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compiled by REBECCA TYRRELL

THIS WEEK Food Drive

The Rec will host a food drive to benefit the Nashville Rescue Mission. Suggested items for donation include canned vegetables, spices, rice, oatmeal, instant potatoes, pasta, coffee and grits. Items may be dropped off in the Rec lobby.

THIS WEEK Highland Quad Munchie Mart open until 1 a.m.

The Munchie Mart's extended hours are on a trial run until winter break. Vanderbilt Student Government's Campus Services Committee encourages students to take advantage of the new hours in order to ensure they become permanent.

TODAY Symphony Concert

Carol Nies will direct the Curb Youth Symphony concert in Ingram Hall from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 11 Info Session for D.C. Maymester

Students interested in learning more about the Maymester in Washington, D.C., should attend an informational session at 5 p.m. in the Community Partnership House.

TUESDAY, DEC. 11 Blair Concerts

Join the Nashville Youth Repertory Orchestra directed by Sally McFadden and the Suzuki Reading Orchestra, Youth Strings Orchestra and Beginning Reading Orchestra directed by Celeste Tuten for a concert at Ingram Hall from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 11 Total Access: Investment Banking

Students will be given an opportunity to network and learn from insiders in the investment banking industry through this Career Center program at 4 p.m. in the Board of Trust Room in the Student Life Center. Attendees are required to RSVP through CareerLink.

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

Professor receives Grammy nomination

Recognition brings increased attention to CD, HIV/AIDS in Africa.

by LISA GUO
News Editor

Professor Greg Barz can now count himself among the ranks of Kanye West, Justin Timberlake and Bruce Springsteen.

Barz, associate professor of musicology, anthropology, and music and religion, received a Grammy nomination in the category of Best

Traditional World Music Album for his CD "Singing for Life: Songs of Hope, Healing, and HIV/AIDS in

Uganda," released by Smithsonian Folkways Recordings in February.

Grammy nominees in 110 categories, including rock, country and rap, were announced Thursday, and winners will be announced Feb. 10.

But this music provides more than just entertainment. The melodies, which range over several languages and feature instruments from panpipe to percussion, contain a deeper message.

The CD, which documents how women use music and dance to conduct HIV/AIDS outreach programs in east Africa, has been marketed to "anyone

coming off the street," Barz said.

"Anyone ... should be able to pick this up, get involved in the stories and have a really meaningful involvement with the issues."

Please see **GRAMMY**, page 3

—To listen to samples from the album and excerpts from the interview, go to:



GREG BARZ / Photo provided

Bias against Mormons creates obstacles for Romney

Poll by Vanderbilt professors reveals greater bias against Mormons than women, blacks.

by ELIZABETH MIDDLEBROOKS
Staff Reporter

A new poll by Vanderbilt professors suggests presidential candidate Mitt Romney may face a longer road to the White House than Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama.

According to the survey, only about half the nation claims to know a Mormon or know Romney practices Mormonism.

"The likely reason for the stronger bias against Mormons than blacks or women is that the former group is not well known," said political science professor John Geer. "The American public does not know much about this faith, and that fuels misunderstanding and bias against those who practice the religion."

Geer also pointed out that evangelical Christians, who make up a key voting bloc in the Republican Party, are

the most biased.

Geer and Assistant Professor Brett Benson, along with Jennifer Merolla, a professor at Claremont Graduate University, designed the Internet survey to assess bias against Mormons, how best to combat it, and its potential impact on the nomination process and general election campaign.

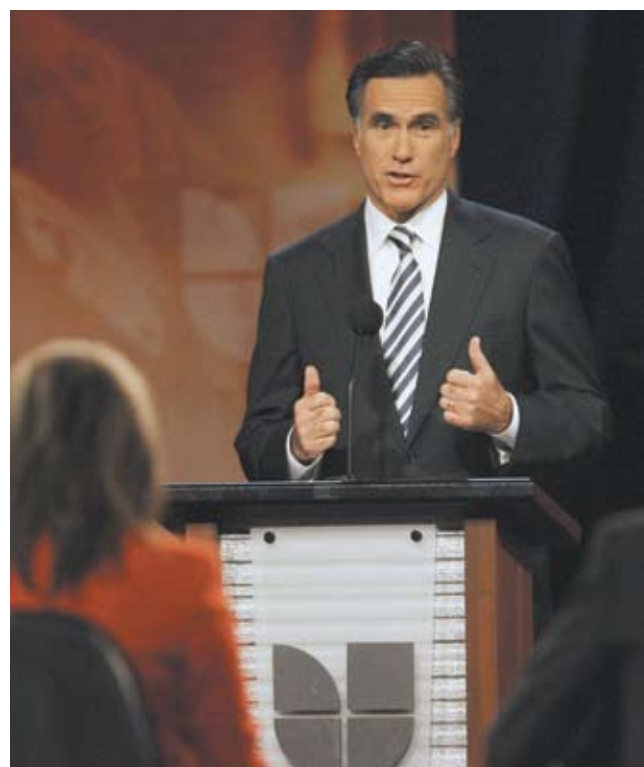
Romney gave a Dec. 6 speech to assure Americans his faith does not differ greatly from mainstream Christianity and to explain the role of religion in politics.

Romney in his speech said he would not allow his religion to influence the government, but he said he "will not separate us from the God who gave liberty."

"I believe in my Mormon faith and endeavor to live by it," he said, refusing to distance himself from what he called "the faith of my fathers."

Benson said the speech would be Romney's best opportunity to defend himself against potential attacks related to Mormonism.

"Therefore, the speech may work if Romney can walk the delicate line of explaining his beliefs and



LUIS M. ALVAREZ / AP Photo

Republican presidential hopeful, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, responds to a question posed by Univision anchors during the Univision Republican Presidential Candidate Forum Sunday at the University of Miami. Romney, a Mormon, addressed the role of religion in politics in a Dec. 6 speech.

values without driving away conservative evangelicals," he said.

Geer said the speech might prove beneficial to Romney, as the poll's data "suggest that once people know Mitt Romney is Mormon and have a chance to digest that information, the bias dwindles."

But the speech also may "stir latent bias by activating certain interests of the voting public," Geer said. The survey results show Romney should provide clear, accurate information to demystify Mormonism and promote dialogue about the issues, Geer said. "I do think a national conversation about these matters will yield more tolerance, and that is a good thing," he said. ■

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEF

Student arrested in connection with Internet threat of campus shooting in Los Angeles

Los Angeles police arrested a 21-year-old Loyola Marymount University student in connection with an online threat to shoot people on campus, officials said Saturday.

Police arrested Carlos Huerta, a senior at Loyola, for making criminal threats. Huerta was taken into custody Saturday night near his apartment on campus.

Huerta is suspected of posting a message that he would shoot and kill as many people as possible on campus before being killed himself by police, authorities said. The anonymous threat appeared on a blog called Juicycampus.com, used primarily by college students.

University officials reported the threat to police around 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, said Los Angeles Police Department spokesman Officer Mike Lopez. Calls made to Loyola were not immediately returned.

SOURCE: AP

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

University refuses to disclose investments for endowment

by ADAM WEINSTEIN
Staff Reporter

The market value of Vanderbilt's endowment stands at \$3.5 billion, up from \$2.9 billion last year. How the university achieved the 22 percent return on its endowment, however, remains a mystery.

While the university discloses the worth of its endowment every year, it is not required to make public where it invests money because it is a private institution, not mandated to disclose where it invests as state universities are.

Matthew Wright, vice chancellor for investments, contends Vanderbilt's decision to keep its investments private goes a long way to ensuring the success of the endowment.

"We can focus on what we're hired to do," said Wright, who took over in July from Bill Spitz, who had managed the endowment for 22 years. "We can just focus on doing the things that are right for the institution versus arguably the court of public opinion."

At other schools, such as Harvard and Brown universities, students have campaigned for responsible investments.

Harvard University, after months of pressure from student activists in 2005, divested \$4.4 million from PetroChina.

