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CALENDAR

TODAY

• Rites of Spring tickets
Rites of Spring tickets are available at 10 a.m. through Ticketmaster and at the Sarratt Box Office. The lineup includes Drake, Ben Harper and Relentless7, Phoenix and Passion Pit.



• Nashville sit-ins symposium

The Office of Active Citizenship and Service will host a symposium to reflect on the 1960 Nashville sit-ins from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight in the Student Life Center Ballroom.

• Mural painting in Rand

The bare wall along the front of Rand Dining Hall will be transformed into a permanent mural by students and others. The Department of Art and Okay Mountain Collective will conduct workshops throughout the week.

TOMORROW

• Blake Mycoskie speech

Blake Mycoskie, founder of TOMS Shoes, will speak in Langford Auditorium at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale for \$10, and all proceeds will benefit Partners in Health for their work in Haiti.



WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24

• Life and work of a Mexican-American author and artist

AMIGOS will present a look into the life and work of Enedina Casarez-Vasquez, a renowned author and artist at 6:30 p.m. in Buttrick Hall, followed by a reception.

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The 2010 Vanderbilt University Dance Marathon raised \$176,698.24, benefiting the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. During the event's eight-year history, nearly \$900,000 has been raised by the organization to support the hospital.

Students raise \$176,698 to benefit Monroe Carrell Jr. Children's Hospital.

by JUSTIN TARDIFF
News Editor

Dancers and moralers celebrated Saturday morning at the conclusion of the annual Vanderbilt University Dance Marathon, as the organization announced it had raised a record-setting \$176,698.24 to benefit the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt.

"We are absolutely thrilled," said senior Liz Lehman, VUDM director of public relations. "We made a \$30,000 increase from last year's total, in spite of the recession, and I think that is a huge testament to how hard the committee worked."

The 14-hour event, now in its eighth year, featured performances by student groups, an hourly seven-minute "morale dance," along with appearances by musical acts and by hypnotist Dr. Jon Taylor. "This year we made a little more effort to have acts come in later in the night," said Lehman. "Having outside entertainment gave people a little more of a boost."

Freshman Jon Rice was among those selected to be hypnotized

on stage.

"(The night) was a lot of fun," he said. "I got to check a lot of things off my list for life: I was hypnotized, got to ride a bull, got in a fat-suit to sumo wrestle."

Many Commodore athletes attended to show their support for the hospital.

"It's all about the kids," said football player Greg Billinger, a senior. "I live off campus, and to get to campus I walk through the Children's Hospital almost every day. I see a lot of the faces — that's why I'm here tonight."

The evening had special significance, as well, as families who have benefited from the Children's Hospital shared their stories. Among them: 12-year-old Hannah Huth, of the eponymous "Ask Hannah" posters seen around campus.

"Vanderbilt Children's Hospital is such a great place," she said. "I thank you so much."

Turnout at Dance Marathon, however, was somewhat less than expected, despite having more registered participants than any prior marathon. "Individual dancers were committed, but the general Vandy community didn't come out as strongly as in past years," Lehman said.

Dance Marathon is the largest student-run philanthropy at Vanderbilt. This year's event raised \$30,000 more than last. Since 2003, the organization has raised nearly \$900,000 for the Children's Hospital. ■

MONEY RAISED BY VUDM



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Dance Marathon's executive board leads the remaining students in a final morale dance just before 7 a.m. on Saturday morning, Feb. 20, 2010.



CHRISTOPHER HONIBALL / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Students celebrate after the final total is revealed on Saturday morning.

Mycoskie event to benefit Haiti

by HANNAH TWILLMAN
Editor-in-Chief

His company's shoes are by now a common accessory around campus, and on Tuesday the Vanderbilt community will be able to meet the founder of TOMS Shoes, Blake Mycoskie.

Mycoskie will be speaking about the company's mission and practices beginning at 7 p.m. in Langford Auditorium. All proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to Partners in Health through the Does for Haiti Disaster Relief Program. Tickets are \$10 and can be bought at the Sarratt Box Office or at the door.

In addition, beginning Monday at noon, all donations made to the Does for Haiti relief fund — including proceeds



BLAKE MYCOSKIE

from Tuesday's event — will be matched by the Entrepreneurs Foundation Help Haiti Fund. For one week, each contribution will be doubled.

The TOMS organization works to use the purchasing power of consumers to help benefit other societies. According to its "One for One" philosophy, for every pair of shoes bought, one pair is donated to a child in need in dozens of countries around the world.

Organized by the Global Poverty Initiative, an umbrella organization dedicated to promoting solutions to poverty and its symptoms around the world since October, said senior Dave Pittman, one of the co-founders of the group. When Port-au-Prince, Haiti, was devastated by the 7.0-magnitude earthquake in January, however, the group decided to switch its focus from aid for Africa to Haitian relief, he said.

"The need in Haiti right now

is so severe," he said. "Obviously, there are other problems all over the world, but I feel like we really need to focus on Haiti at least right now."

Pittman said they chose to partner with Partners in Haiti because of its established history in the country. Plus, TOMS Shoes is already partnered with the organization — Partners in Health distributes the shoes delivered to Haiti by TOMS.

