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## VSG members elected on similar platforms

by CHELSEY FELDMAN  
News Reporter

After weeks of public campaigning and months of planning platforms and making posters, the 2009-2010 school year's senate and class council hopefuls finally heard the election results. Online voting began Wednesday at 8 a.m. and closed Thursday at noon. The candidates were informed of the results shortly after.

The following students will serve in Vanderbilt Student Government's senate and class councils for the upcoming academic year:

### A&S Council Attorney General

Ning Foncham

### A&S Senators

Maria Crist  
Tommy Obenchain  
Josh Sirchio

### A&S Council President

John Gaffney

### A&S Council Vice President

Jeremy Strickland

### A&S Council Representatives

Matthew DeNuzzo  
Robert Munro  
Lucas Scholl  
Amit Shintre  
Sabrina Smith  
Melodee Toles

### Blair Senator

Thomas Crespo

### Blair Council President

Jordan Holland

### Engineering Senator

Andrew Morse

### Engineering Council President

Lauren Nichols

### Engineering Council Vice President

Melanie Gault

### Engineering Council Secretary

Bruce Spencer

### Engineering Council Treasurer

Jason Ogg

### Engineering Council Representatives

Dylan Bunch  
Andre Stevenson  
Nicholas Vass

### Peabody Senator

Kate Goudge

### Peabody Council President

Jane Slatton

### Peabody Council Vice President

Naveed Nanjee

### Peabody Council Secretary

Jalencia Burchett

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Tim Gilbert

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Judy Lewis

The election had a 44 percent voter turnout, up from a 42 percent turnout in the primaries.

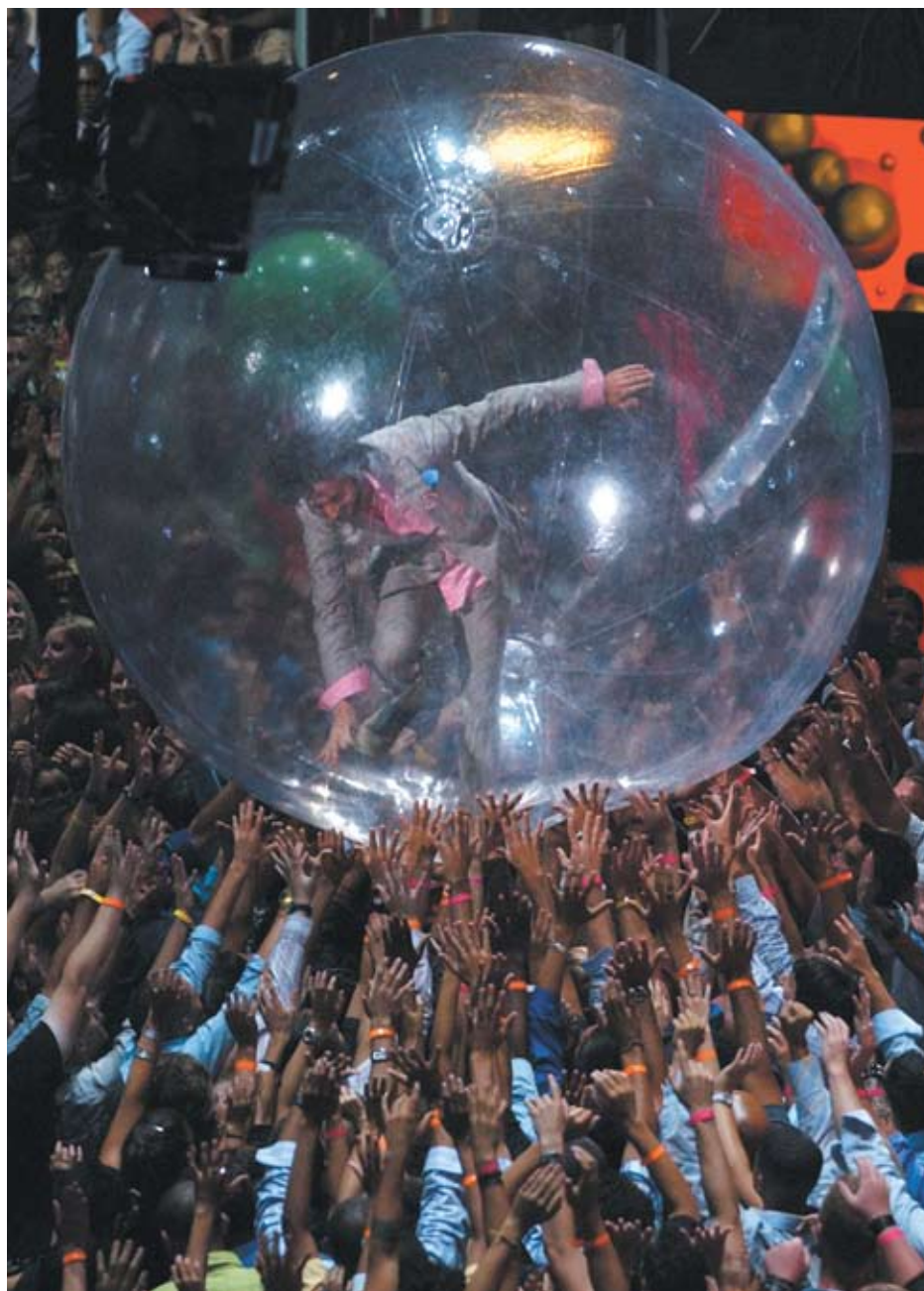
Popular issues in the election this year are evidenced by many similarities in the winners' platforms. The majority of elected candidates promised such changes as improved academic advising, upgrading OASIS, expanding the meal plan with Chick-fil-A and more Taste of Nashville options, and making VSG more accessible to all Vanderbilt students.

First-year student and newly elected Arts and Science senator Maria Crist said she would like to see changes take place immediately, starting with a student discount plan at local stores at restaurants with the use of a Commodore Card.

"I am so excited to have the opportunity to better serve the student body and address students' concerns," Crist said. "I'll be accessible and open to suggestions to better help everyone, but I really want to get started on implementing the Commodore Card discount plan. It's important we get everything done in the spring, and I think it could be really useful for students."

