

HOUSING

Community speaks out for living wage

Students, workers, union members attend lunchtime protest.

BY TANYA ALVAREZ
HUSTLER REPORTER

About 100 students and staff members attended a Speak Out and protest on Wednesday hosted by the student organization Living Income for Vanderbilt Employees.

The event, which was held in conjunction with the nationwide Student-Labor Week of Action, aimed to raise awareness of the financial concerns of Vanderbilt's lowest paid employees and to ask the administration to state its position on the issue of instituting a living wage for all Vanderbilt employees.

The Speak Out began on the Rand Terrace and continued to outside

Kirkland Hall, where LIVE members protested outside the chancellor's office.

The theme of the event was "Why NOT a living wage?"

"We wanted to celebrate the Student-Labor Week of Action and highlight the need for activism that combines the talents and energy of young people and the labor community," said LIVE member Peter Gray. "We chose this theme because to date, we have still not received an official policy statement on the living wage issue from Vanderbilt administration."

The group defines the term living wage as the minimum hourly salary that a person can live on in his or

her community. The living wage for Nashville has been calculated to be \$10.18.

Gray said that LIVE wants to raise awareness that the base wage on campus is currently \$7.55, which they believe is far below what is necessary to sustain a family without government assistance while working full-time in Nashville.

Junior Tim Bowles, who helped plan the event, said, "The university has the money available, it's just a matter of making it a priority."

Many Vanderbilt students, however, are opposed to the idea of implementing a living wage.

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ELISE ALFORD / The Vanderbilt Hustler
Vanderbilt staff member Joanne Hollis speaks to a growing crowd of supporters at Wednesday's LIVE Speak Out. The group sought a formal statement from the administration by taking the protest to the steps of Kirkland Hall.

STUDENT LIFE

Groups give budgets to Student Life for analysis

Student Activity Fee allocations not fully disclosed.

BY ROBERT PROUDFOOT
HUSTLER SENIOR FEATURES REPORTER

Citing accountability and Student Finance Committee learning, Student Life administrators requested budget memos for groups using student activities fees outside AcFee.

The student activity fee this year is \$780. With roughly 6,400 undergraduates, the total collected is roughly \$5 million.

The roughly \$5 million is distributed in six ways: Sarratt, Vanderbilt Student Publications, Athletics, the Student Recreation Center, AcFee and the Graduate Student Council.

The Rec Center did not receive a memo request Hicks said. The Rec Center has its own separate activity fee funding of \$376 out of the total \$780.

Detailed figures of the allocations of student fees outside the AcFee process are currently unavailable. The memos were submitted by March 15 but have not reached the Student Finance Committee.

Courtney Salters, Director of Student Governance, emailed VSC Director Chris Carroll for a detailed break down of expenditures and goals.

"They provided the way they use money and how they budget," Salters said about VSC's memo. It was a decision by Mona Hicks (assistant vice-chancellor for Student Activities) made for accountability."

Salters would not disclose the details of the VSC memos.

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Adam Setren / The Vanderbilt Hustler
Quique Huerta and Maiara Oliveira perform a traditional Colombian dance at Cafe con Leche, the annual show by the Vanderbilt Association of Hispanic Students.

ACADEMICS

Grad schools keep strong rankings

Three programs among top 20.

BY RACHEL STEVENS
HUSTLER EXECUTIVE NEWS EDITOR

U.S. News & World Report has released its annual rankings of graduate and professional schools and many Vanderbilt programs are once again ranked near the top.

Peabody College, Vanderbilt Law School and the School of Medicine all retained their top 20 positions. Peabody ranked fifth in the nation for the second consecutive year. The Law School was tied for 17th in the nation with the University of Southern California, while the School of Medicine also tied for 17th with the University of Chicago.

Peabody also boasts seven programs ranked within the top ten, including its special education program, which is ranked first in the nation for the fourth straight year.

Peabody junior Christy Frieman praised Peabody's strong programs.

"It's a great opportunity to have a high ranked graduate school for education right on campus, especially when they have so many fifth year masters programs available," she said.

"We have a very strong array of graduate programs," said Vice Chancellor of Public Affairs Michael Schoenfeld. "To have our law, medical and education schools all ranked in the top 20 is very impressive for a school of our size."

Other graduate programs were also ranked within the top 50. The School of Engineering moved up four spots to 47th in the nation, while the Owen Graduate School of Management dropped four spots to 49th. The magazine ranked certain science programs this year as well, and Vanderbilt's graduate biology program was tied for 28th.

Schoenfeld attributed Owen's drop to the extremely competitive and volatile nature of business schools today. In that environment, extremely small changes in criteria can result

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Vanderbilt graduate school rankings

U.S. News & World Report graduate and professional program rankings

School of Engineering	47th
Owen Graduate School of Management	49th
Vanderbilt Law School	17th
Vanderbilt School of Medicine	17th
Peabody College of education and human development	5th
Peabody College Special Education Program	1st
Peabody College Education Psychology program	10th
Peabody College Curriculum and Instruction program	7th
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Peabody College Elementary Education program	6th
Peabody College Higher Education Administration program	10th

GREEK LIFE

74th year of Derby Days to end this weekend

BY ELLIE ATKINS
HUSTLER REPORTER

The weeklong festivities of Derby Days, the annual philanthropic event sponsored by the Sigma Chi fraternity, began last Sunday morning.

All proceeds benefit the Children's Miracle Network, the Vanderbilt Children's Hospital and this year, Marrow-thon.

Derby Days began in 1933 at the Alpha Beta chapter at the University of California-Berkeley. When it first began, the event was comprised of only a collection of humorous skits. However, as it became more popular, the event spread to the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and then to the University of Georgia. Each time the tradition spread, the events and the

name were modified.

At Tennessee, Sigma Chi sponsored a track and field competition for all of the sororities on campus. Then, at Georgia, the event finally received its official name, the Sigma Chi Derby.

Derby Days is a national event for Sigma Chi, however not all of the chapters sponsor the same events.

Here at Vanderbilt, all 10 sororities compete for points awarded for various events and tasks.

Events throughout the week include a 5K run, the derby hunt, field day and flag football. However, there are also other ways in which sororities may gain points. For instance, stealing a Derby Days hat

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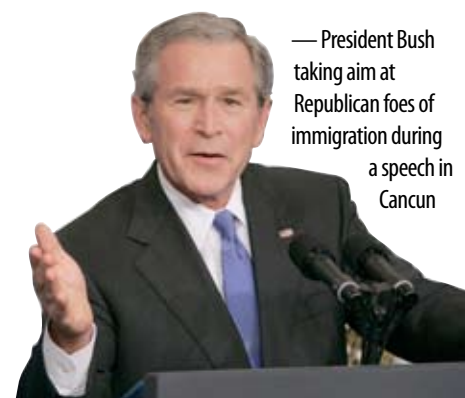
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The women's tennis team beat the No. 2 Notre Dame Fighting Irish in a surprising victory. Read the sports team's coverage of the exciting match.
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QUOTABLE

"Our soul is refreshed by newcomers to our society."



— President Bush taking aim at Republican foes of immigration during a speech in Cancun

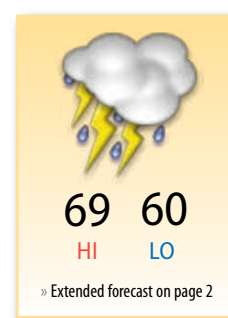
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42%

Percentage of Americans who say they encounter people using profanity or swear words in public frequently.

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

WORD OF THE DAY

HOB·BLE·DE·HOY

n. awkward, gawky young fellow

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

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

- 1889 French engineer Alexandre Gustave Eiffel unfurled the French tricolor from atop the Eiffel Tower, officially marking its completion.
- 1917 The United States took possession of the Virgin Islands from Denmark.
- 1968 President Johnson stunned the country by announcing he would not seek another term in office.
- 1976 The New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that coma patient Karen Anne Quinlan could be disconnected from her respirator. (Quinlan, who remained comatose, died in 1985.)
- 1986 A Mexicana Airlines Boeing 727 crashed in a remote mountainous region of Mexico, killing 167 people.

