a policy where professors are strongly encouraged to offer alternate exams
 - Creation of more main campus study space during

exam week by expanding library and computer lab hours

 Create an online major and minor declaration process

• Redefine the current guidelines for the SGA's Athletic Affairs committee so that it can voice student concerns regarding administrative decisions for athletic programs by expanding the committee's charge to include advisory responsibilities.

• Create a communications resource for Student Government Association leaders to share recent developments in Kirkland Hall with a broad audience

• Ensure the communication of student concerns related to College Halls by encouraging administrators to attend campus organization meetings instead of relying on forums.

• Work to maintain long-standing Vanderbilt traditions, such as the Homecoming Court, that define Vanderbilt and encourage school spirit.

"Connecting through Community"

Boone Lancaster, Presidential Candidate

Junior, Major: Public Policy

Government Experience: 2005- 2006: SGA VP of Community Affairs; SGA Dining Advisory Committee member; 2004-2005: SGA Executive Board Chief of Staff; SGA Card Off-campus Committee member; SGA ITS committee member. 2003-2004: SGA Student Finance Committee member; Student Services and Technology Committee member. Campus Involvement: appointee to Chancellor's Student Wellness and Health

Committee; member of Presbyterian Student Fellowship; member of Black Student Alliance; tutor at the Martha O'Bryan Center; participant in Guatemala PSF Spring Break Mission Trip 2006; participant in Habitat for Humanity Spring Break 2005; member of Vanderbilt Mock Trial team; former Public Relations Co-Chair of Circle K

Cara Bilotta, Vice-presidential candidate

Sophomore, **Major:** Spanish, Medicine, Health and Society **Government Experience:** 2005–2006: SGA Student Services and Technology Co-Chair. 2004–2005: SGA Special Events Committee member. Campus Involvement: Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority recording secretary; ASB site leader; VUceptor; former member of Kappa Kappa Gamma's Public Relations committee

The platform Vision, Action

Plan for Internal SGA Improvements, **Progress**

 Allowing students parking lot tailgating to provide a true football atmosphere and opportunity for better community for

Vanderbilt students

 Creation of a VUPD Advisory Committee to make campus safer by providing empowering the student voice even further for safety issues

• Enhancement of Vandy Vans to ensure that an effective transportation system is in place with the arrival of the Freshmen Commons.

- A more efficient SGA
- Require an action plan to be submitted by all

committee co-chairs within first two weeks of school for their specific and tentative plans for the year.

• Require monthly meetings of Divisional VPs and

 Continue development of officer notebooks for Executive Board members, Senators, and co-chairs in order to allow for a more cohesive turnover keeping SGA's stance on key issues such as Reading Day, Dead Week, VUprint, and the Drop Add Period strong.

- A more proactive SGA
- Work with administration to create more student advisory boards within its structure to enhance the student voice prior to the decisions being made.
- Work to create a student survey to equip SGA with real student opinions on a scale large enough to present the administration with data strengthening our cases on key student issues.
 - A more connected SGA
- Connect relevant co-chairs and student leaders to increase SGA's awareness of issues and programs

to attend a student organization event each month wearing an SGA shirt to increase SGA's presence, interaction, and accessibility on campus.

 Hold regular student forums to increase the students' ability to voice concerns and ideas for problems on campus.

• Establishment of Vandy Rides, which provides students with a free online ride board to create ease of traveling planning both locally and nationally. • Card readers to be installed on machines in

Wyatt Center • Addition of Shuttle to the spring break run so

there were both half hour and hour runs to and from

Require members of SGA

ATHLETICS

Injuries lead to new national restrictions for cheerleaders

BY ALLY SMITH

Timeouts and halftime shows at college basketball games will look a little different this March Madness season, thanks to new safety restrictions for cheerleaders. The American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Administrators made a recommendation intended to prohibit basket tosses and two-and-a-half high pyramids for the remainder of the 2006 basketball season.

The AACCA made the recommendation to all colleges March 7 after a Southern Illinois University cheerleader lost her balance on a pyramid at the Missouri Valley Conference championship last week. The cheerleader suffered a concussion and cracked vertebrae

after falling 15 feet from the top of that we can and cannot do." a pyramid.

'There was a meeting during the SEC tournament for all SEC cheer coaches. At this meeting we reviewed the recommendation, and all were in agreement that we will continue to follow the AACCA safety guidelines," said Pam Pearson, National Cheerleaders Association State Director and Vanderbilt head cheer coach.

"The one comment that I will make about this ruling is that Vanderbilt cheerleaders are supervised by the coaches that follow the AACCA guidelines," Pearson said. "Our main focus is to support our teams and lead the crowd to do the same, and I feel we do a very good job doing this. It really has nothing to do with the stunts

The new restrictions apply only to basketball games, where hardwood floors and crowded sidelines make stunts more dangerous.

"This isn't a cheerleading competition. This isn't where they get to do everything they want to do," said Jim Lord, the cheerleading association's executive director, in an AP article. "The cheerleaders aren't there for themselves. They're there for the game."

"(The ruling) is a let down," said freshman All Girl Squad Cheerleader Emily Anne Thoma. "We've never dropped anybody from our pyramids, and we never put up any stunts we don't feel comfortable with. I feel like we are getting punished for something that isn't our fault."

The all girls team performed the now prohibited stunts during each halftime; however, freshman cheerleaders Thoma and Rachel Lisotta said it will not be hard to replace those stunts with other

Junior Coed Squad cheerleader Alex White said taking out the stunts will not affect them as much as other schools, such as the University of Kentucky, that are national competitors.

"I don't know that it's so much harsh," White said. "They might have it this way for a while for people to step back and realize that they need to be more care-

"I can understand where they

are coming from," Lisotta said. "A 15-foot drop without anyone catching you is huge potential for someone getting hurt."

