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AcFee frenzy ends, more groups funded

by EVE ATTERMANN
Managing Editor

Thirty-eight new student organizations applied and nine lost funding in this year's Activity Fee Allocations, according to data released by the Student Finance Committee.

The just over \$1.5 million AcFee fund is generated from the Activity Fee each student pays annually on a student account — this year's was \$800 per student. Campus organizations are required to solicit funding each year through an application and interview process the committee uses to determine a group's level of fiscal responsibility along with its ability to benefit the entire Vanderbilt community.

This year, 127 organizations applied and 79 percent were granted funding. On average, students received 81.48 percent the funding they requested and organizations on average had a funding increased 7.32 percent.

A new application process was completely electronic and, according to the committee, allowed for more consistency among organizations' budgets.

Each student group elected to put itself in one of five categories — programming, arts, cultural, service and special interest. This year, programming groups received the most funding at \$1,044,310, while

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ACTIVITY FEE ALLOCATION BY SUBCOMMITTEE

The Student Finance Committee has divided up \$1,526,423.19 of activities fees to 127 student organizations for the 2009-2010 academic year. Check the list on page 5 to see who got what.

ARTS ↑ **7.72%**
Allocated amount: \$135,786

CULTURAL ↑ **12.59%**
Allocated amount: \$185,671

PROGRAMMING ↑ **3.54%**
Allocated amount: \$1,044,310

SERVICE ↑ **15.61%**
Allocated amount: \$64,756.19

SPECIAL INTERESTS ↑ **43.75%**
Allocated amount: \$95,900

GRAND TOTAL ↑ **7.32%**
Allocated amount: \$1,526,423.19

Calm before the storm



CHRIS PHARE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Students took advantage of the warm weather over the weekend by heading outdoors to take a break from pre-finals studying and work. First-year student John Hall practices juggling Sunday afternoon on Alumni Lawn.

Seniors scramble for work options as year ends

by RUTH KINSEY
News Reporter

With Commencement less than a month away, seniors are excited but also apprehensive about the changes graduation will bring. For those seniors whose post-graduation plans are not yet finalized, the prospect of graduation is even more nerve-racking.

Senior Martha Hurley said she is still desperately searching for a job after graduation. After only recently deciding what she wanted to do and beginning the job search, she discovered many of the most interesting companies were simply not hiring.

"I am most definitely worried," Hurley said. "I absolutely hate the thought of not knowing where I'll be or what I'll be doing a few months from now."

In order to escape the troubled job market caused by the current economic crisis, some seniors are taking a gap year, a chance to travel and volunteer abroad before going to graduate school or attempting to find work. Many of those hoping to travel describe the opportunity to travel before being tied down by other obligations as a chance not to be missed.

Instead of going straight to medical school after graduation, senior Meghana Bhatta will be travelling to Malaysia to complete a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship. As well as teaching English to high school students she will be researching women's health care in a predominantly Islamic nation. Although she looked into internships and fellowships to avoid searching for a job during the recession, Bhatta's main reason for traveling to Malaysia was not related to the economic crisis.

"I felt I needed a break before jumping into another round of intense schooling," Bhatta said. "I will be serving immigrant communities, which is related directly to my professional goals. I don't think I'll get another chance like this to explore my interests so freely."

The Career Center still has many seniors coming through its doors scrambling to find a post-graduation work placement. Some have a specific plan in mind and are already involved in an active job search, while others are still completely undecided about their future — a fairly common trend over the past few years.

Cindy Funk, the director of the Career Center, urges seniors to come in if they need help or

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Luck lands senior a spot on 'Wheel of Fortune' College Week

by MADELEINE ENGLIS
News Reporter

Senior Meg Miller said landing a spot on "Wheel of Fortune's" College Week was more luck — or fate — than anything else.

"Before flying out to (Los Angeles) to film 'Wheel of Fortune,' I kept thinking this is a joke," said senior Meg Miller. "It wasn't 'real' until I actually got to the set."

Miller, a long-time fan of the show, did not actually apply to be a contestant. Her friends submitted her name in an online lottery. From there, she was chosen to compete in New York for one of 15 spots.

After a series of tests, which included word puzzles and an interview, Miller won one of seven spots to fly to Los Angeles and appear on the show.

According to Miller, the purpose of the interviews was to determine whether or not the prospective candidates would generate enough commercial appeal to appear on the show.

"The contestants who were chosen to be on the show after the interview process were chosen based on personality," Miller said.

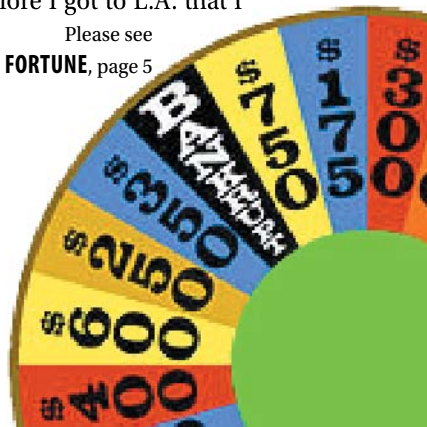
The show, which will air Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. on ABC channel 7, will feature students competing for items like trips to Europe and Volkswagen Beetles.

"Before flying out to L.A., none of it seemed real," Miller said. In fact, Miller explained that throughout the audition process, she was unaware she would even be representing Vanderbilt in a College Spring Break Week episode.

"Originally I thought that I would just be on a normal Wheel of Fortune episode ... it was only right before I got to L.A. that I

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T-storms

TUESDAY



HIGH **56**, LOW **47**
Showers

WEDNESDAY



HIGH **63**, LOW **42**
Partly cloudy

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

VSG update: \$600,000 of capital improvements to upperclassmen residential areas

With its annual efforts to bring improvements to campus residential areas, the Vanderbilt Student Government Campus Services Committee was able to get the promise of \$600,000 for improvements to every area of campus living.

According to VSG Vice President and sophomore Lori Murphy, who served as co-chair of the committee while she was senator, the committee tried to get feedback from students about what improvements each living area most needed. After analyzing student requests, the committee met with Plant Operations and Housing and Facilities throughout the fall semester to negotiate the budget and proposed projects before presenting the final proposal to the chancellor.

After the \$1.3 million renovation to Kissam Quadrangle last summer, Murphy said she wanted to focus more on Branscomb Quadrangle, Carmichael Towers, and Morgan and Lewis Houses. Because the houses on The Commons are so new, they did not need as many improvements.

Showers and bathtubs in Branscomb bathrooms will be renovated, and the booster pumps in Towers and Morgan/Lewis will be replaced to fix the water pressure, which Murphy said many students have complained of. Three ice machines will be added for a trial period, one each in Branscomb, Vanderbilt/Barnard and Mims Hall.

Flat screen TVs will be added to Cole, McGill and McTeiyre Halls, while DVD wiring will be added to every common area TV on campus so residents can hook up computers or video game machines to any TV and watch a movie. In addition, outdoor seating will be added around The Commons.