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FORECAST

- SATURDAY
Sunny
High: 76
Low: 53
- SUNDAY
Thunderstorms
High: 82
Low: 65
- MONDAY
Thunderstorms
High: 75
Low: 48

TODAY IN THE BUBBLE

Compiled by Rachel Stevens

Robert Penn Warren proposals

The Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities is inviting topic proposals for its 2007-08 fellows program. The deadline is today to submit a one- to two-page description of a topic and an explanation of its importance. If selected, the nominating person will assume responsibility for directing a nine-month investigation of the topic. Fellows receive funds from the Warren Center to defray research expenses, and \$15,000 is available for lectures, conferences and subventions. Topic proposals should be mailed to the Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Box 1534 Station B.

Blair Nightcap Series

The Clarion Duo – pianists Jama Reagan and Kay Rhee – will conclude the Blair Nightcap Series for 2005-06 with Piano a Deux at 9 p.m. on Monday in the Steve and Judy Turner Recital Hall at Blair School of Music. The performance will be preceded by a lobby talk featuring free coffee and dessert at 8 p.m. The Blair School's Monday Nightcap Series is open to the public. For more information, call 322-7651.

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

Rankings: Divinity, Nursing also strong

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in dramatic changes in rankings. "We're confident that the Owen school is on the right track," Schoenfeld said.

Schoenfeld also noted that Vanderbilt has many strong graduate programs that *U.S. News & World Report* does not rank, such as the Divinity School and the School of Nursing.

College rankings have been a subject of controversy within academia.

Schoenfeld said that while they can provide a snapshot of where things are at a particular school, sometimes the depictions are off base. In addition, the ranking systems are slow to recognize significant achievements that have taken place in a school.

Complete graduate and professional school rankings will be available in the April 10 issue of *U.S. News & World Report*, on newsstands April 3. ■

CORRECTION

In a March 29 article entitled "Professors say classes alike despite students' opinions" a quote was misattributed. The following quote was taken from senior Chad Burchard, "The biggest discrepancy that my friends complain about exists in math and language courses. Some of the problem may be with the teaching assistant, some of whom can barely be understood by students due to thick foreign accents." Contrary to what was printed, sophomore Joey Scheshuck was not contacted by *The Vanderbilt Hustler* in regards to this article. *The Vanderbilt Hustler* regrets the error.

VUPD CRIME LOG

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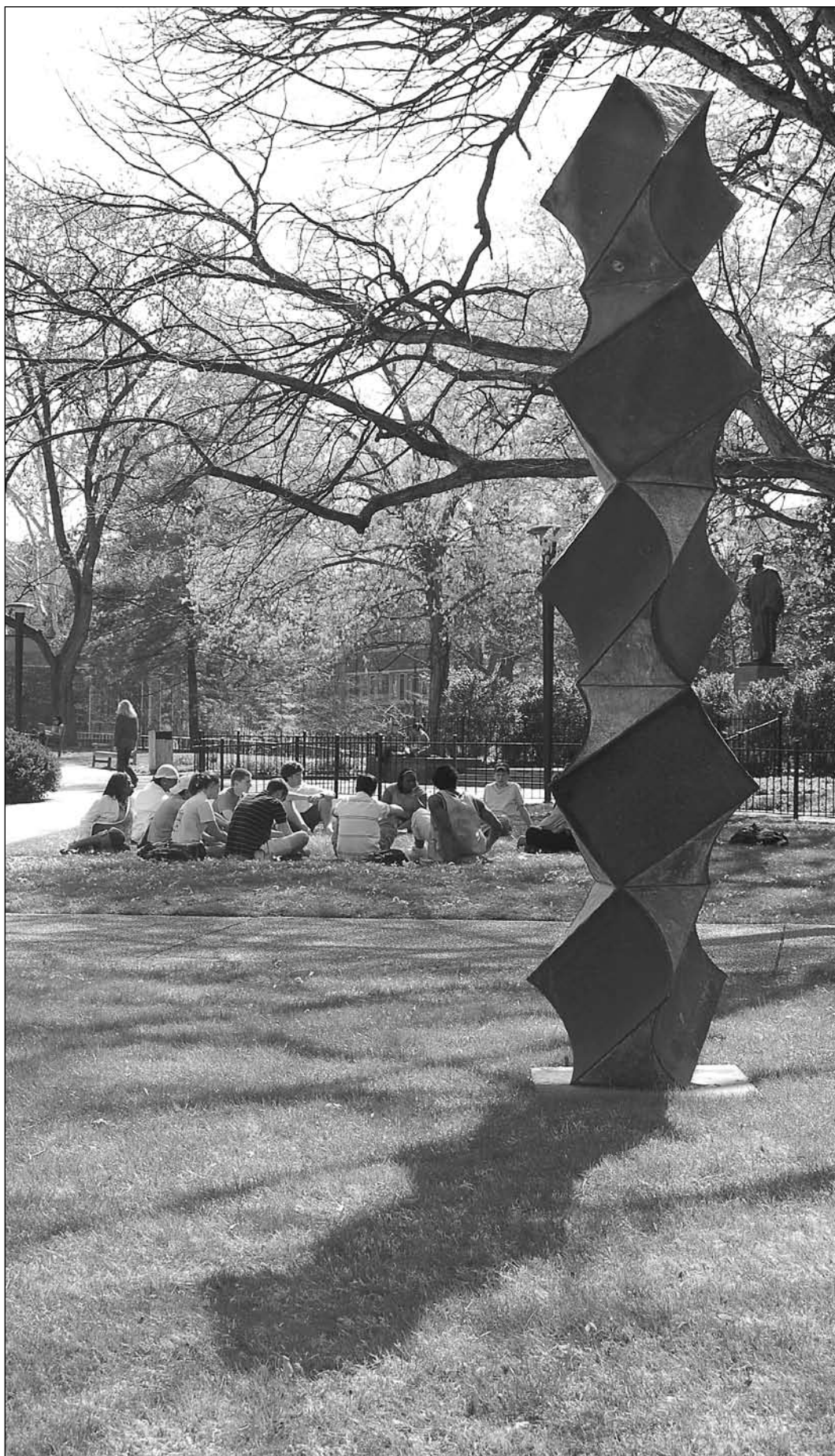
March 28, 9:48 p.m. — An arrest for DUI and simple assault was made at 24th Ave. South and Blakemore.

March 28, 10:05 p.m. — An arrest for a driver's license offense was made at 1803 21st Ave. S. The suspect was arrested via a misdemeanor citation.

March 28, 10:15 p.m. — An incident of theft and credit card fraud occurred at 3209 Hillside in the Library Annex. A credit card was stolen and used.

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

Mysterious sculptures appear



MEAGHAN ROBERTSON / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Seemingly overnight, both modern art and beautiful weather arrived on campus this week to the surprise of the student body. The permanence of the structures are yet unknown, as Campus Planning's representative was unavailable for comment. In the meantime, students will continue to shrug their shoulders, push up their sleeves and compete for space on the lawn.

Derby: Sigma Chi members enjoy intensity of derby hunt

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off of a Sigma Chi brother's head and returning it to the Sigma Chi house is worth 250 points and sororities can be allotted up to 950 points for winning the best Derby Days banner.

"I'm really impressed at how enthused all of the girls are," said Ben Schmerin, a freshmen coach for the Kappa house. "It's amazing to see all the sororities compete like this for such a good cause."

The sororities really do take this seriously — especially the derby hunt.

Throughout the course of the week, the sororities search for the black derby hat. Each night, the brothers of Sigma Chi hide a blue paper cutout that holds a clue to where the derby is hidden

and then e-mail each sorority a hint to help them find the clue.

"The girls are really intense," Schmerin said. "Just last night, I saw girls out dressed in black with flashlights at 1 o'clock in the morning, searching for the derby."

Sigma Chi welcomes this intensity, since the success of Derby Days can be attributed to the enthusiasm of the sororities.

Last year alone, Vanderbilt's Sigma Chi chapter raised \$32,000 for their philanthropy, making it the third most successful chapter in the nation in raising money from this event.

"Derby Days has gone very well this year," said Derby Days chairman Patrick Rooney. "We've raised roughly the same amount

of money as last year, and we hope that we will raise more throughout the week."

Events to come include the parties at Sigma Chi this Friday and Saturday where the winner of Derby Days will be announced and presented with a trophy. ■

LIVE: Contract to be revisited next fall

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"The living wage does nothing but raise tuition, increase unemployment and it rarely improves the lives of a few people," said sophomore Louis Matthews.

