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CAMPUS NEWS

## Your candidates for Young Alumni Trustees

LIZ FURLOW  
Staff Writer

Seniors Leslie Labruto, Tommy Obenchain and Sean Topping are the three nominees for the Class of 2011 Young Alumni Trustee, a position given to an elected graduating senior to serve as a fully voting member on the Vanderbilt Board of Trust for a complete term of four years. The position offers the opportunity for a recently graduated student to influence Board decisions with a fresh, young perspective. Vanderbilt students from the Classes of 2010, 2011 and 2012 will vote to elect the student who most represents the voice of the current student body and recent alumni.

As an organization, the Board of Trust works to elevate Vanderbilt's national ranking as a university of higher education. According to the Board of Trust's mission statement, the committee desires to "help Vanderbilt University achieve its goal to become one of the top ten research and teaching universities in America and to be admired for its service to the community."

Although there are no specific qualifications for the position, the Board seeks a graduating student who is a motivated, highly involved on campus and articulate as well as passionate in advocating the desires of current Vanderbilt students and other young alumni.

Current Young Alumni Trustees include Wyatt Smith (BS '10), Ayo Ositelu (BE '09), Elizabeth Bennet (BS '08) and Andrew Wilson (BS '07).

Former Young Alumni Trustee Barry Booker (BA '89) described the responsibilities of the Young Alumni Trustee.

"The position isn't about individual power to change things, but rather about having the opportunity to be a part of the process of change....(The Young Alumni Trustee must) understand the process of the Board and operate within it, to perceive how to get things done within the existing framework."

Voting closes at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 31st. Nominee descriptions can be found on the voting website, <https://studentorgs.vanderbilt.edu/elections>. ■

LESLIE LABRUTO



Leslie Labruto is a senior in the School of Engineering majoring in Civil Engineering with a double minor in Engineering Management and Energy & Environmental Systems. As President of SPEAR, Leslie led an initiative in partnership with Vanderbilt Student Government to secure Vanderbilt's \$75,000 Green Fund for sustainable student initiatives on campus. Leslie also helped create Vanderbilt's first "Humanitarian Senior Design Project" which aims to bring renewable energy to a community in Guatemala. Leslie participated in the Engineers Without Borders implementation project in Peru, Manna Project International in Argentina and VISAGE South Africa. She currently serves on the boards of Global Poverty Initiative and the American Society of Civil Engineers student chapter, and she reviews honor code cases as an Appellate Review Board member. Leslie is a member of the Pi Beta Phi women's fraternity. For Leslie's 21st birthday, she raised \$5,647 for her Charity:Water campaign that strives to bring clean water to people in the Central Republic of Africa. In the future, Leslie, who is a recipient of the Rotary Scholarship, will earn her Master's Degree at the University of Cape Town, where she will study renewable energy before beginning a career to bring affordable energy solutions to individuals in developing nations.

TOMMY OBENCHAIN



Tommy Obenchain is a senior in the College of Arts & Science double-majoring in International Business Communication and Political Science, with double Managerial Studies minors in Corporate Strategy and Leadership & Organization. As Speaker of the Senate in Vanderbilt Student Government, Tommy helped drive improvements to many aspects of student life, including making Airport Shuttles and other services free and more accessible to the student body as well as introducing GPS tracking into the Vandy Vans System. He also served as the Vice President of Hearings on the Honor Council, where he assisted in major revisions to the Honor Council constitution and strove to ensure that student advocacy maintain a central position in the Council's direction. Tommy founded a small business that subsequently launched a clean water campaign in 2010; this philanthropic effort, Pearls for Life, works in impoverished regions of Bangladesh to bring clean water to communities currently lacking safe and reliable water access. In the future, Tommy plans to earn a joint JD & Master's Degree in Business Administration before pursuing a career incorporating international business and social enterprise.

