

ATHLETICS

Athletes voice concern about management

Many see need for an athletic director.

BY CRAIG TAPPER AND WILL GIBBONS
HUSTLER SPORTS EDITORS

Three years ago, the idea of eliminating the athletic department was met with some criticism, both from outsiders and from those within the Vanderbilt community. Recent

rumors have rekindled a desire for a change to the current state of Vanderbilt athletics.

Over the past weeks, there were hints that the administration was

considering hiring a new athletic director in the wake of some of the athletic decisions made during the school year.

"I think (with an athletic director) it would be easier for the athletes to get their voices heard," said Libebei Lawrence, a sophomore on the women's golf team. "I'm convinced

that men's soccer wouldn't have been cut if Mr. Turner [the last Athletic Director] were still here."

There appears to be a growing sentiment that Chancellor Gordon Gee and Vice Chancellor for Student Life David Williams, who oversees the current athletic department, may be out of touch with the needs and

wants of student athletes.

"He (Williams) is qualified in terms of budgeting," said former soccer player Brian Mascarenhas, who will be transferring to Georgetown this fall. "But, as far as athletics is concerned, I just don't really think he cares."

Lawrence also said that Williams

may not be fulfilling the roles of an Athletic Director.

"The only time I've ever seen David Williams is when we dedicated our practice facility," Lawrence said.

Williams, however, insisted that the administration is well aware of the study body's desires. He believes

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DINING

Dining makes changes to meal plans

BY SEAN SEELINGER
HUSTLER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Next year's freshman will have to purchase a more comprehensive meal plan but all students will have more flexibility in the plans' usage.

For the first time, Vanderbilt Dining will offer 28 meal periods during the week, including the traditional breakfast, lunch and dinner time windows as well as a 12 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. meal period as well.

"Whatever meal plan you have — you can choose any seven meals in that 28 meal period," said Frank Gladu, director of Vanderbilt Dining.

Next year's freshman, however will have to purchase a 19 meal plan, instead of the Lunch and Dinner plan that was required this year. During their sophomore year they will have to purchase a 14-meal plan and during their junior year they will have to purchase an eight-meal plan.

It will be the first time that students are required to purchase a meal plan during their junior year.

Gladu said the reason for the increased requirements was partly "economic" and partly "programmatic."

The Class of 2010 is "the first class that will be here when the Commons is fully open and functional as juniors but what we are trying to accomplish is to move towards the ability to provide a variety of dining facilities on campus and be able to have a dimensional program at the Commons," Gladu said. "We will have a dining facility as big as rand open on Peabody and we want to make sure that it's going to be used."

The facility will open in the fall of 2007 when the Class of 2010 is sophomores, many of who have historically lived on the Peabody campus.

The Commons will not house freshman until the fall of 2008.

"We want people eating together to build community over a meal," Gladu said.

Vanderbilt Dining is working on other tentative projects over the summer.

While the implementation of the projects are not yet guaranteed Gladu said that Dining is planning on converting the Varsity Market in Barnard to an organic food store, opening a smaller version of Quizno's in Morgan House and making some modifications to Rand to make the space more "flexible" to provide more diversification in menu options.

Gladu also looks to add a few restaurants to the Taste of Nashville program where residential students with meal plans and all non-residential cardholders with Meal Money can use the Card at off-campus restaurants.

Vanderbilt Dining also hopes to launch a pilot program for all cardholders with Commodore cash at three or four non-food merchants during the fall. ■

Battle of Bands kicks off Rites



ELISE ALFORD / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Student performers took to the stage last night in Sarratt cinema. The Battle of the Bands was the kick off to this weekend's Rites of Spring. The winning student band, as voted on by students, will perform as an opening act this weekend.

CAMPUS

Students, professionals to reveal art exhibition

Multimedia exhibit runs tonight through May 13.

VANDERBILT NEWS SERVICE

Throughout the spring semester, 12 talented students and 13 local professional artists have been hard at work on an exciting exhibition.

EVOKE/INVOKE/PROVOKE: A Multimedia Project of Discovery premieres from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, April 21, and will run through Saturday, May 13, at the Cohen Building on the Peabody College campus.

"We hope that the show will demonstrate what the power of art can be," said Judy Chicago, a world renowned artist, author and educator. Chicago and her celebrated photographer husband Donald Woodman have been facilitating a project class that provided a group of selected participants with the opportunity to experience the couple's unique, empowering participatory pedagogy.

Chicago and Woodman were named Vanderbilt's first Chancellor's Artists-

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Project Idol exhibit opens



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Sarratt Visual Arts Committee presents Aaron Hussey's 2002 work entitled "Projected Idol: a madman's obsession." Inherent in the theme of the exhibit is the negative impact of mass media. The committee, all too familiar with the idea, is striving to save campus gallery space from becoming recreational areas filled with pool tables and plasma TVs.

COMMENCEMENT

Senior Day speaker to be announced by Monday

BY RACHEL STEVENS
HUSTLER EXECUTIVE NEWS EDITOR

University officials say the Senior Class Day speaker will be announced by Monday, as rumors of who the speaker may be continue to spread around campus.

"Right now all the seniors are just guessing," said senior Jennifer Lee. "I've heard everyone from Bill Clinton to Bill Frist. People are expecting someone really big now."

Seniors also report hearing rumors that the speaker isn't being announced yet due to security reasons.

Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs Michael Schoenfeld said that he doesn't believe there has been a delay in announcing the speaker.

"When you are dealing with very high profile speakers as we are, there are a number of issues that we have to address," Schoenfeld said. "We will be in a position to make the announcement very shortly."

Lee said that not knowing who the speaker is has been frustrating because parents are unsure if they should make plans to come into town early for the speaker or not.

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NATION

Twelve-year college senior to graduate

BY ELLIE ATKINS
HUSTLER REPORTER

With more than double the required course credits needed for graduation for a total of three majors and three minors, University of Wisconsin Whitewater student Johnny Lechner will finally graduate this year after spending 12 years in college.

Johnny said that many years ago, he had once strongly considered coming to Vanderbilt.

"Not only did I consider going to Vanderbilt, but I would've liked to have transferred down there for a few years of my education," Lechner said in an e-mail.

Lechner first realized that his college career would be longer than the average student's in 1998 as his first graduation date approached. He realized that he would prefer to spend more time at college.

"I remember a lot of my friends started planning their graduations and I was like, 'I don't know if I want to do this.' So I just started to just switch majors and hide out. I had advisors trying to get a

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OUR VIEW

Read why we feel that administrators should be concerned that student athletes feel underappreciated and disconnected from the university now that Vanderbilt does not have an athletic department. See Page 8

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45.6%

The percentage of Vanderbilt students who are from the South.

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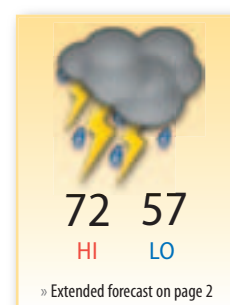
Read columnist Stephanie Fleischman's column on why the lesser-known bands of Rites of Springs should be just as appreciated by students and other fans. See Page 9

POLL

80%

Percentage of U.S. parents who are confident that their local school will get all students up to state standards in reading and math by the 2013-14 school year.

