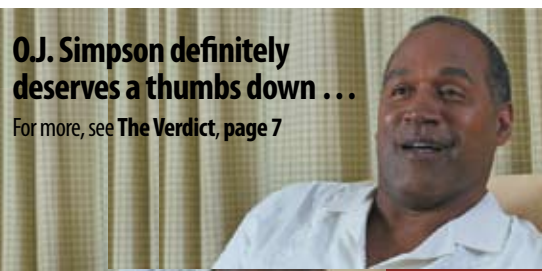




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THE WALL

compiled by ELIZABETH MIDDLEBROOKS

TODAY
Career Day fair
The Business, Management and Sales Industry Career Day will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Student Life Center Ballroom.

TODAY
Information session for first-year VSG leaders

Vanderbilt Student Government will hold an information session for first-year students interested in becoming involved with VSG. The meeting will take place in Furman Hall, Room 114 from 6 to 7 p.m.

TODAY
Kampala Project information session

An information session for Kampala Project will be held at the Community Partnership House at 8 p.m. Kampala Project is an organization that will work in Uganda during the summer of 2008. Applications are available online Sept. 20 and are due Nov. 6.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 20
Class of 2008 kickoff event on Alumni Lawn

Seniorfest will be from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Alumni Lawn. There will be inflatable games such as extreme dodgeball and the two-person bungee run. Come get free Chik-Fil-A and Seniorfest T-shirts. The event is BYOB, with a limit of three 12-oz. cans.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 20
The future of on-campus living

Vanderbilt Student Government will host a meet-and-greet with architects who will oversee the next College Halls project. Stop by Sarratt 116 for a few minutes anytime between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to talk to the architects and describe what would be the ideal on-campus living situation for a Vanderbilt student.

See <http://calendar.vanderbilt.edu> for more events.

Dean plans collaboration

by DAVID BROWN
Contributing Reporter

Many residents, including members of the Vanderbilt community, wonder what they can expect from the newly elected Karl Dean.

With more than 52 percent of the vote, Mayor-elect Dean was elected the sixth mayor of Metro Nashville last week.



DEAN

Dean will succeed his former boss, Mayor Bill Purcell, this Friday when he is inaugurated at noon at the Public Square Historic Courthouse.

Though Dean has a full plate of issues, including education, public safety, taxes, the environment and rapid growth, he said he plans "to work as cooperatively as possible with Vanderbilt to make Nashville an incredible place to live, work and have fun."

Dean also explained that he hopes "to include Vanderbilt and Nashville's other great institutions in a plan to better education in Nashville."

Dean also said he sees Vanderbilt as a key asset to the city in looking toward the future of Nashville.

"In the past, Vanderbilt has been willing to offer vast amounts of resources to the city. I think the challenge for the city is to effectively take advantage of all that Vanderbilt has to offer," he said.

Dean is very familiar with Vanderbilt — he attended Vanderbilt Law School and has been an

adjunct professor there for about 15 years.

"Karl Dean has been affiliated with Vanderbilt for a long time and continues to stay connected to the school," said Michael Schoenfeld, vice chancellor for public affairs.

He added, "Vanderbilt has an enormous impact on the Nashville community."

Dean agreed, saying, "Whatever the city has needed from Nashville over the past few years, (Vanderbilt has) come through."

Dean also said he thought former Chancellor Gordon Gee "did an excellent job of reaching out to the Vanderbilt community, and I hope the new chancellor follows the same model that Gee used as far as the community is concerned."

However, sophomore Mike Accavitti disagreed. "Vanderbilt is a private institution, and I don't think we owe much to the community," he said.

Despite that sentiment, Dean said, "Most students I have encountered are really involved in the community, and over the years I have had scores of interns and law clerks."

Sophomore Zach Gilbert concurred, saying, "Community service and getting out there is what I do. It's the best way for Nashville to see us." ■

COUNCIL AND MAYORAL INAUGURAL ACTIVITIES

Friday, Sept. 21, Noon
Inaugural Ceremony in Courthouse Square
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Public reception in the Courthouse and in Courthouse Square



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Enslar speech to replace annual 'Vagina Monologues' production

Play should be back in 2009.

by JOSLIN WOODS
Contributing Reporter

For the first time in eight years, Vanderbilt will not host a student production of "The Vagina Monologues."

Instead, Eve Enslar, the award-winning author of the play, will speak Feb. 13 at Ingram Hall as part of her first college campus tour.

This year's change of events is due to a very low budget, said Erica Santiago, co-president of Vanderbilt Feminists.

In previous years, the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center has sponsored a student

production of "The Vagina Monologues" as part of its V-Day celebrations, a worldwide movement to end violence against women.

The show has been popular with students.

"We sold out last year all three nights," Santiago said. Because of the budget, though, it was impossible to put on the production and host Enslar, she said.

"Ideally, we would have liked to have done both," Santiago said.

Santiago said she believes students will respond positively to the change of events.

"It is the opportunity of a lifetime to hear her speak," she said. "I think the campus is really going to embrace the fact that she will be here."

Freshman Colleen Cummings agreed. She said that she was looking forward to seeing the student production of the play her first year on campus, but now she believes hearing Enslar speak will be more engaging.



ENSLAR

"I think it would be more interesting to hear from the creator than have the campus see it for a eighth year," she said.

Cummings said those who will miss the student production this year will have even more to look forward to for next year.

"The next time you see it you will have a better

perspective because you will know where she is coming from," she said.

According to Santiago, "The Vagina Monologues" should be back in 2009, but it is important that students show they want it on campus.

Senior Stephanie Rodgers, who has watched the play for the past two years, said that she will miss the production.

"I feel like even though most of the attendees were already aware of the issue, having the monologues on campus caused enough of a stir to reach beyond the groups concerned with women's issues," she said.

Regardless, she said, "I'll still wear my 'Got Vagina?'"

Please see **ENSLAR**, page 3

Suspect contends suspension punishment too harsh

Says attack not motivated by homophobia.

by GLENNA DeROY
Editor-in-Chief

The punishment the student suspect in the recent alleged anti-gay assault received from the university does not fit his crime, he said.

Robert Gutierrez, a 17-year-old sophomore from New York, said Monday he received a "long suspension" from the Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity and will leave campus soon if he chooses not to appeal.

Gutierrez called the punishment "harsher than it needs to be." He has 10 calendar days to appeal the decision.

Two victims, an undergraduate student and a recent Divinity School graduate, alleged that their affectionate behavior drew anti-gay comments and slurs from Gutierrez and his non-student guest Jonathan Serrano as the couple ordered food from the Carmichael Towers West Quiznos on Sept. 9 around 10:45 p.m.

