

WEATHER

Tornadoes hit home



Building materials and vehicles lie in a large pile of debris in Gallatin, Tenn., after a tornado hit the area Friday. Weather officials said tornadoes were spotted in about 10 Tennessee counties, but the worst damage appeared to be in the suburbs northeast of Nashville.

Twelve people die as storms shake Middle Tennessee.

BY RACHEL STEVENS
HUSTLER EXECUTIVE NEWS EDITOR

Students on campus scrambled to the basements and hallways of their dorms Friday afternoon, as tornadoes and storms passed through the area.

While Vanderbilt and the immediate Nashville area were spared from damage, many towns in the Middle Tennessee area were not so lucky.

A tornado hit Sumner County, north of Nashville, killing seven people and damaging or destroying hundreds of homes and businesses.

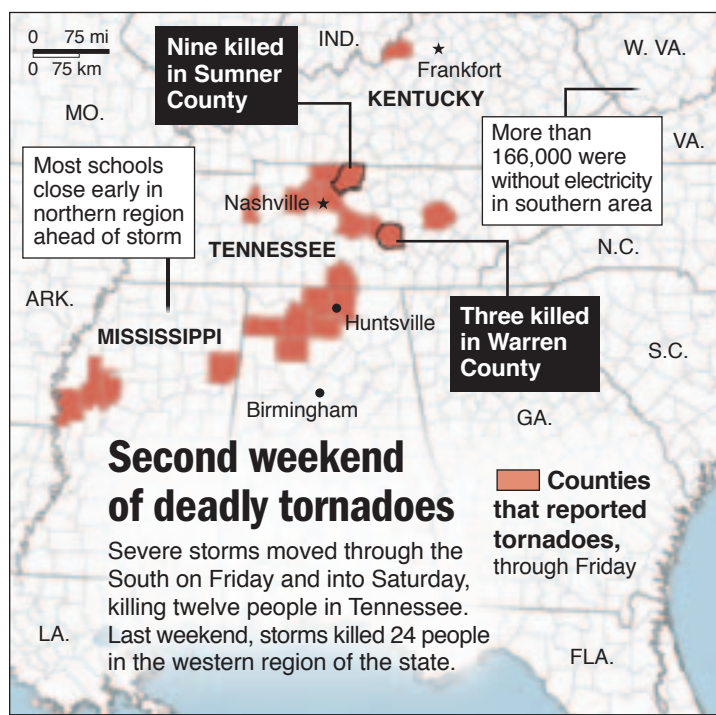
The tornado packed winds close to 170 mph, officials say.

Tornadoes were spotted in about 10 Tennessee counties, the second wave of deadly storms to hit the state in less than a week, weather officials said.

However, the one that touched down in Sumner County had winds of 158 to 206 mph. It was an F3 on the Fujita scale used by the National Weather Service to rate tornadoes. The top of the scale is an F5.

The storms hit close to home for Vanderbilt students

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HISTORY 101

Vanderbilt owes its founding to Bishop McTyeire

Commodore gave initial \$1,000,000.

BY BEN SWEET
HUSTLER NEWS EDITOR

If Bishop Holland McTyeire had never gotten sick in the early months of 1873, there would be no Vanderbilt University.

In fact, had McTyeire not traveled to New York for medical care and stayed with his cousin (who happened to be married to Cornelius Vanderbilt, 43 years her senior), perhaps the name Vanderbilt would have been lost forever except to those history buffs who memorize lists of the richest Americans ever.

And Cornelius was rich. When he died, he left \$100 million dollars behind,

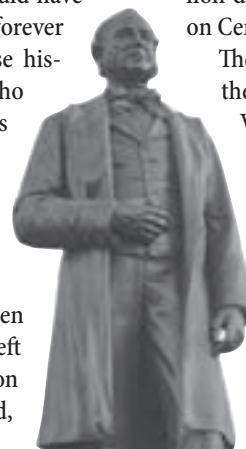
or about \$1.5 billion today. With all that, it seems odd that he didn't find more time for charitable donations, only giving money for something twice in his life.

But after McTyeire convinced Cornelius that the South was in need of a university that would "contribute to strengthening the ties which should exist between all sections of our common country," Cornelius appropriated a million dollars, and construction on Central University began.

The name would change the next year to "The Vanderbilt University." This is the only change that has ever been made to the original charter.

The money Cornelius gave to Vanderbilt was more than he left his wife

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ACADEMICS

Students compete for fake cash prize

BY LISA GUO
HUSTLER ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

For most, the idea of planning to open one's own business is a daunting prospect. For the students in Professor David Furse's Managerial Studies 195 class, it's part of their grade.

In that course, titled The Entrepreneurial Challenge, each student began the semester by presenting an original business plan. Furse chooses the top 10 plans, and the class narrowed it down to five through popular vote.

The five winners head the teams, formed from the rest of the

class, and teams have worked together since then to flesh out their business plans.

This year, the ventures include Sunshine Salad (a quick-service, health-oriented restaurant), Valz & Associates (urban re-development targeting young, upwardly mobile professionals), Leveled (video-game night spot for adults), The Green Heart (providing environmentally friendly products and services) and CollegeLife.com (an online store for dorm rooms).

"We had weekly presentations in class concerning marketing

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STUDENT LIFE



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Chancellor Gee and junior Kevin Barry eat lunch together in Rand as students look on.

Barry trades spots with chancellor

BY TANYA ALVAREZ
HUSTLER REPORTER

Kevin Barry spent the day with Chancellor Gordon Gee last Friday, after winning the Chancellor for a Day essay contest sponsored by the Mortar Board Senior Honor Society.

The essay topic was, "If you could be the

Vanderbilt Chancellor for one year, what changes would you make to the University? Why?"

"Kevin Barry's essay was deemed by the judges the most practical and thought provoking, and he was selected to be this year's

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ORGANIZATIONS

Organization encourages organ donation

BY MONIKA BLACKWELL
HUSTLER REPORTER

Every 12 minutes another name is added to an already large and steadily growing waiting list for organ transplants. Currently, about 90,000 men, women and children are on that very list. One donor can often help many recipients.

For this reason, a handful of Vanderbilt students are actively requesting the help of their peers.

As part of the second annual National Student Donate Life Week, the Vanderbilt Students for Organ Donation will be on the wall next week around lunchtime so that others can learn the facts about organ donation and sign up to be organ donors.

Students Elizabeth Dearing, Emily Clark, Disha Kuma, Amar Patel and Radha Gajjar began the Vanderbilt chapter, founded in the fall of

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Original Cast celebrates 30 years



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Original Cast, Vanderbilt's Broadway revue troupe, performed "Get Busy" in Langford Auditorium on Friday evening for their 30th Anniversary show.



OUR VIEW
As storms rocked the Nashville area on Friday, tornado sirens sounded several times at Vanderbilt when danger seemed distant, and not at all when danger seemed most imminent.
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BASEBALL
Read about Vanderbilt's close 2-1 series loss over the weekend to the tough Southeastern Conference foe Arkansas Razorbacks. The Razorbacks beat the Commodores on Sunday 4-3 with a grand slam.
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COLUMN
Read why columnist Christopher McGeady believes that Vanderbilt should begin waiving tuition for underprivileged applicants in order to increase racial and economic diversity.
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QUOTABLE
"Any type of a high-stakes test that impacts a life event like college, scholarships and financial aid has to be scored with 100 percent accuracy. There is no room for error in this type of a situation."
— St. Paul attorney T. Joseph Snodgrass, who is representing a high school senior who is suing the College Board over an incorrectly scored SAT.