The all girls squad will cheer on the Lady Commodores at Memorial Gym this Saturday night at 9:30 p.m. as they play Louisville in the first round of the NCAA wom-

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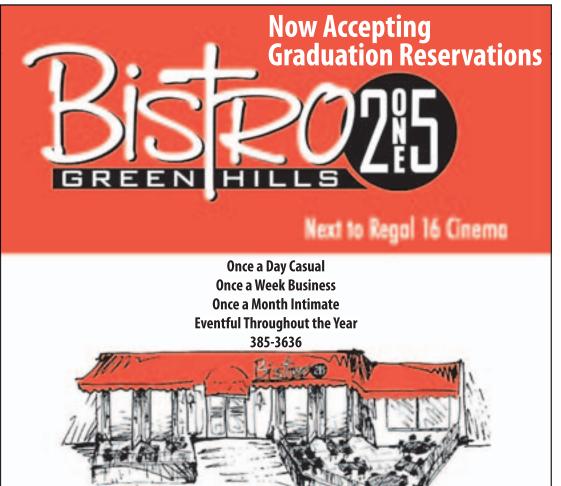
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Shooters: Report differs from earlier comments

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University of Richmond.

The names of at least thirteen football players were listed in court documents as possible witnesses.

The "common denominator" in this criminal case is Andre Matthews, Donnelly said. Matthews, who is not a Vanderbilt student, was dating junior Halima Labi.

"We got a call about a party from a mutual friend known as Red (Andre Matthews)," said Allen, according to Detective Norris Tarkington's police report.

Branch and Allen vaguely knew each other through Matthews but were invited by him to Morgan House to attend parties.

Police records do not seem to suggest that Labi knew the suspects, their names or was directly involved in the incident. In her police report, it is stated that she had never seen Branch or Allen until that night.

"I never saw these guys before (the night of the shooting)," she said in her written statement. "I know everyone says that I must know them, but I am not familiar with them."

Labi was already in the elevator waiting to leave the 10th floor when the suspects entered the same elevator before the shooting. She was unable to be contacted for comment.

Michael Schoenfeld, vice chancellor for public affairs, said shortly after the shooting that a Vanderbilt student had allowed the suspects to enter Morgan House with her card.

Schoenfeld was unwilling to clarify his previous statements about the Vanderbilt student's level of involvement, citing the Metro Police's conduction of the investigation rather than Vanderbilt's.

"Unfortunately, I will not be able to answer your specific questions," he said. "We are not able to provide any further information at this time, and

"I never saw these guys before (the night of the shooting). I know everyone says that I must know them, but I am not familiar with them."

Junior Halima Labi said in her written statement

"This is an issue of self-defense. I believe that when the facts come out, and I mean not just the facts that can be seen on the video, that it will become clear that my client was protecting himself."

— Richard Dumas, Allan's attorney

I will have to refer you to the metro police department or the district attorney's office for further comment."

The police reports show that there was an altercation between the suspects and the football team members.

At some time before the suspects got on the elevator, Allen showed his gun to several football players. It is unclear if the motive was to intimidate or was a response to aggressive behavior by football team players.

Both suspects maintain that the football players would not allow them to leave and were aggressively yelling and cursing in front of the elevator.

Tarkington's supplemental report states that, according to the suspects, the football players held their feet in place so the door would not close, barring elevator occupants from

Branch and Allen stated this as their reasoning for firing their guns into the hallway in their police re-

Both suspects said they shot their guns without targeting anyone, one aiming at the ceiling and the other at the floor.

The two suspects left the elevator without knowing where the other was headed, according to the police report. Labi left independently of the suspects to her dorm room.

Allen said to the police that he purchased his gun for \$40 cash about a month before the shooting.

While the district attorney was not willing to disclose strategies for the upcoming jury trial, the blocking of the elevator by the football players may play a pivotal role in the case. The defense's claim of self-defense hinges on the suspects' inability to leave the scene without shooting.

"Think about it this way: You're 5 feet 9 inches weighing in at about 140 pounds, and you're backed into an elevator with nowhere to go, and there are anywhere from six to 12 partying football players, all significantly larger than you, yelling and cursing at you," Dumas said. "What are you going to do? You're going to use whatever you have at your disposal from being beaten to death. Our clients did the only thing they could do given the situation and that's to defend themselves."

The trial will start June 26 at 9 a.m. with Wyatt overseeing the jury trial in Division II Criminal Court. Wyatt received his law degree from Vanderbilt University Law School in 1966.



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ASB service trips take students across **North America**

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While spring break is traditionally a time set aside for rest and relaxation, more than 370 Vanderbilt students dedicated their Spring Break to community service through the Alternative Spring Break Program from March 6-10. Students traveled to 32 volunteer sites across the United States, Canada, Mexico, Ecuador and Guatemala to engage in service and learn about the problems faced by members of communities with whom they otherwise may have had little or no direct contact.

Alternative Spring Break is organized completely by students and covers a variety of social and environmental issues. This year participants will turned an old cabin into a recreational center for children in Xela, Guatemala; prepared and dispersed meals to those suffering from HIV/AIDS in the Washington, D.C., area; mentored young girls in Atlanta; revitalized a national park in Saguaro, Arizona; and rescued and rehabilitated area wildlife in the Florida Everglades.

Alternative Spring Break was started at Vanderbilt University in 1987 by four undergraduates who wanted to participate in a community service opportunity but also wanted to travel over Spring Break.



Steven Zittrower, Emma Cofer, Erica Headlee, Lauren Eckhardt, Amanda Highlander, Clarke Nelson, Abi Wilensky, Miles Mills, Sara Brooks, Luke Patton and Dalis Colins pose in front of the mountains of Tuscon, Arizona. This group went camping in Saguaro National Park and helped clean up the Yuma Mine, hauling 2.5 tons of cinder blocks, wood and debris to be reused or thrown away.



