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LEADERSHIP

New card policy to allow greater access to dorms

by LILY CHEN
Leadership Specialist



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The new Commodore Card access policy allows students greater access to more floors within residential areas, according to Vanderbilt Student Government.

The new policy will allow students within each of the residential areas of Carmichael Towers, Vanderbilt-Barnard Hall, Kissam Quad, Branscomb Quad and Highland Quad, including those that live in the Chaffins and Mayfields, access to all common areas and residential floors from noon to 9 p.m. within their area.

"For example, all residents of Kissam Quad would have access to all common areas and residential floors of Kissam Quad from 12 noon to 9 p.m.," said VSG President Joseph Williams. "From 9 p.m. to midnight, the men and women of each residence hall would have access to each other's floors within their own halls. From 12 midnight to noon, men and women have access to the same-sex floor of their residence halls only."

According to Speaker of the House Lauren Ross, VSG has worked closely with housing,

VUPD and the Dean of Students in order to make this new policy possible.

"We all wanted to improve the upperclassmen experience by allowing students to be able to visit their friends more easily and have greater access to social areas like suites in towers," said Ross.

However, Williams believes that while this policy shows greater trust in students, there is also a greater responsibility.

"It will now be up to students to keep the level of current security in tact," Williams said. "We're hoping that if we can maintain security, we'll be able to get even more open access policies in the future."

VUPD and VSG reminds students to lock doors when leaving the room or sleeping, to avoid giving access to others through entrance doors, to avoid giving out security codes and to be aware of suspicious persons. ■

Can we stop the chomp?



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Redshirt senior and starting safety Reshard Langford is excited to play the Florida Gators at home this Saturday, Nov. 9. The No. 4 Gators are coming off a blowout win over Georgia while the underdog Commodores look to put a stop to a powerful Florida offense led by quarterback Tim Tebow. See page 6 for more football coverage.

ADMINISTRATION

Board member Ainslie director of Lehman Bros.

by LAUREN KOENIG
News Contributor

Vanderbilt Board of Trust member, private investor and real estate tycoon Michael L. Ainslie has shown that the sky is the limit with a Vanderbilt degree in economics.

Ainslie is a director of two New York Stock Exchange-listed companies: Lehman Brothers Holding, Inc. and the St. Joe Company. He also serves as chairman emeritus of the Posse Foundation, an organization that grants university scholarships to outstanding graduates of public high schools around

the country and with which Vanderbilt is a participator.

After graduating in 1965, Ainslie studied economic development overseas on a Coming Foundation World Travel Fellowship and received his M.B.A. from Harvard Business School in 1968.

Ainslie served as president and chief

executive officer of Sotheby's

Holdings from 1984 to 1994. Sotheby's has set a number of records for the most expensive auctioned works of art. Recently, the company auctioned off J.K. Rowling's *The Tales of Beedle the Bard* for an unexpected \$3,835,980. Prior to joining Sotheby's, Ainslie

served as the president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington, D.C., where he encouraged the American public to get more involved in preserving America's treasures.

Ainslie serves on the athletics, budget, compensation, and buildings and grounds committees. ■

VUT's 'RolePlay' opens



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Vanderbilt University Theater opened its show *RolePlay*, by British playwright Alan Ayckbourn, Thursday, Nov. 7. The laugh-out-loud story revolves around an engagement party at some unexpected visitors.

ELECTION 2008

Professors speak out on Obama victory

by ANN MARIE DEER OWENS
Vanderbilt News Service

Political pundits have time to reflect in the days ahead on the reasons behind Barack Obama's historic election as the first black president, but the president-elect must focus immediately on his transition and the challenges ahead, according to several Vanderbilt professors.

Distinguished Professor of Political Science John Geer noted that the election of the first African American as president some 40 years after the start of the Civil Rights Movement is quite amazing, especially for those who remember the 1960s.

"Obama's election shows that our political system, despite its warts and drawbacks, still works," said Geer. "Obama led an impressive campaign despite strong opposition and negative attacks from within his party during

the primaries and later from the GOP."

One of the goals of Obama's election-night victory speech was making a direct appeal to his supporters to keep alive their enthusiasm for public engagement in the issues, said Vanessa Beasley, an associate professor of communication studies. "There was a huge investment of emotional energy by many voters in the campaign, and he was extending an invitation through his rhetoric on ways that they can remain involved."

How Obama can turn his inspiring rhetoric into achievable goals will be one of the challenges ahead for the 44th president. Professor of Political Science David Lewis, an expert on presidential transitions, said it appears that an extremely organized transition effort began several months ago.