The official student government turnover dinner will take place on March 18. At this time, newly elected candidates, including senators, class council members, cabinet members, President-elect Wyatt Smith and Vice President-elect Lori Murphy will officially assume their respective positions. ■

## Music Group announces Rites lineup



CHRIS O'MEARA / AP Images

Wayne Coyne, lead singer of The Flaming Lips, who is part of the lineup for this year for Rites of Spring, performs during the MTV Video Music Awards in Miami, Aug. 29, 2004.

by SYDNEY WILMER

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EVE ATTERMANN

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The Flaming Lips, N.E.R.D and Santigold will be among the acts performing at this year's Rites of Spring, according to the Music Group.

The headlining act has yet to be released, as well as some of the smaller opening acts. Okkervil, Black Joe Louis and the Honeybears, and Grand Ole Party will also be performing.

"We try to provide what students want, and I think we have done that," said Dwayne Elliot, director of Student Campus Events. "We are trying to keep it more upbeat (than last year)."

The Flaming Lips are known for wild performances, many of which include space ships, confetti and balloons.

"We will be getting everything (in their set) that is feasible for the location," Elliot said.

Elliot said this year's selection process was slightly different as the group took student

See Editorial for more information about this year's Rites lineup.

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responses to its fall survey very seriously while compiling the lineup.

"The most requested artist this year was Taylor Swift, but she is not within our budget," he said.

According to Elliot, this year's booking process was especially difficult as many of the more

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## Honor Council announces 28 new members

by HANNAH TWILLMAN

News Editor

Concluding an application process that began at the beginning of the semester, the 28 newest members of the Honor Council were named after elections closed on Tuesday. Students could vote for candidates in their school and year.

### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

#### First-year students

Zack An  
Brandon Bell  
Jeff Derbyshire  
Matt Glassanos  
Megan Gornet  
Tom Hardy  
Andres Hernandez  
Zye Hooks  
David Lee  
Michelle Leung  
Tim Xu

#### Sophomores

Jason Anderson  
Joe Anderson  
Sahi Denduluri  
Zoe Matthew  
Bailey Murdock  
Patrick Seamens

### PEABODY COLLEGE

#### First-year students

Austin Elder  
Margaret Liddon  
Cara Cogburn

### SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

#### First-year students

Brian Lesniak  
Zach Diggins  
Ayeeshik Kole  
Ian King  
Sophomores  
Eppa Rixey

### BLAIR SCHOOL OF MUSIC

#### First-year students

Tiffany Tieu  
Tom Mulder  
Sophomores  
Michelle Godbee

## ASB site canceled in wake of gang violence in Mexico

by HANNAH TWILLMAN  
News Editor

The packing lists are out, the final meetings have been held and midterms are almost over. Essentially, everything is set for the beginning of the 22nd Alternative Spring Break.

The participants of one of the 36 groups will not be going to their original destination, however.

Due to a sudden escalation in gang and drug cartel violence along the U.S.-Mexico border,

the "A Dios Le Pido" site in Monterrey, Mexico, had to be canceled 10 days before the 11 participating students were supposed to leave to go work with Caritas de Monterrey to aid the impoverished community.

"Monterrey, Mexico, was actually a site we were really excited about," said ASB Co-Chair and senior Mike Putnam, who was disappointed in having to cancel the site. "... The service there was very good historically and we'd had a couple successful trips, and it

was basically a place we wanted to continue working with."

According to Putnam, the area had become too dangerous for students to go to. There has been general unrest in the area a couple years, but Putnam said when the site was planned in May 2008, the region was no more dangerous than locations frequented by other service groups.

The weekend of Feb. 14-15, however, the violence sharply increased as the drug cartels

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## Drug violence peaks along U.S. border

While drug violence in Tijuana, Mexico, is down sharply from last year, killings have spiked in the largest border city of Ciudad Juarez. It is considered one of the country's most violent hotspots.



SOURCE: Reforma newspaper via University of San Diego Trans-Border Institute AP

**NEWS INSIDE:** Vanderbilt Medical Center stands out among competitors for nurse retention rate. SEE PAGE 3



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## WEATHER

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### TODAY



HIGH **58**, LOW **40**  
A.M. showers / wind

### SATURDAY



HIGH **40**, LOW **27**  
Light rain / wind

### SUNDAY



HIGH **42**, LOW **21**  
Partly cloudy

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In the Feb. 20 edition of The Vanderbilt Hustler, the caption for the iEngineer photo on page 3 incorrectly stated that the students built their own robots and that Heather Stone won the competition. Students actually used the iCreate robots to play capture the flag and Stone was a participant. The Hustler regrets this error.

## FRIDAY SPICE

### Suspect in southern NJ bank robberies lives next door to local police station

**BARRINGTON, N.J. (AP)**—Police didn't have to travel far to find a man accused of robbing three banks in southern New Jersey.

That's because 61-year-old Lawrence Dove Sr. lives next door to a police station.

Dove was arrested Wednesday near his Barrington home and charged with robbing banks in Haddon Township, Haddonfield and Lawnside this month.

Authorities have not said how much Dove, who is unemployed, may have taken from the banks.

Dove is being held on \$225,000 bail. He could face up to 30 years in prison if convicted.

### Injured good Samaritan ticketed for jaywalking while saving elderly women

**DENVER (AP)**—A good Samaritan who helped push three people out of the path of a pickup truck before being struck and injured has gotten a strange reward for his good deed: A jaywalking ticket.

Family members said 58-year-old bus driver Jim Moffett and another man were helping two elderly women cross a busy Denver street in a snowstorm when he was hit Friday.

Moffett suffered bleeding in the brain, broken bones, a dislocated shoulder and a possible ruptured spleen. He was in serious but stable condition Wednesday.

Colorado State Trooper Ryan Sullivan said that despite Moffett's intentions, jaywalking contributed to the accident.

Moffett had been driving his bus when the two women got off. In the interest of safety, he got out and, together with another passenger, helped the ladies cross.

Moffett's stepson said the driver of the pickup plowed into his stepfather, but not before Moffett pushed the two women out of the way.

### Court rejects NY doctor's bid over the kidney he donated to his ex-wife

**MINEOLA, N.Y. (AP)**—A court has rejected a New York surgeon's claim that he should get \$1.5 million in his divorce settlement because he donated a kidney to his wife.

Dr. Richard Batista has said he's entitled to the kidney compensation because Dawnell Batista was denying him visits with their three children.

In a ruling Tuesday, matrimonial referee Jeffrey Grob (Grahb) says the kidney was a gift. It was donated in 2001, during happier times in the marriage.

