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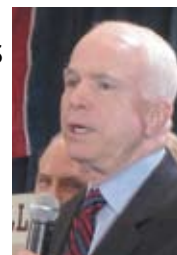
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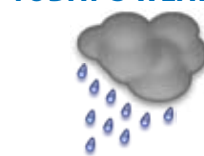
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## THE WALL

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### THIS WEEK

**Yearbook portraits**  
The Commodore yearbook's portrait photographers are in Sarratt 112 today through Friday. Undergraduates are invited to stop by from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 6 p.m. There is no cost to sit for portraits.

### TODAY

**'Kilowatt hours'**  
SPEAR's Focus the Nation film series continues with a screening of 'Kilowatt hours' at 7 p.m. in Sarratt Cinema. It will be followed by discussion led by European studies professor Florence Faucher-King and earth and environmental sciences professor Brendan Bream.

### TUESDAY, FEB. 5

**Vanderbilt Student Government presidential elections**  
Computers will be available on Sarratt Promenade from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. for students to use. A link to vote will be provided via e-mail as well.

### TUESDAY, FEB. 5

**Tennessee primary elections**  
Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Davidson County in the Super Tuesday presidential primary election. Election Alliance is sponsoring free shuttles to take students to the polls every hour on the hour from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The shuttles will leave from in front of Branscomb.

### TUESDAY, FEB. 5

**Super Tuesday with Election Alliance**  
In addition to the shuttles, Election Alliance will hold a lunch forum from noon to 1 p.m. in Commons Center, Room 297, where students can listen to student representatives from every campaign give brief overviews of their candidate's positions. They will host an all-night viewing party in The Commons Center as well.

### TUESDAY, FEB. 5

**MannaFit benefit dinner**  
Join Manna Project in the Student Life Center Ballroom from 6 to 8 p.m. for a night of food, silent auction items and talented live music. Tickets are available for \$12 at the Sarratt Box Office. The night of the event, tickets will be sold at the door for \$15 cash only.

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

## Political pandemonium



FRANCIS SIMPSON / The Vanderbilt Hustler

The Obama camp celebrates an overwhelming 72-45 victory in the first Vanderbilt Caucus. Students gathered to "elect" presidential candidates on Friday night in the Student Life Center. Election Alliance '08 encouraged students to vote in Tuesday's primary.

*Election Alliance '08 tried its hand at stirring political activism on campus Friday evening — with results.*

by ALLIE MORRIS  
Staff Reporter

Super Tuesday may not be until tomorrow, but Friday night dozens of Vanderbilt students equipped with signs, stickers and food gathered in the Student Life Center to discuss politics and "elect" presidential candidates in the first Vanderbilt Caucus.

The idea for the event, hosted by Election Alliance '08, was inspired by the Vanderbilt-sponsored trip the group took to the Iowa caucuses during the end of winter break.

"I experienced the political excitement of the Iowa caucuses, and wanted to bring it to Vanderbilt in order to get the students active and involved in time

—To watch a video from this event, go to:



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BY THE NUMBERS: VANDERBILT CAUCUS	
DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS	REPUBLICAN CAUCUS
Number of voters: <b>72</b>	Number of voters: <b>45</b>
Winner: <b>Obama, with 37 votes</b>	Winner: <b>McCain, with 20 votes</b>
Second place: <b>Clinton, with 18 votes</b>	Second place: <b>Romney, with nine votes</b>
Rest: <b>Uncommitted</b>	Third place: <b>Huckabee, with eight votes</b>
	Fourth place: <b>Paul, with seven votes</b>
	Rest: <b>Uncommitted</b>

## VSG presidential election to be held tomorrow

Here are some fast facts about the VSG presidential and vice presidential candidates to help you decide who gets your vote.

by SARA GAST  
News Editor

Vanderbilt Student Government presidential and vice presidential candidates have one last day to campaign before tomorrow's general election. Here are some fast facts about Jared Anderson, Courtney Holliday, Joseph Williams and Wyatt Smith — and to read past articles and the candidate's platforms, go to InsideVandy.com.

— To read *The Hustler's* presidential endorsement and Quick Shots from each candidate on effective leadership, see *Opinion*, pages 4 and 5.

—To read platforms and past articles about the candidates, go to:



### VSG presidential election

Vote in the VSG presidential election from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. tomorrow. Computers will be available on Sarratt Promenade for students to use, and a link to vote will be provided via e-mail. Check InsideVandy.com tomorrow night for the election results.



**JARED ANDERSON**  
**Year:** Junior  
**School:** College of Arts and Science  
**Major:** Political science  
**Minor:** Managerial studies  
**Previous positions:** VSG Speaker of the Senate, SGA Vice President of Communications, SGA Senator, SGA Organizational Relations Committee



**COURTNEY HOLLIDAY**  
**Year:** Junior  
**School:** College of Arts and Science  
**Majors:** Economics, public policy  
**Previous positions:** VSG Director of Publicity, Arts and Science Council Sophomore, Junior Representative, SGA Public Relations Co-Chair, SGA Community Service Committee

### TOP THREE IDEAS FROM THEIR PLATFORM:

1. Promoting students' campus causes through increasing practice space availability for performing arts groups, building a Community Service Central Web site and sending more VSG representation to campus events.
2. Creating comfort and convenience on campus through changing commuter parking lots to residential lots, providing student services like printing and increased recycling in student centers and residential halls, and making meal plans and dining more flexible.
3. Modernizing academic services by replacing OASIS, getting course syllabi and evaluations online, and enforcing reading days and dead week.



**JOSEPH WILLIAMS**  
**Year:** Junior  
**School:** College of Arts and Science  
**Major:** Economics, political science  
**Minor:** Managerial studies  
**Previous positions:** VSG Chief of Staff, SGA Deputy Executive Assistant, Branscomb Area Coordinator for Interhall



**WYATT SMITH**  
**Year:** Sophomore  
**School:** Peabody College  
**Majors:** Human and organizational development, economics  
**Previous positions:** VSG Peabody Senator, VSG Organizational Relations Co-Chairman, Student Finance Committee member, Alcohol Education, Policy and Prevention Committee, SGA Peabody Freshman Senator

### TOP THREE IDEAS FROM THEIR PLATFORM:

1. Focus on the upperclassman experience by improving dining with another name-brand option on campus, increasing meal plan flexibility and adding additional restaurants to Taste of Nashville.
2. Transforming technology with a Gmail-based e-mail platform and 100 percent wireless campus.
3. Strengthening student services with a Vandy Van system that connects The Commons to main campus with more efficient stops, a reverse route and shuttles seven days a week.

### CAMPUS NEWS BRIEF

#### Zeppos outlines concerns about reauthorization of Higher Education Act

This week, the House of Representatives plans to consider a massive rewrite of the Higher Education Act. Over the last four years, Vanderbilt has joined with its peer institutions and national higher education associations to help shape this legislation, the Vanderbilt Office of Federal Relations reported.

Interim Chancellor Nicholas Zeppos wrote last week to each member of Tennessee's House delegation, summarizing Vanderbilt's views on key aspects of the legislation. While supporting aspects of the bill which increase student aid, Zeppos identified a number of provisions with which Vanderbilt has serious concerns including accreditation, reporting and compliance, cost provisions, filesharing and teacher preparation.

Legislators have indicated they hope to have a final bill to the president prior to March 31.

#### A 'super' viewing party



LAUREN FONDRIEST / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Students gathered for a Super Bowl viewing party in the Student Life Center Ballroom on Sunday. The event, which featured food, games and prizes, was sponsored by Special Activities, Vanderbilt Programming Board and the SLC. The New York Giants won 17-14 to spoil the New England Patriots' perfect season. Quarterback Eli Manning was named the game's Most Valuable Player after throwing two fourth-quarter touchdowns.

