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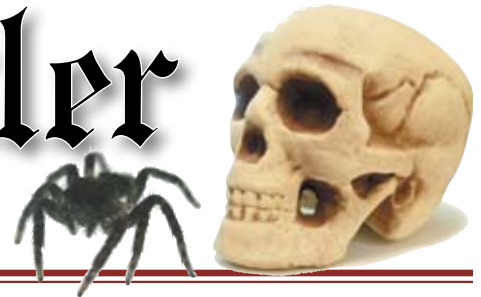


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THE WALL

compiled by SYDNEY WILMER

TODAY

Commodore Trot

The Habitat for Humanity Commodore Trot starts at 6 p.m. at the Rec. Race day registration is \$15 and includes a T-shirt.

TODAY

Kappa Kappa Gala

Proceeds from Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority's benefit will go to Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Tennessee and the Jessica Herron memorial scholarship. The event is from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Student Life Center; tickets are \$5.

THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY: Net Impact Conference

The Owen School of Business will host the Net Impact Conference Thursday through Saturday. The conference aims to train young leaders to use the power of business to make a positive net social, environmental and economic changes.

THURSDAY, NOV. 1 'Money on My Mind'

Professors Stephen Buckles, John Lachs, Cliff Lippard and Leonard Bradley will discuss money and politics at 7 p.m. in Buttrick Hall, Room 101.

THURSDAY, NOV. 1 Pi Phi in Paradise

Pi Beta Phi sorority's benefit will run from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Student Life Center. Tickets are \$5, and proceeds go to the Bill Wilkerson Center and Arrowmont for the Arts.

THURSDAY, NOV. 1 Women's health talk

Dr. Annelle Primm will present "Understanding Depression and Presenting Disparities in Women from Diverse Populations" in Light Hall, Room 208 from noon to 1 p.m.

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

Double trouble

Students face fire, drought in hometowns on opposite coasts.

Student evacuates during California wildfires.

by JUDY WANG
Contributing Reporter

Imagine going home for a peaceful fall break — only to witness the beginning of one of the most widespread fires that has ever ravaged California.

For some Vanderbilt students, that was their reality.

During a Sunday visit to the beach town Del Mar, freshman Aryeh Hillman of Carmel Valley, which is near San Diego, noticed a large amount of smoke and immediately returned home. Early the next morning, he and his family took the necessary precautions and evacuated to Los Angeles.

"It was good that we noticed and decided to evacuate, and because of that we were able to get out of San Diego in a reasonable amount of time," Hillman said.

Starting with a blaze in Malibu, the fires have now burned 785 square miles, an area twice as large as New York City. These 15 fires, which span over seven counties, have destroyed 1,875 structures, injured dozens, killed seven and forced about a half million residents to leave their homes.

For other students, like freshman Janie Park, the wildfire completely altered vacation plans. Park, who originally intended to meet relatives in New Orleans and fly back with them to Irvine, was discouraged from traveling by the news of fires across the county.

"Barely a few hours before we started off to California was when we found out about the fire, and then we just decided not to go. At that time the fire in Irvine was 0 percent contained," Park said.

Park worries not just about property damage but overall health effects from the high level of soot and ash in the air.

"Health issues, I think, are more important because a lot of people are just having trouble breathing," Park said.

For senior Chelsea Pulaski of Poway, in northern San Diego County, the wildfire hit very close to home. While Pulaski did not go back during break, her sister and grandmother were forced to evacuate from the area.

Pulaski's house survived the fire, but she knows people living only blocks away who have lost everything.

"I call my friends from that area, and about eight to 10 of them have lost their houses already," Pulaski said.

Associate Provost and Dean of Students Mark Bandas sent an e-mail to all students who have listed addresses in areas affected by the wildfires. In the e-mail he expresses his concern while notifying students that should they need assistance, the university stands ready to help. ■

—The Associated Press contributed reporting to this article.

Atlanta unprepared for 'exceptional' drought.

by EAMON CULLEN
Contributing Reporter

"Hot-lanta" has been a bit too dry over the last few months, and the effects are beginning to show.

Labeled as "exceptional," the most severe category of dry spell, the drought is one of the worst to hit the region in many years and covers the eastern half of Tennessee, a portion of North and South Carolina, and the upper half of Georgia.

Atlanta's two largest sources of water, Lake Lanier and Allatoona Lake, are many feet below normal operating capacity, and the drought has begun to take its toll on the city of 5 million.

Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue mandated last week that public utility companies and state agencies across northern Georgia decrease their water usage by 10 to 15 percent. This measure comes shortly after the official prohibition of grass watering, car washing, pressure washing and other non-essential outdoor uses of water.

Perdue has been criticized for waiting so long to institute preventative measures on water consumption.

For those who live there, it's impossible to ignore the politics involved.

"(The drought) is not worrisome in the sense that I'm worried about water running out," said senior Andrew Hard. "I'm worried about what it has exposed about the city's ability to manage itself."

Vanderbilt students who live in Atlanta generally are concerned but not overly worried.

"It doesn't affect my daily life (here at Vanderbilt)," said Hard, who said his family "is not personally affected by it."

Still, some say changes are taking place.

"It's little things that you don't really notice, but things have changed," said junior Niki Arinze.

Recently, the drought has held a more prominent place in the public eye.

"Everything they say in the paper is 'drought, drought, drought' ... It's all about the drought," Arinze said. "(Fulton County) started sending out pamphlets talking about water-saving techniques and ways to measure how much water you're using at one time, so you can reduce your water usage."

For students, recreational facilities seem to be one of the biggest sources of change.

Hard said he is no longer able to vacation at Lake Lanier, and Arinze noted the fields around her house were brown and in poor shape.

A dry forecast for this winter and fewer than three months of stored water in Lake Lanier point to an uncertain future.

"There's nothing we can do about it at this point but hope for some rain," Hard said. ■

—The Associated Press contributed reporting to this article.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEF

S.C. college student says jumping out of window as beach house burned was 'the only option'

A student who survived a beach house inferno by leaping from a third-story window said Tuesday he was not sure what woke him up, but he had to make the decision to jump quickly because smoke was filling the room.

Tripp Wylie, a student at the University of South Carolina, said he heard crackling and popping after he awoke Sunday, then opened the bedroom door, letting smoke in. He went to the window and saw flames coming from the front of the house. As it became harder to breathe, he stuck his head outside.

"You knew you had to jump at some point; that was the only option," he told ABC's "Good Morning America."

SOURCE: AP

—For more news briefs from around the world, nation and campus, see page 2.

Institutions flooded with medical school applications



LAUREN FONDRIEST / The Vanderbilt Hustler
Medical student Daniel Long and Elizabeth Conyer Long study for exams at the Eskind Biomedical Library.

by JOSLIN WOODS
Contributing Reporter

Medical school applications are on the rise nationally, and the Vanderbilt School of Medicine has felt the effects of this spike.