Murphy said the committee wanted to focus on improvements for upperclassmen residences because they understood many most likely were not satisfied with their housing assignments next year. She said she was most proud that they were able to get approval for the most important improvements on the proposal, however.

"I think the reason we're so proud of this — besides the fact that we're going to see improvements — is that we're really trying to listen to the voices of the students," she said.

Students are always welcome to attend the weekly VSG joint sessions on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Student Life Center Board of Trust Room. This Wednesday will be the final meeting of the year, and they will discuss the initiative to get a laundry text message alert system.

First set of conjoined twins separated Tuesday at children's hospital

Vanderbilt News Service—Tuesday morning, surgeons at the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt successfully completed the hospital's first separation of conjoined twins.

Keylee Ann and Zoey Marie Miller were born Jan. 4, in Johnson City, Tenn., and were immediately transferred via LifeFlight helicopter to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Children's Hospital. Together, they weighed 4 pounds, 12 ounces. The twins were cared for in the NICU for the last three months until they grew strong enough for Tuesday's separation surgery.

The surgery lasted 8 hours. As expected after such a complex procedure, Keylee and Zoey are in critical condition tonight. Their parents, Victoria Ford and her husband, Brian Miller, are happy and optimistic about the prognosis for their daughters, but are asking for privacy while the babies recover from the procedure. (Click here for a short blog from a camera crew that witnessed the surgery.)

Ford and Miller knew early in the pregnancy that the twins were conjoined. They had hoped to carry them to term, but when Zoey and Keylee got into fetal distress in early January, a Cesarean section was performed and the girls were born 10 weeks early.

The girls are "omphalopagus" twins, fused from the lower breastbone to the naval. They shared a liver and were born with one umbilical cord.

Hear the 18th District candidates at April 19 run-off election forum

Vanderbilt News Service—Stephanie Dodson and Kristine LaLonde, candidates in the Metro Council District 18 election run-off, will face each other during a public forum Sunday, April 19, at Eakin School. The meeting will be from 3 to 4 p.m. in the school's auditorium.

Dodson, the after-school programs coordinator and summer camp director at Percy Priest Elementary School, and LaLonde, a Belmont University professor, received the highest number of votes in the March 26 contest. The run-off is scheduled for April 30. Early voting is available from April 10 through April 25.

Howard Gentry, chief executive officer of the Nashville Chamber Public Benefit Foundation and former vice mayor of Nashville, will serve as forum moderator. He will ask the candidates a series of questions selected from submissions by the forum planning committee as well as other interested citizens. The public can email questions in advance to 18thdistrictforum@vanderbilt.edu. They can also submit questions in writing at the forum until 2:55 p.m., which is five minutes before candidates give their opening statements.

Vanderbilt student racketeers ready for NASA competition

Vanderbilt News Service—On April 18, a group of Vanderbilt engineering students will fire off a 16-foot, 82-pound rocket. If all goes as planned, the vehicle will power its way one mile directly overhead where it will release a remotely piloted aircraft that will collect images and infrared data of the ground below as it is guided back down to earth.

The students are members of Vanderbilt's Aerospace Club, one of 20 student teams selected by NASA from colleges and universities around the country to participate in NASA's University Student Launch Initiative. The competition will take place at Bragg Farms in Toney, Ala., near NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville.

In order to win the competition, a rocket must top out the closest to one mile in height and must carry a payload that gathers measurable data. The rocket launch is the culmination of a year-long effort in design, fabrication and evaluations by NASA.

This year, the students have designed and built an unmanned aerial vehicle that will be deployed from their rocket at a set altitude. The UAV is equipped with a "reconnaissance" package that consists of two cameras and an infrared thermometer.

CALENDAR

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

• Staff Appreciation Day

Vanderbilt Student Government will host its first general staff appreciation day to honor the staff members who keep the school running. Stop by The Wall to make a card and pick up a sticker to help support the Vanderbilt staff. Desserts and snacks will be provided for all Vanderbilt staff members.

• VSG and Vandy Fanatics baseball tailgate

Before the baseball game against MTSU, come by the Memorial Gym patio behind the left-field wall to tailgate and get to know the VSG executive board. Burgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 — THURSDAY, APRIL 16

• Noontimes

Vanderbilt University Theater will present three short shows throughout the week, each of which are student-directed and student-designed. The three shows — "The World at Large," "Your Mother's Butt" and "Please Have a Seat and Someone Will Be With You Shortly" — will be shown twice Wednesday, at 12:15 and 8 p.m., and on Thursday at 12:20 p.m. Each show will be held in Neely Auditorium.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

• Great Performances presents "One Shot"

The dance-drama, inspired by Teenie Harris' photography, by Ron K. Brown and company will showcase Brown's fusion of African and contemporary dance style. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. at Ingram Hall and is open to the public. Tickets are \$5 for Vanderbilt students.

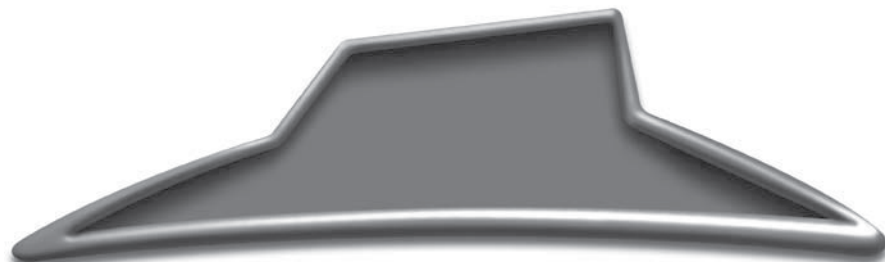
SNAPSHOT

TONGUE-N-CHEEK



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Junior Kelsey Nicholas, sophomore Casey Ryan and senior Heather Stone, castmembers of Tongue-n-Cheek's "Broke Ass Show" camped outside on Alumni Lawn Saturday night to promote their show to any passersby.



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ACTIVITY FEE: Greater number of groups get more money

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service organizations received \$64,756.19 in funding.

The Music Group, which plans Rites of Spring and other events but has a separate fund specifically for Homecoming, topped the list at \$438,581.80 in funding.

“The money for the Music group goes into the fund to get artists that students request,” said AcFee Committee Chair Jessica Cohen. “If we cut their funding significantly it will be harder for them to attract these students. They also subsidize with ticket sales.”

The committee also decided to open the contingency fund this year to all organizations, though it was originally just for new organizations, Cohen explained. In evaluating the year-old AcFee system, the group decided that opening this budget to student petition for more funding would be helpful.

Already this year, three of the organizations whose applications were never received will have to apply for contingency funds.

“The contingency fund is still for new student organizations who develop in the middle of the year but is also for organizations that decide that they want to put on an event in the middle of the year. We know it is a lot to ask of them to plan a budget a year in advance, especially with leadership turning over,” said Cohen.