In November of this year, there will be contract renegotiations for Vanderbilt's lowest-paid workers.

"In addition to generating support for the workers in this process, we wanted to remind Vanderbilt's administration that this moral issue has not gone away," Gray said.

"Gordon Gee makes \$1.33 million per year, which includes his entire package, yet our lowest workers on average only make about \$20,000," Bowles said. "That means that he gets paid more than 75 times that of the lowest paid workers and can make their entire salary in five or six days."

Gray said the group decided to take the Speak Out directly to Kirkland because the issue is both important and urgent.

"We students often receive e-mails from Chancellor Gee about what he is doing to make Vanderbilt's community stronger and healthier," Gray said. "Vanderbilt is not a healthy, supportive community when low-wage employees must work second and third jobs to make ends meet and must sacrifice time with their families in the process."

Beau Worsham, a representative from LIUNA, the union to which Vanderbilt's employees belong, spoke at the event. He described a Vanderbilt worker who has worked here for over 13 years and is still making less than \$9 per hour.

"There is a whole population in the Vanderbilt community that constantly gets overlooked," said junior Kazmira Pytlak.

"Students need to know how hard it can be to put food on the table."

Gray said that typical administrative responses to the issue have been claims that the university pays the market rate and that it is not clear what a living wage really is. He says he is hopeful that Chancellor Gee will at least make an official policy statement on why Vanderbilt cannot pay a living wage and then eventually recognize that this is a moral issue that the university cannot ignore. ■

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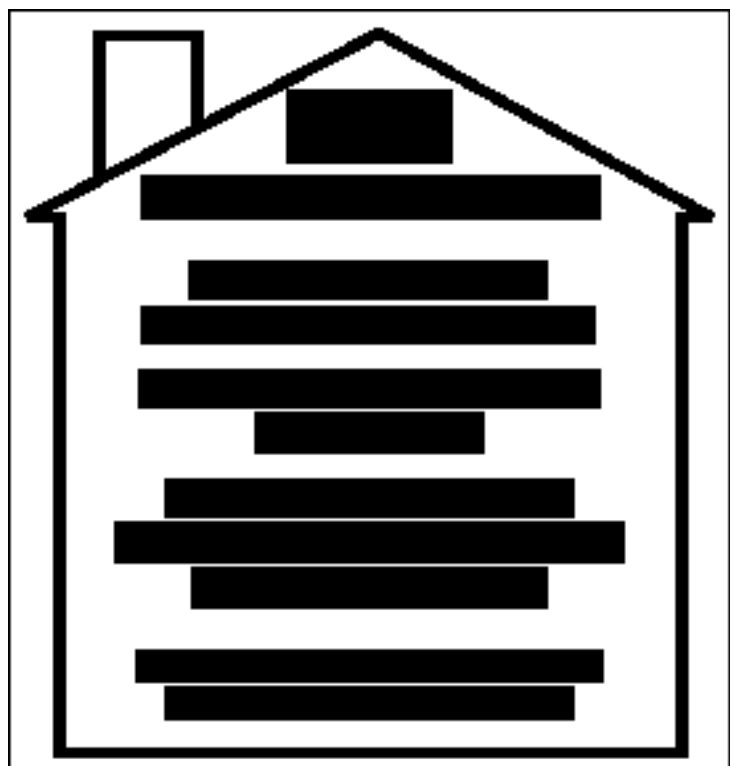
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Interhall turnover brings in new leader

Award created to honor service to organization.

BY DARCY NEWELL
HUSTLER REPORTER

Interhall had its final meeting under the leadership of outgoing president Kyle Southern this Wednesday, as the committee transitioned to its new officers and cabinet.

Devin Donovan, the former organizational vice president, will lead the organization in its next term.

Soon after the meeting began, Southern established the Steve A. Caldwell Award, named after the current special assistant to the vice chancellor of student life and university affairs. This year's recipient of the award, which is to be made an annual distinction, was Vice Chancellor of Housing and Residential Education Mark Bandas, who works closely with Interhall on its various projects.

"I wanted to create an award to honor his dedication to student service," Southern said. "There is no more deserving person to receive it for the first time."

Donovan added, "Mark is the definition of dedication."

Bandas then returned to thank Southern for his leadership, stating that he is "one of the finest leaders I have ever encountered."

Southern then gave his final address as president.

"A privilege of my life has been to work with every person in this room," he said.

After Southern thanked his cabinet,



Vice Chancellor of Housing and Residential Education Mark Bandas accepts the "Steve A. Caldwell Award" from outgoing Interhall President Kyle Southern.

the officers turned over, leaving Donovan in charge as president, with Ryan Wagner as the executive vice president and Taylor Imboden as the organizational vice president.

At the meeting were numerous members of Vanderbilt's faculty and adminis-

tration.

The first order of business to be accomplished by the new Interhall body is to vote on the Freshmen Leaders Program resolution. The FLP is a program instituted by the Student Government Association that chooses students from incoming freshmen

classes and assigns them the task of creating and developing programs that will appeal to the entire class.

FLP's goals of fostering student unity are in accordance with those stated in the mission of The Commons.

The resolution discussed on Wednesday

concerned whether or not Interhall will join forces with SGA in this venture. By joining forces, Interhall and SGA will share the responsibilities of designing and funding the program. A co-chair for FLP will be chosen from each respective organization.

Voting on the resolution will take place at Interhall's final meeting on April 19 and will be the only vote on the agenda.

However, Interhall programming will continue this semester after the meetings have ended.

The final events put forth by this term's cabinet will be Peabody's Battle of the Bands, which will take place on April 8, and Highland Quad's Beach Party on April 15. Both events will offer food and entertainment and are open to all students.

After the meeting had adjourned, Southern and Donovan took pictures and greeted the numerous members of the Vanderbilt community who had come to the transition ceremony as they looked back on a successful year for Interhall.

"I am very proud of the relationships we forged with SGA, Greek Life and VUCept, among others," Southern said. "We are all stronger for our partnership with them."

"I have total confidence in Devin, as well as the momentum of Interhall".

Donovan seemed confident in her new cabinet, as she has set auspicious goals.

"One of my biggest goals is to ensure a satisfactory living experience for every student on campus," she said.

"I'd also like to increase the strength of the Residential Conduct Board and increase the proliferation of information about The Commons." ■

Acfee: Student Finance has not received requested memos from Student Life

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"It would be the same as looking at someone's AcFee application," she said.

AcFee applications or budgets from student organizations are not open to the public but are reviewed by the Student Finance Committee.

Hicks said the memos were requested to give Student Finance Committee members a better historical and learning perspective to have a bigger picture when making decisions on AcFee process.

"I thought that it is important from a learning and historical

standpoint," Hicks said. "It's not supposed to be high maintenance."

Senior Mary Ellen Neighbors, SGA Student Finance Committee Chair, said that Hicks discussed the memos but has not seen the memos or has any further knowledge.

VSC was not the only group to receive requests for budget memos.

"In fairness to all of the groups and, again, give the bigger perspective of the larger picture," Hicks said.

The allocations to the Student Life groups such as Sarratt and The Rec Center are outlined in a book that projects future costs and reve-

nues. It is used throughout campus to plan budgets and has everything including projected budgets, Hicks said.

"The Book is a university tool that is given out yearly that helps us manage, go through, prepare our budgets for next fiscal year," Hicks said.

Hicks declined to make public The Book because of its content.

The budget memos collected on March 15 would detail the spending of student fees outside the AcFee process. Specific costs for each group were also not available, such as how much student activity

fees go towards Sarratt.

"I'm not the boss in releasing the memos," Hicks said. "I just don't know if it is appropriate nor do I know if it is okay to say that information."

Although the VSC memo is "sitting on my desk," Hicks did not want disclose the information.

A VSC budget is public record.