The school's investment in PetroChina, whose parent company is allegedly affiliated with the Sudanese government, concerned the students because of its ties to the conflict in Darfur.

Students here, such as Jennifer Hirsch, co-president of Vanderbilt's chapter of Students Taking Action Now: Darfur, an anti-genocide coalition, have criticized the university's unwillingness to let students scrutinize the investments for anything ethically questionable.

"I definitely think that it should be open to the public, especially with corporate social responsibility becoming more prominent on in our world," Hirsch said. "In dealing with human rights and environmental issues, it's important (for students) to know where our money is being invested, especially because we are the ones paying to go here."

Wright, however, pointed to competition for investments as the reason for the university's silence.

"It's competitive in that you want to be invested in an opportunity, and if you see it first, you want to get the fruits of your labor instead of having it diluted by other people coming to it," Wright said. ■



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Odds & Ends

WEATHER

compiled by REBECCA TYRRELL

TUESDAY



Partly Cloudy, 73/59

WEDNESDAY



Few Showers, 70/48

THURSDAY



Mostly Cloudy, 56/42

VUPD CRIME LOG

compiled by REBECCA TYRRELL

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 3:10 a.m.: Subject was stopped for blocking traffic on Medical Center Drive. Upon investigation, it was discovered that the driver was intoxicated and the passenger was in possession of marijuana.

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 REBECCA TYRRELL

WORLD

Oil from damaged supertanker blackens shore in South Korea's largest oil spill

Thick, smelly crude oil washed up on an 11-mile stretch of scenic coastline Saturday, blackening seagulls and threatening fish farms as South Korea's Coast Guard struggled to contain the country's largest oil spill.

Residents and emergency workers used buckets to try to remove the dense oil carried by strong winds and currents to the country's western coast.

Nearly 2,200 troops, police and residents were engaged in cleanup efforts at Mallipo — one of South Korea's best-known beaches and an important rest stop for migrating birds. Tides of dark sea water crashed ashore, while the odor reached areas a half-mile away.

SOURCE: AP

Iranian students protest at Tehran University against crackdown on activists

Hundreds of Iranian students angry over a crackdown on activists protested Sunday at Tehran University, the second such demonstration in less than a week, witnesses and state radio said.

One witness, Mehdi Arabshahi, said the campus protest lasted more than two hours as dozens of students chanted slogans against President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's hard-line administration.

"Students chanted against policies by Ahmadinejad's administration, which is imposing pressures on the universities and detaining activists," Arabshahi said.

Another witness, Abbas Kazemi, said the protesters also chanted anti-war slogans aimed at the United States and Israel.

SOURCE: AP

Suicide car bomber kills 8 in attack on police outpost in Pakistan's Swat valley

A suicide bomber rammed an explosives-laden car into a police outpost Sunday, killing eight people in an area where the military has been battling Islamic militants loyal to a fugitive cleric, an official said.

Five civilians — including two children and three policemen — died in the attack at the Nimgole post, the headquarters of pro-Taliban cleric Maulana Fazlullah, said chief military spokesman Maj. Gen. Arshad Waheed. Several others were wounded.

The outpost is near Imam Dheri, the headquarters of pro-Taliban cleric Maulana Fazlullah that troops captured Thursday.

"There's nothing we could say about the perpetrators before investigating, but involvement by remnants of Fazlullah's militants can't be ruled out," said Amjad Iqbal, a spokesman for the Swat military command center.

SOURCE: AP

NATION

Conservative Calif. diocese splits with Episcopal Church in contentious debate over Bible, homosexuality

The conservative Diocese of San Joaquin voted Saturday to split from the liberal-leaning Episcopal Church, becoming the first full diocese to secede from the denomination in the debate over the Bible and homosexuality.

Clergy and lay members of the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin voted 173-22 at their annual convention to remove all references to the national church from the diocese's constitution, said the Rev. Van McCalister, a diocesan spokesman.

The diocese, based in Fresno, plans to align with the like-minded Anglican Province of the Southern Cone, based in South America.

The decision is almost certain to spark a court fight over control of the diocese's multimillion-dollar real estate holdings and other assets.

SOURCE: AP

Space shuttle launch off until January because of repeated fuel gauge problem

NASA on Sunday delayed the launch of space shuttle Atlantis until January after a gauge in the fuel tank failed for the second time in four days.

With only a few days remaining in the launch window for the shuttle's mission to the international space station, senior managers decided to stand down until next month in hopes of better understanding the perplexing and persistent fuel gauge problem.

"We're determined to get to the bottom of this," said LeRoy Cain, chairman of the mission management team.

Whether Atlantis can fly as early as Jan. 2 "is all going to depend on what we find out," he said.

SOURCE: AP

CAMPUS

U.S. assistance for democracy building still working, according to new study by Vanderbilt, Pittsburgh professors

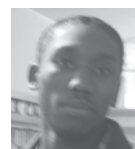
Devoting American dollars to democracy building in foreign countries continues to bring measurable increases in democratic governance around the globe, according to a study by Vanderbilt University and University of Pittsburgh professors.

The latest report, which looks at the impact of U.S. foreign assistance on democracy building from 1990 to 2004 in 165 nations, was presented at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C.

The researchers found that U.S. Agency for International Development democracy assistance affects countries that have the greatest socioeconomic need most. Democracy assistance works better in countries with lower levels of development and those that are more socially divided.

SOURCE: VANDERBILT NEWS SERVICE

Q&A



JAY BASS

compiled by JOSLIN WOODS

Jay Bass, a Varsity Market employee, talks about his experience with the Munchie Mart and some of his most memorable moments.

THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER: How long have you been working at the Varsity Market?

JAY BASS: I have been working here for two years.

VH: How often do you work?

JB: I work 40 hours a week, Monday through Friday. I usually work the second shift, which is from 3 to 11:30 p.m. I don't usually work Sundays, but today I am here covering for someone who is sick.

VH: What do you think is the busiest time of the day at the Varsity Market?

JB: I think lunchtime is the busiest because we have Ro*Tiki.

VH: What is your funniest Varsity Market story?

JB: This one time a guy walked through the store and then walked straight into the chip shelf and fell down to the floor. The chips fell off the shelf and spilled everywhere, and the shelf slid across the floor.

VH: What would you say is the most common purchase here?

JB: Naked Juice.

SNAPSHOT

STRESSBUSTERS



CHRIS PHARE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Freshman Melanie Patocoff gets a tarot reading and relaxes at Stress Fest in Sarratt on Friday afternoon. The second annual event also offered massages, henna tattoos, a coffee bar, facials, pottery painting, paraffin treatment and a screening of "Ocean's Thirteen."

OFFICE OF HOUSING AND RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION OFFICIAL NOTICE

TO: The Residential Community
FROM: Jim Kramka, Senior Director of Housing Facilities, Operations, & Mgmt
SUBJECT: SEMESTER BREAK

Semester Break extends from December 23, 2007 – January 6, 2008. During the break, all undergraduate residence halls will close. Residence halls will close at 9:00 a.m., Sunday, December 23, and reopen on Saturday, January 5, at 8:00 p.m. Card access for all residents will be turned off during break. Fall residents who will not return to campus for spring semester must completely vacate their rooms no later than 9:00 a.m., Sunday, December 23.

DON'T PANIC. READ ON! Fall residents who will also be residents for the spring semester needing to stay in any of the residence halls for any part of the break may do so if they register by midnight, Wednesday, December 12. Students may register online at www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd anytime during the period December 3 - 12. Only students who are in residence for both fall and spring semesters may register to stay for any part of break. Please post an "Occupied" sign on your door when you are in your room during break. "Occupied" signs will be available from all reeve desks.

PLEASE NOTE: 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 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 cause 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 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 5, 2008.** Students returning to campus before this time must register before leaving. **Unless you have registered, do not arrive on campus prior to January 5, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. 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 or AD for assistance.

HAVE A GREAT BREAK!