Grob says a wide range of items are considered marital property — but donated organs would not be among them.

The doctor's attorney, Dominic Barbara, says he considers the ruling a victory for his client because the donation will be considered as a factor in the overall distribution of marital assets.

### Dean resigns over spray paint incident on neighboring school's campus

**NORTH CANTON, Ohio (AP)**—A college dean has resigned, saying she spray-painted a traffic sign on a neighboring campus.

Kent State University cited personal reasons for Betsy Boze's departure Friday as dean of the branch campus in Stark.

A police report says security officials saw a woman defacing the sign at Stark State College of Technology on Feb. 15. No charges have been filed.

Boze told The Canton Repository newspaper that she painted a sign to remove an arrow that was pointing to an incorrect parking lot. The schools share some parking.

Boze said the paint job wasn't graffiti and declined further comment.

A Kent branch campus spokeswoman says the school doesn't condone such behavior. Boze had been dean since July 2005.

### Police: Mystery object tears through Dallas roof, no theory yet plausible

**DALLAS (AP)**—Police say an unidentified falling object dropped out of the sky with enough velocity to tear a hole through the roof and the second floor of a Dallas home.

Senior Cpl. Kevin Janse said Wednesday the six-pound piece of metal with two drill holes in it fell Tuesday evening when the person who reported the incident wasn't home. Janse said there were no injuries.

Officers couldn't determine the source of the debris. Janse said radioactive tests on the metal were negative. Several state agencies were notified of the incident, but Janse said none offered a theory about what happened.

Janse said there were no reports of similar incidents in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

### Suspicious Fish/206 Wisconsin ice fishing contest ends with big switch

**SOMERSET, Wis. (AP)**—Lee Shehow had a whopper of a fish tale.

Shehow, of New Richmond, claimed to have won Saturday's ice fishing contest on Bass Lake in Somerset after pulling up a northern pike weighing 2.42 pounds.

TV cameras were rolling when he was asked what he would do with the grand prize, a \$27,000 Dodge pickup truck. He replied: "Drive it like it's stolen."

But private investigators working for the tournament suspected the winning fish was smuggled in.

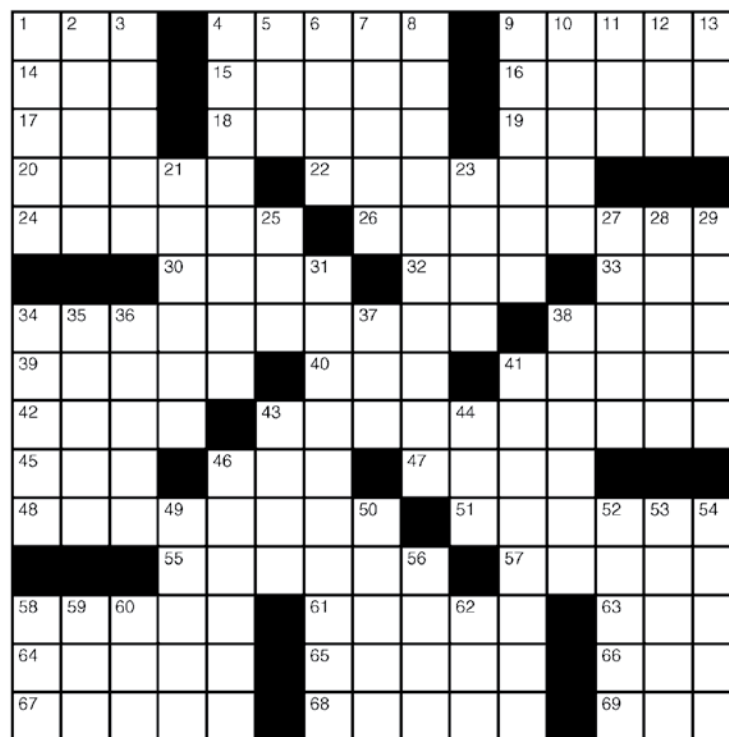
Under contest rules, the winner was offered the chance Sunday to take a lie detector test and refused, organizer John Montpetit said, and that meant the prize had to go Tuesday to the runner-up, Monica Slimmer, of La Crosse, who caught a northern pike weighing 1.72 pounds.

## EXTRA CROSSWORD

# Crossword

- ACROSS
- Little devil
  - Emerge from a shell
  - Bit of parsley
  - Unknown John
  - Florida city
  - Vowels
  - Conclusion
  - "Slave Ship" author Jones
  - Started
  - Ansel or Samuel
  - "Silkwood" star
  - Nabokov title character
  - Most meager
  - Singer Horne
  - April 15 org.
  - Two-finger sign
  - Didn't miss a beat
  - Solid
  - Man-made fiber
  - Muscle spasm
  - Costume
  - Reservoir filler
  - Fantastic aspirations
  - Noshed
  - Canine
  - Spoke
  - Biting midges
  - Common insect
  - Fasten
  - Toy-car sound effect
  - Quite chubby
  - Mock playfully
  - Actor Curry
  - Snoots
  - Kind of circle or city
  - Period
  - Glorify
  - Surrenders by treaty
  - Moines, IA

- DOWN
- Paradigm
  - "Cane"
  - Foot control
  - Black-and-white cow
  - Unreturnable serve
  - Old sailors
  - Coagulates
  - Toupees
  - Cavalry swords
  - Hatchery chatter
  - Put in the fix
  - Promissory note
  - Firearm
  - "Paradise Lost" poet
  - Wyatt of the Old West
  - Cape \_\_, MA
  - Madonna title role
  - Blood part
  - Short-term workers
  - Of an eye defect
  - Islamic text
  - Poetic Muse
  - Works at
  - Gratuity
  - Tributary stream
  - Funeral group
  - Act petulant
  - Pat gently
  - Abhor
  - Stand in the studio
  - Act division
  - Carried
  - Longest French river
  - Samms and Lazarus
  - Ranch worker
  - Washington's bill
  - Swap punches
  - NASA's ISS partner
  - Observe



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## Solutions



# PHOTO of the WEEK

The photographers who cover campus for student media are working hard to capture images of life at Vanderbilt. This image was selected as the Photo of the Week. Check here next Friday to see another standout student photo.



Alyson Jones sings at Kissam After Hours, an event organized by Kissam residents to collect donations for the Dismas House of Nashville and to promote the quad to rising students.