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WORD OF THE DAY

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n. peddler of quack medicine; charlatan; boastful pretender to knowledge/skill

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

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

- 1912 The RMS Titanic set sail from Southampton, England, on its ill-fated maiden voyage.
- 1925 The novel "The Great Gatsby," by F. Scott Fitzgerald, was first published.
- 1932 German president Paul Von Hindenburg was re-elected, with Adolf Hitler coming in second.
- 1972 The United States and the Soviet Union joined some 70 nations in signing an agreement banning biological warfare.
- 1981 The long-awaited maiden launch of the space shuttle Columbia was scrubbed because of a computer malfunction.

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FORECAST

- TUESDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 77
Low: 60
- WEDNESDAY
Thunderstorms
High: 76
Low: 59
- THURSDAY
Few Showers
High: 84
Low: 61

TODAY IN THE BUBBLE

Compiled by Lisa Guo

Islamic Awareness Week

A keynote Address "Islam & The West Overcoming the Deepening Divide" by Dr. Louay Safi will be held today at 5:30 p.m. in the Board of Trust Room (Student Life Center). A Q&A session will follow.

Blair Composers Forum

Today, student musicians will perform works composed by their peers from 8 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. in the Steve and Judy Turner Recital Hall at Blair. The concert is free and open to the public.

Honor Scholarship Information Session

Information session on learning about and preparing for honor scholarship competitions will be held today from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the meeting rooms 1 and 2 in the lower level of the Student Life Center.

Passover Seders

In observance of the Jewish holiday of Passover, Vanderbilt Hillel will host seders at the Schulman Center this Wednesday and Thursday night. The cost of each meal is \$20. For more information or to sign up for kosher meals, please call Deborah at 2-8476.

Republican Senate candidate speaks

The Vanderbilt College Republicans are sponsoring a speech by Bob Corker, a Republican running for Senate. The speech will be held tomorrow in Wilson 122 at 3 p.m.

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

Entrepreneur: Experience worth more than \$1,000,000

From **ENTREPRENEUR**, page 1

strategy, operating strategy, general business concept or what the industry is like," said senior Natalia Battaglia, who works on the Leveled team. "It involves a lot of research and a lot of outside team meetings to coordinate."

"Once you build your team, you plan the opportunity, marketing, operations/management, and financial aspects," explained senior Brian Jarvis, head of the CollegeLife.com team.

He says his project intends to "offer dorm room furnishings and items we know students will want at more of a discount. The idea is to cycle our inventory every week and encourage people to come back and look to see what's new."

The semester will culminate in presentations given to an outside panel, which will choose one group to receive an imaginary \$1,000,000 of start-up money.

"Everything's real except the million dollars," Furse said. "But the students' grades do depend on their business plans."

The panel members consist

of investment bankers, entrepreneurs and Vanderbilt faculty. The event will be held on April 19, during normal class hours from 4-6:30 p.m.

The Nashville Business Journal will also be covering the event, which is open to the public for the first time this year.

At the end of the course, while the start-up money doesn't actually exist, the business experience gained from the class is certainly real.

"Consulting firms are very interested in talking to these people," Furse said. "People who can actually build a business know a lot about how to consult with a business. It is good training for a variety of careers."

In fact, the class is so popular that as many as 90 people apply for what ends up being a class of fewer than 30 students, Furse said. The course, which began four years ago, soon expanded to a series of three courses of which *The Entrepreneurial Challenge* now is the middle course. ■

VUPD CRIME LOG

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There is no crime to report.

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

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Students line the hall in Reinke Friday night after the tornado warning sirens went off. Around campus, some students sought shelter while others ignored the sirens completely, prompting some to ask whether a newer, more accurate warning system is warranted.

Tornadoes: Strong storm surrounds Nashville area

From **TORNADOES**, page 1

from Sumner County.

Allen Vantrease, a sophomore from Gallatin, said that while his family's home was spared from damage, the tornado affected many of his friends in the area.

"One of my friends' house fell down completely with their family inside," Vantrease said. "Luckily, they are all okay. I have another friend from high school who can't live in his house."

Vantrease said that one of the most shocking examples of damage in Gallatin is a local car dealership.

"It just looks like a bomb went off," Vantrease said. "There are cars turned over and scattered everywhere."

Other students from Sumner County, such as freshman Graham Haley from Goodlettsville and sophomore Meagan Williams from Hendersonville said that their families were safe and their homes were undamaged.

"The tornado didn't get to my neighborhood," Healey said. "But the town got a lot of damage."

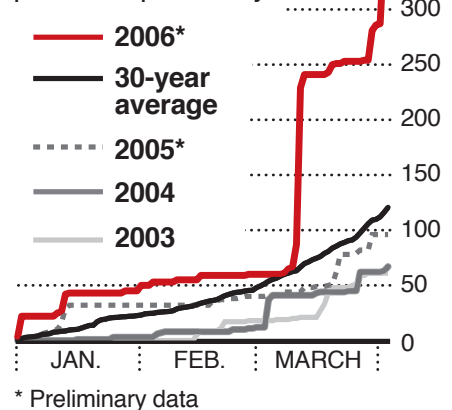
Besides the deaths in Sumner County, three people were killed in Warren County, about 65 miles southeast of Nashville. Two more people died during the night in a Gallatin hospital.

Overall, 20 counties were affected by the severe storms that injured about 160 people and damaged or destroyed roughly 3,000 homes, businesses and farms, according to Randy Harris, a spokesman for the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency.

Harris didn't have exact numbers, but he said most homes and businesses have had their

Twisters arrive early

The number of reported tornadoes is higher at this point than previous years.



SOURCE: NOAA

AP

power restored.

"Some areas are going to take a while," he said.

While some storm victims attended church services on Sunday, others rummaged through the rubble in destroyed neighborhoods, looking for whatever they could salvage.

Sumner County emergency officials implemented a dusk-to-dawn curfew Saturday night for the areas hit hardest, and National Guard soldiers were brought in to patrol. Harris said the main objective now is to assist victims.

A preliminary count estimates that 700 to 900 homes were damaged or destroyed in Sumner County, with another 500 to 700 in Warren County, he said.

"It's basically just sort of a recovery effort," Harris said. "It's going to be going on for a while."

Despite the loss of life, there have been many incredible stories of survival.

Chris Pelham of Gallatin told *The Tennessean* about how he and his mother were ripped from the closet where they were taking shelter and thrown yards from their home.

"I was turning in the wind with the debris," Pelham said. "We were just cotton flying."

Unfortunately, the body of his mother, 39-year-old Crystal Graves, was found more than 100 yards from their house, but Pelham survived after being knocked unconscious when he landed in a pile of debris.

"When I came to, they were pulling debris off me," said the 21-year-old.

In Goodlettsville, Pastor Donald Cantrell lost his church and his home, as did some of his other family members.

"My brother lost his home, my aunt lost her home, my cousin lost her home This is Cantrell country," Cantrell told *The Tennessean*.

But even though they lost their possessions, Cantrell said they all have something more precious: their lives.

"I be all right," he said. "I still got my God."

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NATION

Secret Service apprehends White House fence jumper

BY NEDRA PICKLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A screaming intruder made it onto the front lawn of the White House Sunday, while President Bush was at home, before being apprehended by Secret Service officers.

Secret Service spokesman Eric Zahren

described the man as "someone who has come to our attention in the past as a fence jumper."