The number of applicants grew this year by 8.2 percent after 42,315 students applied, the highest total since 1997, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Dr. David Charles, assistant dean of admissions for the School of Medicine, said he believes more students are applying to Vanderbilt, but the numbers follow the national upward trend. "We are nowhere near the peak nationally," he said, "(but) I think the number of applications is increasing to a normal number for our nation."

Medical school applications peaked in 1996 and 1997, reaching about 47,000

nationally, but that number declined to an all-time low of less than 34,000 in 2002.

The reasons behind the increase in applications are still unclear, but Charles cited media as a potential contributing factor in the resurgence.

"Media can certainly spark an interest," he said. "It could at least be making people consider (a profession in medicine)."

Students agree that shows like "Grey's Anatomy" may have an effect on those searching for a career.

"I think the media may be currently affecting those who are looking for an area of study because they glorify the medical profession," said pre-med senior Lana Sinykin.

Please see MED SCHOOL, page 3

—To learn how to write a strong application, go to:



Taking back the night



LAUREN FONDRIEST / The Vanderbilt Hustler
Students march as part of Take Back the Night, which brings awareness to sexual violence against women. The Oct. 29 event began on Olin Lawn and ended in Centennial Park. It featured a speech by Naomi Tutu.

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compiled by SYDNEY WILMER

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FRIDAY



Sunny, 63/39

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Partly Cloudy, 64/41

VUPD CRIME LOG

compiled by SYDNEY WILMER

Monday, Oct. 29, 9 a.m.:
Person was struck in the face and grabbed by the neck on Elkin Street.

Monday Oct. 29, 3:11 p.m.:
A secured bicycle was taken from a bike rack outside of Towers East.

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

Chief Palestinian negotiator: No talks with Israel without detailed timeline for establishing state

The chief Palestinian peace negotiator threatened Tuesday that there would be no talks with Israel unless a deadline is set for establishing a Palestinian state — the first indication the Palestinians could scuttle a U.S.-sponsored peace summit over the issue.

Palestinian officials have repeatedly said they want a detailed timeline for talks that are expected to begin in earnest after a U.S.-sponsored Mideast conference in November or December. But although Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert has consistently resisted the notion of a deadline, they had never before made the matter a condition for talks.

SOURCE: AP

Suicide bomber on bicycle kills 29 in Iraqi town of Baqouba; kidnapped sheiks freed

A suicide bomber rode his bicycle into a crowd of police recruits in Baqouba on Monday, killing at least 29 people in a province that has become a battleground among U.S. forces, al-Qaida militants and Shiite radicals.

A group of Shiite and Sunni clerics, meanwhile, were rescued one day after they were kidnapped in the capital after meeting with the government to discuss how to coordinate efforts against al-Qaida in Iraq.

In a reflection of the extraordinary complexity of Iraq, the U.S. military blamed a Shiite militant for the kidnapping, in which one of the sheiks was said to have been killed.

SOURCE: AP

With U.S. Navy help, crew of ship hijacked by pirates in Somalia overpowers attackers, regains control

A U.S. Navy destroyer helped sailors who retook control of their vessel Tuesday in a deadly battle with pirates after the North Korean-flagged ship was hijacked off Somalia, the American military said.

A helicopter flew from the USS James E. Williams to investigate a phoned-in tip of a hijacked vessel and demanded by bridge-to-bridge radio that the pirates give up their weapons, the military said in a statement.

The crew of the Dai Hong Dan then overwhelmed the hijackers, leaving two pirates dead, according to preliminary reports, and five captured, the military said.

SOURCE: AP

NATION

Bush chides Congress for slow pace of spending legislation

President George W. Bush scolded lawmakers Tuesday, saying the Democratic-led Congress hasn't "seen a bill they could not solve without shoving a tax hike into it."

Bush, who has been criticized himself for government spending increases, chided Congress for failing to send him any appropriations bills even though the government started a new budget year on Oct. 1.

Bush also warned Congress not to bother sending him another version of a children's health insurance bill that he will not sign. Bush vetoed the legislation once; the House has passed a revamped version that he does not support, and the Senate is expected to take it up soon.

SOURCE: AP

Florida student zapped in scuffle at Kerry speech apologizes, avoids charges

A University of Florida student who was shocked with a Taser after persistently questioning Sen. John Kerry will avoid criminal charges by apologizing and complying with terms of a voluntary 18-month probation, authorities said Tuesday.

Andrew Meyer, 21, yelled "Don't Tase me, bro!" as he scuffled with officers during the campus speech last month. In letters to the university, its president and the campus police department, he apologized, attorney Robert Griscti said.

"I made the decision to supersede the rules, and for that I apologize," Meyer wrote. "I should have acted calmer and obeyed the directives of the officers. If I had, none of the subsequent issues would ever have arisen."

SOURCE: AP

CAMPUS

Cindy Funk, former acting director of Career Center, named director

Cindy Funk has been named director of the Career Center. Funk was hired as associate director in July 2006 and now is acting director.

"Under Cindy's leadership, the VUCC has had dramatic increases in both employer and student satisfaction while seeing significant increases in the number of students and employers using the VUCC," said Howard Sandler, associate provost of special projects.

Funk came to Vanderbilt after owning Cindy Funk and Associates, a career and human resources consulting firm in Colorado that provided services to higher education, nonprofit and corporate clients. Prior to that, she was the director of the career center at Colorado College.

SOURCE: VANDERBILT NEWS SERVICE

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Have a question? We'll answer it (or do our best to try). Send an e-mail to news@vanderbilthustler.com.

compiled by LISA GUO

QUESTION:

What are some ways to conserve energy this winter?

ANSWER:

The Environmental Protection Agency and the Pacific Gas and Electric Company have the following tips to conserve energy:

- Open your window shades and drapes to let the sun's natural warmth in during the day. At night, close them to help insulate your windows against heat loss.
- Set your thermostat to 68 degrees Fahrenheit or lower during the day and 55 degrees when you leave the house for more than four hours or before you go to bed.
- Keep warm indoors by wearing layers of lightweight clothing.



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SNAPSHOT

PAINTING PUMPKINS



ALEX HOLMES / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Sophomore Kelley Mdlhattan helps a Girl Scout troop paint pumpkins at the Kappa Delta Halloween Festival. The event, which took place Monday at the Kappa Delta house, also featured Halloween skits. Kappa Delta sorority supports Girl Scouts as one of its national philanthropies.

October is Information Security Awareness Month

Protect yourself and your computer by following these rules of the road:

1. Know that your identity and computer are a target for identity theft and malware. (Phishing, SPAM, malicious websites, and IM are all ways that hackers use to compromise your computer and eventually your identity.)
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3. Use a personal firewall for your computer (Most new computers come with a free firewall, just turn it on)
4. Patch your operating system and applications regularly. (Every second Tuesday of the each month Microsoft releases security patches for its operating systems and applications. Apply these patches)

If you are a student and need help, please call the ITS Helpdesk at 343-9999. Faculty and staff should contact your local service support staff.

MED SCHOOL:
Students worry about admission; well-rounded application important

From **MED SCHOOL**, page 1
Though increased applications often indicate higher selectivity, Charles assured students' chances of being accepted to the School of Medicine are just as good or better now than in the past.

