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THE WALL

compiled by REBECCA TYRRELL

TODAY

Accessorize for a Cause and Dodecs

Fashion for a Cause presents Accessorize for a Cause at 7 p.m. in Ingram Hall. Local and student vendors will sell jewelry, cosmetics and clothing. A portion of the sales will benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee. A Dodecs concert will follow at 8 p.m.

TODAY

Mayfield Lecture Series

The Mayfield community and the Office of the Dean of Students will present the first installment of a new lecture series from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Furman Hall, Room 114. The lecture will feature Chris Barbic, a Vanderbilt alumnus, who will speak on his experiences with inner-city education.

TODAY AND TUESDAY

Taste of Asia tickets

Taste of Asia tickets will be on sale on the Wall and at the door Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. in the Board of Trust room.

TUESDAY, NOV. 13

Genocide lecture

Alpha Delta Pi sorority, with several other organizations, will present "Actions Speak Louder Than Words: An Introduction to Genocide and How You Can Help" at 7 p.m. in the Ben Schulman Center for Jewish Life.

TUESDAY, NOV. 13

'Witness to Innocence'

Amnesty International presents "Witness to Innocence," a documentary on the first hate crime after Sept. 11, in Wilson Hall, Room 103 at 6 p.m. A reception and panel discussion will follow.

THIS WEEK

YouTube/CNN Debate

The Election Alliance '08 will tape student questions for the GOP YouTube/CNN Debate on the Wall Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The questions will be posted on YouTube and used in the Nov. 28 debate if selected.

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

From student to soldier

Iraq deployment forces senior Daniel Crowell to trade 'Vanderbubble' for battlefield.

by SYDNEY WILMER
Asst News Editor

Daniel Crowell will get the chance to practice the Arabic he has studied for over two years, though not during a typical study abroad experience.

Crowell, a 21-year-old senior and lance corporal in the United States Marine Corps Reserves, has been called to active duty and withdrawn from Vanderbilt to deploy to Iraq.

"When I found out, I was shocked, but from the time I enlisted I knew this was a possibility," the Islamic studies minor said. "It is sort of the application of everything I have done for the last three and a half years."

His unit has been called to Iraq five times since the war began in 2003. But he said "it doesn't really hit you until you get that letter."

Crowell has tried to focus more on his personal life since that day, he said, marrying his high school sweetheart, a student at Western Kentucky University, two weeks ago.

"My wife and I have always planned on getting married when we both finished undergrad," Crowell said. "When this came up, we saw no reason to put it off."

Crowell said he enlisted in the Reserves rather than ROTC for the frontline exposure and help with graduate school payments.

The chance to see a "highly politicized" war in human terms strikes him as most

important, though.

"College-age students forget that the vast majority of soldiers over there putting their lives on the line are their peers," Crowell said. "We get this false sense of distance from these people. We are the same. Not so long ago, we would all be in the same boat on the same path."

Many students "see the conflict as an entity in and of itself, a wad, a faceless mass," not a conflict made up of human lives, he said.

But this problem extends beyond Vanderbilt to encompass society in general.

Crowell attributes the disconnect partly to culture but also noted a limited Middle Eastern studies program shares the blame.

"You always hear about the 'Vanderbubble,' where we are isolated from Nashville, but by extension, we are also isolated from the rest of world," he said. "Vanderbilt itself doesn't give its students a deep look into the Middle East. Unless Vanderbilt students actively pursue (the topic) apart from Vanderbilt, Vanderbilt lets them down."

Crowell hopes to find answers to many academic questions in Iraq, but for now, he said he tries to keep an open mind about what he will learn.

"I don't have any grand statements about all of this. This is something I thought I needed to do. I am just one of many that are proud to go there."

"It is in no way exceptional." ■



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—To listen to a podcast of Crowell's interview, go to:



New biography paints Vanderbilt founder in ambiguous light

by KELLY SWOPE
Staff Reporter

Flipping through the preface to Cornelius Vanderbilt's new biography, the reader finds an immoral financial juggernaut with few concerns beyond his private ambitions.

Edward J. Renehan Jr.'s "Commodore," the first re-evaluation of Vanderbilt's life since 1942, focuses deeply on the ambiguity of the entrepreneur's professional self and the untold secrets of his personal life, including his many affairs and a chronic case of syphilis that led to dementia.

With the recent publication of Renehan's biography, many students are revisiting their perspectives on the legacy of their university's founder.

Sophomore Katie Klein first learned

about the commodore in an American history class in high school. She said he was always portrayed as a sort of "robber baron," doing whatever it took to gain wealth and recognition.

Klein also said she did not think the university likes to connect its endeavors to the legacy of Vanderbilt.

"He doesn't really have a good image. They've almost separated the name from him," she said in reference to his lifelong quest for wealth.

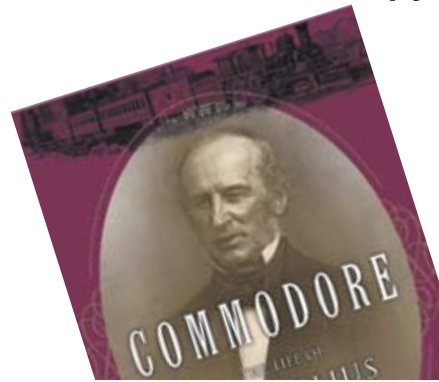
According to Renehan, Vanderbilt admitted he had an "insane" pursuit of wealth, a trait that allegedly shaped him into a massive public figure with minute private concerns.

Little is mentioned of Vanderbilt's philanthropic gift to start the Central University of Nashville, later renamed Vanderbilt University.

Many of Vanderbilt's contemporaries considered the \$1 million gift to be the "greatest philanthropic gift in American history" to that date, Renehan wrote.

Yet more than 130 years later there is skepticism about that donation, since Vanderbilt never visited the university that bears his name.

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CAMPUS NEWS BRIEF

VUPD officer found dead in home

Family of a Vanderbilt police officer found him shot to death Tuesday night, according to Vanderbilt University Police Department.

Police in Murfreesboro arrived at Officer David Carey's home 12:15 a.m. Wednesday, finding him dead from an apparent "self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head," a press release says.

His death is being investigated. Murfreesboro officers went to Carey's residence at 8:40 p.m. Tuesday at the request of VUPD, who wanted Carey to get in touch with his agency about a family emergency, but the officers failed to make contact with him.

—For world and national news briefs, turn to page 2.

Week teaches international awareness

by EVE ATTERMANN
Asst News Editor

Students can travel the world this week without leaving Vanderbilt.

In an effort to promote global awareness and conscience, International Student and Scholar Services and the Vanderbilt International Office are coordinating International Education Week, an annual initiative of the U.S. Department of State and U.S. Department of Education.

International Education Week will be comprised of a series of films, country spotlights, discussion sections, lectures and cultural expositions for students interested in broadening their global perspective.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

Monday
Kickoff 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Student Life Center, Suite 103
TARAB Middle Eastern Musical Experience 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Rand Terrace
Country Spotlight: Argentina 4 to 5 p.m., Sarratt 189
Tuesday
Experiencing the Taste of Turkish Culture 12 to 1 p.m. Sarratt 189
Country Spotlight: South Africa 4 to 5 p.m. Sarratt 189
—For a full calendar of International Education Week events, go to www.vanderbilt.edu/iss

Dancing Deltas



ALEX HOLMES / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Seniors Kristen Hendricks and Erin Crosby, members of Delta Delta Delta sorority, support a sister during their annual benefit, Delta Underground. The Sunday event benefited the Monroe Carrell Jr. Children's Hospital.