The bearded man, wearing blue jeans and a white T-shirt that said "God Bless America," jumped the fence outside the White House and ran across the north lawn while repeatedly yelling, "I am a vic-

tim of terrorism!"

Members of the Secret Service's emergency response team, including one holding a barking dog, chased the man with their guns drawn and surrounded him near the row of cameras set up for television stand-ups.

"I have intelligence information for

the president," the man said, waving his arms in the air.

"I'm not afraid of you," he screamed at the officers who were ordering him to the ground with guns drawn.

The man eventually knelt on the ground and was taken into custody shortly before 4 p.m. ■

History: Age never deterred Commodore

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and all of his daughters combined, so that is either a testimony to Vanderbilt's strong commitment to McTyeire's goals or a sign that he didn't care much for his family. Many would say the latter before the former.

For his part, McTyeire became a founder and a permanent member of a great university. He is buried between Langford and Calhoun.

As for Cornelius, he has been described as greedy and rude, uncultured and cantankerous, a man who liked making money more than he liked spending it.

He once said himself, "I have been insane on the subject of money making my whole life."

Never missing from any good description of him, however, is the word *honest*. He built his fortune on his reputation for fair and honest dealings.

He left school at age 11 to begin working on the New York ferries. He started his own business at age 16 with a loan of \$100 from his mother; he repaid her within a year, after profiting more than \$1000.

His life as a shipping giant took him from New York to Nicaragua, where he created a faster path to California for the gold rushers of 1849.

He bought and sold stock as if it were toilet paper, relocated his business interests every time he saw a profit in doing so, and stopped only long enough to find something else to make money on. By the time he died in 1877, he was a railroad giant as well.

If there was one thing Cornelius never doubted, it was the power of the dollar. He once said, "What do I care about law? Ain't I got the power?"

As for the name "Commodore," Cornelius owned the largest ferry on the Hudson for a good while, which gave other shippers and boatmen a chance to come up with a creative title for him.

How history would be different if the school had taken its mascot name from a favorite expression of Cornelius' instead:

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Gee: Mortar Board sponsors annual event

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winner from a pool of nearly 100 essays," said senior Mortar Board member Frank Corrigan.

"Around campus I hear people say things like, 'How can Chancellor Gee make that amount of money? What does he even do?'" Corrigan said. "It is important for Vanderbilt students to understand how great a task it is to run a university like Vanderbilt. Chancellor for a Day gives one student the chance to see what it's like to be chancellor."

After spending the day with the chancellor, Barry said he really got to know Gee as a person.

"Chancellor Gee is incredibly down-to-earth and gregarious...it was an honor to shadow him for a day," Barry said. "He was very interested in my career interests, and we talked about that for a while over lunch."

Barry said the day gave him the impression that the chancellor cares deeply about the students.

"Although he has a demanding schedule, he stays connected," Barry said.

"Kevin is a great student," Gee said. "He came prepared with very thoughtful suggestions on how to improve the University that we are taking a look at and circulating around to see if we can implement some of these changes."

Barry's winning essay made several suggestions, including adding a Business Major, establishing a Model Congress Program and adding a Latin Motto.

"I think that it is great the Mor-

tar Board puts this together every year," Gee said.

"I really enjoyed spending time with Kevin and it really added to my day. I now consider him someone I can turn to for opinions or advice."

Barry said that despite his long hours, it is clear that Gee loves his job.

"His heart is with the university and its students," Barry said. "I watched him conduct important meetings, but when we went to the Blackacre social hour at the law school, he was one of the guys, and I feel that is what makes him unique."

"He is very committed and receptive to students' suggestions. There is a sign in his office that says 'without change, there's irrelevancy,' which shows that the chancellor has a commitment to change," Barry said.

"Although he is a visionary professional and continues to make strides for the university, he is visible and stays connected with the students. He cares greatly about this university and its students," Barry said. ■



Students sit and chat with the chancellor in his office on Friday as part of the Chancellor for a Day program, sponsored by Mortar Board.

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Swinging to the tune of the Blair Jazz Band, Lizzie Linn and Michael Slanovits cover the dance floor at Vanderbilt's annual Big Band Ball. The event took place on Saturday evening at the Student Life Center.

WORLD

Benedict XVI leads first Palm Sunday

BY NICOLE WINFIELD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI blessed palm fronds and olive branches Sunday in the Vatican, opening a ritual-filled Holy Week that pilgrims in Jerusalem celebrated in a procession retracing Jesus' triumphant return to the holy city some 2,000 years ago.

Wearing embroidered red vestments, Benedict processed through St. Peter's Square in Rome, which was lush with the palms and olive trees that are emblematic of the ceremony.

The pope told tens of thousands of people gathered under a brilliant springtime sun that the olive branches were symbols of Christ's peace, the palms symbols of his martyrdom. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of the church's weeklong commemoration of the last days of Christ's life and his resurrection on Easter Sunday in the Christian tradition.

"With this liturgical assembly we enter into Holy Week, to live the Passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ," Benedict said in an opening prayer of the Palm Sunday Mass.

Pope John Paul II had made a tradition of dedicating Palm Sunday to the world's young people, and Benedict continued that legacy in his first year as pope.

After the Mass, young people from Cologne, Germany, which hosted last year's World Youth Day, formally handed over the large wooden cross used during the church's international celebration to a group of youngsters from Sydney, Australia, who are hosting the next gathering in 2008.

Benedict told them that for many, the cross on which Christ was crucified signified only his death and sacrifice. "But Palm Sunday tells us that ... it is the cross that is the true tree of life," he said, calling the

cross a symbol of poverty, peace and the universality of the church.

According to tradition, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey a week before his crucifixion as followers spread palm branches in his path.

In Jerusalem on Sunday, some 20,000 pilgrims from around the world joyously waved palm fronds and flags as they marched from the Mount of Olives into the holy city.

The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Michel Sabbah — the top Roman Catholic official in the Holy Land — led the procession, which included a mix of young and old, as local Scouts in assorted uniforms walked alongside elderly nuns and priests in colorful robes.

The march drew large crowds for the second year in a row, after several years when pilgrims stayed away because of Israeli-Palestinian violence. Armed Israeli police on horseback and on motorcycles accompanied the procession.

A cacophony of sounds filled the air as some marchers strummed guitars and others banged drums and hoisted loudspeakers — playing songs and prayers in a variety of languages. Others hummed nearly silent hymns.

"It reminds me of a Thanksgiving Day parade," said Sister Catherine Hurley from Newton, N.J. "It's not how I would do it, but I'm happy that they are doing it."

Nevertheless, Hurley, a Salesian sister dressed in white with a large cross hanging from her neck, said she was "overwhelmed" by the number of Christians "of all shapes and sizes" converging in the Holy Land.

Pilgrims prayed in several languages, as Haitians, Poles, Ethiopians and Bolivians walked alongside each other, flipping through their prayer books as they marched. ■

Donors: Group tries to raise awareness, dispel fears

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2004. They now hope more people will join their cause.

Junior Elizabeth Dearing says that the group's main mission is to get more cards signed and to clear up some of the confusion about organ donation.

"There are a lot of myths and not a lot of voice about how important it is," Dearing said.

One of the most common myths is the belief that if doctors know a person is an organ donor, they will

not work as hard to save his or her life.

According to studentdonor.org, a person's organs can be procured for donation "only when all life-saving efforts have been exhausted."

Additionally, despite the common misconception, organ donation does not mean a person cannot have an open casket funeral.

Dearing also emphasizes how important it is that an organ donor inform his parents of his choice. It is essential that this person's family

understand his wishes.