"I think the intention has been that, given the challenging circumstances both with the

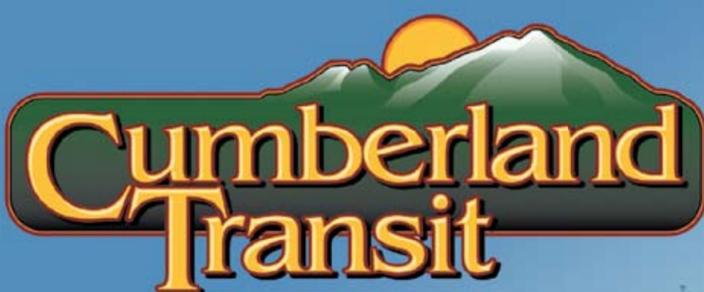
economy and foreign affairs, they want to show that they are prepared to govern immediately," said Lewis.

Bruce Barry, professor of management and sociology at the Owen Graduate School of Management, said that the Democrat-controlled Congress should allow Obama to make progress on issues of tax policy, health care and energy.

"On the other hand, the dodgy near-term economy and the difficult current fiscal situation will make it difficult to move quickly on expensive initiatives," Barry said. "He may have a sizeable majority from his party in Congress, but there are likely to be differences within the Democratic caucus around spending priorities and ambitions." ■

—Hugh Schlesinger contributed reporting to this article.

SPORTS: Golf teams take a break after a successful season while cross country finds success in Starkville. **SEE PAGE 6**



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NEWS BRIEFS

Stocks tumble, lose 10 percent in 2-day rout after presidential election

NEW YORK (AP)—Wall Street plunged for a second day, triggered by computer gear maker Cisco Systems warning of slumping demand and retailers reporting weak sales for October. Concerns about widespread economic weakness sent the major stock indexes down more than 4 percent Thursday, including the Dow Jones industrial average, which tumbled more than 440 points.

The two-day plunge totals about 10 percent for the major indexes. Paper losses during that time in U.S. stocks came to \$1.2 trillion, according to the Dow Jones Wilshire 5000 Composite Index, which represents nearly all stocks traded in America.

Comments from Cisco that it saw a steep drop in orders in October and reports from retailers that consumers are skipping trips to the mall provided fresh evidence of the economy's struggles. While sales at Wal-Mart Stores Inc. benefited from bargain-seekers, some specialty retailers posted huge drops in monthly sales.

Adding to investors' list of worries, the Labor Department said the number of people continuing to draw unemployment benefits jumped to a 25-year high, increasing by 122,000 to 3.84 million in late October. It marked the highest level since late February 1983, when the economy was being buffeted by a protracted recession.

Rice: Israel-Palestine peace by year-end no longer possible

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP)—The Bush administration conceded Thursday that an Israeli-Palestinian peace deal by a year-end deadline is no longer possible.

"We do not think it is likely it will happen before the end of the year," White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said in Washington, while Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice acknowledged as much at the outset of a Mideast trip meant to secure the modest gains from a year of U.S.-sponsored talks between Israel and one part of the fractured Palestinian leadership.

Perino said U.S. advisers began to doubt the deadline months ago, as a corruption scandal and related political uncertainties occupied Israel's attention.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert is being forced from office by the scandal, and the country is set to hold new elections in February. Rice noted the situation "is a constraint on the ability of any government to conclude" a deal.

"I've learned never to predict in this business," she said, "but it is clear we're in a different situation now because Israel is going to elections."

En route to the Middle East for her eighth trip to Israel and the Palestinian territories since the parties set the deadline for reaching an agreement at last November's summit at Annapolis, Md., Rice said political uncertainty in Israel is the main obstacle.

No charges for ex-NY governor Spitzer in prostitution case, say prosecutors

NEW YORK (AP)—Federal prosecutors said Thursday that they will not bring criminal charges against Eliot Spitzer for his role in a prostitution scandal, removing a legal cloud that has surrounded the former New York governor since his epic downfall eight months ago.

U.S. Attorney Michael Garcia said investigators found no evidence that Spitzer or his office misused public or campaign funds for prostitution. Investigators found that Spitzer solicited high-priced call girls, but federal prosecutors typically do not prosecute clients of prostitution rings.

"In light of the policy of the Department of Justice with respect to prostitution offenses and the longstanding practice of this Office, as well as Mr. Spitzer's acceptance of responsibility for his conduct, we have concluded that the public interest would not be further advanced by filing criminal charges in this matter," Garcia said in a statement.

A remorseful Spitzer issued a statement in which he expressed relief that he will not face charges.

"I appreciate the impartiality and thoroughness of the investigation by the U.S. Attorney's Office, and I acknowledge and accept responsibility for the conduct it disclosed," he said. "I resigned my position as Governor because I recognized that conduct was unworthy of an elected official. I once again apologize for my actions."

Voters' word may not be last in Senate race between Coleman, Franken

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)—One Senate candidate says the voters have spoken. The other says the electorate still needs to be heard.

In the end, experts say, it could be the courts or even the Senate that speaks the loudest on Minnesota's unsettled Senate race.

While the race is headed for an automatic recount, Republican Sen. Norm Coleman and Democratic challenger Al Franken have other options to alter the outcome.

