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**FRIDAY, MARCH 5 AND SATURDAY, MARCH 6**  
• **VSG Airport Shuttles**  
Vanderbilt Student Government will sponsor shuttles to the airport, departing at 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Friday and at 8 and 9 a.m. on Saturday from The Commons.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 6 AND SUNDAY, MARCH 7**  
• **FliCX Showings**



Catch a free film at the Belcourt in Hillsboro Village this weekend with two FliCX program showings. On Friday at 7 p.m., the 1970s crime film "Le Cercle Rouge" will be shown, and on Saturday at 7 p.m., check out the 1970 film "Get Carter." To attend, sign up online at [vanderbilt.edu/flicx](http://vanderbilt.edu/flicx)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 7**  
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The nation's top college debate teams will arrive at Vanderbilt to determine the winner of the American Debate Association's 2010 National Championship Debate Tournament. All sessions are free and will be held in Calhoun Hall.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 6 to SUNDAY, MARCH 14**  
• **SPRING BREAK**  
Dorms will close March 6 at 9 a.m. and will open again on Sunday, March 14 at 9 a.m. To register for residence hall card access, go to <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd/>.



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## WEATHER

TODAY  
  
HIGH 54, LOW 27  
Sunny

# New enrollment system to launch Monday

by SARA GAST  
Senior Reporter

Several VSG members spent some time on Wednesday evening playing with the newest test version of Your Enrollment Services, or YES, the enrollment system that will replace OASIS beginning Monday. Many of the student leaders gave their resounding stamp of approval.

Among the new features is an in-system class search, including an advanced search that allows students to search by professor, time or days of the

week on which a class is offered; a complete course catalogue; details on each class; shopping cart that allows up to 20 classes to be saved; and a "drop if enroll" function, where students can have the system automatically drop a course they specify if the student becomes enrolled off the wait list of another class.

Because it is a Web-based system, there is no limit to how many people can be on YES at one time, said J.R. Simon, a student systems analyst who led Wednesday's testing session. Simon also gave an overview of

how seniority and enrollment will work.

On Monday, all students will have access to the YES planner and shopping cart features to begin deciding what courses they would like to take. Rising seniors will be allowed to enroll in courses the first week registration is open, but each senior will be assigned to a random appointment date that week. They will only be able to access the system during that period, and, similar to OASIS, they will not be able to enroll

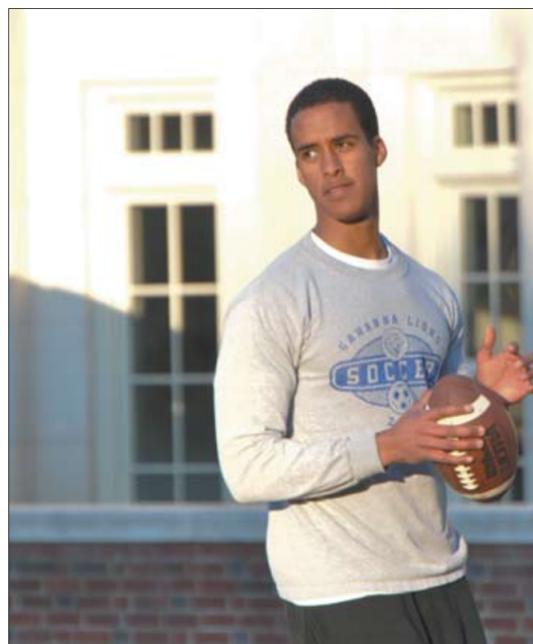
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Your Enrollment Services will launch and replace OASIS on March 8.

## Ready for spring break



MURPHY BYRNE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

With warm weather across the state and the end of midterm exams approaching, freshman Adil Faqih passes a football on the Commons Quad after classes on Thursday afternoon.

# \$2500 prize for winners of business plan competition

by KYLE BLAINE  
Asst News Editor

Vanderbilt Entrepreneurial Challenge and Vanderbilt Student Government have launched a business plan competition to promote entrepreneurship among the student population.

Students are charged to create a comprehensive business strategy that would include industry analysis and plans for production, operation, marketing and organization.

Rachel Soper, junior and president of VEC, said after taking courses in managerial studies and researching student business competition programs at other universities, she looked to create an organization at Vanderbilt that would appeal

## BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION

Executive Summary Round:  
**March 26**

Competition Day:  
**April 13**

Teams can be comprised of one to five undergraduate students.

For more detailed information: <http://studentorgs.vanderbilt.edu/vsg/>.

to and foster entrepreneurial spirit.

"I want to see well-thought-out and well-developed ideas that can be in any form,"

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# Students elect new VSG council members, senators

by SARA GAST  
Senior Reporter

The next set of Vanderbilt Student Government senators and council members were announced yesterday after the conclusion of the general election.

Zye Hooks garnered the most votes in the race for Arts and Science senator with 26.8 percent. He will be joined by fellow A&S senatorial winners Maryclaire Manard and Keith Neely. Mark Cherry, Lucas Scholl and Jake Karlsruhe also ran but did not place in one of the top three spots.

"I'm very excited. Obviously, I worked hard for this," said Hooks, a sophomore. "I think my message resonated well with the student population here at Vanderbilt. I'm very excited, ready to get to work for the students."

Madison Hurwitz defeated Mark Madden in her bid for Peabody senator, taking 70.9 percent of the votes. Matthew Goldstein topped Amanda Palmer to take the Engineering senator seat, and Susan Gleiser, who ran unopposed, was voted in as Blair senator.

"I am more than humbled," said Goldstein, a freshman, "and I am looking forward to representing students next year."

Council presidents, who vote in the senate along with the six school senators, saw tighter races overall. While Thomas Crespo ran unopposed for Blair council president, the other three schools had close results. Jeremy Strickland, with 51.7 percent of the votes, defeated Jeremy Williams in A&S, and EppaRixeywonoverChristopher Heelan by 16 votes out of 354 cast for the Engineering council slot. Michael Feldman beat Tim Gilbert by a margin of 50 votes out of 373 in Peabody's race.