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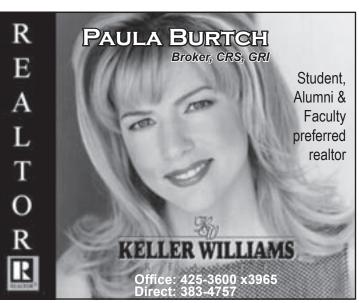
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NEWS 7

Accelerator: Organizers want program to be unique

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The students have morning breakfasts, lunches, and dinners that are frequented by various speakers in the business field or other guest lecturers. Ten Owen faculty members teach portions of the course. The students are given several other projects to work on in addition to basic course work.

"The goal is to have a mix of practitioners and research faculty teaching the course," Sicard said. "The institute is flexible enough to take feedback and implement changes quickly so that students have input. We have a schedule in mind, but the students do not what is coming next."

Students expressed that as a result of the unexpected nature of programming, boredom was not an issue.

"I enjoyed Accelerator because you had no idea what was coming next and so in that way it was like a real business... you had to be prepared for anything," said Martin Schmedlipz, participant in Accelerator '05 and Owen business student pursuing a masters in fi-

Accelerator serves as an incubator for ideas and projects that can be incorporated into MBA schools, particularly Vanderbilt's Owen Graduate School of Management Sicard said.

This summer business program is different from undergraduate and business school classes that have little professor-class interaction and often center around an answer key.

"In Accelerator, the faculty are not tied down by a strict curriculum - they can take risks and students are more involved in determining what topics are covered and what speakers are invited," Sicard said. "Students are not asked to regurgitate material, instead, they are engaged and using concepts they learn in a live setting. Application scars the brain in a unique way so that the student retains the material."

Networking is another advertised aspect of the program as found in Accelerator informational materials.

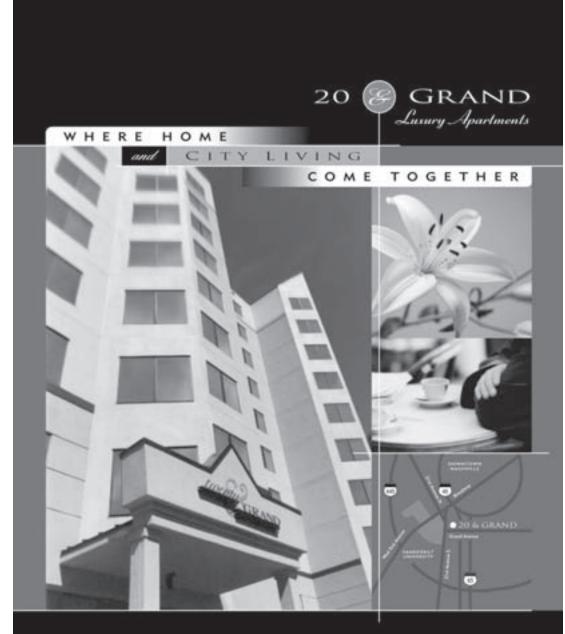
"While running our first session we were approached by employers seeking the highly motivated students selected for our program and so henceforth we are able to offer connections to future job placements," said Jennifer Sicard, Program Coordinator of Accelerator.

"(Accelerator) was a good starting off point and offered you the chance to jump the hierarchy in a way that exposes you to upper level business personal that you wouldn't normally interact with," said Casey Morgan, participant in Accelerator '05 and 2003 Vanderbilt graduate who is now the manager of the 21st Ave. Starbucks. "Professionally, I gained a lot of confidence in my business ability as well as knowledge and ideas leading to my becoming a store manger of one of the largest, highest volume Starbucks in all of Middle America."

Vanderbilt's Institute of Business is trying to distinguish itself from other similar summer business programs at Stanford, Dartmouth, New York University, University of Virginia, University of California at Berkley, George Washington University, Southern Methodist University and Babson,

The Accelerator program is taking place from Saturday May 27 through Sunday June 25. The program is open to all undergraduates and recent college graduates. An Accelerator Information Session will take place on March 27th, from 6 - 7:30 p.m. at the Owen Grad School in Averbuch Auditorium. More information about the institute can be found at http://accelerator.vanderbilt.edu.

Mike Sicard is a graduate of Duke University and Harvard Law School. He served as a consultant with McKinsey & Co., where he worked in multiple industries, including airlines, manufacturing, insurance, healthcare, retail and non-profit. Most recently he was the chief operating officer at Willis North America, a \$650 million insurance brokerage and risk management business with more than 4,000 employees and 65 locations.



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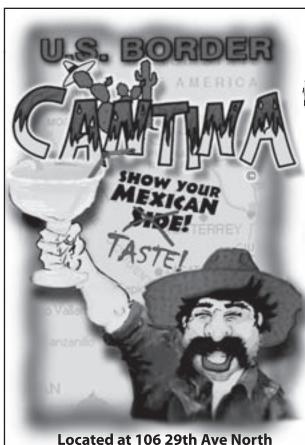
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OUR VIEW

Privacy laws can cause confusion

Now that Metro police have completed their investigation of the shooting in Morgan House, the Vanderbilt student body will finally be able to learn more about the truth surrounding the events of that night of September 24.

Unfortunately, because of federal privacy laws and misinformation provided by the administration, Vanderbilt students have remained misled on several important issues surrounding the case for the past six months.

"There was a party on the tenth floor of Morgan House," said Michael Schoenfeld, vice chancellor of public affairs in a Sept. 26 Hustler article. "At some point during the party, a female Vanderbilt student carded into the building three individuals who are not Vanderbilt students. They came up to the party. They apparently were making a disturbance and were asked to leave. They left with the student who carded them in."

Apparently, according to recently released police records, this information is not true. However, since that comment, rumors have circulated around campus about the culpability of Halima Labi, the "female Vanderbilt student" Schoenfeld was presumed to have been referring to. In reality, Labi was nothing more than a witness to the shooting.