University ups capital campaign goal 75 percent to \$1.75 billion

Shape the Future may increase university fundraising to level of peer schools.

by DAVID BROWN
Staff Reporter

The quest to raise \$1.75 billion at Vanderbilt by 2010 may soon become a reality.

The capital fund announced in 2003, called Shape the Future, had an initial goal of \$1 billion by 2010, but the university raised close to \$12 million last month alone.

The fast-paced fundraising may still not be enough to keep up in the competitive world of university capital campaigns, however, as some peer institutions raised more than \$30 million in October alone.

And the endowment per Vanderbilt student remains stagnant compared to other institutions.

According to The Chronicle of Higher Education, Vanderbilt ranks 43 among all universities in endowment per student, boasting only about \$250,000 per student. Other peer institutions, such as Emory, Duke and Rice,

claim endowments per student between 50 and 100 percent higher.

"If you look at our endowment among our peer institutions, our endowment per student is actually low, which hinders our ability to do things for our students," said Matthew Wright, vice chancellor for investments. "The larger the endowment per student, the greater ability we will have to compete for high-quality students and provide aid to those students."

Most of the \$3.5 billion endowment remains tied up in investments, but about 4 percent annually gets released for university expenses. About 70 percent of money released has been earmarked for special programs, such as scholarships, professorships, department chairs, general maintenance and specific administrative costs, Wright said.

"Although the endowment funds all types of projects, the major thrust behind the campaign is to benefit students," he said. ■

—To listen to Wright discuss the endowment, go to:



UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT PER STUDENT AMONG PEER INSTITUTIONS, 2006 <i>(in thousands of U.S. dollars)</i>	
Princeton, 1,900	
Yale, 1,750	
Harvard, 1,650	
Stanford, 960	
Rice, 800	
Emory, 400	
Duke, 350	
Vanderbilt, 250	
Tulane, 100	
Georgetown, 70	

Source: The Chronicle of Higher Education



GREG BARZ / Photo provided
Professor Greg Barz worked with women and children in conducting music-based HIV/AIDS outreach programs in Uganda and features many of them on his Grammy-nominated album.

GRAMMY: CD profits benefit Uganda

From GRAMMY, page 1

And this involvement does not occur just through music: A 36-page booklet accompanies each CD to provide context for each song, exploring the important issues of HIV/AIDS in narrative form.

The CD sold 3,000 copies in the first quarter, and the Grammy nomination has the potential to double sales. While that does not sound like much, it's "enormous" for someone in an academic field, Barz said.

His profits from the CD — about \$1 per disc — go to two social service agencies in Uganda, and the potential to benefit these agencies excites Barz the most.

"Nothing pleases me more, to know that even if this sold 10

more copies of the CD, it's worth my energy," Barz said.

The nomination also provides recognition of his work as an ethnomusicologist studying the relationship of music to HIV/AIDS. The emerging field of medical ethnomusicology seeks to fight disease by combining the efforts of doctors and other health care workers with anthropologists, music specialists and public health policy makers.

"In the U.S., we think of music more as entertainment. In the African communities where I work, what you and I hear as music is actually history (and) news," Barz said. "(This CD) challenges whoever is listening now to read and listen to the music differently." ■

Eye-catching artwork attracts community, campus



NIKKY OKORO / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Freshman Anne Lu observes some artwork at the Ingram Studio Art Center Gallery Friday afternoon. A Department of Art open house and student exhibition showcased the department and student work from the past semester.

Recycling poses problems

Vanderbilt behind equivalent schools in efforts.

by SYDNEY WILMER
Asst News Editor

For those involved with student recycling, December signals more than just the onset of finals.

It also brings an increase in the volume of recyclables as students drink more caffeine and purge papers from notebooks, said senior Brent Fitzgerald, president of Students Promoting

Environmental Awareness and Recycling.

With the hiring of a recycling coordinator, more on-campus receptacles for recyclables and the addition of work-study program, it is clear there have been significant improvements, but there are still problems, Fitzgerald said.

Vanderbilt is still far behind academically equivalent schools in terms of recycling, said SPEAR member Jennifer Stuhr. And there is a lot more involved than simply avoiding tossing the BooKoo or Diet Coke in the trash, she added. One particular problem stands out in her mind, she said.

There are about 30 receptacles on Peabody's campus for about 1,300 students. Carmichael Towers, though, which serves well over 2,000 students, has only six receptacles.

Senior Greg Guthrie, who lives in a Towers suite, said he would recycle more if he had a bin in his dorm, and if there were a place to put his recyclables that was not overflowing.

"One suite could collect recyclables for a week and fill up one of those receptacles," Guthrie said.

Bins outside the residence halls are emptied by student groups, but Stuhr said lately

two clubs, WilSkills and SPEAR, have shouldered most of the responsibility.

"A lot of students don't realize that students pick up all the recyclables in bins outside of the residence halls," Stuhr said.

And though two work-study students attempt to manage overflow, she said she worries that is not enough.

She continued by saying the strides made recently to make Vanderbilt a greener campus are significant, especially in The Commons, but there are many more to make.

"We have a long way to go," Stuhr said. ■

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OUR VIEW

‘Faith’ speech has too much religion

Republican presidential candidate — and devout Mormon — Mitt Romney gave a much-anticipated speech Thursday titled “Faith in America.” Though he could have used the opportunity to elaborate upon his own religious convictions, he chose instead to simply acknowledge that he does have them. Rather than discuss this undisputed fact, Romney should have assured Americans his specific religious views would not in any way affect his ability to govern. He opted instead to deliver what amounted to little more than a weak, “Hey, at least I’m not an atheist.”

Romney very deliberately sought to

compare himself to John F. Kennedy, a devout Catholic who aimed to overcome public opinion in 1960 with a now-famous speech on his faith. “Almost 50 years ago, another candidate from Massachusetts explained that he was an American running for president, not a Catholic running for president,” Romney said. “Like him, I am an American running for president. I do not define my candidacy by my religion.”

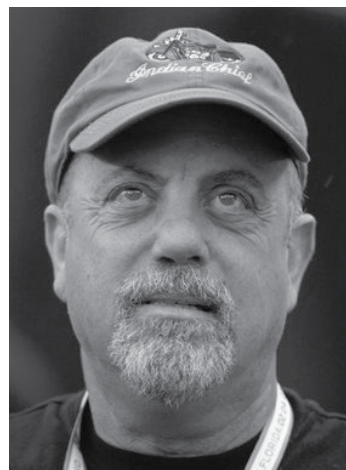
But the comparison does not work. “JFK wanted to particularly stress that he believed in the separation between church and state,” former Kennedy aide Ted Sorenson told CNN. “He believed ... that freedom of religion included

freedom for those to go to any church or to not go to any church at all.” Romney, on the other hand, emphasized the role of religion, probably mollifying the religious right but failing to explain his personal beliefs or thoughts about the function of religion in public life.

Jon Krakauer, whose recent bestseller “Under The Banner of Heaven” delved deeply into Mormon culture, may have summarized the speech best in a New York Times column by Maureen Dowd. “JFK’s speech was to reassure Americans that he wasn’t a religious fanatic,” he said. “Mitt’s was to tell evangelical Christians, ‘I’m a religious fanatic just like you.’”

SOUND BYTES

The Hustler staff presents notable quotations from recent national and world new reports — from the unusual to the informational.



“It’s evening in the desert
I’m tired and I’m cold
But I am just a soldier
I do what I am told.

We came with the Crusaders
To save the Holy Land
It’s Christmas in Fallujah
And no one gives a damn.”

— Opening lines of new single “Christmas in Fallujah,” written by Billy Joel and sung by much younger Long Island singer-songwriter Cass Dillon. Proceeds from the song, available on iTunes, are being donated to Homes for Our Troops.

“Freedom requires religion just as religion requires freedom. Freedom opens the windows of the soul so that man can discover his most profound beliefs and commune with God. Freedom and religion endure together, or perish alone.”