A resolution to eliminate the on-campus housing requirement for all VSG officers also had a close result. Students voted to amend the VSG constitution by a vote of 984 to

## RESULTS OF THE SENATE AND COUNCIL ELECTIONS

### A&S SENATOR

Zye Hooks 26.8%  
Maryclaire Manard 20.9%  
Keith Neely 15.3%  
Mark Cherry 14.1%  
Lucas Scholl 10.8%  
Jake Karlsruhe 9.3%

### BLAIR SENATOR

Susan Gleiser 91.1%

### ENGINEERING SENATOR

Matthew Goldstein 58.5%  
Amanda Palmer 38.8%

### PEABODY SENATOR

Madison Hurwitz 70.9%  
Mark Madden 25.2%

### A&S COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Jeremy Strickland 51.7%  
Jeremy Williams 46.1%

### A&S COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Anne Timmel 69.4%  
Chelsey Feldman 27.7%

### A&S COUNCIL ATTORNEY GENERAL

Amit Shintre 92.1%

### A&S COUNCIL SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE

Sabrina Smith 49.7%  
Matthew DeNuzzo 48.2%

### A&S COUNCIL JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE

Vann Bentley 52.9%  
Avi Chavda 40.3%

### A&S COUNCIL SOPHOMORE REPRESENTATIVE

Maryli Cheng 43.9%  
Ashley Hoffman 31.1%  
Hillary Knudson 21.8%

### BLAIR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Thomas Crespo 95.7%

### ENGINEERING COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Eppa Rixey 51.7%  
Christopher Heelan 47.2%

### ENGINEERING COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Matthew DeVito 50.9%  
Mason Hickman 47.3%

### ENGINEERING COUNCIL SECRETARY

Luke Steenson 95.3%

### ENGINEERING COUNCIL TREASURER

Zachary Roth 94.7%

### ENGINEERING COUNCIL SOPHOMORE REPRESENTATIVE

Chelsea Stowell 90.8%

### PEABODY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Michael Feldman 56.0%  
Tim Gilbert 42.6%

### PEABODY COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Kirsten Ayers 97.3%

### PEABODY COUNCIL SOPHOMORE REPRESENTATIVE

Cara Rosenthal 95.5%

### REFERENDUM TO REMOVE ON-CAMPUS HOUSING REQUIREMENT FOR ALL VSG OFFICERS IN THE VSG CONSTITUTION

Amend 51.7%  
Do Not Amend 48.3%

919. The VSG president will still be required to live on campus.

According to VSG Attorney General Tyler Boyd, approximately 37 percent of the undergraduate population turned out to vote in the general election, which ran from Wednesday at 8 a.m. to

yesterday at noon. Freshmen led all classes with 47 percent voting.

Sophomores trailed at 28 percent turnout; juniors and seniors both had 37 percent of their respective classes vote in the election.

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## CRIME LOG

compiled by CONRAD GOERINGER

**Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010, 1:35 a.m.**

Person was kicked out of the Varsity Grill for being disorderly. He had slurred speech, watery eyes and smelled of alcohol; he admitted to drinking.

**Monday, March 1, 10 a.m.**

Person on Chickering Lane bought magazines to help raise money for a youth and his sister. After the vendor left, he looked this company up online and discovered that it could possibly be a scam.

**Tuesday, March 2, 1:30 a.m.**

Food items were stolen from a vending machine at Vanderbilt University Hospital.

**Wednesday, March 3, 12:28 a.m.**

Two people were arrested at Carmichael Towers West after being found in possession of a green leafy substance. One person was also in possession of drug equipment.

**Thursday, March 4, 2:10 a.m.**

A man was found going through a dumpster at Lot 77 at the corner of 18th Avenue and Horton Avenue. He had been warned in the past to stay away.

# Around the Loop

compiled by CONRAD GOERINGER

## WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR SPRING BREAK?



"I'm going to Boca Grande, Fla., with my cousin to relax and hang out on the beach — and meet cute boys."

— **Kate Locke, Class of 2013**



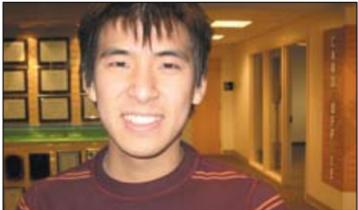
"I'm just going to go home, visit my family and friends and sleep a lot."

— **Jeanette Mathieu, Class of 2012**



"Going to Jamaica. It's going to be a gongshow. Durango will be present."

— **Tyler Godoff, Class of 2010**



"I'm flying to New York City to do some accounting work!"

— **Wynne Lam, Class of 2010**



"I'm going to Guatemala for MANNA spring break."

— **Allie Voss, Class of 2012**

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## Who is: EMILY NACOL

**TEACHES:** Political theory in the political science department, with courses on capitalism, democracy and a survey of modern political thought next year

**ATTENDED:** Wellesley College (B.A. in Political Science) Cambridge University (M.Phil. in Political Thought) University of Chicago (Ph.D. in Political Science)

### WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB?

When I was a teenager, I was a gift-wraper at my dad's jewelry store for the holidays.

### WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR FREE TIME?

I cook a lot, and I like to go out for meals or movies or live music with friends. I read a lot of fiction to balance all the reading I do for work, too. When the weather is good, I like to spend the day outside with my dog. And, here and there, I like to sneak off to visit my grad school friends, who are stationed all over the place.

### WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT IN NASHVILLE?

That's a tough one, especially since I'm so new to Nashville! I like the Ryman for music, but my favorite neighborhood spot for food and coffee is Fido. And the used bookstore across the street is pretty great, too.

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

For most of the '80s, I was a really enthusiastic tap dancer. Somewhere in my feet, I still have a routine to the theme song from "Footloose."

compiled by JUSTIN TARDIFF

## SNAPSHOT

# Going once, going twice



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Senior Dariun Maxwell is auctioned off Wednesday night at Lambda Theta Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s Annual Mighty Man Auction Wednesday night. Proceeds were donated to the Sexual Assault Center in Nashville.



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# VSG ELECTIONS: 37 percent of students vote in senate, college council elections

From **VSG ELECTIONS**, page 1

President-elect Lori Murphy said she was happy with the results as her leadership for the upcoming year starts to fall into place.

