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### GREEK SCENE

## Sigma Chi investigation continues

by JANELLE STOKES  
*Greek Specialist*

The investigation of the 51 students arrested after last weekend's events is ongoing.

Director of Greek Life Kristin Torrey expects the investigation of the arrests to take a few weeks due to the amount of information that needs to be collected.

Sheriff Bill Davis of Polk County, Tenn. said the 54 men who were arrested were cooperative and estimates that most were detained for five hours in order to get booked. Some men were detained if they were intoxicated and it was unsafe for them to leave.

Several fraternities and sororities have worn shirts with Sigma Chi on them to show their support for the international fraternity.

Torrey was not surprised by the actions taken by the Greek community and thinks it is an appropriate action to take during Greek Week.

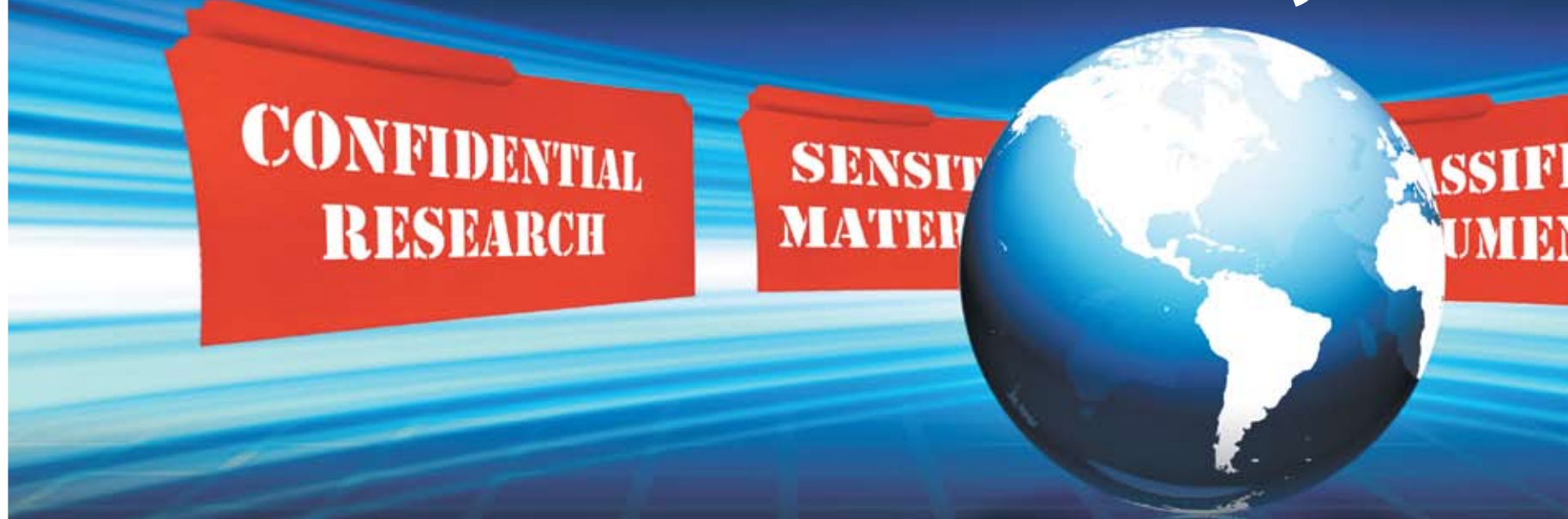
"Everyone here in our community can understand that the actions of one can affect the whole but everyone knows that people make mistakes and will be held accountable for them," said Torrey. "I think it's good for the community ... to represent the good parts of Greek Week and to represent the good parts of Greek Life and not be overshadowed by one chapter."

Earlier in the semester, Sigma Chi international fraternity was placed on probation for a risk management violation.

Representatives from Sigma Chi international fraternity were contacted but could not be reached for comment.

According to other sources, all of the students charged are scheduled to appear in court on Oct. 22. ■

# Vanderbilt professors collaborate carefully



## Researchers ride the line between science, national security.

by CHRYSTEL MARINCICH  
*News Contributor*

The conviction of a University of Tennessee-Knoxville professor emeritus on charges related to illegally sharing information with a foreign government has spurred fellow academics, including those at Vanderbilt, to more closely examine their collaborations with the international scientific community.

UT's Engineering Professor Emeritus J. Reece Roth was convicted on Sept. 3 for illegally exporting information to foreign countries and is awaiting federal sentencing.

"I was surprised by Professor Roth's arrest and conviction. I am certain that he felt that he was not in violation of the law," said Dean of the School of Engineering Kenneth Galloway.

According to the Department of Justice, the information that Roth, who specializes in industrial plasma and fusion, exported was related to military technical information that could aid in the designing of weapons and surveillance drones.

"We haven't had any problems like Professor Roth's in the past. Now there is more tension about the topic because it is closer to home. But I think it is possible to happen anywhere," said Director of the Office of Sponsored Research John Childress. "The law is the law and it covers you no matter which institution you are part of."

"Faculty and students in the School of Engineering work with a number of international collaborators on topics of mutual technical interest," Galloway said. "Personally, I have recently returned from a Technical Conference in Finland at which Vanderbilt researchers presented papers co-authored with collaborators from the U.K. and Belgium. We have many other international collaborations in the School of Engineering."