— Mitt Romney, a devout Mormon, in his highly publicized speech “Faith in America,” which sought to indirectly assuage perceived national discomfort with his own religion.



PHOTOS: AP

“I am not here to tell you what to think. I am here to ask you to think seriously. I want you to think seriously about a man who knows who we are and knows who we can be. I am not here for partisan beliefs. Over the years, I’ve voted for as many Republicans as I have Democrats. So, this isn’t about partisanship for me. This is very, very personal. I’m here because of my personal conviction about Barack Obama and what I know he can do for America.”

—Oprah Winfrey at a rally for Barack Obama in Iowa. Winfrey spent the weekend touring with and campaigning for the Democratic presidential candidate.



LETTER

Arrogance charge has merit

To the Editor:

I was surprised by Kyle Larson’s letter to the editor on Friday regarding Vanderbilt Student Government’s experience requirement. As a member of VSG, Kyle should have realized the hypocrisy of and inherent problems associated with the requirement. It is wrong on so many levels, beyond the reasons stated in “The Hustler’s “Our View” last Wednesday.

First and most importantly, just as VSG has tried to mimic the structure of the United States government (with a Senate, House, executive board, various committees, etc.), so should it follow the Constitution’s lead. Although the U.S. government is larger, more complicated and infinitely more powerful than VSG, our country’s founding fathers still intentionally placed no experience requirement (other than age and citizenship laws) to become leader of the free world. Why? Because the experience requirement is inherently undemocratic. The writers of the Constitution had faith the democratic process would yield a capable leader.

To assume the student body would elect someone based strictly on popularity, disregarding the candidate’s ideas, experience or leadership ability, shows little faith in the judgment of our fellow classmates. If a person is qualified enough for the majority of students on this campus to elect him or her to such an important position, regardless of previous VSG experience, this person is in turn more than qualified to run the organization.

We are all smart people, and students will elect the person who has the best ideas, ability to lead and best record of enacting change on campus regardless of popularity or VSG experience. As a member of VSG for the past three years, I believe there are only two qualifications for an effective student representative and leader: You need to have an opinion, and you need to care about making things better. A person with these traits will make

a great VSG president.

The requirement is also merely an insulating agent for members of VSG, keeping longtime participants safe from competition outside of the organization. VSG should welcome candidates who care enough to run for president, as only through stiff election competition are new ideas and visions for the future of the university born.

The charge of arrogance does have some basis. Although I do not believe VSG or its members are guilty of such a charge, is it not somewhat arrogant to think that no one outside of VSG is qualified enough to fulfill the roles of the position? Regardless, this charge is still indicative of one of the largest issues facing VSG. If our constituency views VSG as arrogant, we have a huge problem.

Not only are students unaware of what VSG does for them, but also they don’t respect the organization. Larson claims non-VSG members do not take the opportunity to voice their opinion at House and Senate meetings. Of course students do not participate; I wouldn’t if I was outside of VSG. Meetings like these are not the right venue for student opinions to be voiced, as they are awkward and intimidating for someone new.

VSG needs to do a better job of welcoming student opinions through focus groups, events like Desserts with Kirkland, e-mail accounts or just dialogue with students about important issues. The voice of the students should always be the driving force of VSG, as VSG exists solely for the purpose of making every student’s experience at Vanderbilt better.

VSG has nothing to lose by repealing the experience requirement and everything to gain. It would be arrogant of us to suggest otherwise.

Tyler Armstrong
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COLUMN

American government cannot be trusted

THOMAS SHATTUCK
Columnist

The New York Times reported Friday on the Central Intelligence Agency’s destruction of at least two videotapes in 2005 recording the interrogations of al-Qaida operatives from as far back as 2002. I find this mildly disturbing to say the least. Coupled with the “ghost planes” — so named due to the fact that they lacked Federal Aviation Administration identification — allegedly shipping enemy combatants off United States soil for interrogation in foreign countries, the facts and rumors have painted a rather frightening picture.

Do you trust your government? You shouldn’t. If the aforementioned details do not arouse doubt in you, how about the fact that according to CNN, President George W. Bush authorized wiretapping the phones of U.S. citizens without criminal records on the basis of “national security.” It gets better: not only did he authorize them once, but also he has reauthorized them 30 times since 2002 and plans to continue to do so.

When did it become a crime to be foreign? When did it become a crime to make a phone call? Even if someone calls overseas, why does that justify listening in on the conversation without his or her knowledge? I just don’t understand what national security means anymore. Sure, the words have their own separate meanings, and when the two are conjoined the meaning should be fairly comprehensible, but that doesn’t seem true anymore. I can no longer reconcile what I believe in and what I see. This is becoming a problem.

A terrorist is generally, albeit loosely, a person who inspires terror within a target group or organization for political goals or ideals. This of course seems to include al-Qaida, the state formerly known as Palestine, Hezbollah, the Chinese Communist Party, the Israeli Government (think Beirut), the Mob, Cosmopolitan magazine, maybe Canada and most definitely the current administration.

Canada aside, I think most potential terrorist groups are threatening in one fashion or another, but from an American perspective our own government should never fit so nicely into such an ugly word. For one, it’s just demoralizing. Another problem is how do you fight someone for being you? In the way only politicians can, the Bush administration has used circular logic and somehow not found the end of the circle. Unfortunately, this is why the Department of Homeland Security has not gone ahead and permanently “detained” itself.

Maybe this is just a rant; maybe I should just consider the positive things from the past few years. Things like the ridiculous deficit and the fact taxes have been slashed anyway, or maybe the two wars, or the Federal Emergency Management Agency-Katrina fiasco — such great memories. You can just hope for a regime change in the 2008 election, but I’m not sure if I like the puppet on the left any more than the one on the right. What is a patriotic American to do? (Besides start an independent militia that abuses the Second Amendment in the name of “freedom”).

In the turmoil during upcoming months, don’t worry about the past eight years or even the issues being debated running up to the election. Just remember one thing George Orwell once said: “Big Brother is watching you.”

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

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COLUMN

Media deserves blame

ABE KANNOF
Guest Columnist

Last week, Robert Hawkins, a teenager from Omaha, Neb., entered a shopping mall with an assault weapon and opened fire — killing and wounding multiple people before taking his own life. It was only the latest in a string of youth shootings that have rocked our nation in the past few months. Friday, the media released Hawkins' handwritten suicide note. "Just think ... I'm gonna be (expletive) famous," he wrote to his friends.

This statement, I believe, is almost as bad as the killings themselves. It shows the state of our nation, a society dominated by the concept of "celebrity," where everybody wants his or her 15 minutes of fame — even if it means they have to kill innocent people to do so.

It's not enough just to be on Facebook or MySpace. American youths put anything and everything up on YouTube, exposing their lives to complete strangers for no apparent reason other than the adrenaline rush of knowing somewhere, just maybe, somebody else is watching them. And for just a minute or two, they might become somewhat of a celebrity.

If you turn on the TV and flip through the channels, what do you find? Reality TV shows, where any average Joe can become America's hero overnight, or where a washed-up, quasi-celebrity can make a fool of himself or herself in an attempt to resurrect what little they ever had of a career. You might find shows like "Access Hollywood" or "Inside Edition," where fast-paced news guides you through the ups and downs of Britney Spears, Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan — regardless of whether or not anybody really cares.

And finally, you might find a good old-fashioned news show, where the media sensationalizes the Omaha mall shooting, throwing Hawkins' picture on the TV screen left and right and everywhere else you look, perhaps broadcasting videos from his MySpace page, and of course, reading his suicide note aloud.

"Just think ... I'm gonna be famous." But really, why should he be famous? Why should he become an overnight celebrity, even if just for a couple of days? Why has it become a "privilege" for someone who shoots up a school or a shopping mall or a university (think Virginia Tech) to become famous? And why do Americans continue to allow this to happen?