"We're really excited today. We had great voter turnout with 37 percent of students voting," Murphy said. "We've got an incredible new group of senators and council presidents who worked so hard during these elections, and I am just so thrilled to have the rest of our new officials on board so we can keep up the momentum and really start improving life here for students." ■



LIWEI JIANG / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Freshmen and newly elected VSG senators Keith Neely and Matthew Goldstein congratulate each other as VSG senator-elect Zye Hooks, a sophomore, looks on.

—Kyle Blaine contributed to this article.

# VUceptors for next fall announced

by **PETER LETARTE**  
Staff Reporter

## VUCEPTORS BY THE NUMBERS

Class of 2013 – 32  
Class of 2012 – 36  
Class of 2011 – 24

A&S – 54  
Peabody – 22  
Engineering – 15  
Blair – 1

The VUcept executive board has once again whittled down approximately 350 applications to select the 92 students who will serve as VUceptors for the incoming Class of 2014 in the fall.

The two-step application process is designed to find the best group of experienced students to help ease students' transitions to Vanderbilt.

"(VUcept's purpose is) really to serve the first-year students," said Selections Co-Chair Skyler Jacobs.

"From my perspective, VUcept is an opportunity for upperclassman students to welcome first-year students to Vanderbilt," said sophomore Ali Thomas, selections co-chair. "So that they can become acclimated to the university and understand what Vanderbilt is about."

After the initial application, approximately 200 students were selected to move on to the interview round. Based on these interviews with past VUceptors and board members, VUcept President Sean Topping and his team were able to choose the 92 applicants whom they found best fit what they were looking for.

"We were looking for what we always look for in VUceptors," Topping said. "Charismatic students with proven leadership skills who will be able to welcome the Class of 2014 to the Vanderbilt community."

Thomas said diversity of student involvement is strongly considered when selecting the next class of VUceptors.

"In all 92 VUceptors, it's important for us to have them from all different expertise, all walks of life," she said.

That way, if one VUceptor is asked a question they may not know the answer to, they can use the other VUceptors who are involved in different activities and academics as a resource, she said.

Next year's pool of VUceptors is made up of students from every undergraduate school. The Class of 2012 has the largest number of VUceptors, representing 39 percent of the group, a change from past years. Normally, more current freshmen than upperclassmen apply, but this year was marked by an increase in upperclassman involvement, Thomas said.

"As always, the selection process was very competitive. Vanderbilt produces so many great student leaders so all of the applicants are very qualified," Thomas said. "If we could have taken everyone who applied, we would."

"It's really just a testament to the university in general and how students want to shape the first-year experience," Jacobs said. "In general, the overwhelming enthusiasm speaks to how collaborative and supportive the general student body is." ■

—Hannah Twillman contributed reporting to this article.

# YES: New system launches Monday

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in classes until they have entered their adviser's approval code. Rising juniors will be able to enroll the next week, followed by rising sophomores and, finally, a week of open enrollment for all current undergraduates. Class status is decided by graduation date, not by the number of hours a student has.

This means it is crucial that students decide what courses they want to take

and meet with their advisers as soon as possible, Simon said.

"Everyone who has that appointment can log on during that time," Simon said. "It's very important to shop for classes before you meet with your adviser." He added that a course that may be available before a student meets with his or her adviser could be filled by the time the meeting is over. The ability to easily track course status in real-time is one of YES's

new features.

Simon pointed students to the Facebook group, YES @ Vanderbilt, if they had any questions. There are tutorial videos on the site to help students navigate the new system.

"This is a change. Your schools have been working very hard on this. It's a learning curve for everyone, but we think it's a great system," Simon said. "The schools love it, and it sounds like you guys love it, too." ■

# BUSINESS: Upcoming challenge to promote entrepreneurship on campus

From **BUSINESS**, page 1

Soper said, "whether it's non-profit, transportation, services, networking or clothing companies, we are looking for well-thought-out ideas."

Senior B.B. Richardson, vice president of VEC, said she hopes the event will draw attention to the organization and promote support for students to pursue business ideas on and off campus.

"It has been the case in the past that students have gotten into legal trouble with the university for thinking entrepreneurially and starting their own business plans on campus," Richardson said, "so this is an avenue for students to be able to freely think entrepreneurially."

The competition will consist of two rounds of assessment. For the first round, student groups must submit an overview of

the venture, which will include a summary of every aspect of the proposal. After the contestant pool is narrowed down to six to eight plans, a panel of Nashville business leaders will judge a more comprehensive presentation on overall appeal, risks and returns, attractiveness, market opportunity, operational and production viability, and the members of the business team itself.

The winner will be awarded a grand prize of \$2,500, while second and third place will be offered \$500 and \$250, respectively. Those groups can then choose to take their venture off campus or participate in the on-campus experiential student-led business program launching in the fall.

The student's non-profit status creates many legal hurdles that must be addressed before any idea can be approved for on-campus development.

"I don't want to blindside the administration with this program," said senior Josh Sirchio, an Arts and Science senator on the Student Services and Technology Committee. "I want to do this as responsibly as possible, so I figured that if we had a first round where everyone told the university what they were looking to do, then we could run it through the right channels and make sure the business idea can actually happen."

Wyatt Smith, president of VSG, said he hopes the competition will spark student interest in business, as well as serve as a test ground for the assessment process used to evaluate venture proposals in the fall.

"I see the VEC as a narrowing mechanism for determining what student business ideas are most viable for on-campus business development," Smith said. ■



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## Gen. Petraeus talks Afghanistan, Iraq, Haiti

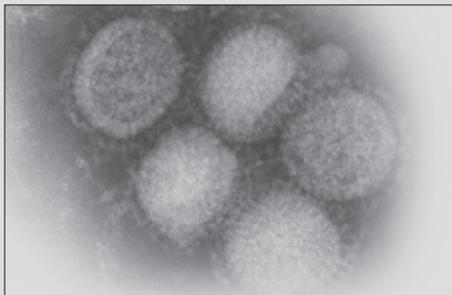
By Katherine Miller, InsideVandy.com Editor

The first question Professor Michael Newton asked Gen. David H. Petraeus concerned what makes a good leader. Petraeus said big ideas — the focal point of most of his discussion about military structure and effectiveness Monday night.

Newton, a professor of the practice of law at the Vanderbilt Law School, asked Petraeus a total of eight questions, all submitted in some form by students or community members. Petraeus, in turn, came equipped with Power Point slides diagramming strategic initiatives and

internal command structure.