"The competition, just based on the numbers, was far greater in the '90s," he said.

But some pre-med students said they still feel stressed about applying.

Justin Gregg, president of the Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Medical Honor Society, said he thinks pre-med students feel the competition of the medical profession today.

"For Vanderbilt students, (the pressure to do well) is always in the back of your mind. ... You really do have to perform well," he said.

Sinykin agreed, saying the stress comes from developing a standout application.

"I think the increased competitiveness elevates the stress level of many students because you have to focus on making your application stand out from everyone else who has also participated in research, volunteer work and numerous extracurricular activities in addition to having outstanding grades and MCAT scores," Sinykin said.

Pre-med senior Michael Stock said he thinks students spend too much time worrying over what they should do to look "good" to medical schools.

"If these same people had spent half that time doing something they were truly interested in or cared about, they would have put together a much more rewarding and unique set of experiences that would have made for a substantially better application and led to a better time in college," he said.

Dr. Robert Baum, head adviser in the Health Professions Advisory Office, said the office provides information to any student interested in a health profession and sponsors programs on topics such as how to create an effective application.

"I think the most effective thing is to be as strong an applicant as you can be," he said. "Clearly grades are important, but medical schools are looking for well-rounded students." ■

Students perform with Limon Dance Company

by **ADAM WEINSTEIN**
Staff Reporter

The Limon Dance Company, in its first residency at Vanderbilt, will perform with nine students tonight.

The Limon Dance Company was founded by Jose Limon, who became one of the pioneering figures in modern dance and choreography after escaping the violence of the Mexican Revolution in the early 20th century.

Limon himself passed away in

1972, but the company preserves his artistic tradition, said artistic director Karla Maxwell.

"Limon really believed that man was a golden possibility, and that these people can really make a difference," she said. "No matter what the dancers do, they've perpetuated Limon's idea for the company to go on. There will be some part of it, I know, that they'll continue carry in their lives, whether they continue dancing or not."

Just getting acquainted with the Limon form of dancing has

LIMON DANCE COMPANY PERFORMANCE
When: Tonight and Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Ingram Hall

already had a profound effect on the Vanderbilt students in the program.

"I started doing ballet when I was seven or eight, and I've been doing it ever since," said senior Julia Byrd. "But this residency is particularly important to me, and

it's a huge step for the Vanderbilt arts community."

The Missa Brevis piece, which the company will perform here at Vanderbilt, is a tribute to human resilience in the cities destroyed during World War II.

"It's so beautiful and so moving. Every time the other dancers and I watch Limon's performances, we always cry," Byrd said.

Since Vanderbilt does not offer a dance major or minor, Byrd said she hopes the show will spur enough interest to get them started.

"There's only three dance studios (at Vanderbilt)," Byrd said, "and there should be a dance major and a minor, all the other top universities have them."

Either way, the performance tonight offers a glimpse of a modern dance tradition.

"We were one of the first dance companies in America to survive their founding director," Maxwell said. "If the work weren't as strong or as meaningful to people, it wouldn't have mattered what we'd have done. There's no way it would've survived." ■

Commons Center offers new services

by **ALEX DALY**
Contributing Reporter

The Commons Center is evolving into much more than just another Peabody building — it is becoming its own unique community.

Fostering this sense of community is an eco-friendly Dining Center, a fitness space, study areas and recently introduced academic services such as the Writing Studio and tutoring.

The Commons Writing Studio, which operates Sunday through Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. in Room 217, offers a space for academic support during the evening hours, unlike the one located in Alumni Hall, which operates during the day.

A research librarian will be added as an aid to students, and tutoring will be offered.

Jennifer Holt, director of the Writing Studio, said the setting is a great place to receive guidance, learn and converse academically.

She also noted the benefits of later hours of operation, saying, "We want to be where the students are."

Tutoring will serve as very helpful service to students as well. Students meet every Tuesday from 8 to 9 p.m. for organic chemistry tutoring.

Tutor Michael Funk, a senior, said he received positive feedback about the program.

"Students are saying that they did better on their last quiz," he said.

Another service The Commons Center provides is the space itself. Couches, tables, study lounges and conference rooms all function as work areas for students.



Senior chemistry and biology major Michael Funk leads an organic chemistry tutoring session Tuesday in The Commons Center. Tutoring is just one of the many many services offered by The Commons Center. Other services include a branch office of the Writing Studio and group study areas.

The newly opened Tower Conference Room creates a space upstairs for students to study while eating meals.

"I like to go there and study because it is a very comfortable and peaceful environment, and groups of people can study there," said sophomore Jackie Konopa.

Even though The Commons Center

seems to be a success so far, Dean of The Commons Frank Wcislo said it is still a work in progress, but with the help of students, staff and faculty, The Commons Center can become Vanderbilt's very own town square: an integrated community of people working together.

"I have been here since day one, and

watching this space being used has really been fascinating," he said. ■

—To watch a video of chemistry tutoring in The Commons Center, go to:



Student videos now part of FOX News

by **LAKENDRA SCOTT**
Staff Reporter

The video reports of two Vanderbilt sophomores are now part of the FOX News network.

Sophomores Amanda Estevez and Jacquie Berger produce stories on Vanderbilt life for ThePalestra.com, a nationwide college news Web site that entered a partnership with FOX News last week.

ThePalestra.com deals with school-specific topics such as

athletics and on-campus events as well as broader campus issues. Vanderbilt joined the Palestra family this year with Estevez and Berger.

Most of Vanderbilt's clips focus on sports and Greek life. Previous clips include highlight reels from the Homecoming tailgate and the Alpha Omicron Pi Fiesta.

The duo now produces six segments each week presented on the Web site at the discretion of FOX producers.

The Web site, which has

reporters at more than 100 schools, was founded last year and works as an outlet for budding broadcast journalists to display university-related stories.

Berger said she jumped at the opportunity to work with the new Web site. While the Human Organization and Development major doesn't aspire to be a journalist, Berger believes the experience reporting will be beneficial.

"It's a good experience because I am able to meet people and

network, but I still get to learn about the production side of the entire operation," Berger said.

Berger first learned about the Web site through her ties with Vanderbilt Television and decided that the site was a good source of collegiate news.

The partnership with FOX News significantly expands ThePalestra.com's potential audience, and while the corporation's presence will be minimal at first, FOX executives said they expect the student

broadcasts to become featured on both local television and the FOX News Web site.

"The reporting is a huge time commitment, but it is definitely worth it," Berger said. "While I don't know much about the partnership with FOX News, I know it will be good for the Web site and the students." ■

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OUR VIEW

Legal system needs dose of common sense

As seniors prepare to graduate, they should take a look at the state of the world. It could use some improvement, and the responsibility to change many broken systems will increasingly fall on the shoulders of this generation. Several disturbing insufficiencies that have surfaced recently demonstrate our legal system could use some work, for example.