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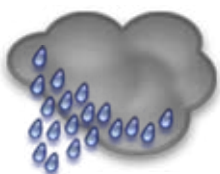
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TUESDAY



Partly Cloudy, 74/59

WEDNESDAY



Showers, 71/46

THURSDAY



Sunny, 58/40

VUPD CRIME LOG

compiled by REBECCA TYRRELL

Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2 a.m.:
Subject reported suspicious person hanging around vehicles near the Kappa Delta house.

Wednesday, Nov. 7, 7:57 p.m.:
Subject was jumping in front of cars near the Starbucks parking lot. Upon observation, the subject was found to possess drug equipment and was arrested for a drug equipment possession violation and trespassing.

Thursday, Nov. 8, 1 a.m.:
Subject was stopped at 21st Avenue South and Blakemore Avenue for driving with an expired tag. Upon checking, the subject admitted to having a small amount of drugs in her possession.

Thursday, Nov. 8, 2:30 a.m.:
A student's bicycle was stolen from a bike rack near West Hall.

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

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The news you need — in brief

compiled by REBECCA TYRRELL

WORLD

Board at Colorado State considers changes to publications policy

Following a well-publicized and controversial newspaper editorial criticizing President George W. Bush, a publications board at a public university in Colorado is considering revising its bylaws to allow newspaper staffers to be punished for publishing what the board deems indecent material.

Currently, the bylaws governing the Board of Student Communications at Colorado State University at Fort Collins say officials cannot "censor or punish the occasional use of indecent, vulgar or so called 'four-letter' words in student publications."

The proposal aims to remove the phrase "or punish" from the line in the "protected speech" section of its bylaws.

SOURCE: STUDENT PRESS LAW CENTER

—To read the Hustler Editorial Board's reaction, see *Our View*, page 4.

SOURCE: AP

Chinese safety watchdog says checks confirm 'date-rape' drug-related substance on recalled toy beads

China's safety watchdog confirmed Saturday toy beads recalled in the United States and Australia after sickening children contain a substance that can turn into a "date-rape" drug after ingested.

The toys, coated with the industrial chemical 1,4-butanediol, were made by the Wangqi Product Factory in Shenzhen, a city just over the border from Hong Kong, the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine said in a statement.

When ingested, the chemical metabolizes into the "date-rape" drug gamma hydroxy butyrate, which can cause breathing problems, loss of consciousness, seizures, drowsiness, coma and death.

SOURCE: AP

6 U.S. soldiers killed in Afghanistan in deadliest year since 2001 invasion

Militants ambushed and killed six U.S. troops walking in the mountains of eastern Afghanistan — the most lethal attack in a year that has been the deadliest for the U.S. military here since the 2001 invasion.

The number of U.S. deaths in Afghanistan this year mirrors the record toll in Iraq. Both conflicts have seen an increase in troop levels this year that has put more soldiers in harm's way, including those killed Friday while returning from a meeting with village elders in Nuristan province.

The six deaths brings the number of U.S. troops killed in Afghanistan this year to at least 101, according to an Associated Press count, surpassing the 93 troops killed in 2005. About 87 died last year. The toll echoes the situation in Iraq, where U.S. military deaths this year surpassed 850, also a record.

SOURCE: AP

Northern Ireland's paramilitary Ulster Defense Association renounces violence

Major Northern Ireland Protestant paramilitary group Ulster Defense Association announced Sunday it was formally renouncing violence, but a commander said the group would not surrender its weapons to international disarmament officials.

The group, which has an estimated 3,000 members across hard-line parts of Northern Ireland, has loosely observed a cease-fire since 1994, but until now has refused to surrender a single bullet or bomb — a major objective of a 1998 peace accord.

It is the last of Northern Ireland's underground armies to renounce violence. Major Catholic-based group Irish Republican Army did so and disarmed in 2005 but also refused to give its weapons to international officials.

SOURCE: AP

NATION

Federal officials to do aerial tour of environmental impact of oil spill on San Francisco Bay caused by 'human error'

U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Thad Allen planned Sunday to take an aerial tour of the damage caused in the San Francisco Bay by the area's worst oil spill in nearly two decades.

A preliminary Coast Guard investigation found "human error" not mechanical failure, caused the cargo ship Cosco Busan to sideswipe a support on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, leaving a gash nearly 100 feet long on the side of the 926-foot vessel.

The crash Wednesday ruptured two of the vessel's fuel tanks, which leaked about 58,000 gallons of heavy bunker fuel into the bay, killing sea birds and spurring the closure of nearly two dozen beaches and piers.

SOURCE: AP

U.S. ranks among worst modernized nations for infant mortality despite recent statistical improvements

The rate at which infants die in the United States has dropped substantially over the past half-century, but broad disparities remain among racial groups, and the country stacks up poorly next to other industrialized nations.

In 2004, the most recent year for which statistics are available, roughly seven babies died for every 1,000 live births before reaching their first birthday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said. That is down from about 26 in 1960.

Babies born to black mothers died at two and a half times the rate of those born to white mothers, according to the CDC figures.

SOURCE: AP

Q&A



STEPHEN BUCKLES

compiled by JUDY WANG

Economics professor Stephen Buckles takes a moment to answer some questions about majoring in economics, the United States and his favorite leisure reading.

THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER: What advice can you give to a student who's intending to major in economics?

STEPHEN BUCKLES: Well, I think in terms of selecting a major, students should pick things they really find interesting. I think students should take some economics regardless of their major. If they really enjoy thinking and using economics, then they ought to think about economics as a major. The most important thing that goes into selection of a major is: Can you be passionate about it?

VH: What do you feel is America's biggest economic threat?

SB: Well, we don't have a whole lot of threats. I am concerned that we are not somewhat more cautious with our abilities to save, both as individuals and as a government. We have tremendous challenges coming in the future, with all the World War II baby boomers retiring, going on Social Security and medical care. Providing for those individuals will be a challenge, and we're not really doing anything seriously about preparing ourselves for that. I think that's the biggest economic challenge.

VH: What book would you recommend the most?

SB: I recently read an autobiography by Robert Ruben, the Secretary of Treasury under (President Bill) Clinton, and it's called 'In an Uncertain World.' It's good for anybody, not for necessarily politics or for someone who's coming into business. Here's someone who talks a lot about uncertainty in all kinds of ways — in personal life, in political life, in business life, in professional life. And I find it a fascinating book. That I would certainly recommend to lots and lots of people.

SNAPSHOT

SPEAKING UP



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A student reads a piece of his work at the Writing Studio's Open Mic Night. Students shared their own poems, short stories and songs with one another at the Writing Studio in Alumni Hall, Room 117.

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EDUCATION: Global awareness, interaction goals of week

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Many of the activities will be student-led, reflecting growing interest in international issues.

"We are hoping to increase global awareness, as well as interaction between international student scholars and the American students that are here," said Executive Director of VIO Dawn Turton. "This reflects a change

in Vanderbilt, a growth in the focus on internationalism, and this is a nationwide trend."

The three country spotlights on Argentina, Japan and Germany will be led jointly by international students, students who went abroad to that country and faculty members.

"A lot of the events are very student-driven, drawing on their experiences

and expertise," Turton said.

The week is being sponsored by many different campus organizations, a diverse effort that includes such groups as the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center, the English Language Center, Masala-SACE and the Vanderbilt University Center for Ethics.

It has also doubled in size since last year, according to ISSS Director Sherif Barsoum.

"We invited many people on campus to join the committee," Barsoum said. "The quality of the Vanderbilt student demands global awareness, and we hold the week to show all of that."

International Student Adviser Sumita Banerjee said she hoped the week would help introduce Vanderbilt students to ISSS and make them more aware of the international students on the campus.