In fact, police records do not suggest that Labi knew the suspects at all or that she was directly involved in the incident. Her police report states that she had never even seen either suspect until that night. Labi was merely in the wrong place at the wrong time. She was already in the elevator when the suspects entered it and subsequently became caught in the shooting. She did not let them into the building or leave with them.

It is unfortunate that students have had to wait so long for this information to emerge, but it is not entirely the administration's fault. If Schoenfeld had waited until he had more information regarding the event, a lot of the rumors and misinformation that have permeated the campus could have been avoided.

However, because of strict federal privacy laws, such as the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act, once the investigation into the matter officially began, Schoenfeld and the rest of the administration were legally bound to refrain from discussing any details of the case.

These laws undoubtedly exist for good reasons. However, we believe it is important to note that their strict nature can have negative consequences as well. In this case, many months of speculation, rumors and misinformation could have been prevented.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

Vanderbilt students 'tangled in blue'

While my devotion to Motown has been duly noted, few songs manage to penetrate the soul like Bob Dylan's "Tangled Up in Blue." The opening line exemplifies the passive awakening of an early sunrise, and induces an atmosphere where lingering thoughts morph into passionate obsessions.

STRANGE BUT NOT A STRANGER

Each verse conquers a Romantic theme, yet the song as a whole proves to be an excellent critique of the joys and frustrations of humanity. When walking around campus between classes, I often find myself humming "All the people we used to know are an illusion to me now." That line seems to be a fitting description for Vanderbilt campus, as the students I befriend Thursday night at the bar all too often seem to ignore me Friday morning. Even more troubling is that people I considered to be friends only a year or two ago now routinely snub my glances of salutation and friendly waves of greeting. At first, I blamed a short haircut. But since my beard tends to distinguish me from a crowd, I began to ponder more sinister motives. Did I smell bad? Did I get blackout and burn a few too many bridges? What Albatross hung from my neck? Befuddled, I confided into a few of my friends about the chilly reception I frequently receive from former companions. Surprisingly, I was not the only one to suffer from having to cut off a wave in midstream or have to bear the shame of a tactless snub. When did Vanderbilt become so unfriendly?

To be fair, my occasional affliction of aloofness rivals even the surliest of receptions. My enthusiasm for cordiality intermingles with a desire to avoid tiresome conversations. The easiest way to manifest anti-social behavior is to simply plug in your iPod and rock out to Howlin' Wolf and Muddy Waters. After spotting an acquaintance from a previous life, it's often easier to bury your head within the pages of *The Hustler* rather than confront the awkwardness of a superficial chat. If the sighting occurs with enough distance, perhaps a change in sidewalk would provide a quick albeit, neurotic-- remedy. Such a course of action may provide instant gratification, but the aggregate effects compound the mere fact that the Vanderbubble has become an increasingly unapproachable.

Should walk-by greetings be restricted to Facebook friends? What is acceptable etiquette for the walk-by conversation? Of course, I use the term "conversation" loosely, as the bullshit chit-chat that usually marks such an encounter could hardly be described as social interaction.

The enthusiastic "What did you do for Spring Break," betrays rampant disinterest in the life of a peer, and will inevitably be replaced in the cycle of clichés with "What are you doing this summer?" Everyone always seems to be reminiscing of past actions or planning their next move without enjoying the moment. Perhaps eagerness to leave that dull History class mixed with anxiety over a mid-term is the reason why pathway geniality is a rare occurrence. A wise man once told me "It's the Journey, not the destination" and tunnel vision obscures how fantastic it is to live the moment as an epicurean student. This same wise man also instructed me to "Don't Stop Believin" and I've taken his words to suggest never be complacent in the pursuit of happiness.

It is with some melancholy that I write this article. Will friends acknowledge me tomorrow with a handshake or the blankness of a thousand-mile stare? Is there a statute of limitations on camaraderie, on friendly gestures, on the very qualities that make us human? Acquaintances from freshman year are a lost cause; partners in crime from sophomore year are quickly becoming a distant memory, and even intimate associates from the first se-

mester have begun to fade into obscurity. After a couple of missed calls and a few weeks without contact, the lurch to insignificance seems to be a self-fulfilling prophecy. Apathy slays the closest of bonds and nips unborn memories in the bud, yet this campus seems at best indifferent to its cliquish nature. We take it for granted that college produces endless social opportunities. It blows my mind that in two years from now; most of my friends will be nothing more than memories destined to wilt into post-grad irrelevance.

The lyrics of Bob Dylan's tale tackle every human emotion and emulate the themes of literary greats. Indeed, posterity will guarantee the immortality of "Tangled Up in Blue" and Dylan will assume his role among the Pantheon with the likes of Homer, Dante, Tennyson and Byron. The final verse ends with an expression of dogged determination and jaded optimism. The quixotic harmonica solo that brings the song to a close leaves unanswered questions and an opportunity to draw personal conclusions. Maybe we're victims of our own arrogance and snobbery. Perhaps we are all actors on a grand stage and efforts to shake the preeminence of destiny reek of vanity, if not stupidity. Whimsical greetings and random acts of friendliness may not endow the substance necessary to drag down an anti-social institution nor will such efforts placate the winds of fortune. But as for me, I've got about a year left in college, and I'm not sure if that's long enough to figure out what the hell Mr. Dylan is singing about.

—David Ellison is a senior in the College of Arts and Science.

Brimelow appearance should not be missed

On Monday, March 20, students, faculty and members of the Nashville community will have the opportunity to hear one of the foremost critics of current U.S. immigration policy speak at Vanderbilt.

For years, financial journalist and conservative commentator Peter Brimelow



has argued that massive immigration poses a critical threat to America's future. Himself an immigrant from Great Britain, Brimelow brings a much needed international perspective to the issue, and as a graduate of Stanford Business School and a former editor at Forbes, the Financial Post, and National Review, his credentials are impressive.