The Does for Haiti campaign has already raised approximately \$10,700 of its \$25,000 goal, and Pittman said he hopes this event can help get them even closer to that goal.

"If we can sell out, that would mean about \$10,000 for Partners in Health in the end," he said. "Which would be huge." ■

New undergrad Honor Council members elected

by LAURA DOLBOW
Asst News Editor

Vanderbilt undergraduates selected new members and ratified proposed changes to the constitution of the Undergraduate Honor Council earlier this month.

The selection process for new members was highly competitive, said Caroline Tredway, Honor Council's vice president of public affairs.

"We had over 80 applications this year. It's the most we've ever had that I know of," she said.

The student body vote also approved all proposed amendments to the constitution, making changes to the selection process and establishing a minimum GPA for members.

The changes were the result of several years of work.

"The board two years ago came up with the ideas, the next board revised it, and we finally got the vote out. It wasn't our idea; we just helped finalize the changes," Tredway said.

The board is optimistic that the changes will be beneficial.

"The changes should help us run more smoothly and better serve the Honor Council and the student body," Tredway said. ■

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CRIME LOG

compiled by AMANDA NIEMAN

Tuesday, Feb. 16, 7:13 a.m.

Two people were intoxicated and said they had taken prescription medication. They were arrested on the 11th floor of the Critical Care Tower.

Tuesday, Feb. 16, 8:15 a.m.

A wallet and its contents were stolen from a Wilson Hall women's restroom.

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1:45 p.m.

A window was broken out of a vehicle in Village at Vanderbilt, and a GPS and money were stolen.

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2:50 p.m.

Money was stolen from a purse in the Ingram Cancer Center.

Around the Loop

compiled by HANNAH TWILLMAN

DID YOU CAMP OUT FOR THE KENTUCKY GAME ON SATURDAY?



"No, I was sick and had too much work."
—Charles Curry, Class of 2011



"No, but I went to the game. I didn't even know people were going to camp out."
—Lucas Muller, Class of 2011



"No, I had to study for bio."
—Kashia Curry, Class of 2012



"I really wanted to go, but when I walked by at 2 p.m. the line was to Olin. I felt like I needed to be there four hours before."
—Beth Pamke, Class of 2012



"No, I had to work at Asian New Year Festival."
—Yj Ko, Class of 2012

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Be an artist or a designer. Probably a very poor artist but a happy one.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR FREE TIME?

Books, films, theater, museums, gardening, tennis, cooking and travel.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT IN NASHVILLE?

Vanderbilt, of course. Second choice would be Cheekwood.

WHAT'S ONE THING STUDENTS WOULD BE SURPRISED TO FIND OUT ABOUT YOU?

How impressed I am with Vanderbilt's students and what a joy it is to begin to get to know students.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE VACATION DESTINATION?

An island with no cars. Second choice, London.

IF YOU DIDN'T LIVE IN NASHVILLE, WHERE WOULD YOU WANT TO LIVE?

My husband is an oceanographer, and we still have a home in San Diego. Some day, we hope to spend a month or two in a dozen different places.

compiled by AMANDA NIEMAN

SNAPSHOT

Vandy fanatics



JUSTIN MENESTRINA / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Students waited in line for as many as 19 hours before tip-off for seats at Saturday's men's basketball game against Kentucky, some camping out over night. By Saturday afternoon, the line of gold-clad students extended from Memorial Gym down 25th Avenue.



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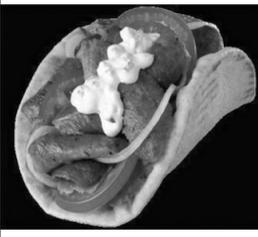
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Welcoming the year of the tiger



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The annual Asian New Year Festival featured singing solos, instrumental ensembles and dancing acts, hosted by the Asian American Student Association in the Student Life Center on Saturday night.

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New radio station named for basketball, football coverage

by JUSTIN TARDIFF
News Editor

Commodore fans will need a new preset on their radios this fall to hear play-by-play coverage of several Vanderbilt athletic teams.

In a new three-year deal, which will go into effect with the upcoming football season, the flagship station of the Vanderbilt ISP Sports Network will change from 104.5 The Zone, which is owned by Citadel Communications, to Cumulus Media-owned 97.1 RQQ.

The Vanderbilt ISP Sports

Network broadcasts football and men's basketball games to 10 radio stations in Tennessee. 97.1 RQQ will also be the new home of call-in shows with Commodore coaches, and a daily Commodore update hosted by play-by-play announcer Joe Fisher also will move to the station. Women's basketball and baseball games, heard locally on SportsRadio 560 WNSR, will be unaffected by the change.

"We have appreciated the long run with our current flagship station," said Vice Chancellor for University Affairs

and Athletics, David Williams, in a statement released Friday. "But as we looked at what would be Vanderbilt's best option going forward, we found a terrific new partner with Cumulus Media and 97.1 RQQ."

Some media reports suggest the change comes as 104.5 The Zone becomes the flagship station of the Tennessee Titans and would have less time to cover the Commodores. The Zone features primarily sports talk and play-by-play coverage, while 97.1 RQQ plays rock music and airs NASCAR races.

"(97.1 RQQ) management is excited to welcome our programming and brings a very strong commitment to showcase Commodore athletics," Williams said. "Our fans are going to be very pleased that our games will be 97.1 RQQ's top sports priority."