Among the organizations that were denied funding this year was McGill Hall, which rounded out the bottom of the list with no money allocated. According to Cohen, McGill was not given funding because they asked for more money than would be spent this year. “The reason that McGill didn’t get money was because they asked for money for capital,” Cohen said. “AcFee does not fund items that will last for more than a year because students pay 800 for that year and they deserve to reap all of the benefits in that one year. McGill will get money for capital through housing.”

The National Panhellenic

Council received funding under several categories, with houses receiving specific funding and the umbrella organization receiving funding under an NPHC-specific allocation and under a shared Greek allocation split among NPHC, Panhellenic and the Inter-Fraternity Council. Additionally, Beta Chi Theta and Lambda Theta Pi received allocations as cultural organizations and IFC members.

“Organizations that fall under more than one category often do activities that are open to the entire campus,” Cohen said. “Greek organizations like PanHellenic and IFC got money for events like Greek Week. You don’t have to be Greek to go for it.”

Cohen also explained the NPHC organizations, as well as Beta Chi Theta and Lambda Theta Pi, were “very much cultural,” and therefore received separate funding.

Mock Trial and Model United Nations received the highest funding of the special interest division, with \$24,775 and \$52,620 in funding, respectively. Cohen said that the high amount of travel allocations was given because of the organization’s capacities for fundraising.

“We are not going to pay for all of a groups traveling. We will subsidize that a bit because anyone is allowed to join the organization. From there, they chose people that are the best suited to compete,” Cohen said. “When we subsidize, we base the percentage on their efforts to fundraise. We want to be able to motivate them to continue to fundraise.”

Cohen said that the economy did not impact the decision making process because the funds were already collected over the summer. However, Cohen said that she thought it may affect future efforts by groups to raise money themselves.

“A lot of time, the ways it would affect students is in the way things are self-funded. Some groups may have trouble fundraising,” she said. ■

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT RECEIVED
African Student Union	\$3,250.00
Alliance for Cultural Diversity in Research	\$1,100.00
Alpha Kappa Alpha	\$7,500.00
Alpha Phi Alpha	\$4,850.00
Alpha Phi Omega	\$990.00
Alternative Spring Break	\$13,938.38
Alternative Summer Break	\$1,171.27
Alternative Winter Break	\$970.00
American Institute of Chemical Engineers	\$200.00
American Red Cross Club	\$477.00
AMIGOS	\$380.00
ArtReach	\$778.05
Asian American Student Association	\$19,000.00
ASME	\$1,500.00
Best Buddies	\$6,133.70
Beta Chi Theta	\$3,000.00
Black Student Alliance	\$12,000.00
BLUEprint	\$215.00
BME Society	\$100.00
Caribbean Students Association	\$4,100.00
Chinese Students and Scholars Association	\$3,000.00
Cigar Afficianados	\$200.00
Circle K	\$847.10
Community Vanderbilt	\$3,800.00
Connecting Hearts	\$135.00
Dance Marathon	\$12,300.00
Delta Sigma Theta	\$6,300.00
Dodecs	\$2,387.00
Dores for Children	\$350.00
Every 2 minutes	\$4,000.00
Fashion for a Cause	\$970.00
Global Health	\$295.00
Global Language Network	\$500.00
GrassRoots	\$800.00
Great Performances	\$147,500.00
Habitat for Humanity	\$4,800.00
Healthy Head Start	\$420.00
HipHop Union	\$1,000.00
Homecoming	\$49,130.00
IMAGE	\$8,500.00
Inter-American Health Alliance	\$350.00
Interfaith Council	\$10,000.00
Investment Club	\$200.00
Juggling and Physical Arts Club	\$4,800.00
Kappa Alpha Psi	\$4,700.00
Kasiisi	\$600.00
Kickoff Cookoff	\$2,361.30
Korean Students and Scholars Association	\$750.00
Korean Undergraduate Student Association	\$300.00
Lambda	\$11,000.00
Lambda Theta Alpha	\$1,000.00
Lambda Theta Phi	\$5,300.00
LEAD	\$2,000.00
LIFE Project	\$659.00
Malaysian Student Association of Vanderbilt	\$4,000.00
Manna Project International	\$5,356.00
Masala SACE	\$21,550.00
McGill Residence Association	\$0.00
Mental Health Awareness and Prevention of Suicide Project	\$250.00
Mentor TennisSee	\$500.00
Middle Eastern Student Association	\$5,250.00
Mock Trial Organization	\$14,000.00
Model United Nations	\$24,150.00
Momentum Dance Group	\$4,100.00
Multicultural Leadership Council	\$13,000.00
Music Group	\$453,000.00

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT RECEIVED
National Black Law Student Association	\$1,450.00
National Pan-Hellenic Council	\$9,461.00
National Society of Black Engineers	\$2,500.00
Net Impact	\$600.00
OLPC Vandy	\$750.00
Omega Psi Phi	\$2,510.00
ONE/Face AIDS Vanderbilt	\$2,189.01
Operation Smile	\$163.50
Organization of Black Graduate and Professional Students	\$7,720.00
Original Cast	\$30,421.00
Panhellenic/Interfraternity Council/National Pan-Hellenic Council	\$20,000.00
Peabody Graduate Student Association	\$1,250.00
Peer Educators of Project Safe	\$4,070.00
Pencil Projects	\$503.18
Phi Beta Sigma	\$2,000.00
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SPEAR	\$3,600.00
Special Activities	\$26,380.00
STAND	\$1,000.00
Student Athlete Advisory Council	\$1,300.00
Students for Kenya	\$500.00
Swingin’ Dores	\$3,189.00
Synergy (Loop)	\$3,833.00
TAAL	\$880.00
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WHEEL OF FORTUNE: Senior gets chance to compete on game show

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was told I would be a contestant on the College Spring Break episode,” Miller said. However, apart from being required to wear a Vanderbilt sweatshirt and answering a few basic questions regarding her major, there was no more mention of the contestants’ respective universities.

“We weren’t even allowed to give shout-outs. Even if you wanted to say something positive about your school or simply give a shout-out to your family, friends or sorority, you were not allowed,” Miller said.

The show stayed true to its theme in other ways, though, Miller said.

“All of the prizes, such as the Volkswagon Jetta were catered towards the interest of college students. All of the questions were related to college students and campus life,” Miller said.

“I think that the fact that

the episode relates to college life will generate a younger audience. It was a lot of fun to film and definitely will appeal more to college students than the average wheel of fortune episode does,” Miller said.

In general, Miller described her experience on the set as surreal and was surprised at how nice and supportive everyone was of one another.

“Every contestant is guaranteed a \$1,000, so it’s a win-win. Everyone is rooting for each other and we all recognize that it’s largely a game of luck. Intelligence isn’t the determining factor,” Miller said.

While Miller did not come in first place, she explained the experience was one she will not forget, and she attributes it to her friends that signed her up.