The talk centered primarily around the shift in strategy and organization that followed Petraeus's promotion to Commander, U.S. Central Command in 2007. Citing graphs demonstrating the decline in average daily attacks from over 200 a day at the height of violence in Iraq in 2006 to under 20 per day in the past several months, the general argued that Iraq may be the most stable country in the Central Command now.



## H1N1 update: Schaffner says virus prevalence decreasing

By Erin Prah, VSC Media Services

When William Schaffner, Vanderbilt University Medical Center's chair of preventative medicine, attended a Center for Disease Control and Prevention meeting last week, he asked virologist and Chief of the Influenza Division Nancy Cox a question. It wasn't a question about H1N1, but rather a question about the seasonal flu: "Why is it that we have not seen in February and March an upsurge of the traditional influenza virus?"

"And Nancy Cox said, 'You know, we're all surprised,'" Schaffner

said, recalling the meeting. "Influenza is the least predictable of all the respiratory infections. And you can't predict it, all we can do is try to keep up."

Louise Hanson at the Student Health Center wrote in an e-mail that she is proud of the way the Student Health Center kept up with H1N1 outbreaks this past fall semester. With the exception of a few days last month seeing 10 to 12 influenza-like illnesses a day, the number of ILLs has dropped to the normal level of a "handful a day," Hanson wrote.



JUSTIN MENESTRINA / The Vanderbilt Hustler

## Video: Community protests Gen. Petraeus Speech

By Kyle Blaine, Asst News Editor

Amid all the excitement on Monday with Gen. David H. Petraeus speaking in the Student Life Center, a mix of approximately 25 students and independent anti-war protesters stood outside the SLC to protest the U.S.'s involvement in the Middle East.

Vanderbilt Students of Nonviolence, Nashville Peace Coalition and Veterans for Peace were among the organizations that participated.

Petraeus, a four-star general and current commander of U.S. Central Command, discussed his role as commander of the surge in Iraq and

U.S. involvement internationally. It is the nature of this involvement with which junior Benjamin Eagles, president of VSN, disagrees.

"We are not going to protest the university's hosting of Petraeus because I think we all think it is positive that the university continue to bring in speakers of his caliber," Eagles said, "but we are demonstrating against the gross militarization of our society and our continued participation in two wars that have no end in sight."

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## COLUMN

# Junioritis strikes



**FRANNIE BOYLE**  
Columnist

It was 4 a.m. and the first all-nighter of my semester. I was kind of getting lonely in that windowless Stevenson classroom. So naturally, I decided to take an online "Depression Self-Check" quiz during one of my study breaks.

**Sadness: Have you been feeling sad or "down in the dumps?"**

Well, no tears, but I've been around the dumps a time or two.

**Discouragement: Does the future look hopeless?**

If I don't hear back about the last internship I applied for, yeah, it definitely will.

**Inferiority: Do you feel inadequate or inferior to others?**

Doesn't midterm week do that to everyone?

**Indecisiveness: Do you have trouble making up your mind about things?**

Yes. Chef James or Randwich. CT West or Quiznos. McFadden's or Dan McGuinness. I really don't care ... I'm bored with all of them.

**Loss of motivation: Do you feel overwhelmed and have to push yourself hard to do things?**

I'm totally beyond that! I'm not even pushing anymore.

Even though I was treating the quiz like a joke, my answers were pretty much on key with what's been going on this semester, and I think most of my friends are experiencing the same things. We are getting our butts kicked in classes, the social scene is too routine, and everyone's asking us what we're doing next summer when we just don't know yet. The problem we have here is not depression. The answer is: junioritis.

This condition hasn't been studied and documented as much as the notorious senioritis, but it's just as dangerous, if not more. Junioritis is not simply the loss of motivation during one's junior year of college, but it is the boredom and frustration that comes with a full class load, a future to think about and being fed up with a social scene that's pretty much been the same since the day you set foot on campus.

Are you sick of being 21 while half of your friends are still underage? Are you sick of watching your friends sip a beer when all you have on your hand is a big, black X? If so, you may have junioritis.

Are your classes the hardest they've ever been? Are you constantly doing work, day and night, skipping Vandy basketball games and birthday parties to get it all done? If so, you're definitely experiencing junioritis.

There are other ways to get junioritis. There's one dangerous strand infecting students whose best friends are all off studying abroad. Another virus may hit soon, during the housing process, when juniors find out who their real friends are as they divvy up into Towers suites.

The sad part is, there's not much we can do. Ideas for cures have been thrown out there, like: "Let's explore East Nashville," or, "Let's go to a frat we've never been to before and meet new people." These are great ideas, and they may work temporarily, but in the long run, the only known fix will be setting foot on campus our senior year when we will make ourselves enjoy things because it's going to be the last year we'll be able to.

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## COLUMN

# Too good to be true



**ALLENA BERRY**  
Columnist

We have all heard the phrase before (usually coming from some adult, female family member as we reach for a second dessert): too much of a good thing is not a good thing. Most of us have probably experienced the truth of this idiom. Too many chocolate chip cookies, and we begin to see it in our thighs; too many nights out on the town, and we begin to look like Lindsay

Lohan; too many of those deceptively delicious Fiber One bars, and, well ... we all see where this is going.

And while this axiom is applicable — at least for the most part — can a person really have too much of a good thing? I asked myself this question when I saw that SunChips, the company behind those yummy chips that they sell at Quiznos, is introducing a new completely biodegradable bag. (The makers of SunChips also have those clever commercials that talk about how their chips are all made from solar energy. Touche.) As outlined on treehugger.com, "The new bag will be comprised of a plastic made from renewable, plant-based materials (PLA), and you'll be able to compost it in your home compost pile — after you eat the chips, of course." On their Web site, the makers of SunChips give a consumer-friendly blurb about

their thought process in creating what they call the "better bag." Perhaps it was just the cynicism in me creeping up, but I had to wonder: Is this too good to be true?