The Vanderbilt Hustler will not release the victims' names for their protection.

When the couple left Towers West they were accosted in what "appeared to be a premeditated, unprovoked attack," Dean of Students Mark Bandas said Friday.

Bandas, who Tuesday announced the creation of a committee on diversity and GLBT issues, had no further comment.

Surveillance images, which will not be released by the university in order to protect the victims, captured the entire attack and led to the identification of Gutierrez.

But his role in the attack was not motivated by anti-gay sentiment, Gutierrez said, adding that Serrano made the homophobic remarks in Quiznos.

"It was just a fight," he said. "That's all I see it as — a fight. People that know me know that describing me as a gay basher just doesn't hold at all."

Serrano has not been apprehended and may have fled the state.

"He's not a good friend, and he's not my friend anymore," Gutierrez said.

The graduate victim was the first to make a threat of physical violence, Gutierrez said, coming toward the two suspects with a "raised, clenched fist" and asking if they had a problem.

"I was doing nothing but observing up until the point that guy came up to us," Gutierrez said. "I wasn't even laughing. I could see the guys were getting pissed; I noticed that. But had we not been physically threatened, it never would have reached anything like this."

Gutierrez should know that he bears responsibility for his actions and their consequences, said the graduate victim.

"If Mr. Gutierrez wishes to alter his statement after the fact, the proper venue for doing so is a court of law, where the evidence will show that what occurred was not a fight, but a deliberate and unprovoked assault," he said. "Each defendant had ample time to consider his actions before consciously choosing to lie in ambush and attack an innocent man."

Gutierrez said Serrano, 18, began hitting the graduate victim in the head after the victim left the dorm, at which point Gutierrez jumped in.

"I had to have some kind of reaction to it," Gutierrez said. "Unfortunately, it wasn't the positive reaction of holding him back, but I had to help my friend and saw myself as threatened by them, too." ■

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VUPD CRIME LOG
compiled by SYDNEY WILMER

There is no crime to report.

Check out <http://police.vanderbilt.edu/crimelog.htm> for complete listings.

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IN THE KNOW

The news you need — in brief

compiled by SYDNEY WILMER

WORLD

Russian government played role in sale of Rostropovich art collection, culture official says

The art collection of famed cellist Mstislav Rostropovich is being returned to Russia after a politically connected billionaire paid more than 25 percent above the estimated price in a surprise deal announced on the eve of its auction, a top cultural official said Tuesday.

The unusual move again has shone the spotlight on the immense wealth accumulated by some Russian tycoons since the Soviet collapse. But with the Russian government apparently playing a significant role in the deal, it also highlights efforts undertaken in many European capitals to get prized artwork or artifacts returned to their homelands.

The auction by Sotheby's, which was to begin Tuesday in London, had been anticipated as one of the art market's major events of the year. With some 450 pieces, including porcelain and works by renowned Russian painters such as Ilya Repin, the collection was expected to fetch \$25 million to \$40 million — and perhaps much more, given the current interest in Russian art.

SOURCE: AP

North Korea denies nuclear cooperation with Syria in first government comment

North Korea strongly denied Tuesday that it has provided Syria with secret nuclear cooperation, claiming the charge was fabricated to block progress in North Korea's relations with the United States.

North Korea's Foreign Ministry said the country has upheld a pledge made last October, when it conducted its first-ever nuclear test, that it would be "a responsible nuclear weapons state" and not transfer any nuclear material out of the country.

The North "never makes an empty talk but always tells truth," the ministry said in the statement carried by the official Korean Central News Agency.

The comments were the first by the government in Pyongyang on the issue since suspicions arose after an alleged Israeli air raid earlier this month on unknown Syrian targets.

A senior U.S. nuclear official said Friday that North Koreans were in Syria and that Syria may have had contacts with "secret suppliers" to obtain nuclear equipment.

SOURCE: AP

NATION

Senate rejects bill giving D.C. and Utah House seats

A bill that would have given District of Columbia residents their first ever member of Congress died in the Senate on Tuesday, dashing hopes of finally gaining full voting rights after a 206-year wait.

Senators voted 57-42, just three votes short of the 60 needed to move the measure forward. The bill would have created two new House seats: one for the city of about 600,000 people and one for Utah, which narrowly missed out on a fourth seat after the last census.

The procedural vote effectively killed the best chance in decades to win D.C. a full-fledged House member. The city has been denied voting rights in Congress since 1801, making it the only major capital city in the world where citizens do not have a vote in the nation's representative body of government.

Advocates hoped to resolve what they called a "national disgrace."

SOURCE: AP

Music labels loosen policies, give music away

It has finally come to this: Labels are simply giving their music away.

A new Web site named SpiralFrog.com allows visitors — with label approval — to download music free of charge. It launched Monday in the United States and Canada after a beta-testing period.

The site features more than 800,000 tracks and 3,500 music videos, and promises hundreds of thousands more soon. It makes money through advertising, rather than by the 99-cent downloads popularized by Apple's iTunes.

The service, founded by Joe Moken, pays record companies part of its advertising revenue. Thus far, Vivendi SA's Universal Music Group, the world's largest record company, is the only major label to dip its tunes into SpiralFrog's pool.

Songs from several big acts can be found, including Maroon 5, Rihanna, Gwen Stefani, Weezer, Amy Winehouse and Kanye West. All the tracks from many albums are available (from the Who's "Who Sell Out" to Nirvana's "In Utero").

SOURCE: AP

CAMPUS

ScholarBowl creates second gala for Vanderbilt Visions groups

ScholarBowl, the campus-wide quiz bowl organization, is partnering with Vanderbilt Visions this year for the first time. The two organizations will hold a separate gala event in November for first-year students who want to represent their Visions groups.

Visions groups can create teams of three, and Visions will cover the \$30 registration fee. Visions groups, like other groups, will play to raise money for the charity of their choice.

The online registration form is on the ScholarBowl Web site at <http://vandy.scholarbowl.googlepages.com/sb2007>. Registration opens Friday and will remain open until Friday, Sept. 28.

Location, date and time are still undecided. President Natalia Sanchez said the group is looking for alternative venues.

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QUESTION:

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ANSWER:

Mark Petty, assistant vice chancellor of Plant Operations, said he has heard this question before, and that most people on campus do not know the scope of what Plant Operations does.

"We change light bulbs, clean toilets, fix air conditioning," Petty said. "Everything that is involved with the maintenance of buildings, we do."