"My hope is that we get a diverse group of people, people from the committee, people who have never attended ISSS events, and we can introduce international education to people who have never experienced it before," Banerjee said. "If that happens with just a handful of students, to me, that's a great success." ■

Bicycle thefts on rise

by VASANTH SATHIYAKUMAR
Staff Reporter

While iPods, cell phones and laptops top the list of most stolen items at Vanderbilt, bicycles are making their way up due to a spike in thefts.

"(Vanderbilt University Police Department has) noticed an increase in bike thefts," said Director of Crime Prevention Andrew Atwood. "We are concerned about any type of theft, and currently the Parole Active Team is actively looking into this."

But despite the thefts, some students feel secure about having their bicycles on campus.

"I feel safe on campus with my unicycle," said sophomore Brendan Alviani. "I don't think the average Vanderbilt student would steal a bike. It's just professional bike thieves you have to look out for."

In the past four months, 22 different incidents of bicycle theft have been reported, according to VUPD's crime log. Of these thefts, only one resulted in a recovered bicycle.

VUPD strongly encourages

students to report crimes as soon as possible and to use Operation ID, a free service that lets students register their laptops and bikes so they can be legally identified with the correct serial number in the event they are stolen, Atwood said.

"(Operation ID) allows us to take the appropriate law enforcement action," he said. "It gives us the proper evidence to track which items belongs to which person."

In addition to Operation ID, Atwood suggested students who ride bicycles invest in a quality lock and secure detachable wheels and seats to bicycle racks.

He also recommended students who only occasionally ride their bicycles should periodically check on them and be watchful for suspicious individuals near bicycles.

And during holidays, students should try to find alternate means of storage to reduce the chance of theft, Atwood said.

Students agree bicycles should be secured as a preventative measure.

"There's not much the

police can do," said senior Paul Grayson. "But I recommend getting a good lock and always locking the front tire."

Atwood said students can help reduce thefts by reporting

information.

"Just keep an eye out," Atwood said. "And let us know immediately if you have any information." ■



CHRIS PHARE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Vanderbilt University Police Department officials recommend students secure their bicycles due to a spike in thefts.

COMMODORE: Goals, motivations questioned by book

From COMMODORE, page 1

"I doubt he was a completely good guy," said freshman Akhila Yadalam. "If you donate \$1 million, you'd think that would mean something to you."

Freshman Ekow Ankumah said that the university tries to mold Vanderbilt into a certain historical image.

"The school doesn't tell you anything negative about him," he said. "I think they could (talk) about the good and bad aspects of Vanderbilt."

While the author leaves the founding of the university up to interpretation, students are unsure if the intentions were innocent of if they served to increase the Vanderbilt fortune.

"You wonder why he donated money here," Klein said, "(and) whether he had a motive to promote higher education."

Renehan frequently references Vanderbilt's private interests. There is an entire chapter dedicated to his relations with a young woman named Tennessee Claflin, a contemporary

feminist who wrote about the political issues of the time. The Commodore reportedly carried on an affair with Claflin for at least several months before his second marriage in 1869.

Renehan also discusses the self-promotion of Vanderbilt's professional life. In a chapter titled "The Vanderbilt Bronze," Renehan describes the commodore's obsession with building a bronze shrine to himself outside of the completed Grand Central Station in New York City.

There is also a commemorative statue of Vanderbilt at the main entrance of the university, although that was not a personal project of the donor himself.

Despite focusing heavily on Vanderbilt's self-promoting tendencies, the author also writes about his positive contributions to the infrastructure of America. Even today, several of his railroad lines are still in use, and many of his accomplishments stand as national historical landmarks. ■

Educating on issues of inner-city education

Barbic's school offers disadvantaged students chance to learn.

by ALEX DALY
Staff Reporter

Vanderbilt students often forget about the troubles of inner-city education. But not Chris Barbic, who will speak tonight on the growing national problem of inner-city education reform and how it can be improved by closing the education gap.

The youngest recipient of the Peabody Distinguished Alumnus award, Barbic founded a YES College Preparatory charter school in Houston, Texas, with five campuses for low-income, minority students in grades six through 12.

He began teaching at inner city public schools in Houston after graduating from Vanderbilt with a double major in human and organizational development and English.

"After my third year teaching, I realized that students weren't challenged, and I recognized the need for them to be offered better opportunities," he said.

Low-income, minority students in grades six through 12 attend YES for

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free, following Barbic's self-designed, ambitious curriculum that demands the highest potential out of students. It includes long school hours, summer study sessions, school trips and community service one Saturday of every month.

The school's charter mandates that students cannot graduate until they are accepted into a four-year college.

Around 80 percent of YES's students are below the poverty level, 95 percent are Hispanic or African-American, 87 percent are first-generation college bound and most enter the school at least a grade behind in math and reading levels.

Even though these students come from impoverished backgrounds, YES offers them the opportunity to excel. The school wants to create a significant mass of college-educated students who can return to Houston and bring change to its disadvantaged neighborhoods and communities.

The philanthropic community respects and often honors Barbic for

his work in the realm of education, and in 2001 President George W. Bush chose him to serve on the Presidential Commission on Excellence in Hispanic Education.

And Barbic's enthusiasm is motivating the next generation, said senior Allie Federoff.

"His success story is so inspiring because he graduated from Vanderbilt, and 15 years later, he has made such a difference," she said.

Still, so much more can still be done, Barbic said.

"Getting involved is very important, especially in the area of public education," he said. ■

A second day of darkened theaters disappoints audiences on Broadway

Associated Press

It was a second day of dark Broadway theaters and disappointed audiences as striking stagehands reaffirmed their commitment Sunday to remain off the job until producers started acting "honorably" at the negotiating table.

James J. Claffey Jr., president of Local One, said the League of American Theatres and Producers needs to make a "constructive" adjustment to its counter offers.

"We want respect at the table," he said at a somber news conference. "If there's no respect, they will not see Local One at the table. The lack of respect is something we are not going to deal with."

Twenty-seven shows remained closed Sunday, the day after stagehands went on strike, shutting down such popular productions as "Wicked," "The Phantom of the Opera," "Hairspray," "Jersey

Boys" and "Mamma Mia!"

Among the shows canceled Sunday was a gala 10th-year anniversary performance of "The Lion King," although a party celebrating the Disney musical's decade-long run was still being held.

Producers of "August: Osage County," a play by Tracy Letts from Chicago's Steppenwolf Theatre Company, said they may postpone its scheduled Nov. 20 opening. And the producers have offered to pay for the cast members' return to Chicago during the work stoppage.

Pickets again walked quietly in front of the struck theaters around Times Square, and few pedestrians were seen on normally crowded side streets in the area.

Eight shows, which have separate contracts with the union, remained open and did strong, often sold-out business on Saturday, a two-performance day. Among the attractions still running are "Young Frankenstein,"

"Mary Poppins," "Xanadu" and "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," as well as four shows — "Pygmalion," "The Ritz," "Mauritius" and "Cymbeline" — playing at nonprofit theaters.

The same-day discount tickets booths in Times Square and at the South Street Seaport remained open, serving the Broadway shows unaffected by the walkout as well as all off-Broadway productions, which were up and running.

On Sunday, there were lines at the Times Square location, but it was not as crowded as usual. A sign said there were no Broadway shows available and suggested off-Broadway options.

No new negotiations have been scheduled between the union and the league, and resumption of talks appears uncertain. Mayor Michael Bloomberg again offered his assistance on Sunday, saying "the city will do everything it can to help (reach an agreement)." ■

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OUR VIEW

Censorship would destroy college media

The ability of The Vanderbilt Hustler to operate as “The Voice of Vanderbilt” relies greatly on the fact that it forms part of Vanderbilt Student Communications Inc., completely independent from Vanderbilt University.