“If it weren’t for them, I never would’ve signed up and gotten the chance to be on the show,” Miller said. ■

Music to Blair’s ears



NIKKY OKORO / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Students of all backgrounds and various majors fill the practice rooms, serene courtyards and harmonious hallways and help to provide a perfect atmosphere for any school of music. First-year Robby Hill practices xylophone at the school.

JOB MARKET: Career Center a resource

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are feeling lost. The center offers an expedited process to help seniors find post-graduation jobs. This includes meetings with a career coach and the Vanderbilt Intern and Professional network, a Web site that allows seniors to find job and internship postings generated by Vanderbilt alumni.

“The job market is tight but there are a number of seniors who have been successful in securing employment,” Funk said. “Their success can be attributed to being targeted, strategic and flexible in their search. The Careers Center is ready to help.”

The Vanderbilt Institute Research Group is conducting a Graduating Senior Survey to examine the post-graduation plans of seniors, and the difficulties faced in finding a job or internship. This data will be published this summer. ■

OPINION

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A brief look back



NEILY TODD
Columnist

The year is quickly coming to a close, and for the Class of 2009, that means the end of at Vanderbilt. As I look back over the last four years, it amazes me how much has changed around us.

Summer 2005: The incoming Vanderbilt freshmen are the first class of Vanderbilt students to begin college with access to Facebook.

August 2005: The Class of 2009 moved in and was greeted by Chancellor Gee's Cookie Patrol. Almost simultaneously, Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast, leaving approximately 2,000 dead and displacing countless others. Some of the displaced Tulane students came to Vanderbilt for the fall semester.

November 19, 2005: Vanderbilt football beats Tennessee, 28-24, for the first time since 1982.

August 2006: Vanderbilt opened its first two Commons buildings. Throughout the fall semester, global tension continued to rise. As the war in Iraq raged on, Saddam Hussein was sentenced to death. North Korea tested nuclear weapons, and Iran was found to have enriched uranium.

May 11, 2006: First Lady Laura Bush visits our campus for graduation and urges seniors to dedicate themselves to serving others.

March 17, 2007: Vanderbilt basketball's Derek Byars and Shan Foster lead the Commodores to a thrilling double overtime win against Washington State, sending our team to the Sweet 16.

April 16, 2007: A Virginia Tech student opens fire on campus killing 32 students and leaving 15 injured. It was the deadliest school shooting in US history, sparking concern over college campus safety across the country. Four thousand people on the Vanderbilt campus enrolled in the AlertVU program to receive text message updates in the event of a campuswide emergency.

June 2007: Chancellor Gordon Gee, Vanderbilt's seventh chancellor, announces his resignation, shocking the entire campus — faculty, staff and students alike.

June 4, 2007: Michigan no-name freshman hits extra inning homerun off Vanderbilt ace David Price in the Regional final to prevent the Southeastern Conference Tournament Champs from advancing to College World Series.

July 17, 2007: The Dow Jones Industrial Average topped 14,000 for the first time in history.

August 2007: Provost Nicholas Zeppos becomes the interim-Chancellor, also known as iChancellor.

October 2007: The race for the 44th president of the United States is in full force with Clinton, Obama and Edwards leading the Democratic pack and Romney, Giuliani, Huckabee and McCain leading the Republicans.

January 2008: The presidential primaries begin and financial markets plunge around the world.

March 1, 2008: iChancellor Nick Zeppos is named Vanderbilt's eighth chancellor.

Aug. 8, 2008: Summer Olympics open in China, where U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps wins his 11th career gold medal, becoming the first athlete in history to do so.

August 2008: The Vanderbilt Commons open their doors for the first time to freshmen on Peabody campus, welcoming the Class of 2012.

Oct. 4, 2008: ESPN's "College GameDay" comes to Nashville for the first time, and Vanderbilt upsets No. 13 Auburn 14-13 to stay undefeated at 5-0.

Nov. 4, 2008: Barack Obama is elected the 44th president of the U.S., the first minority president in our country.

Dec. 31, 2008: Vanderbilt football plays Boston College in the Music City Bowl and secures its first bowl win since Winston Churchill was in office, and finished off the year with a 7-6 record, its first winning season since 1982.

March 2009: The unemployment rate reaches 8.5 percent.

May 8, 2009: The Class of 2009 leaves an exciting four years at Vanderbilt to face the most uncertain economy in our lifetimes.

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Live your life, kind of



THOMAS SHATTUCK
Opinion Editor

In the opening of "Live your life," T.I. claims that what does not kill you will only make you stronger. I, on the other hand, espouse a different belief: That which does not kill you only delays the inevitable. T.I. of course is really affirming his personal mantra of carpe diem, but seriously, you're going to end up dead. You might as well partially seize the day, so you can maximize the amount of days you've got left to seize.

Look at Neil Patrick Harris, he drops X in "Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle," his character in "How I Met Your Mother" wears a suit — he's the human manifestation of sheer awesomeness. He keeps it real, he lives his life, he's a magician and he moderates. That's the key here is the moderation — go wild ... but not too much.

Example: Drinking is enjoyable. Getting hammered — also enjoyable. Getting hammered, doing lines of coke with Rick James and then street

racing — not so much. The last option ends in death. Not dying is really the goal here, so keep it safe.

Another example: Going to Amsterdam with friends — so far so good. Going to Amsterdam with friends and sampling some of the local agricultural produce — still going all right. Getting so high you accidentally destroy an original Van Gogh thinking it was an assailant — technically it's not that deadly, but the Dutch authorities will be none too happy.

Dr. Seuss might tell you about the places you will go and Thomas Wolfe might say you'll never go home again, but neither actually says what you might do. Wonder why? Because no one really knows — Percy Shelley didn't make it to his 30th birthday, Einstein lived until he was 76 and Joe the Plumber is now a journalist. I'm not saying don't have fun or rock the suburbs or whatever you do, but keep it low. Body bags don't look flattering on anyone.

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Read me if you want to be grim



FRANNIE BOYLE
Columnist

This is a frustrating age to live in. For many, days are wrapped up in regrets and multiple FMLs. We find scapegoats by putting all of the blame for our problems on Vanderbilt institutions, other people or even on the al al al al alcohol (baby). What's actually burdening our generation is much bigger than that, though, and much stronger.

It's relativism. More and more people in the world today have dropped adherences to absolute truths and have moved on toward a vague mentality. Everything has become relative to what they know and to how they have been raised. If you are from up north, it is completely OK to be cooler toward people, not open doors for them and forget to call them back. It's just the way people are up there. It even goes further than this: Oh, they stone women to death for sleeping with other men? Well, that's their culture and it is not fair for us to impose ours. Relativity is giving people a dangerous acceptance of things that should probably be frowned upon. In school, we are now taught to focus on keeping an open mind and to appreciate diversity of thought and other backgrounds. This is wonderful to a certain extent, but at the same time, it prevents people from defining who they truly are.