SEAN TOPPING



Sean Topping is a senior in the College of Arts and Science double-majoring in Political Science and European Studies with a minor in Spanish. He is a Cornelius Vanderbilt scholar, Phi Beta Kappa and an Honors candidate in Political Science. As VUcept President, Sean worked to improve the transition of first year students to Vanderbilt and to enhance the continued upperclassmen experience on the Commons. Sean also served as the VSG Chief of Staff, pioneering initiatives that made it more accountable to other student organizations and to the student body. In both capacities, Sean has had extensive experience with the Young Alumni Trustee program through last year's selection committee,

meetings with current YATs and presenting to the full Board of Trust on the state of the College Halls initiative. Sean has been involved with a variety of organizations and initiatives across campus, including Election Alliance, Freedom without Walls and the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. He has also served as a site leader and two-time participant in Alternative Spring Break, as well as with Big Brothers, Big Sisters and Habitat for Humanity. After graduation, Sean will teach high school English in Dallas with Teach for America, then attend law school before hopefully practicing public international law in Washington, D.C.

CAMPUS NEWS



MIKE KITTRELL / Press-Register

Michael Lee, 20; Bo Ellis Taylor, 19; Jamal Breon Lang, 20; and Ernest Teryl Wiggins, 20, were apprehended in July of last year and charged with capital murder.

## Defendants in Miree murder case seek lower sentence

KYLE BLAINE  
News Editor

Four defendants charged with capital murder in the Midtown slaying of Christopher Kyser Miree asked a judge today to grant youthful offender status, which would cap the maximum punishment at three years in prison.

Vanderbilt alumnus Kyser Miree was found with a gunshot to his head in his Mobile, Ala. home on April 16, 2010. Miree worked for Chevron Corp. in Mobile after graduating magna cum laude from Vanderbilt University in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

Michael Lee, 20; Bo Ellis Taylor, 19; Jamal Breon Lang, 20; and Ernest Teryl Wiggins, 20, were apprehended in July of last year and charged with capital murder.

According to Mobile Police, the four defendants were looking for someone to rob and arrived at the Miree's home after following his roommate from an ATM. Police said the four men knocked on the door and barged in, demanding money. Lee then shot Miree once in the head.

Circuit Judge John Lockett set a youthful offender hearing for May 5.

A defendant deemed a youthful offender can receive no more than three years in prison and three years on probation. If the defendant pleads not guilty, the trial is heard by a judge, not a jury. Court records are sealed.

Young defendants in many felony cases, including capital murder cases, request youthful offender status from a judge before the cases forward in circuit court.



KYSER MIREE

Mobile County Assistant District Attorney Jo Beth Murphree told the Alabama Press-Register that she doesn't know of another capital murder case in which youthful offender status was granted.

Miree was president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. According to senior Zach Pfinsgraff, current Sigma Alpha Epsilon members and alumni raised over \$116,000 for the Miree Memorial Scholarship in the Vanderbilt School of Engineering. The fully endowed scholarship will be handed out for the first time to a student in the school of engineering from the incoming Class of 2015.

Pfinsgraff said that past and present Sigma Alpha Epsilon members will be running the Music City Half Marathon together in honor of Miree in hopes of starting another fundraising push.

"This endeavor has been integral to the grieving process for Kyser's friends and family," Pfinsgraff wrote in an email to The Hustler. "I think it is a great example of how a group of students can rally around a wonderful cause to create meaningful results in the wake of a tragedy." ■

POLITICAL NEWS

## Pawlenty plagued by boring image

KYLE BLAINE  
News Editor

Former Minn. Gov. Tim Pawlenty all but confirmed he's running for president when he announced his exploratory committee Monday.

So, can he escape the "boring" label he's sometimes pegged with, and grab a share of the youth vote?

Pawlenty, 50, says his relatively young age will give him an advantage over other potential candidates in the GOP field.

"I have a more recent connection to the younger generation than some have or might have had in the past," Pawlenty said at Vanderbilt University Tuesday. "We

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Pawlenty speaks to a group of Vanderbilt students in Buttrick Hall Tuesday evening before speaking at Impact Symposium 2011.

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Sigma Chi brother and sophomore Guerin Schwarberg competes with Alpha Chi Omega in a tug of war during Sigma Chi's Derby Days 2011.