This system frees The Hustler to examine university policy without being restrained by officials. But as the situation at Colorado State University illustrates, censorship comes not just from university administrators.

The Rocky Mountain Collegian, the student newspaper at CSU, turned heads nationwide Sept. 21 when it published a brief, blunt editorial, which read, “Taser this ... FUCK BUSH,” in large, bold font.

After two meetings, one public and one private, the Board of Student Communications at CSU ultimately decided to let editor in chief David McSwane keep his job because the First Amendment protected the editorial, though “unethical” and “unprofessional.”

Now, the same board seeks to threaten that protection. According to the Student Press Law Center, the board may alter its bylaws, which currently say officials cannot “censor or punish the occasional use of indecent, vulgar or so called ‘four-letter’ words in student publications,” by removing the phrase “or punish.” This appears to be a move to impose what Director

of Student Media at CSU Jim Browne correctly labels “de facto censorship.”

While student newspapers generally do not resort to the use of profanity, they should feel no less free to use this language than they do to use any critical language. As soon as papers become afraid to publish criticism, no matter how strongly worded, they will cease to be relevant. Hopefully, The Collegian will not bow to this threat by their board.

Their editorial was immature and irresponsible, but the poor decision of one editor should not hamper future CSU college journalists’ ability to criticize and condemn when necessary.

COLUMN

Intrusion on one liberty may cause restriction of others

THOMAS SHATTUCK
Columnist

These days, people seem to think it is necessary to tell smokers what a bad habit smoking is. I know this because I smoke, and people do in fact frequently tell me I shouldn’t.

I understand it’s dangerous. According to the Centers for Disease Control, in 2003 (the most recent available year), 105,508 men and 84,789 women were diagnosed with lung cancer, and 89,906 men and 68,084 women died from lung cancer, making it one of the most deadly preventable medical problems.

Of course, according to UnitedJustice.com, 114 people a day, or approximately 41,610 a year, die from traffic-related injuries, which I would say are at least somewhat preventable (if you actually follow traffic regulations). Oddly enough, I’ve never heard someone get angry with me for driving.

Why do people feel the need to intrude? I assume they think either I do not know the dangers of smoking, or they personally have enough authority and persuasiveness to change my mind. I seriously doubt anyone in the United States above the age of 10 has managed to somehow evade the surgeon general’s warning about smoking, and I can say I have yet to meet someone who has convinced me of the error of my ways.

When that someone is a member of my family or a close friend, I can understand why they try, but the majority of people who try to correct my “problem” tend to be people I only vaguely know and would not confide in. I have to say all in all, I resent their intrusion into my personal space.

“No matter your political stance, Americans generally agree that each individual has his or her personal liberties. And to a great extent, their personal liberties include the choice of how they live and, ultimately, how they die.”

Am I saying you should never tell someone not to smoke? No, I just feel there is a time and a place, and this fact is normally ignored by the majority of my so-called “benefactors.” No matter your political stance, Americans generally agree that each individual has his or her personal liberties. And to a great extent, their personal liberties include the choice of how they live and, ultimately, how they die.

To encroach on one liberty, no matter how trivial, sets a bad precedent. I do not believe it is some kind of slippery slope where one day we’ll suddenly end up in an Orwellian dystopia because of the removal of a single freedom, but when you start, where do you stop?

This in essence is what worries me. I cannot strongly say my right to smoke is unalienable, and those who choose to remove my right are inhumane beasts of the apocalypse, but Machiavelli’s statement, One change always leaves the way open for the establishment of others, does make you question the validity of change. If there is anything to fear, it is once change has begun, it cannot be stopped.

—Thomas Shattuck is a freshman in the School of Engineering.

SOUND BYTES

Members of the community sound off on different issues pertaining to life both in and out of the bubble.



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“As far as the Salt Lake City thing, he’s a Mormon, and the Mormons of Salt Lake City had caused that scandal. And to clean that up, again, it’s not a subject.”

— Roberta McCain, 95, laid into Mitt Romney, her son John’s rival for the GOP presidential nomination, during an appearance on MSNBC, blaming Mormons for scandals surrounding the Olympics in Salt Lake City.

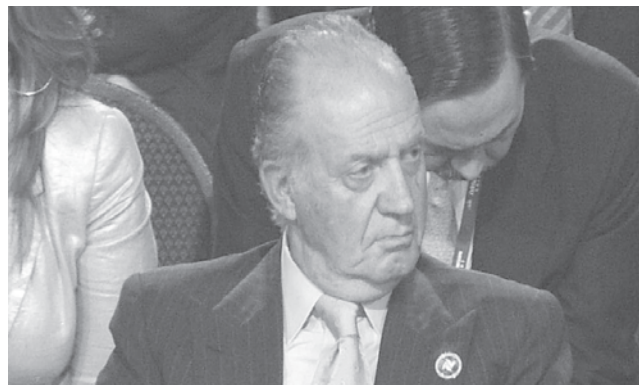
“What she meant was the Olympics were screwed up by the people in Salt Lake when Romney came in and fixed the problems there. But I know my 95-year-old mother is certainly in favor of Mormons.”

— John McCain, 71, apologizing for his mother’s remarks.



AP PHOTO

“(Aznar) is a fascist. . . . Fascists are not human. A snake is more human.”
— Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, referring to former Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar during a summit of leaders from Latin America, Spain and Portugal.



AP PHOTO

“Why don’t you shut up?”
— Spanish King Juan Carlos to Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez.



AP PHOTO

BLOG

Administration ought to revisit elevator card access

CHRIS SKENE
InsideVandy Blogger

The key to providing good campus security is understanding the trade-off between convenience and safety. Vanderbilt has done a very good job of keeping students safe with a minimum amount of hassle, but there’s still room for improvement.

The restrictions placed on student access to Towers floors don’t make much sense. Currently, students who live in a given building can access all of the floors for their gender in that building. This means a resident of Tower II has access to over 100 other rooms in their building alone, the majority of which are on different floors.

It’s an arbitrary system. That Tower II resident has no better reason for being allowed access to other floors in the building than another student living in another residence hall, but he or she has access anyway.

It’s not necessary to keep Vanderbilt students out of residential areas other than their own. The admissions process does a far better job of screening students than a card reader ever will. If the administration worries about undergraduates committing

theft or other crimes, there’s something wrong with this university card readers won’t fix. What’s more, a resident of Tower II already has access to over 100 other rooms. If a student had his or her heart bent on stealing, a card reader would not be a hindrance.

Increasing student access to residential areas would increase convenience. It’s annoying to have to stop what you’re doing to go escort a visiting friend up the elevator, and it’s a waste of time to be stuck twiddling your thumbs in the lobby while your friend comes to get you. There isn’t much of an impact on actual student activity, though, which may make it difficult for the administration to understand why the elevator card access policy should be revisited.

In my experience, students generally don’t have qualms about “swiping up” other students who have forgotten their cards or don’t live in the building. The card system is only effective at keeping people out who obviously don’t belong (bums, prostitutes, Kentucky fans). Since Vanderbilt students can get up to residential floors if they really want to, the card reader restrictions are not a deterrent — they’re just a time-waster.

The one time increased access

restrictions would be both effective and beneficial is at night. No one is around to “swipe up” visiting students at 3 a.m., and there’s a greater likelihood people trying to get up are doing so for illegitimate purposes. Having greater restrictions on card access from midnight to 6 a.m. would specifically target a more dangerous time when students are unable to monitor traffic on their hall but would still allow for unhindered visitation during the daytime.