During the fall 2009 Arbitron ratings period, 104.5 The Zone was the seventh-most listened-to radio station in the Nashville area among listeners 12-plus. 97.1 RQQ came in 16th place, making it the lowest-rated full-power commercial radio station in Middle Tennessee. ■

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COLUMN

Rajaan Bennett did all the right things

Bennett demonstrated what it means to be a real leader, not just an athlete or a student.



MIKE WARREN
Columnist

At 18 years old, Rajaan Bennett was the man of the house. He shared the house in Powder Springs, Ga., with his widowed mother and siblings, including a brother with special needs. Rajaan held a 3.8 GPA at McEachern High School, and he was the Indians' captain and all-state star running back. He put up some phenomenal numbers his senior year, including more than 1,800 rushing yards and 28 touchdowns. It was not even three weeks ago that Rajaan signed his letter of intent to play football at Vanderbilt and became the Commodores' top recruit.

Coach Bobby Johnson's words echo what Rajaan's high school coaches had to say about him. "As we got to know Rajaan, it became very clear to our coaches that he was a better person than he was an athlete," Johnson told reporters last week. "He was a leader, a young man who gained the respect of the entire community at McEachern High School."

That respect came as much from his actions off the football field as on it. While he was tearing through D-lines every Friday night, Rajaan was also taking care of his younger siblings throughout the week. When he was hanging out with his friends or going to see a movie, a younger brother was certain to be in tow. Rajaan was a family man first.

And it's certain that he was thinking about his family when he decided to come to Vanderbilt instead of Tennessee, Kentucky or any of the other schools looking to grab up his talent on the field. McEachern athletics director Jimmy Dorsey told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution that Rajaan chose Vanderbilt "because of the academics. Football was just a means for him to get where he wanted to be in life." The maturity of this young man, who had all the stats and talent to be headstrong, is striking.

He was infinitely more of a man than his mother's ex-boyfriend, who last week broke into the Bennetts' house and killed Rajaan before turning the gun on himself. For a final time, Rajaan had to be the man of the house, defending it and his family to his death. It's an expectation no 18-year-old should have to uphold, but Rajaan stepped up anyway. The tragedy is that Rajaan was doing all the right things: loving his family, working hard in school and using his talents and abilities to make a better life for himself.

Dorsey recalled to the AJC the last time he saw Rajaan. "I was patting Rajaan on the back and telling him what an unbelievable young man he was, how special he was," Dorsey said. "I reached around his back, was patting him on the back and said, 'You must have wings back there, because you're an angel.'"

Given the brief but meaningful life Rajaan Bennett lived, that assessment doesn't seem too far off. Requiescat in pace.

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THE VERDICT

Stand and be judged by the Hustler opinion staff! Compiled by Peter Nygaard & Medora Brown

Haters		Elton John recently stated that he believes that Jesus was gay. So, that would make Jesus potentially a gay, black, Jew. Somewhere, Klansmen are going "Oh, aw ... but ... but I've got all these posters! Aw ..."
Middle-Eastern Women		Saudi Arabia is taking the final steps toward making it legal for a woman to argue a case in court. This would clear the way for female lawyers but would also prove very helpful for any failures on the part of the women.
Middle-Eastern Women		An Al Qaeda member was arrested for allegedly recruiting female suicide bombers, a trend that's started to emerge in Iraq over the past month or so. Tough break for Iraqi men who have begun to find out that there's another meaning for "romance explosion."
Cat Gangs		A Missouri man stands accused of child abuse in the wake of his three-week-old daughter's death. Tristan Williams' daughter stopped breathing after the bouncing chair in her crib tipped over with her inside. Williams claims he saw two cats leap out of the crib and scamper away. With any witnesses apparently too scared to talk to the cops, though, Williams will most likely be taking the fall.
Easy Baking		Fifty years ago, Ronald Howes put a 100-watt light bulb in a plastic box and provided millions of children with hours of cooking fun. Howes, the inventor of the Easy-Bake Oven, passed away last week at the age of 83. Barbie, My Little Pony and G.I. Joe will all be in attendance at the memorial service.

COLUMN

The return of warmer weather

With the nascent arrival of spring, new opportunities lay on the horizon.



CLAIRE COSTANTINO
Columnist

I used to think the idea of Seasonal Affective Disorder was silly. No sunshine so you're feeling down? Oh, please. But these past few weeks at Vanderbilt have made me a believer — sunshine shall set you free. The world is a happy and hopeful place when the weather is pleasant. For a while, it has felt like the end of days is upon us, and I blame winter. I've been having a pretty easy semester, but every assignment felt overwhelming because the gray skies and bone-chilling weather made sleeping feel like the only achievable task. After the second snow, I was considering buying an artificial sunlight lamp just so I could make it through the day.

Luckily, this past weekend has restored my faith in spring at Vanderbilt. The dreary weather was really getting me down. Not just because it was cold, damp, dark and miserable every moment of the day since we returned, but because I could see it taking its toll on the campus as a whole. Less laughter in Rand, fewer people frolicking on Alumni Lawn, less afternoon fratting and, perhaps saddest of all, no one was working on their tan while they read scholarly articles for class. I went abroad last fall because I so prefer the spring here. Tailgating is nice, but

crawfish boils are better. Football games are fun, but basketball is better for my Commodore pride to watch. And then there's Rites of Spring, a party and weekend of magic all unto itself.