## PEER REVIEW

Profiling an interesting student  
by GABY ROMAN

### JESSICA MEIER-PETERSON

- **YEAR:** Senior, Arts & Science
- **MAJOR:** Biological Sciences, Spanish minor
- **HOMETOWN:** Milwaukee, Wisc.
- **ORGANIZATIONS:** Gluten Free Night Out (GFNO) and Vanderbilt UNICEF



NICOLE MANDEL  
The Vanderbilt Hustler

Among school, research and tutoring middle school students in math and science, Meier-Peterson makes time to raise awareness of celiac disease through GFNO. The group's Girls' Night Out event will be held on April 7 at 7 p.m. in SalonFX near campus.

#### WHAT HAPPENS AT A GFNO EVENT?

They're a blast! This semester's event will include spa treatments, Aunt April's gluten-free treats, which have recently appeared at the Commons, pizza and a raffle for a Keurig single-cup coffee maker with five boxes of coffee. It's going to be incredibly fun and all of the proceeds go toward our awareness efforts in Nashville.

#### WHY IS RAISING AWARENESS SO IMPORTANT TO YOU?

I have celiac disease. It started almost invisibly, but by the time I was diagnosed thirteen years later, I was in near constant pain and my ability to absorb key nutrients and vitamins was nearly destroyed. Even with those extreme symptoms, it took months of testing before celiac was even considered. A simple, inexpensive blood test could have prevented this. Since my diagnosis, I have become determined to keep others from needlessly suffering from this easily treatable disease.

The biggest goal of Girls' Night Out is to raise awareness of celiac disease, gluten intolerance and gluten sensitivity which, combined, affect an estimated 40 percent of the population. The longer they go undiagnosed, the more likely one is to develop other serious and/or chronic conditions.

#### WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS AFTER VANDERBILT?

Medical school. I have wanted to be a doctor since I was three, but my long path to being diagnosed with celiac disease sparked an interest in helping guide U.S. health policies.

## NEED TO KNOW VANDERBILT



The top news stories from around campus that you need to know to be informed this week.

by VSC MEDIA SERVICES

### Hudnut-Beumler re-appointed dean of Divinity School

James Hudnut-Beumler has accepted a third term as dean of the Divinity School.

The reappointment keeps Hudnut-Beumler as the leader of one of only four university-based interdenominational institutions in the United States, and the only one in the South. The new appointment lasts until June 30, 2013.

"Jim has been a close friend and a valued colleague," said Richard McCarty, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. "I have come to depend upon him for his advice and counsel in matters large and small and I look forward to continuing our close working relationship."

Hudnut-Beumler, the Anne Potter Wilson Distinguished Professor of American Religious History, is a Presbyterian minister and author of several books including "In Pursuit of the Almighty's Dollar: A History of Money and American Protestantism," "Looking for God in the Suburbs: The Religion of the American Dream and Its Critics," "1945-1965 and Generous Saints: Congregations Rethinking Money and Ethics."

"I look forward to continuing to lead our school at this important juncture in its life and at this moment in religious life globally," said Hudnut-Beumler. "The best part of being dean of this divinity school is working with the talented students, graduates, and scholars, all of whom are making a difference in religious life through their intelligence, integrity, and commitment." ■

### Political Science department to relocate to The Commons

Plans by the College of Arts and Science to build out the third floor of The Commons Center will enable the entire Department of Political Science including its flagship research centers to be housed under one roof starting this fall.

The Vanderbilt Board of Trust recently approved the 19,000-square-foot project scheduled for completion in early August, according to Carolyn Dever, dean of the College of Arts and Science. "This is the realization of an important part of the original vision of The Commons to be a truly integrated living and learning environment for Vanderbilt students and faculty,"

Dever said.

Included in the move to The Commons Center will be the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, the Latin American Public Opinion Project and the Research on Individuals, Politics and Society Lab.

"We are excited about the move and so grateful to Dean Dever for this opportunity," said John Geer, Distinguished Professor of Political Science and chair of the department. "Having everyone on one floor offers the chance for increased collaboration and synergy among faculty and students. And as an intellectual hub on campus, The Commons provides a wonderful setting for us to do our teaching and research."

Plans call for 46 new offices to line the perimeter of the building's third-floor atrium, said Hans Mooy, architect and project manager with Campus Planning and Construction. "There will be another 20 smaller interior offices that will form an interior corridor with classrooms, graduate student carrels and work area and conference rooms."