Ultimately, students should lock their doors if they don’t want their personal space violated. The elevator card readers are a deterrent, but they’re not a foolproof method of prevention. Restricting access to students (especially during the daytime) doesn’t improve safety, but it does increase inconvenience.

We already have a great screening process — admissions. Treating students like potential criminals is not only unfair but also inefficient and impractical. There are perfectly legitimate reasons for an undergraduate to need access to a floor of a residence hall. Students should be allowed to have that access.

—Chris Skene is a senior in the College of Arts and Science.

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((OVERHEARD))

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insidevandy

Submitted in response to:
"Parking debate remains deadlocked"
 by Hustler Editorial Board

Why not turn G spots into F

Submitted by Mike Maio on Sunday, Nov. 11 — 18:56.

Why not turn G spots into F spots and make sophomores park in the crappy police station lot and the new Natchez spaces? The garage with all the G spots is a lot more convenient to many residential areas on campus, and it's a safer walk, too.

Fixable solution in students' favor

Submitted by stanlecr on Saturday, Nov. 10 — 22:53.

Let's be real here, asking students who are mandated to be residential citizens of Vanderbilt's campus to commute through a very dark un-gated campus is unreasonable. No matter how many Vandy Van stops, streetlights, and blue emergency lights exist, that fact remains true. There are way too many faculty spots available on campus in close proximity to student dorms, not work facilities. F spots have significant meaning to us upperclassmen. It means we get to park close to where we live. Labeling random lots 15 minutes away from our dorm is absurd. Give it another letter like X (for eXtremely far away). Why are employees parking outside of Kissam and Vandy/Barnard? That's absurd. So here is what I propose.

It's a good plan, but it'll never happen.

Submitted by Kevin McNish on Sunday, Nov. 11 — 18:56.

While that plan is certainly worthy of consideration, the Parking Committee will almost certainly never give any concessions to students. Undergrads have only two representatives to the committee, while grad students have three. The other 10 or so members of the committee are faculty and staff, who, judging from their behavior and comments at a meeting I recently attended, would be loathe to make any concessions to undergraduates. I qualify this statement, however, by adding that the numerical makeup of the committee really doesn't matter, as Cliff Joyner and Lance Hale wield all of the power over parking.

If you want more information than the Hustler article gave on the parking situation, I wrote an article for The Torch back in October that went into rather more depth than The Hustler's reporters did.

Submitted in response to:
"How could we have learned that on 9/11"
 by Haley Sweson

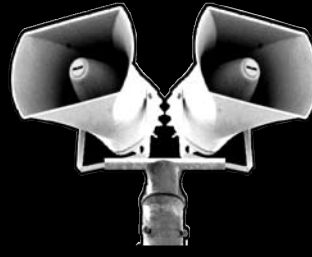
I don't get how our policies

Submitted by Michael Wilt on Saturday, Nov. 10 — 06:54.

I don't get how our policies would affect something over which we have little to no control, as I said above. I also don't see how that's my implication either, perhaps you can expand on your point a little more?

Clinton did a terrible job hunting down bin Laden, but he wasn't responsible for bin Laden existing. Reagan sort of was, by funding and helping the mujhedeen. The people who attacked us on 9/11 had their various reasons for doing so and it stemmed almost entirely from cultural and religious issues. They attacked because they hate freedom. OK, thought I'd throw that in there, but really — the two civilizations are incompatible in many respects. Huntington was right.

THE RANT



What is on your mind? The Rant is your place to anonymously sound off on any issue you want. Send in your rants with the subject "Rant" to: opinion@vanderbilthustler.com

"The Rave? Are you guys kidding? Even my professors like the Rant better. Just run it twice a week and quit trying to be so positive."

Editor's note: Fine. No more Rave.

"Why is it that we can no longer trust people these days? I lent somebody something of mine at the beginning of the year thinking he would be a nice guy and return it as soon as possible. When I still had not gotten it back weeks later, I called him out on it, and the response I got was along the lines of him not knowing that I wanted it back. Are you kidding me?! I think when somebody says, 'I better get this back,' it means they want it back quickly, not nine weeks later. So all in all, if you ask to borrow something from somebody, be a good person and return it when you are done with it. I shouldn't have to resort to Facebook to get what is mine. You know who you are, and I want what I lent you by Friday night, otherwise I think it is fair you buy me a new one! P.S. If somebody lends you something, and you say you will return it, that doesn't mean you have the right to give it to somebody else! It is not yours to give away, so just return whatever it is that you borrowed!"

"I was completely appalled to read 'Vanderbilt's got style' in Friday's issue. Four out of six interviewees were wearing expensive, name-brand clothes that seem to be so in vogue at Vanderbilt. While it claimed to display the heterogeneity of Vanderbilt fashion, the article failed to represent those who do not necessarily wear Gucci scarves or Ray-Ban sunglasses but still are fashionable in their own right. I was getting the impression the newspaper was almost encouraging people to dress like these four interviewees to be stylish. An article such as this makes me not want to read The Hustler ever again."

"Every day when I walk by the Wall, fliers I don't want get thrust into my hands, I get yelled at to buy tickets, sign a giant ball (if I don't, I'm told I don't care about children), etc. However, I've never seen someone complain about this in The Hustler ... until it had to do with the TriDeltas. I'd like to think the person who complained about them last Friday isn't a biased hypocrite, so I look forward to reading subsequent complaints about the different organizations on the Wall from this same reader. However, if this person decides not to complain about anyone else, I applaud them for realizing how much time they wasted by writing an essay singling out a single group rather than sucking it up like the rest of us and realizing everyone is simply excited about their causes and wants you to take part in them as well. Furthermore, if TriDelt manages to raise around \$1,000 from this single philanthropy event every year, then obviously they're doing something right."

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SPORTS

GAME
BREAK
DOWN

GAME BALL:

There are a number of worthy options here, but we'll go with Vanderbilt's three running backs. Cassen Jackson-Garrison gained 83 yards on 11 carries, Jeff Jennings had 70 yards on 12 carries and Jared Hawkins notched 50 yards on seven carries before being taken out on a cheap shot. Beyond the numbers, each of them ran with a sense of conviction from start to finish, seemingly always falling forward.

PLAY OF THE
GAME

While Mackenzi Adams turned in a solid performance and came up with a number of clutch plays, particularly on the last drive, his inability to get rid of the football in the final minute proved costly. The Commodores had to spike the ball on third down and their fourth-down play was unsuccessful.

STAT OF THE
GAME: 3

That's the number of kicks missed by Bryant Hahnfeldt. The junior missed an extra point and two field goals (33 and 44 yards) as the Commodores lost by seven points. If he makes one of those field goals, Vandy doesn't need a touchdown on its final drive.

QUOTE OF
THE GAME

It impacted the team as much as getting pretty pissed off that (Cobb) hit somebody late and knocked him unconscious on the sideline. That's completely uncalled for. But I guess it's part of the game.

—Quarterback Mackenzi Adams on Kentucky safety Ashton Cobb's late hit that took running back Jared Hawkins unconscious.

SEC EAST
STANDINGS

Georgia	8-2
Tennessee	7-3
Florida	7-3
Kentucky	6-4
South Carolina	6-5
Vanderbilt	5-5

WEEK 3
SCHEDULE

Vanderbilt at Tennessee: Saturday (Noon)

Kentucky at Georgia: Saturday (11:30 a.m.)

Florida Atlantic at Florida: Saturday (11 a.m.)

Bye Week: South Carolina

Commodores come up short against Cats

Adams' final
drive ends in
disappointment.

by DAVID RUTZ
Sports Reporter

Down 27-20 with time running out, Vanderbilt quarterback Mackenzi Adams took the snap on fourth-and-six from the Kentucky 21-yard line and looked for wide receiver Justin Wheeler over the middle.