Petty said Plant Operations, which has a staff of 400, is responsible for the grounds, buildings and systems in buildings for the 330 acres and 6 million square feet of building space on Vanderbilt's campus.

Plant Operations also supplies steam to the university and Medical Center for heating and cooking, and provides a great deal of air conditioning to the campus through a chilled water system.



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Sophomore Gian Rossi and senior Li Zhou juggle on Alumni Lawn during a practice for the Juggling and Physical Arts Club.

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Students respond to Ruckus with mixed feelings

by VASANTH SATHYAKUMAR
Contributing Reporter

Free music is a great thing — if you can listen to it.

With the introduction of Ruckus, a free program that allows users to download music at no cost, students now have more options to legally download music, but there is a catch.

"We chose Ruckus because (for one thing), it is free," said Matt Hall, assistant vice chancellor of Information Technology Services. "But it also allows us to provide more alternative and consistent options for students as consumers."

However, Ruckus is not compatible with Mac computers.

"It would have been nice to use it, but unless they make a Mac-compatible version there is nothing I can do," said freshman Manraj Rangi.

Ruckus, which offers more than 3 million licensed music tracks, movies and television shows, also does not allow songs to be transferred onto iPods because all downloaded songs are licensed and copyrighted.

"I use my iPod a lot," said freshman Nabil Sabbak. "It's not fair that I have to use iTunes to get my music while other people can get free music with

Ruckus."

Still, since its introduction this month, Ruckus has gained 3,258 subscribers who have downloaded over 299,000 files.

"I like Ruckus because it has so many different types of music," said junior Amy O'Brien. "I'm a music major, so I like to hear my classical music as well as some Kanye every once in a while."

Other options include MyTracks, which allows users to listen for free, is iPod-compatible and allows unlimited downloading for \$3 a month, and Napster, which has a similar service for \$2 a month.

ITS is also committed to providing legal options for access to movies and television, Hall said.

Joost, another free program for students, allows access to many popular television channels such as MTV.

"We have many legal ways this year for students to get media," said Hall. "There is no compelling use for students to use illegal file sharing anymore." ■

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Protesters gather outside the University of Florida police department Tuesday in Gainesville, Fla., to protest the campus officers' use of a Taser stun gun during a forum with Sen. John Kerry on Andrew Meyer, a persistent questioner who is known for posting practical jokes online. DOUG FINGER / AP Photo

Florida student arrested, Tasered at Kerry forum

by TRAVIS REED
Associated Press

The University of Florida asked state investigators Tuesday to review campus officers' use of a Taser during a forum with Sen. John Kerry, on a persistent questioner who is known for posting practical jokes online.

Video of Monday's takedown of the 21-year-old student was replayed extensively on TV and the Internet. University President Bernie Machen called the confrontation "regretful" and said two officers were placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of the probe.

The student, Andrew Meyer, spent a night in jail before his release Tuesday morning on his recognizance. He had no comment when he left.

Some Florida students reacted angrily to the arrest, planning protests and possible sit-ins against alleged police brutality.

University police said in a news release that officers had been summoned by the

forum's sponsors to escort Meyer from the building. They added that Meyer was Tasered because he resisted when officers were attempting to place him in handcuffs.

Meyer, a senior telecommunications major from Weston, Fla., has a Web site that contains several comedy videos in which he appears.

Machen, when asked if the university had any previous conflicts with Meyer, said some issues would come up in the investigation, but he declined to elaborate and would not say whether he thought the latest episode was a prank.

Monday's scuffle started when Meyer refused to leave the microphone after his allotted time was up, police said. He had asked Kerry about impeaching President George W. Bush, why he didn't challenge the 2004 election results and whether he and Bush were members of the secret society Skull and Bones at Yale University.

Kerry, D-Mass., said Tuesday he regretted that a healthy discussion was interrupted, and said he never had a dialogue end that

way in 37 years of public appearances.

"Whatever happened, the police had a reason, had made their decision that there was something they needed to do. Then it's a law enforcement issue, not mine," he told The Associated Press in Washington.

After Meyer repeatedly and loudly refused to walk away, officers came to escort him out. As two officers take Meyer by the arms, Kerry can be heard saying, "That's all right, let me answer his question."

Meyer struggled for several seconds as up to four officers tried to remove him from the room. He screamed for help and tried to break away from officers with his arms flailing at them, then was forced to the ground and ordered to stop resisting.

As Kerry told the audience he will answer the student's "very important question," Meyer yelled at the officers to release him, crying out, "Don't Tase me, bro," just before he was shocked. He was led from the room, screaming, "What did I do?" ■

—For more, see 'Our View,' page 6.

Psychology department assesses teaching

by TAYLOR DAVIS
Contributing Reporter

The psychology department's latest multiple-choice test will assess the department, not the students.

If students score poorly on certain portions of the assessments, the department will think seriously about revising teaching methods in those courses.

The assessment test is mandatory for all psychology majors, but they are not to prepare for the exam because the overall goal is to see if the information sticks with them.

The tests will be given to students within the first two

weeks of October and will consist only of multiple-choice and true/false questions.

"The test will cover a breadth of knowledge of the core concepts of psychology," said Professor David Zald, director of the department of psychology.

These core concepts include the broad domains of psychology, such as neuroscience, social psychology and cognitive psychology, and research methods of psychology relating to quantitative analysis and experimental design.

The evaluation is part of a movement in the university as a whole to define the academic goals of each department and to find ways of assessing whether or

not the goals are being met.

This movement came about after the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools began encouraging all of its members to determine if their overall goals were being met. SACS provides accreditation for universities in the southeast who meet their requirements and expectations.

These assessments are part of a new development for SACS.

"I personally think SACS will be pleased with the results, but nevertheless it is important for us to show over time that we are doing better," Zald said.

All of the departments at Vanderbilt are handling their individual assessments differently, depending on the

goals of the department.

In the psychology department several assessments are being taken, but only the required multiple-choice test directly affects students.

Most students look at the test in a positive manner.

"I think it is a good idea for the department to try to improve by using this test as an assessment," said psychology major Caroline Cheung.

No student will be directly evaluated, and the scores will have no effect on grades.

"All papers are de-identified because this is not a student evaluation, this is an evaluation for the faculty to see how we're doing," Zald said. ■

ENSLER: V-day part of author's larger mission

From ENSLER, page 1
T-shirt on V-day."

Santiago added that there will be some familiar products at the Ensler speech.

"I think that students will be happy to know that the chocolate vaginas will still be sold," she said. They will also sell pins and Ensler's book.

Ensler not only wrote "The Vagina Monologues," which has been translated into 45

languages and is performed in theaters across the globe but also created V-Day as part of her larger mission to create a world where women can thrive instead of only survive.