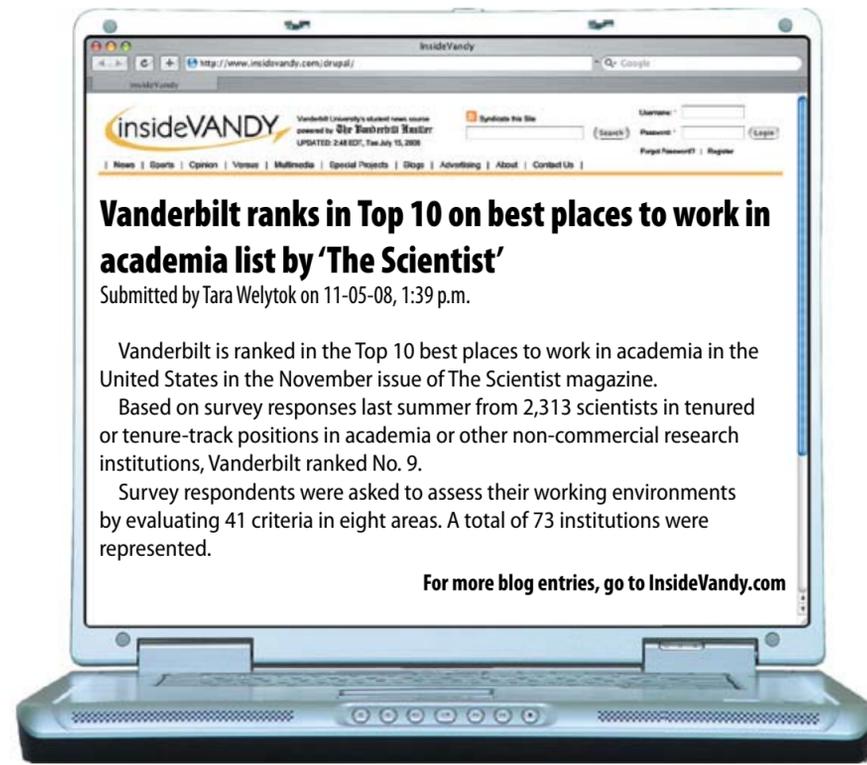
The recount is due to start once results are made official Nov. 18, and it could take weeks. Coleman clung to a 342-vote lead, out of nearly 2.9 million votes cast, as election officials around the state double-checked their reports.

After a recount, the candidates or any eligible voter can head to court to challenge how the election was conducted or the votes were tallied. The Minnesota law spelling out the contest raises the possibility of Senate involvement.

"I don't think there is any possibility it will be simply a recount," said Hamline University law professor Joseph Daly. "It is destined for the courthouse and ultimately it is destined for the United States Senate based on this law. There's too much at stake. There's too much vitriol."

Minnesota's race is one of three up in the air nationwide. Races in Georgia and Alaska are also unresolved. All three involve Republican incumbents in a year that has seen Democrats gain six seats already: Colorado, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon and Virginia.

FROM THE BLOG



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Community members participate in Israeli folk dancing at the Schulman Center, led by Professor Carol Rubin of the Engineering School.

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CAMPUS LIVING

Gillette wins house energy competition

by **ETHEL MICKEY**
News Contributor

SPEAR declared Gillette House the winner of the dorm energy competition it hosted last month. Murray and Stambaugh were not far behind.

Throughout October, first-year houses competed to reduce their energy, and the 10 houses overall reduced their energy usage by 11 percent, amounting to 86,300 kilowatt-hours for the month. This translates into a savings of 72 tons of carbon dioxide emission, which is the equivalent of removing 240 cars from the highway for an entire month.

"I made sure I turned off my air conditioning every time I left the room," said Gillette resident first-year student Alex Swerz.

"I only used cold water when doing laundry, and I took shorter showers to reduce my hot water consumption," said fellow Gillette resident first-year

student Pauline Roteta.

Over the course of the month, the houses worked to promote greener living. SPEAR issued "Greener Living Tips" each week in the Hustler with hopes that first-year students and all Vanderbilt residents would adapt their habits to be eco-friendly. These tips included turning down the thermostats to reasonable temperatures when residents are out of the rooms, and using natural lighting instead of electricity.

Sutherland House hosted a study break session during which residents could sign a pledge to reduce energy consumption while sipping on "green" tea. Many East House residents hoped to cut back on their energy use by turning off unnecessary lights. Some even reported showering in the dark.

By winning the competition, Gillette will receive a pizza party with a masseuse next Thursday, Nov. 13. ■



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Gillette House reduced their energy consumption for the month of October to win SPEAR's Commons-wide competition. Overall energy reduction was 11 percent for the first-year dorms.

ACADEMICS

Murray House honors namesake

by **JANELLE STOKES**
Greek Scene Specialist

"This is the room that all the African American students would have their parties (in)," began Sheryll D. Cashin, second annual Walter R. Murray Jr. Commemorative lecture series speaker.

In the lecture held in

Wyatt Center, Cashin shared her experience as a black undergraduate during the '80s and her most recent works "The Agitator's Daughter: A Memoir of Four Generations of One Extraordinary Family" and "The Failures of Integration: How Race and Class are Undermining the American Dream."