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**TUESDAY**



Morning T-Storms, 69/38

**WEDNESDAY**



Few Showers, 40/28

**THURSDAY**



Mostly Sunny, 47/36

**VUPD CRIME LOG**  
compiled by ADAM WEINSTEIN

**Thursday, Jan. 31, 1:50 a.m.:**  
Subject was observed staggering down the street. Subject admitted to drinking.

**Thursday, Jan. 31, 3:05 p.m.:**  
Subject was stopped for running a stop sign. A check of the license showed it was suspended.

**Thursday, Jan. 31, 9:57 p.m.:**  
VUPD was informed that a subject was on campus and had several warrants.

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

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compiled by ADAM WEINSTEIN

### 1 Clinton acknowledges willingness to tap wages of those who refuse to buy health insurance

**WASHINGTON** — Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton said Sunday she might be willing to have workers' wages garnished if they refuse to buy health insurance to achieve coverage for all Americans, The Associated Press reported. The New York senator has criticized presidential rival Barack Obama for pushing a health plan that would not require universal coverage. Clinton has not always specified the enforcement measures she would embrace, but when pressed during a television interview, she said: "I think there are a number of mechanisms" possible.

### 2 Hundreds of rebels dash with government forces in Chad's capital

**NAIROBI, Kenya** — Hundreds of rebels charged into Chad's capital aboard pickup trucks Saturday, The Associated Press reported, clashing with government troops around the presidential palace in the most forceful attempt yet to oust President Idriss Deby. The violence endangered a \$300 million global aid operation supporting millions of people in the former French colony and also delayed the deployment of the European Union's peacekeeping mission to both Chad and neighboring Central African Republic.

### 3 Iraq's presidency issues law letting former Baath party members reclaim government jobs

**BAGHDAD** — Iraq's presidency council issued a controversial law on Sunday allowing lower-ranking former Baath party members to reclaim government jobs, the final step for the first U.S.-backed benchmark approved by Parliament, according to The Associated Press. The measure was thought to affect about 38,000 former members of Saddam Hussein's ruling political apparatus, giving them a chance to go back to government jobs. It would also allow those who have reached retirement age to claim government pensions.

### 4 Breakthrough reached in studio, striking writers talks, says person close to negotiations

**LOS ANGELES** — A breakthrough in contract talks has been reached between Hollywood studios and striking writers, according to The Associated Press, and it could lead to a tentative deal as early as next week, a person close to the ongoing negotiations said Saturday. The two sides breached the gap Friday on the thorniest issues, those concerning compensation for projects distributed via the Internet, said the person, who requested anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly.

### 5 Vanderbilt film series on Iraq War to begin Feb. 19; Sarratt Cinema series includes 'Control Room,' 'In the Valley of Elah'

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** — To mark the fifth anniversary of the invasion of Iraq by the United States, Vanderbilt is offering a film series examining the war, Vanderbilt News Service reported. The entire series is free and open to the public. "The aim of this series is to bring home the reality and true cost of war by portrayals from many different angles — that of soldiers, their families, Iraqi citizens, the media, corporate profiteers and so on," said David C. Wood, centennial professor of philosophy and organizer of the film series with JoEl Logiudice, director of the Office of Arts and Creative Engagement.

### 6 Bridgestone may move tech center to Tennessee

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** — Bridgestone Americas Holding Inc. is considering moving a technical center from Akron, Ohio, to Middle Tennessee that would add more than 600 engineering, science and technician jobs to the area, The Tennessean reported. In the meantime, the Nashville-based company is asking officials in the two states to come up with incentive proposals.

### 7 It's official: French President Sarkozy has married former model

**PARIS** — They had a glitzy, jet-setting courtship, but when it came time for the wedding, French President Nicolas Sarkozy and former supermodel Carla Bruni opted for a simple, classic ceremony — and the bride wore white. Sarkozy, 53, and Bruni, 40, were married Saturday in a small private ceremony at the presidential Elysee Palace, less than three months after they reportedly first met, and less than four months after his divorce from the previous first lady, Cecilia, The Associated Press reported.

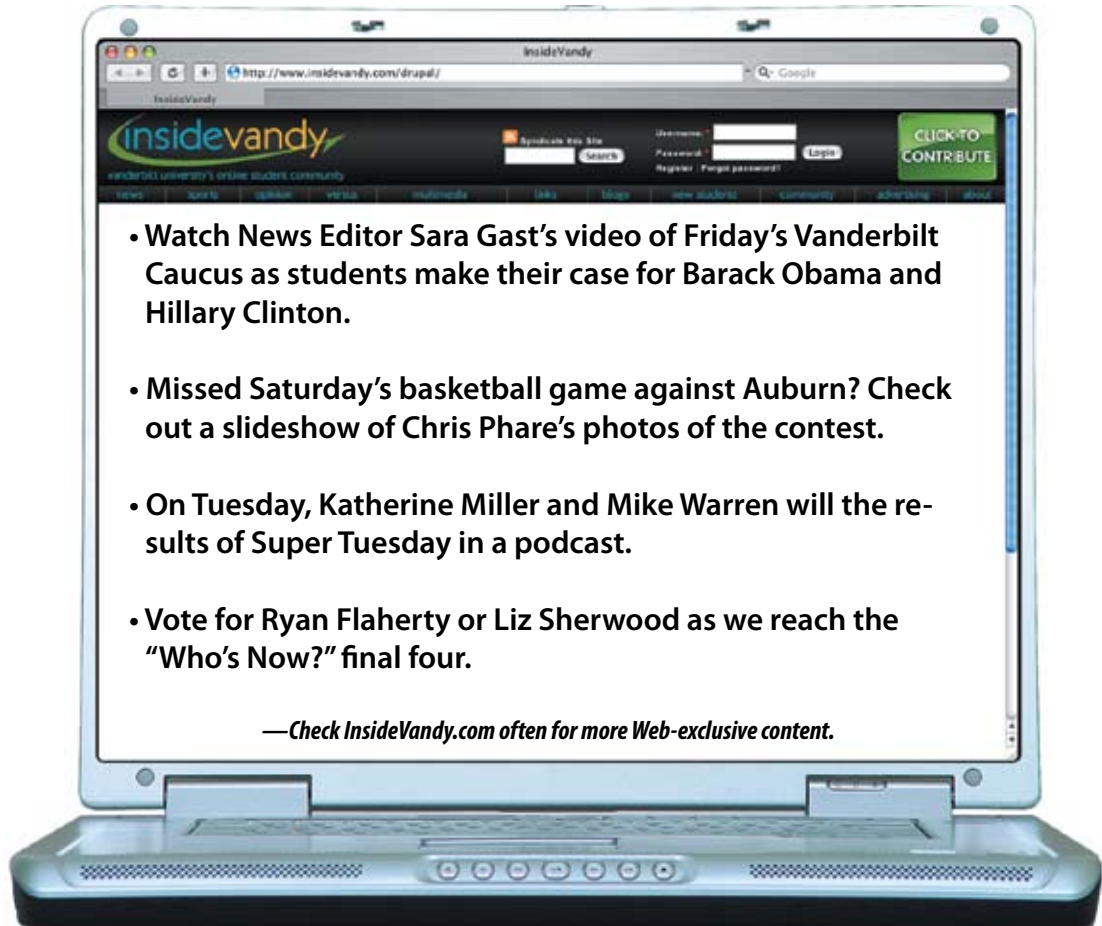
### 8 Egypt closes last gap in Gaza border after 12 days of residents crossing freely

**RAFAH, Gaza Strip** — Egyptian troops closed the last breach in Egypt's border with the Gaza Strip on Sunday, The Associated Press reported, ending 12 days of free movement for Palestinian residents of the blockaded territory, witnesses and Hamas security officials said. Hamas police aided with the closure, drawing pistols and arresting Palestinians who were throwing stones at Egyptian troops along the frontier. It was a dramatic turnaround for Hamas, whose militants had used explosives to bring down the border wall.