Before I left for class on Friday, I bundled up with a scarf and a sweater out of habit. Although I looked like a sweaty hot mess by the time I got to class, I was feeling good because I'd realized this was going to be the first official weekend of happy spring. My parka and I took a much-needed break this weekend. I wore only a T-shirt while I waited in line for the game against Kentucky — no jacket needed. People partied outside to prepare for our epic battle against John Wall and his stupid armband. Real Nashville people brought their dogs on campus to play on our pretty lawns. The warmth and the sunlight seeped into every part of the weekend and made it great.

And what was the greatest part of this perfect weekend? I played croquet Sunday morning! My friends and I set up wickets and partied with mallets. I spoke in a fake British accent, and we all trashed each other's croquet prowess (or lack thereof). Croquet met all the crucial elements of a happy activity during spring at Vanderbilt: It was unproductive, it was silly, and it would have been even better with a Firefly Arnold Palmer in hand. Let's hope the weather keeps getting better so we can meet my springtime criteria every afternoon.

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At a Glance: InsideVandy Blogs

VANDY ABROAD

London: 7-11s and Bicycle Shops

BY RYAN SULLIVAN

There was one of each on every corner in Copenhagen. I spent the last four days in Copenhagen, a fascinating and truly unique city. While there were no homeless people on the streets or evidence of poverty, 50 percent of the town was painted with graffiti. Just about everyone in Copenhagen spoke perfect English and most of the signs and advertisements were in the king's. The city seemed almost empty compared to the crowded streets of London, but it was a nice change of pace.

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Some consideration needed

Drinking, like most things, is fun and games until someone gets hit in the face with a firework.



CHARLIE KESSLERING
Guest Columnist

I couldn't feel my face. Not in the good way, either. Around 2 a.m. on Friday night, someone — whether too drunk or too stupid to know better — lit a firework in the packed space of Dan McGuinness, fumbling the hot potato onto the ground. Moments later, in a brilliant explosion of karma and fate, the left side of my face became a canvas to the blast's Jackson Pollock. Following some fresh air, bloody napkins and free beer, I reached an inevitable conclusion: Some people need a lesson in bar etiquette.

First off, a bar should be a headquarters for good times, cheerful company and friendly social engagement. Sure, I'll throw my support behind the occasional pandemonium — excessive rowdiness, fights, etc. — things largely innocent, minimally dangerous and forgotten by the morning. But when the proverbial knife gets drawn — when all order

dissipates and the emergency room becomes a distinct possibility — it's gone too far. Casual drinkers shouldn't have to shield their faces from intense flashes of pressure and heat. Hairs shouldn't be singed. To the best of my knowledge, no one in Dan McGuinness this weekend bought a ticket to see "Nashville Does Baghdad." A couple more feet and I'd be blind in one eye — not the type of blackout I entered the evening hoping to achieve.

Next, there's the question of chivalry. Call me old-fashioned, but when surrounded by women in a crowded bar, I find it wholly inappropriate to throw a bomb on the floor. Perhaps, in the tradition of many gentlemen before you, start by buying a girl a drink. Not a Molotov cocktail either. Ask her about her hometown, compliment her earrings, laugh at her quips — never, and I mean never, light the fuse of the M-80 in your satchel and toss it at her toes. Now, that's assuming you have such a firework on you, which, to me, seems extremely unlikely, unless you are a child in the guise of a man. And, in that case, why are you hanging out with the grown-ups to begin with?

—Charlie Kesserling is a junior in the College of Arts and Science. He can be reached at charlie.c.kesserling@vanderbilt.edu.

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LETTER

Observance and preparation will help prevent violence

To the Editor:

I'd like to write in response to Allena Berry's article titled "Guns and Responsibility" (Feb. 19, 2010). I share her concern about the prevalence of murders on college and high school campuses.

In my view, the biggest problem with our society's approach to school shootings is magical thinking. The more emotionally charged an issue, the less critical thinking takes place. One of the great effects of knowledge is to dispel fear, enabling citizens to take action to solve problems. So, as someone who not infrequently carries a handgun on his person when off-campus, let me dissipate a few magical thoughts.

Firearms, in themselves, are not scary. A gun cannot fire itself, just as a car cannot start itself. A gun is a tool, just like an automobile. Put a trained person behind the wheel, and you have a tool that can help you get your job done. This is why no student or professor goes into conniptions upon seeing a VUPD officer carrying a Glock. We assume, and rightly so, that they are trained and stable. I am grateful for our police, and I appreciate their willingness to go in harm's way. But I refuse to believe that a magical transformation occurs when one puts on a uniform. They are people, just like you and me.

We must realize that campus is not completely free from danger. The important reality is that there is no 100 percent safe zone anywhere on the globe. The signs at the edge of campus that prohibit weapons are not magical. Due to the high competence level of our law enforcement officers, violence in and around the Vanderbilt campus is extremely low. But we are fooling ourselves if we think a shooting is impossible here. If it can happen at Virginia Tech or Alabama, it can happen here. In fact, a shooting did indeed occur here in 2005. Happily, the perps were merely thugs and not madmen, so mass murder was avoided (and no one died).