Even if you sign a card, Dearing explained, "you still have to tell your parents."

Websites such as donatelife.net currently offer a family notification form to aid with this process.

It is also important to note that regulations and protocol for signing up vary by state. In Tennessee, one can ensure the decision to be an organ donor by signing up at the Department of Motor Vehicles when applying for or renewing his or her driver's license. For state-by-state guidelines as well as more statistics and facts, visit www.donatelife.net or www.studentdonor.org.

Senior Emily Clark, another of the chapter's founders, calls the shortage of organ donors "a serious crisis."

"If everyone was aware of this problem and realized how easy it was, then I think we could take serious steps in the right direction," Clark said.

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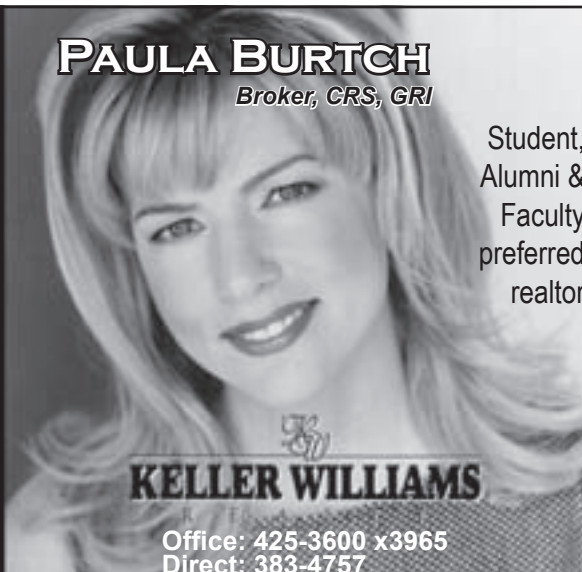
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OUR VIEW

Tornado alert system misleading at times

The destruction caused by Friday's tornadoes throughout the Nashville area served as a somber reminder of nature's deadly force.

While the Vanderbilt campus escaped unscathed, it was less than a decade ago when a tornado came within a block of the Vanderbilt campus in its path through Centennial Park.

On several occasions Friday, the tornado warning sirens went off on Vanderbilt's campus.

Some people reacted by seeking safe shelter in basements or interior rooms. Others did not.

When the sirens went off a couple minutes before 2 p.m., a quick viewing of local TV stations' coverage showed that the sirens went off because tornadoes had skirted the northern edge of Davidson County, hitting the Goodlettsville area, approximately 12 miles north of downtown Nashville.

Shortly after 2 p.m. the tornado warning for Davidson County was lifted. Within minutes, however, more tornadoes approached the Goodlettsville area. A warning was once again placed on Davidson County and sirens wailed in the Vanderbilt area again.

Neither of these sets of tornadoes had Vanderbilt in their path. They were heading northeast, away from Nashville.

Vanderbilt, however, was in danger. Storm cells far southwest of the city had the potential to hit Vanderbilt within the next few hours.

However, we are concerned that with sirens wailing whenever a tornado touches any part of Davidson County, members of the Vanderbilt community, especially notoriously "invincible" students will start to ignore the sirens as another false alarm.

Vanderbilt of course has little control over the county's warning system.

However, we would like to encourage Vanderbilt officials to work with city and county officials to develop a better system.

A two-tiered system, where different sirens are used would be beneficial. A siren that signals a tornado is in the county should be different from the siren that signals a direct tornado strike is imminent.

This way, members of the Vanderbilt community wouldn't have to tune to local TV or radio stations to research whether they are truly in immediate danger.

Until a better system can be implemented, however, we encourage all members of the Vanderbilt community to err on the side of caution whenever sirens wail across the campus.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Student input on Learning Center encouraged

To the Editor:

As current freshmen we are very aware of the college adjustment process, and part of that process has been acclimating to the difference in difficulty level between high school and college classes.

While we have greatly appreciated how dedicated individual teachers have been to providing extra help in these difficult classes, we feel as if we, along with many other freshmen, have greatly benefited from the current Learning Center. Especially in the large, intro classes, the tutored study halls and free individual tutors have helped to fill the gaps that office hours simply cannot cover.

While we look forward to the new Learning Resource Center's opening in 2007, we want to encourage those involved in its planning to keep the positive aspects of the current one in mind when developing this new one. The current center is extremely accessible — the tutored study halls it provides allow students to walk in, without appointments, to get quick feedback, and they are offered on numerous days of the week.

The large numbers of tutors who are connected to the center make it easy for students to get individual appointments relatively soon as well. In addition, we feel as if the time management and study skill counseling aspects of the center truly make it a resource for students making the transition from a high school work

load to a college one. These are all benefits of the center that we hope do not disappear completely when the center is revamped.

Vanderbilt is becoming more selective with each incoming class, and it is also attracting students from a wider variety of high school backgrounds, meaning more types of high school exposure. In the past, one of the most attractive qualities Vanderbilt possesses has been the personalized attention and true interest in the success of each individual student, and we want to continue providing avenues for students to succeed that stay true to this quality.

We are glad that students can now be involved in the planning of a new Learning Center, and we know that the University has been working hard to evaluate the current one and provide us with the best new option. However, we want to reiterate that the current Learning Center has many benefits that are still useful to students, and we hope the personalized aspects of them will not be forgotten amidst the technology that will be added to the new Center.

We encourage students to provide input as soon as possible so that we can better form a way to fill the gap next year before the new center's opening as well.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Television will not ruin civilization

To the Editor:

Every advance in entertainment brings nay-sayers who claim that even though civilization has endured for thousands of years that this one new form of technology is going to be the one to RUIN OUR CIVILIZATION. In the Renaissance these nay-sayers claimed that plays would contribute to the moral downfall of England. For centuries afterward there were clerics who railed against fiction. Now, in the 21st century, we have Vanderbilt's own Daniel Kasbohm, who has chosen to focus on television.

I am not entirely sure why, but whenever somebody writes about the villainy of television I picture them as arrogant British lords with bushy mustaches and shiny top hats smoking pipes in a dark corner of the local club harumphing at the commoners and their pleasures. "Ongoing, repetitive nature," Mr. Kasbohm? More like regularly-scheduled fun! Not all of us want to spend extra hours toiling away in your shoe polish factories and salt mines, you wicked anti-television industrialists!

Television is one of the greatest, most democratic forms of entertainment ever to exist. Early printed texts could only reach a small literate subset of the population, but television can disseminate information, among other things, to everyone. Has

that power been misused occasionally? Yes. But the same argument could be made concerning printing presses, and I don't think anyone is advocating destroying all printing presses and returning to the magic of illuminated manuscripts simply because pornographers and pamphleteers turned the power of movable type to their advantage.

Kasbohm's entire column reads like a Thoreau piece, if Thoreau had nothing better to do with his life than to watch television and he lacked the self-control necessary to go live in the woods/simplify his life/stop watching reality television. I mean, Thoreau wasn't a big fan of the way society was progressing either, but he was too busy with refusing to support the Spanish-American War to write columns about entertainment for *The Vanderbilt Hustler* (I, however, am not too busy, but then again, I freely admit that I make time to watch "House, M.D." whenever possible).

I am sorry that Mr. Kasbohm could not tear himself away from his reality programming; I truly am. It happens to the best of us. But, at the same time, I do not believe the fault lies with fun, innocent television. Deciphering where the fault actually lies is an exercise left to the reader.