### 9 Earthquakes in Rwanda and Congo kill 39 and leave hundreds injured, officials say

**KIGALI, Rwanda** — Two earthquakes struck hours apart in Rwanda and neighboring Congo on Sunday, killing at least 39 people and injuring hundreds of others, officials said. Some of the victims died when the church they were attending collapsed. The first, 6.0-magnitude quake struck Congo early Sunday, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The second quake, which registered 5.0, hit a few hours later near the countries' border, in Rwanda's rural Rusizi district, The Associated Press reported.

## WHAT'S NEW ON INSIDEVANDY.COM



- Watch News Editor Sara Gast's video of Friday's Vanderbilt Caucus as students make their case for Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton.
- Missed Saturday's basketball game against Auburn? Check out a slideshow of Chris Phare's photos of the contest.
- On Tuesday, Katherine Miller and Mike Warren will the results of Super Tuesday in a podcast.
- Vote for Ryan Flaherty or Liz Sherwood as we reach the "Who's Now?" final four.

—Check InsideVandy.com often for more Web-exclusive content.

**SNAPSHOT**

### 'WRECK' FEST '08



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Members of the Vanderbilt community crash bumper cars at Rec Fest '08. The event took place Friday night at the Student Recreation Center.

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# CAUCUS: Increased political activism desired result of caucus

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for the general elections," said freshman Judy Wang, co-chair of the Vanderbilt Caucus Committee and staff reporter for The Vanderbilt Hustler.

The Democratic caucus ran from 5 to 6 p.m., with 72 voters in attendance, and it was followed by a Republican caucus from 7 to 8 p.m., in which 45 voters participated.

Each caucus began with first-round speeches from each candidate's student captain.

Despite former Sen. John Edwards's recent withdrawal from the presidential race, he was represented in the Democratic caucus along with senators Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama.

Sen. John McCain, Congressman Ron Paul and former governors Mitt Romney and Mike Huckabee were all candidates in the Republican caucus.

Immediately after the

initial speeches, students, who were given two note cards when they registered, milled about the room for 10 minutes talking with candidates and deciding to whom they would give their first note card.

"In order for a candidate to progress to the second round he must receive 10 note cards," explained freshman Kelly Swope, captain for John Edwards and staff reporter for The Vanderbilt Hustler.

After the first round the floor was open for arguments and rebuttals from each camp to try to sway voters their way.

In the end, Obama triumphed over Clinton with 37 votes, while McCain took the Republican caucus with 20 votes.

Freshman Ravi Singh, co-chair of the event, said he had higher expectations for the turnout but was satisfied with the content of the caucus.

The response to the event

amazed many students and left them hoping the caucus will be just the start of more political activism on campus.

Senior Justin Roberts came to the caucus to advocate for Obama and said he was not active in politics in his time at Vanderbilt until his senior year.

Roberts, who interns for the Obama campaign in Nashville, said his primary job is getting students to the polls.

"At Vandy it is hard to mobilize absentee voters."

Freshman Christopher Ray, equipped with an Obama '08 sign, went to Iowa for the caucuses with Vanderbilt. Ray said he was surprised by popularity of the event.

"I was under the impression that Vanderbilt didn't care about politics," he said. ■

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FRANCIS SIMPSON / The Vanderbilt Hustler  
Freshman Kelly Swope (right) talks to students during the first Vanderbilt Caucus on Friday night. Election Alliance '08 sponsored the event after spending part of winter break at the Iowa caucuses.

## McCain courts Nashville voters

by TAMESHA DERICO  
Contributing Reporter

"If Ronald Reagan were alive today, I guarantee you he'd be supporting John McCain!"

Capt. Sam Bartholomew's fervor was characteristic of the confidence and excitement at Saturday's pre-election rally for Republican presidential hopeful Sen. John McCain.

Held at the Montgomery Bell Academy gymnasium here in Nashville, the rally was part of intensive campaign efforts preceding Super Tuesday, when 23 states will be voting and the Republican nominee will likely be decided. McCain shared the stage with his wife Cindy, several of his U.S. Naval Academy classmates and local supporters of all ages.

The Arizona senator's address focused on the economy and war in Iraq. He promised "less regulation, lower taxes and restrained spending" if elected. McCain also said he supports the war in Iraq and plans to expand the military.

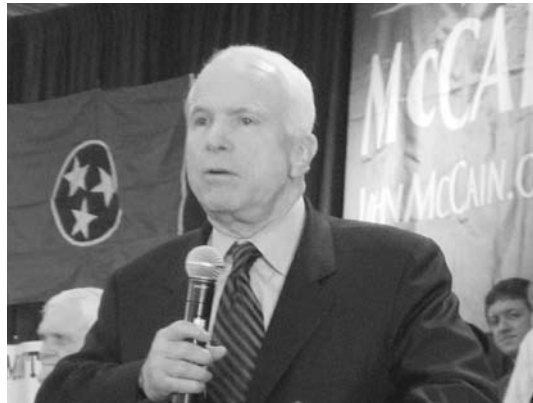
"The transcendental challenge of the 21st century is radical Islamic extremism," McCain said. "Don't underestimate how evil this is. ... Al-Qaida is on the run, but they are not defeated. (Sen. Barack) Obama and (Sen. Hillary) Clinton want to wave the white flag of surrender. I will never surrender to al-Qaida."

Three speakers preceded McCain's keynote, and each one emphasized McCain's military experience and patriotism. Dr. Mark Green, a U.S. Army infantryman, former physician to U.S. captive Saddam Hussein and avid McCain supporter, was first to welcome the candidate to Tennessee.

"Senator McCain's commitment to the spread of freedom" resembles that of Ronald Reagan, Green said. "No other Republican candidate stands for freedom as much as McCain."

Social issues were notably absent from all of the event's speeches. Green provided his own reasons why.

"Debates on social issues and the economy will be moot if we do not win the War on Terror," he said. "If radical Islamic extremists prevail, we won't have



STEPHANIE FREEMAN / Contributed photo

Sen. John McCain made a pre-election campaign stop at Montgomery Bell Academy on Saturday. He appeared with his wife and former U.S. Naval Academy classmates.

an opportunity to debate these issues. You don't debate under the Taliban."

Sophomore Sarah McKibben volunteered for McCain at the Iowa caucuses and came to show her support Saturday morning.

"I like his message about the economy," she said. "He is the most electable candidate because he says what he means and can work across party lines."

Sophomore Fabiani Duarte said he thought McCain's speech was very rousing and inspirational.

"I'm glad I came," Duarte said. "You have to meet the man. It's like choosing a college. You have to visit to make that connection."

Freshman Naveed Nanjee said she liked McCain's plan to fix health care for veterans.

"He connected a lot with soldiers, which is important for the commander in chief."

At least one retired soldier agrees.

James Emberton served in the U.S. Navy at the same time as McCain. He said he believes McCain is the only candidate who understands leadership.

"He is a great American and paid a big price," Emberton said. "If anyone deserves to be president, it is John McCain." ■

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## Chelsea comes to town to campaign

### Daughter addresses issues, discusses mom's policy.

by JUDY WANG  
Staff Reporter

Another Clinton descended upon Nashville on the last weekend before the most decisive day of the primaries, recently dubbed "Super Duper Tuesday."

Chelsea Clinton, daughter of Hillary and Bill Clinton, held a casual question-and-answer session with local supporters at Sunset Grill Sunday afternoon.

Beginning the event with a prediction about the Super Bowl winner, Clinton maintained an informal tone as she tackled some questions from the audience. With the competition between the two remaining Democratic candidates intensifying, Clinton addressed issues and outlined her mother's policies in order to garner support.

"I will speak about whatever is important to you, to the world you want to see in the 21st century, the world that I want to see as a 27-year-old looking toward the future," Clinton said.