Having already converted three fourth downs on the final drive, it only seemed natural that the Commodores would find a way to do it again.

Yet, on a day when the offense did so many things right, Vanderbilt came up just short. Adams' pass fell incomplete in the end zone to, which meant that the Commodores could do nothing but watch as the 24th-ranked Wildcats broke into celebration.

"Tough game," said Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson, whose team fell to 5-5 overall, 2-5 in the Southeastern Conference, with two games remaining. "Tough one to lose. Some strange things happened in that game."

It was a strange game indeed. Vanderbilt beat Kentucky in nearly every offensive category, including total yards, rushing yards, first downs and time of possession. Yet, it was on the short end of the only category that mattered — the final score.

"We put ourselves in a position to win," said redshirt junior running back Jeff Jennings. "We just didn't make the plays we needed to make at the end of the game."

Senior running back Cassen Jackson-Garrison agreed.

"We didn't make enough plays to win the game," he said. "It's simple as that. I can't really explain how frustrating it is right now. I felt like we played well enough to win that game by far but it just didn't work out that way."



Quarterback Mackenzi Adams converted on fourth down three times during Vanderbilt's final drive before coming up short at the Kentucky 21-yard line. The Commodores lost 27-20 Saturday afternoon at Vanderbilt Stadium despite outplaying the Wildcats in many areas.

Vanderbilt's offense certainly played well enough to win. The Commodores gained 432 yards, 81 yards more than Kentucky, who was among the leaders in the nation in yards per game.

The rushing attack was particularly effective as the trio of Jackson-Garrison, Jennings and redshirt sophomore Jared Hawkins combined to run for 203 yards on 30 carries to control the time of possession and wear down the Kentucky defense.

"The offensive line did a real good job getting a lot of movement off the ball and we had a lot of holes to run through," Jennings said.

Jackson-Garrison and Jennings stepped up their games after Hawkins was injured on a late hit by Kentucky safety Ashton Cobb in the third quarter.

Hawkins was momentarily knocked unconscious and had to be carted off the field, later diagnosed with a concussion. The vicious blow to the head by Cobb clearly fired up the Commodores, particularly Adams.

"It impacted the team as much as getting pretty pissed off that (Cobb) hit somebody late and knocked him unconscious on the sideline," Adams said. "That's completely uncalled for. But I guess it's part of the game. We've got three good running backs, so (even with) losing him, we've still got two good running backs."

Jackson-Garrison and Jennings proved better than good on Vanderbilt's next possession as the duo bulldozed down the field, combining for 71 yards on 10 carries. Adams

capped the drive with a 7-yard touchdown run on a draw to tie the game at 20 in the fourth quarter.

"We got to play for one another," Jackson-Garrison said. "We play for each other when somebody goes down."

Vanderbilt's outstanding play on the ground was supplemented by a strong day with Adams at quarterback.

The redshirt sophomore completed 20 of 31 passes for 193 yards, including touchdown passes to receiver Sean Walker and tight end Jake Bradford and did not throw an interception.

On Vanderbilt's final drive after Kentucky reclaimed the lead, Adams had three fourth-down conversions — two on passes to receiver Earl Bennett and another with a sneak.

After a completion to receiver George Smith with 36 seconds left, Vanderbilt was on the Kentucky 15 in a second-and-one situation.

But on the next play Adams was sacked, forcing him to spike the ball to stop the clock.

His fourth-down throw was incomplete and now the Commodores must win at Tennessee next Saturday or at home against Wake Forest the following weekend to become bowl eligible.

"Until (Adams) took the sack on the next-to-last play, I thought he played very good," Johnson said. "We were making some big plays. The sack discouraged me. That was disappointing."

The Commodores might not have needed to go for a touchdown at the end had the kicking game been more successful.

Junior kicker Bryant Hahnfeldt missed two field goals and an extra point, seven points the Commodores sorely needed.

"We didn't execute in the kicking game at all," Johnson said.

The players refused to blame the special teams for the loss.

"We made a lot more mistakes than that," Adams said. "We had other opportunities to capitalize. There's no one or two plays that really make a huge difference in a game."

"It's frustrating, but there's a lot of plays going out there in a football game, so it's hard to pick out a certain play that you can say 'How come we did this?'" Jennings said. "You just got to try and go hard on every play."

The strong play in the running and passing games is encouraging for Vanderbilt, but it doesn't erase the bitterness of falling short.

"All losses are frustrating," Adams said. "We had a good week in practice and I'm proud of my team. This team played real hard out here (Saturday). It's just frustrating we didn't get the W." ■

Vandy still has time to 'make history'

After disrupting Kentucky, defense
turns focus to Tennessee, Wake Forest.

by DAVID SHOCHAT
Sports Reporter

As disappointed as Vanderbilt was with its 27-20 home loss to Kentucky on Saturday afternoon, it knows all is not lost.

The Commodores (5-5, 2-5 Southeastern Conference) still have two games left to play.

"We are still in it," said senior defensive end Curtis Gatewood. "From our perspective, we feel like we can beat both Tennessee and Wake Forest. You have to have a short memory, and we've got two more games to become bowl eligible."

If the defense plays as well it did against Andre Woodson's Wildcats, Vanderbilt certainly has a shot.

"I have two more games left in my career," Gatewood said, "and I really want to make history."

After giving up 49 points and 498 yards in last week's loss at Florida, the Commodores played with something to prove Saturday.

They set the tempo early on when they forced Kentucky to punt on its first possession and then forced another punt after Kentucky recovered a Sean Walker fumble on Vanderbilt's own 21-yard line.

However, the defense was dealt a huge blow when D.J. Moore injured his sternum at the end of the first quarter on a 16-yard kickoff return.

The do-it-all athlete, who starts at cornerback and return kicks, left the game and did not return.

Josh Allen replaced Moore and did an admirable job, yet Moore was noticeably missed as Woodson would beat Vanderbilt's secondary long on a couple of important plays later in the game including a 34-yard pass to Jacob Tamme that led to Kentucky's winning score.

While the defense played extremely well in the first half, the combination of injuries and Kentucky's no-huddle offense looked like it took a toll on the Commodores in the second half.

"In the first half, we played the best defense we played all year," Gatewood said. "In the second half, we just had mental breakdowns, and we just can't have that."

Vanderbilt limited Kentucky to 351 yards of offense, well below its average, and 3.5 yards per carry in a game that Kentucky's star running back Rafael Little returned from a thigh injury.

To put their performance in perspective, Louisiana State, which has arguably one of the



Myron Lewis (left) delivers a bone-crushing hit as Marcus Buggs (24) flies in during Vanderbilt's 27-20 home loss to Kentucky on Saturday. The Commodores have two games remaining.



Defensive end Broderick Stewart (90) had a monster day for the Commodores, recording two sacks, two pass deflections and a forced fumble.

best defenses in the nation, allowed Kentucky to gain 375

total yards and 3 yards per carry.

The Commodores also forced three fumbles, sacked Woodson three times, and disrupted Woodson on numerous other plays.

"We were just mixing up our pressures and our zone coverage and giving them different looks," said coach Bobby Johnson. "We played the run a whole lot better this year than we played against them last year and I think that surprised them a little bit. Controlling the run and making them pass under certain circumstances is probably the key to playing them."

Vanderbilt was led by senior linebacker Jonathan Goff and redshirt sophomore defensive end Broderick Stewart.

Goff was all over the field Saturday, recording a team-high 12 tackles, including one being for a loss.

Stewart, who had two sacks and now has a team-high five on the season, also deflected two passes and forced a big fumble in the second quarter led to Vanderbilt taking a 7-3 lead.