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

COLUMN

Vanderbilt should adopt tuition-waiving practices

On March 29th Sean Harris made a bold call for Vanderbilt to start its own version of Har-



THE DISSENTING VU

CHRISTOPHER MCGEADY

vard's "Allston Initiative," a project which would amount to buying up derelict property along West End, expanding the campus and working to help revitalize the greater Nashville community. Though I think such a project would not be out of the question in terms of Vanderbilt's future during the next fifty years, there is a different area into which Vanderbilt should consider venturing forth if it wants to compete with the nation's other top universities as well as shake off its visage as a ranking member of such Princeton Review lists as, "Little Race/Class Interac-

tion."

When the Commons opens in 2008, Vanderbilt is no doubt hoping for a large, talented and diversified class of future leaders to take in, and I see no better way to do that than to follow Harvard in waiving the cost of attendance for lower-income families.

Due to the corporate and industrial revolutions, manual labor has been transformed in the last two centuries from the acquired skill of a craftsman to the commodity of a day-laborer, and as such anyone who wishes to see a fair and reasonable return from their efforts must specialize in a field that's still competitive. Today even the education for these subtle and complex niches in society has itself become a commodity, the price of which is rising while real wage growth slows. To put it in perspective, the government does not consider a single parent with eight children living on \$42,000 per

year as technically in poverty, but according to the College Board, the average cost of one year's attendance at a four-year private university is \$21,235. I wonder how many students think their family can afford to live on half of its income for four years just so they can be educated. I think Harvard made the right choice in giving opportunities to those who would otherwise never have them.

I heard an unconfirmed statistic that Vanderbilt parents make more, on average, than any other university parents, and though I can't be sure that this is true it certainly does not seem like an outright impossibility. Many students here seem to live lavish lifestyles beyond their means — namely they don't work and the fact that they have money at all seems to be an indication that their parents are providing allowances. We're already ranked fourth on the

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COLUMN

President Bush should remain true to his word on CIA leak investigation

President George W. Bush has had a frustrating last few years dealing with this CIA leak investigation. He has been nothing but clear about his position on

OPINION EDITOR

REEVE HAMILTON

the matter, and yet the press continues to hound him about trivial matters, such as legality and truth. Now, since to lie would be to break a commandment, I have complete faith that Bush will stick to the positions he originally made.

Most people who follow this kind of thing know the story. Retired ambassador Joseph Wilson published an editorial in the *New York Times* criticizing the Bush administration for using misleading information, specifically information that Wilson had, himself, previously investigated and debunked, to justify war. Eight days later, columnist Robert Novak wrote an article criticizing Wilson, in which he publicized the classified information that Wilson's wife, Valerie Plame, was a CIA agent. So, an investigation was started, led by Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald, to see who in the administration had leaked this classified information to the press. This all happened in 2003, and Bush has been trying to clarify the issue ever since.

At the University of Chicago on September 30, 2003, Bush said, "Leaks of classified information are a bad thing." Later, on October 7, 2003, he said, "I've constantly expressed my displeasure with leaks, particularly leaks of classified information." Bush could hardly have been clearer than that. He thinks leaks are bad and they displease him.

Bush took it a step further and asserted that the leaking of classified information was even a punishable offense. Considering Bush does not have a history of valuing the law of the land, this is an impressively hard-line stance to take. On September 29, 2003, Press Secretary Scott McClellan said of the matter, "If anyone in this administration was involved in it, they would no longer be in this administration." Then on June 10, 2004, when asked if he stood behind his "pledge to fire anybody in his administration" found to have "leaked the agent's name," Bush responded, "Yes and that is up to the U.S. Attorney to find the facts."

Now, with Fitzgerald investigating, the facts are being found and have been steadily coming in. On October 28, 2005, a five-count indictment was issued against one of the leakers, I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, author of pornographic fiction and Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff. Unfortunately, Libby resigned before Bush had the chance to fire him, which I as-

sume he planned on doing given his previous statement. Then, for a while, news on the subject was absent from the headlines. However, the investigation was not over, and last week it was reported that Libby testified that the order to leak the information came from Bush, himself.

Now, the argument being made by conservative apologists is that Bush merely decided to exercise his authority to declassify the information on Valerie Plame. Nobody has denied that information was leaked; only now their defense has shifted from being unable to act due to not knowing who leaked the information and is now that the publication of the information is a non-issue. Indeed, on July 18, 2003, four days after Novak's column, McClellan did say, "This information was just, as of today, officially declassified." But, Libby's testimony indicates that Bush approved the release of information on July 8, ten days prior to McClellan's statement, and two days after Wilson's editorial was published.

If this information was declassified and the whole thing was such a non-issue, why be so secretive? If an administration official is leaking information, why not try to find out who it is and get rid of them, instead of waiting for an investigation to do it? Nothing about the administration's course of action in this affair has made any sense, which is not really a surprise. So, it seems that Bush, despite being so bothered by the idea of leaking, did authorize the leak. Worse even is that it seems he did it for little more than petty political revenge. Luckily, he promised that anyone involved in activity of this sort would be removed from his administration, and so it should be safe to assume that he will soon be disposing of Cheney and Karl Rove, and will, himself, be resigning.

In the spirit of full disclosure, which Bush has not given, even despite calls for it from prominent Republicans, including Senator Arlen Specter, I must admit that when I wrote, "Now, since to lie would be to break a commandment, I have complete faith that Bush will stick to the positions he originally made," I was lying. In truth, Bush will remain in office until Democrats work up the nerve to call for his impeachment or a new president is elected, whichever comes first.

—Reeve Hamilton is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Science.



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AROUND THE LOOP

How were you affected by Friday's weather?



LINDSEY JONES
Freshman

"I was going to help out with Vanderbuddies' play date, but that got cancelled. So, that was sad."



NAKUL SHEKHAWAT
Freshman

"I was supposed to go downstairs, but I just stayed in my room."



AMY CRAWFORD
Sophomore

"I just ended up going down to the basement of Gillette."



JAMIE HILLEGASS
Junior

"It made me sleepy. I wanted to stay in bed."



DAVID SCOTT
Junior

"I was entirely unaffected, but my Hawaiian friend, Sarah, was scared for her life."

Compiled by Reeve Hamilton

McGeady: Poverty should not impede education

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"Little Race/Class Interaction" list, and if Vandy parents really do make more than I'm guessing that Vanderbilt is composed more of the higher echelons of the economic pyramid. If diversity is something that is important to Vanderbilt, I would suggest embracing the fact that there is not only racial and ethnic diversity amongst us, but economic and geographic diversity as well.

"Oh, you go to Vanderbilt? Wow, that's...so where is that exactly?" I have heard this far too often from people who have asked where I go to school. To attract the best they first must know you exist, and it's not good enough to attract only those in certain regions of the country or from certain income brackets. Vanderbilt could seize the moment and get great exposure by making a big ruckus about how the waiver of attendance costs and the opening of the Commons, in addition to everything else that the school already has to offer, are helping to bring Vandy on par with if not above other top universities when it comes to students' social welfare and a sense of welcomed belonging. Of course, in addition to some sense of moral accomplishment there is also the

added benefit to the university of having more alumni that feel inclined to be extra generous if they ever hit it big.

I believe there may be some who see this idea as untimely in light of the current living wage movement on campus, and I would agree that the issue of a living wage for Vanderbilt employees is a very important one that should be addressed immediately, but I also see the two issues as separate facets of a university with many different needs and goals. There is the university as an educator, and the university as an employer. When I say Vanderbilt should offer free tuition to lower-income families, for me it is a completely separate issue from Living Wage in that they should both independently be heard and hopefully acted upon by the university.