Cashin, a graduate of the School of Engineering and member of the Board of Trust, noted the impact that The Commons has had on the Vanderbilt campus in creating a multiracial community.

"While I was here, the black student community was still small," Cashin said. "The beauty of the Walter Murray Jr. lecture

series and The Commons (is its ability to foster) a mosaic of cultural experience, kind of like an Obama coalition."

"We didn't have a Commons but we had people of good will," she said. "It's my hope that the next generation will choose to build alliances to not only learn from each other but to tackle the major obstacles (their

time."

Present in the audience was Donna Murray, wife of the late Murray Jr. While in Nashville, she had the chance to stay at Murray House and was received by students and faculty with a "welcome home" banner.

"To stay in the dorm, I just can't express how great that feels," Murray said. "These

young people have a no-pressure opportunity to interact with the Sharon Fields (Head of House) or their RAs."

The residents of Murray House presented Murray with quilts with squares made by individual students and parts of the Community Creed.

"I feel like (I'll) be back," said Murray. ■

GREEK SCENE

LTA expands presence, celebrates week

by **LINDSAY ABRAMS**
News Contributor

Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc. sisters feel personally connected to their philanthropy, promoting domestic violence awareness.

"We have had sisters in the past who have been in abusive relationships. This is a great way to give back to other women affected by domestic violence and try to ultimately help as many women as we can," said LTA President junior Arielle Maffei.

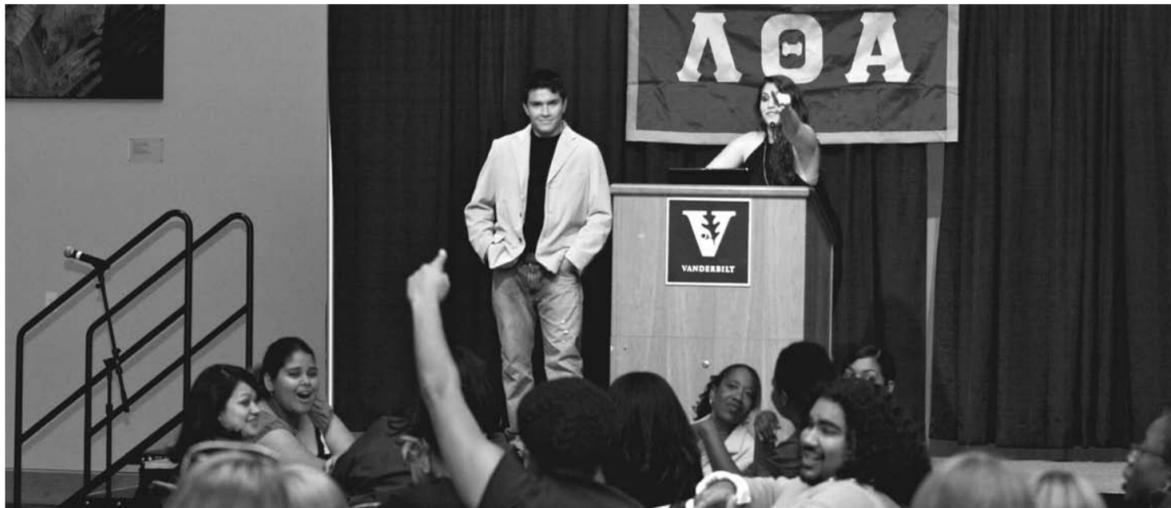
This week, LTA hosted a number of activities, including an auction

benefiting the Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic Violence, aimed at promoting and aiding domestic violence awareness.

"As a chapter, we decided to continue this type of philanthropy, because it is something that affects a lot of minority women," Maffei said.

In addition to raising money for the cause by auctioning off a variety of services, students had a chance to learn about domestic violence.

"We are trying to bring (the week) back as the future of LTA," said Vanderbilt Law School student and LTA member Rita Thomas. ■



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Junior Lambda Theta Alpha member Arielle Maffei auctions off sophomore Denis Bermudez to raise funds against abusive relationships. Winners received dates with the several men auctioned.

ACADEMICS

Chinese principals travel to Peabody on educational exchange

by **JUDY WANG**
Academics Specialist

Twenty Chinese principals visited Vanderbilt University over the last few weeks to learn American classroom techniques as part of an international education exchange.

The Education Leadership Learning Exchange has partnered Vanderbilt's Peabody College and Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools with South China Normal University for the past three years.

The program started four

years ago, when a visiting scholar from South China Normal University was interested in the principal training program Peabody provided. Since then, three groups of American principals have traveled to Guangzhou to participate in the exchange.

"It's very important to have a global perspective and be able to expand horizons," said Xiu Cravens, assistant dean for international affairs at Peabody College. "Seeing is believing, but it's not just enough for our program. We try to make sure learning is

deeper, and our principles prepare academic research and then test their theories in real settings."

Participants have visited area schools, heard lectures from Peabody education experts, shadowed local teachers and taken in Nashville sites.