The questions began with a woman asking about Hillary Clinton's plans for improving the future of the next generation and continued as they addressed the most pressing issues of the election.

"She was well spoken and explained things very clearly," said freshman Aryeh Hillman. "I was impressed with some of the plans she discussed and the unique solutions her mom presented."

Clinton also spoke of the ability of voters to "hear from the candidates themselves and make their own assessments of issues such as health care and the economy."

To a question raised about her mother's



JUDY WANG / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Chelsea Clinton campaigned for her mom Sunday at Sunset Grill. She spoke about Hillary's leadership abilities and plans for the future.

ability as a leader and problem solver, Clinton was able to outline the characteristics she believes made her mother a strong candidate.

"One thing I admire about my mom is her attention to detail and her ability to tackle each problem carefully and in a way that is fiscally possible," Clinton said.

Other issues addressed included the environment, education reform, gay and lesbian rights, and the housing crisis.

"Everything she said sounds great, and there are a lot of similarities between Clinton and Edwards," said junior Ashish Patel, a former supporter of John Edwards. "Hillary has more than 30 years of experience, and she has delivered change that is told by her life story."

"She sounded intelligent and well-informed, and she answered the questions in an in-depth manner that was appropriate for her time allotment," said junior Kevin Duong.

When asked about predictions for the Super Tuesday winner, Duong maintains it is hard to tell.

"I can't really say — it's too close between Hillary and Obama." ■

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## Students more politically involved in election events

by MAGGIE SHANLEY  
Contributing Reporter

Something about this election seems to be drawing increased student interest.

"A big factor is the compressed primaries," said Mark Dalhouse, director of the Office of Active Citizenship and Service. "You can follow the election in real time, from week to week, even day to day, and I think has done a lot to heightened interest among students."

The candidates may also have a lot to do with increased attention.

"We have a woman, a Mormon (and) an African-American," Dalhouse said. "There are a lot of firsts this year."

Turnout at recent political rallies and the Vanderbilt caucus show students on campus seem to be more politically active than they have stereotypically been in the past.

"I would say the student body is involved. Just look at all the on campus clubs," said sophomore Maggie Pearson. "There are the College Republicans, the College Democrats (and) Election Alliance. I think that is a pretty good indicator."

"(Another) great example of this is the turnout for the Iowa caucus road trip," Dalhouse added.

"This is such a pivotal election, and a lot of students are very active," said freshman Deno Saclarides. "I also find it interesting that there is such a

contrast of political awareness among students."

But despite an increased interest in this election, there remain obstacles for students.

"Part of the reason students are not involved is because we just don't get a whole lot of information," said freshman Morgan Knapp, although she said she was hopeful the presence of national newspapers on campus would "make news more accessible for students."

And the impact of the recent theft of records from the Davidson County Election Commission may be hindering further political activism.

"The identity theft incident gave a lot of people a scare," Saclarides said. "I know I was planning on voting in the

primaries in Tennessee, but I decided not to after that."

Additionally, there has been a lot of controversy in the past surrounding voter registration, especially among students.

"In the 2004 primaries, many students were asked to present additional IDs that were not necessarily required," Dalhouse said.

Tennessee, in particular, requires voters to present some form of photo identification with a Tennessee address on it in order to vote; however, this has not always been strictly enforced among students.

Registered students can vote tomorrow, and for those students registered to vote in Davidson County,

### VOTE IN THE TENNESSEE PRIMARY

Free shuttles sponsored by Election Alliance '08 will run every hour on the hour from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. to take students registered to vote in Davidson County to the polls. The shuttles will leave from in front of Branscomb. Students need to bring their photo ID and voter registration card.

Election Alliance '08 will sponsor free shuttles to the polls throughout the day. ■

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# OPINION

## THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER Editorial Board

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### OUR VIEW

## Hustler endorses Williams-Smith

In its second year, Vanderbilt Student Government has produced two accomplished, experienced tickets comprised of candidates who deeply value the students on this campus. When evaluating these student leaders, though, we must look to who will best serve the students in representing their interests, proposing realistic solutions and lobbying the administration when possible. With this in mind, the Hustler editorial board strongly recommends Joseph Williams and Wyatt Smith for president and vice president.

Their overarching platform of the upperclassmen experience envelops each of the critical aspects of the VSG presidency: practicality, accountability and the ability to lobby successfully.

By virtue of their visibility on campus, Williams and Smith would give a definite face to VSG as a governing body. As such, they would bring a further level of transparency and accountability to VSG, setting an important precedent for leadership within the organization.

In a similar vein, Williams' proven ability to work with the administration would only serve to further the efforts of current President Cara Bilotta. The importance of the lobbying component of the VSG presidency cannot be overstated, and it seems likely Williams' and Smith's lively personalities would serve the students well in this capacity.

As an editorial board, we recognize the necessity of concrete, achievable goals. The Williams-Smith platform

encompasses realistic solutions to problems or unaddressed needs many students encounter, and Williams and Smith have experience doing so, as evidenced by Smith's co-authorship of the bill concerning the leadership requirement last month.

They genuinely care about both the present and future of Vanderbilt, and we are confident they will work tirelessly to ensure their goals are fulfilled.

While Anderson and Holliday are both very dedicated and qualified, ask the question: Which ticket is better equipped to balance the needs of the students with the politics of the administration and still get things done?

It's Williams and Smith without question.

### LETTER

## Momentum against death penalty builds

### To the Editor:

Recently, there have been several developments regarding the practice of the death penalty, both in this country and abroad. Last month, the United Nations called for a worldwide moratorium on executions.

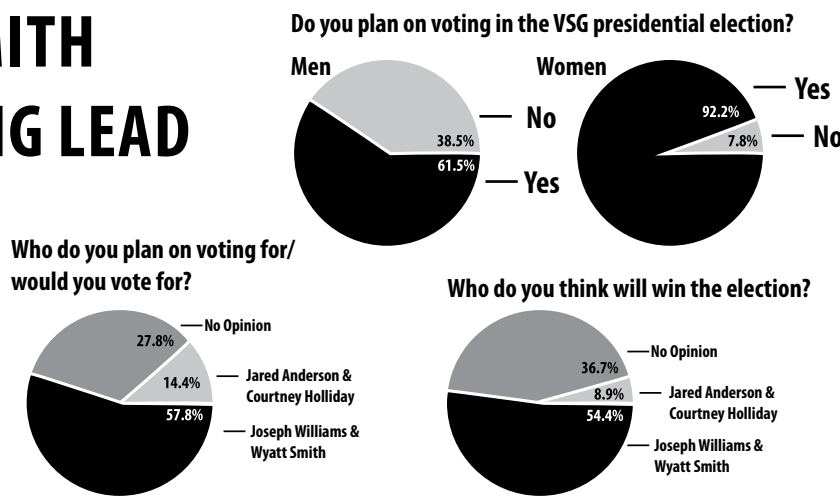
Even though the document is not legally binding, it "encourages retentionist countries to review their use of the death penalty." This will hopefully accelerate the trend exhibited by the 25 percent drop in executions recorded from 2005 to 2006.

The Vatican said the moratorium "shows that despite persistence of violence in the world, an awareness of the value of life ... is growing in the human family." At this point in time, 91 percent of all known executions occur in six countries: China, Iran, Iraq,

Please see **FLEMING**, page 5

## WILLIAMS AND SMITH MAINTAINS STRONG LEAD

Despite the recent failures of political polling in New Hampshire and other places, we wanted to get a little further perspective on how students feel about the VSG presidential election, so we polled 100 students during lunchtime in Rand.



## FACE OFF

The current primary system produces the best candidates



**JOHN GEER**  
Guest Columnist

### AGREE:

"Boss" Tweed, a famous party leader from the 19th century, once said, "I do not care who does the electing, just so as I can do the nominating." Tweed knew real power came from controlling the nomination process. Because nominations matter so much, there's been a quadrennial debate over how "best" to select presidential contenders.