**CHRIS PHARE** took this photo of a singer at Kissam After Hours by adding an off-camera flash to brighten the extremely dark room.

**Student photographers interested in joining the staff are invited to the next meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, in Sarratt 130.**

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## RITES: Ticket sales to begin while students on spring break

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popular acts were not touring this year. The group also had to compete with many larger festivals, such as Coachella and Country Music Association's Music Fest.

"It was hard. They have the CMA — it is every major label act, sells out Titan's stadium. It's hard to compete," Elliott said.

Tickets go on sale Monday, even though Vanderbilt students will be on spring break. Elliott said buying tickets ahead of time does not offer students any real advantage, however. He went on to say 20 percent of our ticket sales happen the day

of the show. Ticket prices will \$20 for students for a weekend pass; each student can only purchase one ticket at this price. Public tickets will be \$45 in advance for the weekend and \$55 if purchased on the day of the event for a weekend pass. A one-day ticket will be \$40 for the general public. There will be a six-pack limit for those over 21 years of age who decide to bring beer to the event.

As for those acts requested by students that didn't make the bill, Elliott said there might be hope to see them in the future.

"We might do one for Quake next year," he said. ■

## ASB: Site cancellation ends well

From ASB, page 1

paid townspeople to protest against the police force and the Mexican national army that was brought in response to the cartels' takeover of the town. The confrontation resulted in the assassination of the police officer in charge of the investigation and his family.

After parents of site participants and one of the site leaders expressed concern over the safety of the site location at the beginning of the semester, Putman said the organization brought the situation to the attention of the administration. Up until that weekend in mid-February, he said both ASB and the administration thought the group would still be able to

go to Monterrey. Once they heard of the sharp increase in violence, however, it was decided in conjunction with the Vanderbilt International Office that it was in the participants' best interest not to travel to the area.

Putnam said within an hour of making the decision, an emergency meeting was called to explain the situation to the group members and efforts to replace them on different sites were underway. Of the 11 participants, nine were replaced within a few days. The other two elected not to participate this spring break.

Putman said the group members were very flexible during the replacement process, and he thinks most were pleased with the result.

"We were able to offer them almost half of the sites, and some of the best ones, too ... Almost all of them got their first choice, which is really exciting," he said. "... I was glad we could accommodate them as close as possible."

"A Dios Le Pido" was one of two international ASB sites this year, in addition to one in Xela, Guatemala. Putnam said despite the issues that arose with the site in Mexico this year, ASB's policy about international sites has not been affected. In fact, he said he hopes the organization will expand its out-of-country service options in the future.

"I'll be personally recommending that they go back to Primeros Pasos (the site in Guatemala) for sure.

There are sites in Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic in particular that I think would be worthy places to go," he said.

Putnam said although the cancellation of the site in Monterrey was unfortunate, he is happy with how the situation was handled.

"It was a very unfortunate circumstance, but it ended up working out very well. A lot of the people who ended up going other places got the site that was in their top couple the first time around, and they all got sites that they're very excited about. ... All of ASB is a bit stronger now because of (the Monterrey participants) going to sites that had one missing or so. It's great; it feels good to have every site full," he said. ■

## Nursing program strong despite shortage

by ALLIE MORRIS  
Senior Reporter

In the face of a nationwide nurse shortage, Vanderbilt Medical Center has the highest nurse retention rate of any of its competitors, according to John Howser, deputy director of news and public affairs.

In an article published by redOrbit last week, it was reported that the nation's nursing shortage is expected to steadily grow in the coming years.

"Generally speaking, when the nursing shortage is being discussed, this is more of a looming national crisis," Howser said. "The worry is more about what's on the horizon as the baby boomers begin to get old and need health care in greater numbers.... The nation's nursing workforce is aging, and many senior nurses will be retiring at the same time their services will be in the greatest demand by society."

In order to maintain nurse retention rates, the Vanderbilt Medical Center has established a variety of nursing support programs and competitive salaries and benefits.

"Our nursing workforce is given a voice within the institution and are treated as the highly valuable professionals they are," Howser said.

According to the redOrbit article, one in five new nurses quit their job during the first year.

"I think the transition would be difficult," said sophomore Sarah Quirk, an ENGAGE Scholar who will attend the Vanderbilt School of Nursing. "No matter how book smart you are, actually working in a hospital setting is different."

The Vanderbilt Medical Center has developed a Nurse Residency



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Program that supports the new nurse's transition from student to professional.

"It takes a minimum of 18 months to 24 months for the new graduate to transition into the professional nurse role and feel confident and competent," said Director of Nursing Education and Development Debiann Peterman. "We have designed the NRP with that in mind offering a robust orientation and facilitated educational and support sessions that the nurse resident attends every six weeks during that first year."

Among other programs, the Vanderbilt Medical Center provides roughly 300 continuing education programs each year for practicing nurses and offers a Nurse Wellness program that helps nurses improve their health.

"(Nurses) will be able to 'replenish their cup' to be able to better care providers for our patients," Peterman said. ■

## Vanderbilt researchers discover new memory processes by 'reading minds'

by MORGAN SMITH-WILLIAMS  
News Reporter

A team of Vanderbilt researchers has made great strides in discovering how and where what we see is processed and stored in the brain.

Through using functional magnetic resonance imaging, lead researcher and graduate student Stephenie Harrison and Associate Professor of Psychology Frank Tong were able to conclude that the visual cortex — the part of the brain that processes visual stimuli — has a large part in retaining short-term memory. Previously, it was accepted that the visual cortex, which is located at the back of the brain, did not have the capacity to stay active and store memory after the image was removed from in front of the eyes.

"What we wanted to focus on in our research was if the

brain can still pull information out of its visual areas when the stimuli is no longer present. Proving that the visual cortex stays active after the stimuli is removed is a breakthrough," Harrison said.

The study consisted of first showing subjects a grating image, which is a series of lines in a circle or a square, while being monitored by the fMRI. Then the researchers would show a horizontal or vertical rotation of the image, and then tell the subject which of the previous images to remember. After an 11-second delay in time, the researchers would then show a slight rotation of the image they were supposed to remember and ask them how the image was modified.