There are strong biases and entrenched problems in our current financial aid system that puts lower- and middle-income families at a huge disadvantage. Vanderbilt must take the initiative and show those potential students that a lack of money should never be an impediment to getting a first-class education.

—Christopher McGeady is a freshman in the College of Arts and Science.



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SPORTS

BASEBALL

Hogs down Dores to steal series

BY JAMBU PALANIAPPAN
HUSTLER SPORTS REPORTER

One pitch was the difference for the Vanderbilt baseball team this weekend as it dropped its first Southeastern Conference series of the season to No.12 Arkansas at Hawkins Field.

Arkansas first baseman Danny Hamblin sent a towering grand slam over the left field wall onto the roof of Memorial Gym in the fifth inning to put the Razorbacks up for good in the rubber game of the three-game series.

"We threw him a good pitch," said Vanderbilt catcher Shea Robin. "He sat back and unloaded on it. You have to tip your cap to him."

Vanderbilt starting pitcher Ty Davis, who allowed just one hit through the first four innings, ran into a jam in the top of the fifth with runners on second and third with one out. He loaded the bases with a walk to set up a battle with SEC RBI leader Hamblin that the Razorback first baseman won.

"He's just an ox," said Vanderbilt coach Tim Corbin. "His fly balls sit in the air for eight seconds. We just don't have bodies like that. We said we were going to pitch around him, but in that situation with the bases loaded we couldn't do that."

The Commodores opened the scoring in the bottom of the fourth when Robin hit a two-run home run over the left field wall.

Freshman Pedro Alvarez attempted to lead the comeback for the Commodores in the bottom of the fifth inning by driving in David Macias with a double off the wall in center field for his team-leading 24th RBI of the year. The run shrunk the Arkansas lead to 4-3, but that was all the offense the Commodores could find.

"The off-speed pitches in RBI situations really killed us," Corbin said. "Pedro came up big once, but no one else did."

Arkansas had a chance to put the game

away in the top of the sixth, loading the bases with just one out. Vanderbilt relief pitcher Nick Christiani settled down and forced two straight outs to allow Vandy to escape from the inning unscathed.

Vanderbilt failed to capitalize on several excellent scoring opportunities, including a bases loaded, one out situation in the bottom of the eighth. The Dores finished with just seven hits on the day.

"Our problem today was that we just couldn't come up with the big hit when we needed it," Robin said. "It was a very frustrating way to end the weekend after the way we started it."

The loss came after the Commodores split the first two games of the series. Vanderbilt dropped another close game on Saturday afternoon when Brian Walker's solo home run in the top of the ninth broke a 3-3 tie and led Arkansas to a 5-3 win.

"Arkansas is a tough ball club," Corbin said. "I was hoping we would scratch a few more runs out, but we just didn't get it done."

On Saturday, the Commodores came back from a 3-1 deficit in the bottom of the eighth to tie the game heading into the last frame. Ryan Flaherty and Matt Meingasner both had RBI singles.

Brian Hernandez was 3-for-4 to lead Vandy while Flaherty, Meingasner and David Macias each ended the day with two hits. Nick Schmidt went eight solid innings for Arkansas, allowing three earned runs on nine hits to earn the win.

In the first game of the series on Friday evening, Vanderbilt pitching ace David Price dominated the Razorbacks and struck out a career-high 17 to propel the Dores to a 7-1 victory.

The win improved Price's SEC record to 4-0 with an exceptional 0.56 ERA.

"That first win gave us confidence," Robin said. "David always gets us off to a good starts. We just couldn't carry that mo-



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Despite sophomore Shea Robin's two-run homer over the left field wall, No. 12 Arkansas beat No. 16 Vanderbilt 4-3 yesterday in the rubber game of the three-game series. The Commodores look to rebound this week as they host Western Kentucky Tuesday and travel to Lipscomb Wednesday.

mentum through the weekend."

Alvarez again led the Dores offense with a two-run home run in the first inning. He ended the night 3-5 with two RBI and two

runs.

"These last two were extremely close," Corbin said. "We shouldn't have done this at home. I made sure our guys knew that

We'll settle back down this week."

The Commodores host Western Kentucky on Tuesday before visiting Nashville rival Lipscomb on Wednesday. ■

BASEBALL

Old friends thrive in new positions

BY JARRED AMATO
HUSTLER ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Center fielder David Macias and catcher Shea Robin have fooled us.

While the two Vanderbilt sophomores and long-time friends comprised the left side of the infield at The Woodlands High School just two years ago, their seemingly effortless transition to new spots on the diamond has made it impossible for anyone to notice.

After Macias made a diving catch in the gap in right-center and Robin nailed a runner at second base to end an inning against Arkansas Saturday, you can bet that they congratulated each other in the dugout. But, even more importantly, when one of them makes a mistake, you can count on the other one being there for support.

"We both know what each other is going through," said Robin, who hit a home run in yesterday's loss to Arkansas. "Whenever one of us is down, we'll pick each other up."

The friendship began when Macias and Robin were eight years old and while they did not always play on the same team, the two have always remained close. When they did play on the same team, it was bad news for the opposition.

Imagine the havoc the future Commodores must have wreaked on the miniature diamond when the fences were just 200 feet away and the bases were 60 feet apart.

"We were an okay team," Robin said modestly when asked about their Little League squad.

As much as they enjoyed their childhood successes, the two friends continued to work hard and eventually became two of the best high school players in the highly competitive state of Texas.

Macias, a shortstop, was named all-county, all-district and all-state and hit .400 with five home runs, 35 RBIs and 10 stolen bases in 2003. He also played wide receiver for the top-ranked football team in Texas that was also ranked seventh na-

tionally.

"Playing two sports just gives you that edge," Macias said. "(But) I don't think I was big enough to play (college) football and baseball was what I wanted to do."

Robin, a third basemen, was ranked as the No. 13 infielder in Texas by Baseball America and led The Woodlands to the district championship in 2003 by batting .600 in the post-season. Ranked first in his class with a 4.0 GPA, Robin was voted to the all-state academic baseball team by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association.

From the start, both players dreamed of playing Division 1 baseball, although they did not always know they'd be going to the same school.

"It's been a goal for us since day one," Robin said. "I think it's a goal for every high school baseball player so when the opportunity came for us, David and I both decided Vanderbilt was the right place."

Robin said that Vanderbilt began re-

cruiting him heavily the summer after his junior year after sending him information about the program the year before. In early August, he took his visit and the rest is history.

"I came up and visited and everything just seemed right," Robin said. "It just fit and I loved it and actually committed on my visit."

For Macias, the recruitment process was a little different. Although Vanderbilt didn't see Macias play for The Woodlands, the school contacted him after his play over the summer.

"Shea had already gone on his visit and he told me it was just a beautiful place," Macias said. "I was interested and I came over and just liked it so much I committed."

Although the two were not expecting to switch positions when they arrived on campus, they have embraced the change.

Macias, who played in ten games at shortstop a year ago, has enjoyed success

as the team's leadoff hitter and everyday center fielder. With less than two years of experience at the sport's most demanding position, Robin has already developed into the team's number two catcher behind senior Brian Hernandez and serves as the designated hitter when not behind the plate. It's becoming clear how much Robin has learned, as his defense has steadily improved.

"It's starting to come a little easier," Robin said. "Last year was tough, but this year I feel a lot more comfortable back there."

The two teammates, whose families are also close, said that they could not be more thrilled with the way this season has gone.