As we approach Super Duper Tuesday, many observers have started to ask whether this system of front-loaded primaries is working. Is it yielding the best candidates? Remember, front-loading means more states are holding their primaries or caucuses earlier in the year. Consider in 1992, just two states selected delegates prior to March 1. In 2008, over 30 states will have chosen delegates by Feb. 5.

Have these changes improved the system? The answer depends heavily on whether you like or dislike the candidates who remain standing. If you favored Rudy Giuliani, you are probably not a big fan of the system. If Bill Richardson was your favorite, you too will have doubts. However, backers of John McCain will see much merit in the system. The jury is probably still out for supporters Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama.

To really answer this question, we must move past partisan judgments and make a more reasoned assessment of the system. The first step in such an effort is to bring some historical perspective to bear. During most of the 1800s, for instance, party leaders selected the candidates behind closed doors. It wasn't very democratic, yielding many complaints about the quality of the nominees. In fact, some of the nation's worst presidents were selected under this system, with James Buchanan being the most notably in this regard.

Slowly we moved to a system that relied on giving average citizens more say in the process. The direct primary was first introduced in 1912, but didn't become dominant until 1972. This new system was more democratic, but it too came under fire. Remember Jimmy Carter?

So the first step in answering this question is to realize there is no perfect system. Certainly, the current arrangement has some problems. To be competitive, contenders need huge war chests. But money is not the only issue or Mitt Romney would be the front-runner on the GOP side. You also need some luck — as John McCain would attest. He was left for dead this summer, no money and no chance of winning. Yet with the success of the "surge" in Iraq, his repositioning of his view on immigration and the sudden rise of Mike Huckabee, McCain managed to rise like a Phoenix from the ashes.

When you step back, this front-loading actually seems reasonable. What I like most about the system is it is brutal, long and demanding — very much like serving as president. So, these rules can sort out the good from the not-so-good candidates. McCain, regardless of whether you like him, is a tough campaigner and showed a determination few others would have. Romney, who still has some life left, has also proven his mettle. The battle between Clinton and Obama is, of course, yet to be settled. But who would question the talent of these two individuals?

In sum, the four remaining candidates are pretty good, suggesting to me the nominating system has merit.

I am sure many will disagree with the claim. But this is to be expected. Any nominating system produces far more losers than winners, which in and of itself creates reasons to complain. And surely the system would benefit from reform. But at this point, it would be hard to argue this current arrangement has yielded unqualified candidates. To the contrary, I think we are in good shape as we approach the November election.

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**MARC HETHERINGTON**  
Guest Columnist

### DISAGREE:

The presidential nominating system is unlikely to change much in coming years. Institutions are generally resistant to change, especially in politics. Consider the Electoral College remains in force despite the fact it installed a candidate to the presidency in 2000 who lost a plurality of the popular vote and his Electoral College margin was in dispute.

Why no change to the Electoral College? The major reason is because small states and sparsely populated areas would lose out if the system changed. If the presidential winner was determined by who won the popular vote, then campaigning would take place disproportionately where there were the most people. States like Missouri, Iowa and New Hampshire would see much less of the candidates than under the present rules. It is important to remember there are more small states than large ones.

The same logic holds for the nomination process. It is a silly system that allows people who know much more about NBC's primetime lineup than they know about politics to choose the party nominees. But, since 1968, it is the system we have. After the infamous Chicago Convention that year, party leaders realized they had to include the people directly in the process. Ever since, party elites have been devising ways to regain that power.

The most successful device allowing party elites to affect the nomination process is front-loading, or moving an increasing number of primaries and caucuses to the front of the nomination calendar. This year, more than 75 percent of delegates will be allotted during the first month of the nominating season with over 20 primaries occurring Tuesday.

So many contests bunched at the beginning of the process puts great emphasis on two things: money and name recognition. Party elites can filter money to their favored candidates, and, importantly, their favored candidates are those who are generally well known before the nominating season. Those not favored have a hard time raising money to improve their name recognition. And, even if they do pull an early upset, such as Mike Huckabee's or Barack Obama's in Iowa, it is very hard for them to build on the momentum with only a month before over 20 states all across the country vote at the same time.

Since front-loading started in earnest in 1984, the nomination has gone to the established candidate. The only real exception was when Michael Dukakis won the 1988 Democratic nomination over frontrunner Gary Hart. Dukakis was able to come from behind after Hart was caught having an extramarital affair on a boat aptly named Monkey Business.

Usually, however, this is a good thing. Party elites know more than ordinary Americans do about the types of people who should lead the nation. Even though John Kerry was a less than ideal candidate in 2004, he was surely superior to Howard Dean. Front-loading aided Bob Dole's nomination in 1996, which was better than the alternative, Pat Buchanan.

But sometimes the system can produce less than ideal outcomes. Although the last two Democratic candidates standing this year, Hillary Clinton and Obama, are both of high quality, it is my considered opinion Obama is a superior candidate who would give Republicans more trouble. Many party elites clearly feel this way, too, as evidenced by the flood of high-profile endorsements Obama received after his South Carolina victory.

But the front-loaded system makes it hard to catch up. Until this year, almost no one outside Illinois knew who Obama was, unless he or she happened to be watching his stirring keynote address at the 2004 Democratic National Convention. As a result, he started far behind Clinton in the polls. The difference is now in the single digits as more people have had the opportunity to see Obama and hear him speak. If he had another month, something a less front-loaded calendar would allow, he might well overtake Clinton. But he faces an uphill battle under the present rules, which is exactly what party elites generally want. Whether they want it this year is perhaps a different question.

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**Effective leaders always keep promises**

**Jared Anderson, Guest Columnist**  
**Candidate for VSG President**

Being an effective VSG leader is about giving a voice to all the concerns of an increasingly diverse student body, and forming a realistic plan to improve student life. It's about not only talking about goals, but working hard both publicly and behind the scenes to accomplish those goals. Being a leader means aiming high and inspiring students towards great things, but it also involves being honest with students about what student government can actually accomplish. Courtney and I have built relationships across the administration and the student body, and we've used both to write an ambitious but realistic platform that isn't about making promises we can't keep. It's about promising our friends and fellow students a student government they know will work hard to stand up for them. Courtney and I will be effective leaders because we have actually achieved results for students in VSG, and we will continue to do so if elected.

**Effective leaders always work the hardest while being the humblest**

**Joseph Williams, Guest Columnist**  
**Candidate for VSG President**

Teddy Roosevelt once said, "The best leader is the one who has sense enough to pick good people to do what he wants done and self-restraint to keep from meddling with them while they do it." To me, an effective leader sets a vision for the team and then empowers and motivates the members of the team to accomplish those goals.

An effective leader works the hardest and is the humblest. Leadership is about listening to problems without thinking one already has all the solutions. But most of all, an effective leader is a servant. My mom used to always tell me to leave some place better than when I found it, and my experience has shown me that her message is as wise as it is simple.

**QUICK SHOTS**  
*One Issue, Four Responses*

**Effective leaders always listen to groups both big and small**

**Courtney Holliday, Guest Columnist**  
**Candidate for VSG Vice President**

Jared and I understand leading our peers is about two things: listening and following through. As the most diverse ticket, we have been the most active candidates in listening to student groups, big and small. We have created ways to reach out to individuals, being consistently approachable in our three years each of serving the student body. We best know following through on the student body's goals occurs not only on center stage, but also behind the scenes. It means being willing to be involved with every step of the process, whether we get credit or not — such as Jared's authoring of the resolution making publication of the student budget a reality and taking on roles not our own to get the job done. Jared and I are, and will be, effective leaders because we're motivated to work not by our personal ambitions, but by the ambitions of a campus of over 6,000 of our peers.