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

WORD OF THE DAY

VAR-IE-GATED

adj. having marks of different colors; varied

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

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

- 1649 The Maryland Toleration Act, which provided for freedom of worship for all Christians, was passed by the Maryland assembly.
- 1836 An army of Texans led by Sam Houston defeated the Mexicans at San Jacinto, assuring Texas independence.
- 1910 Author Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, died in Redding, Conn.
- 1972 Apollo 16 astronauts John Young and Charles Duke explored the surface of the moon.
- 1986 a vault in Chicago's Lexington Hotel that was linked to Al Capone was opened during a live TV special hosted by Geraldo Rivera; aside from a few bottles and a sign, the vault was empty.

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SATURDAY
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High: 77
Low: 60

SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 82
Low: 58

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Partly Cloudy
High: 83
Low: 63

TODAY IN THE BUBBLE

Compiled by Rachel Stevens

Danceline tryouts

Auditions to join next year's Vanderbilt Danceline will take place this Saturday from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Mr. Hebs studio downstairs in Towers East. Candidates should arrive dressed in comfortable but form-fitting dance attire and proper shoes. The auditions will begin promptly at 9 a.m. so arriving early to warm up is strongly recommended. The audition will include jazz, pom, and hip-hop dance. For more information students can contact Lindsey Williams at Lindsey.d.williams@vanderbilt.edu.

Library book sale

The Vanderbilt library will conduct a book sale today from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the plaza in front of the Central Library. In the event of rain, the sale will be held on the library's second floor breezeway. Thousands of titles will be featured. From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., hardbacks will be \$2 each, paperbacks \$1 each, and disc LPs \$2 each. From 2 to 4 p.m., all titles are half-price. From 4 to 6 p.m., a grocery bag of books will be \$1. Cash and credit cards for purchases of \$10 or more will be accepted. Half of the total proceeds will be given to charities benefiting libraries in hurricane-affected regions.

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

NATION

Georgia schools to be able to teach the Bible

BY SHANNON MCCAFFREY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Georgia became what is believed to be the first state to offer government-sanctioned elective classes on the Bible, with Gov. Sonny Perdue signing a bill into law Thursday.

The governor also signed a bill permitting the display of the Ten Commandments at courthouses, an issue that has raised thorny constitutional questions.

Critics say the measures blur the line between church and state. National civil rights groups said they want to see how the laws are implemented before deciding whether to challenge them in court.

The Bible is already incorporated into classes in Georgia and other states, and some local

school districts have passed measures permitting classes devoted solely to the Bible. But education analysts say the law in Georgia is the first time a state government has endorsed such courses.

The new law allows elective classes on the Bible to be taught to high school students. Local school systems will decide whether to teach the courses.

The state Education Department has until February to craft curriculums. The law requires that the courses be taught "in an objective and nondevotional manner with no attempt made to indoctrinate students."

The state's new Ten Commandments law was prompted by controversy over the posting of the commandments at the Barrow County Courthouse. ■

VUPD CRIME LOG

Compiled by Rachel Stevens

April 17, 2 a.m. — An incident of simple assault occurred in Kissam Quad. The suspect was arrested.

April 17, 3:46 a.m. — An arrest for underage consumption of alcohol occurred at Lyle Avenue and West End Avenue. The suspect was arrested via a misdemeanor citation.

April 18, 9:30 a.m. — A theft of motor vehicle parts occurred at 4041 Hillsboro Circle. A parking sticker was stolen. So suspects have been identified and the case remains active.

April 18, 8 p.m. — A theft of motor vehicle parts occurred at Jess Neely and 25th Avenue South in Lot 71. A radar detector and purse were stolen. So suspects have been identified and the case remains active.
For complete listings visit <http://police.vanderbilt.edu>.

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ACADEMICS



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PhD student Janos Sallai, posing as a security guard, slowly walks Vanderbilt Stadium's Dudley Field with a cell-phone connected radiation detector and XSM mote in search of three "dirty bombs." A radio interferometric technique between his device and 12 motes placed on the field continuously tracks his movement within one meter.

Vandy team aims to detect bombs

System tested yesterday at Dudley Field while spectators watched.

BY GARY TANNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A radiation sensor inside a cell phone was used with a network of tiny computers spread out around Vanderbilt Stadium yesterday to detect a fake radioactive "dirty bomb."

The experiment was a test of a system that could represent a leap forward in homeland security technology, said researchers from Vanderbilt University and Oak Ridge National Laboratory who have been working jointly on the project.

On Thursday they set their equipment up in the stadium press box and watched as a red dot moved across their computer screens.

The dot represented the real-time movements of researcher Janos Sallai as he walked up and down the stadium seats and around the playing field while watching the radiation sensor inside his cell phone. He was searching for a small bit of real radioactive material hidden in a briefcase among the bleachers — a stand-in for a dirty bomb that would use conventional explosives to spew radioactive material across a populated area.

A sudden downburst of hail and intermittent showers yesterday threw the researchers some curveballs, but overall the system functioned as it was supposed to.

"The rain killed some of our equipment," Vanderbilt scientist Akos Ledeczi said.

Tiny radio-transmitting computers spaced around an area, like

Vanderbilt Stadium, can be used to help security workers find potential threats, such as the fake radioactive bomb yesterday.

The computers, called nodes, are square white boxes with a short antenna protruding from the top. The current device is no bigger than a coffee cup, but future versions may be the size of buttons on an overcoat.

"It will be miniaturized as the technology matures," Ledeczi said.

The nodes feed information from sensors like the one in the researcher's cell phone back to computers being monitored by the researchers. In a real-world application, the information would be sent to computers used by security personnel.

The nodes can also be used to instantly train security cameras with almost pinpoint accuracy to the site of trouble, Ledeczi said. That ability has already drawn the interest of the Pentagon for its ability to detect snipers.

Oak Ridge National Laboratory scientist Frank DeNap said the technology the team is developing will be versatile enough to detect more than just radioactive threats.

"It will work with any type of sensor," he said. "If the threat is chemical, you can use a chemical sensor."

"Or, if you think the threat is explosives, you can use an explosives sensor."

Ledeczi said practical use of such a threat detection system could be about a year away. ■



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Onlookers of the demonstration gaze from the press box at the field below and compare it with a camera transmission. Geolocation information from the network of motes zooms in on a camera image of the demonstrator whenever the radiation level crosses a detector threshold.

Speaker: Rice spoke in 2004

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"I'd kind of like to know who it is by now," agreed senior Will Brackin. "If it's someone like President Bush that would be awesome."


Tickets are required for the Senior Day Speaker event, which takes place Thursday, May 11 at 9 a.m.

Graduating seniors can get up to four free tickets from the Ticketmaster desk at the Sarratt Student Center. The cut off for getting tickets

is 5 p.m. Friday, April 28.

Past Senior Class Day speakers include current Secretary of State and former National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice in 2004 and Iranian Nobel Peace Prize recipient Shirin Ebadi in 2005. For more information on Senior Class Day ticketing, students can contact Jennie McClendon in the Division of Public Affairs at 343-2574. ■

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WORLD

Iraqi Prime Minister to allow opposition

BY ROBERT H. REID
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Bowing to intense pressure, Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari agreed Thursday to allow Shiite lawmakers to find someone else to head the new government, abandoning his claim on another term in the face of Sunni and Kurdish opposition.

Al-Jaafari's stunning reversal appeared to mark a breakthrough in the monthslong struggle to form a national unity government to try to curb the country's slide toward anarchy and enable Washington to begin bringing home its 133,000 troops.

Leaders in the seven-party Shiite alliance, the largest bloc in the 275-member parliament, were to meet Friday to begin choosing a replacement. But their field of candidates lacks stature and power, raising questions whether the new prime minister will be any more successful than al-Jaafari in confronting sectarian violence and the brutal insurgency.