In his 1995 bestseller, Alien Nation: Common Sense about America's Immigration Disaster, he carefully dissected ever aspect of the immigration debate, brandishing a startling array of evidence and statistics that demonstrate how America's open borders policies increase crime, welfare, unemployment, disease, racial tensions, and a host of other social pathologies.

Yet Brimelow does not simply overwhelm the reader with a jumble of numbers, but asks the fundamental question of whether or not America even needs immigration. With an MBA from Stanford, Brimelow is no stranger to complex economic questions, and he explains how the real consensus among labor economists (hardly a right wing group) is that the total net benefit of immigration to native-born Americans is very, very small; probably only \$15-20 billion, insignificant in a \$10 trillion economy and completely wiped out by the costs of higher crime, stress on social services, etc.

The real effect of immigration is not so much to create wealth, but to redistribute it. Immigration provides corporations with an abundant source of cheap labor, allowing them to increase profits. The public, however, has to pay the costs. Hence, current immigration policy might well be described as a form of corporate welfare, and the end result is that it robs from the poor and gives to the rich.

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Burchard: Immigration issues should be debated on campus

book, or any of his other columns or papers on immigration. He also places U.S. policy in a global context by explaining how many countries in Europe, Africa and Asia effectively bar immigration, and that a simple solution to the problem might simply be to establish reciprocal agreements with other countries.

If they let our people in, we'll let in theirs. Sounds

Yet what probably sets Brimelow apart from other writers on the subject is that he was among the first in recent times to explore immigration's cultural and political implications. It is his belief that large-scale immigration without assimilation threatens to transform America into a nation with absolutely no sense of itself, and now others, from Pat Buchanan to Samuel Huntington, have come to voice similar concerns.

Since Alien Nation, Brimelow has continued his efforts by editing the Internet "webzine" www.vdare. com featuring a wide variety of writers and activists, from hard core conservatives to liberal progressives and feminists. Yet whatever their views might be, all are united by a common desire to see the passage of serious and effective immigration reform.

Brimelow will be speaking in conjunction with the Impact Symposium at Langford Auditorium, Monday, March 20 at 8 p.m. Tickets are free to students and available at Sarratt. All concerned about the future of the country should attend, and I, for my part, am not going to miss it.

-Chad Burchard is a senior in the College of Arts and



Failed Dubai ports deal has a positive impact on America

Over the past several weeks we have all witnessed intense public outcry over the proposed deal to transfer control of American ports to a Dubaibased company. Seventy percent of Americans in a recent poll disagreed with the proposed deal, and the President's approval rating has fallen to an



OPINION EDITOR

ADEN **JOHNSON**

all time low of 36 percent as a result. However, amidst all the talk of failure and xenophobia toward the Middle East, we have failed to recognize how this proposed deal has had a positive impact on America.

Not many people realized prior to the past few weeks that only approximately five percent of all cargo coming into the United States from overseas was being checked, and that funding for the Coast Guard has actually decreased over the last few years. Not many people realized that there was no standard for how containers are sealed and no way of certifying the identities of those entering and leaving the ports during cargo transfers. Not many people knew that a foreign government had control all these years of our non-security port operations. Whether you agreed with the proposed deal or not, the issue has brought about much needed debate on an issue that has been ignored for too long during this war on terrorism. It has been five years since September 11, and still only five percent of the containers coming into this country are being checked for weapons that could be potentially devastating.

It is a rarity when Hillary Clinton and Bill Frist can cross the aisle and agree on something, but it is a much welcomed rarity among the last few years of nasty division over the war in Iraq, social security privatization, wire tapping and Supreme Court nominations, among other issues. Not since September 11 have I seen so many people agree on something in this country and I almost forgot that members of Congress could be so cordial to one another. Now let's hope that they take action to secure our ports, just like they did for our airports after planes were hijacked. Too often the government waits to see how others can strike us before we take action to prevent it in the future. Now is a golden opportunity to take pre-emptive action to prevent weapons from being transported through lax security in our port system.

We also must realize that it is the Coast Guard that controls port security and there is a separate entity that controls port operations. Right now 71 percent of Americans say they are against the deal not because it is a Dubai-based ports company controlling port operations, but rather because it is any foreign government controlling the operations. Most people simply did not realize that the United States did not control its own port operations until the deal was proposed to transfer these operations from one government to another. Just like the United Kingdom, the United Arab Emirates is a major U.S. ally and would not have control over port security. This is basically like giving the United States control over the security line at the airport and putting another government in control of all ticketing, baggage transfers, airplane maintenance and air traffic control. Somewhere in all of those operations are potential security loopholes, and this is what many people are worried about. It just seems like things would work more efficiently if the United States had complete control of port operations and port security, but this is just my opinion. Whether you agree with me or not on that, we can all agree that through all of the controversy over the last few weeks, many positive things have come as a result of the Dubai Ports World deal.

—Aden Johnson is a junior in the College of Arts and Science.

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What to Watch for **W2W4** 3/15-3/21

Wednesday 3/15

BEWARE the Ides of March. Shakespeare's titular Julius Caesar met his end on this day, so watch your back for any and all "honorable men" hanging around.

Thursday 3/16

FIND some art on campus today. The Fine Arts Gallery's "Three Paths to Abstraction" closes today, and new exhibits opened recently in the Sarratt Gallery and in the Ingram Studio Arts Center.

Friday 3/17

DANCE a jig, or perform any other Irish stereotype; it's St. Patrick's Day. Largely now used as an excuse for debauchery, there should be plenty to do, it being Friday and all.

Saturday 3/18

DESTROY your conception of animated babies and sitcom dads at Sarratt Cinema with screenings of "Stewie Griffin: The Untold Story" and "The Aristocrats." You will never see Bob Saget the same way again.