The fMRI device, which essentially is a large, powerful magnet, monitors the blood flow to each part of the brain through the magnetic

properties of the hemoglobin in blood. Researchers can determine which parts of the brain are active and for how long by monitoring where the blood is going in the brain. Analyzing brain stimulation activity during the 11-second remembering period allowed Harrison and Tong to determine which grating image and orientation the subject had in mind.

"The capacity of fMRI to reproduce very complex images in the future is very possible, but needs the right kind of focused research," Harrison said.

Both researchers are members of the Vanderbilt Vision Research Center, and were supported with funds from the National Eye Institute, the National Institutes of Health and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada. ■

## Early decision class of 2013 most competitive ever

by SARAH BILSKY  
News Reporter

Vanderbilt has just admitted one of the most competitive early decision classes in the school's history.

Vanderbilt received 19,300 student applications for only 1,585 spots in the class of 2013. Of the total number of applicants, 1,838 of them applied early decision, a 24 percent increase from last year. About one-third of the Class of 2013 has already been admitted through the early decision process, according to Associate Provost for Enrollment and Dean of Admissions Douglas Christiansen.

Emily Hobbs from Georgia, one of the newly accepted high school seniors, said Vanderbilt's national reputation appealed to her.

"I was drawn to Vanderbilt because of its dedication to academics ... and its reputation in the professional world. I know a degree from Vanderbilt will be

a real asset to me in my future career search," Hobbs said.

Christiansen said this pool of applicants represents one of the most ambitious and diverse collections of students the university has seen yet.

According to Christiansen, the average student admitted early decision ranked in the top 5.5 percent of their high school class, which is up from the average of top 6.4 percent for last year's class. In addition to the strong academic qualities of applicants, Christiansen also said this is one of the most ethnically diverse groups of applicants Vanderbilt has seen in recent years.

"We are seeing huge increases in the quality, diversity, geographic diversity, ethnic diversity (of applicants). ... If we look at total ethnic diversity for early decision admits, we are up 61 percent — or 41 students — from last year," he said.

While there could be several reasons for the increase in the number of applications, Christiansen said a big

reason for the increase is the experience Vanderbilt has to offer its students and the reputation of Vanderbilt's faculty.

"Clearly one of the main reasons in my mind why more students are applying is because of the experience here at Vanderbilt. It's hard to market and recruit if you don't have a good educational product," Christiansen said. "With the name recognition and what a degree from Vanderbilt means, especially in this economy, it is going to be very beneficial ... to list graduation from such a quality school."

Jarrett Wadler, a new admit from Houston, Texas, said Vanderbilt appealed to him on a number of levels.

"I decided to apply to Vanderbilt because I wanted to go to a school in the South with top academics and still a great social scene," Wadler said.

Some early decision applicants, like high school senior Justin Langford from Indiana, applied early simply because



CHRIS PHARE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Until high school seniors began to apply for a spot in the Class of 2013, the Class of 2012 — the first to live on The Commons — was considered to be the most talented and diverse of any class to come to Vanderbilt.

they knew Vanderbilt was where they wanted to attend college and could not wait until April to find out if they had been accepted.

"I decided to apply early because

it was my top choice. ... I was more than anxious to hear back the results of admissions. I could not have waited till the regular deadline and kept my sanity," Langford said. ■

## Robot to aid autism



NIKKY OKORO / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Professor Nilanjan Sarkar of the Mechanical Engineering Department created an innovative robot that can work closely with autistic children by measuring specific physiological functions.

## NROTC drill team takes second at Tulane meet

by CALLIE JONES  
News Reporter

The Vanderbilt Navy ROTC drill team placed second in the Platoon Basic, the main competition of the annual Tulane Drill Meet held in Baton Rouge, La., this past weekend.

"Compared to other units, Vanderbilt focuses much more on academics, so we aren't necessarily known for our military prowess" said Public Affairs Officer Matthew Fillmore,

a junior. "We were competing against people with much more time to devote to military aptitude."

About 40 different units were represented at the meet, including well-recognized units from places like Texas A&M, Vanderbilt Military Institute and the military academies. The drill team has been practicing since September, and this semester they have been working very hard, Fillmore said. Practices began as early as 6 a.m. and

were held four to five times per week.

"All the practices definitely paid off," Fillmore said of the second-place finish. "We did well."

The meet was scheduled so it would coincide with Mardi Gras weekend since Baton Rouge is only a short distance from New Orleans.

"Win or lose, this meet is always a good time and provides some celebratory fun," Fillmore said. ■



# OPINION

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# How to manage a long road trip



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Some of you may have just returned from a road trip down to Mardi Gras or elsewhere last weekend. Others are planning some road trip mania for the upcoming spring break. Whether it's heading somewhere in Mexico where people won't immediately be able to upload videos of you onto the Internet or trying to feel good about having fun on Alternative Spring Break, everyone wants to have a pleasant road trip.

There's no way around it really; spending eight or more hours in the car will most likely not be the best times of your trip, but there's some methods to make it a little more tolerable.

Tip #1: Designate two drivers. If there's just one driver, he will simply get grumpy. (Both drivers should certainly be male — if you're on an all-female road trip, recruit a strange man at a rest stop or at least have one of your friends dress up as a guy to put other drivers at ease.) Have the drivers alternate, with one always sleeping. If you ride shotgun, you don't sleep. This sometimes gets overlooked because the driver doesn't want to seem like a selfish, lonely jerk begging for your company. Forget that. Crank the music really loud for a second, or get in a small wreck to teach the passenger a lesson.

Tip #2: Designate specific bathroom times, like once every three hours or so. Nothing saps the life out of a road trip worse than stopping every 10 miles. We all have that friend who seems to have the bladder control of a second grader and insists on pulling over two to three times an hour, claiming an emergency. I know because I am that friend. Two tactics here: Don't allow this person a beverage of any sort. Hopefully he or she will pass out from dehydration and remain unconscious until you arrive at the destination. Or consider equipping your weak link with adult diapers: They're more dignified than they sound when you're trying to shave off two hours of your trip by speeding.

Tip #3: Do the cruise control game. Dangerous at first, then it slowly grows on you, then you realize again how dangerous it is. This is where the driver sets a cruise control and sees how long he or she can maintain that speed. All tactics, including driving on the median or shoulder, tailgating or taking the wrong exit, are permissible.

Tip #4: Designate a road trip drunkard. If possible, try to make this selection coincide with your weak bladder member. It's not a good idea for any more than one person to do this, because problems overlap with Tips No. 1 and No. 2. On the plus side, this vital crew member will provide endless entertainment and foolish antics until he or she collapses or vomits all over the car.