If future school shootings are to be averted, the

paradigm of naiveté must be obliterated. Someone will complain that I am advocating paranoia. I am not. Paranoia is counter-productive; what is needed is a community that is observant and prepared. In the cases of Seung-Hui Cho and Professor Bishop, the red flags were obvious to anyone paying attention.

So, what would a working solution look like? Berry suggests that schools should be more aware of the psychological status of faculty and students. I agree in part; a little research by the University of Alabama would have revealed that Bishop had a history of violence. But the responsibility truly rests on every student and faculty member and not only on the administration. Don't ignore your instincts. If you see the potential for a violent situation, defuse it if at all possible. Communication, kindness and listening go a long way.

But there are times when logic and diplomacy have no effect on an aggressor. When your life is in imminent danger of being snuffed out, it is not morally repugnant to defend yourself. And you ought to be able to fight with the same tools the aggressor is using. This is why I believe the law ought to recognize my right to carry my handgun on public campuses. Vanderbilt is a private university, of course, so it can choose to do whatever it wants, though you know which position I prefer.

Would Bishop and Cho have decided against resorting to violence if they knew that their targets might shoot back? Hard to say; sociopaths are unpredictable. But I do believe that their victims, given the chance, would have preferred to have the tools necessary to fight back rather than being forced to cower helplessly. Unfortunately, the law denied them that opportunity, though it was their natural right. They won't get a do-over.

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Sports

SEC Bracketology: Who's in, who's out?

Tournament Locks

No. 2 Kentucky (26-1, 11-1, RPI: 2, SOS: 38)

Best Win: No. 19 Vanderbilt (twice)
Worst Loss: South Carolina
Overview: Kentucky is on pace to win the Southeastern Conference regular-season title, and it is most likely a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament. If Kentucky wins out for the rest of the season and the SEC tournament, and Kansas slips up one more time, Kentucky should be the No. 1 overall seed in the NCAA tournament.

Prediction: No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament

No. 19 Vanderbilt (20-6, 9-3, RPI: 12, SOS: 14)

Best Win: No. 18 Tennessee (twice)
Worst Loss: Western Kentucky
Overview: Vanderbilt has played one of the harder schedules in college basketball this season, and the team has done well against the strong competition. A win against Kentucky last Saturday would have done wonders for the Commodores' NCAA profile, but the team's profile is already strong, even without that win. If Vandy can win the SEC tournament, it is quite possible that the team can move up to a No. 3 seed in the tournament in March.

Prediction: No. 4 seed in the NCAA tournament

No. 18 Tennessee (20-6, 8-4, RPI: 18, SOS: 24)

Best Win: No. 1 Kansas
Worst Loss: Georgia
Overview: While Tennessee is still the only team this year to defeat No. 1 Kansas, they have not been as great as they were when they had Tyler Smith on the roster. Losing Smith has left the Volunteers without a go-to scorer late in games, and this has proven to be a weakness for the team as of late. You will not find a harder-playing team in the conference, and that is part of the reason they have done so well this season.

Prediction: No. 5 seed in the NCAA tournament

On the Bubble

Florida (19-8, 8-4, RPI: 53, SOS: 54)

Best Win: No. 11 Michigan State
Worst Loss: South Alabama
Overview: While Florida has a pretty solid SEC conference record this season, they have yet to win against the three conference powers. Luckily for the Gators, they have a matchup left with each team, including home matchups against both Vanderbilt and Tennessee. This will be Florida's golden opportunity to get their definitive conference win and solidify their tournament resume.

Prediction: No. 10 seed in the NCAA tournament

Mississippi State (19-8, 7-5, RPI: 63, SOS: 117)

Best Win: Old Dominion
Worst Loss: Rider
Overview: Mississippi State played one of the weaker non-conference schedules in the SEC this season, and now this is coming back to haunt the Bulldogs, as they have no real marquee wins on the season thus far. Mississippi State had a perfect opportunity to get a resume-booster against Kentucky last week, but they lost to the Wildcats in overtime. If the Bulldogs can finish SEC regular season play at either 10-6 or 11-5, they should be fine, as it is very rare for a 10-6 or 11-5 SEC team to not make the NCAA tournament.

Prediction: No. 12 seed in the NCAA tournament

Mississippi (17-9, 5-7, RPI: 60, SOS: 53)

Best Win: No. 7 Kansas State
Worst Loss: Arkansas
Overview: A month ago, Ole Miss seemed like a lock for the NCAA tournament. However, after losing five of their last six games, the Rebels' chances of making the tournament have started to dwindle. Mississippi will need to finish conference play with a winning record, along with winning a game or two in the SEC tournament, in order to make the NCAA tournament. Their remaining schedule is not a difficult one, so expect to continue seeing Ole Miss on the bubble until selection day.

Prediction: NIT for Ole Miss

No NCAA, but possibly NIT or CBI

Arkansas (14-13, 7-5, RPI: 126, SOS: 52)

Best Win: Mississippi
Worst Loss: South Alabama
Overview: Arkansas had a losing record coming into conference play, and it looked as if they would be finishing at the bottom of the SEC West this year. Enter into the picture sophomore guard Courtney Fortson, back off suspension, and the Razorbacks have looked like a completely different team. If the team can finish conference play with a winning record, they should be in contention for a possible National Invitation Tournament or College Basketball Invitation bid.