It was unclear why al-Jaafari suddenly decided to relinquish the nomination that he won by a single vote with backing from radical anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr during a ballot among Shiite lawmakers two months ago. Al-Jaafari had insisted Wednesday that stepping aside was "out of the question."

But in a letter yesterday to the executive committee of the United Iraqi Alliance, the Shiite coalition, al-Jaafari wrote that he was prepared to "make any sacrifice to achieve" the organization's goals. "I tell you, you chose me, and I return this choice to you to do as you see fit."

"I cannot allow myself to be an

Possible prime minister candidates

A look at possible replacements for Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari, all of whom are Shiites:



Adil Abdul-Mahdi

Vice president; leading member of the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution of Iraq; minister of finance in Ayad Allawi's government



Hussain al-Shahristani

Deputy parliament speaker; nuclear scientist who was imprisoned after refusing to work in Saddam Hussein's nuclear program



Jawad al-Maliki

Prominent lawmaker; leading member of al-Jaafari's Dawa party and seen as party's favored choice; some consider him too sectarian



Ali al-Adeeb

Legislator and member of the Dawa party; is second in line if al-Maliki is deemed unacceptable; has Iranian links which could lead to problems

obstacle, or appear to be an obstacle," al-Jaafari told the nation in a televised address. He said he agreed to a new vote so that his fellow Shiite lawmakers "can think with complete freedom and see what they wish to do."

However, Kurdish politician Mahmoud Othman said al-Jaafari's change of heart followed meetings Wednesday in the Shiite holy city of Najaf between U.N. envoy Ashraf Qazi and both al-Sadr and Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, the nation's most prestigious Shiite cleric.

"There was a signal from Najaf," Othman told The Associated Press. "Qazi's meetings with (al-Sistani) and al-Sadr were the chief reason that untied the knot."

Aides to al-Sistani, the spiritual leader of the Shiite alliance, said the ayatollah was frustrated over the deadlock in forming a government and alarmed over the rise in

sectarian violence that followed the Feb. 22 bombing of a Shiite shrine in Samarra.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said there were "indications" the impasse would be resolved. He called for a strong and effective government that could "begin to repay the trust put in the political parties and the political leaders by the Iraqi people."

Many Shiite politicians had been quietly pressing al-Jaafari to step down, but were reluctant to force him out for fear it would shatter the Shiite alliance and make the coalition appear weak.

Stepping up the pressure this month, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw flew to Baghdad and demanded quick action to resolve the impasse. ■

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NATION

Teen shooting plan foiled in Kansas

BY MARCUS KABEL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIVERTON, Kan. — Five teenage boys accused of plotting a shooting rampage at their high school on the anniversary of the Columbine massacre were arrested Thursday after a message authorities said warned of a gun attack appeared on the Web site MySpace.com.

Sheriff's deputies found guns, ammunition, knives and coded messages in the bedroom of one suspect, Sheriff Steve Norman said. Authorities also found documents about firearms and references to Armageddon in two suspects' school lockers.

"What the resounding theme is: They were actually going to do this," Norman said.

Norman said he would ask prosecutors to bring charges of conspiracy to commit murder against the teens, ages 16 to 18. Attorney General Phill Kline said in a news release that his office was taking over the prosecution at the request of the Cherokee County attorney.

Deputies' interviews with the suspects indicated they planned to wear black trench coats and disable the school's camera system before starting the attack between noon and 1 p.m. Thursday, Norman said. The suspects apparently had been plotting since the beginning of the school year.

Officials at Riverton High School began investigating on Tuesday after learning that a threatening message had been posted on MySpace.com, he said.

The message discussed the significance of April 20, which is Adolf Hitler's birthday and the anniversary of the 1999 Columbine High School attack in Colorado, in which two students wearing trench coats killed 13 people and committed suicide, the sheriff said.

"The message, it was brief, but it stated that there was going to be a shooting at the Riverton school and that people should wear bulletproof vests and flak jackets," Norman said.

School officials identified the student who posted the message and talked to several of his friends, Norman said.

But Riverton school district

Superintendent David Walters said the significance of the threat didn't become clear until Wednesday night, after a woman in North Carolina who had chatted with one of the suspects on Myspace.com

received more specific information that there would be about a dozen potential victims, at least one of whom was a staff member. She notified authorities in her state, who contacted the sheriff's

department, Norman said.

Norman said that the potential victims were popular students and that the suspects may have been bullied.

"I think there was probably

some bullying, name calling, chastising," he said. He also said investigators had learned the suspects were computer buffs who liked violent video games.

About 900 students in all grades

go to school on the campus.

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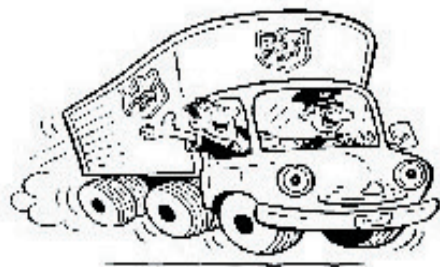


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Art: Filmmakers have documented project

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in-Residence by Chancellor Gordon Gee. They have spent the past few months enabling students and artists to find or expand their creative voices, resulting in a content-rich exhibition that grows out of each individual's personal experiences and reflects their deepest beliefs.

Themes such as family; gender and sexuality; religion and spirituality; illness; and some of the effects of globalization are explored through a variety of media, including painting, sculpture, ceramics, weaving, installation, performance, video and sound. Participating artists, who range in age from 18 to 60, are from diverse backgrounds. There will also be one "mystery" installation which visitors will have to discover for themselves.

Filmmakers from the Film Studies Program have documented the process leading to the exhibit and footage from the in-process film will be part of the exhibition. Vivien Green Fryd, professor of art history, has been conducting a seminar in conjunction with the class, providing the participants with a rigorous grounding in contemporary art and theory as a way of expanding their ideas. Fryd will present a number of public lectures through the course of the exhibition.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. Hours are 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 4 to 8 p.m. on Fridays and noon to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Artists' tours, talks and lectures about the project will expand the exhibition.

Prior to their Vanderbilt residency, Chicago and Woodman have facilitated similar programs at Western Kentucky University in the At Home project (which was exhibited at Vanderbilt) and in Pomona, Calif., in a public-private partnership that involved 70 participants, six universities and a 12-site exhibition.

Earlier, Chicago brought her unique pedagogical methods to Duke University and Indiana University,

Bloomington. In the early 1970s, she pioneered a new approach to university art education, specifically geared to women, establishing the first Feminist Art Program at California State University, Fresno. She then brought her program to California Institute of the Arts, where she team taught with artist Miriam Schapiro. The Cal-Arts program produced the famous Womanhouse, the first female-centered art installation, which engendered a film seen around the world as well as ongoing scholarship. More recently, she has expanded her pedagogy to include men, which has proven quite successful, in part because of her partnership with Woodman.

Chicago's career spans four decades. Her art has been seen in exhibitions all over the world and her 10 published books have been translated into numerous languages. Her best known work is The Dinner Party, a symbolic history of women in western civilization, which has been seen by over one million viewers. Created from 1974 to 1979 with the aid of hundreds of volunteers, the piece will be permanently housed in 2007 at the Brooklyn Museum as part of the Elizabeth A. Sackler Center for Feminist Art. While in residence in Nashville, Chicago has been at work on a new and final book about The Dinner Party, which is often described as an icon of twentieth century art.