Yesterday, Hicks said she would inquire with Student Life to make the specific allocations public

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SGA Student Finance Committee members

Name	Affiliation	Selection process
Senior Mary Ellen Neighbors	SGA	Elected by Senate
Senior Lisa Bryington	SGA	Appointed Senator
Senior Johnathan Lindsey	SGA	Appointed Senator
Junior Bill Weimar	SGA	Appointed Senator
Junior Caroline Holland	SGA	Appointed Senator
Sophomore Graham Thompson	SGA	Appointed Senator
Sophomore Ashley Holmes	SGA	Appointed Senator
Freshman Leigh Taylor	SGA	Appointed Senator
Freshman Meadows Carpenter	SGA	Appointed Senator
David Repking	Student Life	Application Process
Steve Creekmore	Student Life	Application Process
Eric Magidson	Student Life	Application Process
Lisa McCorvey	Graduate Student	Appointed
Josh Brooks	Graduate Student	Treasurer
Courtney Salters	Advisor	Non-voting

Source: Courtney Salters

WORLD

Freelance reporter kidnapped in Iraq is finally free

BY BROOKE DONALD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — For the friends and family of kidnapped freelance reporter Jill Carroll, nearly three months of worry — heightened every time grim stories about hostages in Iraq made the news — evaporated with a phone call Thursday morning.

"Hi, Dad. This is Jill. I'm released."

Carroll's conversation with her father tipped off calls across the country, from family to friends to colleagues.

"Today's just a wonderful day of rejoicing," said Richard Bergenheim, Carroll's editor at the Boston-based Christian Science Monitor.

Carroll, 28, who was working as a freelancer for the Monitor, was handed over to the Iraqi Islamic Party office in the

Amiriya neighborhood of western Baghdad, by an unknown group. She was later turned over to American officials and taken to the heavily fortified Green Zone.

Carroll said her captors never harmed or threatened her.

"We got the call this morning," Carroll's father, Jim, told reporters outside his North Carolina home. "It was quite the wake up call, to say the least."

He thanked all the family's supporters in the U.S. and Iraq, and the Monitor.

"We've had an arduous three months," Jim Carroll said. "It's been very, very difficult on the family and all of the friends, and obviously all the people around the world."

Carroll was kidnapped Jan. 7 in Baghdad's western Adil neighborhood, where she had gone to interview Sunni Arab pol-

itician Adnan al-Dulaimi. Her translator was killed in the attack about 300 yards from al-Dulaimi's office.

Her captors, calling themselves the Revenge Brigades, demanded the release of all women detainees in Iraq by Feb. 26 or they would kill Carroll, too.

But the date came and went with no word about her welfare.

Her family, the newspaper and press freedom groups issued several pleas for her release.

Just before she was freed, her sister Katie Carroll pleaded for her freedom on Arab television, saying: "I've been living a nightmare, worrying if she is hurt or ill."

Then, Thursday morning, the ordeal ended.

"Our hearts are full. We are elated by Jill's safe release," her family said in a

statement released by Bergenheim.

"We're thrilled," Carroll's mother, Mary Beth Carroll, later told The Associated Press in a quick phone call from her home near Chicago.

Carroll grew up in Ann Arbor, Mich., and graduated from the University of Massachusetts in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in journalism. She went to the Middle East in 2002 after being laid off from a newspaper job. She had long dreamed of covering a war.

At her alma mater, the good news spread fast. Her journalism professors lauded her commitment and passion.

"Her journalism represents the best principles in the field," professor Karen List said.

Michael Busack, editor of The Collegian, said Carroll has been an inspira-

tion to reporters working for the campus newspaper.

"I thought that this could have been me in a few years," said Busack, a senior. "She had enough guts to face danger. Jill Carroll has changed my life as a young reporter."

Political leaders also reacted.

President Bush, in Mexico, responded to the news with the words: "Thank God."

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice expressed "great delight and great relief of the United States, the people of the United States and, I'm sure, the people of the world at the release today of Jill Carroll."

Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney said he felt like celebrating.

"I feared we wouldn't see her again. To hear that she has been released is just a great show of humanity," he said. ■

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OUR VIEW

Students should be activists

The Living Income for Vanderbilt Employee's Speak Out event on Wednesday represented an example of students using the Vanderbilt campus environment to promote a cause.

Unfortunately at Vanderbilt, it seems that demonstrations of true progressive activism are few and far between.

Many college campuses host protests, "Speak Outs" and other similar activist events on a regular basis.

Students at Vanderbilt undoubtedly have the knowledge and passion on certain issues. We encourage the student body to consider becoming even more active.

Form groups and figure out ways to advocate change, whether it is on campus, locally, nationally or globally.

By encouraging activism, we are not suggesting that all students take up liberal or humanitarian causes. Students with conservative political views should mobilize and advocate their positions as well. There are no doubt students who feel that the concept of a "living wage" violates basic principles of economics. Why then isn't there a Students for a Market Wage countering LIVE's efforts on campus?

Other universities seem to surpass Vanderbilt in forming organizations and taking up causes. Brown University even has a student group who's mission statement includes lobbying for political action in New Jersey.

While that may be an obscure political cause, it is nonetheless the product of students who care deeply about certain issues or in this case a particular location.

We would love to see more events like Wednesday's Speak Out on a wide variety of topics and articulating a wide range of viewpoints.

College campuses represent a unique place in American society where new ideas are formed that often challenge the status quo.

Campuses have been the breeding ground for social and political movements that have made lasting impacts on the world. Students should make the most of their time here.

Organizations on campus should look to LIVE as an example of a group that has actively fought for a cause for several years. While they have not yet reached their goal, they have been a constant presence on campus, vocally advocating for what they believe in.

EDITORIAL CARTOON



Louis Coppola/KRT

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Elder's not a bookstore deserving of students' business

To the editor:

I was disappointed to read such a glowing endorsement of Elder's Bookstore. Although I have great love of books, especially those of focusing on Southern history and culture, I share different sentiments concerning Elder's. *The Nashville Scene* reported only two years ago that Elder's was the center of a three-month investigation that yielded some damning results. Although *The Nashville Scene* no longer has the article on its website, another on-

line article quotes the *Scene* as saying, "Randy Elder has bought books from convicted book thieves and sells many titles identical to those missing from local bookstores," thus leading to the obvious conclusion that he is no more than a glorified criminal. *The Scene* article went on to describe how one of its writers was informed of books that would be of significant interest to Elder, and that he was willing to spend top dollar to get his hands on them, even if it meant the books were stolen. A call to a friend's parents' used bookstore in Franklin yielded similar

results. They reported that they would never allow Mr. Elder or anyone known to have done business with him into their store for fear that certain books would come up missing. Therefore, rather than take the article at face value and spend your money at Elder's, spend some time at Bookman in Hillsboro Village and make sure that your money isn't being used for illegitimate purposes.

Allen Callison
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COLUMN

American students can take a stand and change the world

Right now, we are being put to shame by French students. Think what you will of France and its international politics, but

GUEST COLUMNIST

LAURA BRESLIN

French students have one up on us: they protest. In reaction to the new labor laws which directly affect the younger, entry-level work force, French youth protested. They did not agree with what they felt to be an unfair, discriminatory law, so they took to the streets, not in hundreds or thousands, but in millions.

On Tuesday, they organized and protested en masse in Paris, three million strong, and withstood tear gas, water-hoses, and arrest. Last week marked the third anniversary of the invasion of Iraq. Across our country, there were protests; yet, in contrast to the French protests, they were small. In San Francisco, always the hotbed for social change, the protesters were markedly older and graying. Youth were obviously absent from the picture. Regardless of your stance on the war in Iraq, the apathy of American youth is striking. Vanderbilt's student body is as guilty of inactivity as our peers across the country.

Last week, several friends of mine organized a fundraiser for Doctors Without Borders. With the tandem goal of raising money for the organization's work in Darfur and raising awareness at Vanderbilt about the genocide in the country, the members of Students Taking Action Now Darfur (S.T.A.N.D.) worked for weeks preparing for this benefit concert. They decided to charge a ten-dollar cover at their venue, BarCar, with all proceeds being donated to Doctors Without Borders.

Ten dollars for us is two drinks at BarCar. Ten dollars in Darfur could buy the necessary medical supplies, such as IV bags, which could save several children's lives. The money S.T.A.N.D. raised was marred by the fact that far too often, the students collecting money at the door had to listen to complaints about

how the ten-dollar cover was "obnoxious," "unnecessary" and an "inconvenience" to their Thursday night socializing. I am ashamed that we protest a 10-dollar cover charge, when we should be protesting continued genocide in Darfur. All of the people who came out to for the S.T.A.N.D. benefit last Thursday and all those who have a social conscience at Vanderbilt are excluded from my criticisms. The rest of us should be ashamed of the turnout.