While the case of the "Jena 6" in Jena, La., continues to raise the issue of racial inequality in the legal system, another case in the small town of Paris, Texas, highlights, perhaps more clearly, the very same issue. Two years ago, Shaquanda Cotton, then 14 years old, was jailed for up to seven years for pushing a teaching assistant who tried to prevent her from entering the local high school. Student witnesses testified that, in fact, the teaching assistant pushed Cotton first and that white students had been allowed to enter the building. Cotton was initially denied parole for reasons her mother rightly called

"ludicrous," but she was later released when a study revealed many Texas juveniles had been denied parole for trivial reasons.

Genarlow Wilson, now 21 years old, represents another prominent, questionable case. Wilson, released after serving two years of a 10-year mandatory minimum sentence, was jailed for having consensual oral sex with a 15-year-old female when he was 17. Oddly, if Wilson had engaged in sexual intercourse with the girl, he would have been subject to a much lighter sentence under Georgia law. Wilson was freed when the state Supreme Court ruled his sentence "constitutes cruel and unusual punishment."

While the legal system needs to make sure it adheres to standards of racial equality, these cases demonstrate even more clearly it needs a boost of common sense. Hopefully, students will consider how they can provide it as many of them prepare to attend law school.



Don Wright—MCT

LETTER

Campaign finance laws need reform

To the Editor:

The recent slew of lobbying and congressional scandals has made one thing painfully clear in American politics: Our elected officials are more attuned to the concerns of wealthy donors and special interests than they are to the concerns of the American people. When candidates must spend such a large portion of their time "dialing for dollars" instead of dealing with the concerns of voters, when incumbency guarantees over 90 percent re-election, and when the current political spoils system is sadly reminiscent of the Boss Tweed era, it is easy to see why cynicism and apathy seem to be pervading the attitudes of Americans young and old alike. When it seems that our elected officials are bought and paid for, it's no wonder voter turnout is so abysmally low.

Though it is easy to dismiss the problems of corruption in politics as trite or inevitable, there is an alternative. Democracy Matters is a student organization advocating the implementation of clean elections in American politics, in which candidates could choose to forego private money in their campaigns, and thus they would be beholden to no one but the voters. The option of using public funding would be voluntary, thereby preserving first amendment rights concerning political speech. In Maine and Arizona, where such systems are already in place, voter turnout has increased, the number of competitive races has diminished and the number of minority and third party candidates has increased after the implementation of clean elections.

If you would like to learn more about the issues involved in the public financing of elections and the influence of money in politics, there is a great opportunity for you to do so Nov. 1, at 7 p.m. in Buttrick Hall, Room 101. Democracy Matters is hosting "Money on My Mind: Vanderbilt Professors Discuss Money in Politics." There, professors Stephen Buckles, John Lachs, Leonard Bradley and Cliff Lippard will give their thoughts on the issues relating to clean elections, campaign spending and the influence of money in politics.

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LETTER

Religious people must get off high horse, start living in reality

To the Editor:

In responding to the article "Religious reactionaries prevent global spread of democracy," Theodore Samets 'argues' from the viewpoint of a standard devout Christian. Unfortunately, however, his letter is typical of that type of person: A jumble of assertions and fallacies that amount to a passionate but highly illogical rebuttal of a nonreligious account. It's time that Samets and religious people in general get off their high horse and start living in the real world.

I consider myself a practicing Catholic. However, in high school, I discarded the childish belief that my religion is "superior" to others; I accepted that forcing my religion on others is both foolish and unfair.

However, many religious people still continue this destructive trend either explicitly, like the religious zealots that frequent the news, or implicitly, like Samets does in his argument. By arguing using religious justifications instead of logical ones, he forces his opponents to argue on terms they cannot. This type of emotional appeal (instead of rational argument) is destructive because it is unfair to those who are either not of that particular religion or those who are not religious at all. The people who are not of that religion can't argue on the same grounds. What's the alternative? We've used it for millennia: logic. This is much more preferable because it allows for argumentation that all rational people can use instead

of the exclusive argumentation of the religious.

In his letter, Samets presents an argument devoid

“Don't get me wrong — I don't see a problem with religion as a public or private institution. I recognize that my religion (or, more precisely, the morals I derive from my religion) is a-logical instead of illogical; logic and religion operate on different levels. I believe religion is legitimate on its own terms. I do not believe, however, religion can be used to argue with the non-religious.”

of logic. A prime example is his take on abortion. The amount of literature that has been written on

abortion could fill up Vandy's library, yet Samets does not even feel that his position deserves a warrant. He assumes he is right based on his convictions, and as rational readers we cannot refute what he is saying on his level. Even more comical is his treatment of Marx; he treats the thinker in a completely negative light when any political theorist at Vanderbilt can (and probably has) write a paper on his contributions to political thought. His assumptions are typical of someone who argues from religion, and the flaws in the argument become hard to point out, as it is taboo to question someone's religion.

Don't get me wrong — I don't see a problem with religion as a public or private institution. I recognize that my religion (or, more precisely, the morals I derive from my religion) is a-logical instead of illogical; logic and religion operate on different levels. I believe religion is legitimate on its own terms. I do not believe, however, religion can be used to argue with the non-religious, and it's about time people like Samets come to that realization quickly. Doing that will increase the chances atheist intellectuals dismiss the majority of religious people as irrational.

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Submitted in response to:
"Religious reactionaries prevent global spread of democracy"
 by Chris Davis

Please

Submitted by Michael Wilt on Saturday, Oct. 27 — 20:54.

"These people in reality aren't concerned about religious messages of well-being and happiness; they are only concerned with the capitalist domination of the masses and the resources of the world."

Possibly one of the dumbest statements I've read in The Hustler, and there have been quite a few over the years. While the rest of your article alternated between the obvious and propaganda, this takes the cake. The capitalist domination of the masses? LOL. OK.

What's the most outrageous, though, is comparing the religious right in the United States to the radical extremists of Islam. Clearly, opposing abortion (denying women their rights to the bodies, as you put it), is the same as denying women the right to vote, the right to wear makeup or walk around in public. Clearly the religious Christian right in the U.S. is similar to the Islamic extremists who behead people for the smallest of offenses. Clearly.

If only you give it a name, it must be true. Therefore, all religious "reactionaries" are alike. Maybe your "united international working class" will solve this when the Soviet Union returns.

THE VERDICT

Stand and be judged by the Hustler opinion staff!
 Compiled by Reeve Hamilton

Haiti		Though not given credit until now, this tiny Caribbean country was, in fact, the original gateway to America — for AIDS!
Warren Buffet		Billionaire actually wants to pay more taxes. He doesn't want a reward for having more than everyone else? How novel.
Craigslist		Woman answers Internet advertisement for babysitting position and becomes murder victim ... Happy Halloween?
Porter Wagoner and Robert Goulet		These singers have little in common besides passing on in the same week, but they will both be missed — mostly by older folks.
Cali Kalischmidt		Trampled cheerleader turned YouTube sensation can take a hit. But, is this really how she wants to spend her 15 minutes?
Stephen Colbert		Begins exclusively South Carolinian presidential bid and media bows to his popularity. War? Fires? Who cares? Colbert!
Waterboarding		Attorney General nominee Michael Mukasey unsure if "repugnant" practice is torture. Maybe he'd like to try it for himself.