Prediction: CBI

South Carolina (14-12, 5-7, RPI: 81, SOS: 26)

Best Win: No. 2 Kentucky
Worst Loss: Arkansas
The Gamecocks remain as the only team in the nation to defeat SEC leader Kentucky this season. If South Carolina can win the rest of their conference games and finish regular season play at 18-12 overall, they will be in heavy contention for an at-large bid for the tournament. However, that fate does not seem as likely, and the Gamecocks will have to settle for one of the lesser postseason tournaments.

Prediction: NIT

Georgia (12-13, 4-8, RPI: 88, SOS: 12)

Best Win: No. 19 Vanderbilt
Worst Loss: Auburn
Georgia has victories over three teams that will most likely be high-seeded teams in the tournament this season. However, against the average and sub-par teams in the nation, Georgia has not fared well, and they have often played down to their competition. They have played one of the hardest schedules on the season, and if they can win out and cause some trouble in the SEC tournament, it is possible that they could sneak into the NIT or CBI.

Prediction: CBI

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Alabama (14-12, 4-8)

Best Win: No. 22 Baylor
Worst Loss: Auburn
Overview: Alabama came into SEC play with hopes of possibly playing in the NCAA tournament this season. However, the team has faltered during conference play, and they will need to win out in conference play just to finish at 8-8. If they can do this and find a way to win a game in the SEC tournament, it is possible that they win a bid to the NIT or the CBI.

Prediction: No postseason play for the Crimson Tide this season

Auburn (12-14, 4-8, RPI: 144, SOS: 65)

Best Win: Georgia
Worst Loss: UCF
Overview: This season was supposed to be the year in which Auburn built upon their late season success of last year. Unfortunately, that has not been the case for the Tigers, and they have been in the cellar of the SEC West all season long.

Prediction: No postseason play for Auburn

LSU (9-17, 0-12, RPI: 217, SOS: 76)

Best Win: Indiana State
Worst Loss: Utah
Overview: LSU has struggled in SEC play this season, as they have yet to win a game thus far. The only chance LSU has for making the NCAA tournament is if they win the SEC tournament.

Prediction: No postseason play for the LSU Tigers

—Compiled by Geoff Hutchinson

SEC TOURNAMENT 2010

Vanderbilt won't have to travel very far to the Southeastern Conference Championships in the middle of March. The Sommet Center in downtown Nashville will host the SEC tournament from March 11-14.

Rhoads saves women's road trip

by DAVID NAMM
Sports Editor

Junior guard Jence Rhoads is used to helping the Commodores put points on the board. Now, she's doing the scoring herself.

Rhoads continued her torrid stretch from the field, scoring a team-high 19 points as Vanderbilt (19-8, 8-6 Southeastern Conference) defeated the Ole Miss Rebels (15-12, 6-8) with a final score of 68-59. The win helped coach Melanie Balcomb's club rebound after a lackluster loss Thursday against Louisiana State and left Mississippi in the losing column for the seventh time in eight games.

"Jence sometimes gets in a mode where she's driving because she's told to drive. She's shooting when she's told to shoot," Balcomb said. "She has trouble being the leading scorer, sometimes. She likes leading in assists. She drove to score and get fouled in the second half. Even on ball screens, she turned the corner and attacked to score. She had to score for us to do well. Most kids would embrace that, but Jence is a facilitator.

"She likes to give to other people."

Keeping up with her assist-driven mentality, Rhoads also led the Commodores with four assists, prohibiting the Rebel defense to constantly collapse around her. When they did, senior Merideth Marsh was the beneficiary, scoring 14 points on just seven shots, contributing to the Commodores' solid shooting percentage of 45.6.

"If you can get stops on SEC teams, they usually lay down on defense," Marsh said. "That's one thing we (have) worked on: getting stops on defense and being aggressive on offense."

Indeed, the Commodores turned up the offensive intensity in the second half, taking a 49-49 tie and establishing a 62-53 lead via a backbreaking

13-4 run. Spurring this game-clinching charge was Rhoads, who accounted for six points during this stretch.

"We feel as a team that we just didn't rebound," said Ole Miss coach Armintie Price. "At the half, we were up by two in rebounding (18-16), but then we came out and tried to make a little run, and we just couldn't rebound. We missed a couple of free throws that were key and they didn't miss free throws."

Vanderbilt did capitalize on their chances from the line, knocking down 12 of their 15 free throw attempts. Mississippi, meanwhile, barely made half of their freebies, connecting on only 13 of their 24 attempts from the charity stripe. In addition, the Commodores dominated the boards, pulling down 40 rebounds as opposed to 28 registered by the Rebels.

Up next for the Commodores are the Florida Gators, who travel to Memorial Gymnasium on Wednesday as Vanderbilt attempts to solidify their SEC home record. Tipoff for the game is at 6 p.m. CST, with CSS (television) and 560 AM (radio) handling the broadcasting for this one. ■



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Junior guard Jence Rhoads (22) continues to drive the Commodores past their competition. Pictured here at the Vanderbilt-UT game in Memorial Gym on Monday, Feb. 8, the Commodores prevailed yesterday 68-59 in Oxford, Miss.