Woodman is an acclaimed commercial and fine art photographer who has exhibited internationally. His work has been published in Vanity Fair, Art in America, Newsweek and many other national magazines and his photographs are included in the Polaroid Collection, The Museum of New Mexico, New Orleans Museum of Art as well as other public and private collections.

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ENVIRONMENT

Group promotes environmental awareness

BY NICOLE FLOYD
HUSTLER REPORTER

This week members of SPEAR, Students Promoting Environmental Awareness and Recycling, have been standing in RAND and outside on the wall handing out pens, mugs, and other memorabilia in an effort to educate students about the environment and make them aware of the environmental issues that face the Vanderbilt community and society at large.

Their presence on the wall was just one of many events that took place this week leading up to the celebration of Earth Day, this Saturday.

"Our main goal is to increase environmental awareness on campus," said SPEAR President Jenny Magill.

"We want people to realize the power of each individual's actions. Every individual's actions affects the world as a whole."

The group hoped to make this clear to students by setting up a "grave" of recyclables and trash items outside of Rand. The "grave" included large cardboard head stones that stated the decomposition times for common items

that people throw away.

"We also want to educate students about what happens when they throw away things rather than recycling them," stated Magill.

According to Magill, it takes 500 years for an aluminum can to decompose, 1 million years for a plastic bottle to decompose, and Styrofoam never decomposes. Aluminum cans also release harmful toxins into the air.

Today, SPEAR will team up with Rites of Spring and assist with the logistics of recycling throughout the two day concert. The environmental group will also be sponsoring a number of activities on Alumni Lawn.

One of the highlights of today's events is Recycling Beirut.

Similar to the popular drinking game, players will attempt to toss crushed soda cans into their appropriate recycling bins. The Beirut tournament is just one way that Magill and other SPEAR members hope students will come to realize that recycling can be fun.

For more information about Earth Week and Earth Day and for a schedule of events visit <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/spear/>. ■



Postdoctoral student Nathaniel Smith stops to talk with SPEAR representatives about recycling opportunities on campus.

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Athletics: Williams says that administration has been receptive to student athletes' concerns

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that he has provided plenty of opportunity for student input.

"Our administration, through people that are in it, spend each meeting with a student athletic board," Williams said. "The group, when we had the mishap with women's basketball (Tennessee tickets), actually bring a group of students that sit on our stakeholders' meeting. I think that it's actually helped real well."

Williams has also been receptive to students with regards to allocating tickets for September's football game at Michigan.

"We met with the student group and decided what to do," Williams said. "The e-mail went out about what to do with the tickets."

While many student athletes say such meetings have been productive, many seek more interaction between the administration and the athletic

programs in order to improve relations.

Thus, some student athletes feel that the University should recreate the position of athletic director.

"The athletic director should be in touch with the team, know their stats and how they are performing," Mascarenhas said. "They should know the money stuff, but they should also know the team. That's what I envision the athletic director to be."

The level of communication between athletes and administrators became an important issue after the termination of the soccer program.

"He handled (our elimination) like a businessman would," Mascarenhas said. "He doesn't have any contact with us."

Mascarenhas suggested that if an athletic director is not hired, it would be beneficial to hire an athletic advisor.

"I think it helps to have someone whose job it is to oversee the workings of the athletic department," said sophomore women's soccer player Erin Horan. "(Williams) has a lot of other stuff he has to take care of."

While there may not be an athletic director, Williams said he wants to make the administration more accessible to its student athletes.

"We'd love to hear from them," Williams said. "Recognize that one of the things that we're trying to do is provide a good athletic department at a reasonable cost."

Decreasing the athletic budget has been a significant goal of the administration since 2003. In addition to January's elimination of the men's soccer team, the administration has been looking for other ways to cut costs. It is Williams' hope that Vanderbilt will not spend the large amounts of money on athletics

that some other Division-1 schools spend.

"We're concerned about the high level of money that athletics chews up around the country, and where there are other uses for it," Williams said.

Management of costs has led to controversial decisions, such as cutting the men's soccer team. Another issue that has come up is whether athletes can take summer classes.

"The athletic scholarship is a two-semester scholarship," Williams said. "Summer school is an extra expense. We're not prepared to do anything big about it right now, but it's something worth looking at."

In the minds of student athletes, however, balancing the budget does not necessarily equate to the best experience possible, both on and off the playing surface.

"I do feel like the athletes are

restricted when it comes to certain things such as summer school," Lawrence said. "At least that's the way it comes off when people try to explain to me why I can't get into summer school."

Some student athletes say that the administration may be going too far in an attempt to lower costs.

"They don't see the value of athletics," Mascarenhas said. "Tiger Woods can always say he went to Stanford. It gives your university much more recognition."

It has been almost three years since Vanderbilt's last athletic director, Todd Turner, was released from his job. Chancellor Gee was named one of Sports Illustrated's sportsmen of the year for his bold decision.

Many student athletes are echoing critics in questioning how much the university cares about its athletes.

"I don't think that Vanderbilt re-

ally cares about whether or not our athletes are successful," Lawrence said. "They obviously like it when we do well, but they're not benefiting from our teams compared to other schools that we compete against."

Men's basketball player Ross Neltner, a transfer from LSU, said he appreciated being at a school with an athletic department.

"I thought that LSU had a good setup with the athletic department because whenever there was an issue, you knew who to turn to," Neltner said. "Vanderbilt has some sort of that and I think Brock Williams and David Williams do a great job. But, I think having an athletic department that is a separate entity from the entire university really benefits the athletes and overall athletics more in the long run." ■

Andy Lutsky also contributed to this story.

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Government cracks down on illegal aliens

BY ANDREW MIGA
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WASHINGTON — The government plans to crack down ever harder on employers who harbor and hire illegal immigrants, pursuing companies that ignore the law so they can exploit cheap labor.

"We are going to move beyond the current level of activity to a higher level in each month and year to come," Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said Thursday. He pledged to "come down as hard as possible" on violators.

Federal agents on Wednesday arrested seven current and former managers of IFCO Systems, a manufacturer of crates and pallets, on criminal charges, and more than 1,100 people were arrested on administrative immigration charges at more than 40 IFCO sites in the U.S.

A total of 96 illegal immigrants were taken into custody across Tennessee — 49 at two IFCO sites

in Memphis, 34 in Nashville and 13 Knoxville.

"Our nation's communities cannot be a wild frontier where illegal aliens and unscrupulous employees subvert our nation's laws," said Julie Myers, assistant secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Don Sherman, director of the Cincinnati Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice, an advocate for immigrant workers and their rights, was skeptical about the government's move.

"I think the timing is very suspicious because there are a number of rallies coming up around the country promoting immigration reform," he said.

Chertoff denied the timing of the stepped up enforcement had anything to do with recent immigration demonstrations, saying the investigations began more than a year ago.

Messages left with IFCO officials were not immediately returned Thursday. In a statement

Wednesday, the company pledged to cooperate with the investigation and comply with state and federal requirements.

The Netherlands-based company describes itself as the leading pallet services company in America. It reported \$116 million in profits last year on sales of \$576 million.