COLUMN

FEMA remains consistent, fails at job

SOO YANG
 Columnist

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has once again failed to serve the American people. Unlike in Katrina, where bureaucratic incompetence was the cause, the agency's tactless and dangerous attempt to mute criticism, manipulate public sentiment and distort truth has brought our government to a new nadir.

During the recent episodes of wildfires in Southern California, FEMA authorities decided to hold a press conference after notifying the media only 15 minutes before the actual meeting. Since no media representatives were present, the agency offered the major media outlets with listen-only phone lines, which effectively prohibited media from directly questioning the FEMA officials.

Furthermore, staff from the agency, posing as media, conducted the press conference with Harvey Johnston, the deputy administrator of FEMA. With poise and style, the actors used all the theatrics of press meetings and journalistic dialogue to create a suspension of disbelief for the naïve observer. Unlike the press conferences led by real media, the questions were undemanding, if not flattering, and the response seemed

strangely automated. The content of questions jumped from the technical differentiation between emergency declaration and major disaster declaration to a thinly veiled approval of FEMA's leadership.

Expectedly, there was never a question about two dozen water-dropping aircrafts near the fire zone that remained immobilized due to government protocols and bureaucracy. Similarly, there was never a question about the formaldehyde-contaminated trailers issued to the displaced victims. In short, there remained many unasked questions that could have raised serious concerns, prompted vital changes and improved the overall relief effort.

It is still unknown if this fake conference was premeditated or purely coincidental. Nevertheless, these meaningless questions painted an overwhelmingly positive picture of FEMA's new sense of competence and responsibility in the backdrop of the recent natural tragedy. By opting not to discuss the issue of unused aircrafts and contaminated trailers, FEMA has conveniently created a world where those truths no longer exist. In doing so, the agency, rather than fully committing itself to serve the people, exploited this event as a political opportunity for a political benefit. It is true FEMA's response measurably improved when compared to their sluggish reaction a couple

years ago. However, it is also true that the victims of the wildfire represented upper-middle class America while most of victims of Katrina were of lower economic caste. Along the same lines, it is true that FEMA had plenty of time to learn from the Katrina blunder before the wildfire started. In other words, FEMA should not be applauded for their efforts that were long overdue and potentially biased. Especially, their flagrant manipulation of public opinion reveals that this agency is still not fit to serve the country in times when we need them the most.

Sadly, it is not too surprising that our own government has reverted to such boorish tactics when our current administration has an unrivaled history of cronyism, partisanship, ineptitude and corruption. However, it is a bit alarming that our leaders are either carelessly or intentionally promoting the same state-sponsored media that is practiced religiously in China, Iran, North Korea and Orwell's Oceania. As shown, America, the world's self-proclaimed protector of freedom and democracy, is not immune to such totalitarian tendencies. If our own government cannot overcome those toxic affinities for control, power and distortion of truth, the responsibility rests on us to ensure that Orwell's prophecies remain a work of fiction.

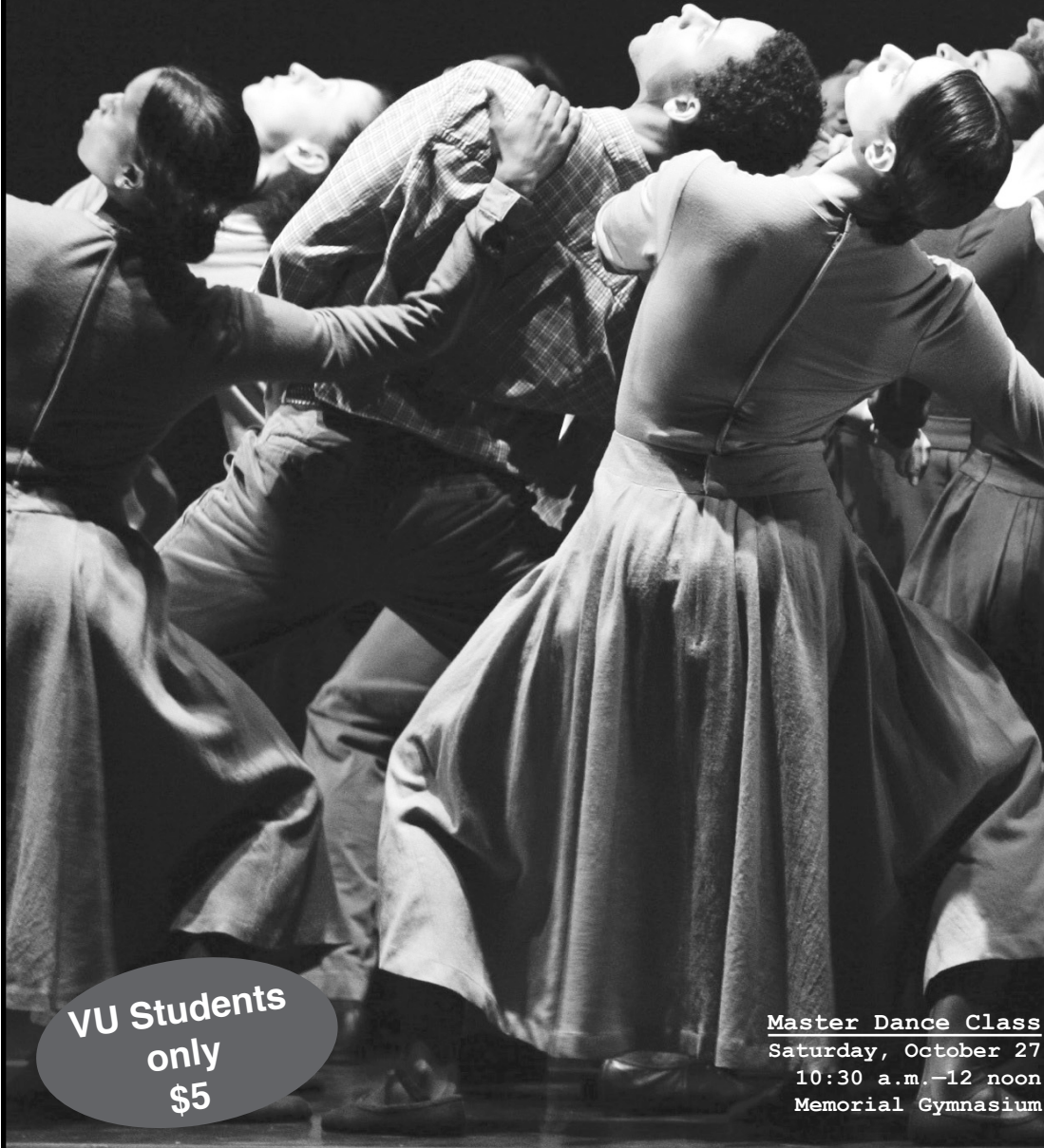
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SPORTS

Commodores unconcerned with bowl talk

by ANDREW HARD
Sports Reporter

Despite being on the cusp of bowl eligibility with four games remaining, the Commodores (5-3, 2-3 Southeastern Conference) won't find themselves scratching and clawing for that elusive victory that would bring them out of their 25-year postseason drought. To think like that might suggest they are satisfied with simply getting to six wins, even if additional games remain.