This movement toward relativism could be happening for many different reasons. The common historical explanation is that the horrors of WWII changed people's outlooks on life. Things made less sense and previous philosophical, psychological and religious explanations did not quite cut it. Ever since, our society has been secularizing more and more, and the yearning for an absolute truth has been fading away. There is no God or force behind anything. It is all just the way it is, and because of how disconnected people have become from one another, there is no way to truly judge what's right and what's wrong.

This philosophy has not completely wiped out all the good in society. There are still plenty of people that have stuck to definitive ways of living. But others have become wrapped up in it, and it does not seem to have very healthy effects. One symptom is a constant draw to drinking and smoking. Instead of relying on ourselves or on whatever is absolutely true, we allow temporary highs from these substances to carry us away from the real world. The same goes for random hookups. They are all great in the moment, but when the time comes to face reality, things become much harder.

This has led to the degradation of personal relationships. It has become more and more likely that relationships form through the bonds of going out, taking shots together or sharing a smoke. In the moment, this may be ideal, but somewhere down the line, things happen that call for deeper, more intimate friendships. Bad things turn into tragedies when no one is there to support you, and good things never seem as good.

Relativism is dangerous because it prevents us from getting to know other people, and most importantly, it prevents us from truly getting to know ourselves. Without anyone or anything to answer to, life almost becomes pointless. It is full of temporary highs and long drawn-out lows. Maybe once the old world way of thinking completely erases itself from society, relativity won't seem so bad and people will be fully content with it. Until then, true happy living will be hard to come by.

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Students need guns

To the Editor:

The recent gunpoint robbery of another Vanderbilt student highlights the failed logic of "gun-free" zones. The current campus-wide firearms ban doesn't keep students safe. Instead, it needlessly puts us at greater risk of violent crime.

Even though the most recent crime occurred just beyond the boundaries of the "Vanderbubble," campus policies still have an impact. Students are not particularly difficult to pick out from the rest of Nashville's citizens. Since students are not allowed to carry weapons on campus, it is not unreasonable to assume students within walking distance of campus are also unarmed.

It would be naive to think this doesn't cross the mind of a potential criminal, especially in a county where an estimated one in 40 residents has a concealed weapons permit. Because of a senseless gun control policy rooted in fear and paranoid speculation rather than facts and statistics, criminals have been granted a defenseless target with cash, credit cards, and if they're lucky, a couple grand in technology.

Vanderbilt's response to this crime is to remind

us to "travel with confidence and purpose," and "stay alert and plan for 'What if ... ?'" Well, what if I am stopped by an armed gunman at around 10:30 p.m. on my way back from a late dinner? 911 is out of the question; the two- to four-minute response time would put them at the scene just in time to start collecting evidence. Since Vanderbilt has denied me any reasonable means of self-defense, my only option would be to surrender my belongings and hope the criminal was in a good mood.

Fortunately for us, the long overdue expiration of these senseless "common-sense" regulations could be in sight. Tennessee is one of seven states considering legislation that could legalize concealed carry on campus and ban administrators at public colleges from circumventing that decision. Such legislation would finally bring an end to the government mistake that allows only criminals to carry weapons within our borders.

Erik Soderstrom
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THE VERDICT		
Stand and be judged by the Hustler opinion staff. Compiled by Thomas Shattuck		
William Macy		Award-winning actor William H. Macy says his long career in movies, on stage and on television is in transition, moving him behind the camera as offers for acting roles have hit a lull. There goes another Fargo, but maybe something else will turn up.
Karate		A Russian karate expert has been charged with beating to death a 61-year-old woman and her son, whom he accused of infecting his wife with lice. The 58-year-old husband of the dead woman was also badly beaten, but survived.
Clowns		Unemployment hit 8.5 percent and jobs are disappearing across the country but at least one industry is growing. About two dozen people sporting big noses and oversized shoes auditioned to become a clown with Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus.
Poland		A Polish politician has criticized his local zoo for acquiring an elephant named Ninio who prefers male companions. We didn't pay 37 million zlotys for the largest elephant house in Europe to have a gay elephant live there," Michal Grzes said.
Hookers		Nevada lawmakers on Thursday defeated a proposed prostitution tax that had won support from brothel owners and working ladies willing to do their part to ease the state's budget crisis. But a sharply divided state Senate committee voted 4-3 to kill the tax.
Sex		Human females may get offended at dates who expect a little something extra after they buy a steak dinner, but for chimpanzees, the exchange may be a fair one. They found that female chimpanzees mate more frequently with males who often share meat with them.
Women drivers		A German woman was involved in three car accidents in less than an hour that left a total of seven vehicles damaged but she suffered only slight injuries. The 69-year-old woman from Berlin first crashed into three cars while trying to pull out of a supermarket car park.
Death		The skeleton of a German retiree who tied himself to the top of a tree and shot himself nearly 30 years ago has been found by a hiker. German police in the town of Landshut said the 69-year-old man disappeared in 1980 and had been classified as missing.
Miley Cyrus		Sixteen-year-old actress Miley Cyrus became one of the biggest stars in Hollywood as her first non-concert movie topped the North American box office, earning twice as much as Disney had forecast. Proving, once again, most people don't have taste.
Kanye West		Kanye West's ego was a little bruised by his less than flattering depiction on "South Park," which portrayed the rapper as egocentric. West wrote on his blog in his customary all-caps style that the long-running animated satire "murdered" him, but that it was funny.

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Grins grief



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If you have seen students wandering aimlessly around campus this past week, you've probably seen Grins Groupies struggling through withdrawal. As you may know, Grins has closed in observance of Passover, and their loyal (read: maniacally obsessed) followers are despondent in its absence. Some of my closest friends are Grins Groupies, and I have quite enjoyed watching them have to eat with all us common folk in Rand. I'm from a big city at home, and I take a sick pleasure in the wide-eyed wonder suburbanites have when they come in town. This past week, I've been able to enjoy that same experience watching the Grins Groupies navigate through Rand.

Rand is the bustling New York City to Grins' safe, suburban neighborhood. In Rand, you take in all the options, you order quickly, and then you get the hell out of there. No one expects the lady at the salad bar to remember your name or your order because you two aren't friends, you're just participants in the same process. Rand won't win any culinary awards, but the food isn't too bad and there's plenty of variety. It's crowded in Rand, but everyone finds a place to eat, and people generally don't take a six-person table for a two-person lunch date. People are hard on Rand, but it does its job excellently. Like most urbanites, people in Rand may not be sweet to one another, but they operate as part of a community.

In Grins, however, the vibe is totally different. It looks nice, and people rave about it,

but it's really pretty boring if you dig a little deeper. The food at Grins is good, but not good for you. If I hear another Grins Groupie equate 'vegetarian' with 'healthy' while explaining the virtue of Grins, I'll explode. Cookies the size of your face, pasta coated in ranch dressing, and entrees based on peanut butter are not healthy. Like the suburbs, Grins is also full of false friendliness. The people behind the counter may remember your name and that you always get the panini, but they also make fun of you as soon as you move down the line. Yeah, Grins employees, we can all hear you when you make fun of us because the glass display case only blocks germs, not sound. And many of the girls waiting to order at Grins are just as fake as the staff because they cut in line while smiling at each other.