"We got some good pressure with the zone pressure and the four-man rush," Johnson said. "Broderick Stewart was running by people."

Like the rest of his teammates, Stewart knows that an ever better effort will be needed next weekend in Knoxville if the Commodores want to make history. ■

WEEKLY REPORT CARD

Compiled by Jonathan Kurzner

A- QUARTERBACKS

Mackenzi Adams (20 for 31, 193 yards and two touchdowns) managed the game efficiently and stayed away from costly mistakes. Adams connected down the stretch on many key first downs, as he kept his team in the game against a quality opponent. His rushing score from 7 yards out showed his versatility. Other than the sack, he came up big multiple times on the final drive.

A- RUNNING BACKS

Exemplary performance from the running game. Cassen Jackson-Garrison (11 carries for 83 yards), Jeff Jennings (12 carries for 70 yards) and Jared Hawkins (seven carries for 50 yards) ran hard every single play, torching the Kentucky defense.

B- WIDE RECEIVERS

Earl Bennett (eight receptions for 69 yards) demonstrated great concentration on many vital third-down catches. George Smith (five receptions for 49 yards) had a couple of uncharacteristic drops and some penalties. Pretty 30-yard touchdown grab from tight end Jake Bradford and nice 14-yard catch from Sean Walker.

A- OFFENSIVE LINE

Kentucky's Jeremy Jarmon had a huge day with two and a half sacks, but the Vandy running game had its best game of the year rushing through gaping holes created by the line.

A- DEFENSIVE LINE

Sophomore defensive end Broderick Stewart (two sacks and a forced fumble) had the best game of his young college career as the entire front four did a solid job stopping the run and putting pressure on Andre Woodson.

B- LINEBACKERS

Wildcat tailbacks Rafael Little and Derrick Locke ran for a combined 27 carries for 120 yards. Linebacker Jonathan Goff collected 12 tackles, Patrick Benoist had a sack and six tackles and Marcus Buggs also added six tackles.

B- DEFENSIVE BACKS

Vanderbilt made stud quarterback Andre Woodson (17 of 28 for 222 yards) look average, but it still gave up too many long passes.

F- SPECIAL TEAMS

Same old story. Bryant Hahnfeldt missed field goals of 33 and 44 yards and an extra point, while Sean Walker muffed a punt, setting up a Wildcat field goal. The seven points Hahnfeldt left on the field equaled Vandy's margin of deficit. Enough said.

A- COACHING

Well-coached game by Bobby Johnson. He opened up the playbook with a reverse flea flicker that led to a pass interference penalty. Good job pounding the ball on the ground against a Kentucky defense that is poor against the run. Vandy outplayed Kentucky in all areas — except for special teams, that is. And you can't blame anyone but Hahnfeldt for that.

Dores make statement in opener

Foster, Gordon combine for 40 points in victory over Austin Peay.

by JARRED AMATO
Sports Editor

At one point during Vanderbilt's 81-67 victory over Austin Peay, coach Kevin Stallings turned to assistant Tom Richardson and told him senior Shan Foster needed to come out of the game. Richardson wouldn't allow it.

"(Richardson) said, 'For goodness sake's, they can't stop him. Let's not be the ones who stop him,'" Stallings said. "So we left him in."

It's a good thing he did. Foster finished with a game-high 21 points on seven 3-pointers, tying a career high, in the Commodores' season opener Saturday night in front of a Memorial Gym crowd of 13,196.

After Foster failed to make a field goal during Vanderbilt's exhibition victory over Tusculum last Monday, teammate Alex Gordon knew he was due for a big performance.

"We knew he was gonna be on," Gordon said. "We talked about it at practice all week, kind of nagging him because he didn't make a shot. We knew tonight it was going to be a Shan Foster night."

Truth be told, so did Austin Peay coach Dave Loos.

"It scared me to death," Loos said of seeing Foster's numbers from Tusculum. "That's the first I said to our guys, 'That will never happen again.' I was very concerned about that and I guess he pretty much got that straightened out."

Foster said that he and the other seniors took their subparts performance in the exhibition to heart.

"Coach kind of harped on us a little bit after last game and said that the four seniors needed to step our leadership up and that's what we tried to do (Saturday)," he said. "Being able to outcompete the other team has been priority number one. Guys came out and really competed and it showed up in the stats."

Vanderbilt started the game on 18-3 run and held Austin Peay to just five points through the first 10 minutes and 34.5 percent shooting for the game. The Commodores led by as many as 18 points and shot 54.5 percent, including 12 of 23 from 3-point range.

The Governors (0-1) cut the lead to eight with 6:36 remaining, but Gordon responded with a three and the Commodores would by at least 10 the rest of the way.

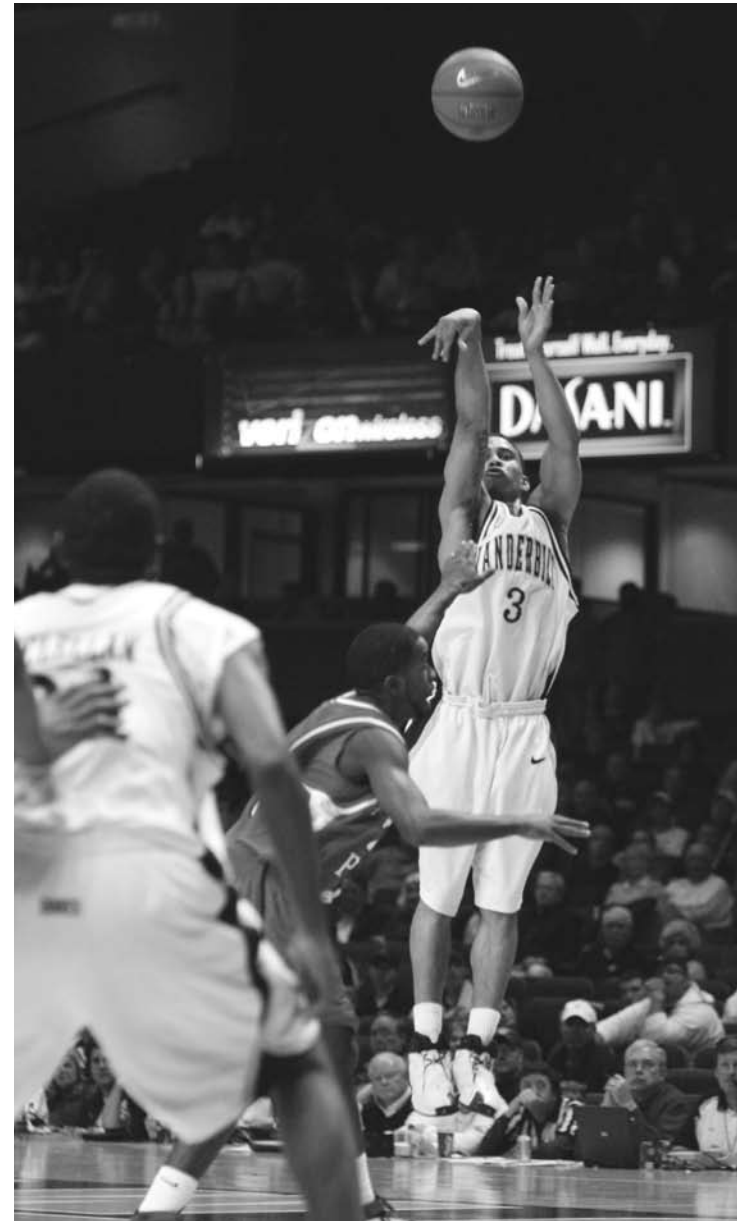
"(Gordon) hit a big shot there," he said. "They had a little momentum and they were trying to press and we came down and (Gordon) hit a big three from over there in the left corner and kind of stemmed the tide and got us going again."