According to a Department of Justice document, Roth was convicted of one count of conspiring with a technology company and a citizen of the People's Republic of China (also a graduate student) to unlawfully export 15 different "defense articles." He was also convicted of 15 counts of violating the Arms Export Control Act and other charges.

Roth could face up to five years in prison on the conspiracy conviction and ten years on each of the Arms Export convictions; fines could be in an excess of a \$1 million. ■

## Research community has strict regulations

by CHRYSTEL MARINCICH  
*News Contributor*

There is a fine line between working with the international scientific community and sharing sensitive information that could put other countries at an advantage, according to Director of the Office of Sponsored Research John Childress and Department of Mechanical Engineering Professor Michael Goldfarb.

"Contracts always stipulate under what terms the research can be done. The reality is that faculty members, I would say around 90 percent, don't read all the wording in the contracts," said Goldfarb. "Vanderbilt won't accept research funds if the terms of the contracts aren't consistent with the University's policies."

When it comes to sharing

information with foreign countries, professors should have enough common sense to filter out sensitive information from their conversations, according to Childress.

"We do share information with other countries and we do anything we can do to encourage it. We are not trying to prevent those kinds of arrangements. We just want to make sure people understand that this is an issue," said Childress. In addition to dictating the ways professors conduct their research, export controls also affect foreign exchange students. According to Catherine Ruelens, a sophomore Engineering student from Belgium, students have to be mindful of what they do with their access to important data. ■

### LEADERSHIP

## Current VSG resolutions passed by House, more reforms planned

by LILY CHEN  
*Leadership Specialist*

At the first House meeting held Thursday night, Vanderbilt Student Government began their meeting with guest speaker GLBT Life Director Nora Spencer before moving on to resolutions. The following resolutions were presented at the meeting and were passed by the House. The meeting concluded with the discussion of possible future resolutions, including Faculty Posting Course Syllabi Online, Pre-Major Advising and Wireless Internet Coverage in areas around campus. ■

### VSG RESOLUTIONS

#### • Resolution 08-09-09: "Election Accountability Act"

The resolution states there shall be increased effort on publicizing future VSG elections, to ensure successful recruitment of student leaders and to ensure VSG credibility among students.

#### • Presentation of Resolution 08-09-06: "Extending Committee Membership Eligibility for All Students"

The resolution states that VSG statutes shall be amended to open VSG committees' membership to general student body, and this referendum shall be placed on the next student body-wide election ballot.

#### • Presentation of Resolution 08-09-07: "Creation of Service Umbrella Group"

The resolution states that VSG urges service organizations to create a service umbrella organization to streamline communications and collaborate within service community.

#### • Presentation of Resolution 08-09-08: "New AcFee Committee Structure"

The resolution states that one of the AcFee sub-committee co-chairs shall be a student representative nominated from each umbrella organization. This will increase the efficiency of AcFee process.

All motions were carried.

## Greek Week Lip Sync



FRANCIS SIMPSON / The Vanderbilt Hustler

The Greek Week Lip Sync is a competition among the various fraternities and sororities which occurred on Thursday September 25th. The annual competition has been a tradition of Greek Week and this year was won by the blue team with their rendition of Backstreet's Back All right. The red team placed second and the green team placed third.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Financial meltdown discussed by Congress, White House in DC

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Key Republicans and Democrats reported agreement Thursday on an outline for a historic \$700 billion bailout of the financial industry, but there was still resistance from rank-and-file House Republicans despite warnings of an impending panic.

Negotiators planned to present the outline at a White House meeting later Thursday with President Bush and the rivals to replace him, Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama.

"We're very confident that we can act expeditiously," said Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., the Banking Committee chairman.

Not everyone in the closed-door talks was as optimistic. Rep. Spencer Bachus of Alabama, the only House Republican in the bargaining meeting, stopped short of saying he agreed with the other lawmakers on an imminent deal.

Both houses' Republican leaders, Rep. John Boehner and Sen. Mitch McConnell, also issued statements saying there was no agreement.

Still, the White House called the announcement "a good sign that progress is being made."

On Wall Street, stock prices were up late in the trading day, but not by as much as earlier in the day.

### No change in McCain debate status

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—John McCain's campaign expressed cautious optimism Thursday as congressional Republicans and Democrats agreed in principle on a \$700 billion bailout of the financial industry hours before the two presidential candidates were to meet with President Bush on the crisis.

Even so, the action didn't appear to be strong enough to convince McCain to attend Friday's scheduled presidential debate. His campaign has said he wouldn't participate unless there was consensus between Congress and the administration, and a spokesman said the afternoon developments had not changed his plans.

Obama still wants the face-off to go on and is slated to travel to the debate site in Mississippi on Friday.

The debate over the debate is the latest campaign twist as McCain and Obama try to navigate the uncharted politics of the financial meltdown and show leadership at a time of national angst.

"With so much on the line, for America and the world, the debate that matters most right now is taking place in the United States Capitol — and I intend to join it," McCain said after addressing former President Clinton's Global Initiative in New York on Thursday before heading to Washington.

Obama argued the debate should proceed because a president needs to be able to handle more than one issue at a time.

