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THE WALL

compiled by SARA GAST

TODAY Compost Discovery initiation

Students Promoting Environmental Awareness and Recycling invites the community to experience the initiation of The Commons Center Compost Discovery Area, which is adjacent the Commons Center, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visitors will learn about the composting process as well as other sustainability initiatives at Vanderbilt.

TODAY Young Alumni Trustee Forum

Join members of the Board of Trust and Vanderbilt Student Government at the Young Alumni Trustee Forum at 6:30 p.m. in the Board of Trust Room in the Student Life Center. A catered dinner will be provided.

TODAY Variations concert

Variations will be performing at 7:30 p.m. in Sarratt Cinema. Tickets are \$5.

TODAY Global warming presentation

Earth and environmental science professor Jonathan Gilligan, an expert in the area of global climate change, will be giving a presentation on global warming in Garland Hall, Room 101 at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOV. 15 Election Alliance discussion

Election Alliance will host an open forum discussion of "Is America Ready for a Minority President?" The event will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center. Professors Lucius Outlaw, Mark Dalhouse, Tiffany Patterson and John Geer will discuss how race, gender and religion may influence the 2008 presidential election. Food will be provided.

THIS WEEK Original Cast ticket sale

Original Cast members will be on the Wall from 12 to 1 p.m. selling tickets for their upcoming shows. Tickets on the Wall are \$7, but they can also be purchased for \$10 on the Card.

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



Meet Cresson

Looking past the label:
Sorority girl

by SYDNEY WILMER
Asst News Editor

KATIE DePAOLA
Staff Reporter

Looking past the label

This series was inspired by the idea that each person has a distinct story, and it is important to get to know each other in order to make this big world a bit smaller. It is also based on the notion that our differences are what make us unique.

Only by facing our own misunderstandings can we begin to break down the walls we have created.

Just reading about these individuals isn't enough to understand their struggles, passions and unique stories. To watch these students discuss identity in their own words, go to:



People might think I...

- ... love to go frat-hopping every weekend.
- ... am obsessed with sisterhood.
- ... want to be buried in my Sperry's, pearls and some ridiculous polo.
- ... get trashed every night of the week.
- ... flaunt my Greek letters whenever possible.
- ... spend hours getting ready before I leave my room.

But...

- ... I prefer exploring in the city to "going out" on campus.
- ... I grew up with five boys and still have trouble understanding girls.
- ... I am much more comfortable in my hippie skirts and Chacos.
- ... I don't mind holding out until I'm 21 to enjoy the wonders of Natty Light.
- ... I am notorious for rocking the soro shirts only on laundry day.
- ... I avoid showering and primping like it's the plague. Seriously.

Sophomore Cresson Haugland was Nashville-bound last January a few days before she had planned.

"My mom said my plane ticket was bringing me back for rush and that I had to do it. So I did it. I really didn't have a choice," she said.

Haugland said she did not understand the purpose of a sorority when she came to Vanderbilt and initially did not consider participation in recruitment.

"I came in thinking that sorority girls at Vanderbilt were no different than any others," she said.

But as the semester progressed, Haugland made friends with older sorority women and questioned her ideas about Greek life.

"I got to know someone on a deeper, more personal and spiritual level," she said. And when Cresson found out she was in a sorority, the experience "really made me reconsider every stereotype I had about sororities."

Though she jokingly calls her mother "Miss Suzie Sorority," Haugland acknowledges she must thank her mom for opening the door and gathering recommendations while she was busy preparing for her college experience sans sorority life.

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEF

Bhutto under house arrest, says Musharraf must quit power

Opposition leader Benazir Bhutto on Tuesday called on President Gen. Pervez Musharraf to resign and ruled out serving under him in a future government after she was placed under house arrest for the second time in five days.

With the political turmoil increasing, Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte was headed to Pakistan and expected to reiterate Washington's calls for Musharraf to lift the state of emergency.

The Bush administration offered a measured response to Bhutto's remarks.

"We remain concerned ... (but) we are hopeful that moderate elements would join together," said White House spokeswoman Dana Perino.

SOURCE: AP

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

Students to voice concerns to board

by NIKKI BOGOPOLSKAYA
Staff Reporter

Today students have the chance to discuss campus issues directly with Young Alumni Trustees and other members of the Board of Trust.

About 15 Board of Trust members plan to attend the annual forum, more than in previous years.

According to Heather Souder, a 2004 graduate and YAT, forum topics may include the future of KISSAM Quad, main campus housing upgrades, the progress of the College Halls Initiative, course registration, VUwebmail and textbook prices.

Souder suggested any students interested in campus life attend.

"The board has oversight over the governance of the university and makes decisions that impact student life," Souder said. "Therefore, input from

Please see BOARD OF TRUST, page 3

Notable speaker, Jewish community leaders gather for annual event

by EVE ATTERMANN
Asst News Editor

What do you get when a rabbi, a secretary of state, a governor and 3,000 Jewish leaders and students get together?

The annual general assembly of the United Jewish Communities of the Jewish Federations of North America — held this year from Nov. 11 to 13 at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel.

Top speakers included Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Democratic National Committee Chairman and former presidential candidate Howard Dean, Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen, famed Yeshiva University professor Rabbi Jacob J. Schacter, and Interim Chancellor Nick Zeppos.

Vanderbilt faculty and students also were well represented at the

conference, with Hillel volunteers greeting conference attendees at the airport and Zeppos and several professors from the Jewish Studies department making presentations.

More Jewish students attended this conference than any other in the history of the event, said Danielle Freni, senior communications associate of Hillel.

"Last year, the big complaint was that millennials, the next generation, had not been included, but all that changed this year," she said. "Now we have hundreds of engaged, active students from campuses all over attending."

Vanderbilt students who went said their participation showed the global Jewish community how far Vanderbilt Hillel has come in terms of membership growth and cooperation in the past few years.

And freshmen Saul Siller and Eric Walk said they consider this visibility important.

"I was certainly representing Vanderbilt and representing what Jewish life at Vanderbilt is all about," Siller said. "Especially with regards to how we define ourselves, and I was trying to give them a different view of what the Jewish community at Vanderbilt was like."

"It was a chance to show how much we've grown," Walk said.

Sophomore Gaby Avery-Peck said she was glad the conference was held in Tennessee this year because it was a chance for the Southern Jewish populations to gain exposure.

"Jews are in the South, and people don't normally see it that way," Avery-Peck said. "I thought it was important to represent Jewish students in the South." ■

Trying new 'tastes of Asia'



SAM KIM / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Various Nashville restaurants provided Korean, Vietnamese, Chinese, Japanese and Thai food at Taste of Asia Tuesday night. The Asian American Student Association hosted the event.

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Odds & Ends

WEATHER

compiled by SYDNEY WILMER

THURSDAY



Sunny, 54/31

FRIDAY



Sunny, 55/40

SATURDAY



Partly Cloudy, 60/49

VUPD CRIME LOG

compiled by SARA GAST

Thursday, Nov. 8, 5:30 p.m.:
Subject came out to her car and found her trunk scratched and dented.

Thursday, Nov. 8, 8:20 p.m.:
Subject was still on Vanderbilt property after being discharged from the Emergency Department.

Friday, Nov. 9, 5:20 a.m.:
Subject was observed asleep in a parking lot and admitted to drinking.

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

Iran gives IAEA blueprints linked to possible nuclear weapons program

Iran has met a key demand of the United Nations nuclear agency, handing over long-sought blueprints showing how to mold uranium metal into the shape of warheads, diplomats said Tuesday.

Iran's decision to release the documents, which were seen by U.N. inspectors two years ago, was seen as a concession designed to head off the threat of new U.N. sanctions.

But the diplomats said Tehran has failed to meet other requests made by the International Atomic Energy Agency in its attempts to end nearly two decades of nuclear secrecy on the part of Iran.