It's pretty easy for me to be cynical about all of this environmental stuff, especially after having worked at a company that was in the midst of a "greening" process. "Going green" has been as much about making money off a popular marketing tool as it has been about being environmentally friendly. A part of me still questions: If this technology has been available, why haven't more people been making biodegradable bags? Perhaps the makers of SunChips hold some magical key to the Compost Closet of Secrets; as cool as this would be for their CEO, it seems highly unlikely.

Despite my pessimism, I still want to believe that too much of a very good thing (like, I don't know, saving the planet) can only lead to other very good things. And who knows? This may be more than a marketing tool for a company that already has solid footing as the eco-brand chip; it may actually be the start of a "better bag" industry. Until then, I will take my goodness in moderation (for fear of an upset stomach).

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Compiled by Thomas Shattuck

Claire Costantino, the best thing to come out of Texas IS George W. Bush; the worst thing: your article.

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A.J. Ogilvy, stop playing basketball. Height does not equate to talent.

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Dear Versus: The Wonder Years are not hardcore punk. Please learn your musical genres before publishing.

If you're going to spend the entire period on your laptop surfing the Web and Facebooking, why do you even come to class?

Dear Jackhammer-ers on West End, some of us seniors in Towers sleep past 9 a.m. after a late Thursday night out.

## LETTER

# Dehumanizing through the use of language

To the Editor:

Let's face it: Vanderbilt University is not known as an epicenter of tolerance. Between our founding as a Southern institution for white males, our location in the "buckle of the Bible belt" and our undergraduate student body of unusually wealthy students, it's not surprising that progressive social change is slow to take hold here. Today, however, I ask the students of Vanderbilt to consider taking a step toward acceptance — and acceptance begins by replacing the language we use to describe those who are different from us.

On March 3, 2010, Special Olympics International celebrated its second annual Day of Awareness for their "Spread the Word to End the Word" campaign. This campaign serves the purpose of raising the consciousness of society about the dehumanizing and hurtful effects of the word "retard(ed)" and of encouraging people to pledge to stop using the R-word.

The R-word is another example of a remark intended to be descriptive that has since been changed in our vernacular to represent a negative stereotype commonly used as an insult. With 200 million people around the world identified as having an intellectual disability, there are hundreds of millions of gifts, unique talents and perspectives that this population offers. However, these positive attributes are pushed aside when we use the R-word in casual conversation — a word that wrongly provides images of less-than-ideal people, clumsiness, stupidity and hopelessness.

The bottom line is that we should strive to create a culture of support and acceptance for all people. We need to be aware of the ways in which our words hurt others. When our language creates needless barriers to growth (by encouraging the incorrect belief that disability equals incompetence), it becomes obvious that the word in question needs to be retired. So, join the movement. Visit [www.r-word.org](http://www.r-word.org) to sign the pledge to "stop the spread." Enlighten and encourage your peers to consider the negative impact of using the R-word casually. Find a new friend with an intellectual disability. Be a fan of Special Olympics Tennessee. Let's face it: Vanderbilt students are world-changers — we can start a movement by choosing respect.

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COLUMN

# Gen. David Petraeus: A visionary realist

Petraeus outlines the future of war with innovative military strategy with cultural awareness.



JESSE JONES  
Columnist

Gen. David Petraeus, general in Iraq during the initial phases of the surge and current Commander of CENTCOM, spoke at the Student Life Center Ballroom on Monday. I was fortunate enough to acquire a ticket to the event courtesy of associate Professor of political science Katherine Carroll, who visited Iraq and is currently faculty head of my international hall in McTyeire.

Petraeus's accomplishments both in academia and his career are impressive, to say the least. He graduated in the top 5 percent of his class at West Point and holds a Ph.D. in public policy from Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School. Everyone seems to want a piece of his shine, and the most frequently asked question concerned Petraeus's leadership ability. Petraeus gave no simple answers to his success. According to Petraeus, a successful leader, in military or civilian life, must first get the "big ideas" right and then develop strategies to promulgate the ideas down the chain of command.

The 2006 surge in Iraq was more than just a surge in troop levels; it was a surge of ideas and in implementation of those ideas. Before 2006, U.S. forces fought conventionally, which arguably fueled the insurgency. Under the surge, U.S. commanders realized that they could not "kill or capture" their way out of the insurgency. For example, detainee centers became sites of insurgency recruitment; "we were running Terrorist University," said Petraeus. The Anaconda Strategy was devised to identify all the factors that fueled the insurgency — and thereby "squeeze" Al-Qaeda in Iraq out of existence.

Increased activity in the non-kinetics cluster characterizes the surge, and Petraeus has come to be known as "Mr. Non-Kinetic." Petraeus fought this assumption somewhat, saying "Counter-insurgency is not just stability and support operations; it is still also offense and defense," but nevertheless what distinguished Petraeus's new strategy is his recognition that the dearth of Iraqi civilian infrastructure, the "lack of decent education, lack of

services and inadequate employment opportunities" contributed significantly to the insurgency.

Cultural awareness was also instrumental in non-kinetics. Soldiers began to stay in the areas they secured and live among the populations they were charged to protect, rather than retreating into their army bases at night. Cultural awareness also meant being honest when things went wrong. For example, when it was discovered that a U.S. sniper was using the Quran for target practice, Petraeus and President George W. Bush immediately issued public apologies to Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki. Though Petraeus recognized the importance of information, to his credit, he did not launch an all-out propaganda assault, either upon Iraqis or upon the American people. "First with the truth was our objective, we weren't about spin; in fact I refused to put lipstick on pigs in the spring of 2007... (we) let the press discover (our successes) ... the most important commodity we have is our credibility, and I (was) not going to risk it by prematurely announcing what appears to be progress; when it happens, they'll see it." Petraeus characterized himself as "not an optimist, not a pessimist, but a realist."

Honesty is important in all areas of human endeavor, and nowhere is it more vital than in the sphere of war. Interestingly, Petraeus defended the much-maligned role of private contractors in Iraq, which in his view help to accomplish necessary jobs like cooking and building the infrastructure, leaving American soldiers free to do the "kinetic" functions which only soldiers can do — namely, killing and capturing insurgents.

Overall, the Petraeus event was an excellent opportunity for members of the Vanderbilt community to hear from America's leading military leader, unfiltered through the distorting medium of the press. These are the kind of forums that make the collegiate experience worthwhile. Though Petraeus currently says he has no political ambitions, should Petraeus throw in his hat for the presidency, building his reputation at forums like these will allow him to garner much support from the intellectual elite. For a Republican party whose most visible figures include the likes of Sarah Palin, Mike Huckabee and assorted talk-show hosts, that could be decisive.