After the Holocaust, the world said "never again." Since the Holocaust, the systematic annihilation of ethnic groups in Cambodia, Rwanda, and Kosovo, among others, have taken place while the world watched and did nothing. The approximate two hundred students who came to the S.T.A.N.D. concert did something. Yet, Vanderbilt has an undergraduate student body population of around 6,000. Where were the other 5,800?

All across the world, there is injustice. We, as Americans, can change things. The amount of food that Americans throw out in one year is enough to feed all the hungry in the world three times over. Rather than trying to find out how to make the most money when we graduate, shouldn't we work on how to rectify the fact that people starve when there is enough food to feed the world? We are not just America's best and brightest, we are some of the world's as well. Let's join our French brethren in their protests and change the world. ■

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COLUMN

If you don't believe in gay marriage, don't get one

Gay marriage has once again presented itself as a contentious national issue in the current legislative session. As certain members of Con-



CASUAL

TAYLOR SEWELL

gress are attempting for the second time to pass the Federal Marriage Amendment, debate is beginning to heat up. While I normally try to stay away from writing about such charged topics, I feel compelled to do differently this week...

Even if you completely neglect the legal considerations and inequalities surrounding prohibition of gay marriage, there are still a number of social arguments to address. The rationale used by many conservative, family-based organizations to justify opposing gay marriage centers on this ethereal idea of America's "social fabric." Ignoring the fact that this phrase really has no clear meaning, I would most certainly challenge the idea that America is a social and moral leader in the world. With women still only earning about 76 cents for every dollar a man is paid, with racism—either overt or hidden—still rampant in society, with immigration laws that are insensitive at best and inhumane at worst, I don't really think one can make the hard-and-fast argument that America is the most socially-conscious country on the planet. Furthermore, on the issue of marriage specifically, even the lowest heterosexual divorce rate estimates in this country hover around 40%. What kind of so-called American "social fabric" is there to protect when our divorce rate lies somewhere between 40 and 50%?

A second common argument put forth by Christian-based organizations is that marriage is a God-ordained institution, and since the Bible opposes homosexuality as a lifestyle, God would certainly not give his blessing to gays getting married. The fact that this screams violation of separation of church and state is completely irrelevant to my point: if heterosexual marriage is a

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COLUMN

Healthy options are hard to find in Vanderbilt meal plans

Has anyone realized how difficult it is to get any kind of nutrition on this campus? Consider the places we have to eat on

ONE SMALL VOICE

DANIEL KASBOHM

campus. Every time I go to the Pub or CX2, I end up eating a ton of French fries, rich in yummy saturated fat that clogs my arteries. What about the greasy red bowls from the Asian place in Rand? If those egg rolls don't scream MSG'd like the Teen Girl Squad, I don't know what does.

What about Munchie Marts? High-salt, high-fat microwavable meals, sugary cereals and pounds of candy are all prominently displayed for my eager consumption. Only after searching adamantly can I ever find those sandwiches from Provence that claim to be natural. It is only after I pass by the Pop-Tarts, Combos, chips and cookies that I find anything that resembles unprocessed food.

Please do not mistake my ramblings for an all-out attack on the Vanderbilt meal plans, however. As Vanderbilt students, we have a tremendous amount of flexibility in our eating habits. Grins offers vegan and vegetarian opportunities that range from apple wraps to kosher cookies. Chef James always serves up cooked vegetables with its staple chicken and mashed potatoes. In addition, few people are aware that we can mix and match sides in Rand. If you don't want Chef James' mashed potatoes, ask for rice from next door, or grab an apple from the basket.

Like any system, Vanderbilt Dining is not without its drawbacks. Finding fresh

vegetables on this campus is like obtaining a Towers suite as a rising junior: sketchy at best. Obviously, Vanderbilt is limited by its facilities, but would it really kill people if we replaced the fourth consecutive shelf of cinnamon toast crunch with some carrots, lettuce, or peas? Seriously, I find myself asking Ms. Alice for more tomatoes, onions, and pickles on my sandwich from the Corner Market just so I can get a single serving of vegetables a day.

The limited amount of fruits and vegetables offered by the markets is ridiculously overpriced. When I first saw that the Varsity Marketplace had some raspberries for sale, I almost hugged the Rotiki machine, but later had to recant my joyous outburst because I discovered that an extremely small package cost four dollars!

The system is rather ingenious actually. When people tell me to simply go to a local grocery store and get some vegetables myself, I instantly think of my meal money balance that will be wiped away at the end of this semester. In fact, thanks to rollover from skipped meal plan meals, the masterminds behind Vanderbilt Dining have effectively cornered the market for any student with a meal plan.

Our plight is not disastrous, but Vanderbilt's meal plan deserves constant scrutiny in an attempt to cater to the needs of the students who use it. In a world where obesity in children is even more prevalent, consumption of sugar and artificial sweeteners is skyrocketing, and 171 million people have diabetes, shouldn't we be trying to eat healthy some of the time? ■

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” Finding fresh vegetables on this campus is like obtaining a Towers suite as a rising junior: sketchy at best.

AROUND THE LOOP

What are you going to do now that the weather is nice?



“Not work.”

BRANDON HERIFORD
Freshman



“Not pay attention in class and look out the window.”

SAM SCHREIBER
Sophomore



“Oooh! I'm gonna' swing!”

LAURA SAENGER
Freshman



“Chill outside and read Orbis!”

GABRIEL HEMPHILL
Junior



“I'm going to be outside as much as I can!”

TAYLOR DAVIS
Junior

Compiled by Sean Hymowitz

Sewell: Gay marriage not against religious faith

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holy union in God's eyes, then divorce must be an unholy laugh in God's face. This clearly undermines the sanctity of the very institution that fundamentalists are trying to protect. Additionally, such a laugh at God's holiness clearly disrupts the “social fabric” of our nation. Furthermore, since atheists don't even believe in God's existence, they obviously should not be allowed to marry either.

Thirdly, I've often heard that one of the principle functions of marriage is to join a man and a woman in a social union that fosters procreation and the raising of a stable family. So I guess this means that anyone who does not want children or is infertile cannot get married. And if a stable family life is the foundation of our country's infrastructure, those who would likely make instable, inconsistent, and “bad” parents should not be allowed to marry either. The problem is that “bad” is clearly a subjective term—this is precisely my point.

We are lucky to live in a country where you can say whatever you want (for the most part).

So sure, you can use the argument that we, as a country, have a social fabric to protect. You can use the argument that marriage is fundamentally a God-given blessing. And you can use the argument that marriage exists, at least partly, to foster procreation. If this is the case, however, you must also be a proponent of prohibiting divorce, prohibiting atheist marriages, prohibiting marriages between those who don't want children, prohibiting marriages for infertile individuals, and prohibiting marriages for “bad” parents. Sound ridiculous? So is the Federal Marriage Amendment.

As a (straight) friend of mine put it once: If you don't believe in gay marriage, then don't get one. ■

Taylor Sewell is a junior in the College of Engineering.

” The rationale used by many conservative, family-based organizations to justify opposing gay marriage centers on this ethereal idea of America's “social fabric.”

COLUMN

It is impossible to understand homelessness after one night in the cold

Most Jeff Turners (according to Facebook.com, there are at least 34) either lack the smarts or the desire to have intelligent,

OPINION EDITOR

REEVE HAMILTON

thought out opinions. Now, granted, my experience with Jeff Turners is pretty limited. I've read only one article by one of them. However, I feel it is enough to make my broad generalization about all Jeff Turners valid.

On Wednesday, I decided to sit down and read a newspaper. I, of course, chose The Vanderbilt Hustler, and the front page instructed me to turn to the opinion section to read the musings of Jeff Turner. I started reading Jeff Turner's piece, “Urban plunge in D.C. yields surprising conclusions,” expecting to finish it feeling impressed by Jeff Turner's insightfulness and intellectual

prohess. However, the effect was just the opposite.

The premise that Jeff Turner, a young, highly educated, Caucasian male with relatively good hygiene, can, after one night pretending to be homeless, come to the conclusion that the reason most homeless people do not have a pleasant experience is that they simply are not willing to be as perky as he was. This argument is so full of holes that it is embarrassing. His perception that a homeless person is necessarily a person without a job, or that a low paying job would necessarily cure their homelessness, is not very strong either. Luckily, Jeff Turner will probably never have to become homeless without knowing that it was only for a maximum of 48 hours; apparently 48 hours is not enough to give him any kind of perspective.