SOURCE: AP

7 killed as Hamas breaks up largest Fatah rally since Hamas takeover of Gaza

A rally of more than 250,000 Fatah supporters ended in mayhem Monday, with Hamas police opening fire and protesters hurling rocks or running for cover. Seven civilians were killed, and dozens were wounded in the violence between Palestinian factions.

The demonstration in a Gaza City square, marking the Nov. 11, 2004, death of iconic Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, posed the strongest challenge to Hamas rule in Gaza since the Islamic militant group seized the impoverished territory by force in June. The images of Hamas policemen facing off against large groups of rock-throwers challenged Hamas' claim that it has established tight control.

SOURCE: AP

NATION

Economic costs of Iraq, Afghanistan wars put at \$1.6 trillion so far, about \$20,900 per American family

The economic costs of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan total an estimated \$1.6 trillion — roughly double what the White House has requested thus far, according to a new report by Democrats on Congress' Joint Economic Committee.

The report, released Tuesday, attempted to put a price tag on the conflicts, including "hidden" costs such as interest payments on the money borrowed, lost investment, the expense of long-term health care for injured veterans and the cost of oil market disruptions.

The \$1.6 trillion figure, for the period from 2002 to 2008, translates to a cost of \$20,900 for a family of four, the report said. The Bush administration has requested \$804 billion for the Iraq and Afghanistan wars combined, the report stated.

SOURCE: AP

Former golfing buddy testifies Simpson told him to bring 'heat' to Vegas hotel-room confrontation

One of the men who accompanied O.J. Simpson to a hotel-room confrontation with two sports memorabilia dealers testified Tuesday that the former football star wanted them to bring "heat" to show they meant business.

Simpson, his golfing buddy, Walter Alexander, and Charles "Spencer" McClinton met up before attending a mutual friend's wedding Sept. 13, Alexander testified. Simpson asked Alexander if he would accompany him to the Palace Station Hotel-Casino, where he was to meet the memorabilia dealers, Alexander said.

SOURCE: AP

Members sue 'Hannah Montana' fan club, saying they should have had concert seat priority

Thousands of "Hannah Montana" fans who couldn't get concert tickets are suing the teen performer's fan club over memberships they claim were supposed to give them priority for seats.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of a New Jersey woman and anyone else who joined the Miley Cyrus Fan Club based on its promise that joining would make getting concert tickets from the teen star's Web site easier.

Cyrus, 14, is the daughter of country singer Billy Ray Cyrus and star of the Disney Channel's "Hannah Montana" TV show.

SOURCE: AP

CAMPUS

Emeritus Trustee, Oscar winner Delbert Mann dies in California

Delbert Mann, who directed scores of Hollywood films and television productions including the winner of the 1955 Academy Award for best picture, "Marty," died Sunday in Los Angeles. The 1941 Vanderbilt graduate and 1999 winner of the Distinguished Alumnus Award was an Emeritus Trustee at the university.

A memorial service is planned for 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, at Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church in California.

Mann worked with a who's who of stars during his long career including Humphrey Bogart, Grace Kelly, Angela Lansbury, Walter Matthau and George C. Scott.

In The Papers of Delbert Mann, published by Vanderbilt in 1993, actor Jack Lemmon praised Mann as "a leader that the actor trusted."

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 can I take on the plane this weekend?

ANSWER:

For carry-on items, travelers are limited to liquids, aerosols and gels in 3-ounce containers or smaller. All containers must fit in a 1-quart bag. Exceptions to this rule include baby formula, breast milk, juice, prescription and over-the-counter medications, and liquids or gels necessary for passengers with a medical condition.

Safety razors, nail files and scissors with 4-inch blades or smaller are now permitted in carry-on luggage.

For more information, click on the For Travelers link at the Transportation Security Administration homepage at www.tsa.gov



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SNAPSHOT

SAVORING EDUCATION



LAUREN FONDRIST / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Vanderbilt employees Isabelle S. Crist, Lyn Fulton-John, Sherif Barsoum and Sandy Stahl enjoy food from China and Greece during the International Education Week kickoff festivities Monday. Events continue around campus for the rest of the week.

SEEKING STUDENT MEDIA LEADERS

The Vanderbilt Student Communications Board of Directors is seeking applications for the following Student Media Leader positions:

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APPLICATIONS DUE: Thursday, Nov. 29 at 2 p.m.
ELECTIONS: Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 4 p.m.

Students pose questions to presidential hopefuls

by LAKENDRA SCOTT
Staff Reporter

The chance to directly impact a presidential election does not come along every day.

But things changed when politicians discovered YouTube.

Vanderbilt students will be among a group of voters proposing questions to Republican presidential hopefuls through YouTube video clips to be posed to the candidates in a Nov. 28 debate televised on CNN.

Voters can ask candidates questions through self-recorded videos, and a

committee of CNN employees will select the questions.

This process falls in line with the objectives of Election Alliance '08, a coalition of organizations that increases political awareness through innovative tactics, said Lilly Massa-McKinley, program coordinator for the Office of Active Citizenship and Service. "All we want is for students to be informed," she said. "We want to make it easy for students to ask their questions."

According to Massa-McKinley, Election Alliance has been strong this year because of new student approaches to politics, such as use of the

Internet to increase political involvement on campus.

SPEAK OUT

What: YouTube question taping

When: Today and Thursday

Where: On the Wall

"I wanted to get involved because this is one of the most important elections of our lifetime," said freshman Spencer Montalvo, chairman of the Iowa Caucus subcommittee and a copy editor for The Vanderbilt Hustler. "Election Alliance allows me to gain firsthand experience in politics and be involved in the political process." ■

Changes broaden law school curriculum

by ALLISON MORRIS
Staff Reporter

Vanderbilt Law School administrators have begun to make a series of curriculum changes meant to update a "seriously out of date" law program, said Law School Dean Edward Rubin.

The current program, in place since the 1870s, focuses for the first year on common law, but the new program will broaden the focus to include aspects of regulatory law, modern litigation, and drafting and negotiating contracts.

Rubin said this poses a serious problem because the old system neglects to take into account the advent of regulatory state, globalization, the development of social science and interdisciplinary law.

Some law students said the new, broader focus of the curriculum benefits first-years.

Lauren Courtney, a first-year law student, said she values her new regulatory state class and said she expects to deal with that type of law most often in society.

Second- and third-year students will now take part in a program designed to engage them through focused clinical studies and a yearlong research seminar in the third year.

The new program also will allow the faculty groups to bring in speakers and hold short courses and conferences designed to supplement their specific program.

Rubin said the change in curriculum was spurred by the interest of the administration and faculty.

"The faculty took a comprehensive look at the first year and decided to implement new courses ... in an overarching effort to bring the curriculum up to date," he said.

Rubin also said they designed the new model to be accessible, and he said he thinks other law schools will adopt the new system.

Rafael Perez, a first-year student in the Law School, said he values the change.

"I read cases about current issues decided as recently as 2007 ... and get a perspective of how the Supreme Court is deciding right now," he said. ■

—To hear from Rubin about the new faculty-designed curriculum, go to:



MEET CRESSON: Letters unimportant

From MEET CRESSON, page 1

But initially, the 5-foot-10 dirty blonde, who sports a nose ring and does not own a single polo, wondered whether sorority life suited her.

"I stayed because I felt like I was put there for a reason, but I was still questioning it. Was this really where I was supposed to be?"

Even if she feels a little "different" sometimes, Haugland said she has not compromised her own values or offbeat sense of style in order to fit in. And as she has become more acquainted with the members of her own sorority, she has learned sorority life means more than fraternity parties and pearls.

"You can go to parties and be surrounded by hundreds of people

that you don't know, and that's a party," she said. "You're together with people that have something in common with you that you might not have known about."

Nevertheless, Haugland admits she has not completely given up her original preconceptions of sorority women.