I understand the importance of the media to report on a tragedy such as this Omaha shooting or the one at Virginia Tech last year. But is it really necessary to broadcast the shooter's

pictures, videos and suicide notes across the information superhighway? Is it necessary to go to the shooter's hometown and show where he used to hang out after school and interview his parents and his classmates (all of whom seem to always say something like, "He was always a little weird, made fun of, didn't have many friends ... but I never expected THIS to happen!")? Is it even necessary to release the shooter's name to the general public?

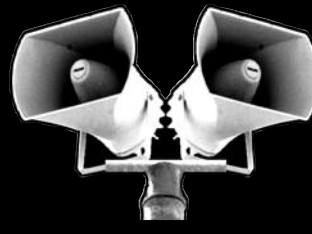
The answer to all these questions is no. It is not necessary to turn him or her into an overnight celebrity sensation. And although it might make for better ratings and more exciting reporting, it does so at the ultimate expense of innocent Americans' lives being taken in the future. Imagine if the shooters at Columbine in 1998 had not become celebrity figures, the shooter at Virginia Tech had not been broadcast so much, and the shooters from the many school shootings earlier this year had only had their names released to the public. Do you think Hawkins would still have had the impetus to bring his assault rifle to an Omaha shopping mall, taking the lives of several innocent people along with him? One can never say for sure, but I would bet he would not have.

What is the difference today between a troubled teen killing himself in his mother's garage and killing himself along with 10 random strangers? In the first situation, nobody cares. In the second situation, everybody seems to care. Everybody notices him, learns his name, reads his suicide note, watches his MySpace video blogs — he becomes a quasi-celebrity.

And I think it fair to put complete blame on the American press. Our nation is in an extremely sad state when the media cares more about a "story" than about potentially saving others' lives in the future. And the government doesn't do anything to stop it because it might be deemed "censorship." Yet I don't think simply forcing the media to not sensationalize a school or shopping mall shooting would be censorship. The media would still be able to report on the situation but just would not release the shooter's name and his face. It would be a small sacrifice for the media (and the American public) to make in order to protect American lives. And I think in our celebrity-crazed society today, it has sadly become necessary for us in some way, somehow, to stop the media from getting even further out of hand. "Just think ... I'm gonna be (expletive) famous."

—Abe Kannof is a senior in the College of Arts and Science.

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

"How do so many sketchy people make it onto ASB sites?"

"This is Vanderbilt. Half of us came here for the well-edged sidewalks, so can somebody buy the grounds crews mulching mowers? Mowing the same pile of leaves six times in a row just has to be a waste."

"Once this semester ends, I'm going to miss my favorite student on campus."

"It's already annoying enough when guys disregard the rules by using the restrooms on an all-women floor. The situation only worsens when you find you have to fight guys on weekend mornings for the shower stalls. The worst case occurred the other night, though, when I was in the restroom. A piss-drunk guy walked in, even made eye contact with me, and then entered the first stall and started urinating, just like that. No shutting of the stall door or lifting up of the toilet seat, nothing. As you can imagine, it was a VERY awkward minute and a half for me listening to him relieve himself while I brushed my teeth. So, a word of advice, please stay outside, men. Also, ladies, when you pre-game, please drink responsibly and control your male guests. They are NOT welcome."

"To the moron who said he would 'roofie some bitch': I certainly do hope you have an STD right now. Hopefully, it's syphilis. That would explain why you would say that out loud, because your brain more than likely resembles Swiss cheese. And you're probably a rapist. Maybe you'll get lucky, get caught and go to prison. Have a nice day."

"I am completely for diversity, so if the 'Who am I?' features continue to run, I expect to see every type of person represented including but not limited to gays, lesbians, African-Americans, fraternity guys and the average white student. Yes, I really said the last one. Diversity means recognizing every culture and race is unique and strengthens our collective community; stereotypes persist about everyone, and failing to present a broad spectrum is very closed-minded."

"It's great the Highland Munchie Mart is open until 1 a.m. now!"

"The labels on prescriptions from the Student Health Center spell this university 'Vanderbuilt.' They have been like that for three years. Someone really needs to fill them in."

Compiled by Reeve Hamilton

((OVERHEARD)) on insidevandy

Submitted in response to:
"VSG's experience requirement limits opportunity for leadership"
by Hustler Editorial Board

What kind of

Submitted by Commadoor on Wednesday, Dec. 5 - 18:55.

What kind of experience/skill set is necessary for the president's position that could not be gained anywhere other than VSG? I'm not being sarcastic or critical; I'm genuinely interested to hear concrete examples of things that are only attained from being involved in student government.

It's also a shame that

Submitted by MikeMaio on Wednesday, Dec. 5 - 12:56.

It's also a shame that allowing only experienced members to run for president seems to severely limit the scope for protest candidacies.

Submitted in response to:
"Liberal media actively seeks to undermine 2008 elections"
by Mike Warren

Usually when someone makes a

Submitted by MikeMaio on Wednesday, Dec. 5 - 12:50.

Usually when someone makes a charge about bias in the mainstream media, it reveals more about the biases of the critic than of the media. This column is no exception.

For instance, the Democrats have been asked repeatedly about Don't Ask Don't Tell in their debates this year. So if the Republican candidates come across as homophobic, well, then that's their own fault.

It is true, taken as a whole, the YouTube questioners did not provide a very favorable impression of the Republican primary electorate, and it is true CNN is responsible even for debate questions it does not come up with. But let's not kid ourselves ... there are large portions of the Republican base that care deeply about Biblical literalism, the Confederate flag, and Second Amendment rights. It's a mistake not to allow the possibility the questions that were asked were somewhat representative of the questions submitted.

Moreover, contrary to what you've written, immigration and federal spending were hardly given short shrift in the debate. Large segments of it were devoted to pissing matches about who would be meanest to Mexicans.

Look, of course you're right CNN asked a lot of stupid-ass gotcha questions, and they bear responsibility for that no matter how unenlightened the people who submitted them are. But this is a practice most mainstream TV journalists are guilty of, and they direct their inane questions at Democrats just as much. In a recent debate, for example, Tim Russert asked each of the Dems what their favorite Bible verse was — a question designed to embarrass the candidates rather than inform the electorate. This isn't healthy for democracy, but nor is it a sign of bias in favor of one party.

You obviously have no idea

Submitted by imbalanced on Wednesday, Dec. 5 - 10:52.

You obviously have no idea what you're talking about. You're putting on a pedestal social liberals and then saying a social conservative will destroy the Republican Party. Why don't you just wear your Giuliani campaign button now so everyone else can see it?

The media often leans left in their ideology, but the rise of Huckabee has nothing to do with this. Your assertion that a Baptist pastor will ruin the Republicans, and moreover is unelectable, is idiocy at its finest.

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SPORTS

Vandy keeps rolling

Business as usual as Foster, Ogilvy lead rout of Lipscomb.

by ADAM WEINSTEIN
Sports Reporter

It's beginning to sound like a broken record, but in improving to 9-0 against Lipscomb Saturday night at Memorial Gym, senior Shan Foster and freshman A.J. Ogilvy rose to the occasion yet again.

No. 23 Vanderbilt's 90-67 win against its crosstown rival was never close.

The Commodores led from the get-go, and the closest the Bisons (4-6) would get in the second half was eight, as the combination of Ogilvy and Foster proved to be too much.

"We thought we were pretty good defensively, but against Vanderbilt, you have to guard the entire floor," said Lipscomb coach Scott Sanderson. "Ogilvy can shoot it, post up, do a little bit of everything. He also has guys that he can pass it to that can make plays."

Sanderson's praise of coach Kevin Stallings' squad continued.

"Sometimes against good teams, you only have to guard part of the floor, but not against Vanderbilt," he said. "Foster got going in the second half after we did a good job of defending him in the first half. They're just well balanced. I'd rather have a root canal than go through that."

That seems to be the sentiment from most

opponents these days.

In the first half, Lipscomb played mainly man-to-man defense and Ogilvy took advantage in the post, scoring 18 of his career-high 26 points and grabbing seven of his 10 rebounds.