### Putin: ties with Latin America priority for government in Moscow

**MOSCOW (AP)**—Prime Minister Vladimir Putin says relations with Latin America will be a foreign policy priority for the Russian government.

Putin, who is meeting with visiting Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, says Russia is willing to discuss further military contacts with Venezuela and help it develop nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.

Chavez said during Thursday's meeting that close ties between Venezuela and Russia would strengthen a multi-polar world.

Chavez' visit takes place as a Russian naval squadron sails to Venezuela, across the Caribbean Sea from the United States, in a pointed response to what the Kremlin portrays as threatening U.S. encroachment near its own borders.

### US, Pakistani troops trade gunfire at border with Afghanistan

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)**—A U.S. military official says American and Pakistani troops traded gunfire during a five-minute skirmish on the Afghan-Pakistan border.

The official says the exchange began when Pakistani forces fired on two American helicopters escorting Afghan and American ground troops along the volatile border.

The official says American forces responded with small-arms fire directed at the outpost, and that the Pakistani forces returned fire against the ground units.

There were no casualties reported in the exchange. The official said the helicopters were flying about a mile inside the Afghan border. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to release the information.

### China launches mission for first spacewalk in nation's history

**JIUQUAN, China (AP)**—China successfully launched a three-man crew into space Thursday to carry out the country's first spacewalk, beginning the nation's most challenging space mission since it first sent a person into space in 2003.

The Shenzhou 7 spacecraft, China's third manned mission, blasted off atop a Long March 2F rocket shortly after 9:00 a.m. EDT under clear night skies in northwestern China.

The spacewalk by one of the astronauts is expected to take place either on Friday or Saturday.

Underscoring the mission's heavy political overtones, Chinese President and Communist Party head Hu Jintao was shown live on state television hailing the astronauts at the launch site near the northwestern town of Jiuquan.

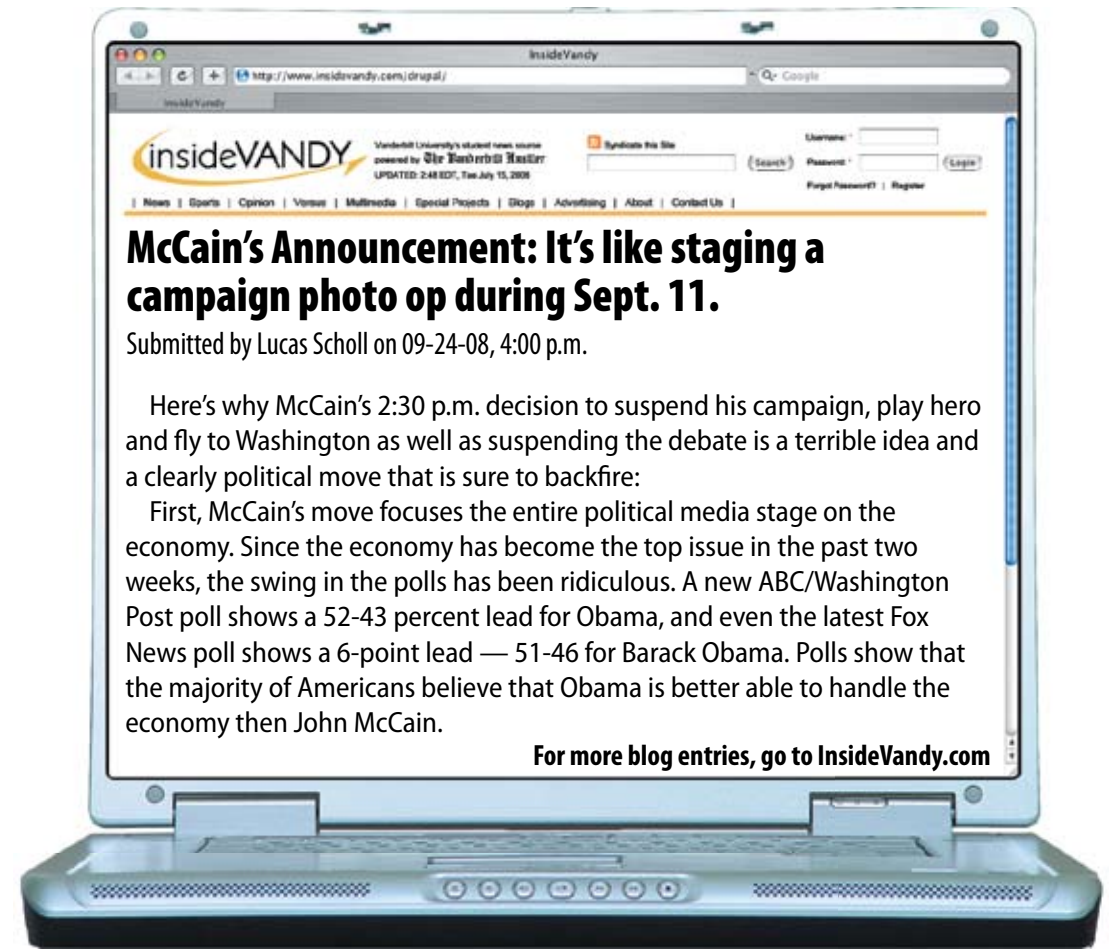
The mission, expected to last three to four days, is devoted almost entirely to carry out the 40-minute spacewalk.