"I don't know why I still hold on to the stereotypes of the sorority girl. Maybe because I haven't really accepted the fact that I am one," she said.

But even as she finds herself delving deeper into sorority life, Haugland said she hopes others do not define her by these terms.

"I hope that I don't fit the image that maybe people see if they aren't in a sorority, because I don't know, I still kind of think the

sorority girl wears the polos and, you know, the button up shirts and the little cutesy pearls. And that, in and of itself, is something that I've found fits."

She has really learned, however, more than anything else, Greek letters account for very little when it comes to understanding people on a deeper level.

"I've kind of gotten past that whole looking at what a person wears and judging them for it, because, you know, people look at me and think the stuff I wear is weird, and I'm like whatever, 'I think what you wear is goofy.' So, I don't know."

At a certain point, she said she realized, "I should stop paying attention to all of these little letters." ■

BOARD OF TRUST: Housing to be discussed

From BOARD OF TRUST, page 1

the student body is extremely important. The forum is really an informal discussion with any interested students on topics that matter most to them."

According to Courtney Salters, director of student governance, the forum participation varies depending on issues on campus at the time of its execution.

"This year's forum will be held in a more central location: the Board of Trust room (in) the Student Life Center," Salters said. "It has been scheduled to better accommodate both students and the board."

The board worked with Vanderbilt Student Government to host the forum.

Previous years' discussions have included issues such as parking, dining and course registration, as well as weightier issues such as the implementation of the career center, living wage, restructuring the athletic department and

changing the format of the award-selection process of Homecoming.

The forum coincides with a full board meeting, which will have sessions Wednesday through Friday.

And YATs will present a report on the forum to the entire board.

YATs are selected in their senior year through a nomination and voting process. Students in the junior and senior class have the opportunity to vote for the trustee, who is then recommended to the board by the Alumni Association committee.

Trustee and 2006 graduate Alice Ji said she thinks the forum especially concerns those who need to voice a concern or bring up questions and suggestions.

"This is the one chance students have this semester to ask any question of a Vanderbilt University trustee directly," Ji said. ■

GREAT BIG SHOWS
PRESENTS

Ongoing:

Umphreys McGee

FRI 11/16 @ City Hall

American Bang w/ Dead Confederate & Leslie

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OFFICE OF HOUSING AND RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION OFFICIAL NOTICE

TO: The Residential Community
FROM: Jim Kramka, Senior Director of Housing Facilities, Operations, & Mgmt
Tina Smith, Senior Director of Residence Life and Residential Education
SUBJECT: THANKSGIVING BREAK

Thanksgiving Break extends from November 17, 2007 – November 25, 2007. During the break, all undergraduate residence halls will close. Residence halls will close at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, November 17, and reopen on Sunday, November 25, at 9:00 a.m. Card access for all residents will be turned off during break.

DON'T PANIC. READ ON! Students needing to stay in ANY of the residence halls for any part of the break may do so if they register by midnight, Wednesday, November 14. Students may register online at www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd anytime during the period November 5 - 14. Please post an "Occupied" sign on your door when you are in your room during break. "Occupied" signs will be available from all main desks.

PLEASE NOTE: During break it may not be possible to provide residential staff in a particular building, or to provide staffing of information desks in a particular building. Because card reader access may be the only means of entry, compliance with the registration procedures above is essential. In addition, remaining students should take even greater care regarding their personal safety and security.

During the break, maintenance and housekeeping personnel will be working in student rooms. Please make sure that maintenance personnel can easily access the air handling unit by your window as well as kitchen and bathroom appliances and plumbing fixtures. Please move furniture and personal belongings away from the air handling units. Work crews will be inspecting rooms between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE:

- **Execute a full backup of data** on your computer. Turn off the power, and unplug the power cord from the wall or power strip. If the computer is turned off and disconnected from its power source, it need not be disconnected from the network.
- **Defrost, clean out, turn off, and unplug refrigerators** to prevent damage from power surges and outages.
- **Turn off and unplug all other appliances.** (Note: television channels on some sets may have to be reprogrammed when the power is restored.)
- **Remove fish from, drain, and clean out aquariums.**
- **Carry your trash to the dumpsters.** Do not pile garbage or trash in the common area or bathroom where it will remain until the residence hall reopens. Clean out your recycling containers.
- **Set your thermostat midway between the "warm" and "cool" settings.** If we are experiencing cold temperatures during the break, heat in the halls will be set at a moderate level.
- **Move your bed** a short distance from the wall if it is directly below a window. Condensation sometimes forms on cold windows and might find its way to bedclothes immediately below.
- **Do not leave belongings on the floor of your room.** If freezing temperatures strike causing broken pipes, flooding may occur in affected areas.
- **Lock your door and take your key with you!**

RESIDENCE HALL SECURITY AND SAFETY

1. During break, residential staff will perform safety and security checks in student rooms. **Violations of University policy will be documented and students may face disciplinary action.**
2. Be sure to close and lock your windows, open the curtains or blinds, turn off all lights. **Carry your key with you and lock your doors, including private bedrooms in suites and apartments.** If you live at ground level, make certain no valuables are visible from the outside. Please move bikes into your room or another secure area to reduce risk of theft.
3. **Do not leave jewelry or other valuable items in your room.** Vanderbilt University will make every effort to keep the residence halls secure during the break period, but cannot assume responsibility for your possessions. You should, therefore, take appropriate measures to safeguard your valuables.
4. **Residence halls will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 25, 2007.** Students returning to campus before this time must register by midnight, Wednesday, November 14. **Unless you have registered, do not arrive on campus prior to November 25, 2007 and expect to be admitted to a closed residence hall.**

Please plan now for the closing of these residence halls. If this causes a problem for you and you are unable to find a suitable solution, please see your RA, RLC or AD for assistance.

HAVE A GREAT BREAK!

BEGIN THE TRADITION



2008-2009 Residence Life Staff Recruitment

Interest Sessions

Wednesday, NOV. 14	8:00 p.m.	Commons MPR
Wednesday, NOV. 28	8:00 p.m.	CTE Formal Lounge
Tuesday, DEC. 4	8:00 p.m.	Morgan Conference Room
Tuesday, JAN. 15	5:00 p.m.	Reinke Classroom
Wednesday, JAN. 16	6:30 p.m.	Commons MPR
Thursday, JAN. 17	7:00 p.m.	Branscomb Rec Room

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OUR VIEW

Society must assist struggling soldiers

Daniel Crowell, featured in the cover story of the Monday issue, reminded us of an important fact during this Veteran's Day week.

"College-age students forget that the vast majority of soldiers over there putting their lives on the line are their peers," he 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."

But clearly, not only are our peers the majority being deployed, they are also the majority of those returning from the front lines. Accordingly, we should be especially concerned with the findings of a new CBS analysis.

According to cbsnews.com, a five-

month probe "based on detailed analysis of data obtained from death records from 2004 to 2005 found that veterans were more than twice as likely to commit suicide in 2005 as non-vets." One expert that talked to Chief Investigative Correspondent Armen Keteyian referred to this wave of suicides among veterans as a "hidden epidemic."

This means an abundance — actually, a 26-year record high number — of veterans come home feeling lost and unable to cope. Many of our peers have unbelievable difficulty re-entering society. And since many of them are dealing with experiences and feelings to which we cannot naturally relate, it can be difficult to know how to help.

The Joshua Omvig Suicide Prevention Bill, named for a 22-year-old who committed suicide less than a year after returning from Iraq, became law earlier this month. The bill "directs the Department of Veterans Affairs to develop and implement a comprehensive program to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans." The department must improve mental health screening for veteran patients, tracking of veterans, mental health care and establish a suicide prevention hotline. This bill, if complied with, will hopefully serve its purpose and make this issue more visible, encouraging students around the country to help their peers through this difficult transition.