Vanderbilt knows the toughest part of its schedule is ahead, with all four opponents ranked in the top 25 either this week or last — Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee and Wake Forest. Still, there is only one opponent on its mind and only one goal: Get win No. 6 this week.

"Right now, we just need one (victory), and that's Florida," said coach Bobby Johnson. "That's enough to think about, if you see the kind of team they've got. We know the (bowl) situation. We're not ignoring it, but you just have to go one at a time."

Realistically, six victories will probably not be enough for Vanderbilt to actually earn a bowl berth, as the SEC only has 8 bowl tie-ins available. There could be as many as 11 eligible SEC teams, with Ole Miss as the lone exception.

That's why the Commodores will just concentrate on playing football.

"We like the situation we're in, and we'll do our very best to win nine games, not just six," Johnson said. "As important as it is, we don't run around thinking about a bowl every week."

Vanderbilt needed just two wins in its final seven games to qualify for a bowl in 2005 and failed to do so, finishing 5-6. The players intend to change that this season.

"You have so much excitement in you, just the eagerness to play the next game," said center Hamilton Holliday. "It's exciting, but it's not that you want to talk about it because you want to get out there and just do it."

Considering who the Commodores would have to beat to get there, wins six and seven would undoubtedly taste especially sweet, even to the coach who's taking it one game at a time.

DEPTH MASKS INJURIES, HELPS SCOUT TEAM: Looking at the number of players injured in Vanderbilt's 24-13 victory over Miami (Ohio) Saturday, the fact it didn't miss a beat in replacing

says a lot about the depth of the program.

The Commodores went three-deep at quarterback after Mackenzi Adams and Chris Nickson went down. Darlron Spead and Myron Lewis missed action in the secondary, but veterans Jared Fagan and Josh Allen filled in admirably.

"When I first got here, at the end of the season, we were looking maybe to go in the student body and find some people to play," Johnson said jokingly.

Johnson has built this program to the point where the Commodores can withstand injuries at virtually every position. Vanderbilt has gone eight deep on the defensive line, seven deep in the secondary, and six deep at wide receiver without a huge drop off.

Recruiting has played a huge role in accumulating such talent, but equally important is the retention of upperclassmen in a developing program.

"If you keep seniors in your program, every year you have some fifth- and fourth-year seniors leading your team," Johnson said. "That means you're retaining your guys, and they're doing well in school. We have more depth than we had when I first got here, more options to go to when we get hurt."

TOUGH TASK FOR STOUT 'D': Quietly, the Vanderbilt defense is becoming one of the best in the country. After eight games, it has allowed only 301 yards per game, good for 14th nationally.

"It's definitely not a fluke," said defensive tackle Gabe Hall. "We practice harder than any team in the nation, so I feel like we play the game before Saturday even gets here."

That will be tough to simulate this week, as Vanderbilt goes up against the leading passer in quarterback ratings, in the country. Sophomore Tim Tebow also leads Florida in rushing, proving himself as a Heisman front-runner.

"When he runs, he's not like a normal quarterback," Johnson said. "He runs like a fullback or halfback and throws as well as a quarterback."

Still, Johnson will not have to abandon some of the things Vanderbilt has done so well the last three weeks. The focus is still on rattling the quarterback and forcing him into making bad decisions.

"I hope we can get some pressure on him, make him get out of his rhythm and have to throw quicker than he wants to," Johnson said. "We believe in what we're doing right now, and I don't see any reason to change."

The way Vanderbilt's defense is playing right now, it might not have to. ■



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Forget bowl games, running back Jared Hawkins and the rest of the Commodores have their sights set on Florida this weekend.

TOP 10 WAYS TO DOMINATE YOUR FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Fall is here and with it the long awaited return of football. But before you stumble blindly into another mediocre flag football experience, check out 10 ways to dominate the league this year. Follow these tips, and you'll be on your way to your own championships.

by MAX MOYER
Alumni Contributor

1. The Pitch

If your league calls the ball dead when it hits the ground (and most do), you absolutely must take advantage of the lateral — it can turn a loss of yards into a touchdown. Every play, your players should be thinking pitch.

2. A Powerful Rush

Don't make the mistake of using "leftover" players as rushers. Instead, use your best athletes to rush — it will pay off. A nasty rush can completely neutralize a QB and demoralize the opposing offense.

3. Adjustments

A flexible team is a winning team. Spend time planning so you're not trying to invent your strategy on the field. Here are some things to develop:
A plan for an overwhelming rush (releasing blockers, quick passes, pitches)
A plan for a team that doesn't rush (QB sneaks, two-move routes)
A dominant defense (zone or man, blitzes, audibles)
A plan to handle a fast, shifty QB (extra rushers)

4. A Good Playbook

Nine times out of 10 a good scheme will beat raw athleticism. You need organization and plays.

5. Simple Rotations

If you have a big team, game-time rotation can become utter chaos. Figure out an efficient, organized way to substitute players through. Avoid team politics by spreading the talent around the rotation instead of having your "starters" out first. A backup squad with no playmakers is useless to put out on the field at almost any point in the game.

6. Defense

Defense wins championships. Generally, teams of five or fewer should be playing a man-to-man defense unless the field is small. A zone can work with a bigger team. Every defense will have its weak spots, but giving the QB too much time is unacceptable. So send your rushers as often as you can, and use the blitz aggressively to keep the QB on the run. Also, a zone will completely fall apart if your defenders don't stick to their spots.

7. Timing

This, unfortunately, requires practice. But if your QB can master a handful of routes (or even a couple), throwing just as the receiver cuts, you can build a championship offense. A QB who can pair accuracy and timing can't be stopped.

8. Rhythm

Everyone wants to chuck it deep. While there is much to be said for having some long plays in your arsenal, by and large, you will fare much better with shorter, consistent plays. A relentless short game will wear down the defense much more effectively than a few long plays, and successive completions batter the opponents' psyche as well.

9. Experiment early

Regardless of how good your scheme is entering the season, you will be better if you adjust after each game. Each team has its own chemistry. Building on the concept of flexibility, try as many plays and schemes as you can early in the season, but by playoff time you should have distilled down what works best for your team. After a few weeks of regular season play, you should know what works and what looked better on paper than on the field.

10. Flag Pulling

Nothing is more important in flag football than being able to pull the flag. Again, nothing is more important in flag football than being able to pull the flag. This sounds dumb, but time and time again, short dump passes turn into touchdowns because of missed pulls. Try the following:

- Don't wait flat-footed: If you wait for the ball carrier to pass at full speed while you flail and swipe at the flags, you are setting yourself up for disaster. Instead, meet the ball carrier as early as possible and move with the ball carrier while you pull the flags.
- Get in the way: Most flag leagues do not allow (much) contact. That is why it can be especially helpful to stand in the way of the ball carrier while trying to pull the flag. They can't bull you over; they have to go around. This slows them down and gives you more time to pull the flag.
- Pursuit: If everyone on your team pursues the play, you will win more games. You'll have fewer breakaways because if one guy misses the flag, another is right there.