"Our main focus now is enhancing learning and pedagogy. In the future, we hope to have some exchange for teachers and high school students, and involve a bigger community in Nashville," Cravens said. ■

LEADERSHIP

Sons of Lwala Documentary highlights students' efforts

by **TAYLOR DAVIS**
News Contributor

Students for Kenya held a screening of "Sons of Lwala," a documentary exposing conditions in Lwala and shedding light on the efforts of two Vanderbilt medical students.

The documentary was written, produced, narrated and directed by Barry Simmons. The film centers around the journey of two Vanderbilt Medical School students, Milton and Fred Ochieng, who started a medical clinic in their hometown of Lwala, Kenya. The event also featured performances from Variations and Spoken Word.

After two years of filming, the documentary premiered this past April and has since won three awards from the Nashville

Film Festival.

The documentary gives background information on the brothers, their parents and childhood in Lwala. Both brothers attended Dartmouth College and Milton Ochieng, the oldest, was the first person from Lwala to travel to the United States. The documentary comments on the village's collective effort to raise funds for his plane ticket for his initial trip. After his neighbors supported his academic pursuits, Ochieng promised not to forget them, and much of his drive for maintaining the clinic spurs from their generosity.

The planning for the clinic began with the Ochiengs' father who assisted in design plans. In 2005, after their father's death from AIDS, they continued his dream by breaking ground on the

clinic. They proceeded to raise funds in the U.S. from middle and high schools, the band Jars of Clay, and Blood: Water Missions. The documentary also featured Vanderbilt Students for Kenya's first Lwala Benefit Gala that raised \$10,000.

In March of 2007 the clinic had its grand opening, and it served over 12,000 patients in its first eight months.

"It is inspirational to know that two people made a huge difference while still in medical school, and this shows what we at Vanderbilt are capable of," said Public Relations Chair for Students for Kenya Becca Qian.

This year's Lwala Benefit Gala will be held March 26, 2009. For more information on getting involved please contact rebecca.y.qian@vanderbilt.edu. ■

OPINION

Please do not kill me



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Opinion Editor

In 2007, 42 prisoners were executed in 10 states. Texas was the highest with 26 terminations and no one else was even close. Oddly enough, Texas has a higher-than-average murder rate, which brings up the concept of deterrence.

In principal, a person considering committing a crime worthy of capital punishment will reconsider under light of the possible future punitive actions. There are a few problems with this theory. Primarily, the theory of deterrence has not actually been proved in any meaningful manner. Studies over the years have been both in favor of and against the deterrent effect, making it appear as if the studies really reflected the personal views of the researchers. Furthermore, southern states have traditionally had higher homicide rates in general, along with higher numbers of executions.

This can be explained in two ways. First of all, the effect of capital punishment is too delayed; that is to say the threat of execution is too distant for a would-be murderer to take it seriously. The appeal process has been shortened, though it seems unreasonable to remove any more strictures of justice, especially in light of the number of innocent men found on death row (it's small, but certainly not negligible).

Another explanation is that those who would kill are not in a position to rationally weigh the costs and the benefits. This argument begins with premise that murders fall into one of three types: crimes of passion, crimes of compulsion and crimes for profit.

The first involves the actions of someone who is, for all intents and purposes, essentially insane. A cuckold will not question the consequences before he or she murders the offending adulterer — such reason is beyond his or her limits. As for crimes of compulsion, reason staving off unrepentant desire is akin to fighting gravity. Those who are compelled to do something cannot control their actions. The last category, crimes for profit, is usually perpetrated by those who reason they will not be caught. If you do not believe you can be convicted, why would you fear the consequences?

The deterrent effect aside, capital punishment boils down to state-authorized killing. This is not an economics question; it's an ethical one. When is it all right (i.e. ethically permissible) to kill another human being?

It has been argued that capital crime is a fair punitive measure — the perfect punishment for such a heinous crime. Of course, this makes the executioner no better than the perpetrator. Execution for punitive motivations is the state-authorized killing of one individual to make another individual or group of individuals feel better. That hardly counts as justification.

Under what other ethical reasoning can one defend capital punishment? It does not save lives, since it does not pose as a deterrent. As a punitive measure, execution proves to be nothing more than a petty, if not disturbing, act of vengeance. What reasoning does that leave? Well, there's the Bible, but I wouldn't advocate its use in any serious legal context. So in reality, capital punishment seems to have only mythical benefits; that is to say benefits that cannot be measured in an accurate way. Does this justify state-authorized killing? I sincerely doubt it, though I suppose I cannot make an absolute statement. There is one last thing to keep in mind: If the state executes an innocent man, it makes a murderer of us all.

EDITORIAL

Armed forces deserve our support and praise

On Monday, the Hustler reported on the work of Mayfield 15's residents. Their Salute Our Soldiers project "focuses on supporting the armed forces and veterans of war through volunteering, making and sending care packages and spreading awareness to the public."