The play is based on interviews Ensler did with over 200 women, and it emphasizes women's sexuality and strength. ■

Professor connects students with city

by KELLY SWOPE
Staff Reporter

In the American studies program, students and faculty look forward to looking back.

Their teamwork culminated in a project called "Filming Nashville: Student Documentaries on People, Life and Community," a documentary-based initiative that aims to merge ethical responsibility with film.

Film screenings in public schools, small group discussions and mentor relationships will be the foundation of the program, which involves students from Professor Sam Girgus' America on Film class.

The group will reach out to Nashville in local schools to expose public school students to culture and filmmaking, while also incorporating a theme of ethical responsibility in a community.

Girgus, a professor of English and American studies, said he has dreamt of this project for quite some time. After securing a grant from the Vanderbilt Center for Nashville Studies, an organization in which he is a fellow, he began planning and hiring interns. The ideal result from "Filming Nashville" would be a greater

understanding of the practical applications of societal ethics, he said.



GIRGUS

Senior Alice Linear, one of Girgus' interns, wants students to be involved with the area.

"People go to school here, but they don't know what (Nashville) is as a city," Linear said.

Along with the documentary, Girgus plans to teach a new course, English 269: Nashville Documentaries, with prize-winning documentary filmmaker Kathy Conkwright.

Girgus said he aims to use filmmaking to study relationships.

"Film gives us a particularly interesting way of examining and rethinking our ethical relationships," he said. "(It) inherently documents relationships and puts them up for exhibition and reflection.

"Filming Nashville" kicks off this week in Nashville public schools. ■

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OUR VIEW

Taser incident threatens campus culture

University of Florida police used a stun gun on UF student Andrew Meyer in the middle of an auditorium full of students and faculty Monday during a campus forum with U.S. Sen. John Kerry. Within hours, multiple videos of the incident taken by quick-thinking students were viewable on the Internet, allowing this issue national exposure and, hopefully, scrutiny.

While neither exceeding his time allotment nor ignoring line protocol, both of which Meyer seems to have done, are appropriate or respectful actions at a lecture event, his transgressions clearly pale in comparison to those of the officers.

It is clear from the video that the police escalated the nature of the conflict by forcibly grabbing a non-physically threatening Meyer as they attempted to remove him from the auditorium. His resistance was completely understandable. By the time the officers used the stun gun on him, Meyer was pinned to the ground and clearly outmanned.

Meyer was arrested for resisting an officer and disturbing the peace, giving police a more palatable way to describe Tasing a student for over-questioning a senator.

The apparent passivity of both the audience and the senator, who has since condemned the police action, in the video is unnerving, though it is undoubtedly difficult to speak up when the individuals sworn to uphold your right to do so threaten you with stun guns.

Unfortunately, this is not a revelatory incident. A student was similarly Tasered with little provocation at UCLA last year. As university students, we must not let ourselves be rendered speechless by these abuses of power. Universities, especially, should be places that foster spirited civic engagement and freedom of speech.

The officers involved must be relieved of their posts. Their presence on a university campus undermines the very purpose of institutions of higher education.

LETTER

Hate crime media coverage insufficient

To the Editor:

I am both shocked and appalled by the lack of complete Vanderbilt media coverage regarding the recent assault of two members of the Vanderbilt community ("Students attacked in alleged anti-gay hate crime," Sept. 17).

It is also quite shocking that it has taken over a week for any word of this vicious attack to be made public. Why did it take that long? Why was an entire page devoted to a football game we already know we won? I am quite sure Devin Donovan is a nice young woman. But the article about her foray into "the real world" is wholly inappropriate front-page material, particularly in Monday's issue where the editor-in-chief's words are nothing short of an overt lack of concern for the violence happening on her own campus. Has Vanderbilt student media succumbed to a general trend in American media of guaranteeing readership through spins on the truth and lies of omission? In this case, I would prefer to be offended by reading a student leader's challenge to the student body status quo, than to read something sounding much like the very police report quoted in the article.

The lack of a concerned Vanderbilt media, on part of both The Hustler and Dean of Students Mark Bandas, gives the concerned reader the feeling that homophobia is not our problem by calling this incident both "isolated and anomalous." It is neither. Rather, it is very indicative of "a huge sector of individuals and a lot of people." It is no longer "an internal thing," but something made very external, and quite public, through anti-gay slurs and premeditated violence. The lack of coverage in Monday's Hustler is even more indicative of just how external and apparent this problem is: front page in the paper, yes; front page in the university's mind and worthy of an entire page of text and images in the student paper of one of America's top-20 schools where "Alternative Lifestyles Not an Alternative," not even close.

While it seems that our attention toward noteworthy causes is diverted elsewhere, as Michael Vick has been convicted of dog fighting, the Jena 6 is struggling in Louisiana, and Vanderbilt beat Ole Miss, we have ignored the fact that two of our own were assaulted by their alleged brethren: another Vanderbilt student. It is time to pay attention to what's going on right under our noses, in our dorms and in our own hearts and minds. Rather than turn a deaf ear and cold heart to this issue, now is the time to do something.

Any school or university, much less one many of us choose to call our own, should be a place where we come to be ourselves, where we don't have to live in fear of our own individuality and where we shouldn't be made uncomfortable because we may not be rich, white or straight. If Vanderbilt is to be a place we call home for our tenure as students, you should not have to be violated for being yourself. I implore you, Vanderbilt, to look outside the bubble, to step outside the stereotypes we choose to believe or those we inhabit here in the place we call home, and defend our family against those who have attacked it. This is not a time to take sides. It is a time to join arm in arm, stand together and say, "We have had enough. Today, right now, we stop the hate."

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THE STRANGE WORLD OF GEORGE W. BUSH

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LETTER

Campus must unite to rid university of intolerance

To the Editor:

Vanderbilt University should not be surprised by the recent hate crime that occurred on its campus almost two weeks ago. These acts were a long time coming and have been preceded by a long history of intolerance on Vanderbilt's campus. In 2002, Vanderbilt was smeared with intolerant graffiti all over campus. Most know the Rev. James Lawson was expelled from Vanderbilt in the 1950s because he tried to make a change against intolerance in a non-violent manner.

Since these cases, Vanderbilt has made small steps towards tolerance — positive, but small. However, students were the motivation behind the progress made concerning these events. It is now time once again for students to be the catalyst

for growth and advancement. No longer can the GLBT community and Vanderbilt Student Government work independently of each other. The student community must be united in its stance that intolerance will not be tolerated.