COLUMN

Time to fight back in the generation war has come

MICHAEL MAIO
Columnist

I'm from the metro Atlanta area, and as you may have heard, we're having a little problem with our water supply. To be specific, it will run out in about two months.

Some water restrictions are in effect, but instead of the community pulling together to conserve water, many seem resentful of the idea they should be asked to sacrifice. When I visited my home over October break, several of the lawns in my neighborhood were bright green, and many of my neighbors have offered excuses for why the water restrictions shouldn't apply to them along the lines of, "Oh, I was out of town last week, so I should be allowed to use more water now that I'm home."

I bring up Georgia's water crisis because it's increasingly difficult to survey the state of the world and not wonder if the baby boomer generation has brought us to the brink of the apocalypse. Perhaps that's too extreme, but it is clear their legacy to us will be major structural problems in our society, such as more than \$9 trillion in national debt and a global climate crisis.

So it rubs me the wrong way when boomer-era commentators bemoan the lack of activism among college students from their armchairs. That's what New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman did last month when he dubbed us "Generation Quiet," saying young Americans need to be more vocal agents of political change. "But they can't e-mail it in, and an online petition or a mouse click for carbon neutrality won't cut it," Friedman wrote. "They have to get organized in a way that will force politicians to pay attention rather than just patronize them."

Friedman's comments sound suspiciously like the numerous commentators who, observing myriad social ills and our shattered sense of national purpose, call for those younger than them to be scripted into two years of mandatory national service to heal the wounds their generation has inflicted on this country. As it happens, though, Friedman is right. His generation may have dumped difficult problems on us, but if the reluctance of many Georgians to make small changes to their lives in the face of water shortages is any indication, boomers aren't about to make amends.

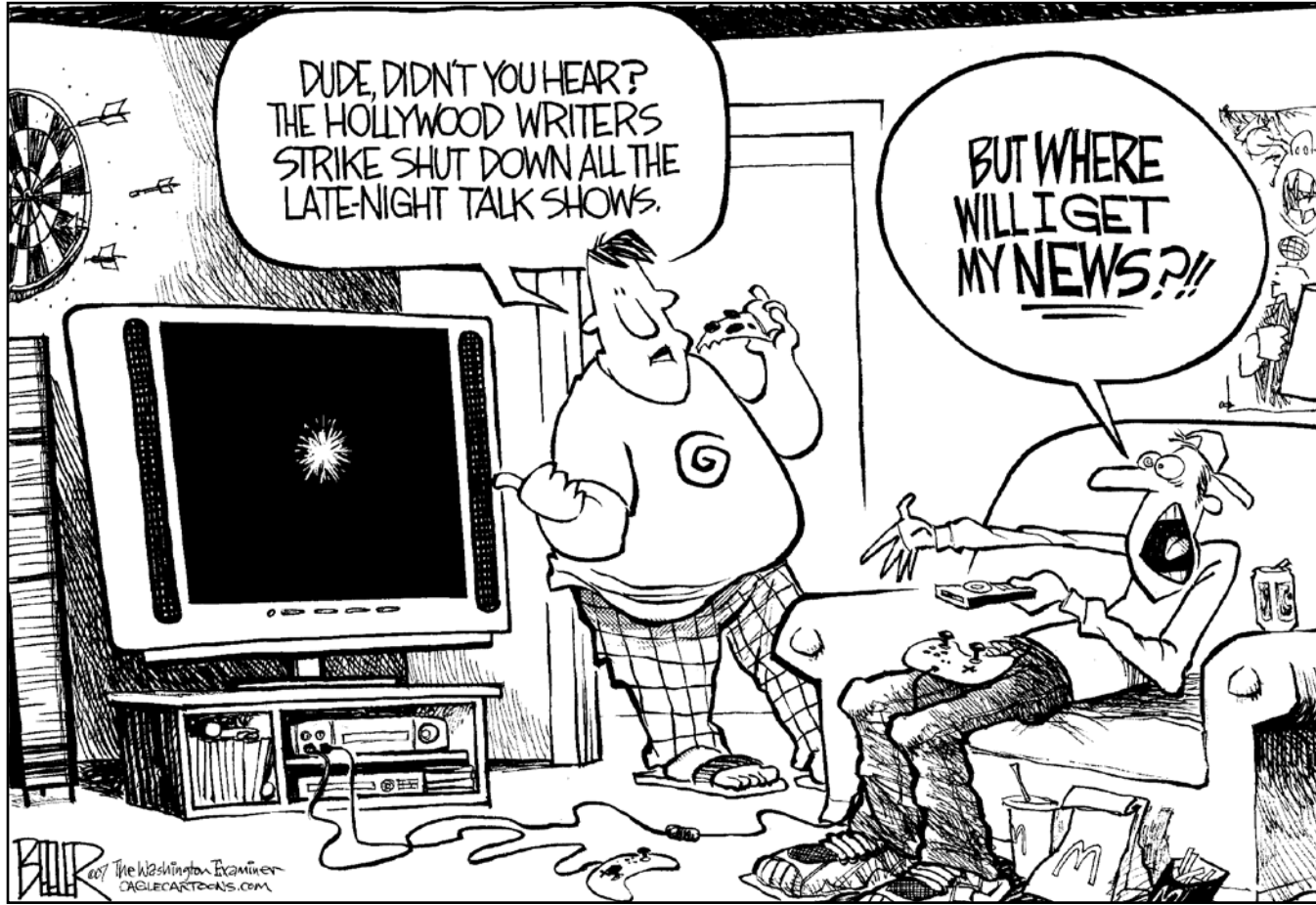
So why aren't we angrier? One of the most common charges individual Vanderbilt students level against the student body as a whole is the student body is politically apathetic, but that's wrong. While political demonstrations and grassroots activism are not a major part of the campus culture, it's a leap to infer students here do not care much about the issues facing our country and the rest of the world. Vanderbilt is among the most service-oriented universities in the country, which indicates a high level of engagement with social ills both local and global even if participants don't necessarily think of their service in political terms.

The problem is, students here, like students at many other universities, are great at engaging broad issues like human rights but are terrible advocates for their own narrow interests. We have groups on campus raising money to fight world hunger and mobilize opposition to the genocide in Darfur but none focusing on college affordability.

That void persists, I think, partly because many of us feel timid about making demands for things that would benefit us directly. It wasn't that long ago we were all minors who had very few rights, and we're just barely starting to learn how to assert ourselves in a world run by people much older than us.

The meekness doesn't just apply in political contexts, either. For example, there is usually a low level of background griping on campus about the lack of decent parking for undergraduates, but it's rare to see students confront the administration directly about the issue. Senior Kevin McNish reported one such confrontation when he wrote

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Nate Beeler—MCT

LETTER

Fair elections could free up tuition money

To the Editor:

As the 2008 presidential race shows, when it comes to our elections all we hear about is how much money candidates are raising. Why don't candidates talk about real issues, like the fact college costs are rising and driving up the amount that students and families must borrow? Did you know in the last year college costs at both private and public schools have risen at more than twice the rate of inflation?

So what does student debt have to do with politics? A recent report from College Board states rising tuition "closely tracks changes in financing that colleges receive from state governments and other public sources." But our politicians today spend more time raising money for their campaigns than listening to students cry for help. What can we do?

From Nov. 12 through 16, Democracy Matters at Vanderbilt is celebrating the "FENA Week of Action." The Fair Elections Now Act, a bill in Congress, would allow politicians to run for office without spending the majority of their time raising money. Instead, candidates would qualify for a public grant. They could then talk with voters and begin to meet the needs of their constituents, including college students. But what exactly does this mean for us?