The students of Mayfield 15 hosted their first talk in a yearlong series Saturday with Marine and Iraq veteran Cpl. Clayton Cohn. The veteran reported on his two tours in Iraq, on the conditions and improvement there and on what soldiers need in care packages. Cohn reportedly wowed the audience with his tales of bravery in the line of duty and answered questions about his service.

The efforts of the residents of Mayfield 15 to promote appreciation for our brave men and women in uniform are praiseworthy and encouraging. College life can often insulate students from the outside world. The reminder of the sacrifice and service that protects our freedom to study is sobering and inspiring, and students should always be grateful for the members of our armed services who fulfill their duty and ask for little in return.

This brings to mind the students participating

in Vanderbilt's two Reserve Officers' Training Corps programs. Vanderbilt students have the opportunity to enroll in both Army and Navy ROTC programs, with an additional Marine option for NROTC students. The programs offer academic courses and military training, as well as opportunities for competition, in exchange for a commitment to at least four years of active service after graduation.

Army and Navy ROTC at Vanderbilt are quality programs that allow students the ability to serve their country and their citizens in an honorable way. Vanderbilt students are lucky to have this; many universities, including Columbia, ban ROTC programs. This sort of ideological reaction is despicable in that it denies students the chance to serve in a viable and honorable capacity.

All students should recognize the service of those who work to defend the United States, both actives and reserves. The volunteer system means that the majority of us can go on with our lives, going to school and working and raising families and being with friends, while a small number of dedicated citizens offer their lives the defend our way of life. — *Michael Warren*

The people have spoken



FRANNIE BOYLE
Columnist

It has been a long and arduous campaign season, and although the results of the election are rather disappointing, it is a relief it is all over. Both candidates ran incredible campaigns. Sen. John McCain did better than any Republican presidential candidate should have done in this election, especially after the Bush presidency, the War in Iraq and the recent financial crisis. Sen. Barack Obama just blew the American people away with a historic victory that can be inspirational for all Americans.

When giving his concession speech, McCain was right on in saying Obama's victory inspired hope in people who did not think they were significant enough to make a difference. His victory is symbolic of an American dream that is now more accessible to those who had experienced unthinkable injustices just less than half of a century ago.

Republicans who were worried about an Obama victory have one now, and they must deal with who the American people voted for. In his speech Tuesday night, McCain urged Americans to respect Obama's election and to stand behind his presidency. "It is natural. It's natural, tonight, to feel some disappointment. But tomorrow, we must move beyond it and work together to get our country moving again," McCain said.

Many Democrats and their leaders treated America's president with much disrespect over the last eight years, and Republicans can learn from this. A divided government is not capable of leading a country and the rest of the free world through hard times. The Republican Party should at least have enough foresight to see this and have enough class left to act upon it. In order to rise above partisanship, the Republican leaders must work with our future president in order to compromise and achieve the visions of hope he has for the future.

Republicans can also start work on revamping the party. The party Ronald Reagan built has been blighted by its leaders, and the American people know it. The party of smaller government, economic freedom and moral values has lost touch with the people and has given way to corrupt individuals ready to lead it down a different path. The GOP will not be held back by the questionable leadership of President Bush any longer, and can only look forward to coming back as the repentant party in 2012.

The results of the election may be disheartening for many Americans, but there are some potential positives to the outcome. For one, Obama ran his campaign a lot further to the right than he actually is as a politician, and this may be a sign that he is willing to lead as a more centrist president. If his presidency does end up being disastrous (which is hopefully not the case), then America can look forward to another strong legacy of conservatives to come clean up afterwards. America made it through the Carter presidency, and got Ronald Reagan as a reward.

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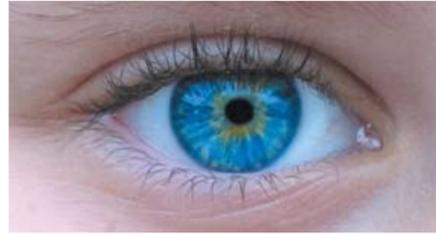
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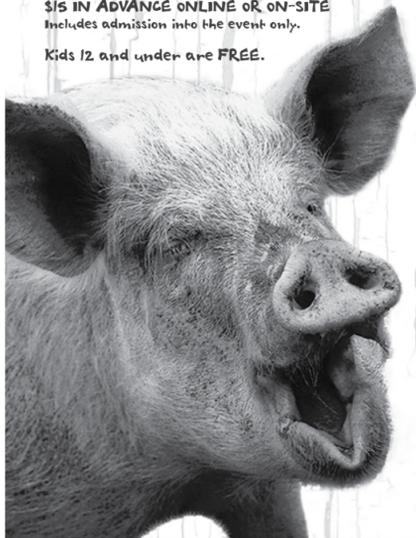
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SPORTS

Soaring Gators visit as Vanderbilt tries to right ship

by PETER LETARTE
Sports Contributor

The Florida team that comes to town on Saturday is one that is coming off of a 49-10 win over the Georgia Bulldogs last week, and one that is considered to be one of the top teams in the nation. In contrast, Vanderbilt is coming off of three straight losses after starting off the season 5-0.