The recent comments by VSG President Cara Bilotta and Dean of Students Mark Bandas demonstrate the willingness to begin the steps for change needed to prevent these acts of discrimination and hate. However, the GLBT community needs to grasp this opportunity

for change instead of sitting back and waiting for the change to spontaneously generate. Organizations such as Lambda and the recently added chapter of the Human Rights Campaign need to implement their respective mission statements and actually represent the GLBT community through advocacy.

These recent events were shameful, to say the least, and shed light on the dark side of Vanderbilt. But the Vanderbilt community should unilaterally seize this opportunity to foster change. Without the united

cooperation of the entire community, Vanderbilt will continue to see these actions of intolerance. Vanderbilt students can see the seeds of cooperation already sowed within relationships solidifying between the GLBT

community and the Baptist Collegiate Ministry, Black Cultural Center and VSG, just to name a few. But for these relationships to grow, we must unite and make clear that intolerance across this community both in and out of campus is unacceptable and will not be endured.

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COLUMN

Presidential tickets beginning to take shape

JOSH ZEGEL
Columnist

It's more than a year before Election Day 2008, but already it feels like the campaign has been going on forever. Most of the candidates, except for Republican Fred Thompson, have been running since the winter of 2006. After the midterm elections, in which the American people voiced their displeasure with the current occupation of Iraq by electing a Democratic majority to both houses of Congress, the frontrunners for both parties stepped to the front and started to run. On the left we have Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., and former Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C.. Rudy Giuliani, Mitt Romney and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., join them on the right, and now Fred Thompson is lumbering forward. These are the top-tier candidates, or so we're told by public relations departments on both sides — the Democrats have the alphabet soup of ABC, CNN, NBC and CBS, and the Republicans have, well, FOX (and "The 700 Club").

Of course there are many other candidates seeking the nomination. For the most part, especially in the Democratic race, these second-tier candidates (and Mike Gravel, who might as well be third-tier) have been written off as lost causes. It seems almost certain that one of the Big Three will win. My bet is on Clinton — she's the most experienced, the most politically calculating, and she's a woman. While Obama (whose middle name is "Hussein" for those of you who don't watch Fox) has tremendous grassroots and net roots support, especially from college students and recently graduated yuppies (and Oprah), he'll be content with the vice-presidential nomination. That is, if he doesn't piss off her Rodhamness. Edwards is either a close third to Obama or a more distant second to Clinton, depending on what polls you look at and when you look at them. His rhetoric sounds nice — it rings of the populism that won Bill Clinton the White House in 1992 — but he may not have the political connections to compete with Clinton or the grassroots support to match Obama. One of the three has to be the odd man (or

woman) out, and at present I'm thinking Edwards will be unable to beat Clinton and unwilling to run for the vice-presidency.

On the GOP side, the second-tier candidates are not as much of a lost cause as the Richardsons and Gravels are. This doesn't mean any of them have significant support in the polls but that the current frontrunners are floundering. Republican voters seem equally undecided. Giuliani has the best poll numbers, Romney has the most money, McCain has gravitas and experience, and Thompson has a 6-foot-5 frame and a Southern drawl. None of the four has made any significant leeway over the others, although McCain was fading before the most recent debate. This means at least one — possibly two — of the second-tier candidates have the opportunity to move up in the months before the Iowa caucuses begin. Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee and Texas Rep. Ron Paul could move into the top tier and replace a weaker candidate — most likely McCain. Huckabee has won out over Sam Brownback as the candidate Republican evangelicals are supporting, and Paul has more grassroots support than any Republican candidate, and possibly the most net roots support among all candidates. If Thompson's campaign struggles in the next month he may not make it to Iowa, and McCain could share the same fate if he is unable to garner more financial and grassroots support. I'm predicting Thompson and McCain will make it to Iowa, but barely, and Huckabee and Paul will move into the top tier alongside Romney and Giuliani. At this point, the only prediction I'm confident in making is that Huckabee becomes the vice-presidential nominee if either Romney or Giuliani win the nomination.

Looking at the current slate of presidential contenders and pretenders, I'm picking a Clinton-Obama ticket for the donkeys running against a Giuliani-Huckabee ticket for the elephants. And Edwards and Romney will have to be content with their tremendous wealth and their fabulous hair.

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LETTER

Unique Vanderbilt culture permits bigotry

KOFI AGYEI GYASI
Guest Columnist

When I transferred to Vanderbilt from the University of Alabama, Huntsville, I thought I was going to enter a college full of intellectuals, open-minded thinkers and other philosophical sorts. Okay, I really was not expecting that, but I was hoping that Vanderbilt students would be a notch above those at Alabama in their ability to reason. By being reasonable, I mean students at Vanderbilt would be slightly less ignorant than the general population. I hoped that Vanderbilt students could understand that regardless of what lily-white prep school they went to; that regardless of their previous interactions, or lack thereof, with different types of people, Vandy students could realize that those different people's races, cultures and lives were as equally important and valid as the students' own.

My first year was going swimmingly until an event in the library. I had been studying in my favorite nook on the eighth floor of Central Library when I went to drink some water and check out a book. When I returned I noticed written on the wall above my desk, "Niggers Blow!" Maybe the kid wrote it because I danced with his girlfriend at a party. Who knows? But because of my African immigrant upbringing, I have a slightly different reaction to the

N-word. I'm a bit too smart and handsome for the word to "put me in my place" or have its desired effect, but I do know when someone is trying to offend me. The words only shocked me because I did not believe students at a school of Vanderbilt's caliber would engage in such childish, tribal behavior. Needless to say, my opinion of the school went down, and it's never been the same.

I really did not know of any Vanderbilt staff I could go to voice my frustrations. Okay, its effect on me was not significant enough to warrant further action, but, even if it did, I would not know where to start.

Although it is true that almost every student I've met or befriended is pretty cool and open-minded, I do think there is a unique culture at Vanderbilt that permits the aforementioned type of behavior to exist. There is self-segregation and classism at every college. But in terms of elite schools, Vanderbilt should be better than the rest in terms of understanding, if not tolerance. I don't know how to deal with the problem, nor can I even articulate what "the problem" is with Vanderbilt's culture. The alleged attack on the homosexual students and my incident does not mean the sky is falling, but certain aspects of the school need to be reevaluated.