Vols get back in SEC hunt

by ZAC SUGARMAN
Sports Reporter

Somehow Tennessee finds itself back in the thick of the Southeastern Conference Eastern Division after kicker Daniel Lincoln connected on a game-tying 48-yard field goal as time expired and again on a 27-yard field goal in the first overtime to give South Carolina its second straight loss.

The Gamecocks extended their scoreless touchdown streak to six quarters as they trailed 21-0 at halftime. While they rallied to take a 24-21 lead, coach Steve Spurrier's squad now faces an uphill climb, falling to 3-3 in the SEC and 6-3 overall.

GEORGIA STUNS FLORIDA IN THE SWAMP: For just the third time in the last 18 tries, Georgia managed to beat rival Florida and did so convincingly.

While Tim Tebow continued his Heisman run with three touchdowns, the quarterback's sore shoulder resulted in -15 yards on the ground. Following the Gators' third loss in the last four games, they have fallen out of contention in the SEC East while Georgia ought to like its chances the rest of the season, facing only one ranked opponent in its final four games — Auburn at home.

MISSISSIPPI STATE ONE SHY OF BOWL ELIGIBILITY: Kentucky's six second-half turnovers against the Bulldogs undoubtedly eliminated Andre Woodson from the Heisman running. Kentucky seemed to be the team to beat in the SEC East after upsetting then-No. 1 LSU, but has since lost consecutive conference games. Mississippi State, however, looks to earn its sixth victory against Alabama, Arkansas or Ole Miss.

Considering Ole Miss is 0-6 in the SEC West, coach Sylvester Croom's squad appears to have a very good chance of going bowling.

AUBURN MAKES A CASE: While the 19th-ranked Tigers needed all four quarters and late interception in the end zone to deny Ole Miss its first conference win, all that matters is the victory. After a heartbreaking loss to LSU the previous week, Auburn could potentially determine both the SEC East and West champions when it faces Georgia and Alabama in the last two games of the season.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT: Georgia's entire sideline rushed the field towards the endzone after running back Knowshon Moreno scored a first-quarter touchdown, an act that coach Mark Richt admitted he encouraged and then later apologized for. ... Florida International held Arkansas running back Darren McFadden to his second lowest rushing total of the season. ... Kentucky coach Rich Brooks referred to his team's loss to Mississippi State as an "all systems failure..." South Carolina lost despite a season high 501 yards of total offense. ■

COLUMN

Fans need to enjoy moment

ALEX BARD
Guest Columnist

Before I begin, a quick disclaimer: Yes, I am a Boston fan (the kind you hate), and yes, I will discuss the Red Sox, but rest assured the focus is broader than the ridiculous dominance of Boston sports this year.

Did I mention the Red Sox just won the World Series? OK, I'll stop.

My story begins with a phone call to my father Monday morning after the Sox swept the Rockies.

My phone was a little sticky from the champagne bath the night before. OK, seriously, I'll stop.

We talked about the win for roughly one minute before he asked, "Are we gonna re-sign Lowell or go after A-Rod?"

I had to stop him after five minutes of discussing everything from how long to sign Jacoby Ellsbury to what we should do with Mirabelli if Wakefield retires.

That's when it hit me — we couldn't even enjoy a World Series victory, our second in four years (OK, now you must really hate me), for a full day before contemplating problems for next year's team.

The scary thing was, over the course of the day, I had roughly the same conversation with a handful of others, even discussing the merits of Joe Girardi with a Yankee fan.

This trend can be seen throughout sports nowadays, whether it's debating which team is most beatable — Florida, Kentucky or Tennessee — instead of celebrating the football team's current win streak or checking NBADraft.net to keep up with Aussie freshman A.J. Ogilvy's draft status.

The danger here is that, in the modern 24-hour news cycle, much of the pleasure has disappeared from sports.

It has been replaced by groups of talking heads analyzing every aspect of sports worth mentioning (and many which aren't worth mentioning), which in turn has transformed the rest of us into imitations of these so-called analysts.

Gone is the enjoyment of watching Tiger

Woods roll home a championship-clinching putt on the 18th green. Now we must discuss and worry about whether he can complete the Grand Slam this year.

Gone is the awe of watching an athlete like LeBron James take over the fourth quarter of a playoff game.

This spectacle is replaced in our minds by an analysis of how the Spurs might stop him in the Finals, or how many Michael Jordan could have put up against this year's Pistons in his prime.

Gone is the delight in the story of the underdog, as Boise St. upsets Oklahoma with a number of surreal plays and proves their worth in the world of college football.

Now we must consider how they stack up against Florida or Ohio State, or whether they could go undefeated in a major conference.

Gone is the beauty of the game. I can remember watching a Red Sox game in September where a young rookie named Clay Buchholz, in only his second major league start, was throwing a no-hitter.

And in the eighth inning, during one of the most exciting happenings in all of sports, the commentators were discussing Buchholz's pitch

count and whether pitching a complete game would hurt his future as a Red Sox starter.

Granted I wasn't in the dugout with Buchholz during the game, but I have a feeling that this thought never even crossed his mind.

That is the current problem in the world of sports, but this is not something that is insurmountable.













Just look at the face of an athlete in the heat of the moment or in the celebratory moments afterward, and you can appreciate what sports are really about — not just what Tony and Mike tell you to think about on "Pardon the Interruption" every afternoon.

And so I urge us all to stop worrying about the next play, the next game or even the next year and appreciate the present moments.

It would be foolish to do anything otherwise, and I would know. I'm from Boston. ■

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SEC POWER RANKINGS Compiled by Eric Silver

	1. LSU 7-1 (4-1 SEC) The Tigers are coming off a bye week after beating Auburn two weeks ago on a last-second touchdown to stay in the national title hunt.
	2. Georgia 6-2 (4-2) Two weeks after squeaking past Vandy, the Bulldogs, led by freshman Knowshon Moreno's 188 rushing yards, beat the defending national champs for only the third time in their last 18 tries.
	3. Alabama 6-2 (4-1) Left for dead a few weeks ago, the Crimson Tide have clawed their way up to our No. 3 spot this week following a bye and a 41-17 drubbing of Tennessee two weeks ago. Good luck to Nick Saban and company in trying to repeat that performance this week against LSU.
	4. Auburn 6-3 (4-2) Another team that has turned their season around, the Tigers have won five of their last six, with their lone loss coming to LSU. Should have no problem beating Tennessee Tech this weekend.
	5. Tennessee 5-3 (3-2) The Volunteers are possibly the hardest team to get a read on in the SEC. Last weekend, they decided to show up, beating No. 16 South Carolina. But blowout losses to Alabama and Florida prevent them from being higher on our list.
	6. Florida 5-3 (3-3) Florida's offense is for real, but its defense sure isn't. It should be interesting to see how a banged up Tim Tebow will fare against Vandy's airtight defense Saturday.
	7. South Carolina 6-3 (3-3) Steve Spurrier, find a quarterback! The platoon of incumbent starter Blake Mitchell and freshman Chris Smelley just isn't working, although Mitchell did fare well in the second half against the Vols.
	8. Kentucky 6-3 (2-3) What happened? Two weeks ago, the Wildcats were 6-1 and ranked seventh in the BCS. Now, they find themselves out of the top 25 following a 31-14 thrashing at the hands of Mississippi State.
	9. Mississippi State 5-4 (2-3) Perhaps the most surprising team in the SEC, the Bulldogs are 5-4 and thinking bowl game.
	10. Vanderbilt 5-3 (2-3) A testament to the strength of the SEC: Vandy, enjoying one of its greatest seasons in recent memory and two weeks removed from beating the No. 6 team in the land, is buried at the bottom of the power rankings. Kudos to Earl Bennett though, who broke the SEC career receptions record halfway through his junior year.
	11. Arkansas 5-3 (1-3) If the Razorbacks want to play in the postseason, Darren McFadden must run for more than 61 yards like he did on Saturday against 0-8 Florida International.
	12. Ole Miss 2-7 (0-6) The undisputed best team in the SEC is LSU. The next 10 teams are all solid and can beat each other on any given day. Then there is Ole Miss.