I have tried to use this time when Grins is closed to show some of my friends the good parts of Rand, but it's a tough sell. Although I can offer those delicious rolls, outdoor seating, a salad bar and the best chocolate milk in the world, they are dedicated Groupies. We're all set in our ways, and I don't think the bustle suits them. In the meantime, take a look around Rand during lunch and take pity upon (and maybe have a chuckle about) the poor souls wandering around in search of bit of dry bread, some weird olive spread, tomatoes and a meager serving of cheese to make into a panini so they can reminisce about Grins.

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Finding a common view

To the Editor:

It is necessary to view The Commons qualitatively and accept the positives as well as the negatives. There is no reason that a definitive black and white label must be created to commend its success or condemn its failure, though both Greg Gauthier and Katherine Miller imply just that.

One student's perspective, Gauthier's specifically, is not representative of the entire Class of 2012's experience, and certainly one's experience is what is made of it. There were numerous opportunities to participate in events with other houses, but if one does not want to participate — and Gauthier himself even said he was not outgoing — then one isn't going to feel a sense of community or connection with other students. One may even miss the subtle personalities the houses have developed over the year.

However, house identities as pronounced as Gryffindor or Slytherin aren't terribly important anyway when students are interacting as a class and not a house. Roommates meet with friends from across The Commons at fourth meal to lament the latest chemistry test or to simply procrastinate.

With regards to roommates, Vanderbilt could certainly come up with a better selection process. I would be the first person to attest to this and advocate for a more in-depth system for random pairing, but this is something to learn from and change. The random pairing for the VUcept groups, though, is not without merit or purpose. Even if you don't become best buddies with the group members, you are

exposed to people and viewpoints you might not otherwise take the time to consider. However, VUcept is also still changing and evolving into something more students can relate to and enjoy. It's not perfect, but it's not immutable.

As for Miller, she seems to be under the impression that everyone must study in groups in order to be successful or bonded. The dorms, new and old, offer plenty of quiet study space, and the Commons Center is a great place to socialize. Why must we study there specifically to be considered bonded or connected?

That aside, I mostly take issue with Miller's conviction that we wasted The Commons. This class of students walked starry-eyed onto campus into this completely new concept of college life, and on top of that, we were the guinea pigs for the new Commons experiment. Was Miller expecting perfection? I hope not; we were given this experience to see what would happen. Perhaps we didn't achieve the Hogwarts she would have liked, but Hogwarts was a thousand years old; The Commons is only one, and there was plenty of room for error.

Was the project a complete failure? Certainly not. But was it a complete success? No, not quite. Peabody lawn could have been turned into a much-needed Quidditch pitch, for one thing. But we take these shortcomings in stride, make modifications and try things differently the next time around.

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SPORTS

Rain-out secures sweep of top-ranked Arkansas

by DAVID RUTZ
Sports Editor

The final game of Vanderbilt's series with the No. 1 Arkansas Razorbacks was rained out Sunday, securing a two-game sweep for the Commodores and their second Southeastern Conference series victory in a row.

Led by junior Mike Minor's superb pitching performance Friday night, Vanderbilt (21-13, 7-7) shut out Arkansas 9-0 in the series opener. Minor struck out 11 batters and allowed just four hits in eight innings. The top of the Vanderbilt line-up consisting of junior Andrew Giobbi, sophomore Steven Liddle and sophomore Curt Casali combined to go 6-11 with three runs scored and four RBIs in the win. Freshman Jason Esposito scored a team-high three runs.

Saturday, the Commodores won

in another rout, 13-6, to secure the series win. In a nine-run fifth inning, nine of the first 10 Commodore batters reached base. Liddle and freshman Joe Loftus both hit two-run singles, and junior Brian Harris, freshman Riley Reynolds and senior Jonathan White also plated runs to help break a tenuous 2-0 advantage into an insurmountable 11-0 deficit.

Sophomore Caleb Cotham pitched seven solid innings and struck out 12 Arkansas (24-8, 10-4) hitters to improve to 5-3 on the season.

Vanderbilt returns to action at home on Tuesday when the team hosts Middle Tennessee State. The Commodores will get a chance for revenge after the Blue Raiders routed them last week in Murfreesboro, 8-0. Vanderbilt has five straight home games and will also host Alabama next weekend. ■



CHRIS PHARE / The Vanderbilt Hustler
The Commodores had plenty of reason to celebrate after sweeping two games from the top-ranked Arkansas Razorbacks, the first time the Commodores had defeated a No. 1 team since Rice in 2007.

COLUMN

Windy City good fit for Cutler

by DAVID NAMM
Sports Reporter

Dear Jay,

It's me again. Sorry to write back so soon, but I simply couldn't help it. After I saw your response to my last letter, I felt the need to give you a shout. Though you didn't actually write me back (after all, that is so '80s), I got the response I needed. I saw the real Jay Cutler.

He came out of hibernation outside the frigid complex of Soldier Field. He emerged from the Rocky Mountains victorious in some ways — after all, he had forced his way to the Second City in the blockbuster deal he craved — and humbled in others. He emerged as a young leader who, for the first time in months, managed to say all the right things. "Everything happens for a reason," he said. "I'm really happy to be here."

In short, he emerged as the real Jay Cutler. Welcome back, Jay.

Admittedly, Mr. Cutler, I may be looking at this a little too optimistically — it was just one press conference that has led me to this conclusion. However, this was no ordinary press conference. You faced a frenzy of questions from a fiery media that brought more pressure than most defensive sack artists, and you managed to escape unscathed. You were gracious to the city of Denver, welcomed Chicago with open arms and even threw in the potentially unnecessary and slightly touching apology to young Broncos fans. Nice touch.

You also accepted the challenge of both restoring your tarnished image and taking on the legendary Bears' franchise quarterback role with a surprising amount of polish. You are suiting up for a team whose list of inadequate starting quarterbacks over the past two decades includes (but by all means is not limited to): Kordell Stewart, Chad Hutchinson, Brian Griese and Shane Matthews along with my personal favorite — and the pride of Gainesville, Fla. — Rex "Sexy Rexy" Grossman. In essence, the smash-mouth brand of football Chicago is known for has left the bar set remarkably low for gunslingers. You, my friend, have done much more than change that; you have embraced it.