Sunday 3/19

VISIT the Mercy Lounge tonight at 9 p.m. to hear the Minus 5's lighthearted, country-tinged brand of alternative rock. Their new album, the so-called "Gun Album" was released just last month.

Monday 3/20

SKIP the steak today, it's the Great American Meat Out Day. Give a meat-free diet a chance and see how much you like it. The helpful staff at Grins should be able to assist.

Tuesday 3/21

READ a poem or write one, if you like. Today's World Poetry Day. For a daily dose of poetry try The Writer's Almanac, heard daily at 12:04 p.m. on Nashville's NPR station, or on the web at http://writersalmanac. publicradio.org/.



RELATIONSHIPS

True life: I am a procrastinator

Spring Break is officially over. Back to the armpit of Tennessee where I feel as though it is raining more often than not and the closest you can get to building a sandcastle

RANDY AT VANDY

KRISTEN WILLOUGHBY

is a bucket of beers from SATCO and a dirt mound from Peabody construction. And although this is a sad reality that somewhere deep down I know to be true, I will still continue to put off actually doing work until well into next week. But such is life with me — I put off everything, and I'll be the first to admit I have a problem. So this is my story. True life: I'm a procrastinator.

I used to think that no one procrastinated. I pulled my first all-nighter in seventh grade cramming my "year-long" science project into one night; luckily all my hypotheses were right on — they always are. But being the first of my friends to meet this fate, I felt all alone. I thought I could mask my fatigue with eight cups of coffee and a piece of nicotine gum I stole from the bus driver, but at 5 feet and 80 pounds I might as well have joined the ranks of Hunter S. Thompson and Jessie Spano. I was so excited ... so excited ... so ... so ... scared.

Then high school came around, and I thought procras-

tination was like everything else: Everybody's doing it. It seemed like everyone did their homework 15 minutes before class or at lunch, if they did it at all. It became the sweeping trend of our generation, which I'm convinced is the reason why Blockbuster tactfully changed to a "no late fee" policy — I've already had to buy three freaking DVDs.

Now we're in college, and it has become frighteningly clear to me that procrastination is a disease that plagues much of our campus, and I'm sure much of the nation, if not the world. Not everyone has it, but it is contagious and symptoms worsen under certain conditions such as returning from vacation, Tuesdays, Thursdays, the weekends, Sundays being the absolute worst and often coinciding with returning from vacation for a double whammy and the assurance that you will hate your life.

However, as long as the work actually gets done before deadline then what does it matter, right? Increased stress? Maybe. Momentary heart failure? Perhaps. But ultimately the old adage holds true: no harm, no foul. Recently though it has come to my attention that procrastination is seeping into areas of life I hadn't previously expected: the social life, specifically relationships, what else? I call this infectious strain of dilly dallying Breakup Procrastination.

I'm still in the early stages of observation, but I've witnessed many a case. For one, there's Nick Lachey and Jessica Simpson. It's hard for me to talk about it, but I do believe they let the whole thing drag out too long. Even in the last

season of "Newlyweds," it was obvious that the marriage was on the rocks. They could hardly stand each other. But what kept them holding on? What keeps any of us holding on when we know it is over?

There are a lot of things. There are the obvious reasons: We're still in love, we don't want to hurt the other person or we're afraid of being alone. Or maybe it's about failure. No one wants to fail, and most people don't like giving up, so it's possible that we somehow view breaking up as failing or quitting. For some of us, we hold onto this false hope that if we push through all the things about a relationship that really bother us, and if we ignore all the little details we know just aren't going to work, then somehow we'll reach a place where we don't feel like ripping off all our toenails every time someone asks, "What's going on with you two?"

Well, I'm not sure that place exists. Instead we procrastinators just end up exhausted from dancing around the inevitable. And most of the time we dance the relationship, as well as our counterparts, right to the edge of the breakup cliff. And we let them teeter there for far too long before we either push them or they jump for themselves. And unless we can fly, someone will always end up hurt.

So how do we put a stop to breakup procrastination and procrastination in general? I have no idea; that's a whole other reality television show.

—Kristen Willoughby is a junior in the College of Arts and Science.

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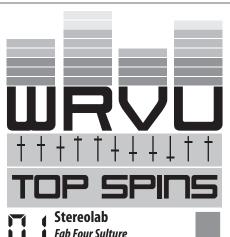


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Nashville band stays unplugged

BY BEN DOAK
LIFE MUSIC WRITER

With the end of Spring Break, Rites of Spring is just around the corner. The lineup is full of great acts, and it is about time to start checking out the invited guests.

Much unlike the last featured band, traditionalist bluegrass group Hot Buttered Rum, the next band to check on the Rites of Spring lineup should be novel alternative-rock band Blue Merle. Based here in Nashville, Blue Merle plays a unique

sound that may seem unexpected for the genre they reach. This alternative band comes equipped with acoustics, not loud electric guitars or amps like you might expect. The band builds their sound from guitar, fiddle, mandolin, upright bass and drums that claims influence from artists as different as Neil Young and Sonic Youth, with a lead vocalist often compared to Chris Martin of Coldplay.

To better understand the band, you might be wondering where the band got its odd

name. Their jazz-trained drummer William Ellis, a Led Zeppelin enthusiast, took it from his classic rock fave's "Bron-Y-Aur Stomp," which says, "Tell your friends all around the world / There ain't no companion like a blue-eyed Merle," a merle being the equivalent of a blackbird. This obvious mélange of influence may take credit for making the band so exciting.

Perhaps the best place to look for Blue Merle at their best is their harrowing, bluesy single "Every Ship Must Sail Away." While another highlight you might look to hear is their country-tinged rendition of the Talking Head's "Psycho Killer," an oft-played favorite cover, usually ended with a blistering fiddle solo. Strange as it may seem, this infusion of country/ bluegrass and alternative rock works perfectly for Blue Merle, making a fantastic new sound.