"Our big men did a good job of attacking their defense, especially when they were playing man-to-man," Foster said. "Andrew (Ogilvy) went off in the first half, and we just kept getting him the ball. That forces teams to play another type of defense like a zone and that opens things up for me."

Foster was certainly ready for the opportunity, as he scored 17 of his 21 points in the second half, including five-for-six from beyond the arc.

"My eyes got extremely wide when they went zone," Foster said.

Alex Gordon also went three-for-four from long range in the final 20 minutes as he finished with 12 points.

The Commodores shot 50 percent (11-for-22) from 3-point range and are shooting an astounding 44 percent on the season.

Even with their success shooting the ball, the Commodores still could have played better, particularly on the boards in the second half when Vanderbilt lost the rebounding battle 26-

16 and gave up 16 offensive rebounds.

So while Vanderbilt continues to rise in the top-25 rankings, Stallings said he knows his team still has some kinks to work out.

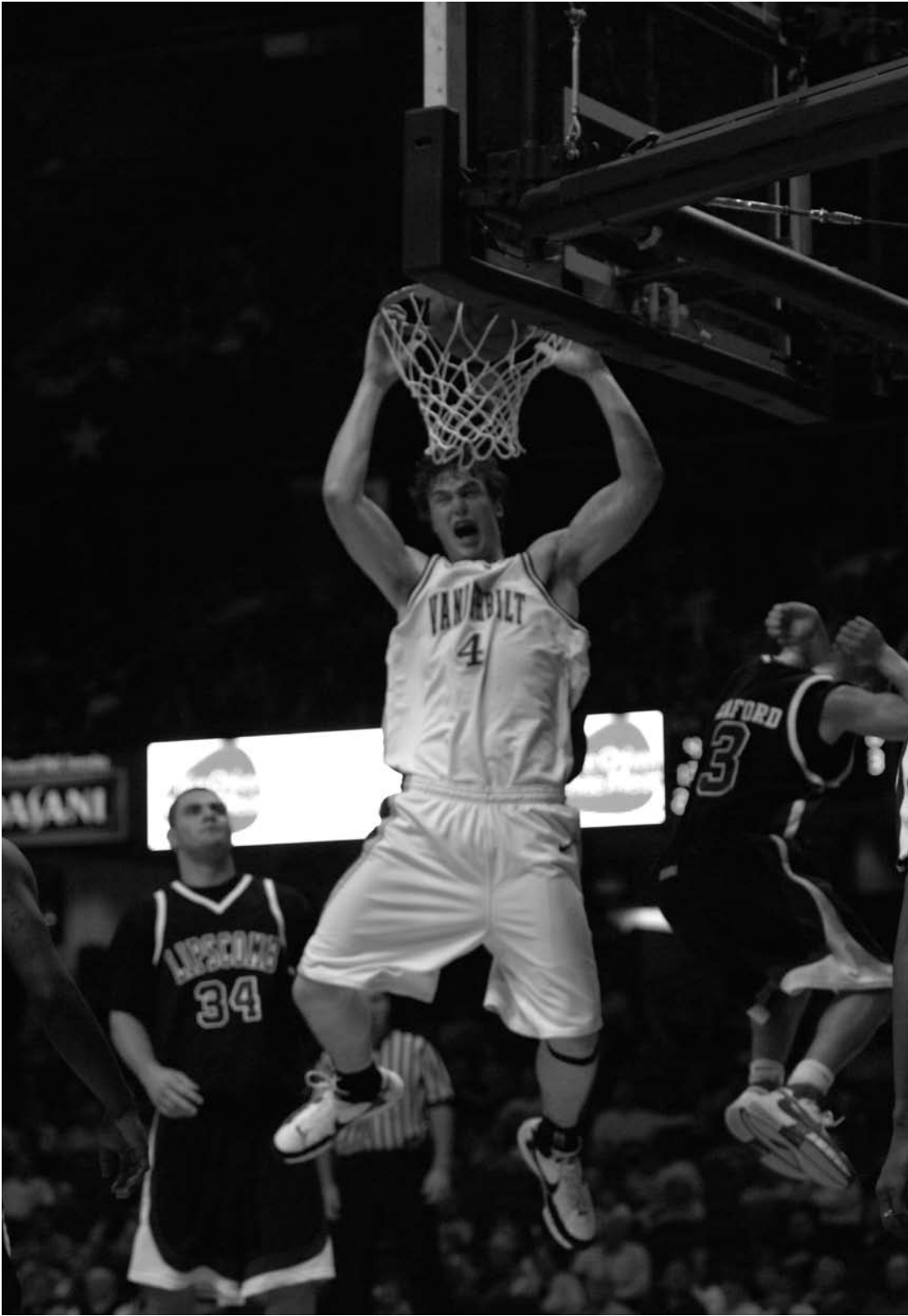
"We still have a lot of room to grow and improve," Stallings said. "If we rebound on Wednesday (at DePaul) the way we rebounded in the second half, our fun will be temporarily over. We need to do a better job of playing defense without fouling, and that's my responsibility."

Ogilvy even went so far to as to say that at one point in the second half, Stallings was pulling players from the game when they did not box out.

Lipscomb scored 21 second-chance points to Vanderbilt's 12, but it could have been a lot more lopsided had they not shot 37 percent from the field.

Rebounding aside, though, Stallings seemed content with Vanderbilt's ninth win.

"I thought we played pretty well defensively in the first half. I thought we played well offensively in the second half," he said. "We took care of the ball, which I asked them to do. We got the ball inside, which I asked them to do. We got to the free throw line, which I asked them to do. It was a hard-earned win, and I'm pleased to have played as well as we did." ■



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Freshman A.J. Ogilvy scored a career-high 26 points in Vanderbilt's 90-67 victory over Lipscomb Saturday at Memorial Gym.

Florida's Tebow captures Heisman as sophomore

Associated Press

Tim Tebow took a few deep breaths, steadied himself, then plowed through his Heisman Trophy acceptance speech much the same way he takes on tacklers — fast and furious.

In rapid fire, Florida's sophomore quarterback thanked everyone he could think of, some of them twice.

When it came time to take hold of the 25-pound bronze statue, he looked as if he was not sure whether he should run with the prize or throw it. He does both so well.

Florida's folk-hero quarterback with the rugged running style and magnetic personality became the first sophomore to win the Heisman on Saturday night.

"I am fortunate, fortunate for a lot of things," Tebow said. "God truly blessed me, and this just adds on. It's an honor. I'm so happy to be here."

Since 1935, when Jay Berwanger of Chicago won the first Heisman, every winner had been a junior or senior — until Tebow, who picked up quite a souvenir on his first trip to New York.

"It's surreal a little bit," he said. "It's just overwhelming."

He beat out Arkansas running back Darren McFadden, the first player since 1949 to finish second in consecutive seasons. Tebow received 1,957 points and 462 first-place votes to McFadden's 1,703 points and 291 first-place votes.

"I think it's awesome you're known forever as a Heisman Trophy winner," Tebow said.

Hawaii quarterback Colt Brennan was third, and Missouri quarterback Chase Daniel fourth.

A year after Tebow helped Florida win a national title, and in his first season as the Gators' starter, the chiseled 235-pound quarterback in a fullback's body put together a historic campaign.

He's the first major college player to run for 20 touchdowns and throw 20 TD passes in the same season.

Tebow had both his parents and all four siblings with him in New York. Mom and Dad got hugs after his name was called.

"It was cool to have them all there," Tebow said. "I haven't had a chance to hug them all yet, but I am looking forward to that."

In an unpredictable college football season, the Heisman race was as unsettled as the national title chase. Tebow emerged as the front-runner even though Florida (9-3) stumbled early.

Six of the last seven Heisman winners picked

up their bronze statues on the way to playing in the national championship game.

Tebow won't get that chance this season, but Heisman voters did not hold Florida's failure to defend its national title against him.

McFadden slumped in October before finishing with a huge November, capping his season with a spectacular performance — 206 yards rushing, three touchdowns and a TD pass — in the Razorbacks' 50-48 triple-overtime win over No. 1 LSU.