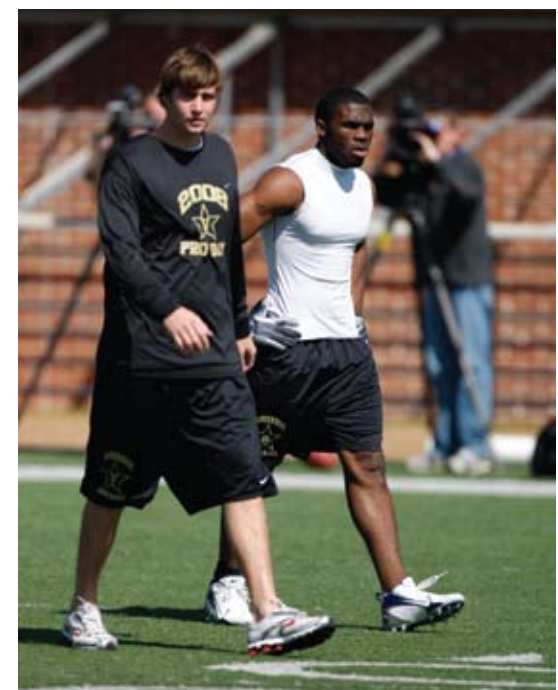
"Expectations are high everywhere," you said with a flair that hinted you are well-prepared to surpass expectations that, truth be told, may just be higher than anywhere else you could have landed. Keep in mind, though, that leading the Bears to a championship may not be as easy as it could have eventually been in Denver. Consider this: With the Broncos, you had a bona fide offensive weapon in Brandon Marshall; reliable, up-and-coming targets in Eddie Royal and Tony Scheffler; an offensive wunderkind in Josh McDaniels who could have worked wonders with that arm of yours; and a defense that had nowhere to go but up. In Chicago, you have no bona-fide offensive weapons; weather conditions that historically don't favor quarterbacks; and a fading defense, with superstar Brian Urlacher slowing down by the year. Even so, what you have in Chicago is something you never had in Denver.

You have a team to call your own. You have a team where the venerable, legendary name of Elway will not forever be held above your head. You have a fan base so starved for a quarterback that they were once sold on the aforementioned Grossman. Most of all, though, you have an organization that wants you.

"This is a dream come true," the real Jay Cutler said.

It certainly is, Jay. It certainly is.

Sincerely,
A hopeful fan



JOHN RUSSELL / VU Media Relations
Jay Cutler and Earl Bennett, old Vanderbilt teammates, have been reunited in Chicago after Cutler was traded to Bennett's Bears.

The Chicago Bears won in the Jay Cutler trade

The dust has settled on the trade of Vanderbilt's own Jay Cutler from Denver to Chicago and we debate: Who won in this deal? The Bears or the Broncos?



NAM Y. HUH / AP
Quarterback Jay Cutler receives his new Chicago Bears jersey after being traded from the Denver Broncos after three seasons. At left is Chicago general manager Jerry Angelo and at right is head coach Lovie Smith. Cutler has thrown 54 touchdowns but also 37 interceptions in 37 career starts. Chicago gave up first-round draft picks in 2009 and 2010, as well as quarterback Kyle Orton, to acquire the former Vanderbilt star.

GOOD CALL

by DAVID RUTZ
Sports Editor

There's no doubt about it: The Bears have been without a franchise quarterback for longer than most of you have been alive. The search finally ended when they wisely went all in on a deal for Broncos quarterback Jay Cutler.

Chicago gave up first-round draft picks in 2009 and 2010, as well as intrepid, neckbearded quarterback Kyle Orton, to acquire the slinger who brought Vanderbilt to national prominence. Too much to give up? Not for an organization as starved for a supreme signal-caller as the Monsters of Midway.

With 54 touchdown passes in 37 straight starts, and fresh off a Pro Bowl appearance, Cutler's production can't be questioned. Like him or not, he's also got swagger and attitude, which Chicago needs from its quarterback.

Most importantly, he's definitely got the job.

The Bears have been cycling through quarterbacks for over 20 years trying to find consistency. Now, coach Lovie Smith knows he's going to get solid play under center.

Cue the huge sigh of relief.

No more quarterback controversies plaguing this clubhouse. Cutler's the guy.

Losing draft picks for two years is significant, but let's face it: General manager Jerry Angelo hasn't shown a lot of skill in using those picks. Remember Cedric Benson? Yeesh.

Trading for Cutler not only energizes the Chicago fan base, but it also helps the Bears' run game, which has always been their bread and butter. Cutler's ability to throw downfield should open things up even more for tailback Matt Forte, who still enjoyed a breakout season in his rookie year without a particularly potent passing game.

Granted, Cutler certainly doesn't have the targets he had in Denver so it's unlikely his production will be as exceptional as before. But with a revamped offensive line helped by the signing of Orlando Pace, as well as what should be an emphasis on finding wide receiver production in the free agent market, the Bears should be back in the playoff conversation again after a two-year absence, with Cutler leading the way.

Welcome to the Bears, Jay. They've been waiting for you. ■

BAD CALL

by MIKE KRANZLER
Sports Reporter

Broncos fans should be taking a collective sigh of relief right now. Jay Cutler was a major headache for a generally classy organization that did not deserve such a hassle. But the Broncos ultimately came out on top in trading their young signal-caller who has yet to live up to his reputation.

Seven Broncos running backs went down with season-ending injuries last year, and by the end of the season, they were handing the ball off to a player who had spent the first half of the season working in a cell phone kiosk at a mall.

With no options at running back, the Broncos had no choice but to let Cutler throw on almost every play.

Even Ryan Leaf, one of the worst quarterbacks ever, could have generated big numbers playing in that offense. And he probably would have been comparable to Cutler in interceptions, where his 18 picks were second only to Brett Favre, who played the last part of the season with an injured shoulder before riding off into the sunset

(again).

Sure, the Chicago Bears significantly improved their team by trading for Cutler. With Rex Grossman and Kyle Orton sharing snaps over the last few years, almost anything would have been an improvement.

But Bears fans should take this trade with a grain of salt. Going from a team with two outstanding young receivers to a team whose best offensive option is their kick returner, Cutler will likely struggle to even approach the numbers he produced in Denver.

The price the Bears paid was extremely steep. The NFL Draft is a sort of national holiday for football fans, a weekend that marks the beginning of a new season, when optimism is high for every team except Detroit.

In giving up their first-round draft picks for each of the next two years, the Bears brass are mortgaging their future by placing far too much hope in Cutler as the missing link.

A team is only as strong as its weakest link, but if Cutler loses his cool again, the entire chain may begin to crumble. ■

Bowlers bow out quietly

by DAVID RUTZ
Sports Editor

It wasn't the way it was scripted, but the reality was the top-ranked Vanderbilt bowling team went out quietly at the NCAA Championships, getting eliminated in the third round of the tournament by Central Missouri on Friday in a 4-0 sweep to finish in fifth place.

The Commodores, a No. 4 seed after Thursday's qualifying round, were upset by fifth-seeded Fairleigh Dickinson in the first round Friday morning to fall into the loser's bracket. They came from behind in the best-of-seven showdown with Arkansas State to win 4-3 and advance, but that was

as far as they got. In the Baker match-up against Central Missouri, the Commodores struggled, never putting up more than 196 pins in a round after putting up four rounds of over 200 in their win over Arkansas State.