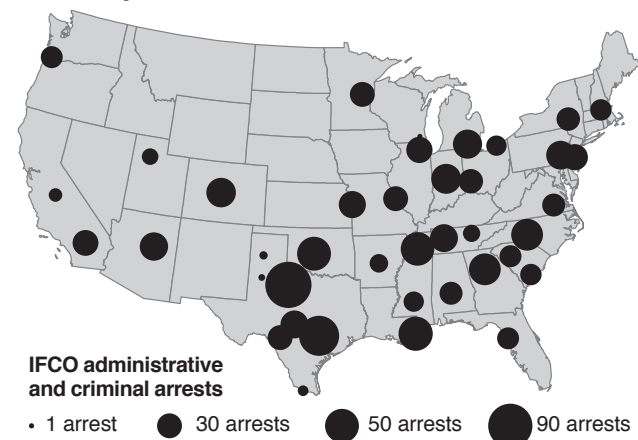
More than half of the company's roughly 5,800 employees during 2005 had invalid or mismatched Social Security numbers, the government alleges.

The case began after officials got a tip that IFCO workers in Guilderland, N.Y. were seen ripping up their W-2 forms because they did not intend to file tax returns, Chertoff said.

Six of seven current and former IFCO managers charged with felony conspiracy to harbor illegal aliens were released on bond and are to appear May 4 in Albany, N.Y., where the criminal complaint was filed and the investigation began at a suburban IFCO facility. ■

Cracking companies who hire illegals

The government arrested more than 1,100 people who worked for IFCO Systems, which has been under investigation for violating U.S. immigration laws.



SOURCE: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Student: Lechner has been called the real life Van Wilder

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hold of me and then the next thing I know...it looks like I'll be graduating with three majors and three minors," Lechner said in an interview with David Letterman.

Soon, five years of college turned into six, and then seven turned into eight. During his eighth year, Lechner decided to stay for a minimum of 10 years.

"There's a big difference be-

tween saying I went to school for nine years, and saying I went for a decade," Lechner said to the New York Times.

And he was right. Lechner's extended time in college has brought

him newfound fame. With appearances on the "Late Show with David Letterman," "Good Morning America," a sponsorship from Monster Energy Drink and even opportunities to star in his own reality television show, Lechner found himself overwhelmed.

"I'm really stressed out," Lechner said. "All the money, the book deals, the agents. It's just crazy."

Perhaps this stress is the reason that Lechner, now 29, turned down a job offer from National

Lampoon two years ago. After seeing Lechner on the "Late Show," Orin Woinsky, a National Lampoon vice president, recognized the uncanny similarities between Lechner and Van Wilder, the title character from the 2002 movie "National Lampoon's Van Wilder," about a seventh year senior who also refused to graduate from college. National Lampoon volunteered to pay for Lechner's tuition, sponsor his graduation party and give him a job.

"I thought about it long and hard and decided I wanted another year of school instead of getting a job," Lechner said.

So why graduate this year? Despite wanting to stay another year, Lechner will be forced to finally graduate due to new Wisconsin legislation.

The "slacker tax," nicknamed the "Johnny Lechner rule" states that students who have completed 185 credits must pay double tuition in order to stay in school. Lechner has taken 242 credits. So, after working his way through college for 12 years, Lechner will finally graduate this spring.

And, unlike his intended first graduation, which should have occurred eight years ago, this graduation date is set in stone, with a party already planned for May 13th. ■

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OUR VIEW

Athletes' concerns deserve attention

In 2003, Chancellor Gee made the bold, unprecedented decision to dissolve Vanderbilt's athletic department. As athletics became a part of the Division of Student Life and came under the direction of Vice Chancellor for Student Life David Williams, many people questioned whether Vanderbilt truly valued its athletic program.

Now, almost three years later, the administration has officially put a stop to rumors that it would once again hire an athletic director, and many have begun to question just how well this revolutionary program is working.

Over the years, it has become commonplace for students and outside observers to question the wisdom of Gee's decision. However, when student athletes themselves begin to complain, we believe it's time to take a look at how Gee's experiment is turning out.

The original move away from an athletic department and an athletic director was meant to integrate athletes into the student body. It was for the benefit of the entire university, especially the athletes. If student athletes have complaints, we believe their concerns should be addressed.

Specifically, student athletes complain of a lack of communication and a lack of administrative interest.

For example, former soccer player Brian Mascarenhas envisions the athletic director as someone who is as interested in the budget as he is in the teams. For this reason, he said he was disappointed when the elimination of his team was communicated poorly and handled improperly.

An athletic director should know how our teams are doing and what their concerns are, but Mascarenhas noted that "as far as athletics is concerned, I just don't really think he (Williams) cares."

Likewise, Liebele Lawrence, a sophomore women's golf player, said that the current setup does not provide enough contact between the athletics administration and the teams themselves.

"The only time I've ever seen David Williams is when we dedicated our practice facility," Lawrence said.

However, the administration tells a very different story. Williams said that his office has facilitated several opportunities for student input and that he would be happy to hear the concerns of athletes.

We believe Williams should follow through on this promise. We're not professing to have the solution to the problems raised by these student athletes. However, if student athletes, the ones who are supposed to be reaping the benefits of these changes, are raising concerns, then these issues should at least be addressed by the administration.

It may be time to modify this experiment.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hustler coverage disregards talent of several Rites bands

To the Editor:

In contrast to the decidedly negative coverage in the April 17 edition of the *Hustler* ("Rites of Spring committee hopes for success," "Rites of Spring lacks luster of earlier years"), credit should be given to the Rites of Spring Committee for booking an excellent lineup this year. The article and editorial both failed to make any mention of My Morning Jacket, one of the

best live bands touring today, who have headlined both the Austin City Limits and Bonnaroo festivals. Nor did *The Hustler* mention Clap Your Hands Say Yeah, one of the most hyped indie bands of the past year. Nor was any coverage given to the number of other respected acts filling out the bill, such as Ben Lee, Cary Brothers, Blue Merle and Gov't Mule. It is unclear whether *The Hustler's* editorial board prefers tired retreads like Hootie and the Blowfish or

simply didn't do its homework when checking the background of bands outside of its apparently limited musical taste. In any event, well done, Rites of Spring Committee, for scheduling perhaps the best overall lineup in more than ten years.

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COLUMN

Environmentalists are defeating their purpose by not thinking economically

Is it possible for an anti-environmentalist to be pro-environment? Liberalism has evolved on many fronts — free enterprise, free elections, free

STRANGE BUT NOT A STRANGER

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markets and freedom of religion — but what's next for the western tradition? With the fall of Communism, some could legitimately argue that the environment represents the final frontier for the liberal imagination.

Signed in 1997, the United Nations' Kyoto agreement curbs carbon emissions through restrictive caps, but has remained toothless without the support of the United States. It's a shame that the imperial city must forever bear the albatross of impractical idealism, but we should look at the failure of this agreement in order to save the environment.

In a nutshell, Kyoto works by placing limits on a nation's carbon emissions. The United States and the developing world have so far nixed such restrictions because of economic concerns.

The United States has objected to the methods rather than the end goal. The Third World legitimately argues that most of the damage done to the environment so far has been the work of the West and efforts to reduce emissions unfairly burden developing economies. Common sense dictates that a chunk of coal burned in India has the same effect as one in Germany, so how can we get the entire planet on the green path?

The problem with the current environmental movement is that principle trumps pragmatism: every issue comes with an imaginary line drawn through the sand. What progress can be made toward correcting ozone depletion if someone cries bloody murder every

time a tree is cut down? A full-court press towards the abstract yet vague goal of a clean environment can never truly be accomplished, so why do we hold our nation hostage to some utopian ideals?