Weekend in review

by PETER NYGAARD
Sports Reporter

Men's Baseball



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The Commodores swept their three-game series against Niagara to open the season, outscoring the Purple Eagles 46-5 in the process. Sophomore Sonny Gray threw eight shutout innings in the first game, which the Commodores won 9-0. The Harris brothers — senior Brian and sophomore Andrew — accounted for nine runs in the second game, a 16-2 victory. In the capper, first baseman Curt Casali and third baseman Jason Esposito both went deep, combining for nine runs batted in for the Commodores in a 21-3 rout.

Women's Lacrosse

The No. 11 Commodores knew they were in for a fight when they scheduled two Top 5 teams to start their season. Unfortunately, when you schedule the best, you get the best, which has led to a 0-2 start for Vandy after a trip to Chapel Hill ended in a 12-6 loss to No. 4 North Carolina. Vanderbilt led 3-1 early, but the Tar Heels scored 11 of the next 12 goals, handing the Commodores an insurmountable deficit. Senior Sarah Downing led Vanderbilt scorers with a pair of goals.

Men's Tennis

The men's tennis team carried a three-game winning streak into Louisville on Friday and left with a 5-2 defeat. Vandy scored points courtesy of juniors Alex Zotov

and Adam Baker, who are now a combined 15-0 in dual match play on the season. The Commodores carried a lead after the first set in three of their four singles losses, but the No. 11 Cardinals proved to be too much.

Men's Basketball

The No. 19 Commodores fell just short in an upset bid of No. 2 Kentucky after a potential game-tying shot by junior A.J. Ogilvy rattled out as time expired, leaving Vandy on the losing end with a score of 58-56. Sophomore Jeffery Taylor led Vanderbilt scorers with 17 points, while sophomore Steve Tchiengang had an impressive effort off the bench with seven points and eight rebounds.

Women's Tennis

Despite a valiant comeback, the No. 20 women's tennis team fell to Princeton 4-3 on Saturday. After losing the doubles point and a pair of singles matches, the Commodores found themselves in a 3-1 hole. Junior Keilly Ulery and sophomore Heather Steinbauer won their matches to push the overall score to 3-3, but senior Hannah Blatt was out-dued in the third set of her decisive match. Sophomore Jackie Wu was Vanderbilt's other match-winner on the day.

Women's Basketball

Junior guard Jence Rhoads played all 40 minutes, scoring a team-high 19 points as the No. 25 Commodores bounced back from Thursday's loss to LSU with a 68-59 win over Ole Miss. Senior Merideth Marsh added 14 points, and freshman Elan Brown contributed with eight points and 10 rebounds. Vanderbilt's next game is Wednesday when the Commodores host Florida.

Women's Swimming

Success at the Southeastern Conference Championships in Athens, Ga., was elusive for the swimming team, which finished last out of the 10 teams that competed. Despite the lack of success in the rankings, the weekend was littered with personal bests including a school record in the 400-yard medley relay. Rose Cornelson, Allie Voss, Jess Eccher and Jennifer Molchan edged the old record by seven-tenths of a second with their time of 3:52.71.

Wall, Cousins, Patterson push Kentucky past Commodores, 58 – 56

by **BRIAN LINHARES**
Sports Reporter

Following the victory at Memorial Gymnasium, Kentucky head coach John Calipari described his coaching philosophy:

“We want to play fast, and everybody knows how I coach. We want to try to score 100.

“But if you want us to play in the 50s, we’ll play in the 50s, and we’ll try to beat you,” he said. “If want to play a zone, then we’ll try to beat you that way. We don’t force our will on the other team.”

Kentucky (26-1, 11-1 Southeastern Conference) played the Commodores in the 50s — and beat them.

The Wildcat offense was anchored in the post, as forwards Patrick Patterson and DeMarcus Cousins scored 13 and 19 points, respectively, in a slugfest.

“I want him to do more on the court and be more aggressive because I have confidence in him,” Calipari said of Patterson. “He sometimes defers to Wall and Cousins, but he is capable of doing things himself.”

In 39 minutes of action, Patterson demonstrated that he certainly could do things by himself. He added a game-high 13 rebounds, two assists and a steal. Not to be outdone, Cousins grabbed five rebounds and three steals.

Together, the defensive efforts of Patterson and Cousins helped check the Vanderbilt offensive attack.

Forward Jeffery Taylor, who paced Vanderbilt (20-6, 9-3) with 17 points, described their play by saying, “They have two people (DeMarcus Cousins and Patrick Patterson) that did a really good job contesting shots and made it hard to get to the basket.”

Taylor certainly challenged Cousins and Patterson in the paint, getting to the foul line with ease and putting Cousins in foul trouble. He led the Commodores by making nine of his 12 free throws.

However, as the only Commodore to reach double-digits in the scoring column, he had little support.

Guard Jermaine Beal, Vanderbilt’s leading scorer with nearly 15 points per game, could not find his rhythm offensively. The senior notched four points, on 2-9 shooting from the floor. And he and fellow guard Brad Tinsley combined to shoot 0-9 from 3-point range.