Certainly, these stats would suggest a dim outlook for the Commodores this weekend, but Vanderbilt has historically played Florida tough no matter what the circumstances.

"I think our guys get excited playing Florida," said senior safety Rashard Langford. "It's a real competitive team, they're a good team, and we always play them close."

This seems to especially hold true in Nashville where the Gators' margin of victory over the Commodores over the last three years has been just nine points.

Also seemingly playing to the Commodores advantage is the fact that

the game on Saturday will be played at night, when they have captured all of their victories. In addition, the extra week of practice has presented extra time to prepare for quarterback Tim Tebow and the Gators. Vanderbilt hopes that the extra rest and preparation time between games will help them keep their undefeated streak at night alive.

"We've had two weeks to prepare," said Langford, who intercepted Tebow in Gainesville last year. "We're a whole week ahead of our game planning and our scheduling. I think we'll come out Saturday and we'll be ready to play."

Ready to play is exactly what Vanderbilt and its defense will need to be if they are to stop Florida's high octane offense this Saturday night. Led by electrifying players like Tebow and speedster receiver Percy Harvin, the Gators provide Vanderbilt formidable opponents. The key to stopping them, according to Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson, lies in the fundamentals.

"Tackling," Johnson said bluntly. "They're awfully good, and even if you play

right, being in the right position, you've still got to make the tackle. That prevents the big plays, and big plays are what they do pretty well."

To be victorious Saturday night, the Commodores will need to combine solid play at the fundamental level and the game changing plays their defense and special teams provided them with so often at the beginning of their season.

"We're going to go out and create turnovers on defense," Langford said. "That's going to be the biggest key for us to have a chance to win the game."

It will be important for the Commodores to match Florida's big play capabilities and have the positive turnover difference that helped propel them to their 5-0 start. As the offense appears to be stagnant right now, it will be up to turnovers and solid special teams play to either score and give the offense good field position.

With a solid showing on their home turf, the Commodores can get closer to regaining the momentum that had them riding high at the beginning of the season. ■



CHRIS PHARE / The Vanderbilt Hustler
Coach Bobby Johnson says that sound defense and good tackling are the keys to stopping the high-octane attack of the Gators. The Commodores seek to snap a three-game losing streak tomorrow.

friday conversation with JAMIE GRAHAM

Interview by MIKE KRANZLER
Sports Contributor

The Southeastern Conference's only athlete who plays football and basketball, Jamie Graham spoke with the Vanderbilt Hustler about balancing two sports, making the transition to receiver and how he looks after his little brother. Read the whole interview at www.insidevandy.com.

VANDERBILT HUSTLER: You are the only athlete right now in the SEC who plays both football and basketball. How do you manage the responsibilities of two very taxing sports while also keeping on top of your schoolwork?

JAMIE GRAHAM: I've been doing this since high school, so it's actually pretty easy for me to get through both. Coach (Bobby) Johnson lets me know that academics come first just as much as coach (Kevin) Stallings does. I know how important academics are, and I know it comes first, and it's pretty easy to juggle.

VH: Why did you want to play both sports in college instead of focusing on just one?

JG: I never like to limit my options. I never did that when I was younger, and my grandma never let me do it coming up. She always wanted me to be able to do what I wanted to do and have the option to pick what I wanted to do when I got older. You know, that's kind of my main thing. I just wanted to have the choice one day. You know, I might be able to have the choice to go to the NFL or the NBA.

VH: You're quite the fan favorite, especially on the basketball court. What do you feel you bring to the hardwood that makes everyone cheer for you so hard?

JG: I don't know. I guess that it's because I'm from Nashville. Some people kind of know my story and know the whole background behind my mother and me raising my little brother, but I was amazed when I walked on the court for the first time and heard everybody scream my name. I was just shocked. I just walked on the court and was looking around for a while and started smiling. I looked at Coach Stallings and he started smiling back and I was like, "Oh my goodness."

VH: In football, you were switched from the defensive side of the ball to offense during spring practice. How hard was it to make the transition?

JG: It was pretty easy. I played wide receiver and running back in high school, so the transition wasn't too hard. It was easier than I thought because it helped me being able to read coverages and figure out how defensive backs will play me. With me being a DB at one point in time, I know how I would play a certain coverage.

VH: Which side of the ball is tougher to play?

JG: I think it's wide receiver. The whole technique behind running routes, I don't think people understand that anybody can't just go in and run it

— well D.J. Moore can, but he's a freak, and that's a whole different story right there. I need to be able to come over and run an efficient route and to be able to get into a good break is pretty hard.

VH: You played pretty much every position in high school, including punter. Do you think you could give Brett Upson a run for his money?

JG: (Laughing) Probably not now. In high school, my longest punt was 52 yards, so I probably could give him a run when I was in high school, but right now my hamstrings are real tight and my calves are real bad, so I probably couldn't stretch out to kick it that far.