It seems doubtful the junior with sprinter's speed will return to Arkansas next year to make another run at the Heisman. Not with some NFL team likely to make him a top-10 draft pick.

"I'm just proud to be here again," McFadden said.

Brennan and Daniel each passed for over 4,000 yards and led their teams to breakout seasons.

But no player was more important to his team than Tebow. He finished with a school-record 3,970 yards of total offense and accounted for 51 touchdowns.

Simply put, he's the perfect quarterback for coach Urban Meyer's spread-option offense.

"I've heard the word system. I've got news, that's got nothing to do with Heisman trophies and great offenses," Meyer said. "Tim Tebow can run whatever offense he needs to run."

Florida fans might argue Tebow is just plain perfect.

And if joining Steve Spurrier and Danny Wuerffel as the only Florida players to win the Heisman Trophy wasn't enough to make Tebow the most popular man in Gainesville, there's one more reason for Gators fans to be excited: the promise of two more years of Tebow, who has said he has no plans to leave school after his junior season.

Tebow idolized Wuerffel, and the former Gator was the first Heisman winner the new member of the club hugged when he went to accept the trophy.

"That was special," Tebow said. "He was a big role model for me growing up."

This season, the Gators became Tebow's team and at times he was a one-man offense. He completed 68 percent of his attempts for 3,132 yards and 29 touchdowns, and led Florida with 838 yards rushing and set a Southeastern Conference record with 22 touchdowns. With speed and a strong arm to go with his power and grit, Tebow is part throwback to the days of single-wing football and part 21st century prototype for the position.

Add winning the Heisman as a sophomore, and Tebow is truly one of a kind. ■

Dores' solid start continues

Vandy improves to 9-0, travels to DePaul on Wednesday.

by JARRED AMATO
Sports Editor

Vanderbilt improved to 9-0 for the first time since the 2003-04 season when the Commodores started 12-0. That squad, led by Matt Freije, eventually advanced to the Sweet 16.

Here are a few other observations about the undefeated Commodores:

- Vanderbilt is a ridiculous 656-184 all-time at Memorial Gymnasium.

The Commodores have won 95 of their last 101 games against non-conference opponents at home and are 142-13 at home against non-Southeastern Conference foes since 1990.

- While Shan Foster and A.J. Ogilvy are deservedly taking the headlines, the supporting cast has not been too bad, either.

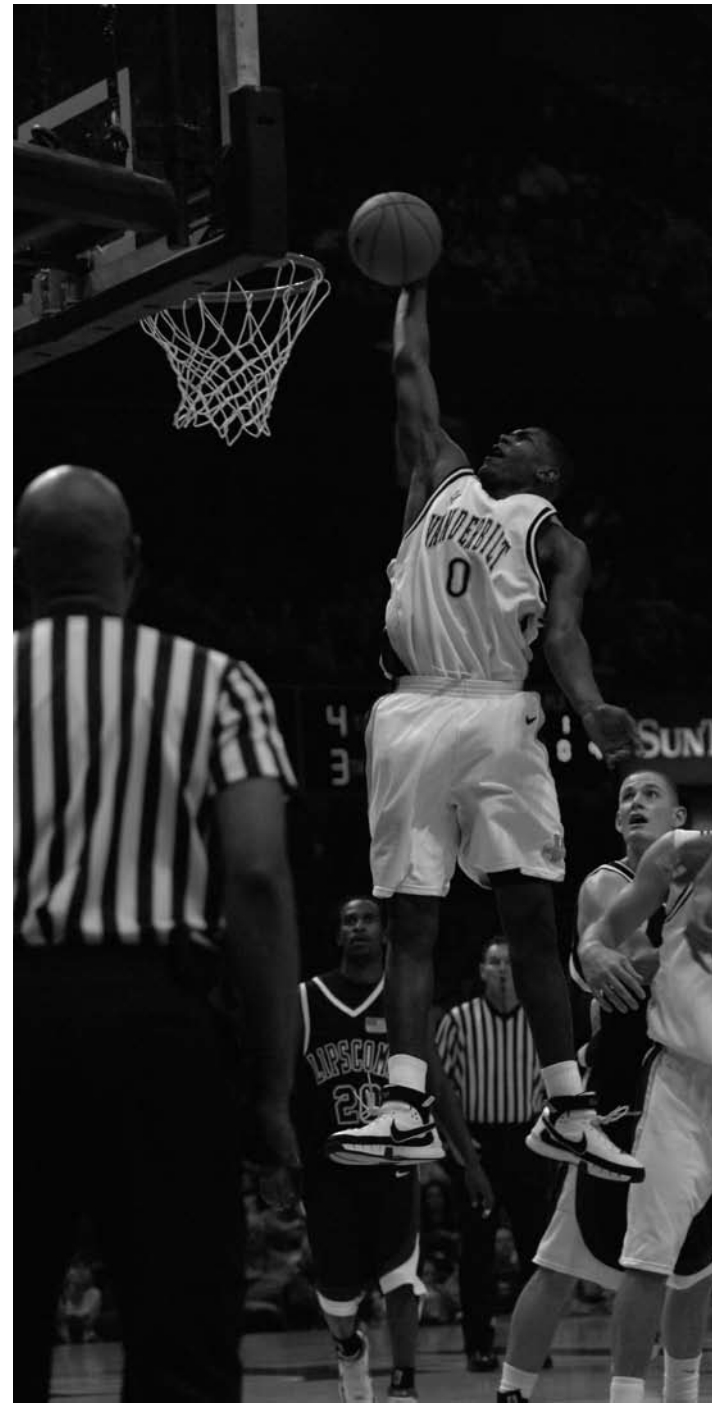
Senior Alex Gordon is averaging 10.2 points per game and has connected on 47 percent of his 3-point attempts, senior Ross Neltner is averaging 9.8 points and 5.4 rebounds per game, and sophomore Jermaine Beal is averaging 7.4 points and five assists per game.

Beal has recorded at least five assists in four consecutive games and has a solid 2.65-to-1 assist-to-turnover ratio.

- The Commodores have outscored opponents 363-279 in the first half and have an average margin of victory of 11.3 points.

- Against Lipscomb, Vanderbilt scored over 80 points for the seventh time this season, and 90 or more points for the fourth time.

- Vanderbilt hit a season-high 11 3-pointers and is shooting 44 percent from



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Jermaine Beal threw down a crowd-pleasing dunk in Vanderbilt's 90-67 victory over Lipscomb Saturday night at Memorial Gym. The sophomore is also averaging five assists per game.

beyond the arc. Its field-goal percentage is a blistering 50 percent, a sign of the team's unselfishness and lack of ill-advised shots.

- Foster finished with 21 points on Saturday, his 13th consecutive game in double figures.

He moved into 11th place all-time on the school's scoring list, passing Dan Langhi. He now has 1,504 career points.

- Foster is averaging 20.4 points per game, while

shooting 54 percent from 3-point range (37-for-69) and 53 percent from the field.

- Ogilvy posted his first career double-double with 26 points and 10 rebounds and is averaging 19.6 points and 6.3 rebounds per game.

- Vanderbilt returns to action on Wednesday night when it travels to DePaul (7 p.m.).

The game will be carried live on ESPN Classic and the Vanderbilt/ISP Sports Network with Joe Fisher and Tim Thompson. ■

Colorado holds off Dores

Sherwood scores 22 as Vandy's rally comes up short.

by ERIC SILVER
Sports Reporter

In the end, it was just too little, too late for the No. 17 women's basketball team.

After finding themselves down by 20 points, the Commodores made a valiant comeback at the end of the second half, but fell just short as the Colorado Buffaloes hung on for dear life and escaped Memorial Gym with a 62-51 victory on Sunday afternoon.

"We played well for about six minutes," said coach Melanie Balcomb. "All of a sudden, we had energy. Then it got close at the end, and we couldn't make a shot again."