Tip #5: Play music. Bring whatever you can in the way of CDs, iPods, etc. Eventually you will run out of anything remotely interesting to do or say. Control over selection of the next song will become the sole focus of car interactions. Each member wishes to prove he will be able to select a forgotten but well-loved gem of a song everyone will enjoy. To avoid dispute, radio control should default to shotgun passenger, with an open driver veto.

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## EDITORIAL

# Rites of Spring promises to surprise and entertain

As of this morning, the Music Group has announced the primary lineup for Rites of Spring. The Music Group claims the lineup is representative of students' requests; however, there were some constraints. The most popular selection was Taylor Swift, but she was deemed too expensive and there was a question of her availability. Swift was not the only popular candidate who couldn't be booked.

Admittedly it is difficult to please all segments of such a sonically diverse campus as Vanderbilt. The Music Group, as usual, used surveys to get the consensus. Of course, the process isn't perfect — it is possible to vote more than once and it's difficult to fit everyone's taste in between pricing, availability and stage

space. So while students might be a little let-down, the Flaming Lips are sure to impress.

The Flaming Lips, troubadours with a penchant for the overtly dramatic, have played recently all over the country including Bonnaroo and Birmingham City Stages in sequential years. Their most recent album, "At War with the Mystics," released by Warner in 2006, won a Grammy in the same year for Best Rock Instrumental Performance. Recently, the Lips released a movie titled "Christmas on Mars," whose subject is fairly self-evident.

Besides the Flaming Lips, the Music Group promises N.E.R.D., Santigold, Q. Tip and Okkervil River. All things considered, Rites will be exciting.

# Spring break guide



**THOMAS SHATTUCK**  
Opinion Editor

As you might have noticed, spring break is now upon us. I'm sure some students will go off with Alternative Spring Break and help out needy communities. A few more might stay on campus or go home. There might even be a small minority going off to Tijuana or the Yucatan to discover how Mexico got its reputation. Of course, there's Florida, Jamaica and the Bahamas — a little more on "the relaxing/drink until your heart rate slows alarmingly" side. No matter what, the theory of spring break is that it is in fact a vacation; however, the practicalities can become a little complicated.

For those of you who have professors who thought it was reasonable to assign homework due the Monday after the break — I'd say I feel sorry for you, but I'm in the same position myself. I'll probably be the one awkwardly trying to carry a thermodynamics book and a calculator along with my luggage in the Nashville International Airport terminal. Look on the bright side: You'll have nine days to procrastinate instead of a couple. It's a poor tradeoff, but liquor pong and homework are not necessarily mutually exclusive.

As I mentioned earlier, a few of you might be staying on campus or going home, which is essentially the same thing. Thanks to our early break, none of your friends from high school will be at home, and no one will be on campus. You'll effectively be isolated, unable to do much. Assuming you don't live

in the hinterlands of Nebraska, there are always bars to visit (same with Nashville if you stay at school). For those of you who do live in the hinterlands, I'm deeply and truly sorry. There's always next year, and more importantly, there's always moonshine (available at your nearest illegal distillery).

Now, I've been to Mexico before, but not for spring break. I was just relaxing on/near the beach in the early fall in Cancun. I wasn't trying to buy a half-ounce of heroin in Tijuana or trying to avoid getting murdered in Juarez. Hell, I wasn't even in the sketchy part of Cancun. I must've been at least three miles from Senor Frogs, and no one even tried to proposition me (that did happen in Key West once, but that's a different story).

The Bahamas are always nice but expensive. Jamaica might be cheaper; unfortunately, the country seems to lack a coherent legal structure, and you might want to bring your own security guard. As for Florida — well it's in the U.S., which means it's actually frowned upon if you get wildly intoxicated in public, not to mention it's technically illegal (but only technically).

In the end, it hardly matters where you go. One way or another, you'll get a week off from any serious work and perhaps you'll even find something that's somewhat entertaining. So go forth and prosper, the next week is already here.

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# The grand theory of pay up or put out



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Raise your hand if you know a girl who pretends a guy who buys her John Mayer tickets and takes her out to dinner didn't just take her on a date.

Now, raise your hand if you've listened to some boy get borderline weepy because the Serena Van Der Woodsen of your group of friends can't decide if she likes him or not.

I have a theory that will solve this problem: Pay Up or Put Out. Let's derive it.

So, say it's 1952, and you are a girl. You're out on a date, and Society requests several things from you: demure flirtatiousness, an acute attention to your looks and nothing resembling pants after the hour of never. Like, sure, nobody cares what you think about McCarthyism (unless you're on a black list, in which case nobody wants to date you anyway), but rules and intentions are known.

Now, we — girls, that is — have since collectively bargained with Society. In exchange for not forcing us to descend from some staircase at Twelve Oaks Plantation pretty, witty and bright and in a dress stolen from Betty Draper every time we deign to eat outside of the home, Society told us, "I need some kind of compensation."

And girls mulled that one over during drinks one night and were like, "What if we pay our way?"

"Kthx." Thus, "The Theory of Pay Up or Put Out." A working definition: If a guy buys, it's a date. And if it's a date, a girl has the option of either accepting the terms or offering to pay. And if a girl accepts the terms, she cannot jaunt off at the end with a clipped farewell and then act astonished when friends or family assume it was a date. The college version of "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie."

Don't misunderstand me, this is not titled "The Case for Prostitution: Don't Sell Yourself Short" — I'm not advocating casual sex for dinner rolls. If anything, I just like the symmetry of "pay up or put out." This is about recognizing when a date's a date and behaving accordingly. Agency, here, belongs to the girl; the option of calling out "Separate checks!" like dying words always exists or, God forbid, actually announcing, "This was not a date."

Seriously, every girl has at least one friend who constantly and tirelessly twirls around gracefully, dropping vague fragments like, "I didn't know it was a date" or "It was just a friends thing" — to which he drove her and then paid for dinner and drinks. Let's not be so willfully naive.

Of course, we cannot forget the accompanying "Just because You Paid Doesn't Mean She Likes You Corollary," also known as "The Andy Bernard Corollary." While the nexus of datehood still rests on the lady's shoulders, dates fail sometimes.