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COLUMN

Needs of homeless must be considered important

I'm writing in response to the article that was written by Jeff Turner in regards to homelessness.

GUEST COLUMN

COURTNEY WRIGHT

As an advocate for the homeless and someone that has worked with the homeless population here in Nashville, Washington, D.C. and Chicago, I was disgusted by the statements that were made in this article. First, many homeless people do have addictions such as drugs and alcohol but if that was your only way in dealing with living on the streets then I can understand why they do it. You spent two nights on the streets and think that you got the full experience of being homeless, try living on the

streets two weeks or two months or two years I'm sure your perception of homelessness will be different.

I know that there are some homeless people out there that have come to accept their living situation, which is the choice they made for themselves but what about the others that did not make that choice? There are about 1.3 million homeless children in the United States today, 35 percent of the homeless population is made up of families, 25 percent are veterans, and 30 percent are victims of domestic violence. I can rattle numbers off all day about the increasing problem of homelessness but that is not the point of this article. You stated that people chose to sit around shaking Starbucks cups everyday instead of looking for a job but it's pretty hard to find a job if you don't have a place to live or way for the employer to reach you.

What about those that are one paycheck away from being homeless?

Or those that are homeless and work? Many do and I'm sure if you got to know more than the initial image you would have learned these things.

You said that people stopped to help you find out about jobs and places to eat, why not be this person for someone that is homeless? Why not be an advocate for this growing problem instead of someone that contributes to it?

My challenge to you and everyone else that is apart of the Vanderbilt community is before reaching in your pocket to give away money or quickly walking away, why not stop and find out why that person is asking you for your spare change.

Courtney Wright is a junior in the Peabody College.

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SPORTS

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Commodores stun No. 2 Irish

BY FRANKLIN PETR
HUSTLER SPORTS REPORTER

The No. 11 Commodores improved to 16-2 on Wednesday, as they handed No. 2 ranked Notre Dame its first loss of the season. The win extended Vanderbilt's current win streak to six games, and was the Commodores' fifth win in a row against Notre Dame.

The Fighting Irish got on the scoreboard first by sweeping the doubles point from the Commodores. It was the first time all season Vanderbilt had lost all three doubles tilts.

"They've got good doubles, no doubt, but we fought very hard," said head coach Geoff Macdonald. "It was disappointing to lose those matches, but we bounced back."

After falling behind 4-0, freshman tandem Courtney Ulery and Liberty Sveke played hard, but were unable to recover and Notre Dame's Lauren Connelly and Kristina Stastny took the first point of doubles play 8-5. The loss dropped Ulery and Sveke to 10-2 on the season while playing No. 3 doubles.

Playing in only their fourth doubles match together all season, sophomore duo Taka Bertrand and Caroline Ferrell finished next. They lost 9-7 in a very competitive match on the second court. The pair kept a close match with Brook Buck and Kelcy Tefft, who are ranked No. 29 in the nation, but were unable to overcome the Irish's tough doubles play. The loss is the duos first as a tandem.

With doubles play clinched for Notre Dame the remaining match was purely for bragging rights as Vanderbilt's top team attempted to take down Catrina and Christian Thompson. Down 7-6 late in the match Amanda Fish and Amanda Taylor were able to rally for their own

seventh game, but Notre Dame proved to be too much in doubles and completed the sweep with a 9-7 victory on court one.

Down 1-0 in the match, the Commodores charged back in singles play winning three of the first five matches. With the score tied at three apiece the match came down to the No. 3 slot where No. 75 Taylor was able to defeat Buck to secure the win. The two sophomores battled for nearly two-and-a-half hours, enduring both long deuce points and multiple tiebreakers.

"My overall game was more solid," Taylor said. "I just challenged myself instead of getting overwhelmed."

After winning the first set 7-6 (11), Taylor was able to take advantage of her opponent's fatigue, hustling to crush balls cross-court. Buck's low first serve percentage in the second set gave the Vanderbilt sophomore extra opportunities to capitalize. In one of her best matches all season, Taylor finally clinched a Vanderbilt win with a 7-6 (4) second set victory. Taylor is now 15-3 on the season.

"There were a lot of people who came through today," Taylor said. "I'm really happy with the team and how hard everyone fought. That's what I'm most happy about."

The Commodores were on bated breath until Buck's final shot went into the net. Even the usually stoic Macdonald could not contain a smile.

"I'm so proud of her [Taylor]," Macdonald said. "She works so incredibly hard. That's one of the most difficult situations to be in. Having the match on the line is like having to kick a game-winning field goal, over and over and over. Anybody can play a match like that against a lesser opponent, but

Brook Buck of Notre Dame is a really good player. To respond to that situation with that amount of poise was just awesome."

The Fighting Irish took the first point of singles play with a lopsided 6-2, 6-0 victory over Sveke at No. 6 giving Notre Dame a 2-0 lead. The loss drops the freshman to 7-6 on the season, including 5-6 while playing at the bottom spot.

Vanderbilt got their first match point at No. 2 with a 6-2, 6-3 decision for Bertrand. The No. 40 ranked sophomore improved to 17-1 on the season with her win over Christian Thompson, ranked No. 74.

Fish was able to tie the overall match at 2-2 with her victory at the top singles spot. The junior avenged her doubles loss by defeating No. 30 Catrina Thompson in straight sets. The 6-2, 6-2 win gave Fish, ranked No. 20 nationally her fifth against ranked opponents.

Notre Dame's Stastny was able to get the Irish within a point of clinching with her 6-2, 6-1 win at No. 5 against Ferrell. The Commodore sophomore fell to 11-5 on the season.

Ulery provided a clutch win for the Commodores at No. 4, forcing the outcome of the day to the final singles match. The freshman upset No. 110 Tefft 6-3, 6-3 for her 14th win of the season.

"It's so great to have a win like this going into a tough SEC weekend," Fish said. "It's just awesome."

The Commodores will hope to improve on their 6-0 SEC record this weekend when No. 22 Tennessee and No. 25 Georgia come to Nashville. The Tennessee match is today at 2:30 p.m., and Vanderbilt takes on the Bulldogs Sunday at noon. Both matches are at the Curry Tennis Center. ■



Neil Brake / VU Media Relations
Sophomore Amanda Taylor won the clinching match in Vanderbilt's thrilling 4-3 victory over previously undefeated Notre Dame. With the victory, the Commodores improve to 16-2 on the season.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Shinaberry defies odds on and off the field

BY FRANKLIN PETR
HUSTLER SPORTS REPORTER

Athletes are told to play through injuries. Be it stress fractures, pulled muscles or turf toe, the general consensus is "tough it out." Correct or not, fans have shown disfavor to athletes who choose to stay off the field nursing their minor injuries. But no fan has ever accused Vanderbilt lacrosse goalie Brooke Shinaberry of that.

Shinaberry was born with a mild hearing loss. After doctors discovered it at age four, she started wearing external hearing aids. To help her development, Shinaberry attended an elementary school specifically for the deaf and hard of hearing, where she learned American Sign Language furthering her abilities to communicate with teachers and her family. Over the years, she added lip reading to her repertoire enabling her to attend public high school.

Shinaberry never let her hearing problems stand in the way of her dreams. In high school, she competed in both lacrosse and soccer. And she was good. So good in fact, that as a three-year starter for the Severna Park Falcons, Shinaberry helped lead her high school to two Maryland state championships. Along the way she garnered national attention, qualifying as both a high school All-American and a member of the 2003 World Champion Under-19 American team. It was this exposure that helped lead her to Vanderbilt.

After a match in her junior year, an unknown coach from an unknown school approached Shinaberry about collegiate lacrosse. Despite her success, Shinaberry's main focus was playing collegiate soccer, not lacrosse.

"Up until the world championships, I really wanted to play soccer in college," Shinaberry said. "After we won I was like, 'Wow, I'm pretty good. Maybe this (lacrosse) is what I should do.'"

This unknown coach was none other than Vanderbilt head coach Cathy Swezey. Shinaberry was persuaded by her future coach to come visit Vanderbilt, and the sophomore says she was immediately enamored.

As a freshman in 2004, Shinaberry shared goaltending duties with Ashley Bastinelli, starting in five games and making 10 total appear-

ances. For the season, she stopped 52 percent of shots faced and garnered her first collegiate win against league-rival Penn State.