In states that already have fair elections (a public financing option), more young people can afford to run for

office. So can other citizens without ties to big business and special interests. In Maine, Connecticut, Arizona, North Carolina and other states with fair elections, voters get to choose among a diverse group of candidates — not just wealthy politicians. And most importantly, fair elections politicians are accountable to the people who elect them, not to big private funders. So students have more chances to influence their elected officials. Freed from dependence on banks, loan companies and others who now fund their campaigns, politicians who run with public financing are more likely to respond to student needs by voting to hold down the rising costs of tuition and adequately funding higher education.

Democracy Matters is a national student organization joining with groups like the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Common Cause, Sierra Club, AFL-CIO, Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund, and many others to spread the word about the promise of fair elections. Interested students should join us to take back our democracy, stop the money chase and create responsive, accountable elected officials. It just might mean lower college costs.

Tom Byrne
Campus Coordinator
Democracy Matters at Vanderbilt

LETTER

Committee requests comments

To the Editor:

Do you ever find yourself questioning the services and facilities you use on a daily basis and wish there was something you could do? Whether it is a desire for additional common space in the Student Life Center, Taste of Nashville suggestions or something as simple as getting an additional vending machine in your favorite study spot, Vanderbilt Student Government can meet your needs.

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COLUMN

Clinton campaign 'carefully crafted'

MIKE WARREN
Guest Columnist

The Hillary Clinton campaign's latest stumble — the revelation that at least a few of the questions she received from Iowa Democrats at rallies and speeches were plants — has brought to light the deep flaws that have plagued the Clinton political machine since those early national campaign days way back in 1992.

Never mind the claim the senator was unaware aides had asked numerous people, including college students, to ask specific questions. This allegation is simply bogus when sized up next to the Clintons' extensive record of questionable campaign tactics. These incidents, which garnered media attention when numerous claims began to surface around the same time, are indicative of Clinton's need to control all aspects of her campaign.

Make no mistake: Nearly every speech, press release, campaign letter and media appearance she makes is carefully crafted to produce an image that is quite simply a fabrication of the real Hillary. The deviations from the plan, like her dismal performance at the Democratic debate two weeks ago when asked somewhat hard-hitting questions by moderator Tim Russert, are aberrations and cannot be tolerated. A day had not passed before Clinton campaign operatives (including husband Bill) were on the offensive, claiming Russert had asked unfair or combative questions. The effect of her performance is still felt because the damage-

control task force was caught off-guard; members of the mainstream media just don't question Clinton like that.

Go back a little less than a month ago to Clinton's barnstorming of the Sunday morning talk shows as bloggers and YouTubers alike reveled in the hilarity of her concocted maniacal laugh. But there is more behind the laugh: It always came after a question she really did not want to answer. None of these questions were all that critical or undercutting, but they brought up issues otherwise taboo for Clinton and company.

In one instance on "Fox News Sunday," Chris Wallace recalled his interview in the previous year with Bill Clinton, in which the former president became combative and accusatory about a "right-wing hit job." Wallace asked Clinton why she and Bill "have such a hyperpartisan view of politics," to which she gave her signature cackle. Her tone indicated she was clearly not pleased, and her specious response about moving beyond partisanship failed to obscure this. Similar questions on "Meet the Press" and "Face the Nation" elicited a similar response.

This knowledge renders the issue of plants in her rally audiences all the more interesting, though not in any way surprising. Accustomed to softball interviews and a sympathetic media for the majority of her public life, Clinton finds these legitimate questions (questions, mind you, any other presidential candidate would be expected to handle) damaging to her dubiously solid reputation, and, thus, the plants appear. Though the plants are probably nothing new

to a campaign controlled from the top by a rigid formula, their revelation shows a critical breakdown in the best run political machine in recent history.

What do these cracks mean for the campaign as a whole? There are still many months ahead in a race that will defy all conventional thinking, so the outcome is anyone's guess. Clinton will probably emerge from the primaries as the Democratic nominee because a battleship with a few holes in the hull will still dominate the dinky tugboats of Barack Obama and John Edwards. It will be up to the Republican nominee to capitalize on these holes and remind the American people of the Clintons as they really were, not as the mainstream media has changed them to be. Stories of shady Chinese donors and the refusal to release presidential documents, given enough attention, should remind Americans of the not-so-idyllic 1990s, when scandals like Whitewater and illicit Chinese fundraising managed to burst out from the tightly locked Clinton vault.

Clinton will continue to see to it that she controls the conversation, questions and topics. Thank goodness it isn't 1996 anymore; the media world ain't what it used to be, and perhaps these early revelations have spelled the beginning of the end of the Clintons' monopoly on the dissemination of information about themselves.

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THE VERDICT

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

Mike Huckabee		He's gaining in Iowa. Next, he's going to New Hampshire and South Carolina and Oklahoma and Arizona — YEEEEAAAAHHH!
Dr. Jan Adams		Non-board certified, malpractice-riddled plastic surgeon may have killed Kanye West's mom. Worst career move ever.
Norman Mailer		Outspoken literary giant died at age 84. You might disagree with him, but he won two Pulitzers. How many of those have you won?
Turkeys		Lethal strain of bird flu necessitates the slaughter of thousands of turkeys in Britain. What will they eat for Thanksgiving now?
A.J. Ogilvy		He's averaging 19 points a game. He's the SEC Freshman of the Week. He's Australian. Basically, the ultimate basketball trifecta.
Chlamydia		Sets the U.S. record with 1 million reported cases. Congratulations, chlamydia! Enjoy your time on top — but not too much!
Limbs		Eight-limbed girl is out of intensive care but now with four fewer limbs. She's not so special anymore. Welcome to our world.

MAIO: Students should stand up for selves

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in *The Torch* last month about his experience attending a parking committee meeting. McNish wrote he challenged administration officials about why permit prices are rising even as the availability of parking has at best remained constant over the past few years. But according to McNish, his complaint — unsurprisingly — "did not fall on receptive ears," and Assistant Vice Chancellor for Real Estate Operations Cliff Joyner and Director of Parking Lance Hale apparently were also not especially interested in addressing the sensible concern expressed by two Vanderbilt Student Government representatives that the long walk to main campus from the Vanderbilt University Police Department lot

poses a safety risk for students at night.

Moreover, a Nov. 9 article in *The Hustler* quoted Hale attempting to turn the table on students: "In an ideal world, everyone would park where they were supposed to, and students wouldn't park a car in front of Towers for three to four weeks when they could be freeing up those spots for daily use." See, there would be plenty of parking available if you people would just spend more time away from campus.

Administration officials would not so easily be able to blow off our concerns about campus life if more students were willing to play the role of the outraged consumer, but that sort of aggressiveness is generally (though not universally, as Students Promoting Environmental Awareness and Recycling has

proved) in short supply. Instead of making noise even about minor things like empty soap containers in dorm bathrooms, most students — and I admittedly count myself among them — seem content to wait timidly for a week until the cleaning staff notices. I don't want to lecture, but unless we learn to become demanding customers in our dealings close to home, too few of our generation will feel empowered to insist that our leaders address larger issues that disproportionately affect us — at least not until we're old enough to run the world. But that is surely too long from now.

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SPORTS

Take your pick...

With no playoff in sight, there is good a chance that a few worthy teams will be left out of the BCS title game in January. So, forget the polls and computer rankings. Which two teams deserve to play in New Orleans? Members of The Vanderbilt Hustler sports staff decide.



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LSU

by DAVID NAMM
Sports Reporter

In a season dominated by shocking upsets, streaky pretenders and sudden collapses, one team has been steady enough on offense and suffocating enough on defense to merit serious consideration for the national title: LSU.

No other team in the country can boast as many high-quality wins against ranked opponents (home against Florida, South Carolina, Auburn and Virginia Tech; away against Alabama), and their one loss—in triple overtime at then-eighth ranked Kentucky—came sandwiched between the Tigers' games against Florida and Auburn.