The spacewalk is expected to help China master the technology for docking two orbiters to create China's first orbiting space station in the next few years.

The astronauts would return to Earth soon after the spacewalk, the office said.

One of the astronauts will wear China's homemade Feitian suit, while the other will wear a Russian-made suit.

## FROM THE BLOG



### McCain's Announcement: It's like staging a campaign photo op during Sept. 11.

Submitted by Lucas Scholl on 09-24-08, 4:00 p.m.

Here's why McCain's 2:30 p.m. decision to suspend his campaign, play hero and fly to Washington as well as suspending the debate is a terrible idea and a clearly political move that is sure to backfire:

First, McCain's move focuses the entire political media stage on the economy. Since the economy has become the top issue in the past two weeks, the swing in the polls has been ridiculous. A new ABC/Washington Post poll shows a 52-43 percent lead for Obama, and even the latest Fox News poll shows a 6-point lead — 51-46 for Barack Obama. Polls show that the majority of Americans believe that Obama is better able to handle the economy than John McCain.

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## SNAPSHOT

### LAW SCHOOL RECRUITMENT



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Holly Hoffman discusses Law School options with Sean Sellinger of North Carolina University at the Law School fair on Olin lawn Wed.

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## ACADEMICS

## Culture Series 101: How to Be a Mexican

by LOUIS DALRYMPLE  
News Contributor

"My beautiful, beloved Mexico, if I should die far from you, let them say that I'm asleep and bring me back home," said renowned author, journalist and professional dancer Alma Guillermoprieto after a brief outburst of Latin dance.

Guillermoprieto's lecture, entitled "How to Be a Mexican," traced Mexican culture and

pride throughout the country's history. Filled with classic and contemporary examples of Mexican film, music and dance, her lecture described the development and meaning of Mexican identity.

"It was very intriguing how Guillermoprieto presented the impact of both traditional and modern influences on Mexican identity," said Clay Giese, a senior who attended the lecture.

Guillermoprieto, who has

published numerous books and written for The Guardian, The Washington Post, Newsweek, The New Yorker and various other publications, focused on the meaning of Mexican identity in today's world as well as the foundation of Mexican culture.

She began her lecture by saying, "I am going to talk about two countries: Mexico and the past." She then went on to explain that the past is indeed

a place — a place we can never visit again. With this in mind, she said Mexican culture does not throw out the past, but rather takes it up and brings it along as the culture moves forward. She said Mexicans are indeed Native Americans, and proceeded to trace the development of Mexican culture through periods of European invasion, drug trafficking, urbanization and even Americanization, citing a Mexican cover of an Elvis

song as an example of changing times.

"Yo soy mucho mexicano," was repeated again and again as Guillermoprieto explained how being Mexican is a value.

"A Scottish man may think being thrifty is a value," Guillermoprieto said. "Being a Mexican is a value in itself."

She further explained that simply "remaining" Mexican has cost a lot of blood and suffering, and Mexican identity is rooted

in pride and nationalism. When asked what she thought of the Americanization of Mexico, Guillermoprieto said there is just as much "Mexicanization" of America.

To conclude her lecture, Guillermoprieto said, "I am very, very Mexican. Culture is like water: It flows where it will and no matter how much you try to keep it down, it always finds its course." ■

## CAMPUS LIVING

## Students want more Friday's

by ETHEL MICKEY  
News Contributor

It seems T.G.I. Friday's made a good first impression on Vanderbilt students, and they will be going back for more Friday's throughout the school year.

T.G.I. Friday's joined Vanderbilt Dining's Taste of Nashville program this fall and now accepts Meal Money. With the low prices, bar scene and shareable appetizers, T.G.I. Friday's is a great location for student dining.

The restaurant, located on the corner of West End and 21st Avenue, caters to a younger crowd.

So far, students are pleased with the restaurant's friendly atmosphere and all-American cuisine.

"Not only was the meal tasty, but the atmosphere was cool for college kids. They played good music, and my friends and I had a good time there," said freshman Alex Swerz.

The menu boasts a huge variety of dining options, from burgers to salmon, and even includes a "Right Portion, Right Price" page listing healthier options. The menu clearly marks low-carb and low-fat options, and salads and seafood meals offer vegetarian diners a decent selection. If students have financial concerns,

there is a lunchtime menu that includes many of the restaurant's favorite meals for less.

The service only contributes to the fun atmosphere of Friday's. A hostess greets every customer upon entrance, and the wait staff is welcoming and readily available.

"Our waitress was very nice, and she came back to our table more than once to check on the food and to offer drink refills," said freshman Corey Riggan.

For more information on TGI Friday's and Vanderbilt Dining's Taste of Nashville program, go to <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/dining/tasteofnashville.php>. ■



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T.G.I. Friday's at the corner of 21st and West End Ave. has become popular among students thanks to the Taste of Nashville program.

## CAMPUS LIVING

## Ike contributes to Nashville gas shortage

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C.—More than a week after Hurricane Ike's strike, drivers across the Southeast are still bouncing between dry pumps and shuttered stations in a frustrating hunt for a fill-up — and they're starting to get angry.