After sitting out her second season with a medical redshirt Brooke was eager for her return to the cage. This past fall, however, Shinaberry began noticing a change in her hearing. She could no longer hear many things she normally could. After contacting her family, Brooke went to an audiologist who informed her that her hearing had further deteriorated. She was now completely deaf in her right ear, and although her left ear had some residual hearing, as she describes it, she could not "really hear."

"I began noticing the change back in August," Shinaberry said. "And by October I had completely lost my hearing."

At an even bigger disadvantage than before, Shinaberry easily could have given up. Yet she chose to persevere. On the day most Vanderbilt students were returning to class Brooke was having surgery at Johns Hopkins University Hospital in Baltimore, to install a cochlear implant in her right ear.

The basis behind this implant is that sounds are relayed electronically from an external microphone worn around the ear to an internal receiver that stimulates the inner ear to produce nervous impulses that simulate sound.

Though definitely not a cure-all for hearing loss, Shinaberry's new implant—along with traditional hearing aids—have allowed her to regain some auditory capabilities. Coupled with a teacher-worn transmitter, she was able to continue her success in the classroom where she posted a near-perfect 3.9 GPA last semester.

Her biggest challenge, however, has been on the field. Unable to wear her devices during a game, Shinaberry's inability to hear has forced her to adapt a somewhat unorthodox method of sports communication.

The easiest adaptation was coach-to-player communication. Defensive schemes are now relayed to the team using color-coded cards, so changes are easily visible across the field. During downtime if a coach needs to tell Shinaberry something specific, it is relayed through a teammate who tells the goalie directly by allowing her

to communicate through reading lips.

Shinaberry's biggest concern was her inability to discern the atmosphere of the game: the roar of the boisterous crowd or the cheers of teammates 80 yards away at the opposing goal.

"This has definitely been a big learning experience," Shinaberry said. "I think people who are able to hear the crowd or your teammates and coaches take it for granted, but when it is taken away from you in a very short period of time you have to learn to adjust to it."

After approaching both her teammates and coaches and voicing concerns, Shinaberry and Swezey decided to return to her secondary method of communication: sign language. From the sidelines, Shinaberry's coaches and teammates began shaking and waving their hands above their head, the deaf version of applause. Soon on-field teammates and even fans began adopting it.

"In the beginning of the season it was hard not to be able to hear my teammates and fans," Shinaberry said. "But now it is really cool because it is a simple gesture that allows for me to stay connected with the team and fans."

She has rebounded well. Starting in all nine games so far for the Commodores, Shinaberry has played 502 of the 540 possible minutes this season. Her goals-against average is lower than her opponents' (10.16 versus 11.33), and she is tied for third on the team in ground balls recovered. Facing 193 shots on goal, she has posted nearly 70 saves so far and continues to further the Commodores quest for a return to the NCAA tournament.

"I don't let my hearing affect me that much just because I am not going to let it stop me from dreaming and achieving the things I want to do with my life," Shinaberry said.

So whether on the field or off, in the classroom or out, Brooke Shinaberry continues to persevere. She has been challenged throughout her life yet still has a remarkable outlook. And for this we should praise her. But she doesn't want any verbal recognition or a pat on the back. Instead, just come out to the Vanderbilt Lacrosse Center. Support the team. And maybe, if you feel like it, wave your hands in the air. ■



Neil Brake / VU Media Relations
Sophomore Brooke Shinaberry starts in goal for the Commodores. Though she is deaf, Shinaberry has been able to excel in lacrosse and in the classroom.

BASEBALL

Hilltoppers end Dores winning streak at five

BY JARRED AMATO
HUSTLER ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The baseball team saw its five-game winning streak come to an end Tuesday after falling 6-4 to Western Kentucky.

Despite the loss, the Commodores (17-8, 5-1 Southeastern Conference) enter this weekend's series with Florida as winners of 11 of their last 13 contests.

"I wouldn't say we looked past (Western Kentucky) because we went in knowing it was going to be a tough game," said freshman first baseman Ryan Flaherty. "It's kind of a disappointment because we had a little bit of a roll going but we can't let that affect us going into Florida."

The Commodores scored the first two runs on a RBI single by sophomore Parker Hanks and sacrifice fly by Flaherty, who was 2-for-3 with one RBI and one run scored.

However, Western Kentucky (12-7) responded with a four-run fourth inning. With the bases loaded and nobody out, Dennis Winn hit a possible double-play groundball that was mishandled by shortstop Dominic de la Osa, leaving every-one safe and allowing a run to score.

The Hilltoppers added another run with a sacrifice fly and Vanderbilt's starting pitcher, Cameron Betourne, hit a batter with the bases loaded to bring in the fourth run.

"We had that one bad inning and that kind of hurt us and put us behind the eight-ball," said

sophomore Shea Robin.

Betourne failed to get out of the fourth, as he surrendered four runs, two earned, in 3.1 innings of work.

Casey Hamilton recorded a RBI single off of Tyler Rhoden to give the Hilltoppers a 5-2 lead in bottom of the fifth. It was the only run Rhoden allowed in 2.2 innings.

Left fielder Matt Meingasner hit a two-run homer in the seventh to close the gap to one run. With the tying run at third with two outs, Brian Hernandez hit a hard ground ball that was fielded by second basemen Matt Randsell, who threw to first to end the rally.

Flaherty, Meingasner and Robin combined for six of the team's seven hits and three of the four runs.

"I felt like we hit the ball hard a bunch of times but every time we did, it was right at them," Robin said. "Our offense wasn't good enough to overcome the errors."

Western Kentucky capitalized on the Commodores' fourth error of the game to score another run in the eighth on Randsell's RBI double.

David Price, the reigning SEC Pitcher of the Week, as well one of Collegiate Baseball's National Pitchers of the Week, will start game one of the Commodores' three-game series with Florida tonight.

Price has recorded 65 strikeouts, which is the most in the SEC, in just 42.2 innings, and his op-

ponents' batting average is .163, second-best in the conference.

Matt Buschmann will start game two and Cody Crowell will start the finale.

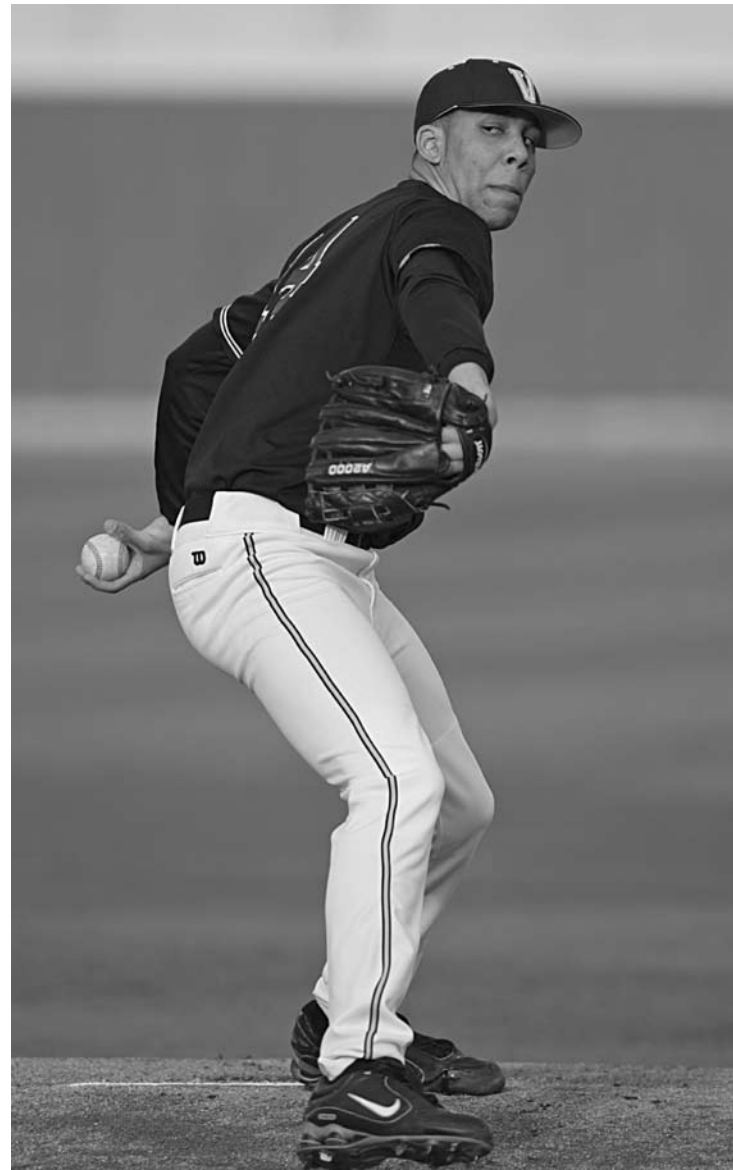
"Coming off the past two weekends, (Buschmann, Crowell and Price's) confidence levels have got to be going through the roof," Robin said. "That's just going to leak over to the rest of the team."