John TeSelle of John TeSelle Architecture has been selected as the project architect, while John Olert of Olert Engineering and Wendell Barnett of iDesign Services are the project engineers. Hardaway Construction will serve as construction manager and Dominique Arrieta of Gobbell Hays is the LEED Consultant. ■

### Wind, solar energy project under way in Nashville

The city of Nashville and Vanderbilt are embarking on a wind and solar energy project.

According to The Tennessean, it's being done at one of the highest points in the city, south of the Vanderbilt campus.

Vanderbilt's mechanical engineering students will measure and monitor the wind and solar energy at the site, known locally as Love Circle.

It's believed that a sustainable amount of wind energy can be collected at high points during the fall and early spring.

Metro Nashville Water Services has invested \$97,000 in the five-year pilot project for wind turbines and solar panels.

It could lead to the placement of such turbines and panels atop office buildings and cell phone towers. ■

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

### VSG TURNOVER

In an event Wednesday evening VSG confirmed new members to their appointed positions. Dean Bandas spoke of the importance of student government, and former President Lori Murphy reflected on her experience in VSG. Adam Meyer was sworn in as the new president of VSG by Attorney General Rohan Betra, after which he gave his inaugural address and presented his first resolution as president. New members are listed below.

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## Fashion for a cause



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Junior Alexendra Seamens strikes a pose at the end of the runway Thursday night in the SLC during the "Fashion for a Cause Show: The Game of LIFE." Proceeds from the show went to benefit the local Nashville philanthropy Tennessee Youth Connections.

■ FACULTY NEWS

# Vanderbilt writer Alice Randall accepted for Yaddo residency

**VANDERBILT NEWS SERVICE**

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.**—Vanderbilt professor Alice Randall will spend a month this summer at the famed Yaddo artists' community.

Writers including James Baldwin, Saul Bellow and Langston Hughes have done residencies at Yaddo, in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Randall, writer-in-residence in African American and Diaspora Studies at Vanderbilt, was accepted to work at the 400-acre Yaddo estate June 23 through July 24.

"I'm surprised and delighted," said Randall, author of the novels

The Wind Done Gone, Pushkin and the Queen of Spades and Rebel Yell. "A month to work in the same rooms my heroes worked — Langston Hughes and Arna Bontemps and James Baldwin and Sylvia Plath and Carson McCullers — feels like the perfect balance to the school year where as part of the Vanderbilt community I am enriched by all the connections to students and colleagues and family."

The history of the Yaddo property stretches back to a tavern where many writers including Edgar Allan Poe dined in the 19th century. Rumor has it that Poe wrote part of The Raven at the

tavern. Yaddo was founded in 1900 by financier Spencer Trask and his wife Katrina to nurture the creative process.

Writer John Cheever once wrote that the "40 or so acres on which the principal buildings of Yaddo stand have seen more distinguished activity in the arts than any other piece of ground in the English-speaking community and perhaps the world."

Randall plans to spend her Yaddo residency revising her fourth novel, inFATuation, which draws on her research into soul food and research being done at Vanderbilt on personalized medicine. ■



ALICE RANDALL

# PAWLENTY: College group forming around Pawlenty

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really understand the new era of communications, and that's why I spend time on Jon Stewart and love to do it."

Pawlenty believes Obama has done a lot of the legwork for a GOP share of the vote.

"President Obama is going to help us because a bunch of people that voted for him last time feel duped, and they aren't going to sign up again for dupe version two," Pawlenty said. "The excitement around his rhetoric that has now soured into the reality of his, in my view, flawed leadership, is now evident for all to see."

Youth voters broke for Democrats 56-40 percent in 2010, which was similar to 2004-2006 levels during the Bush White House. In 2008, Obama carried 68 percent of those under 30.

There's a nascent infrastructure of grassroots college support developing for the governor.

"He's the one candidate in the race that can unite all parts of the Republican Party, and do it in an authentic way," said Justin Higgins, a junior at the Ohio State University.

Higgins is the founder of Students for Pawlenty, an advocacy group unaffiliated with the governor that only launched Saturday. After attending CPAC in February, where groups like Students for Mitch Daniels and Students for Mitt were on hand, Higgins discovered no Pawlenty group existed, and decided to change that.