There are stations shut down in Nashville, long lines in Atlanta and even fights breaking out in bucolic Blue Ridge mountain towns.

"It's really ridiculous. You would have thought by now — four days into it — they would have sorted it out somehow,"

Ahmad Hall, 28, a fullback with the Tennessee Titans, said Tuesday morning as he waited in a Nashville suburb for his turn at the pump. "You have to go driving around town, wasting gas, to try to find gas."

Hurricane Ike shut down or reduced work at more than a dozen refineries on the Gulf Coast of Texas, an area that accounts for about 20 percent of the nation's gas and diesel production. Among those affected was Exxon Mobil Corp.'s refinery in Baytown, east of Houston, and the nation's largest.

It won't get better until the Gulf Coast refineries disrupted by Ike — and before

that, Hurricane Gustav — boot back up and start filling the empty pipelines that lead to thirsty stations. In the meantime, gas station owners are selling whatever shows up from their suppliers — be it regular, premium or super unleaded.

The line was about 40 cars deep Tuesday afternoon at a 20-pump Quik Trip station just north of Atlanta. It was the only spot in the area with gas to sell, and police said they have been called in often to referee spats over cutting in line. The station only had regular for \$3.98 a gallon — a few cents under the city average of \$4.02. ■

## LEADERSHIP

## Best Buddies builds new friendships

by JANELLE STOKES  
News Contributor

On Saturday, Sept. 27 from noon to 2 p.m. Best Buddies will host their first big event of the school year. Seventy people with intellectual disabilities paired with students will enjoy a "Match Party," to tie dye T-shirts, eat lunch and get to know each other.

"What separates Best

Buddies from other (mentoring programs) is that it is based on a friendship," said Public Relation Chair of Best Buddies Carlton Owens, a junior. "A lot of people who join this program are interested in eliminating stigmas associated with people working with intellectual disabilities."

"(Best Buddies) is a great way to emphasize that everyone is human," Owens said. ■

## GREEK SCENE



Sister Hazel finishes off Greek Week.

photos courtesy of WWW.SISTERHAZEL.COM

## Sister Hazel show to cap Greek Week

by NICK GALLO  
News Contributor

Greek Week will end with an event almost everyone has been looking forward to this week — the Sister Hazel concert. The "I Love the '90s" theme is fitting for the '90s rock band that will perform after country musician Dustin Lynch.

Panhellenic Executive Board Chair and Greek Week leader junior Caroline Dickens is extremely excited about the

concert as the unifying event of the week.

"The concert is the event that reaches out to the greater campus community in the largest way — we have the greatest showing of non-Greek students and faculty at this event," said Dickens.

Greek Week leader junior Rhodes Amaker agreed that Sister Hazel's show will be the best part of the entire week.

Assistant Director of Greek Life Tanner Marcantel also emphasized how important

the concert is in involving the entire Vanderbilt community.

"It's a time of celebration," said Marcantel. "All Vanderbilt students, faculty and staff are invited to the event, free of charge. It's a great event during the fall where the entire campus can come to relax and have a good time."

The concert will be on Alumni Lawn at 8 p.m. Opening act Dustin Lynch is set to play at 9 p.m. and Sister Hazel will perform at 10 p.m. ■



# OPINION

## Vandy needs to globalize



**SOO-RYUM YANG**  
Columnist

Last month, South Korea commemorated the 60th anniversary of its founding as an independent, democratic state. Although the country is now a wealthy, stable democracy, things were very different for Korea back in 1948. The infant republic was just recovering from years of brutal Japanese colonization and struggling with widespread poverty, political instability and crumbling infrastructure. Sixty years later, after years of intense industrialization and political liberalization, South Korea is now a highly modernized economic and cultural powerhouse rising in rank within the developed world.

Until now, the small, de facto island has never wielded so much power in world affairs. The popularity of the Korean entertainment industry in Asia and even in the West has piqued global interest in Korean culture and its language, also known as Hangeul. Many of its citizens are living abroad and finding a collective voice for representation. Its homegrown companies, such as Samsung, LG, POSCO and Hyundai have turned into formidable, global competitors and respectable, international brands. Just last week, London-based FTSE Group has promoted South Korea, the world's 13th largest economy, from advanced emerging market status to the elite, developed market category.

Many top universities, in keeping up with globalization and the rise of Korea, offer elementary to advanced Hangeul language classes and even interdisciplinary Korean majors where students of Korean ancestry and those who are interested could learn about Korean culture and language. For instance, Emory, Georgia Tech, Duke, Harvard, Yale, etc. have added Hangeul to the list of foreign languages, and some even have established institutes for studying Korean traditions and society.

However, for the growing number of students who are discovering the importance of Korean culture and language, Vanderbilt is not the place to be. Although the university offers study abroad programs in Korea, there are currently no classes in Hangeul and no courses devoted to Korean studies on campus. Vanderbilt's East Asian studies department even admits its program focuses mainly on Chinese and Japanese culture. This would be acceptable for a high school curriculum. But for a university of our ranking, this is an embarrassment. There really is no excuse for not providing the students with top-notch international education. There is neither a shortage of money for starting a new foreign language nor a lack of Korean-speaking professors in the market. Furthermore, the need and the interest for learning Hangeul have never been greater on campus. According to the admissions Web site, South Korea sends more international students to Vanderbilt than any other country besides Malaysia, and even more students of Korean-American heritage attend the university. Thus, offering courses in Korean studies will foster understanding and dialogue between different cultures and equip the students with skills to compete in the global market.