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**What makes an effective leader?**

**Effective leaders are always willing to serve**

**Wyatt Smith, Guest Columnist**  
**Candidate for VSG Vice President**

Like all VUceptors, I volunteered to move members of the freshman class into their residence halls last August. After I reported to Vandy-Barnard on three hours of sleep, a parent came to me holding a mallet, asking if I would loft her daughter's bed. Certain it couldn't be too difficult, I agreed to help and immediately fell under a barrage of requests to loft every bed on the hall. While this was outside of my Move Crew responsibilities — and those beds definitely weren't easy to loft — I agreed to help because doing so meant filling the role most fundamental to leadership: service.

No capacity for leadership exists without a willingness to serve others. Before asking anyone to make a change or accept personal sacrifice, a leader must prove that he or she empathizes with the limitations and concerns of individuals. Otherwise, the leader's requests are nothing more than empty words.

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"Yeah, I got a lot of cool stuff for my birthday, but man, the best present I got was at 3 a.m. getting off of the elevator in Lupton and seeing my RA chew out Reid Simon. Not only the biggest ass on Vanderbilt Campus, but creating havoc on a freshman girls' hall. Real suave."

"Can people please pay attention to whether or not someone is behind them as they go through a door and whether or not that person has an armful of stuff and can't open the door by themselves? Please?"

"You may think Mike Warren's political views are outrageous, but have you seen his complexion?! Get a TAN!"

"What the hell, '72 Dolphins? Why are you filming ads the week before the Super Bowl about the Giants?"

Compiled by Katherine Miller

**FLEMING: Local efforts diminish capital punishment**

From DEATH PENALTY, page 4

Pakistan, Sudan and the U.S.

But there is action within the U.S. as well. On Dec. 13, New Jersey became the first state to abolish the death penalty since its restoration in 1976.

New Jersey had a death penalty study group in place (as does the state of Tennessee) which found that the "death penalty is inconsistent with evolving standards of decency." The state also found it could save \$1.3 million per inmate by repealing the practice.

At the same time, the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments in the case Baze v. Rees, which concerns whether the use of the current lethal injection method violates the 8th Amendment (cruel and unusual punishment).

According to the Berkeley Law Death Penalty Clinic, the three-drug protocol in use now presents a clear risk of intense suffering, including the possibility of slowly suffocating to death while conscious but paralyzed, and the risk of feeling the injection of the third drug, which is "likened to setting one's veins on fire." The case puts all U.S. executions on hold until a decision, expected in June, is released.

Here in Tennessee, there is yet more news, and closer to home. Last year, a study commission was established by the state legislature to look at the use of the death penalty in Tennessee.

The committee has been given one year

to report to the governor and General Assembly their findings. In addition, the state of Tennessee recently exonerated its first individual who spent time on Tennessee's death row: Michael McCormick.

In Nashville, we are attempting to organize a student-based initiative to advocate against the use of the death penalty in our state, for a multitude of reasons. Its many biases are well known: racial, economic and against the mentally ill.

Its ability to ensnare the innocent is also painfully evident: Since 1973, more than 120 people in 25 states have been released from death rows due to wrongful convictions. Even its deterrence, its *raison d'être*, is highly dubious — the American Society for Criminology contends that the death penalty does not serve as a deterrent.

Students should take the initiative here on campus to oppose the death penalty and contribute to the momentum of these developments. The power of our voices, as students, is vital to changing this troubled public policy.

**Paul Fleming**  
**Graduate Student, Engineering**



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## SPORTS

## THE RUN DOWN

## W2W4

Men's Basketball  
ESPN—No. 2 Kansas  
vs. Missouri

Monday, 8 p.m.

Kansas rebounded soundly on Saturday, winning at Colorado after dropping its first game of the season Wednesday at Kansas State. Missouri is led by Vanderbilt transfer DeMarre Carroll and looks to salvage a season split with the Jayhawks after losing 76-70 on Jan. 19.

Men's Basketball  
ESPN—No. 20 Florida  
vs. No. 7 Tennessee  
Tuesday, 8 p.m.

After getting blown out in their road contest against Arkansas, the young Gators get another chance to assert themselves as a legitimate challenger for SEC supremacy against the Volunteers, who have really benefited from senior guard Chris Lofton's return to form.

## PLAYER OF THE WEEK

## Vijay Paul, Men's tennis

This sophomore has been an integral part of the team's great start. The Commodores' second-seeded player was victorious in his first match over Michigan State's Alex Forger 7-6 (7-5), 6-2 and continued this trend with a dominant showing against Samford's Kelwin Dewet, winning 6-0, 6-0.

## GAME OF THE WEEK

WBB—Vanderbilt  
66, Florida 56

Led by Liz Sherwood's 20 points and 12 rebounds off the bench, the Commodores (15-6, 4-2) pulled off an impressive victory against the talented Gators (14-7, 3-3) in a hostile environment at the O'Connell Center.

## THEY SAID IT...

"We needed a win. It didn't make any difference how it looked or how it felt."

VANDERBILT COACH  
KEVIN STALLINGS

## DAILY #

37%

Auburn's shooting percentage against the Commodores, a marked display of a much-improved defensive effort.

## SEC STANDINGS

## Eastern Division:

Eastern Division  
Tennessee 6-1, 19-2  
Florida 5-2, 18-4  
Kentucky 4-2, 10-9  
Vanderbilt 3-4, 18-4  
South Carolina 3-4, 11-10  
Georgia 2-4, 11-8

## Western Division:

Western Division  
Arkansas 5-2, 16-5  
Mississippi State 5-2, 14-7  
Ole Miss 3-4, 16-4  
Auburn 2-5, 12-8  
Alabama 2-5, 13-9  
LSU 1-6, 8-13

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## Seniors respond against Auburn

Foster, Gordon regain focus after meeting with Stallings.

by JARRED AMATO  
Editor in Chief

Vanderbilt had two choices after losing for the fourth time in five games Wednesday at Ole Miss. It could let the loss linger and come out flat against Auburn, or it could stick together and get back to doing what it did during its 16-0 start.

Looks like the Commodores opted for the latter.

Following a team meeting on Thursday, Vanderbilt (18-4, 3-4 Southeastern Conference) appeared more focused and inspired during its 78-71 victory over the injury-plagued Tigers (12-8, 2-5) Saturday afternoon at Memorial Gym.

"Losing two games in a row was kind of taking a toll on us a little bit," said senior Shan Foster, "but we have a great team, we have great coaches, our team chemistry is as good as it's been and we just continue to plug at it."

Foster compared the team's recent woes to how the players felt after falling at home to Furman a year ago. The loss dropped the Commodores to 1-3 and caused everyone to begin doubting them — that is, everyone except themselves.

"Just like we did then, we pulled together as a team and said we were going to continue to fight and continue to believe in each other and were able to come up with a win (Saturday)," Foster said.

Before practice on Thursday, coach Kevin Stallings met with his seniors to remind them of their roles, and the seniors then relayed that message to the rest of the team. They all seemed to take the message to heart.

"We know that we needed to turn the ship around and get back on the right road," said freshman A.J. Ogilvy. "(The seniors) motivated us. We know this is their last year and last shot so we were definitely inspired to help them get there."

Foster stressed the importance of setting a good example for Ogilvy and the rest of the underclassmen.

"Obviously my role on this team is to make shots and score points," Foster said, "but even when my shots aren't falling, I can't let that affect my leadership in terms of being a motivator and being a vocal guy. We have a lot of freshmen that look up to us older guys so when they see us drop our heads, they think it's OK to drop theirs."

There was no negativity or self-doubt on Saturday. Even when Auburn rallied to cut the lead to one, the Commodores remained poised and ultimately prevailed.

"(Stallings) said it's easy to be a leader when things are going great and shots are falling and



Senior Alex Gordon knows the Commodores will have to be confident when they hit the road once again this week. He scored 17 points to go along with four assists in Vanderbilt's 78-71 victory over Auburn Saturday afternoon at Memorial Gym.

everybody's on your back," Foster said, "but true leaders are those who step up to the plate in times of adversity, and that's what we tried to go out and do."