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THE VERDICT

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Compiled by Reeve Hamilton

Jack Hanna		Animal guru gets stuck in airport turnstile with flamingo. It was totally innocent — the flamingo just had a wide stance.
Spector Jury		Entering second week of deliberations with no end in sight. Gen. Petraeus thinks a short surge of extra jurors may help.
OJ Simpson		Our predictions for the outcomes of his 10 new felony charges: nine guilty verdicts and one-not guilty — for old time's sake.
"Ally Ramirez"		Vanderbilt was a little, shall we say, under-represented in Playboy's Girls of the SEC issue. No wonder she used a fake name.
The Slant		Not only is it finally funny again, but they have been reading a healthy amount of Andrew Solomon — if that is possible.
Britney Spears		Loses custody of her children and any momentum her career resurrection may have had in the same week. Ouch!
Chris Williams		After being named SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week, Williams can finally say he's having a better week than Britney Spears.
Fred Thompson		Much anticipated start of campaign turns out to be very slow and subdued — kind of like the way Fred Thompson talks.
Student Alumni Board		You give us free popsicles from Las Paletas, we give you a free thumbs up. As "Ally Ramirez" might say, tit for tat.
Jon Stewart		Returning as Oscar host in 2008, and, if you saw his last outing, you know that when Stewart hosts, Three 6 Mafia wins.
Censors		Censors chop up Emmy speeches by Kathy Griffin and Sally Field. You bleep-ing censors need to chill the bleep out.
Sen. Larry Craig		Craig's surprise return to Capitol Hill means a surprise return to The Verdict! It seems he got the same reception from both places.
:)		The news of Scott Fahlman's computer smiley face's 25th birthday makes us feel colon hyphen parenthesis all over.
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SPORTS

WATCH OUT, SEC: Alabama, Kentucky are darkhorse candidates to win their divisions



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Are quarterback John Parker Wilson and the rest of the Crimson Tide good enough to challenge LSU for the SEC West title, or are fans getting ahead of themselves after their 3-0 start?



JAMES CRISP / AP Photo

Senior quarterback Andre Woodson leads a potent Kentucky offense, but is the defense good enough to make the Wildcats a serious contender in the SEC East?

GOOD CALL

by JOSH BERMAN
Sports Reporter

Going into the season, most people would have said Louisiana State and defending national champion Florida were the favorites to meet in the Southeastern Conference title game in December.

Based on their performances thus far, no one is going to change that prediction, as they are ranked No. 2 and No. 3, respectively, in the latest polls.

But don't be surprised if two teams that were unranked as recently as last week try their hardest to deter this dream matchup from ever happening: Alabama and Kentucky. After making headlines this past weekend with last-second victories over ranked teams, each squad has a chance to make a few more headlines before the season ends.

Alabama certainly made some of those during the offseason as they drew Nick Saban, the former coach of (who else?) LSU, away from the Miami Dolphins. Two weeks ago we saw firsthand how dangerous the Crimson Tide could be. Then, the Tide came out and dominated then-No. 16 Arkansas, jumping ahead 21-0 before holding off the beast that is Darren McFadden for a 41-38 victory.

If John Parker Wilson (who threw the game-winning toss with eight seconds left), wide receiver D.J. Hall and freshman Terry Grant can continue their strong play, and if rival Auburn continues to struggle, the Tide can very well slide into the second spot in the SEC West.

In beating in-state rival University of Louisville, the University of Kentucky not only defeated their first top-10 team in 30 years but also showed a nationwide audience how explosive their offense can be. With four touchdowns and no picks from sudden Heisman candidate Andre Woodson and 151 yards from running back Rafael Little, Kentucky was able to outscore one of the best offenses in the country. Its defense even performed well, holding future first-round pick Brian Brohm relatively in check and limiting the Cardinals to only 101 yards rushing.

Last weekend, Kentucky and Alabama both upset ranked teams led by Heisman favorites to surge into the rankings. After moving into the national picture, they now have to prove they are here to stay.

I'm not saying LSU and Florida aren't the odds-on favorites in the SEC. They continued to impress on Saturday, racking up a combined 103 points in two convincing victories.

Come Dec. 1 in Atlanta, they'll probably be playing in the SEC Championship game, and whoever wins will probably move on to the National Championship game in New Orleans.

Just don't be shocked if Alabama or Kentucky makes either of those teams work a little harder to get there. ■

BAD CALL

by ALEKSEY DUBROVNSKY
Sports Reporter

Let's not get too carried away. Sure, Kentucky and Alabama both came up with huge victories over ranked opponents last Saturday, but they were far from impressive.

They each defeated one-dimensional opponents in the last minute of the game at home. Until either one of them comes up with a legitimate road victory over a top opponent, I'm not buying into the trend that their early success will propel them to 10-win seasons and the division crown.

Alabama nearly coughed up a 21-point lead in the second half of its victory over Arkansas, and this was with a massive home-field advantage as over 92,000 fans rocked out at Bryant-Denny Stadium in a nationally televised ballgame.

The Tide could not contain the Razorback rushing attack in the second half and needed two controversial personal foul penalties against Arkansas and some eyebrow-raising clock management by the referees to find the end zone on their winning drive, which was their only score of the second half.

I'll give them credit for executing just enough to win the game, but that kind of inconsistency won't hold up with games against Georgia, Tennessee and Louisiana State coming up on their schedule.

Kentucky finally defeated its in-state archrival from Louisville and did so in spectacular fashion. But if a Louisville offensive lineman hadn't committed a false start on a fourth-down play at the goal line on a previous fourth-quarter possession, then we wouldn't even be talking about the Wildcats.

The Cats took advantage of a porous defense and ran the ball with authority throughout the game, but they let an early two-touchdown cushion disappear and barely squeaked by. Their next five games are absolutely brutal, with road trips to Arkansas and South Carolina followed by home dates against LSU and Florida.

Their schedule alone won't permit them to win the SEC East. If anything, they should be ecstatic with a third-place finish.

The bottom line on these two teams is that even if they come up with enough upsets at home to be considered in the running for the SEC East and West titles, Florida and LSU (respectively) are practically locks to find their way to Atlanta for the SEC Championship game in December, anyway.

The Crimson Tide and Wildcats are hot three weeks into the season, but I wouldn't drink the Kool-Aid. ■

Vandy excited about present, future
Cross country welcomes 10 freshmen.

by ADAM WEINSTEIN
Sports Reporter

If a gunshot marks the beginning of a race, the women's cross country team might as well be the bullet. Fully loaded with new assistant coach Rhonda Riley, and 10 strong freshmen, the Commodores are off to an explosive start.

With all this new firepower, it is easy to see why coach Steve Keith is so excited about this season.

"The fun thing about increasing our numbers, and bringing in a lot of quality kids with good personality," Keith said, "is that it's really added a lot to the team. You can contribute whether you're a No. 1 or No. 12 kid. It doesn't matter as long as you're positive about the team."