For a large part of its past, Vanderbilt has lagged behind other universities in providing its students with a broad international undergraduate experience. However, in recent years, our university has made significant improvements by building partnerships with foreign schools, increasing studying abroad options and recruiting more international students. If Vanderbilt truly seeks to establish itself as a global institution of higher learning, the university must continue to intensify its efforts to globalize the campus, and offering courses in Korean language and culture would be a step in the right direction.

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### EDITORIAL

## Mug shot decision was correct, justified

Tuesday evening, a story about the arrest of over 50 Vanderbilt students, many of them members of Sigma Chi fraternity, was posted on InsideVandy.com. A photo collage accompanied the story, and it featured the mug shots of 54 of those students. The story and image were also printed in Wednesday's issue of the Hustler.

The decision to run the photographs has been controversial, to say the least. This decision was ultimately made by the editor, and it did not have unanimous staff support (indeed, the reporter who wrote the story did not approve of running the photographs). There have been objections, one of which is printed on this page. Many are outraged because of a perception that the mug shots were printed to humiliate the students involved. This is simply not true. The Hustler needs to clear up the misconceptions about how this editorial decision was reached.

After the story came to our knowledge, we investigated further, discovering television news reports that featured the mugshots. The Hustler contacted the Polk County Sheriff's Office, which e-mailed the pictures to the paper. The story was

newsworthy and informative, yet the pictures gave a much clearer story and highlighted the extraordinariness of the details.

According to The Knoxville News Sentinel, Polk County Clerk of Courts Connie Clark "said her office has processed other large groups on similar charges, but this seems to be a record number of arrests from one group." Clearly, an important aspect of the story was the large number of young men that were arrested at a single time. The photo collage captured this aspect.

The presentation of the cover story was meant to be provocative and eye-catching; this reflects the extraordinary nature of the story. There was no intention of singling out individuals, forwarding an agenda against Sigma Chi or its brothers or drawing negative or unnecessary attention to the Hustler or its editor. The editor did not intend to make a value judgment on the actions of either the Vanderbilt students or Polk County authorities involved.

These and other factors were taken into account during the editor's decision-making process. After weighing the pros and the cons of running the photo collage, the editor

made his decision. The decision to run the mug shots was not made lightly or without thought and consideration for those students who have already been placed under a great deal of stress. It is a decision by which the editor stands.

It would have been a disservice to the Vanderbilt community not to give the full picture of the story. Before Wednesday's story, the events that occurred last weekend were strung together as a series of rumors. The Hustler is proud to have investigated and produced a story on record that provided the community with the facts, and we will continue to report fairly and unbiasedly as the story continues to develop. There was nothing in the story, the headlines or the photo collage that was factually incorrect or misleading, and all of the content contributed to telling the story.

Many disagree with the editor that the image was necessary, and it is their right to do so freely; the Hustler does not ignore the criticism. The debate about the mug shots involves a great deal of emotions, and the editor greatly respects the arguments against running the photos. In the end, however, the decision to run the mug shots was correct.

## Hustler exploits students

To the Editor:

The Hustler did a brilliant job covering the recent heinous acts committed by the Vanderbilt chapter of Sigma Chi. Not only did the poignant article clearly delineate the atrocious nature of the Sigma Chis' crimes, they also made it easy for the general student body to identify these alleged scofflaws. What these irresponsible males did is beyond comprehension and they all deserve to be vilified for their tasteless actions.

As we all know, Vanderbilt students are held to the highest behavioral standards to preserve Vanderbilt's impeccable reputation. Furthermore, these Greek delinquents should be swiftly punished due to the greivousegregious nature of their crimes. The fact that Vanderbilt students had the audacity on a Saturday night to consume alcoholic beverages and ignite disruptive fireworks on an isolated campground is outrageous and unforgivable.

Recently, there has been much controversy surrounding the Hustler's decision to include the mug shots of these criminals (and I stress the word "criminal"), but plainly anyone can see it was clearly justified. Guilty until proven innocent is clearly the operative policy here! Thanks to Michael Warren, the remainder of the campus, which would never consider participating in such ghastly endeavors, is now able to successfully eschew these evildoers. Thank you, Michael Warren, for taking it upon yourself (the authors of the article are never worth listening to) to protect the rest of us innocent, inexperienced, purenaïve students.

I would also like to defend Mr. Warren for the prudent positioning and extensive use of Hustler space to demonstrate the appalling acts committed by these "frat boys." Obviously, the destructive and abusive nature of their crimes dwarfs any of the recent news to come out of Vanderbilt or Nashville in the past month. The alleged "disorderly conduct and underage consumption" committed Saturday, Sept. 20 is undoubtedly more newsworthy and deserving of Hustler space than the recent arrest of Associate Professor of Sociology James Lang for child pornography or the Nashville gas shortage.