"We're just trying to do anything we can do to contribute to the team," Robin said. "If we can help the team by going out there and playing, we'll do our best and hopefully come out on top." ■

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Tennis trounces Gamecocks after falling to No. 3 Gators

BY PETE MADDEN
HUSTLER SPORTS REPORTER

In its final road regular season match yesterday, Vanderbilt showed why it's one of the best teams in the Southeastern Conference, recovering from its first loss in league play on Friday to handle South Carolina by a score of 5-2. The No.7 Commodores are now 18-3, with a 9-1 record in conference play.

The Vanderbilt doubles teams rose the occasion once again, powered by victories from Caroline Ferrell and Amanda Taylor as well as Courtney Ulery and Liberty Sveke. Despite a rough No. 1 singles loss, in which Amanda Fish was defeated in the final tiebreaker by the Gamecock's Gira Schofield, Commodores Taka Bertrand, Amanda Taylor, and Maggie Yahner each cruised to victory in straight sets, while freshman Courtney Ulery recovered after a first set loss to take the win, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

In a battle of SEC unbeaten on Friday, the Commodores suffered their first conference loss of the season, losing a tough road match against the No. 3 Florida Gators.

The Commodores jumped ahead early, promptly winning the doubles contest by a score of 2-1. The powerful pair of Amanda Fish and Taka Bertrand defeated Florida's Whitney Benik and Alexis Gordon, 8-4, and Liberty Sveke and Courtney Ulery notched a win against Keri Robison and Nina Suvak, 9-7, as well.

Victory seemed within reach when Taka Bertrand pulled off an amazing singles upset of Florida's No. 3 Diana Srebrovic in three sets, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.

"Taka is just so tough," said assistant coach Meike Babel. "She's unbelievably calm and composed under pressure. She never feels like she's out of the match."

Unfortunately, the Commodores were un-

able to rally behind Bertrand, falling in heart-breaking close contests in each of the next five singles matches, thus giving the Gators yet another win at home against the Commodores. Despite defeating the Gators last year in Nashville by a score of 4-3, the Commodores haven't been able to steal a victory in Gainesville in the last 16 contests.

"It was so close," Babel said. "Florida just played really well defensively and made a couple of unbelievable plays. Everyone on our team is pretty bummed, but it's a growing process. We really just need to play more teams like this."

The Commodores will host their final regular season match in Nashville on Saturday against the Kentucky Wildcats. A victory would give them momentum heading into the SEC Championships in Gainesville, Florida, which begin on Tuesday, April 19. ■



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Sophomore Taka Bertrand's upset of Florida's Diana Srebrovic of Florida was not enough as Vanderbilt lost its first SEC match of season 5-2 to the Gators Friday.

MEN'S TENNIS

Youth shows in two home losses

BY MAX FRANKLIN
HUSTLER SPORTS REPORTER

Following a tough loss to No. 12 Florida on Friday, Vanderbilt dropped a 5-2 decision to No. 56 South Carolina in its final home match of the year on Sunday. The No. 63 Commodores (7-12, 2-8) face Kentucky next weekend in their last match of the regular season before heading to the Southeastern Conference tournament.

"One of the characteristics of a young and inexperienced team is playing inconsistent," said head coach Ian Duvenhage. "There's no doubt we're learning, and what we're going through is what we need to do to be one of the top teams in the SEC."

Vanderbilt lost the doubles point, dropping all three matches, 8-4, 8-5, and 8-5. The Dores came out early in their singles matches, as sophomore Ryan Preston went up 6-4 at No. 1 and freshman Nik Cromydas fought to a 7-5 win at No. 5. South Carolina responded by winning the second set in five of the six matches, clinching wins at No. 2 against junior Evan Dufaux and at No. 4 against junior Nathan Sachs. At No. 3, junior Andy Mack couldn't follow up his hot start and lost 2-6, 6-1, 6-2 to clinch the match for South Carolina.

"We didn't play very well today," Preston said. "I feel like we were playing not to lose instead of to win. We needed to go after (the win) more."

Junior Jordan Magarik fought back from a tight 6-4 first set loss to bring it to 5-5 in the second set, but couldn't pull it out and lost 7-5 at No. 6. Preston

rebounded from a 3-6 second set loss and was up 4-3 when Gamecock No. 1 Tom Eklund withdrew due to injury after USC had clinched the match, giving Vanderbilt its first win of the day, 6-4, 3-6, 5-4. Cromydas continued fighting and won his match, 7-5, 7-5 to end the day for the Commodores.

"We've just got to get it together," Preston said. "This is the type of match we can win if we play like we're capable."

On Friday night, before the tornado attacked Vanderbilt, the Gators chomped the Commodores. After losing doubles at No. 1, the No. 3 team of Cromydas and Sachs won 8-4, and at No. 2 Preston and Magarik fought to a 9-7 win to clinch the doubles point for Vandy and give them momentum heading into singles.

"I thought we played terrific doubles Friday, but terrible today," Duvenhage said. "Our singles were better today, but Friday we did not play like we were capable of playing."

Florida, clearly unhappy with their doubles loss, won each match in straight sets, with Magarik putting up the biggest battle at No. 6, losing 7-5, 7-6(5).

"Friday, Florida played really well once they got on a roll," Preston said. "They got ahead and we were just outplayed. But there was no hangover from that match to today."

Vanderbilt heads to Lexington to face the No. 21 Wildcats before heading down to Tuscaloosa for what could be a possible rematch against the Gamecocks in the first round of the SEC tournament. ■

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Vandy tripped up by Heels

BY ALEKSEY DUBROVENSKY
HUSTLER SPORTS REPORTER

Despite a strong effort facing its third consecutive top-six opponent on the road, Vanderbilt dropped a 13-9 decision Friday to the No. 6 North Carolina Tar Heels on Friday. The team dropped its fourth consecutive game and fell to 4-7 on the season.

"We had a lot of chances tonight," head coach Cathy Swezey said. "We played well at times tonight, but our lapses were costly."

One of those lapses came during a key second half stretch highlighted by five consecutive Tar Heel goals. North Carolina's Jess Allen opened the run by ripping a shot past Commodore goalkeeper Brooke Shinaberry. Nine minutes later, All-America candidate Christina Juras put a shot past Shinaberry to make it 11-6 with 18:47 remaining in the game.

That run followed an impressive opening to the second half by the Commodores. Forty-seven seconds in, Ashley Paschall flipped a shot past North Carolina goalkeeper Kristen Hordy off an assist by Margie Curran. Kate Hickman scored an unassisted goal 26 seconds later to knot the score at six. Hickman, the team's leading scorer on the season, also led the team on the day with three goals. Curran had an impressive day as well, scoring a goal and assisting on three others.

The first half of the match was highly competitive and for a while it looked as though the Commodores might score their first victory over a ranked opponent this season. Commodore junior Kendall Thrift knotted the score at 1-1 early in the game after she picked up a loose ball inside the arc and put it into the net, and Curran scored her only goal of the game on a free position shot to give the Dores a brief lead.

North Carolina responded with back-to-back goals by Brooke Dieringer and Meg Freshwater to retake control. The next fifteen minutes went scoreless, highlighted by tough defensive stands and exceptional goaltending. North Carolina's Melissa McCarthy scored her first goal with 7:30 left in the half, giving the Heels a 4-2 advantage. McCarthy finished with two goals and two assists.