The United States has not built one new oil refinery since the 1970s, and efforts to make our republic self-sufficient have been torpedoed by the far-left. Arctic drilling was recently shot down and was hailed as a great victory for progressive idealism—but at what cost? The days of cheap gasoline are over, and with the coming of the summer months, prices will soon nudge \$3 a gallon. Next time you're at the pump, feel free to curse the oil companies, the Middle East and our fearless leader George Bush — but be sure to spread the blame to environmentalism — it is just as culpable.

In a capitalist society, profits are the bottom line. Environmentalism has long clashed with the economy, but a constructive solution lies in the free market. Rather than utilizing restrictive caps, carbon emissions should become a commodity to be traded like a bond.

If a heavy polluter must purchase carbon bonds from a clean corporation, businesses have incentives to innovate and stay green. The resulting capital will allow green companies to invest in renewable energy and thus allow them to sell more carbon bonds.

This hypothesis may seem a tad far-fetched, but environmentalism can only function if it becomes profitable. Environmentalists have failed so far because they frustrate businesses at every turn and stifle innovation. Why invest in the future if you can't make a buck today?

So how do we get the developing world on board? First, the West must realize that the Third World will always put economic success above extra-na-

tional idealism. We've had our Gold Rush, now allow India, China and Brazil to get their share of the loot. The only way we can control their pollution is if western companies invest in the Third World and place voluntary restrictions. Foreign investment will placate heavy polluters, perhaps even drawing them closer to the bargaining table. If the free world really wants to contribute to the environment, we should ensure economic parity by destroying barriers to trade and capital.

Who can look themselves in the mirror and not admit that the environment is a good thing? Eco-terrorism only holds back progress, as the natural rights to life, liberty and property trump climate control.

The West needs to follow through on the liberal promise of free elections and free markets before it can begin to fathom ozone depletion. A clean environment may be the end result of liberal evolution, but most of the world is stuck in phase one. How can a developing country sacrifice its competitive advantage by instituting restrictive, green policies?

Why should an impoverished peasant care about global warming if he doesn't have a stake in his own society? Why care about endangered species and national forests when American citizens cannot earn a living off our natural resources?

So far it seems that capitalism has been losing at the bargaining table because environmentalists seem unwilling to negotiate. Environmentalists need to quit their eco-brinkmanship and think creatively to synthesize a new form of green capitalism. It may be Earth's only hope.

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

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In a capitalist society, profits are the bottom line. Environmentalism has long clashed with the economy, but a constructive solution lies in the free market.”

COLUMN

To fully enjoy Rites of Spring, you must prepare yourself and 'know your Rites'

The big day has finally come, and it is important to "know your rites" before you hit the lawn. Like taking a test, it will be much more enjoyable if you go prepared. Rites is, of course, far from a test, but luckily

GUEST COLUMNIST
STEPHANIE FLEISCHMAN

for you, I'm still going to help you out.

First of all, if you haven't yet, go check out the music on the Rites of Spring Web site <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/ros>.

I am even more pumped up about this weekend after realizing I recognize some of the songs from bands I hadn't thought I had heard of before. I bet you will find a similar experience. For example, for all those of you who think "Sundays would suck without Grey's Anatomy," did you know that Ben Lee sings a song on the show's soundtrack? Or for those of you whose "lives were changed by the Garden State soundtrack," did you know that fellow Rites performer Cary Brothers sings "Blue Eyes?"

Also, don't be too bummed if you're like me and can't make it to Bonnaroo because of a summer internship, money, transportation or other hindrances or obligations. Four of the bands playing at Bonnaroo are also playing at Rites, which says a lot for the quality of this year's lineup.

These bands are My Morning Jacket, Clap Your Hands Say Yeah!, Gov't Mule and Hot Buttered Rum. If you don't already know about Hot Buttered Rum, you will soon, but not just because of Rites. A rising band in the bluegrass scene, they have been rumored to be comparable to the Yonder Mountain String Band, our Rites friends from last year and will probably be at their level of stardom next year.

Forget about the famous or well-known. While we should and will enjoy Rites for the big bands it brings to campus, we should take equal joy in up-and-coming performers.

We should use Rites as a chance to get to know these lesser-known performers and to gain exposure to the wide variety of musical genres offered. If you just go to see the main headlines, you will be doing yourself a major disservice; go to listen to new music!

At worst, you will find that you don't like something and never have to listen to it again; but at best,

you can discover a new favorite band or song and treat your ears to something fresh that hasn't already been played ad nauseum on the radio. We all know that no matter how good a song is, if it gets too popular, it runs the risk of being ruined by its fame. As Dave Silverstein, Rites of Spring board member, said, "The music coming to campus satisfies a wide range of genres. While I know the lineup is fantastic, I am more excited to see the student body expose themselves to new sounds, artists and bands."

Beyond treating our ears to new music, we will also get a chance to treat our taste buds. Ben and Jerry's is tried and true — who doesn't love a cup of chocolate chip cookie dough or Phish food? — but we have that right down the street. This year, Mountain Jim Ice Cream, which caters to the live music crowds, will be on the scene to shake things up and make Rites of Spring a more authentic live music festival.

This year, ice cream will be a more appropriate treat with sunny weather that actually fits a Tennessee April, unlike last year's random cold front that swept in just in time for our outdoor concert. If you're wondering about more substantial provisions to satisfy those late-night munchies, Michaelangos Pizza will be rolling in with hundreds of pies for us.

Another change is that there will be definitively more people from outside the community than last year as ticket sales have already surpassed last year's number, so you can also think of this year's Rites as a great opportunity for people-watching and making new friends!

Hopefully, you feel more prepared to embark on the ridiculous weekend ahead. Do yourself a favor and preview at least some of the music beforehand; you won't be disappointed.

—Stephanie Fleischman is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Science.

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AROUND THE LOOP

How have you celebrated Earth Week?



CAROLINE BRINTON Senior

"We recycle at my apartment, and my dad is an environmentalist."



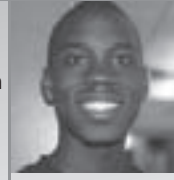
AMERICA DEUPREE Freshman

"I'm buying a shirt from the bookstore."



LIZ PANTINO Sophomore

"I plan on going to Ben & Jerry's for Earth Day."



CHARLES STANLEY Freshman

"I took the chance to check out the hybrid cars on Alumni Lawn."



YUFEI PAN Freshman

"I enjoyed watching the coal smoke billow out of the Vandy power plant."

Compiled by Allison Malone

COLUMN

A&S is just as difficult as Engineering

I used to be a biomedical engineering major. The excruciating problem sets, the all-too-common group projects and all the difficult science classes I could ever want were part of everyday life as an engineering stu-



CASUAL
TAYLOR SEWELL

dent. Now a neuroscience major in good old Arts and Science, I might not have biomechanics problems due every week, but I definitely stay just as busy.

I guess what I'm getting at is the commonly held idea that engineering is the hardest discipline on campus. Having been there myself, I know it's awfully tempting for engineering students to believe that their classes, comprising a difficult fusion of advanced math and science, are more rigorous than other non-engineering coursework on campus. It's awfully tempting to think that engineering's largely inflexible curriculum implies more demanding studies. Indeed, even many non-engineers will admit to believing that the other three undergraduate schools are "easier" than the ominous School of Engineering. Well, having been on both sides of the fence, I promise this is not necessarily the case.

I mean, of course my engineering problems sets were daunting and seemed ridiculously impossible at times. I don't know how many hours I spent in review sessions and office hours trying to figure out how to write that damn Matlab computer code. So yeah, I most certainly would be the first to say that our School of Engineering, while of very high caliber, is incredibly difficult. But A&S is no easier.