Blue Merle defines a sound of their own that yet appeals to a broad range of musical tastes, a riveting act you definitely will not want to miss.



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Goodloe Harman

California's Ray's Station Vineyards, makers of an outstanding Cabernet Sauvignon from 2002, would have you believe. With a black label bearing the embossed image of a galloping black stallion and a promotional slogan calling it "The Hearty Red Wine for Men," there seems little doubt as to whom this wine is advertised. And for good reason. The bold, spicy taste of Ray's Station Cabernet Sauvignon is perfectly suited for the man who drinks wine less than frequently and would, on many occasions, rather have a beer. But by no means should it be so exclusive; I think that for anyone, regardless of gender, from a discerning wine aficionado to someone willing to try something new, this wine will

pleasantly satisfy. Grown predominantly in France and the United States, the cabernet sauvignon grape is one of the most widely planted wine grapes in the world and has for centuries produced some of its most prized wines. Compared to other reds, the cabernet sauvignon is a fullerbodied and richer wine than most. Ray's Station is a wonderful and inexpensive example of a cabernet sauvignon. It has a bold, dark, fruity flavor with a hint of chocolate; after one glass, one can understand why cabernet sauvignon is sometimes referred to as the "king of red wines."

When paired with food, this

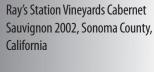
wine — as with most cabernets — is not very versatile, but proves a splendid accompaniment to any red meat dish such as steak, pasta with a chunky meat sauce or even a big juicy hamburger. The enjoyment of Ray's Station, however, shouldn't end at the dinner table. It is excellent when had by itself, and

its strong flavor isn't overpowering,

but it certainly calls the taste buds

to attention. This spring, as the weather warms up and the work piles up, let Ray's Station Cabernet Sauvignon help relieve the stress from papers and projects. I think its bold and full flavor will surely satisfy — regardless of your testosterone level.

–Goodloe Harman is a senior in the Blair School of Music





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Kristen **Chmielewski**

ally over, I suggest a little trip to Bound'ry for a classy nightcap.

Imaginative décor allows this restaurant to take you away from the rest of Nashville. A two-story dining room (the second story being not much more than an extended balcony) is splattered with bright murals.

When the weather is right, the outdoor patio builds a perfect setting for both drinking and tapas. The heated upstairs patio allows additional bar seating at no loss to comfort.

Especially in the recently warm weather, the open air bar negates boredom from single-setting asphyxiation with the option to either sit in a half-booth alcove, chill at the bar, score a tall table or recline among the numerous cushy couches upstairs.

The setting overall is rather relaxed, yet it retains a certain energy forwarded from the bass-pumpin' party music over the speakers.

Indeed, the atmosphere of dimmed lights and earthen adornments is comforting, yet strangely out of place amidst TVs playing Adult Swim cartoons, and a musical selection ranging from Madonna to Franz Ferdinand, Ludacris to M.I.A./Diplo. However, the dichotomy adds to the entertainment rather than detracts.

This bar is atypical of Nashville in the sense that it embraces the "trendy coast" vibes of New York and Los Angeles, but at the same time, attracts college and grad students; the hipster fan base and the



The bar at Bound'ry serves a wide selection of specialty cocktails, wines by the glass and imported beers.

cigar-smoking professionals.

The drinks are the most notable, of course. Favorites include the colorful and imaginative martinis, specifically the Saketini and the Chocolate Martini, which come with little extra vials on the side, to ensure continued good times.

The extensive wine selection boasts numerous new world wines, with scattered Spanish and French wines.

The wine list boasts of having "Effervescent Starts," Casual Conversation Wines," "Clean Crisp Balanced Enjoyable Whites," Whites," "Complex Whites," "Light Fruity Reds" and "Soft Silky Reds." I recommend the Rioja Tempra-

Luckily, for those who prefer the less complicated brew to the confusion of choosing among unknown French provinces, the beer menu is as eclectic as the wine list.

Among them are beers from Belgium, Quebec and France. Bound'ry has brightly flavored

beers, like Blache de Chambly and Trois Pistoles, and high alcohol content beers such as the delicious Delirium Nocturnum and Delirium Tremens. And yes, they do carry the high-class frat beers: the classic Bud and Miller Lights.

One minor recommendation: order your drinks from the bar for faster service. The array of skilled, and over-pouring, bartenders assures a fast beverage delivery, in contrast to the slower and difficult to track down waitresses.

Yet, if you are able to find a waitress, order some food. The restaurant cuts down its original menu for late night, and serves up some of the finest food in Nashville.

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Be careful though. Once you start to branch out and taste much of what the world has to offer in the form of wines and brews, you will, assuredly, be hurting the next

-Kristen Chmielewski is a junior in the College of Arts and Science.



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'Crash' win leads to 'Crash-lash'

Last Sunday, minutes after Jack Nicholson announced the stunning upset victory of "Crash" over

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"Brokeback Mountain" for Best Picture at the Academy Awards, the blogosphere and traditional media became rife with conspiracy theories, rationalization and whining over the worthiness of the winning film. Kenneth Turan of the Los Angeles Times wrote, "For people who were discomfited by 'Brokeback Mountain' but wanted to be able to look themselves in thae mirror and feel like they were good, productive liberals, 'Crash' provided the perfect safe harbor." One blog, a bit hyperbolically, declared that the cinema was now dead to him. Annie Proulx, the author of the original "Brokeback Mountain" short story, dubbed its competitor "Trash" in a vitriolic rant in The Guardian. Roger Ebert, ever reasonable and level-headed, dubbed this uproar the "Crash-lash" in a thoughtful piece that appeared Monday morning. (Full disclosure: Ebert has for months been arguing the defensible position that "Crash" is the best film of 2005.)