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COLUMN

# Anti-intellectualism plagues Vanderbilt

Intelligence does not necessarily mean that students will be intellectually stimulated outside of class.



HUDSON TODD  
Columnist

"Take a logic class," they say when I express my opinion. "Oh yeah? Well, I learned this in my econ class," they say to refute something I have argued. People unintentionally reveal quite a bit about themselves when they attempt to invalidate something you say because you have not taken a class in that subject area.

What this suggests about them is obvious: They do not do any learning outside of class, nor do they believe anyone else is capable of doing so. The idea that documentaries or nonfiction books can be enjoyable is completely foreign to these people. The act of enjoying learning is a sick joke.

I am not suggesting that class is worthless.

Class is the reason most of us attend this university. However, take one step outside of a classroom, and one instantly finds that something is amiss. All of a sudden, the conversations go from "No, only B cells and cytotoxic T cells have MHC II complexes" to "Oh my God, I have had so much to drink. Was I raped?" Part of what makes college great is meeting cosmopolitan individuals who change the way we think. When a student body chooses to embrace the pursuit of wealth and debauchery over knowledge, however, the very purpose of a university is mutilated beyond repair. Discussions with interesting people are frowned upon, because both discussions and interesting people are frowned upon. I don't believe that Vanderbilt is unique in this regard. It seems to be characteristic of Southern culture and self-proclaimed "party" schools.

There is certainly no dearth of intelligent people at Vanderbilt, but intellectual curiosity is sorely lacking. One of my good friends transferred last

semester because of the prevailing culture here, and another one is probably going to do so at the end of this semester. People should learn because they are fascinated by the wealth of knowledge in the universe rather than because they are merely proficient at memorization. I'm not attempting to condemn unproductive behavior, something we all engage in for better or worse. Rather, I refuse to condone the glorification of inanity. There are so many great opportunities to learn at this school outside of class in various clubs and the like, but it is hard to form a counterculture when we have a situation where 10 people show up to College Dems or five people show up to chess club. Really, there are only 10 Democrats and five chess players in this school? "Oh, but I don't know how to play chess, and I don't know anything about politics," they say. "Can I be drunk and play at the same time?" The answer

is yes, you can. It will increase the probability you lose, however, just like it will increase the probability you smash your SUV into a Prius. Oh, how could I have forgotten?

Chess club does little to build a resume and does not provide instant gratification. It must be worthless.

People at this school work and party hard, but they never seem to take the time to stop and smell the roses. Introspection appears to be at an all-time low, and the student body seems so caught up in their day-to-day routine that life is just passing them by. All attempts to discuss matters outside of the here and now fall upon deaf ears, such as how to live a moral life, or whether all of their efforts will really make them happier in the end. I suspect many of us will look back on college and think, "I really should have spent more time in college learning." Surely, few of us will think, "God, I did not party hard enough."

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# Sports

## 2010 Southeastern Conference Tournament Preview

Next weekend at Nashville's own Bridgestone Arena, the basketball powers of the Southeastern Conference collide in a battle for conference supremacy in the SEC Tournament. The Hustler sports staff delves into the upcoming tourney, giving you everything you need to know as the Vanderbilt Commodores' — the second seed in the SEC East — attempt to win their first SEC Tournament title since 1953.

### Top five overarching storylines



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Senior guard Jermaine Beal (0) stares down Kentucky's Eric Bledsoe (24) in their matchup at Memorial Gym earlier this season. Both players will factor in greatly to their teams' fates in the SEC Tournament.

by PETER NYGAARD  
Sports Reporter

#### 1. Will Kentucky play at 100 percent?

There are coaches you can count on to have their team mentally and emotionally prepared for every single opponent, no matter how much their team is favored. On the other side of the spectrum, you have your John Caliparis. Back when Conference USA was a multi-bid league, Calipari's Memphis Tigers consistently bowed out earlier than expected to lower-seeded opponents. Coach Calipari, now with Kentucky, has stated on record that winning the Southeastern

Conference means "nothing" to him. If Kentucky appears to have a one-seed in the NCAA Tournament locked up, don't be surprised to see their stars catching some z's on the bench.

#### 2. Will the bubble teams do enough?

Barring an impressive string of victories, Florida, Mississippi State and Ole Miss will likely be sweating until Selection Sunday. However, at this point in the season, every team controls its destiny. Even if none of the three pulls off a run at the conference title and the automatic qualifier that comes attached to it, a win over one of the top seeds or another bubble team would go a long way in securing an invite to the Big Dance. The team that benefits most from the bracket's setup is Mississippi State, who receives a first-round bye as the top seed out of the West and will likely only need a win over Florida or LSU to nab a bid.

#### 3. Will Vanderbilt avoid a repeat at Bridgestone Arena?

Earlier in the season, the Commodores took part in the four-team Sun Belt Classic at the erstwhile Sommet Center. Simply playing in Nashville proved not to be home court advantage enough as the Commodores were upset by Western Kentucky, 76-69. While Vanderbilt was still struggling to find its identity at that point, the loss was fresh off the heels of an underwhelming performance at the Maui Invitational. If Vanderbilt is to win the SEC Tournament or stand a chance in the NCAA Tournament, they will need to improve their play away from Memorial Gym.

#### 4. Will we see another Georgia?

In 2008, the Georgia Bulldogs entered the conference tournament tied in dead last with a conference record of 4-12. Not a single person outside of the team huddle thought that they stood a chance to advance to the quarterfinals. Yet they won the whole thing. If any team is likely to be Georgia this year, it's ... well, Georgia. The Bulldogs hold wins over Vanderbilt, Tennessee and Florida and has held its own against Kentucky twice. The only way Georgia can get into the NCAA Tournament is by winning it all, and the Bulldogs have proved that they can take down the big dogs of the SEC on any given night.