Maybe I don't have to worry about vectors and forces

anymore, but I have more reading and paper-writing than sometimes seems humanly possible to accomplish. Technical Neuroscience publications, French novels, sociology books — I read hundreds of pages of material a week. I have research papers, book reviews, French papers and weekly summaries of experimental studies I've read on the cerebral cortex. Don't get me wrong, I certainly don't spout off this list to complain, for I absolutely love everything I study. And I certainly don't claim that my to-do list is any more extensive than anyone else's on campus. My point is simply that A&S kids stay just as busy as engineers—only in a different way.

Of course, there are exceptions. I'm sure there are A&S students who don't do their assigned reading and who flake out on their papers. I'm sure there are A&S courses that are less work-out-of-class based. But those students and those courses exist in the School of Engineering as well, so if we're simply comparing generalizations between schools, I'd say they're more than comparable in terms of work load and difficulty.

So while engineering might be hailed as the most challenging curriculum on campus, I would argue that this is severely shortsighted. It neglects the fact that there are different kinds of work that are equally demanding in their own right, and it shortchanges those A&S students who load their schedules with time-consuming work that arguably rivals that of engineering students. And while I've never taken a Peabody or Blair class, I'd be willing to bet the same holds true for them. Problem sets and labs or novels and papers — no way of staying academically busy is any more or less valid than another.

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COLUMN

Payne's assumption of Duke athletes' guilt ignores constitutional rights

The Hustler is a great publication often recognized for representing multiple points of view in their reports and opinion articles. Everyone knows about the "Around the Loop" questionnaire conducted for every

GUEST COLUMNIST
CHRIS LAWRENCE

issue to articulate opinions of the general community on relevant concerns. For those who did not see last Wednesday's issue, there was a similar student poll in the news section that involved reactions to the arrests of two Duke Lacrosse players in light of the recent allegations against them, the team and the program itself.

Some of the responses to this question reflect the informed, rational, intelligent and diverse opinions of which many Vanderbilt students are rightfully proud; they encourage learning from this incident to stay away from situations that might lead to trouble and stress the importance of objectively gathering information in a case as sensitive as this one before making a judgment. In light of the many opinions articulated, I would like to personally congratulate Henry Haffner for his mature reaction to these developments. According to Haffner, and anyone else who has any legitimate understanding of the rights provided by the United States Constitution, "the guys are innocent until proven guilty." Rather than listening to everything the media says and making judgment based on what one sees on ESPN's "Cold Pizza," according to Haffner, it is "best to let it play out in the judicial system," as there are many things going on behind the scenes that the media may choose to overlook.

In light of these opinions, and of the rights we, as Americans, take for granted in regard to our judicial system, there is another opinion quoted in Wednesday's poll that cannot go unaddressed. Annmarie Payne, when asked for her reaction to the arrests of these potentially innocent boys, immediately jumped to the defense of the accuser and asserted that little doubt of guilt of the accused exists in this case. In what seems to be more of a reaction to what the media has turned into an exciting and engaging scandal afflicting a racially, economically and otherwise demographically divided community, Payne argued that "the defa-

mation of this woman being an alleged drug addict is a product of Division I schools allowing their athletes to get away with horrendous crimes." If it were up to her, says Payne, she "would fry all of them."

I cannot imagine that I am the only member of this community that has problems with this ignorant, unfair, accusative and audacious statement being made in such a public venue. I would first like to remind Payne of the provisions described in the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which states that "no person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime...nor be deprived of life, liberty or property without the due process of law." Her assumption of the guilt of these individuals is not based on any evidence that has been brought to light in this case. In particular, it should be noted that even DNA samples failed to link any player to the alleged crime against the accuser. Her assumption is apparently exclusively based on the statements of the accuser, who, Payne also suggests, has been painted with an inaccurate, misleading image, void of any credibility.

To be fair, I would also like to let Payne know that I have not heard any allegations of the accuser being a drug addict. I have not heard it from the media, from friends at Duke, or from anyone. Even though I have not heard any of these false allegations, and while they absolutely might exist, I feel that it is relevant to my argument to shed light upon what this woman, who has been so wrongly and unfairly painted as unreliable, has on her criminal record. According to the Raleigh-Durham Observer, this woman indeed has no record of drug use, but she has had run-ins with the law, involving charges associated with "impaired driving, driving with a revoked license, felony speeding to elude arrest, felony assault with a deadly weapon on a government official and felony larceny of a motor vehicle."

I know that these crimes pale in comparison to the "horrendous" records of the Division I athletes at Duke and at other universities throughout the country; 15 of the 47 members on the Duke lacrosse team have been convicted of crimes, according to the Observer, as bad as "underage alcohol possession, public urination and noise violations." In no way do I suggest that the existence of a previous record should suggest innocence or guilt in any case, but I believe it is relevant to understand that nobody in this case could be classified as a saint based on their records alone. If either party's

records indicate their credibility, I would urge readers to consider the seriousness of the crimes that the records reflect.

Regardless of prior records, I would like to re-emphasize the fact that every person in this country has the guaranteed right to be considered innocent until proven guilty. As Durham defense attorney Mike Nifong made clear in a statement on April 17, it is indeed "important to bring the assailants to justice," but it is also imperative that "we lift the cloud of suspicion from those team members who were not involved in the (alleged) assault." Payne's comments in Wednesday's issue not only assail the character of all of the members on the Duke lacrosse team, but of all Division I athletes and their constituents in general. I believe that these allegations, especially before they have been confirmed, in no way should reflect the integrity of Division I athletic programs. That is like saying everyone of Middle Eastern descent is responsible for the actions of Al-Qaeda, and I am certain that opinions of that nature carry no credibility in our educated community.

I would like to ask Payne how she would feel if she were, God-forbid, wrongly accused of a crime as heinous as those characterizing the current situation in Durham, especially if others in her prestigious community of students at top-20 colleges immediately suggested that she should "fry." I encourage her to look beyond the issues of race, background and previous records of the accuser and the accused, and, as Henry Haffner advocated, that she "let it play out in the judicial system" rather than assuming authority to suppose guilt before trial. I would also encourage her to visit the Vanderbilt Central Library, where I am sure, with the help of the librarian, she can find a copy of the United States Constitution and refresh her understanding of those amendments which provide for us, as citizens of this amazing country, the right to innocence until guilt is proven through the due process of law.

Furthermore, I would like to re-emphasize the flawed logic with which Ms. Payne denies the integrity of these athletic programs and the schools that support them. In no way do these allegations suggest that athletes at Division I schools can get away with anything this serious, and it is unfair to claim otherwise. Even if that were the case, the last thing that these athletes are enjoying is "getting away" with the crimes for which

they are being accused. In her statement, Payne only magnifies what Julian Mack, the defense attorney for one of the players, calls "the worst miscarriage of justice (he has) seen in 34 years of practice." I would suggest that Payne call off her dogs until all of the facts in this case are known and a verdict is reached, and to think about the following comments of the civil rights activist, Reverend Jesse Jackson, before being so quick to issue judgment.

According to Jackson, the Duke rape scandal is not at all characterized by "the kind of political polarization (he has) seen in some instances. You have two university presidents working together (with) the mayor. There's an awful lot of positive activity. Young white and black females marching together against violence against women. I see a lot of positive energy taking place in this crisis. This is no Birmingham."