I personally feel more comfortable now knowing exactly who of my so-called "peers" are truly doing the work of the devil here on Vanderbilt campus. From this point forward, I can only pray that the Hustler will put crystal clear pictures of all Vanderbilt students on the front page of the NEWSPAPER our newspaper (do you mean to use all caps?) who are guilty of such sinful crimes. The Hustler's adept exposee makes me question if other Greek organizations at Vanderbilt and around the country will still ever participate in underage drinking.

Aaron Taryle  
Arts and Science, senior

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Compiled by Thomas Shattuck

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# SPORTS

## Vanderbilt now a second half team

by NICK GALLO  
Sports Contributor

Shutting down teams in the second half has rarely been a staple of Vanderbilt football. This year, however, it has been the key to the team's success.

In 2006 the Commodores lost five games by two scores or less, finishing at 4-8. The 2007 team also lost five games by two scores or less, three of which occurred when Vanderbilt only needed one more victory to become bowl eligible. They couldn't capitalize in those games, and finished the season at 5-7, one shy of the necessary six wins for bowl eligibility.

Redshirt freshman linebacker Chris Marve, whose heroic forced fumble was the key play in the victory over Mississippi, was quick to distance this team from last year's collapsing Commodores.

"That was last year, this is a new year. This is a different team and we're doing different things," Marve said. "Hopefully, we'll keep winning ... People talk about last year (when) we weren't a good second half team, got shut down in the fourth quarter. A lot of teams came back on us and beat us in the second half of games. We take pride in finishing the games now. I feel like we're doing a better job this year."

During the campaign to date, the Commodores have

changed their tone, and have gone on to win their first four games. Standout junior safety Ryan Hamilton, who put an exclamation point on last week's win with a game-ending interception, takes pride in that new attitude.

"I feel we're playing really well and we're playing hard," Hamilton said. "We're determined to win every game and just finish them out well. A couple of years ago, a couple of those games we wouldn't have toughened out. We're a different team now."

It is evident the anguish from recent years' heartbreaking losses has affected this team; the crispness, verve and intensity the team, especially the defense, has shown this season has been electrifying. The Commodores have outscored their opponents in the second half in each of their first four games. They outscored Miami (Ohio) by four in a blowout victory, South Carolina 21-7 in a come-from-behind thriller, Rice 17-0 to break away from a halftime tie and Ole Miss 6-0 to escape another tie at the half.

The total comes to a 51-10 advantage for Vanderbilt in the second half this season. Vanderbilt's average point differential in the second half is over 10 and they are only allowing an average of 2.5 points a game in the second half. Combining those two statistics

with the fact that this defense has shut out two solid offenses in a row in the second half is a testament to the Commodores' second-half determination.

In many of the games so far, however, the Commodores have needed their second half advantage to bail them out of bad first halves or break away from tied games. Redshirt junior running back Jared Hawkins enjoys his team's performance in the second half, but recognizes a need for better first half performance.

"We've definitely become a second half team," Hawkins said. "We want to make sure we keep that going. The biggest thing is to make sure that we come out in the first half like we do in the second half. So we just have to make sure that we use this week and the following week as we get ready for Auburn. We got hurt in the first quarter (against Ole Miss), and we were able to overcome that. It's been a big thing for us to finish out games."

Hawkins is right. If Vanderbilt comes out flat against Auburn on Oct. 4, it is doubtful that second half heroics can save them. Coach Bobby Johnson must know the Commodores have been able to rescue themselves in the second half so far, and they need to focus on their intensity from the onset and continue it throughout the course of the game. ■



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Kyle Fischer (72) and Broderick Stewart (90) have had plenty to smile about as Vanderbilt has outscored teams 51-10 in the second half in 2008.

## Men's and women's golf tee off Friday

by BRIAN LINHARES  
Sports Contributor

The Vanderbilt men's golf team opened its 2008-2009 season in Illinois last weekend, with an 11th place finish at the Olympia Fields Invitational. The Commodores were led by sophomore Adam Hofmann, who shot a 72 in the third round to finish at +8, 25th overall in the individual standings. In addition, all-American senior Jon Curran turned in a strong performance, shooting a +11 and finishing 32nd overall.

Freshman Trey DelGreco carded a 76 in the third round to finish 56th overall. He was impressed with the veteran Curran's ability to lead the squad.

"(Curran) ... is leading the team. He is also setting a good example for the underclassmen," DelGreco said. "He shows us how to act and how to get the ball around the course."

The Commodores return to the more familiar confines of middle Tennessee for the Mason Rudolph Championship in Franklin at the Vanderbilt Legends Club Friday.

"We're playing at home this weekend so that will give us an advantage and a chance to play our game," DelGreco said.

The 28th-ranked women's golf team opens its 2008-2009 season this weekend. It welcomes nine of the top 10 teams in the nation, as it also plays host at the



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Mason Rudolph Championship. Defending champion No. 1 USC, No. 2 UCLA, No. 3 Duke, No. 4 Arizona State and No. 5 Oklahoma State headline an incredibly difficult field.

Senior Jacqui Concolino and junior Brook Goodwin lead a relatively young Commodore squad. For the Mason Rudolph tournament, the five include one sophomore, Megan Grehan, and two freshmen, Marina Alex and Andrea Messer. While the players are young, they have experience on the national stage.