Freshman Rita Jorgensen has done more than her share of contributing so far this year. Recruited from White Station High School in Memphis, Tenn., the former Foot Locker National Finalist won the 5K race at the Commodore Classic last weekend.

A week earlier, she finished fourth in the Belmont/Vanderbilt Opener, earning Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Week honors.

"Other than practicing hard the past few weeks, and visualizing the race and how the finish might go, I didn't do anything different," Jorgensen said. "I was excited and I just wanted to win it for Vanderbilt."

Keith did not seem too surprised at Jorgensen's victory, either.

"She beat a couple of good runners there," Keith said. "She ran with a couple of good runners at the first meet, and she was a very highly recruited kid in high school. She has some great credentials and is a really down to earth girl, too, who just loves being part of the team."

While the team placed third in the event overall, just nine points behind first-place Louisiana State, there is plenty of cause for excitement for this young team.

The average runner for both Missouri and LSU has had around three years of experience. Vanderbilt's squad has an average of 1.7 years of college experience amongst its runners.

That's not to say that there is any lack of veteran leadership on the team, however. Carmen Mims, a junior who came within one place of advancing to the National Championships last year in the 5000-meter event, finished fourth at the Commodore Classic.

Senior Julie Eckerly, who finished second on the team at last year's SEC Championships, also performed well last week, coming in 11th place.

"Youth is the theme right now, but a couple of kids that have been here want to go out on a good note," Keith said. "They love seeing the youth around them, and it helps to get them motivated as well." ■

Men's club soccer aims for national title

by JARRED AMATO
Sports Editor

The varsity program may have been disbanded two years ago, but men's soccer is not dead on Vanderbilt's campus.

Started in 2001, the men's club soccer team has become a national powerhouse, advancing to the national tournament five consecutive years. The Commodores have every intention of making it six.

"There is no doubt that a national championship is the goal," said senior co-captain Matt McManus. "I think that we have the talent necessary to achieve that. It's just a matter of working hard together and finding the right chemistry on the field."

Vanderbilt (4-1) is off to a strong

start, outscoring its opponents 24-7 through five games. Its lone hiccup came last weekend against rival Auburn. McManus said that while the loss will hurt the team's seed in the regional tournament, it should help the Commodores in the long run.

"Sometimes you need a loss like that to serve as a wake-up call," he said. "We found out a few things that need to be changed and mainly realized that we just need to be working harder."

Given the makeup of this squad, McManus does not doubt that they will. The team practices four times a week and has exceptional chemistry.

"What has traditionally made us good is the overall atmosphere of the team," McManus said. "We have a lot of great personalities and

everyone gets along well, enjoys coming out to practice and looks forward to going on trips. I think that this camaraderie has been a central part of what has made us so successful over the past few years."

Another reason for Vanderbilt's success is its talent. While opponents often have four or five solid players, the Commodores are strong at all 11 spots. McManus singled out senior Scott Shugh, "the heart of the midfield for four years," and Jerry Yirenkyi, the club's all-time leading scorer, as key contributors.

In addition, Vanderbilt has three players from the varsity squad that was eliminated by the university after the 2005 season in Yirenkyi and juniors Austin Campbell and Ben Hemkens. Campbell currently

leads the team with six goals.

"I guess what makes us good definitely begins with level of skill of the players on the team," McManus said. "Over the years we've had a ton of great players play for our team, and every year we have been lucky enough to find a few new players who have kept the level high."

The Commodores, who compete against club teams across the Southeast, have five games remaining before heading to Tuscaloosa, Ala., for the regional tournament from Oct. 26 to 28. They will either have to win the tournament to gain an automatic bid or compete for an at-large berth based on the rankings by the National Intramural Recreation Sports Association to qualify for nationals. ■



COURTESY OF VU CLUB SOCCER

The Vanderbilt men's club soccer team is talented enough to advance to nationals for the sixth straight season.

AROUND THE SEC

Forget rebuilding; Florida reloads

Defending champs have chance to be even better in '07.

JARRED AMATO
Sports Editor

While few would argue that Louisiana State is the class of the SEC, the Florida Gators are not far behind.

The defending national champions lost 18 players who either were drafted or signed as free agents in the NFL.

They replaced nine starters on defense — three linemen, all three linebackers and three members of the secondary — and feature a new quarterback, tailback and two linemen on offense.

More than 70 percent of the roster consists of freshmen and sophomores.

Teams around the league thought this would be their best shot to beat the Gators. Now, they aren't so sure. In fact, Florida might even be better than it was a year ago.

Sophomore Tim Tebow was very impressive in Florida's 59-20 pounding of Tennessee on Saturday. The quarterback threw for 299 yards and two touchdowns and also ran for 61 yards and two touchdowns.

Tebow currently leads the SEC in total offense with 342.3 yards per game. Senior Erik Ainge of Tennessee is second with 263.3 yards per game.

The best game of the year in college football could be Oct. 6 when the Gators head into Baton Rouge.

CONGRATS, CHRIS: Tackle Chris Williams was named Southeastern Conference Offensive Lineman of the Week Monday after Vanderbilt's 31-17 victory over Ole Miss last Saturday.

The senior was the anchor of an offensive line that helped the Commodores gain 383 yards of offense — 183 yards on the ground and 200 in the air. In the second half, they dominated the time of possession, holding the ball for 20:26.

Vanderbilt, which is not in action this



Tim Tebow (15), Percy Harvin (1) and the rest of the Gators were all smiles after smashing Tennessee 59-20 last Saturday. PHIL SANDLIN / AP Photo

weekend, next hosts Eastern Michigan on Saturday, Sept. 29.

DON'T SLEEP ON THE CATS: They may not have the reputation of some of their SEC counterparts, but you can guarantee this: There is not one team looking forward to its matchup with Kentucky.

Led by senior quarterback Andre Woodson, the Wildcats beat No. 9 Louisville 40-34 Saturday.

It was their first victory over their rival in five years and their first victory over a top-10 opponent in three decades.

Woodson, the SEC's premier quarterback, completed 30 of 44 passes for 275 yards and four touchdowns, the last one coming with 28 seconds remaining.

He has now thrown 257 consecutive passes without an interception, which is a SEC record.

With Woodson, running back Rafael Little and wide receiver Keenan Burton, the Wildcat offense will be giving defensive coordinators nightmares all season.

TIDE HAS TURNED: Just three games

into his tenure, coach Nick Saban has already made the Crimson Tide the best team in the state.

That's because Auburn dropped to 1-2 after losing at home to perennial cellar-dweller Mississippi State, while Alabama hung on to defeat Arkansas 41-38.