#### 5. Will the extra day hurt Tennessee?

After failing to secure a coveted first-round bye, Tennessee will need to win four games in four days in order to take home the conference championship. While every win will help the Vols elevate their seed in the NCAA Tournament, at what point do the costs outweigh the benefits? The Vols are already without three players for the remainder of the year, and Wayne Chism is banged up. If Tennessee is to go deep in the SEC Tournament, they may be running on fumes come the following weekend.

## Vanderbilt's toughest matchups

by ERIC SINGLE  
Asst Sports Editor

#### 5. Big-Game Bruce

Vanderbilt swept coach Bruce Pearl's Tennessee Volunteers convincingly during the regular season, winning by nine in Knoxville and 19 at Memorial Gym. But odds are the Commodores would prefer to leave the season series with their in-state rivals right where it is. The Volunteers played their most complete game of the year in their improbable 74-65 victory over No. 2 Kentucky on Saturday and had already notched a win over then-No. 1 Kansas in January. All bets will be off if the Commodores test the voodoo of Pearl's orange blazer a third time in a tournament setting.

#### 4. Florida's Backcourt

Freshman Kenny Boynton and sophomore Erving Walker are quick, streaky and too young to be nervous about postseason play. The Gators' two guards exploded for 50 points in the teams' first meeting on Jan. 9 in Nashville, when the Commodores were lucky enough to shoot themselves out of several early deficits on their way to a 95-87 win. On Tuesday night in Gainesville, Walker missed a three with less than 10 seconds left that would have given the Gators the lead. If Walker and Boynton come out hot on a neutral court, Vanderbilt could be in trouble.

#### 3. Jarvis Varnado

The Southeastern Conference leader in blocks and rebounds per game, Mississippi State's Varnado can lock down the post more completely than any other individual player in the conference when he stays out of foul trouble. In the teams' sole regular season meeting, the senior came within one block of a triple double in the Bulldogs' 75-72 loss to the Commodores on Feb. 3. Vanderbilt could meet the Bulldogs in a Saturday semifinal, and A.J. Ogilvy, Festus Ezeli and Steve Tchiengang would have to at least limit Varnado's impact inside.

#### 2. The worst team in the SEC East

Whether it ends up being South Carolina or Georgia, the sixth seed out of the SEC East will pose serious matchup problems for its first-round SEC West opponent, so don't be surprised if Vanderbilt draws a heavy underdog with a ton of momentum for its first matchup on Friday. After a 14-point loss on the road and a tight overtime victory at home, the Commodores do not need any more reminders from Travis Leslie or Trey Thompkins as to how tough of an out Georgia can be. On Saturday, Kevin Stallings's coaching staff will get one last regular season look at the Gamecocks and electrifying senior point guard Devan Downey, who averages 22.5 points per game.



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Sophomore Jeffery Taylor (44) jockeys for rebound position in the Commodores' home bout against Georgia. Teams like the Bulldogs could pose a threat to tournament favorites such as UK and Vandy.

#### 1. Big Blue Nation

It is consistently among the loudest and most unified fan bases in the conference, and this year, it doesn't have a very long drive to the Bridgestone Arena in Nashville. The Commodores have shown they have the athleticism and confidence to play Kentucky close, but the Wildcats' 85-72 win at Rupp Arena on Jan. 30 showed exactly how far leaders such as Jermaine Beal and A.J. Ogilvy need to come in the way of responding to hostile fans. Vanderbilt can beat Kentucky in a potential Sunday afternoon championship game matchup, but in order to do so, the Commodores cannot let anyone but the five players in blue and white on the court dictate their tempo or decision-making. Some positive reinforcement from the black- and gold-clad locals would not hurt, either.

## Five players to watch

by PHIL QUELLER  
Sports Reporter

#### 1. John Wall, G Freshman, Kentucky

The near-consensus No. 1 pick in the NBA Draft has lived up to expectations, leading his Wildcats to a near-certain top seed in the NCAA Tournament. His freakish speed, athleticism and natural feel for the game have dazzled crowds all season long. While this tournament may not hold the same implications for Kentucky as it does for other teams, look for Wall to shine in preparation for the Big Dance.

#### 2. Devan Downey, G Senior, South Carolina

At 5 feet 9 inches and 170 pounds, Downey does not scare many opponents with his size, but his game is scary good. Downey leads the Southeastern Conference with 22.5 points and 2.8 steals per game, and at times he has willed his team to victory. He netted 30 points in an upset of then-undefeated Kentucky, a huge bright spot in an otherwise disappointing SEC campaign for the Gamecocks. Downey will be playing his final SEC Tournament with nothing to lose and the confidence to carry his team against anyone.

#### 3. Jarvis Varnado, F Senior, Mississippi State

The Division I all-time blocked shots leader patrols the paint with a 7-foot-4-inch wingspan and will look to lead his team to an SEC title. Along with leading the SEC with 4.93 blocks per game, Varnado also leads the league with 10.9 rebounds and is a weapon on offense with 13.5 points per game. The frontrunner for yet another SEC Defensive Player of the Year honor, Varnado's presence alone forces teams to alter their offensive game plans. With their lethal shot-swatter striking fear into opponents, the Bulldogs of Mississippi State are a dark horse to win the tournament.

#### 4. DeMarcus Cousins, C Freshman, Kentucky

The 6-foot-11-inch, 270-pound man-child from Mobile, Ala., is the perfect complement to fellow freshman teammate Wall. "Boogie," as he is affectionately called, uses sheer strength to dominate the paint for the Wildcats. He is a fierce competitor who plays with instinctive passion, as is reflected in his conference-leading 4.5 offensive rebounds per game. With 16.3 points and 10.2 rebounds per game, respectively, Cousins is a double-double machine who will cause his opponents headaches in the tournament.

#### 5. Jermaine Beal, G Senior, Vanderbilt

While Beal does not put up eye-popping stats, his leadership and intangibles are invaluable. The veteran point guard is the undisputed leader of a Commodore squad that is focused on winning the tournament just a couple miles from its campus. Despite playing the role of team facilitator, Beal still leads his team with 14.6 points per game. Time and again, "Dolla" Beal carries his team in the closing moments, taking care of the ball and sinking clutch shots. Beal will be licking his chops at the prospect of a third shot at Kentucky, the lone team in the SEC his Commodores have yet to beat.