Foster scored 13 of his 16 points in the second half and added seven rebounds and three steals, while Gordon poured in 17 points to go along with four assists and zero turnovers. The two seniors also helped limit Auburn's three starting guards to just 4-for-26 shooting for the game.

"I'd seen some things the last two days in practice that made me feel better," Stallings said, referring to the seniors' attitude. "Most of the time, if it's not something that requires a lot of repetition — if you call something to their attention, they're going to try to do something about it."

Gordon said Saturday's victory restored the team's confidence, which will be essential as the Commodores conclude their brutal road stretch this week with games at Georgia and South Carolina.

"It's all about confidence and fight right now," Gordon said. "We want to do whatever it takes to win. It's about winning right now. That's all."

With just nine regular season games remaining in their careers, that's exactly how it should be. ■

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## Vanderbilt 78, Auburn 71

**Recap:** The Commodores (18-4, 3-4 SEC) held off Frank Tolbert (32 points) and the rest of the pesky Tigers (12-8, 2-5 SEC). With two more road games this week, Vanderbilt did what it had to do to pick up the sorely needed victory.

**Player of the Game: A.J. Ogilvy.** The freshman center reasserted himself as a legitimate post presence against SEC competition, leading the Commodores with 19 points and nine rebounds. Once again healthy, the Aussie's performance will be crucial down the stretch.

**It was over when ...** Sophomore guard Jermaine Beal scored seven straight points to stretch a 62-61 nail-biter into a comfortable 69-61 advantage with 5 minutes to play. **Stat of the Game: 48.2** The Commodores' shooting percentage, a drastic improvement over their 34.9 percent mark in their road loss to Ole Miss.

## Ogilvy helps Vandy tame Tigers

Freshman center 'comes back to life,' pours in 19 points.

by ERIC SILVER  
Asst Sports Editor

Chalk it up to nerves due to playing in some of the largest and most hostile arenas for the first time. Chalk it up to the sickness going around campus, leaving him fatigued and not even close to 100 percent.

Whatever it was, freshman standout A.J. Ogilvy had not been performing up to his typical level of dominant play in the past few games.

That all changed on Saturday against Auburn.

Averaging just 10.2 points in his last four outings, Ogilvy led the Commodores with 19 points and nine rebounds in a 78-71 victory over the Tigers.

"Obviously I've been in a bit of a slump," said Ogilvy. "It was good to come back out and get back to playing how I know I can."

Vanderbilt took advantage of Ogilvy's size advantage over Auburn all afternoon, pounding the ball into the paint for easy buckets. It certainly helped the man assigned to guard Ogilvy, senior Quan Prowell, stood a full three inches shorter than the Aussie center.

"We just had a hard time with Ogilvy," said Auburn coach



Under the weather for the past couple of weeks, A.J. Ogilvy was at full strength Saturday against Auburn and it showed. The freshman scored 19 points to go along with nine rebounds.

Jeff Lebo. "We had a hard time trying to defend him."

Even more impressive was the fact Ogilvy picked up his fourth foul of the game with 12 minutes left and was still a

productive force down low late in the game.

"I thought A.J. was really good," said Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings. "The foul trouble was what got us in a

jam, but we had them in a little bit of foul trouble too, so it was kind of balancing each other out."

Ogilvy was ready to play from the get-go, scoring the first two baskets for the Commodores and adding a monster block on Prowell.

By halftime, he had picked up 13 points to lead all scorers and had not missed a field goal. For the game, Ogilvy shot 67 percent from the field and hit seven of his eight free throws.

Saturday's game marked the first time in weeks Ogilvy played at 100 percent, as he had been battling illness throughout the tough stretch in which the Commodores lost four out of five.

Ogilvy attributed his health to much of his success against Auburn.

"I'm feeling a lot better today, and that obviously helped out a lot," he said. "I was really upset with how I've been playing over the past few weeks and really concentrated on trying to come out and step it up."

As Stallings put it, "A.J. came back to life today."

For Ogilvy and the rest of the Commodores, it was the win which mattered most, and as Southeastern Conference play heats up, they'll take one however they can get it. ■

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## Dores take bite out of Bulldogs

by ANDREW HARD  
Sports Editor

The Commodores have arrived again as a member of the Southeastern Conference's elite.

Coming off of last year's SEC tournament championship, Vanderbilt struggled in non-conference play, dropping out of the rankings prior to the SEC schedule. On Sunday, Vanderbilt proved it belongs in that upper echelon once again, defeating the No. 17 Georgia Bulldogs 61-54 to move to 5-2 in SEC play. The win propels the Commodores to third in the SEC standings behind powerhouses Tennessee and LSU.

For the third straight game, Vandy came out dominant to start the game. The Commodores took a 27-11 lead with 7:34 remaining in the first half after eight straight points by Christina Wirth. Vanderbilt's star guard finished with 11 in the first half and 18 points overall.

Vanderbilt led by nine at the half before the Bulldogs ripped off a 12-3 run to tie the score at 35 with 15:06 remaining. Georgia last led 44-43 with 8:13 remaining before Vanderbilt went on a 10-0 run behind the strong inside play of Jennifer Risper and Hannah Tuomi. Risper finished with 13 points and eight rebounds, a team high.

The Commodores forced 21 Georgia turnovers, turning them into 17 points. Despite shooting only 34 percent from the field, Vanderbilt grabbed 16 offensive rebounds and put back 13 second chance points.

The Bulldogs were led in scoring by Tasha Humphrey with 17 points. Georgia misfired on all of its 10 3-point attempts on the day.

After sweeping the Bulldogs, the Commodores turn their attention to their first contest of the year against the South Carolina Gamecocks. The teams square off Thursday at 7 p.m. at Memorial Gym. ■

## Men's tennis takes two

HUSTLER STAFF REPORT

Vanderbilt moved to 3-0 on the season after sweeping two weekend home matches. The Commodores dominated the Samford Bulldogs on Saturday, winning eight of nine matches for a 7-0 victory. Vanderbilt's only loss came in one of three doubles matches before the Commodores swept six singles matches.

"I knew it was going to be a tough match," said coach Ian Duvenhage. "I thought we hung in there in doubles and got better as the matches went along."

Senior Ryan Preston, in the No. 1 slot, rebounded from a doubles loss to win his singles match, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 over Samford's Jordan Delass. But the day belonged to sophomore Vijay Paul, ranked No. 79 in the country by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. Vanderbilt's No. 2 swept Kelwin Dewet 6-0, 6-0 to push his record to 2-0.

On Sunday, Vanderbilt soundly defeated the Memphis Tigers, taking eight of nine matches for a 6-1 victory. Preston and Paul each won in straight sets, with No. 3 player Nick Cromydas suffering the only singles loss for the Commodores.

Vanderbilt will next take on the New Mexico Lobos Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Currey Tennis Center. ■



The Vanderbilt Hustler presents:

# WHO'S NOW?

### WHAT IS THIS?

We're running a 32-athlete, single-elimination tournament to find Vanderbilt's biggest star. You can check out the voting criteria, bracket and voting schedule below.

### HOW DO I VOTE?

Go to [WWW.INSIDEVANDY.COM](http://WWW.INSIDEVANDY.COM) to cast your vote. Voting for the first of two Final Four matchups ends **TUESDAY AT 5 P.M.** Results will be posted in the following issue.

### VOTING CRITERIA

- Individual accolades**  
How big is your trophy room? Have you broken any school records, earned All-SEC honors or taken home any big-time awards?
- Team success**  
You may be talented, but remember the name on the front of the jersey is more important than the one on the back. Have you led your team to the Big Dance or won an SEC title?
- National exposure**  
You may be a hero in Nashville, but do people around the country even know you exist? Have you earned All-American status or appeared on Mel Kiper's Draft Board?
- Fan appeal**  
You may be big-time, but when you walk around campus, can fans even recognize you? Do they wear your jersey, cheer for you at games and friend (maybe even poke) you on Facebook?
- "It" factor**  
It's hard to quantify, but do you have the intangibles every star needs?