One of the most baffling explanations, and perhaps the most prevalent, is a weird hybrid of homophobia and fear of not being seen as progressive. Again, Mr, Turan: "In the privacy of the voting booth, people are free to act out the unspoken fears and unconscious prejudices that they would never breathe to another soul or, likely, acknowledge to themselves. And, at least this year, that acting-out doomed 'Brokeback Mountain." Calling the Academy homophobic for not giving Best Picture to "Brokeback" is akin to thinking they have a fear of flying for rejecting "The Aviator" or are teetotalers for snubbing "Sideways." "Brokeback Mountain" does not "promote" any sort of agenda or lifestyle; it's simply a love story (a point thoughtfully made by Hustler opinion writer Reeve Hamilton). So, to assume a "Crash" victory is a sign of homophobia actually plays into the hands of conservative critics who cannot differentiate between the portrayal of subject matter and the promotion of a point-of-view related to that subject matter.

As for the matter of wanting to be seen as progressive: This was indeed a very lefty, topical year for Oscar. The pre-show storyline was how the five films related to prevalent social and political themes, some quite boldly; and now, suddenly, "Crash" is the "safe" choice. Have these people even seen "Crash?" There was little comforting or safe in the narrative, and though not as haunting or courageous as Steven Spielberg's "Munich" (Spielberg, director of the well-regarded "Schindler's List" and founder of the Shoah Foundation knowingly risked and may have lost his credibility with many Israel supporters), it was certainly more immediately compelling than the other films. Other critics say it's manipulative (what movie isn't), that it's preachy or that it's not realistic, criteria that I do not remember being necessary for a great film. The silent majority I have heard from found "Crash" very good, and it's success at the box office and home video suggests good word of mouth.

Why did "Crash" win? Well, it had a strong ensemble cast, and actors are the largest voting block of the Academy. It was filmed in Los Angeles for \$6.5 million, in an era when studios fret over runaway production (movies that shoot in other states or countries) and runaway budgets. These sim-

ple factors made it the sentimental favorite for all the right people. And the editors didn't like "Brokeback" enough to even nominate it, which pushed "Crash" over the edge. (Apparently, the editing award has long been a bellwether for the big winner, with a few exceptions.)

The "Crash-lash" also reveals something about "Brokeback" partisans. Many of the film's most ardent supporters read the film's popular success as a sign of social progress, a symbol of mainstream acceptance for same-sex relationships based on love; the expected Best Picture win was supposed to be the ultimate validation. When you put that kind of social pressure on one film winning one award (which it has a one-in-five chance of winning), you are setting yourself up for disappointment.

—Alex Chrisope is a sophomore in

the College of Arts and Science									
2006 Academy A	ward winners:								
Best picture	"Crash"								
Best actor	Philip Seymour Hoffman "Capote"								
Best actress	Reese Witherspoon "Walk the Line"								
Best supporting actor	George Clooney "Syriana"								
Best supporting actress	Rachel Weisz "The Constant Gardener"								
Best director	Ang Lee "Brokeback Mountain"								
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Juggleville: JPAC members as main attraction a first

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Goofing around aside, the club members have put a great deal of work into "Juggleville," having been gearing up for the show virtually all year. The event was conceived last spring, and the group began fundraising and organizing the show schedule in the summer. They've been choreographing and rehearsing the acts since fall. What's more, some performers joined the club only last semester and are nonetheless participating in the show. "Anyone who is enthusiastic ... we'll find a way to work them into the show," said Weiss.

"Juggleville" is really a first for the JPAC. The club is now in its third year, but this is the first time they have organized such a major event. Past performances have all been guest routines at other events, such as Vanderbilt basketball games and Dodecaphonics concerts. This weekend the jugglers are finally the main act, allowing the group to attempt acts that wouldn't be feasible in shorter routines. These acts will rely on acrobatic stunts and even physical comedy. Weiss said the program allows the group a lot of room to be creative as well as humorous. The event may prove to resemble a sort of variety show— Vanderbilt singing group the Dodecaphonics will also be featured as guest performers.

The JPAC has seen impressive growth in the few years that it has existed. The club was started with only a few members, but this year 18 club members are performing in the show, as well as some guest performers. The group is notable for its inclusive and welcoming members. Although some members have been practicing physical arts for many years, the group readily welcomes new people, even if they happen to be complete beginners. The group also welcomes members outside of the Vanderbilt community.

Respected member Ted Joblin entered the group not as a Vanderbilt student. In fact, Joblin is one of the top diabolo performers in the country and joined the JPAC in hope of laying down a foundation for building a performance career for himself.

JPAC members consciously attempt to involve the community outside of Vanderbilt in their performances. They have been zealously publicizing the "Juggleville" show around the community and hope to draw an audience that brings the Nashville and Vanderbilt communities together for an evening of lighthearted fun.



Juggling and Physical Arts Club members Shandia Deloach (left), Gian Rossi (center) and Ted Joblin (right) work on their juggling at a practice session on March 13 in preparation for this weekend's Juggleville performance.



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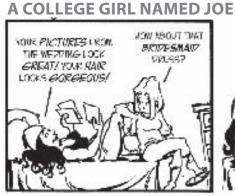
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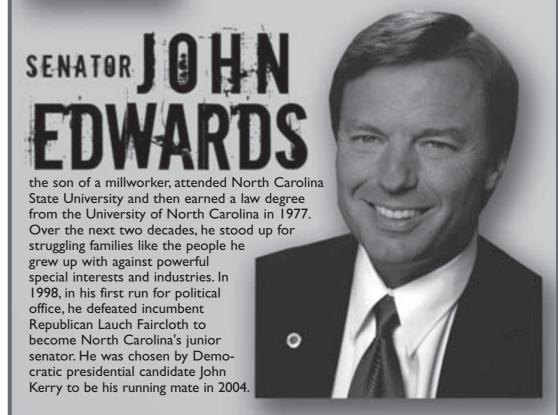
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