In a schedule featuring games against six ranked teams and a combined opponent record of 59-44, the Tigers have lost only once.

The overall strength of the SEC also helps LSU in its bid for another shot at a national title—and the first in the Les Miles era. In all, the conference that has had nine top-25 teams throughout the course of the season has made a very convincing case it is the best in the country. Thus, the SEC should be represented in the national championship by the team able to conquer such demanding competition. The squad that has risen to the top of the SEC this year: LSU.

Barring another loss, not only is LSU a very deserving championship contender, it is also an exciting team to watch. Senior quarterback Matt Flynn and running back Jacob Hester power a high-octane attack that can—with the help of wide receivers Early Doucet and Terrance Toliver along with backup quarterback and freshman sensation Ryan Perrilloux—blow past its opponents with speed and toughness and engage in shootouts if necessary.

However, shootouts are rarely needed with a vaunted defense led by All-American defensive tackle Glenn Dorsey and a slew of savvy playmakers that have outshone some of the best offensive threats in the country.

Plus, it can be assumed Miles will—for better or worse—go for the win with gutsy play calling. So far, so good, Coach. ■



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W. VIRGINIA

by JOSH BERMAN
Sports Reporter

Before you go ahead and list all the reasons why West Virginia doesn't belong in the BCS title game, ask yourself one question: What team scares you the most?

The answer, of course, is the Mountaineers, 8-1 overall and 3-1 in the underrated Big East.

While West Virginia made things harder on itself by losing at South Florida in late September, it's still the most dangerous squad in the nation. The offense averages 40.4 points per game thanks to dual-threat quarterback Patrick White and game-changing running back Steve Slaton.

White's numbers are flat-out ridiculous. He has completed 107 of 155 passes for 1,251 yards and 11 touchdowns, while running 120 times for 803 yards and ten scores.

Slaton, meanwhile, has rushed for 885 yards on 168 carries, caught 19 passes for 280 yards and scored 15 touchdowns.

But don't sleep on the Mountaineer defense, as it's allowed just 16.7 points per game, good for ninth in the country.

With games against Cincinnati and Connecticut over the next two weeks, West Virginia has a chance to add two solid victories to what is now an average resume. The Mountaineers handled Maryland 31-14 on the road, trounced a surprisingly good Mississippi State team 38-3 and crushed Rutgers 31-3 in Piscataway, N.J.

The South Florida loss hurts their chances, but are their chances really much worse than LSU's (Kentucky), Oregon's (Cal), or Oklahoma's (Colorado)? I don't think so.

One of the main reasons West Virginia finds itself behind those teams is the fact it plays in the Big East. However, I would bet the Mountaineers would find similar success in the Pac-10, Big 12 and possibly the SEC.

Rich Rodriguez's squad will need help to play in the BCS title game. If it does, the entire country will get to see what I already know: The Mountaineers are one heck of a team. ■



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OREGON

by JARRED AMATO
Sports Editor

It is only fitting in the craziest college football season in years, there is only one undefeated team in a BCS conference (untested Kansas), but seven—yes, seven—teams from the six major conferences with just one loss.

While all these squads think they deserve a shot at the title, only two can make it. Oregon is undoubtedly the most worthy (and likely) to make it to New Orleans.

Not only have the Ducks proved their merit by what they've done so far, they also have a good chance of running the table.

The Ducks' resume thus far has certainly merited a championship game appearance. Not only are they in first place in the Pac-10, a conference which many pundits believe is the toughest in the country, they have also beaten elite teams such as Michigan, USC and Arizona State.

Quarterback Dennis Dixon, the Heisman Trophy frontrunner, along with star running back Jonathan Stewart, lead a dangerous offense that has scored more than 24 points in every game.

The Ducks' only blemish was by a yard to a Cal team which, at the time, was undefeated and ranked sixth in the country.

Oregon also has the best shot out of all the contenders to finish the season without a blemish. LSU plays the always-dangerous Arkansas plus the SEC Championship game, Kansas and Missouri play each other (with the winner having to play Oklahoma in the Big 12 title game), and West Virginia has to play quality teams in Cincinnati and Connecticut.

Oregon, on the other hand, plays three teams (Arizona, UCLA and Oregon State) with a combined record of .500 and will therefore be substantive favorites in all of them.

The Ducks have been one of the few teams this year to avoid a big upset on their schedule, and one will need to happen to remove them from the driver's seat to the National Championship Game. ■

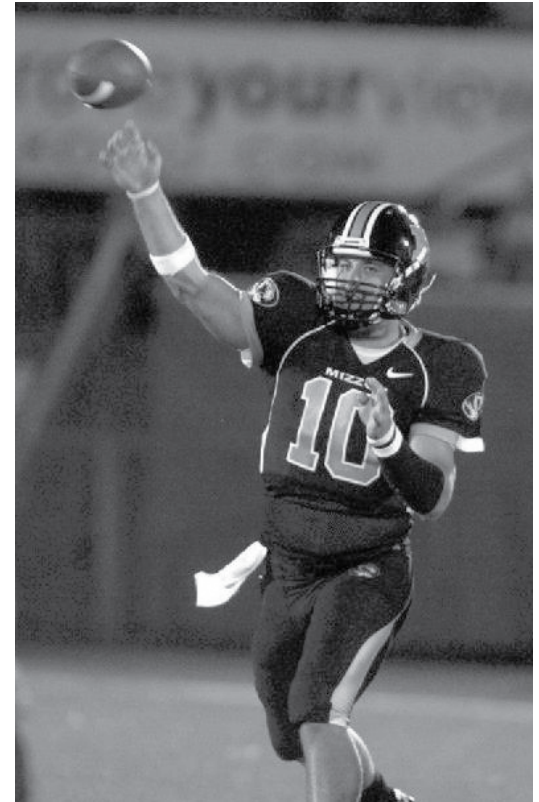


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BIG 12

by NATHANIEL HORADAM
Sports Reporter

Now that Ohio State and Boston College are out of the picture, it's only fair that Kansas, the last remaining major conference undefeated team makes the national title game should it run the table. Isn't it?

But, what if Missouri beats the Jayhawks and then wins its rematch against Oklahoma in the Big 12 Championship? Or, what if Oklahoma wins the conference?

Either way, whichever team emerges from the Big 12 deserves a shot at the national championship.

Kansas has the easiest road of the three. If the Jayhawks win out, they will unquestionably jump both Oregon and LSU for the top spot in the Bowl Championship standings. They boast a very balanced offense and a solid defense, and haven't been this good in ... well they've never been this good.

Missouri probably needs a loss from either Oregon or LSU to have a chance, but if the Tigers beat Kansas and Oklahoma, there's no question they deserve to be in the big game. This team has a dynamic offense that rivals Oregon's as the best of the contenders, led by sophomore quarterback Chase Daniel.

He doesn't get the attention that Oregon's Dennis Dixon or West Virginia's Pat White do, but he would put on a great show in the title game.

The Sooners has only played in the BCS title game three times in the last seven years, so it's not like they haven't had their chances. They would definitely need Oregon or LSU to lose, especially after an early choke against Colorado.

But with Sam Bradford and his nation-leading passer rating, and one of the top receiving tandems in the country, the Sooners could beat anyone. Don't forget that they also have Bob Stoops.

While the SEC and Pac-10 are viewed as the top two conferences in the country, the Big 12 certainly deserves to be right up there with them. And if Kansas, Missouri or Oklahoma is given the chance to play in the BCS title game, everyone will see that. ■

Tigers control their own destiny

by DAVID RUTZ
Sports Reporter

This weekend was extremely productive for Louisiana State, and most of the reasons for it happened before their game had started.

Losses by Auburn and Alabama clinched the Southeastern Conference Western Division title for LSU, and Illinois' defeat of No. 1 Ohio State meant the Tigers would once again become the top-ranked team in the country with a victory.