Nebraska wound up winning the national championship, its third since 2004 and eighth in program history.

With the elimination, Vanderbilt saw the end of the careers of seniors Michelle Peloquin, Karen Grygiel, Tara Kane and Kaitlin Reynolds, the school's first-ever recruiting class that brought the program to new heights during their four years.

After capturing the school's first-ever national championship in 2007, the team

finished third at nationals last season and then set a school record this year by winning five tournaments, including their first-ever victory at the Music City Classic.

The Commodores once again had a roster full of terrific talent, so falling short at nationals was a disappointment. Demonstrating the depth the team had, Vanderbilt players were given several honors at the pre-tournament banquet.

For another outstanding campaign, junior Josie Earnest was named the NCAA Bowler of the Year for the second straight season, and she, Peloquin and freshman Brittini Hamilton were named First-Team All-Americans. Hamilton was also named the NCAA Rookie of the Year. ■

Winning streak over for LAX

by BRIAN LINHARES
Sports Reporter

Prior to Sunday's date in Columbus, Ohio State had not beaten Vanderbilt in 10 years. The No. 10 Commodores were riding a six-game winning streak, with an average margin of victory of over nine goals.

For Senior Day, the Buckeyes had other ideas.

In a closely contested match, Ohio State defeated Vanderbilt 15-13. The squads traded scores throughout, as neither held greater than a four-goal advantage.

Sophomore Katherine Denkler put the Commodores ahead early, connecting with the first of her three goals to give the visitors a 2-1 lead just past the 25-minute mark.

However, the Buckeyes subsequently stormed past Vanderbilt on a 5-1 run over the next 10 minutes. Sophomore midfielder Meghan Beaudrault spearheaded the stretch, adding two goals.

The Commodores answered with their own 3-0 sequence to close out the opening half and move into the final period. Less than one minute into the second session,

freshman Ally Carey's first score tied the contest at 6-6.

Vanderbilt continued to trade off goals with the Buckeyes, standing deadlocked at 9-9 with less than 20 minutes remaining.

Yet, Ohio State responded with another 5-1 effort to hold the largest edge of the afternoon, at four. Senior Rachel Hawes notched two of her five goals over the spell, the final of which put the hosts in command, 14-10.

But State could not put the Commodores away. Vanderbilt closed the gap, on the heels of a 3-0 run. Carey's second goal, with three minutes to play, yielded a 14-13 tally.

Coach Cathy Swezey's unit could not bridge the separation. With 44 seconds left in regulation, freshman Alex Priddy's attempt was rebuffed by Ohio State goalie Kristen Gilwee.

Buckeye Alayna Markwordt connected at the horn for the final tally.

The Commodores will return to Nashville, for the home finale against Notre Dame on Wednesday. The following Tuesday, April 21, Vanderbilt closes its regular season at Cornell. ■



Freshman Ally Carey (2) scored two goals on Sunday against Ohio State to keep Vanderbilt close, but the Buckeyes held off the Commodores down the stretch to win, 15-13. ZAC HARDY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Another close loss



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Vijay Paul fell at No. 1 singles to Tennessee on Sunday and Vanderbilt lost a 4-3 match for the second straight time to fall to 1-9 in SEC play and 5-15 overall.

Visited by two top-five foes over the weekend, the Vanderbilt men's tennis team came close but fell 4-3 in matches to No. 5 Georgia on Friday and No. 4 Tennessee on Sunday.

Alex DiValerio, Alex Zotov and Adam Baker won singles matches to keep the Commodores close against the Volunteers, but Nick Cromydas was defeated at No. 3 singles to clinch UT's victory.

Vandy track team posts its season-best times

by TRAVIS YOUNG
For The Hustler

Freshman sprinter Teegan Hill and sophomore distance standout Rita Jorgensen posted a pair of top-10 finishes to highlight the Vanderbilt track team's best performance of the outdoor season at the Ole Miss Invitational Saturday. The Commodores posted nearly season-high marks in every event in Oxford Saturday.

Hill continued to show her athletic potential and why her future at Vanderbilt is bright by cracking the top-five all-time 200- and 400-meter dash times. On Saturday, Hill posted a 24.48, good for tenth place out of a field of 70 runners. Hill's 200-mark is the fastest 200-meter time since former Olympian Ryan Tolbert ran sub-24's for in 1996 and 1997.

Later in the day, Hill recorded her first top-five finish of the

outdoor season with a blistering 55.01 in the 400-meter dash. Hill's 400-meter time tops her previous collegiate high of 55.73, which she set in the indoor season at the Iowa State Classic. The 55.01 mark ranks third in school's all-time outdoor marks.

Jorgensen led a strong contingent of Vanderbilt distance runners in the 1500-meter run with a season-high mark of 4:30.97. The Commodores had three runners place in the top-10 in the women's 1500 as Jordan White and Louise Hannallah ran season-best times of 4:36.08 and 4:43.97, good for sixth and ninth place, respectively. The Commodore distance squad displayed its depth in Oxford as six Vanderbilt runners notched 1500 meter times under 4:50.

Three hours after the 1500, Jorgensen joined three Commodores in the 800-meter

run. The former White Station prep state champion led the way with an eighth-place time of 2:15.05 while Jillian Currie and Kate Southcote-Want crossed the finish line at 2:22.15 and 2:23.49 respectively.

On the men's side, Vanderbilt had five guys compete in the 1500-meter run.

Vanderbilt was led by senior Mike Nordlund's 12th-place 4:00.55 while Jenner Kizer and Thomas Davis posted times of 4:06.57 and 4:07.13 respectively.

Vanderbilt's multi-event athlete, Mallory Hitt, competed in the long jump and 100-meter hurdles Saturday, placing 28th and 25th respectively, while Josalyn White placed 31st out of 60 runners with a 12.42 in the 100-meter dash.

The Commodores will return to the track next weekend as they travel to the Auburn Invitational, April 17-18. ■



Michael Nordlund, also a cross country runner, finished in 12th place in the 1500-meter race for the Vanderbilt track team on Saturday. ZAC HARDY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

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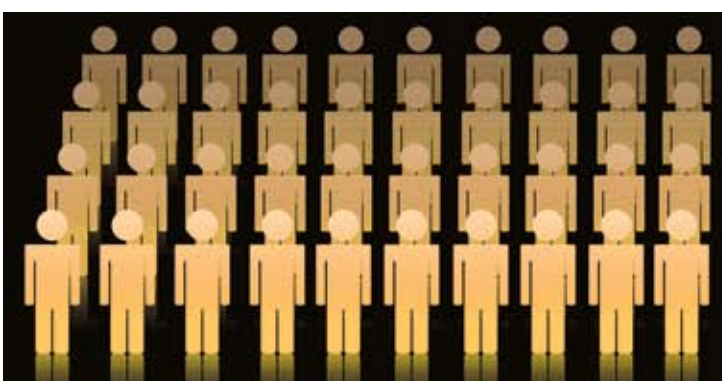




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