Nonetheless, Beal and Tinsley buckled down on the defensive end to keep the heralded Kentucky backcourt in check. Most notably, they held freshman standout John Wall to 13 points and three field goals

on the night.

Yet Wall, the presumed No. 1 pick for the NBA Draft this June, delivered in the final minute. His two free throws and block of freshman John Jenkins’ 3-point attempt on the subsequent possession cemented the win.

Cousins commented on the play of Wall, saying, “Maybe he doesn’t score 20-plus points, he still is going to make key plays down the stretch, which helps the team.”

On Saturday night, his key plays were the difference. ■



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Junior center A.J. Ogilvy (4) attempts to dunk over Kentucky freshman DeMarcus Cousins (15) in the Wildcats’ 58-56 victory at Memorial Gymnasium. Ogilvy finished with nine points but missed a potential game-winning shot at the buzzer.

COLUMN

Ogilvy’s wild ride

by **ERIC SINGLE**
Asst Sports Editor

The preseason All-Southeastern Conference center from Australia threw Vanderbilt into a frenzy of hype with an impressive freshman season. Since then, he has earned the respect of the conference’s coaches and big men while drawing the ire of some pundits who have questioned his toughness. On Saturday, A.J. Ogilvy had quite an interesting game.

Let’s start at the end and go backward.

During the timeout called by Kentucky coach John Calipari with 2.5 seconds left in what was about to become Kentucky’s 58-56 victory over Vanderbilt, it was determined that A.J. Ogilvy would catch the long inbound pass from Darshawn McClellan and then find Jeff Taylor, who would take the game’s final shot.

“It wasn’t meant to me,” said Ogilvy in his post-game interview. “Coach drew up the play, and I thought I could take a better shot, but I tried and missed it. Jeff was supposed to have it, and I was going to feed it to him. It’s heart wrenching to know it was that close. I was really comfortable on that shot.”

After multiple reviews of the final play, it’s hard to blame Ogilvy for calling the audible. Having caught the ball fully extended with his back to the basket, A.J. was in no position to trust his perception of the game clock. DeAndre Liggins, who was charged with guarding Taylor, cut across the floor to collapse onto Ogilvy as he turned to dribble toward the basket, leaving Taylor open. But even if Ogilvy had found a way to get the ball around Liggins to Taylor, time might have run out before Taylor got his shot off.

So A.J. shot.

His one-handed runner from just inside the free-throw line bounced off the front of the rim and fell harmlessly to the floor, and the fans in Memorial Gym who had just witnessed two of the best teams in the SEC throw everything at each other wondered why the Commodores’ big man who had struggled so much against DeMarcus Cousins — and really against every formidable physical challenge in SEC play — all season long was the player who took the biggest game of the year into his own hands with one second left.

It feels weird to write this, but I thought A.J. played a good game. Yes, he mishandled several feeds inside. And yes, he missed the aforementioned game-tying shot, as well as what would have been an equally crucial layup earlier in the second half. But there were flashes of what the 6-foot-11-inch Australian can be at his absolute best.

Cousins tried to push him around like he did so effortlessly in Lexington, and, for the most part, Ogilvy did not give in. On several possessions in the first half, Cousins settled for squared-up mid-range jump shots that were hopelessly off-line. Even though Cousins got some of what he wanted on the way to 19 points on Saturday, he didn’t get all of it, and the credit for that goes to Ogilvy.

What will surely fade from the memories of those who watched Saturday’s SEC slugfest was the first play of the game. In front of an electric crowd, Ogilvy won the tip-off, quickly moved into position in the paint and took a pass and put it in off the backboard 18 seconds later for the first score of the game.

It was a great possession for A.J. Ogilvy, and it won’t be his last in front of optimistic Commodores fans this season.

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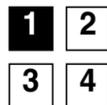


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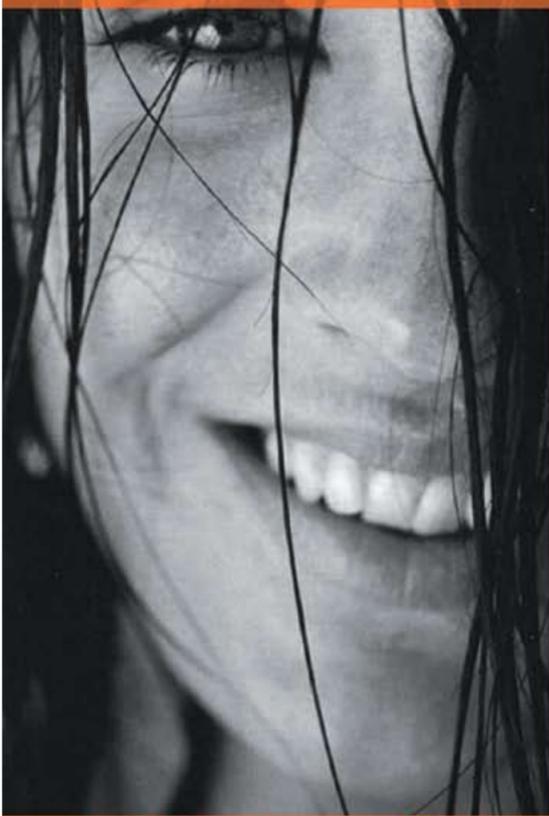
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