## X-Factors

by GEOFF HUTCHINSON  
Sports Reporter

While the following five players may not be the noteworthy stars of their respective teams, each will be counted on heavily if their teams expect to advance in the Southeastern Conference tournament.

#### 1. J.P. Prince, G/F Senior, Tennessee

Unlike the other players on this list, Prince is not known for his shooting or scoring ability. Instead, Prince provides the glue that holds the No. 13 Tennessee Volunteers together. Prince has shown at times this season that he can carry the offensive load for the Volunteers, as he led the team in scoring in their upset of No. 3 Kentucky last week. However, the fifth-year senior struggles with consistency from time to time and will need to show up in every game if the Vols want to win the SEC Championship.

#### 2. John Jenkins, G Freshman, Vanderbilt

Vanderbilt will need the freshman sharpshooter to continue stroking it from downtown if the Commodores want to win the SEC Tournament in Nashville. In the Commodores' six losses this season, Vanderbilt has struggled considerably from 3-point range. Jenkins, Vanderbilt's best perimeter shooter, is shooting 46 percent from behind the arc this season and has become even more proficient since moving into the starting lineup.

#### 3. Darnell Dodson/Darius Miller/DeAndre Liggins, F Sophomores, Kentucky

Whoever coach John Calipari plays at the small forward position for the Wildcats will have plenty of uncontested jump shots throughout the SEC Tournament. Over the last few games, Kentucky has struggled from the perimeter, as more teams have started to play primarily zone defenses against the athletic Wildcats. It will be up to this trio of forwards to open up the court for John Wall and DeMarcus Cousins, as teams will sag off them to guard Kentucky's two superstars.

#### 4. Dee Bost, G Sophomore, Mississippi State

The leading scorer for Mississippi State during conference play, Bost has been an enigma for the Bulldogs this season. The sophomore point guard has struggled at times with turnovers and poor shot selection for Mississippi State. At the same time, Bost remains the go-to guy for the Bulldogs, as he has taken many games over this season for his team. If Mississippi State hopes to do well in the SEC Tournament, Bost must find a way to make better decisions with the basketball while staying aggressive on the offensive end.

#### 5. Terrico White, G/F Sophomore, Ole Miss

Last season the sophomore from Memphis showed his ability to take over games, scoring at will from almost anywhere on the court. This season, he has been rather inconsistent, often taking a complementary role to junior point guard Chris Warren. If Ole Miss hopes to make the NCAA Tournament, the team will need more consistent and assertive play from their shooting guard.

# 2010 SEC Men's Tournament Bracket

The Hustler sports staff makes its bold predictions for next weekend's showdown, with Vanderbilt coming out on top. Records and projected standings through Thursday night.

Fact: The University of Kentucky is the best team in the Southeastern Conference right now, no questions asked. However, in recent weeks, Kentucky coach John Calipari has expressed an indifference to both the SEC regular season and tournament crowns, stating his team's focus is solely on the NCAA Tournament. With that coaching philosophy in mind, we as a staff expect Kentucky to slip up at some point during next weekend's festivities, opening the door for the hometown Commodores.

Vanderbilt not only has much more to play for seeding-wise than the Wildcats (who are almost certainly a No. 1-seed lock), but also Kevin Stallings's bunch seems willing to embrace their legitimate shot at an SEC tournament title. Once March rolls around, the team willing to put together a gutsy performance to complement their talent is usually rewarded. This Commodore squad has proved itself as resilient, composed and loaded with depth, making it one of the top teams in the SEC. All of these factors indicate Vanderbilt will be celebrating at midcourt come March 14.



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The Vanderbilt Commodores have come together throughout the course of the season, displaying strong will and team unity in establishing themselves among the SEC's elite teams.

Thursday, March 11      Friday, March 12      Saturday, March 13      Sunday, March 14



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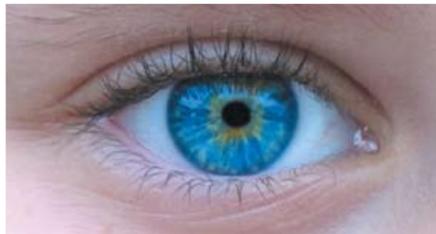
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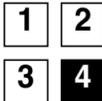
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## CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

- 1 Bank statement no.
- 5 The Miners of Conf. USA
- 9 One way to attend a party
- 13 Lincoln feature
- 15 \_\_\_ City: Baghdad suburb
- 16 Cook book
- 17 Suggestion to singer Lennox after a garlicky meal?
- 20 Half of the Brady bunch, to Carol
- 21 Clothes line?
- 22 Samuel Johnson portraitist John \_\_\_
- 23 Traitors
- 24 Jamaican group winding down after a gig?
- 28 "Yours truly calling"
- 29 Downed
- 30 "Ditto"
- 34 Warmup toss
- 35 City in Thessaly
- 39 "Oedipus \_\_\_"
- 40 Sylvester's problem
- 42 Hagar creator
- 43 Roman moon goddess
- 45 Mocher at McDonald's?
- 49 Acid neutralizers
- 52 Outer area of an escutcheon
- 53 Afternoon service
- 54 Fragments
- 58 Feared words from an accountant?
- 60 Frankfurt's river
- 61 Canceled
- 62 Emcee's job
- 63 Nos. divided by dashes
- 64 He played Obi-Wan
- 65 Strong taste

### DOWN

- 1 "\_\_\_ le roi!": French Revolution cry
- 2 Tiny amount
- 3 Mr. Peanut prop
- 4 Surveyors' tools
- 5 Online newsgroup system
- 6 Does lacework
- 7 Eponymous ice cream maker
- 8 Gets by special means
- 9 Roller coaster sounds
- 10 Senate apparel
- 11 Tickle pink
- 12 Fun partner
- 14 Pillage
- 18 "\_\_\_ Out of My Head": 1964 hit
- 19 Language heard in Karachi
- 23 Flies, in a way
- 24 Law in the works
- 25 Paris possessive
- 26 Writing points
- 27 17-syllable poem
- 47 Recent Zippo acquisition
- 48 Gumption
- 49 Oldest musketeer
- 50 It's on the Aire
- 51 Carpenter with a soothing voice
- 54 Nintendo rival
- 55 This, in Tijuana
- 56 Make a right, say
- 57 Industrial pollutant
- 59 Cut

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