That was no problem as LSU cruised to a 58-10 victory over Louisiana Tech in Baton Rouge and asserted themselves as the top team in the land. The Tigers piled up gaudy offensive numbers: They gained 595 yards, scored the most points all season and had their two longest plays from scrimmage with a 71-yard touchdown pass by quarterback Matt Flynn to Terrance Tolliver and an 87-yard touchdown run by tailback Jacob Hester.

With the West clinched, LSU (9-1, 5-1 SEC) will play in the SEC Championship on Dec. 1 in Atlanta. It remains to be seen who will emerge from the crowded SEC East and face the Tigers for the title.

BULLDOGS BECOME ELIGIBLE: Mississippi State has come a long way from a humbling 45-0 loss to LSU to start the season. The Bulldogs put together a sterling defensive effort in a 17-12 victory over No. 21 Alabama for their second straight win over a ranked team. The win makes them bowl eligible for the first time since 2000.

The Bulldogs (6-4, 3-3 SEC) benefited from a huge shift in momentum near the end of the first half. With Alabama up 9-3

and driving for another score, Mississippi State's Anthony Johnson intercepted quarterback John Parker Wilson's errant pass and returned it 100 yards for a touchdown and a 10-9 lead.

Alabama (6-4, 4-3 SEC) could only manage a field goal in the second half on the way to its second straight loss. The Bulldogs kept the Crimson Tide out of the end zone the entire game and forced Wilson into two interceptions.

GEORGIA BLACKS OUT AUBURN: Coach Mark Richt's motivational idea of Georgia wearing black uniforms against Auburn instead of their usual red ones sparked an inspired performance from his team.

The No. 10 Bulldogs (8-2, 5-2 SEC) trounced No. 18 Auburn 45-20 in front of a black-clad home crowd to retain first place in the SEC East division.

Auburn (7-4, 4-3 SEC) took a brief 20-17 lead in the third quarter, but Georgia stormed back with two touchdown runs by redshirt freshman Knowshon Moreno and never looked back.

DID YOU KNOW? Florida quarterback Tim Tebow passed or rushed for all seven Gator touchdowns in a 51-31 win over South Carolina. ... South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier has lost four games in a row for just the second time in his career. ... Georgia has scored 40 or more points in its last three games. ... Kentucky quarterback Andre Woodson did not throw multiple touchdown passes for the first time all season in the win over Vanderbilt. ... Almost 200 former Tennessee Volunteers, including Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning, took out a full-page ad in the Knoxville News Sentinel in support of embattled coach Phillip Fulmer, who responded by beating Arkansas, 34-13. ■

Vandy beats Toledo



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Senior Shan Foster scored a team-high 21 points to lead Vanderbilt (2-0) to a 77-70 road victory over Toledo Tuesday night.

Foster hit four of nine 3-pointers and added eight rebounds and three assists, while center A.J. Ogilvy scored 20 points on nine of 12 shooting. The Australian native also earned Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Week honors Monday for his 18-point, nine-rebound performance against Austin Peay. Senior guard Alex Gordon chipped in with nine points and six assists.

The Commodores return to action on Nov. 20 to host Valparaiso at 7 p.m.

Rivalry carries higher stakes

by **ANDREW HARD**
Sports Reporter

Nothing's bigger than a rivalry game in college football, right?

After all, how does the old saying go? If you're 1-11 and beat those guys in the last game of the season, it's a successful year. If you're 11-1 and lose to your rival, it's just a pretty good season.

Sometimes those rivalry games carry even higher stakes than that. And never has that seemed truer in the Vanderbilt-Tennessee showdown than in 2007. The Commodores (5-5, 2-5 Southeastern Conference) need to win one, and possibly two, games to play in their first bowl game in 25 years. The Vols win the SEC East title and return to the SEC Championship in Atlanta by winning their final two.

The road for both squads starts Saturday.

"Right now, this is the biggest game up to date between Vanderbilt and UT," said defensive tackle Gabe Hall. "This game is humongous, make no mistake about it."

And for the first time in quite a while, you'll probably hear Tennessee fans saying the same thing.

"They're not going to sleep on us; they know what's at stake for them," Hall said. "As far as us walking in there and shocking them, it won't happen this year."

Vanderbilt shocked everyone in 2005 when it beat Tennessee for the first time in 23 tries. The game is so famous in these parts it's known simply by the score: 28-24. And for a matchup so one-sided in the past, it's becoming a true rivalry again.

"The past is the past," said senior tailback Cassen Jackson-Garrison. "Since I've been at Vanderbilt, they've won two, we've won one. It'll feel good to make it 50-50."

While the Commodores came up short of a bowl berth in 2005, they made a statement not only to the Vols, but also to the entire SEC, by winning their season finale in Knoxville.

"(That win) was very important; it set the tone for where this program has come," said senior defensive tackle Theo Horrocks. "We've won several big games on the road since then, so it just lets us know that we can play in this league, and we're a team who knows how to win in this

league."

A win on Saturday would do more for the program than just propel the Commodores to a bowl game. In order for Vanderbilt's fan base to expand in the state of Tennessee, the program has to continue to improve, which it has certainly done under coach Bobby Johnson.

"I think (Tennessee's) been a fantastic program over the years," Johnson said. "(We have to) make our program better, make it more attractive to fans who don't have a team right now. There are so many people right now who move into Nashville every year, and hopefully we can reach out to those people."

Vanderbilt has not played its best football over the past two weeks against difficult opponents, but that could all be forgotten with a victory in Knoxville. The sense of urgency is now combined with the hunger of beating the evil orange, leading to one mega-rush of adrenaline when the Commodores step into massive Neyland Stadium on Saturday.

"We're extremely hungry, believe me," Hall said. "This is a state of emergency for us right now."

COMMODORES LOOK TO HEAL: No fewer than nine Vanderbilt players were treated for on-field injuries in Saturday's loss, and a few still have some recovering to do. Jared Hawkins (head) and D.J. Moore (chest) did not return after sustaining their injuries.

Johnson said Sunday Hawkins is likely done for the year after sustaining a concussion on a late hit by Kentucky safety Ashton Cobb.

As for Moore, his injury is far less serious, and Johnson said he thinks Moore should be ready to go Saturday.

"We probably won't know (his status) for sure until we try and go out and do a whole lot in practice on Tuesday," Johnson said. "It's probably one of those injuries that, the more he's able to move, it might help him a little bit more."

Quarterback Mackenzi Adams is just fine after tweaking his knee in the final minute Saturday, and Johnson said the injury did not have a hand in the errant fourth-down pass that sealed the Commodores' fate. Tight end Brad Allen should also be ready to go after nearly dislocating an elbow.



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The Commodores will be without Jared Hawkins (concussion) on Saturday when they play Tennessee in Knoxville.

SUCCESS IN RUNNING GAME: Vanderbilt's rushing attack had perhaps its best game of the season Saturday against Kentucky, amassing 239 yards on the ground. With Hawkins out, Jackson-Garrison and Jeff Jennings need to expand their performances in the final two games.