Collegiate Baseball also ranked the Commodores No. 17 in this week's poll, the first time they have cracked the rankings this season. They are 5-1 in conference play for the first time since 1980 and tied with South Carolina for first place in the SEC East.

"Our confidence is at the highest point it's been all year, especially after the weekend we had against Auburn," Robin said. "The (Western Kentucky) game is not going to bother us. Right now Florida is down after getting swept last weekend by South Carolina so all we want to do is put it on them right away."

The Commodores know what is required of them to win – good pitching, good defense and timely hitting.

"We've got to go down there and play well defensively and pitch well like we have been doing and I think the bats will take care of themselves," Flaherty said. ■



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The Commodores lost 6-4 to Western Kentucky on Tuesday. The team returns to SEC play Friday as sophomore David Price takes the mound against the Florida Gators.

BOWLING

Bowlers prepare for first NCAA tournament berth

BY MAX FRANKLIN
HUSTLER SPORTS REPORTER

The Vanderbilt bowling team received one of eight bids to the NCAA tournament championship, which will be played from April 13-15 in Houston, Texas. The Commodores are in just their second year of existence but will compete against Central Missouri State, Alabama A&M, Farleigh Dickinson, New Jersey City College, Maryland Eastern Shore, Bethune Cookman and defending champion Nebraska.

"It's a big deal for our program," said head coach John Williamson. "We've come a long way in a short time."

The team includes six upperclassmen all of which competed last season, but for tournament play the team is comprised solely of last year's recruiting class, four freshmen and one sophomore transfer.

"The upperclassmen have done a good job of being leaders on this team, and the freshmen have come in and helped get us to the championship," Williamson said. "It's been a full collaborative effort, and being in the tournament will definitely help with recruiting."

Vanderbilt has competed at eight different tournaments this season and played in two other matches, finishing second at the

Holiday Classic in Alabama for their best team result of the season.

Many of the other NCAA tournament teams also were present at the same tournaments the Commodores have been bowling.

"It helps because there's no shock factor," Williamson said. "We've beaten every team who will be there multiple times, and the girls are aware of what it's going to take to win. They also know that the championship is very attainable."

Both the team and the individual bowlers have set many records this season on their way to a 56-36 record.

Michelle Peloquin was top five in the nation with a scoring average of 212 and Tara Kane became Vanderbilt's first individual tournament champion

after winning the Arkansas State Invitational in the fall. Recently, at their own Columbia 300 Music City Classic, Kaitlin Reynolds left only the final pin standing to bowl a 299 to top off the second victory of the season over the No. 1 Nebraska squad.

"The skill level between the tournament teams is pretty similar," Williamson said. "By taking care of the things we need to take care of, we can beat any team out there, no matter who we end up facing."

By basically starting the NCAA tournament in the Elite Eight, the Commodores would need only three victories to bring home a national championship, and set another Vanderbilt accomplishment: no Commodore varsity team sport has ever won a national team championship. ■

MEN'S GOLF

List impressive at Bulls Bay

BY DREW GOODWIN
HUSTLER SPORTS REPORTER

On Tuesday the Commodores finished off the three-day Hootie at Bulls Bay tournament at Bulls Bay Country Club in Awendaw, S.C. The Commodores finished eighth in the 15-team event, placing ahead of three of the other five Southeastern Conference teams participating in the tournament, including Alabama, Kentucky, and Auburn.

Individually, the Vanderbilt squad flexed its muscles as well. Junior Luke List finished in a tie for fourth place after a third-round score of a two-over par 73 brought List started the tournament with two sub-par rounds, shooting 70 on both Sunday and Monday, but slipped slightly in his closing round.

Sharing in List's limelight, freshman Jon Curran also posted a Top 30 finish for the Commodores, after posting a well-earned 72 to end the tournament at six-over par.

Also scoring on Tuesday were sophomores John Ebert and Brett Lange.

Following a two-under-par 69 on Monday, Vanderbilt's lowest score of the week, Ebert shot a five-over 76 on Tuesday to finish

at 12-over for the tournament and tied for 58th overall. Lange shot a 77 on Tuesday, finishing one stroke behind Ebert. Freshman Tyler Matthews posted an eight-over 79 on Tuesday, finishing the three-day event 13-over-par.

By collaboratively shooting a 298 on Tuesday the Commodores held their ground in the tournament's final round. Vanderbilt moved past Virginia and Clemson, which posted team scores of 307 and 300 respectively, while only being bypassed by LSU, which posted a team score of 287.

When the dust settled, Wake Forest was the only team in red numbers, posting a three-day total of 842, or ten strokes under par. The Demon Deacons ensured an uninteresting finish by defeating their closest competitor by sixteen strokes. South Carolina tied University of Central Florida for second place at six-over-par, while Augusta State and North Carolina rounded out the top five.

Up next for the men's golf team is a trip to Cary, N.C., where the Commodores will take part in the Courtyard by Marriott Intercollegiate Tournament, hosted by the MacGregor Downs Country Club, April 7-8. ■

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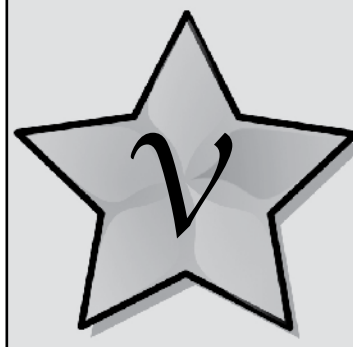
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<p>AISLE SEAT ★★ OUT OF FOUR Our Brand Is Crisis Not Rated • 87 min. Featuring James Carville, Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada and Jeremy Rosner</p> <p>Documentary about U.S.-style campaign tactics in Bolivia.</p> <p>AP</p>	<p>AISLE SEAT ★★★ OUT OF FOUR Slither Rated R • 96 min. Starring Nathan Fillion, Elizabeth Banks, Michael Rooker and Gregg Henry</p> <p>Killer slugs turns hillbilly town's residents into flesh-munching zombies. Rated for strong horror violence and gore, and language.</p> <p>AP</p>	<p>AISLE SEAT ★★ OUT OF FOUR Awesome: I ... Shot That! Rated R • 90 min. Starring The Beastie Boys and Mixmaster Mike</p> <p>Rap trio gives cameras to audience members to shoot their Madison Square Garden concert. Rated for language.</p> <p>AP</p>
<p>AISLE SEAT ★★★ OUT OF FOUR Ice Age: The Meltdown Rated PG • 90 min. Featuring the voices of Ray Romano, Denis Leary and John Leguizamo</p> <p>The animated prehistoric gang dashes for safety as their frozen world heats up. Rated for some mild language and innuendo.</p> <p>AP</p>	<p>1 LSU, 2 UCLA, 3 Florida, 4 Geo. Mason</p>	

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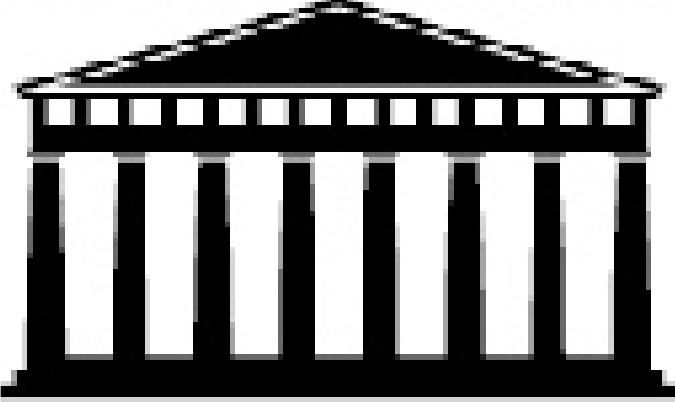
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