VH: You had a breakout game against Georgia a few weeks ago (two touchdowns). What did that game do for you in terms of your confidence in your own abilities?

JG: It kind of just let me know that I'm meant to be out there with those players. I'm meant to be in the SEC and play against the type of players that I play against every week and practice with every day. It helped me out a lot, and I think it also helped the team because it let the quarterback and the coaches know that we have We did last year, Bennett and he so I think now it and we can more.

VH: You serve as a sort of father figure for your younger brother (Jamonte, 13). How do you make sure staying on top of his work and path that brought you so much success?

JG: I just try to call him every day and make sure everything's all right. If I don't talk to him, I at least talk to my grandma just to make sure that he's doing good. She basically gives me a report card on him. She lets me know his grades and how he's doing. He's also playing sports. He's playing football right now, and he had three touchdowns in the first half and a 2-point conversion in the last game they played, and they're going on to the city championship this week. I just let him know that I'm proud of him and I didn't only try to make the way for myself, I tried to make the way for him. ■

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Cross country receives accolades at SECs

by MEGHAN ROSE
Sports Contributor

Both Vanderbilt cross country teams raced to successful finishes in Monday's Southeastern Conference Championships in Starkville, Miss. The women's team captured an eighth place overall finish, paced by sophomore standout Rita Jorgensen (19th) and redshirt freshman Kristabel Doebel-Hickok. Meanwhile, junior Thomas Davis led the men's team into 11th place with a top-45 finish.

Coach Steve Keith was reminded of his team's dedication and competitiveness during Monday's race.

"Last year we were a little intimidated and I saw none of that today," Keith said. "Rather, we were more focused and confident in what we wanted to accomplish."

While Jorgensen improved 12 places from last year's race, Doebel-Hickok ran the best race of her career and was named to the All-SEC Freshman team with the fourth-best time in the group.

"Making the team is nice because it's a measure of performance," said Doebel-Hickok. "It is really hard to see where you stack up in collegiate racing with so many talented runners, many of which are often far more developed."

Next up on the schedule are the NCAA Regionals which take place in the middle of November. With individual and team improvements over the course of the season, Keith is excited for his team to perform competitively in the upcoming races.

"Both teams have more (physical and emotional) gas in the tank, so to speak," Keith said. "We will look for some solid performances at regionals to finish off the season."

With improved scores over last year's championships, the men's and women's teams are satisfied with Monday's performance. However, they are continuing to practice and train hard for the rest of their season.

"The SECs were important for our confidence," Jorgensen said. "Also, we are still a young team, and it was a positive finish for us to do better than last year." ■

Men's and Women's Golf Wraps Up Fall Slates

by BRIAN LINHARES
Sports Contributor

The Vanderbilt men's golf squad completed its fall schedule on Tuesday with Western Carolina University's Hummingbird Intercollegiate tournament. The Commodores put forth an exceptional effort, finishing second out of 14.

At the Country Club of Sapphire Valley in Sapphire, N.C., junior Hudson Johnson led the Commodores with a first-place performance. He stood one stroke behind at the end of Monday's penultimate round after shooting a 68 (3-under-par).

In the final session of play, Johnson notched a 65, good enough for 6-under-par. The Texas product came from four behind with as many holes to play. Spearheaded by a hole-in-one on the 16th, Johnson went on to birdie the 18th and surpass David Johnson of the University of Central Florida.

Success, however, was not limited. Four other Commodores finished in the top 20.

Tying for fourth, senior Tyler Matthews followed Johnson on the heels of a 68-stroke final round, ending at 2-under-par. Sophomore Ryan Haselden broke into the top 10 at a tie for sixth with an even performance. Junior Chris Rockwell (12th) and sophomore Adam Hofmann (19th) rounded out the scoring golfers.

The Commodores will seek to take the

momentum of Tuesday's performance into the winter break. The 2009 season begins in Orlando for the Rio Pinar Intercollegiate, toward the end of February.

On the women's side, the Commodores rounded out the 2008 fall schedule as well earlier in the week at the National Golf Coaches' Association Match Play Championship. In an extremely difficult field, the Kissimmee, Fla., tournament featured second-ranked UCLA, third-ranked Southern California, fourth-ranked Virginia, fifth-ranked Alabama and eight-ranked Duke.

Placing 15th in the consolation bracket, coach Greg Allen's unit defeated then-fourth Georgia. Junior Brooke Goodwin, sophomore Megan Grehan and true freshmen Andrea Messer and Marina Alex turned in individual victories versus the Bulldogs.

In the semifinals, Vanderbilt moved passed Texas A&M with a 2-1-2 final. After a rough defeat earlier in the day, senior all-American Jacqui Concolino rallied to tie, preserving the victory.

In the finals, the Dores fell to the Golden Flashes of Kent State 4-1, concluding NGCA activity at 2-1. Alex paced the squad again, with a 4-2 performance.

Like the men, the women's team will take a four-month hiatus. In early March of 2009, women's golf begins the 2009 line-up in North Carolina for the Pinehurst Challenge. ■



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