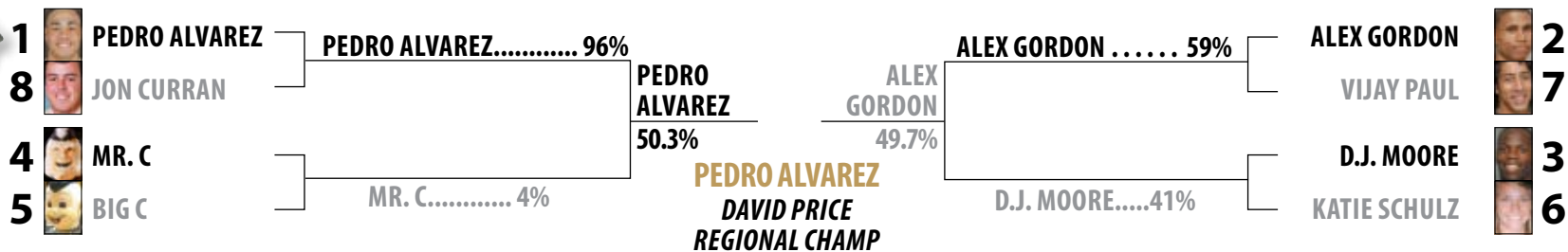
### SCHEDULE

**SEMIFINALS**  
2/4: Ryan Flaherty vs. Liz Sherwood  
2/6: Earl Bennett vs. Pedro Alvarez

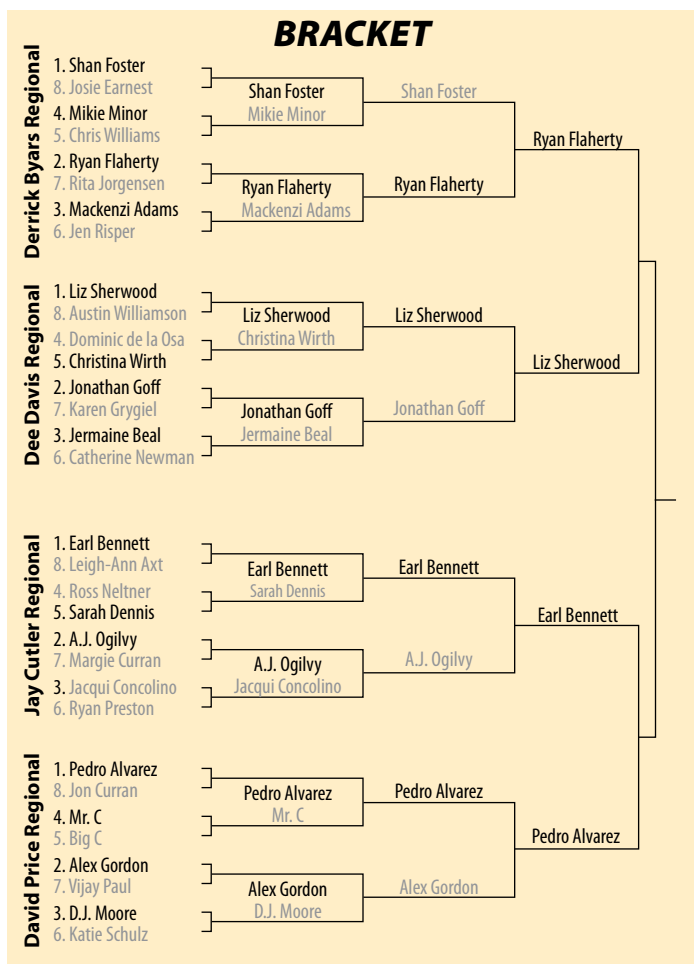
**FINALS**  
2/8: Flaherty/Sherwood Winner vs. Bennett/Alvarez Winner

**REVEAL CHAMPION**  
2/11

## DAVID PRICE REGIONAL RESULTS



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## RYAN FLAHERTY

DAVID PRICE REGIONAL CHAMP



VS.

## LIZ SHERWOOD

DEE DAVIS REGIONAL CHAMP



After three weeks of voting, we're finally down to the Final Four. The first matchup features shortstop Ryan Flaherty against center Liz Sherwood, while Earl Bennett and Pedro Alvarez will square off Wednesday.

### HOW THEY GOT HERE:

Flaherty has had an impressive tournament run, beating runner Rita Jorgensen in the first round, edging out quarterback Mackenzi Adams in the second round and then upsetting top-seeded Shan Foster in the quarterfinals.

Sherwood's run was equally difficult, defeating runner Austin Williamson in the first round, topping teammate Christina Wirth in the second round and taking down linebacker Jonathan Goff in the quarterfinals.

### HOW THEY STACK UP:

#### Individual accolades

Flaherty enters this season with a remarkable 35-game hitting streak and is a consensus first-team All-SEC shortstop. Sherwood, meanwhile, is a two-time Southeastern Conference "Sixth Woman" of the Year.

Edge: Flaherty

#### Team success

The baseball team won the SEC regular season and tournament titles, was ranked No. 1 for the majority of the 2007 season and hosted a regional for the first time in school history. Sherwood helped her squad capture the SEC tournament title.

Edge: Flaherty

#### National exposure

Flaherty has shined on the national stage the past two summers, first in the prestigious Cape Cod League and then for Team USA. It should come as no surprise, then, that he is a preseason second-team All American. Sherwood is well known in the college basketball community.

Edge: Flaherty

#### Fan appeal

Flaherty is a fan favorite for his at-bat music from "The Departed," while Sherwood is one of the most recognizable athletes on campus.

Edge: Sherwood

#### "It" factor

This one is tough to define, but if you had to choose between the starting shortstop who's a combination of Derek Jeter and Joe DiMaggio and the energetic center who's the life of every party, we'll go with Flaherty — barely.

Edge: Flaherty

### THE HUSTLER'S TAKE:

Both athletes have earned the right to advance to the Final Four, but you when add everything up, Flaherty should be moving on to the finals to take on either Pedro Alvarez or Earl Bennett.

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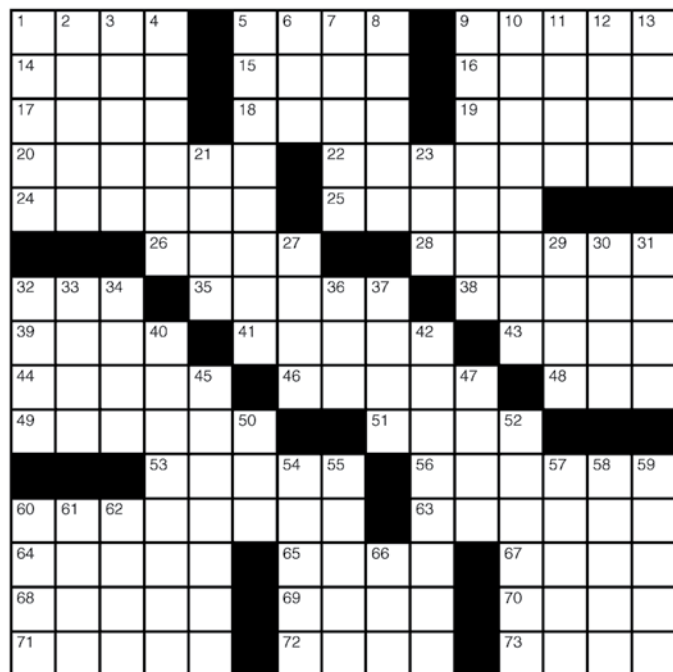
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