After Vanderbilt raced out to a 12-3 lead, Colorado came storming back, going ahead 17-14. Both teams then went into an offensive scoring drought for the rest of the half, which ended with Colorado going back to their locker room with a 21-18 lead.

"We just didn't attack their press," Balcomb said. "Our timing was all off. We didn't shoot with confidence; we hesitated."

Colorado picked up the pace in the second half and seemed to have the game put away when it took a 52-32 lead with 7:07 remaining. But the Commodores would not go down without a fight.

Led by senior Liz Sherwood's 22-point effort, Vanderbilt cut the lead to 52-49 as the dormant crowd was injected with life.

"We got it off our defense," Balcomb said. "We started pressuring more, picking up the tempo. It created some offense and some easy



Senior center Liz Sherwood posted a double-double, scoring 22 points and grabbing 10 rebounds during the Commodores' 62-51 home loss to Colorado Sunday afternoon.

baskets."

However, a few key missed free throws and a couple of clutch Colorado shots put the game out of reach, preventing the Commodores from completing their valiant comeback.

"I had all the faith in the world that we were going to come back," Sherwood said. "I think we just dug ourselves too big of a hole, and then we ran out of time."

Balcomb did not necessarily agree with Sherwood's take.

"We started playing with energy and enthusiasm and attacking and got stop after

stop," Balcomb said. "They were playing not to lose; that is a perfect situation. I don't feel like we ran out of time, I just thought when it got close, we got tight again."

Sherwood hit 10 of 19 shots and grabbed 10 rebounds, while Jen Risper chipped in with 10 points and Tina Wirth added seven points and six rebounds. The Commodores shot 36 percent from the field.

Vanderbilt dropped to 8-3 with the loss, and Colorado improved its record to 6-2. The Commodores have two weeks off before they play crosstown rival Lipscomb on Dec. 22. ■

Hamilton honored at postseason banquet

Senior offensive lineman receives Dedication Award as football wraps up season.

HUSTLER STAFF REPORT

Vanderbilt seniors Marcus Buggs and Hamilton Holliday and sophomore Broderick Stewart took home the top postseason awards at the Commodore football banquet held Sunday.

Holliday, a two-year offensive line starter, received the Dedication Award from coach Bobby Johnson.

The award is the only Vanderbilt postseason honor selected by the coaching staff.

Top awards voted on by Commodore players went to Buggs, a two-year starter at outside linebacker, and Stewart, a defensive end.

Buggs was presented the postseason Captain's Award by the team's three

permanent captains — offensive tackle Chris Williams, defensive tackle Theo Horrocks and linebacker Jonathan Goff.

Stewart earned the Hustle Award following a vote by his teammates.

A starter at center in 24 consecutive games, Holliday earned Southeastern Conference Offensive Lineman of the Week honors after Vanderbilt's win over Miami (Ohio).

Off the field, Holliday is a three-time All-SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient, a Draddy Trophy semifinalist and a two-time District IV Academic All-American.

Buggs became one of the Commodores' top defensive leaders as a senior.

He also put together his finest campaign in 2007, leading the team in tackles for loss and finishing among the Commodore leaders in virtually every defensive statistical category.

Stewart became a playmaker because of his effort and hustle, topping the squad in quarterback sacks. ■

POSTSEASON AWARDS

<i>Dedication Award</i>	Hamilton Holliday
<i>Captain's Award</i>	Marcus Buggs
<i>Commodore Hustle Award</i>	Broderick Stewart
<i>Offensive Back</i>	Jared Hawkins/Mackenzi Adams
<i>Receiver</i>	Earl Bennett
<i>Offensive Lineman</i>	Chris Williams
<i>Defensive Lineman</i>	Theo Horrocks
<i>Linebacker</i>	Jonathan Goff
<i>Defensive Secondary</i>	D.J. Moore
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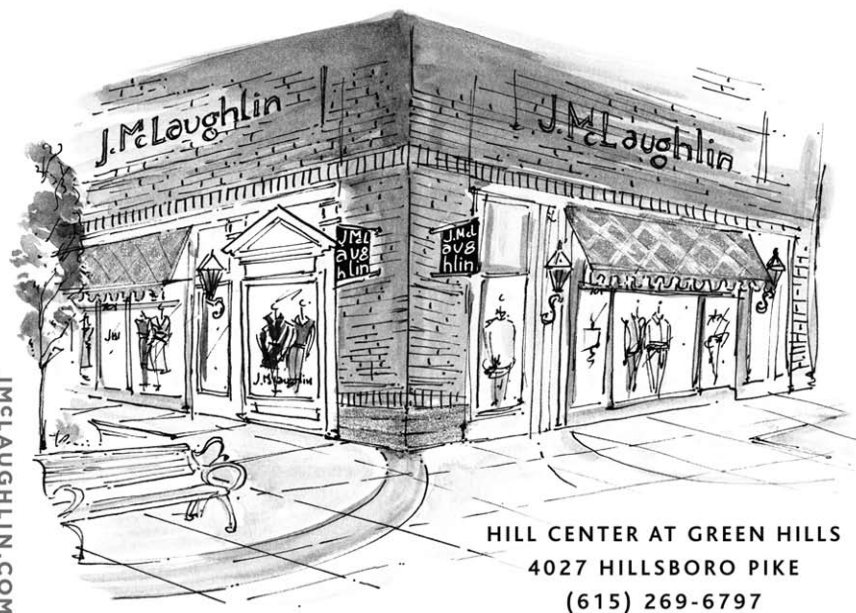
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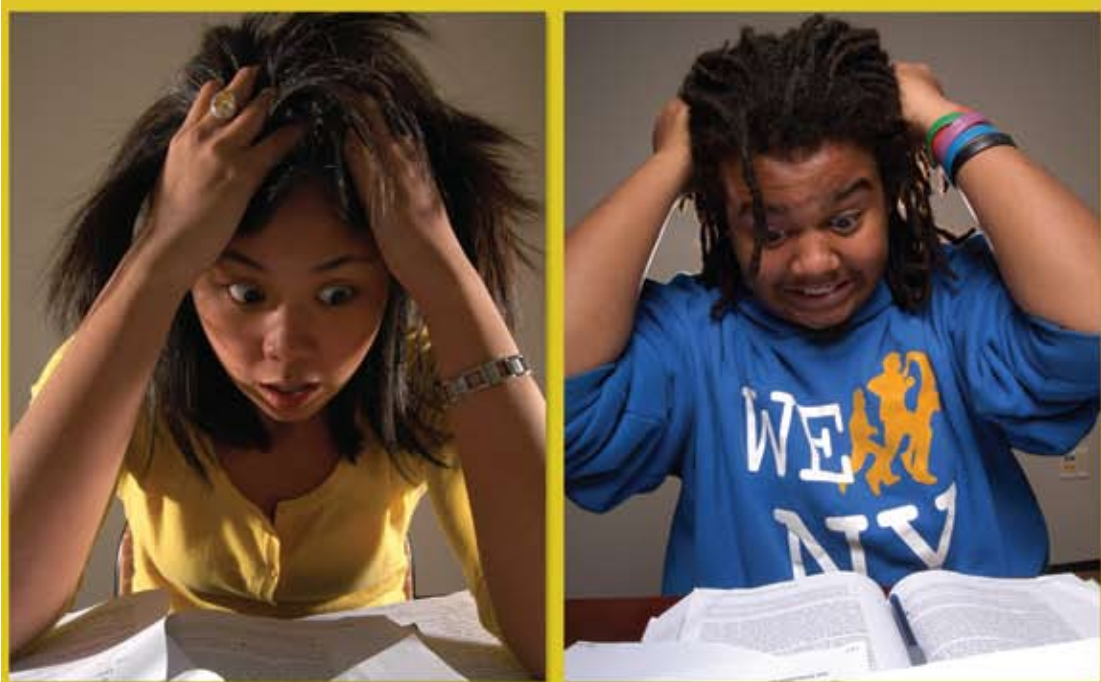
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