Nevertheless, put all of this into effect over spring break. After all, fraternity formals approach and no better application of "Pay Up or Put Out" exists. Trust me, this will work. Just lure people places where they must buy things — stimulate the economy! Among other things! And really, failing all that, be honest and, despite awkwardness and ill will, make intentions clear to the other party.

Basically: Sack up, ho, and tell the truth.

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## REPORT FROM THE TEAM

## Vanderbilt squash a national force



JAY ROSANELLI

Freshman Tyler Kopp keeps his opponent guessing whether he is going to hit a drop, rail or cross-court during the team's final match at Nationals. Kopp fought back to win his match, 3-2.

*Special Report to the Hustler*

The Vanderbilt men's squash team defeated the University of Southern California and Haverford College to reach the championship of the College Squash Nationals Chaffee Division last weekend at Princeton University.

Vanderbilt ultimately fell in the finals, 6-3, to Drexel University. The Commodores (9-10), a club team started in 2006, finished the season ranked No. 34 in the nation.

Vanderbilt proved strongest in the core of its lineup, as freshman Tyler Kopp, junior Jay Rosanelli and freshman Zack Hoyt won at the No. 4, 5 and 6 positions, respectively.

"Making the finals showed great improvement by the team from last season," said junior captain Hunter Kinsella. "It speaks to a bright future for all the young players in the lineup. We earned valuable nationals match experience, especially the freshmen new to college squash."

The quarterfinal and semifinal rounds were rematches for the Commodores, first defeating Haverford, 6-3. On Saturday, the Commodores matched up with the Trojans of Southern Cal, their West Coast rival, after squeaking out a 5-4 win at a tournament at Stanford University in early February. This time around, Vanderbilt left no doubt who was the superior team, finishing with a 6-3 victory.

Juniors Owen Remeika and Duncan Aronstein led the charge with Hoyt, Kopp and freshman Kofsky, and senior captain Phillip Field finished

it off with a 3-0 win at the No. 7 position. Kinsella, playing No. 2, greatly improved off his previous result, winning the first two games before losing narrowly in the fifth, and senior captain Henry Manice put on a show at No. 1 against the high-ranked USC captain but did not come out on top. Sophomore Fred Hudson and senior David Stringer won their exhibition matches at No. 10 and 11.

"Nationals is always a good weekend to begin thinking about next season," Field said. "After playing some great matches and watching the best teams in the country go head to head, getting our group of players energized about squash was easy. The task for next year's captains will be to carry that enthusiasm over to next season."

This season was the most successful in the team's history as Vanderbilt played 19 matches, more than ever before.

"This year's team has been by far the most cohesive and committed squash team we've ever had at Vanderbilt," Field said. "We had some good teams, but they were built around the strength of a few personalities rather than around a strong, forward-thinking organization. Considering that our participation and success has been greater this season than ever before, I would say it's safe to say that squash at Vanderbilt has become a permanent fixture."

Led by captains Field, Kinsella and Manice, the team practiced three days a week at the squash courts at the Student Recreation Center.

Following the success of the men's team, the women's squash team was formed. The women's team competed in Atlanta last weekend and will play in its first intercollegiate match in the fall.

The squash program was founded in 2006 by 2007 Vanderbilt graduate Max Franklin, who now travels with and coaches the team.

"Max worked tirelessly to lay the foundation for Vanderbilt squash before graduating," Manice said. "And now he organizes tournaments, he coaches us, and he inspires and actively supports the development of both our men's and women's teams. Max Franklin is code for Vanderbilt squash."

Franklin and the team's leaders have brought the program to an unprecedented level, and according to Manice, the next steps include raising awareness of the team on campus, creating a women's varsity team and improving Vanderbilt's squash court facility.

"We are eager to build Vanderbilt squash into a force to be reckoned with amongst the best teams in the country," Manice said. ■

## Wirth leads team on and off the court



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Senior Christina Wirth (second from right) has been a steady and successful force all four years she has played for the Commodores.

by MEGHAN ROSE

*Sports Reporter*

As senior Christina Wirth stepped off the court after Vanderbilt beat Auburn on Feb. 19, she described the feeling as "bittersweet." While the Commodores sent a shock through the then-nationally third-ranked Tigers with a 73-70 win, Wirth played the last home game of her collegiate career in Memorial Gymnasium.

"I knew that it had to come to an end at some point," said Wirth, one of three seniors on this year's squad. "I couldn't have asked for a better game to wrap up that part of my career."

For Wirth, some of the best moments of her last four years have been spent in Memorial Gymnasium. Wirth has paced the Commodores (21-7, 10-3 Southeastern Conference) this season with her excellent form shooting and high basketball I.Q. She will be depended on again when the Commodores try to sweep the season series tomorrow night at 6 p.m. at Tennessee, a game that will be televised on ESPN2.

"(Wirth) does the intangibles — she hustles nonstop, is a very hard worker and is dedicated to getting better at both her strengths and weaknesses during the off-season," said junior guard Merideth Marsh. "She listens very well, she is very coachable and she leads with her words and her actions."

Both her skill on the court and her passion for the sport have earned her the respect of her teammates and coaches. Last season as a junior, Wirth averaged 13.1 points per game and five rebounds per game. Her outstanding play earned her All-SEC First Team honors.

"Her versatility causes a tough match-up for any team," said coach Melanie Balcomb. "She can score inside and out, put the ball on the

floor and drive and knock down the three with the best of them."

Wirth's ability to transition among a number of spots on the court poses a major threat for opponents. With consistent shooting and defense, Wirth prides herself on fundamentally sound play, allowing her to outsmart her opponents.

"She creates mismatches in the post and in the guard spot. Her ability to shoot the three helps create driving lanes for our guards," Marsh said. "On the other hand, if our opponents put a guard on her, then we can put her down low so she can post them up. She is an offensive threat no matter where she is on the floor."

Her impact on the court has not gone unnoticed. In the middle of February, Wirth was named SEC Player of the Week after averaging 20.5 points in wins over Florida and Georgia. Boasting a 3.6 grade point average as a Human and Organizational Development major, Wirth was named a 2009 Academic All-American by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Recently, she was named one of 10 finalists for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award for women's basketball.

For Wirth, however, it will not be the points she scored or the accolades she received over the course of the past four years that stand out most in her mind.