The teams traded goals for the remainder of the half and the Tar Heels entered the locker room at halftime with a 6-4 lead. The Com-



Freshman Cara Giordano attempts to pick up a groundball in recent action. Giordano scored a goal in Friday's 13-9 loss to North Carolina in Chapel Hill, which was Vandy's third straight against a top-six opponent.

modores were out-shot 18-11 in the first half, but they reversed that in the second, taking 17 shots to North Carolina's 12 in the second frame.

Vanderbilt showed a lot of hustle in the game, winning the battle for ground balls in each half and controlling 13 of 24 draws. They also placed three of their eight free position shots into the net.

"When you talk about playing a complete 60-minute game, this is a night where you would have liked to have put something like that together," Swezey said.

This loss dropped the team to 0-for-3 on

their latest road-trip following losses to No. 2 Duke and No. 3 Johns Hopkins.

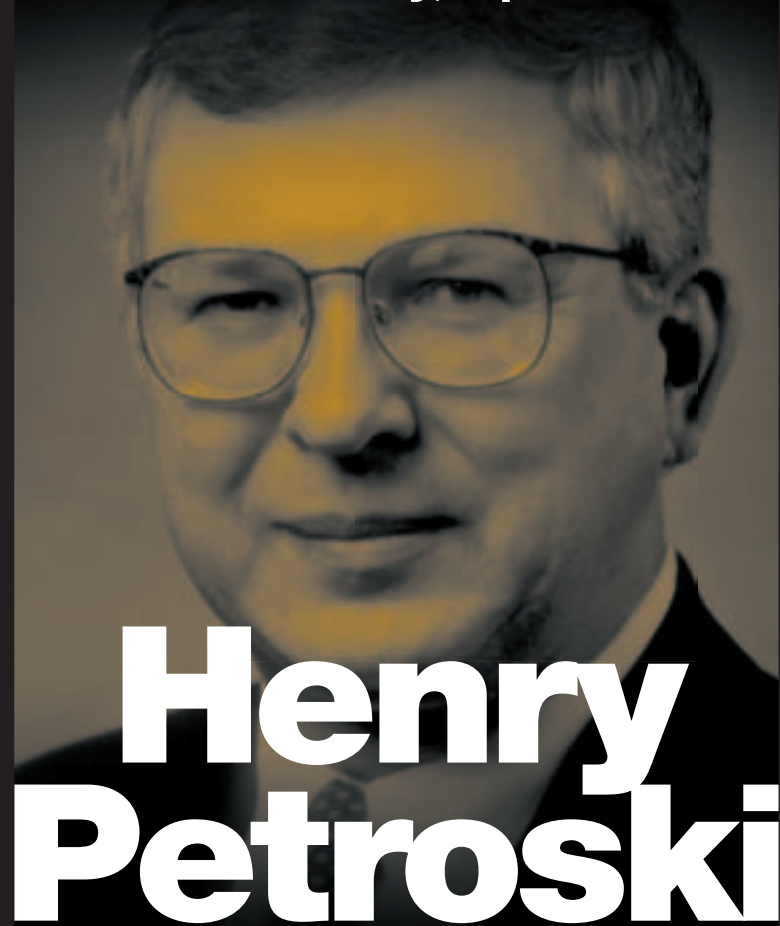
Despite the recent losing streak, the Commodores still appear to command respect as the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association national poll has them ranked at No. 14 this past week.

They return home from their grueling road-trip to host Ohio University on Friday and the Ohio State University on Sunday in a pair of American Lacrosse Conference games during a final home stand. Both those games will be played at the Vanderbilt University Soccer/Lacrosse Stadium complex. ■

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Petroski's *The Evolution of Useful Things* has been described as "a far-flung historical adventure on the evolution of common culture," from Post-its to Scotch tape to fast-food "clamshell" containers. His book *The Pencil* has been called "a serious and charming history" of that most humble, leashed writing instrument. His lecture will draw upon his latest book, *Success through Failure: The Paradox of Design*, and he will illustrate its thesis in the context of historically significant suspension bridges.

The lecture begins at 6 p.m. in Benton Chapel, Vanderbilt Divinity School. It will be preceded by a complimentary reception at 5 p.m. in the Divinity School's Faculty Dining Room. The Divinity School is located off 21st Avenue South near the intersection with Wesley Place. Parking is available in Wesley Place Garage (corner of 21st Avenue South and Wesley Place). This event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and is available on a first-come, first-seated basis.

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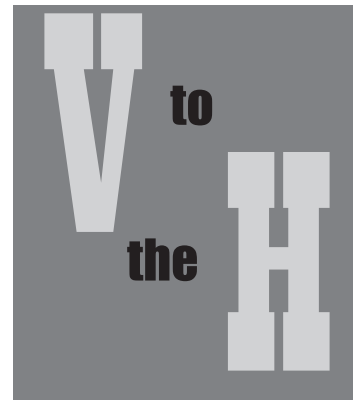
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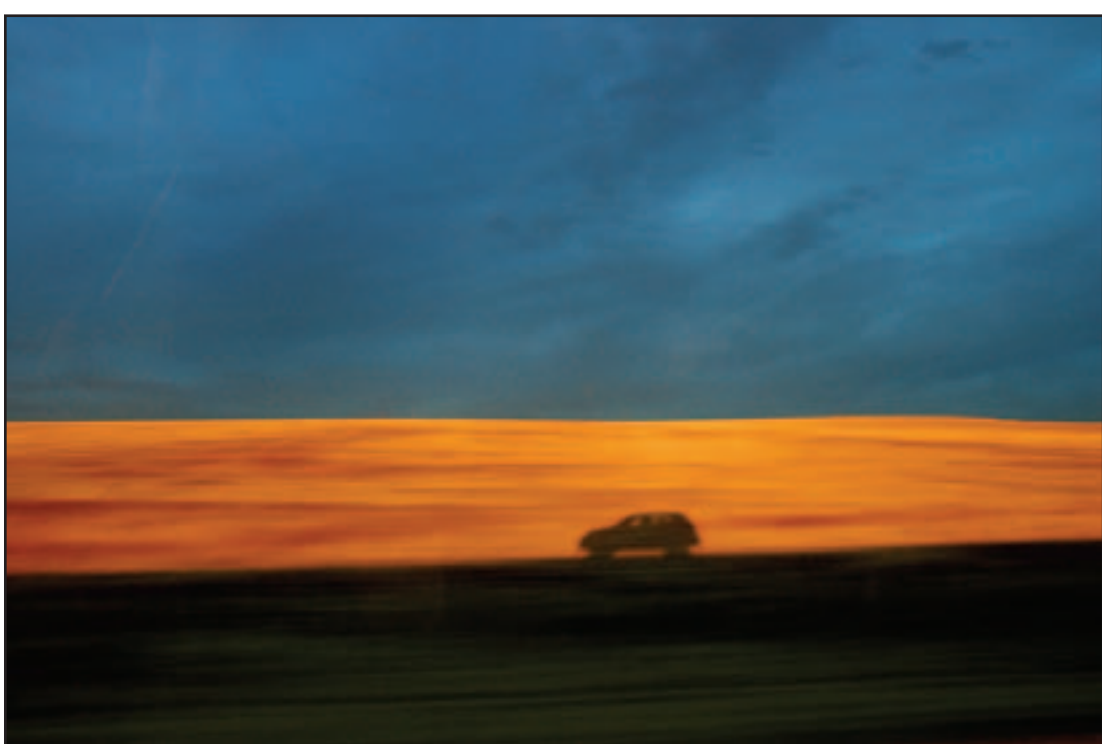


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