"Although our freshman don't have collegiate experience to date, their experience as two of the top juniors in the country gives them confidence ... to compete at the top level right away," said senior Amber Lundskog.

Considering the caliber of teams in town this weekend, the freshmen need to be able to step in and compete with the best in the nation right away. ■

### friday conversation with

## RITA JORGENSEN

Interview by MEGHAN ROSE  
Sports Contributor

Cross country runner Rita Jorgensen has taken first place individually in the Belmont-VU Opener and the Commodore Classic, leading the Vanderbilt women's team to first-place finishes in both races. The stellar sophomore spoke with The Vanderbilt Hustler about her greatest strength as a runner, what led her to choose Vanderbilt and what role she hopes to play with the Commodores over the rest of her collegiate career.

**VANDERBILT HUSTLER:** How does it feel to lead your team to back-to-back overall victories?

**RITA JORGENSEN:** The two races were great wins for our team, and I really wanted to come to Vanderbilt to run and help build the team. This season, our team has already gotten stronger.

**VH:** Only being a sophomore, how have you seen your running mentality change as you excel at a collegiate level?

**RJ:** My times have dropped from last year on the two courses we've run so far. This year I'm thinking more about the team, and trying to pull everyone along so that we have a chance to get to nationals.

**VH:** What are your personal and team goals this season?

**RJ:** I really want to see our team make it to nationals, and I want to make sure that I'm improving as the season progresses.

**VH:** What do you do to get ready for meets?

**RJ:** I just do my warm-up, my stretches and my strides, and I try to get myself mentally ready for the race ahead.

**VH:** What would you say is your greatest asset as a runner?

**RJ:** During a race, it's my patience. If I'm not feeling so hot, I just have to say to myself that other people around me probably aren't feeling too good either, so let's not give up now, let's wait and see what happens.

**VH:** What's your general strategy for a race?

**RJ:** I like to start out with a medium to slow pace, keeping people within a distance where I can catch them, and then start to speed up. I feel really confident when I'm at that point.

**VH:** You run both cross country and track for the Commodores — which one do you prefer?

**RJ:** I like track better. I like running the 1500, and it's faster and easier to focus on. Cross country is longer, and it's a lot easier to get distracted.

**VH:** Which one of your accomplishments stands out in your mind?

**RJ:** Probably the Vandy Track Invite last year, I beat some of my competition and ran a PR. It was awesome to do it at the Vanderbilt Track as well.

**VH:** As a civil engineering major, how are you able to balance your coursework with your daily training?

**RJ:** I'm busy a lot, but I really like to be busy. At the beginning of the semester it's a little bit stressful because you don't really know what you need to do for each of your classes, but then you start to get a rhythm down.

**VH:** What made you choose Vanderbilt as a school?

**RJ:** The coach was new and really excited about the program. He graduated from Vanderbilt and he wanted to build a really strong running program. I wanted to major in civil engineering, and I really like the engineering program here as well.

**VH:** How did your family get you interested in running?

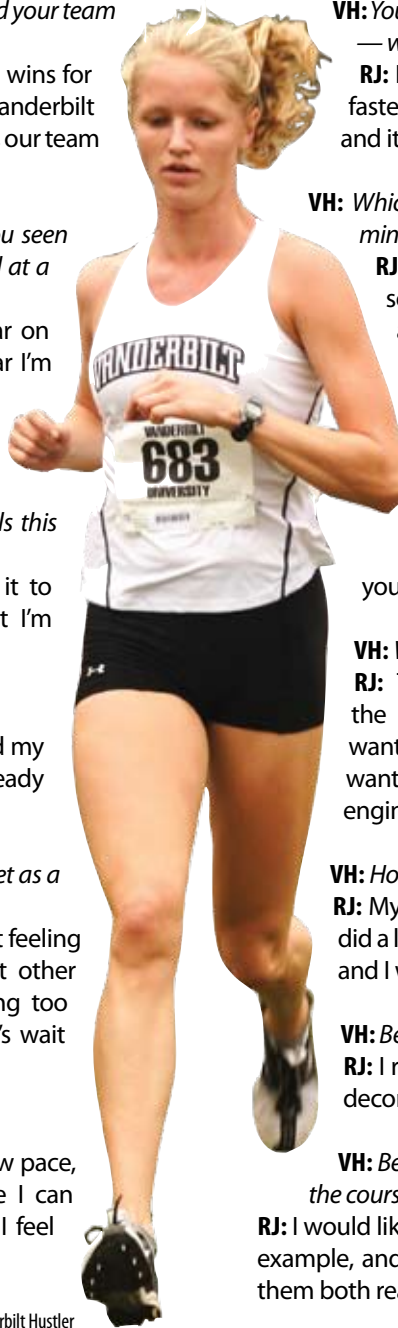
**RJ:** My parents liked to do fun runs when I was little; we did a lot of 5ks. My brother was running in middle school, and I wanted to run with him.

**VH:** Besides running, what else do you have a passion for?

**RJ:** I really like waterskiing, wakeboarding, drawing and decorating.

**VH:** Being a sophomore, what role do you hope to take over the course of the next three years?

**RJ:** I would like to be seen as a leader — someone who leads by example, and is able to balance running and school, and take them both really seriously. ■



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