I urge Payne to not only recognize the positive energy coming from this incident to which Reverend Jackson alludes and to look into how much this chain of events has united the Duke community, but also to learn the facts before she indulges in what she might hope to be the outcome. If it turns out that some of these boys are in fact guilty of the alleged crimes, I would agree with Payne in her suggestion that they "fry." I also believe, however, that such aggressive statements should be reserved until guilt is proven beyond reasonable doubt.

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

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MEN'S TENNIS

Razorbacks sneak past Commodores, 4-3

BY PETER MADDEN
HUSTLER SPORTS REPORTER

The Commodores dropped a heartbreaker to Arkansas in the opening round of the Southeastern Conference Tournament Thursday morning in Tuscaloosa, Ala. The 11th-seeded Commodores fell 4-3 to the sixth-seeded Razorbacks, the same squad who swept the Commodores in their SEC home opener earlier this year.

The Commodores earned the doubles point to take an early 1-0 lead, winning both the No. 2 and No. 3 contests. Vanderbilt's Ryan Preston and Jordan Magarik defeated Arkansas' Adrian Zguns and Blake Strode 8-6, while Nathan Sachs and Nick Cromydas took down Colin Mascall and Austin King 8-5.

Cromydas won the first singles match of the day, cruising to victory over Mascall in straight sets, 6-3, 6-0. After the Razorbacks quickly evened the score with solid wins at No. 2 and No. 6, Preston at No. 1 soundly defeated Zguns, 6-3, 6-2, putting the Commodores back on top 3-2.

A tough loss at No. 3 leveled the match at three points apiece, leaving the Commodores' SEC Tournament hopes on the shoulders of junior Nathan Sachs at the No. 4 slot.

Strode wrestled a hard-fought first set from Sachs, 7-6. With both players refusing to back down, neither broke serve in the second set, resulting in another gut-wrenching tiebreaker. Strode jumped out to an early 5-2 lead before Sachs came storming back, winning three consecutive points to even the tiebreaker at 5-5. Strode broke Sachs' serve in the next point, however, and then promptly closed out the match.

"That was just a great college tennis match, something you hear about all the time," said Arkansas coach Robert Cox. "You had two teams out there today that were very evenly matched and it was tough. I feel very fortunate to get out of there with a win and I would have been satisfied with a loss."

Though obviously disappointed that victory proved to be just out of reach, Vanderbilt



While sophomore Ryan Preston was impressive in his 6-3, 6-2 victory over Adrian Zguns, the first round loss to Arkansas will likely end the Commodores' season. Preston was named to the All-SEC team Wednesday.

assistant coach Tom Boysen highlighted some positive points that might be built upon for the future.

"Our doubles teams played especially well," Boysen said. "They have made huge improvements from the first half of the season to the second half. It was amazing how close it was considering that Arkansas beat us pretty badly earlier in the season. Both Ryan Preston and Nick Cromydas beat guys today that had beaten them in straight sets earlier in the year. We

played on our terms, took our shots, tried to take it to the other team, and unfortunately we came up a little bit short."

Having finished just outside of the top 64 ranked teams, it is unlikely, although possible, that the Commodores will earn a bid to the NCAA Tournament.

"There's a chance that they could take into account the fact that we have a very strong conference," Boysen said. "So we'll keep practicing and we'll keep our fingers crossed." ■

MEN'S GOLF

Stellar field set to tee off for SEC Title

BY DREW GOODWIN
HUSTLER SPORTS REPORTER

Coming off of a sixth-place finish at the Courtyard by Marriott Intercollegiate Tournament two weeks ago, the Vanderbilt men's golf team is primed to compete in this weekend's SEC championship.

The three-day tournament, being held at Sea Island Golf Club in St. Simons Island, Ga., will be played from Friday morning until Sunday afternoon.

"This is the best golf we've been playing all year," coach Press McPhaul said. "Our players have been getting progressively better throughout the year, and it's culminating to a peak right now."

"I think we really have a good chance to do some damage in the tournament this weekend. I'm excited to see what we can do."

Not only is the team as a whole playing at a high level, but so are the two top players on the team, junior Luke List and freshman Jon Curran. Each golfer averages 72 and 73 strokes respectively for 18 holes, and they are both coming off of strong performances at the Intercollegiate Tournament last week.

List finished in third place with an overall score of 7-under-par, while Curran faltered slightly on the final day to finish tied for thirteenth place with a very respectable score of 1-under-par. The Vanderbilt standouts were two of only fifteen players to finish under par for the tournament.

"Luke and Jon are getting extremely excited for our last couple events," McPhaul said. "They know that after our

long season, this is really what matters and this is what they really want to play for. Their attitudes are great for this time of year, and it's really showing in their recent levels of play. Our other players are feeding off of those guys. It's just great to watch."

In order for Vanderbilt to come away with a victory this weekend, List and Curran will need to remain on the absolute top of their games.

Everything starts and stops with these two, since their low scores can translate into motivation for their teammates to step up their play. Without List and Curran posting close to their best scores of the season, the Commodores will have their backs against the wall early in the weekend.

Even with Vanderbilt's team peaking at the right time, they still face an exceptionally difficult task against a number of talented in-conference rivals.

Ranked first in the nation, the Georgia Bulldogs have won four tournaments already this year and have defeated the Commodores in every tournament in which they have competed.

Florida is also ranked among the top three golf programs in the nation, and both teams will be on full display at the SEC championship.

"Georgia is by far the best team in the SEC, and they are clearly the best team in the nation," McPhaul said. "It would take something extraordinary for us to defeat them. Florida is another great team. If we can stay close to those guys then our team will have done something special." ■

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TENNIS

Bertrand garners SEC Player of the Year recognition

BY FRANKLIN PETR
HUSTLER SPORTS REPORTER

Sophomore Taka Bertrand, the two-time Southeastern Conference Player of the Week and last year's SEC Freshman of the Year, was awarded the conference's top honor Wednesday when she was named SEC Player of the Year.

Bertrand posted an impressive record throughout the season, recording only one loss heading into this weekend's tournament.

She defeated all 11 SEC opponents she faced, including a tremendous upset against No. 3 Diana Srebrovic. Bertrand was the only SEC player to post an undefeated record while playing all 11 matches.

Bertrand's honor marks the first Player of the Year award for Vanderbilt tennis.

Joining Bertrand in All-SEC honors is junior Amanda Fish, sophomores Amanda Taylor and Caroline Ferrell and freshman Courtney Ulery.

Fish and Taylor were named first team all-conference, while Ferrell and Ulery made the second team. Fish and Taylor both posted SEC records of 9-2, while Ferrell and Ulery each had eight conference wins apiece.

Behind Bertrand, Taylor had the second best team record, posting 19 wins during the spring.

Florida, the conference's top team and Vanderbilt's only SEC loss, took home the most awards at Wednesday's ceremony. The Gators had six players named to conference teams and coach Roland Thornqvist was named Coach of the Year for the second time in three seasons.

On the men's side, sophomore Ryan Preston was the sole recipient of an award. The sophomore was named to the All-SEC team. Preston, ranked 60th nationally, led the Commodores with a 13-9 record, 5-6 in SEC. Preston's biggest moment of the season came with a straight set upset over Ole Miss's No. 22 Erling Tvelt. After playing last year predominantly in the No. 4 and No. 5 spots, the Northbrook, Ill., native was pushed into the top spot this year.

Top-ranked Georgia took the most honors, including both Coach and Player of the Year, as well as six selections to All-SEC teams. ■

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