Suddenly Vanderbilt's road trip to Auburn in early October doesn't seem so frightening.

DID YOU KNOW?: LSU has outscored its opponents 137-7 through three games

Vanderbilt is tied for third in turnover margin (+2) and tied for second in sacks (8).

Wide receiver Earl Bennett leads the SEC in receptions (28), yards (375) and touchdowns (3).

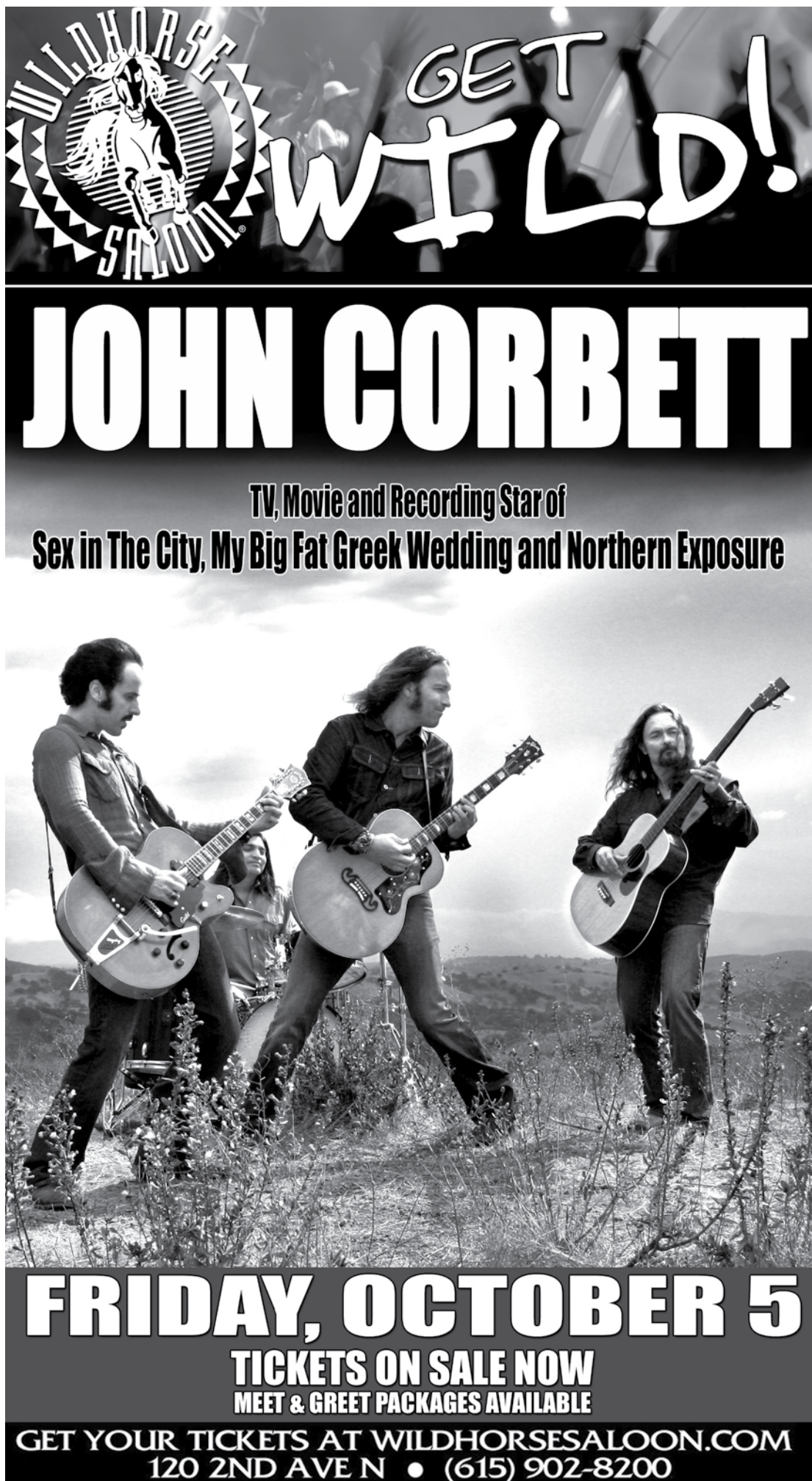
Cornerback D.J. Moore is fourth in the SEC in kick return average (25.7).

Arkansas, led by Heisman candidate Darren McFadden, has rushed for an average of 325.5 yards per game.

South Carolina is 3-0 for the first time in six years. ■

SEC POWER RANKINGS Compiled by Will Gibbons

	1. LSU 3-0 (1-0 SEC) Backup Ryan Perilloux got valuable experience in a 44-0 rout of Middle Tennessee on Saturday, as LSU held starter Matt Flynn out with a sprained ankle. Perilloux actually leads the team in passing yardage now and has completed over 80 percent of his throws.
	2. Florida 3-0 (1-0) Urban Meyer and Tim Tebow are showing that Florida does not rebuild; it reloads.
	3. South Carolina 3-0 (1-0) The Gamecocks are probably a little concerned about Blake Mitchell's three interceptions and the overall sleepwalk that occurred in a win over South Carolina State.
	4. Alabama 3-0 (2-0) John Parker Wilson showed some guts on the Tide's game-winning drive. The victory put some of the knee-jerk Vandy-fan reactions into perspective, as well. Sabans' squad is solid.
	5. Kentucky 3-0 (0-0) \$25,000 fine for rushing the field? That's money well-spent for the Wildcat program.
	6. Arkansas 2-1 (0-1) Back in the day, this would be a triple-option type team. But in the dot-com era, it's all about the Wild Hog formation.
	7. Georgia 2-1 (0-1) After winning a pseudo-scrimmage against Western Kentucky, the Bulldogs look to take down newly ranked Alabama.
	8. Tennessee 1-2 (0-1) Remember when Tennessee had dominant lines on both sides of the ball? Things certainly have changed in Knoxville.
	9. Vanderbilt 2-1 (1-1) When is the last time Vanderbilt controlled another SEC game like it did Saturday?
	10. Mississippi State 2-1 (1-1) The Bulldogs showed some character in rebounding from an embarrassing, nationally televised loss to LSU to beat a program like Auburn.
	11. Auburn 1-2 (0-1) No one could have imagined the Tigers would be ranked this low, but after getting beat by lowly Mississippi State at home, they're lucky they aren't in the cellar.
	12. Ole Miss 1-2 (0-1) Coach Orgeron may be known as a great recruiter, but it's hard to tell. The Commodores looked much more talented than the Rebels on Saturday.



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