"More than any award or accomplishment, the things that stand out to me during my collegiate career are the lasting memories I have made with my teammates — we have had a lot of ups and downs throughout my four years," Wirth said. "Throughout all of these things, I have had some amazing friends that have made my experiences more than I could ever have hoped for." ■

## Baseball team flexes its offensive muscle

by ERIC SILVER

*Sports Reporter*

There's no place like home.

That was the feeling the Vanderbilt baseball team had on a chilly Wednesday evening after defeating the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers by a score of 10-7. Following a tough road trip in California, which saw the Commodores lose two of three to Stanford and another game to Cal, Vanderbilt came out firing on all cylinders in their home opener at Hawkins Field.

"It feels good to get a win over a very good Western Kentucky team," said coach Tim Corbin.

After giving up a run in the top of the first, sophomore starting pitcher Chase Reid settled down and provided five innings of quality work, striking out three batters in the Hilltoppers' potent lineup.

Western Kentucky pitcher Bart Carter was able to hang on against Vanderbilt's vaunted batters for two innings before the Commodores finally overpowered him. The Commodores put two runners on in the third and scored a run after highly touted freshman Jason Esposito drove in right fielder Steven Liddle on a throwing error in the third.

But it was the fourth inning when the floodgates opened for the Commodores. Though Vanderbilt only mustered two hits in the inning, they scored six runs, thanks to opportune base running and patience at the plate. Curt Casali provided the highlight of the game, smacking a towering double over the centerfielder's head that cleared the bases and brought three runs home.

"We had a couple of opportunities to spark the team and get the momentum back on our side," Casali said. "But I think that was a good turning point in the game."

"He's a good, mature hitter, even though he's only a sophomore," Corbin said of Casali, who has been starting at first base for the Commodores even though he played catcher last season.



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Jason Esposito tied the game when a run scored after he reached on an error and Vanderbilt defeated Western Kentucky, 10-7.

A number of other young players have stepped up for Vanderbilt in this young season and were vital to the victory on Wednesday. Freshman Matt Marquis scored twice and drew three walks, while classmate Joe Loftus added a hit. Sophomore shortstop Alex McClure, who transferred to Vanderbilt this year from Walters State Community College, had a stellar game with two hits and two runs. Perhaps the best performance from a newcomer against the Hilltoppers came from freshman Sonny Gray, who closed the game out for Vanderbilt in the ninth inning on only 17 pitches, earning the first save in his promising career.

The win felt good for the young team and showed the rest of the baseball world that Vanderbilt boasts a scary batting lineup.

"Every time I see a hitter up there, I feel good about what's about to happen," Corbin said. "I like our offensive team, I think we're capable of scoring runs, and we're all pretty young, too." ■

## Reeling Vanderbilt hosts first-place Gamecocks

by GEOFF HUTCHINSON

*Sports Reporter*

The Commodores will be back home this Saturday night after a two-game road trip in which the team was unable to register a victory.

On Saturday, the Commodores (16-11, 5-8 Southeastern Conference) will host the first-place South Carolina Gamecocks (20-6, 9-4) in Memorial Gym. The game will be televised live on ESPN2 at 8 p.m.

The Commodores are coming off of a tough 61-57 loss to the Georgia Bulldogs Wednesday night, in which the team struggled, shooting an abysmal 31.4 percent from the field. Sophomore A.J. Ogilvy led the Commodores with 12 points, while junior Jermaine Beal and freshman Brad Tinsley contributed 11 points apiece in the losing effort.

Unfortunately for Vanderbilt, the Gamecocks are coming to town fresh off a 77-59 win over the Kentucky Wildcats, a game in which South Carolina registered 16 blocks and forced 20 turnovers. This is the second meeting between the two teams, with the Gamecocks winning the first match-up in January 86-76 in Columbia. In that game, the Gamecocks went to the free-throw line an amazing 49 times, as three Commodores fouled out during this contest.

"I think they're playing as good basketball as anybody in the league right now," said Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings of the Gamecocks. "As far as the free throw disparity, I think we just have to play better and do a better job defensively. We've been doing a good job of getting to the free throw line. Hopefully that will continue on Saturday."

The Gamecocks comes to town atop the SEC East and can clinch at least a share of the division crown with a win on Saturday, along with another Kentucky loss. South Carolina is led by 5-foot-9-inch junior guard Devan Downey, who is third in the SEC in terms of scoring, averaging 20.8 points a game. He is joined on the perimeter



CHRIS PHARE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Coach Kevin Stallings, pictured here against Florida, said his team has to figure out what has been causing its offensive problems.

by senior guard Zam Fredrick, who is averaging 15.3 points a game.

South Carolina's perimeter play should figure to give the Commodores difficulty, as the Gamecocks are best in the SEC in terms of 3-point shooting, while the Commodores are last in the SEC in defending beyond the arc. At the same time, the Gamecocks are first in the conference in terms of forcing turnovers, a problem the Commodores have been troubled with all season long while trying to find some consistency on the offensive side of the ball.

"When you struggle to score, ultimately it starts affecting your defense, it affects your energy to play, it starts affecting everything," Stallings said. "It's important that we as best we can figure out what we can do to keep that from happening."

For Vanderbilt, this game is vital. A win here would mean the team has a chance at finishing SEC play with a .500 record and gain some confidence going into the postseason.

"Our focus has to be on what we can do to get better in our next game," Stallings said. "Not anything else." ■



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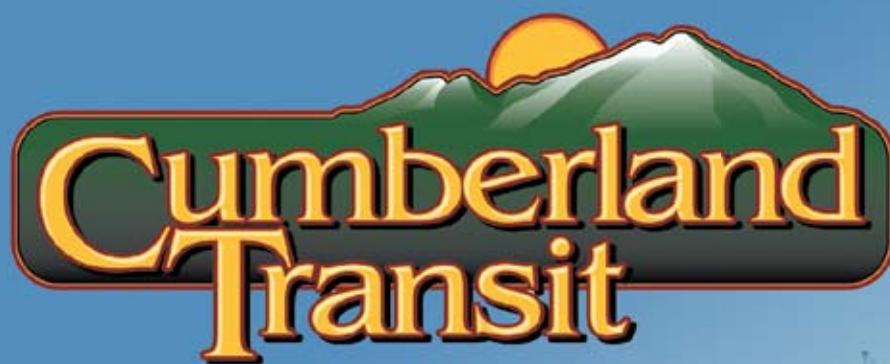
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