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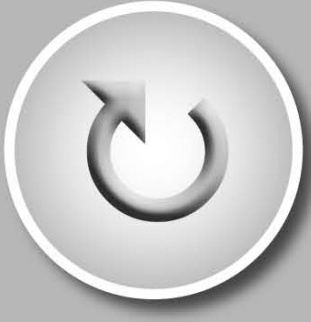
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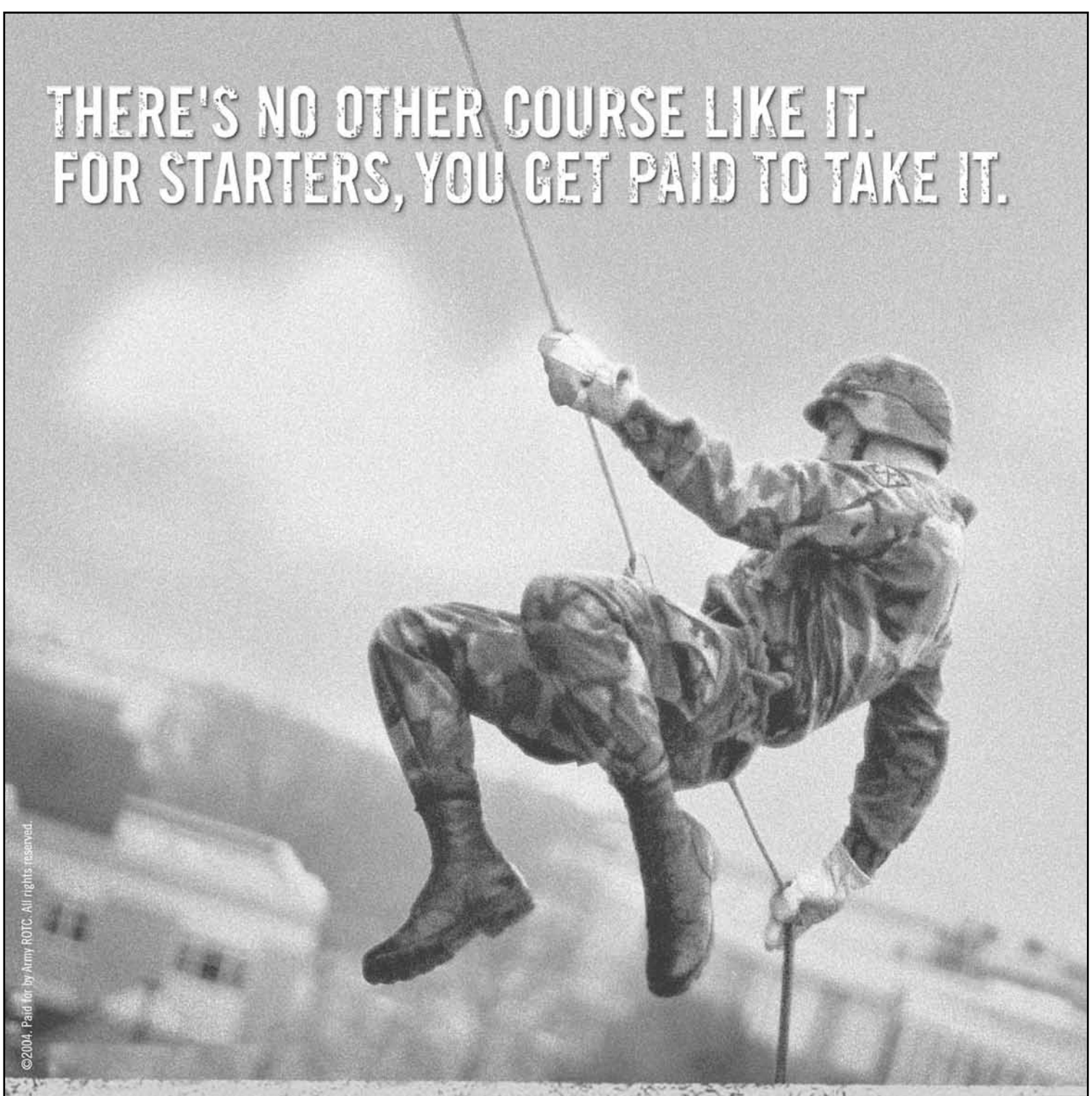
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ACROSS

- Run-down
- Small boys
- Summit
- Embankment
- Disembarked
- Roe source
- Scene of the action
- "Fame" star
- Kong, for one
- Great weight
- Carl or Rob
- Otherwise
- Biting fly
- Advanced on all fours
- Rue
- Part of a dance
- Plaits
- Veteran
- Distinctive doctrines
- Random choice
- Brood

DOWN

- Louver piece
- Saarin of Finland
- Tied
- Winter quarters
- Pined
- Unspoken
- Arkin or King
- As the crow flies
- Played lead
- To one side
- Cold snap
- Parson's dwelling
- Finished the lawn
- Grub
- Ground grain
- Suitable
- Score-producing
- Scottish Gaelic
- Recess activity
- Carols
- Picture in the mind

ACROSS

- More than miffed
- Ascended
- Ceases
- Aerie builders
- Legal permit
- Model Moss
- Adam's grandson
- Straying
- Like Abner
- Pauper's plea
- Pronto letters
- More than miffed
- Notoriety
- Bill of fare
- Roof overhang
- Type of dive
- State of irritation
- Quantities of paper

DOWN

- Richard of "Night Court"
- Fencer's foil
- Cincinnati's nine
- "The Ugly Duckling" writer
- Coop parent
- Pants measurements
- Playwright O'Casey
- More malicious
- Toronto team, tersely
- Acquired family member
- Bottom half of a semicolon
- German industrial city
- Inoperative
- Delhi princess
- Volcano output
- Carols
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- Not quite as much
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