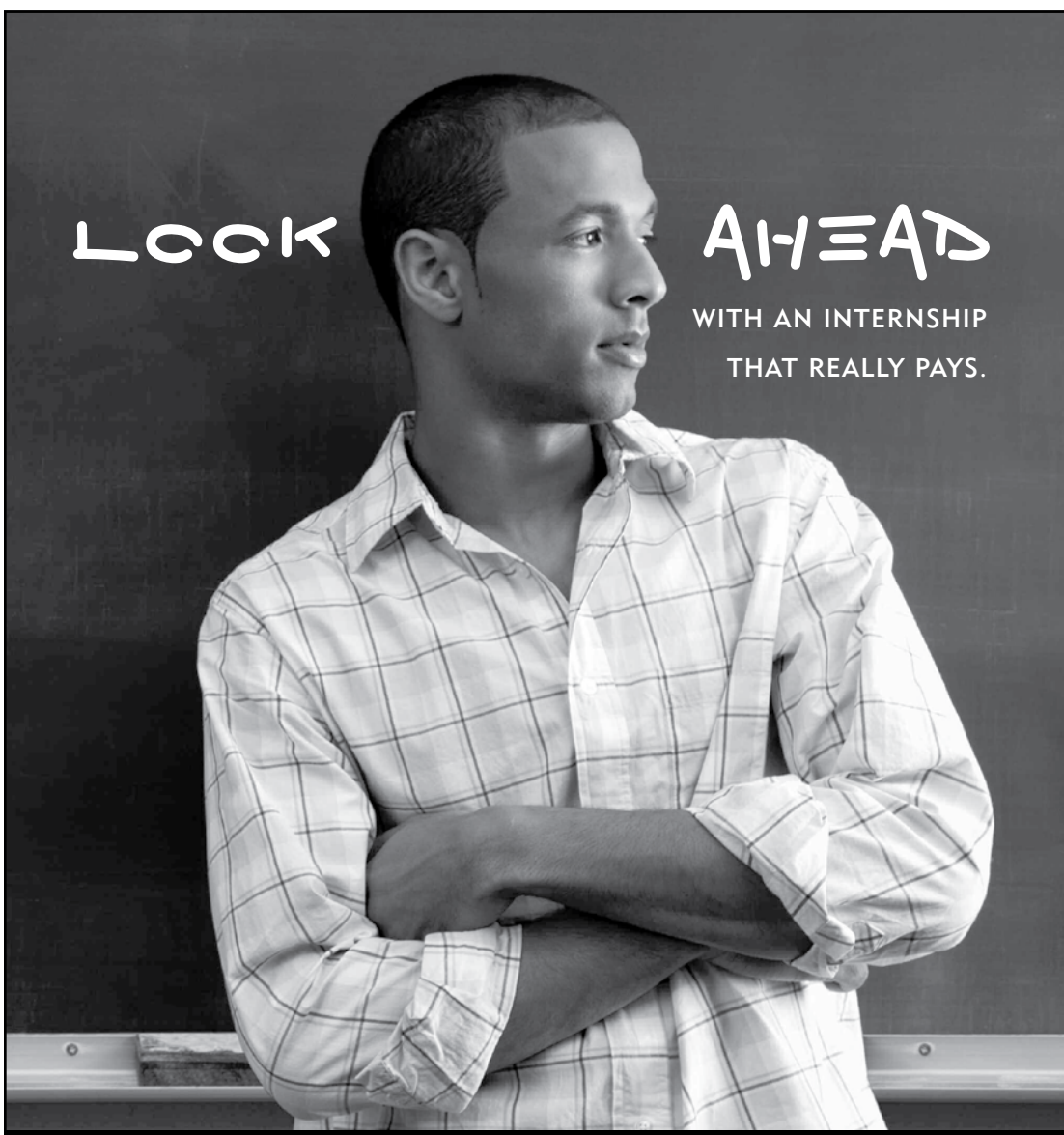
"I think we did a very good job doing what we were supposed to do," Jackson-Garrison said. "We had to be productive at the running back position in every aspect: running, blocking and catching, and we did a good job."

The rushing effort was Vandy's second best of the season behind its 290-yard explosion against Miami (Ohio).

NEWS AND NOTES: Tight end Jake Bradford caught a pass for more than 30 yards for the second straight week, this time for a touchdown. "That play worked in the game better than it did in practice," Johnson said. ... Tennessee has only allowed three sacks this year, but Vanderbilt's 27 sacks are second in the SEC, three behind LSU. ■

SEC POWER RANKINGS Compiled by Eric Silver

	1. LSU 9-1 (5-1 SEC) Rumor has it a large shipment of Illinois apparel just arrived in Baton Rouge. But before the Tigers get too fired up, they still have to win the SEC championship.
	2. Georgia 8-2 (5-2) Shellacking of Auburn leaves the Bulldogs optimistic about winning the SEC. Beat Kentucky this week, and Mark Richt and company just might do it.
	3. Tennessee 7-3 (4-2) Despite an iffy performance by quarterback Eric Ainge, the Vols still beat Arkansas by 21.
	4. Florida 7-3 (5-3) Tim Tebow . . . I mean, the Gators, beat South Carolina 51-31, behind five rushing touchdowns by the sophomore signal-caller. This was the sixth time this season Florida gave up 20 or more points and still won.
	5. Auburn 7-4 (3-2) It's a good thing for Auburn fans quarterback Brandon Cox is a senior because he just isn't getting it done.
	6. Alabama 6-4 (4-3) Not even \$4 million can get you wins in the SEC. Just ask Nick Saban.
	7. Kentucky 7-3 (3-3) The Wildcats were lucky to squeak out a victory against Vandy on Saturday to save their season from utter collapse.
	8. Mississippi State 6-4 (3-3) The Bulldogs continue to rack up wins with a comical passing game. A hundred yards in the air and a victory against Bama? That is not a typo.
	9. Arkansas 6-4 (2-4) Darren McFadden was the lone bright spot for the Razorbacks against Tennessee, rushing for 117 yards on 22 carries, while quarterback Casey Dick threw for only 140 yards. Somewhere, Mitch Mustain smiles.
	10. South Carolina 6-5 (3-5) How the mighty have fallen. Four weeks ago, the Gamecocks were ranked sixth in the country and were in the hunt for an SEC championship. Now, they may not play in a bowl game. Ouch.
	11. Vanderbilt 5-5 (2-5) The Commodores will have to put the heartbreaking loss behind them and look ahead to beating UT to qualify for a bowl game.
	12. Ole Miss 3-7 (0-6) Think that bye week helped the Rebels prepare for LSU this Saturday? Sure. Think it will get them a win? Think again.



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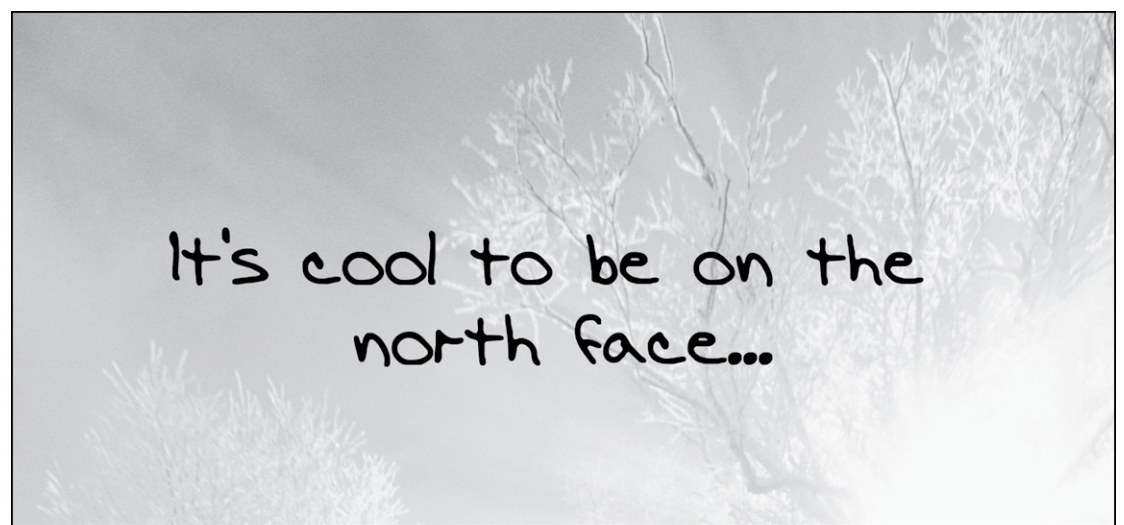
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