Gordon finished with 19 points on seven of 10 shooting, including five of seven from 3-point range, to go along with three assists and just one turnover.

Meanwhile, freshman center A.J. Ogilvy turned in a solid performance in his first career game, scored 18 points, 16 coming in the second half, on six of nine shooting, while recording nine rebounds and two blocks. With Ogilvy, the Commodores said they are going to go inside more often this season, and for good reason.

"It's going to either be a basket or a foul or he's going to find somebody else because he's a good passer too," Gordon said.

With Foster and Gordon shooting well from the outside and Ogilvy



CHRIS PHARE / The Vanderbilt Hustler
Alex Gordon hit five of seven 3-pointers and finished with 19 points as Vanderbilt defeated Austin Peay 81-67 in the season opener Saturday night at Memorial Gymnasium.

scoring down low, the Commodores should be difficult to defend.

"The more shots that Shan and Red make, the more difficult we are going to be guard inside because then A.J. will have better chances," Stallings said.

Neltner chipped in with six points and seven rebounds, while Metcalfe added five points and three rebounds. Still, the story of the night was certainly Foster.

"It feels like the basket is the ocean sometimes and I have great teammates that do a good job of finding me when I'm open," he said.

Loos said he came away impressed with Vanderbilt, which plays at Toledo on Tuesday night.

"What it was in a nutshell was they really played well together," he said. "They showed a lot of discipline and a lot of chemistry."

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Showing her Wirth

Junior scores game-high 17 points as No. 23 Commodores trounce Furman.

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While the women's basketball team admitted it lost its focus for portions of its 68-51 victory over Furman on Sunday afternoon at Memorial Gym, junior forward Tina Wirth did not. That did not surprise coach Melanie Balcomb one bit.

"Tina's a well-oiled machine," said Balcomb. "Every day she gives 100 percent and she knows what she's doing and she works at every little thing that we teach. Her hard work and attitude just showed (Sunday). She didn't play down to the level of the competition. She played at her level."

And that level is a pretty high one. Wirth scored a game-high 17 points on seven of 11 shooting and added six rebounds and three assists to carry the No. 23 Commodores, who are now 2-0 after defeating UAB 92-51 in their season opener Friday night.

"It's always fun to play with Tina," said sophomore guard Jessica Mooney. "You know that she's going to be there every game ready to play."

Mooney certainly came ready to play as well, scoring eight points during Vanderbilt's 14-0 run to begin the game.

"Coach made it clear that she wanted us to get a quick jump on them and make them call a timeout early in the first four minutes, which we did," Mooney said.

Balcomb said she was pleased with her team's ability to set the tempo early on, yet disappointed with its focus the rest of the way.

"Basically the good start won the game for us because we played them pretty much even the rest of the game," she said. "We've got to maintain what we started and we did a tremendous job starting the game, especially Jess, at being aggressive (and) attacking. We dictated on defense, but the rest of the game ... they dictated us."

Furman (1-1) cut the lead to six on a 3-pointer by Lee Stephens with 8:07 remaining in the first half, but that was as close as it would get. Nonetheless, the players know their performance was far from perfect.

"I feel like we just let down," Mooney said. "We didn't play as hard

as we should have."

Wirth, however, was one player who kept the proper focus throughout.

The same can be said for Jen Risper. The junior guard scored six points on three of four shooting to go along with seven rebounds and two assists.

"They really have done a great job of working hard every day at what we're teaching at a very high level," Balcomb said. "Their intensity, their focus, their attitude and their effort is exactly where we need it."

"Those are the two kids that we count on. I will always make sure that they're in the game because I know what we're going to get from them."

Vanderbilt shot 65.4 percent from the field in the first half outscored Furman 32 to 12 in the paint. Balcomb said she was pleased the Commodores were able to get the ball inside more in the second half.

Mooney finished with 10 points, Merideth Marsh added nine on three 3-pointers, and Liz Sherwood chipped in with seven for the Commodores, who next play at Indiana State on Wednesday. ■



SAM KIM / The Vanderbilt Hustler
Junior Tina Wirth scored a game-high 17 points to lead No. 23 Vanderbilt to a 68-51 victory over Furman Sunday afternoon at Memorial Gymnasium. The Commodores are 2-0 on the young season.

Sports Briefs

Cross country concludes fall season

The Vanderbilt women's and men's cross country teams finished 11th and 14th respectively at the NCAA South Regional Championship Saturday. The women were led by Adrienne DiRaddo, who finished the 6K race in 53rd with a time of 22:42.15. The second-best time came from Rita Jorgensen, who placed 55th with a time of 22:46.06 and Carmen Mims (63rd) turned in the team's third-best performance.

"It was nice to beat Mississippi State and Auburn, who beat us at the conference meet," said coach Steve Keith.

On the men's side, Chris Noel and Rob Whiting turned in the two best times. Noel, who finished in 79th overall, ran the 10K race in 33:39.95, while Whiting closed the race in 80th place with a time of 33:45.15.

With much of the nucleus set to return for both teams in the 2008 campaign, Keith said he is excited about the future. "We held our own through transition this season," remarked Keith, adding, "I know we learned a valuable lesson through having a lot of young people running at the SEC and NCAA levels. We'll grow from it."

Bowlers finish second after late comeback

The bowling team staged a furious rally during Sunday's closing games of the Cheeseland Invitational but fell just short, finishing second in the 11-team field. The Commodores entered the tournament's final two Baker games trailing Nebraska by 191 pins and roared to within 65 by the end. While it did not capture the title, the late surge pushed Vanderbilt past Arkansas State and Fairleigh Dickinson.

"We just dug too deep of a hole for ourselves," said coach John Williamson. "For whatever reason we came out flat in the first game (a loss to Arkansas State), and I challenged them. We could either fold or decide to compete, and we chose to compete. It was the first time we've come close to capturing the intensity that we had at the end of last year. Our rally was a very good team effort. We juggled the lineup and everyone contributed."

Karen Grygiel led the Commodores with a third-place individual finish while sophomore Josie Earnest also had a top 10 tournament, finishing sixth. Vanderbilt is now 17-5 and travels to the Maryland-Eastern Shore Hawk Classic next weekend where it is defending champion.

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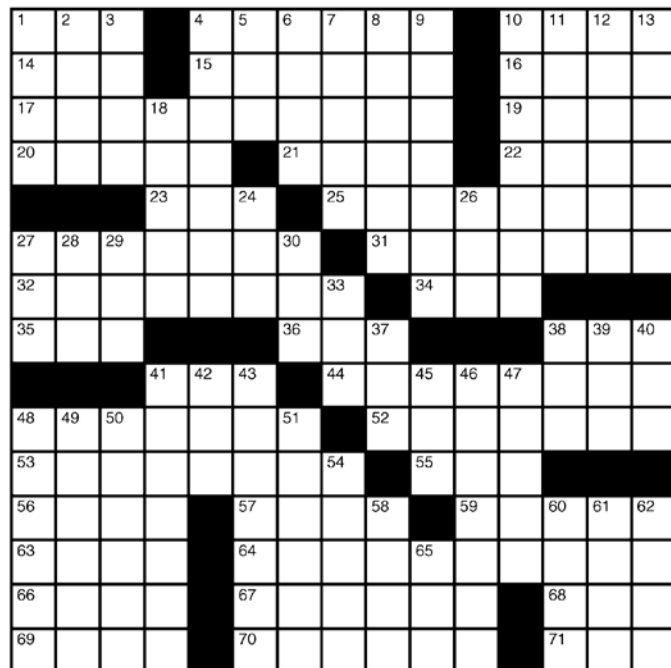
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