"I found, actually, that he has a lot of support — quiet support, I would say — but support that's building, especially with the announcement today," he said.

Higgins's belief in Pawlenty as a coalition builder may have some merit. In a post Tuesday, the Washington Post's Chris Cillizza made the case for Pawlenty — and said that quiet support could prove an advantage.

"Pawlenty, at the moment, is lots of peoples' second choice," Cillizza wrote. "As the field narrows — and it will narrow — Pawlenty is likely to pick up supporters of other candidates because he is good — if not great — on the issues that matter most to them."

In the meantime, Pawlenty will likely work to shake the "boring" label. Pawlenty's been plagued by the reputation in media coverage — even RealClearPolitics reporter Scott Conroy asked the governor last year about it.

"I think if people get to know me better, it's just not true," he told RCP. "But the other response I have is: compared to who? There may be some more people who are dramatically more entertaining, but probably aren't getting elected. And there are some people who are, you know, serious candidates. I would say, which one of those is a barrel of laughs or somehow in a different league as far as excitement?"

Higgins believes the full exposure of a presidential campaign cycle will defeat the boring tag for Pawlenty.

"The fact is, that when people start seeing him have townhall events, and start talking to voters — I mean, the governor is just phenomenal at explaining issues: clear, concise. It's not boring. He's great in that way," Higgins said. ■

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# Office of Housing Assignments

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■ COLUMN

Thoughts coming away from Impact Symposium



KATIE DES PREZ  
Columnist

On Tuesday night I went to the Impact Symposium and heard Christina Romer debate Tim Pawlenty about the state of the middle class in the U.S., particularly post-recession, and what in the world to do about it. Despite having the truth about neoconservatives (lying, greedy, etc.) flung in my face by some freedom-loving Young Americans outside Langford, I was pretty pleased with the level of discourse inside the auditorium. Even though the overall debate wasn't too painful to listen to, though, the political stereotypes were still so thick in the air that I almost gagged a few times. There were the bespectacled, well-dressed Economics students who, "Respectfully, Sir," would like to tell you everything they know without actually posing a question. There were the overly critical know-it-alls (yours truly — I've embraced it), and, of course, the catchphrase-flinging politicians. The latter honor goes more to Governor Pawlenty than Dr. Romer, although neither party left with his or her hands entirely clean of political sap. There was an excellent debate between the two, but every time I heard anything about Main Street or Wall Street, it was like nails on a chalkboard.

The more politicians talk about Main Street and Wall Street, the more I feel like George Bailey, so can I at least have a portly angel to walk me around my life as if I never existed and make me see how great I am? Otherwise, no more Main Street. No more Malcom Gladwell, either. We're over him. Also, I realize Governor Pawlenty is running for president now (excuse me, "exploring" it), but I still don't need to learn about meat packing to understand the middle

class. There will be plenty of time for the "Where I Come From" speech when Pawlenty and Palin enter the primary ring, but I don't want to hear it. Lastly, could we please not assess my own success by whether the future is "bright" for my children? First of all, I don't even know what a bright future means. Couldn't it just be bright because the future is a train wreck, and the train's headlight is coming straight at me? Not to be a pessimist.

So that political debates can stay interesting without hurting my ears, I'd like to propose a few new catchphrases that can enter the lexicon and liven things up a bit. Governor Pawlenty actually came up with one that I liked: "Sam's Club Republicans." It's a little redundant, and I didn't really get his overall point, but I like the image it evokes. Next, "Taxes suck." We need to be straightforward with everyone; but taxes are like Ben Wyatt's long-distance running — annoying but necessary, unless you can find an alternative. Last, "The deficit is like the tooth fairy." Here's why: We act like it doesn't exist, but somehow we keep losing money because of it. Think of every quarter under a kid's pillow as another billion dollars.

Like all political catchphrases, my new ideas will have to be rotated out quickly. With the spread of political information these days, their lifespan will probably only be about two days. Regardless of which cliches are en vogue, though, we'll always be able to rely on Sarah Palin for sentences that are painful to listen to, not because they're cheesy, but because they don't make sense at all.

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■ COLUMN

What decade are we in again?



CLAIRE COSTANTINO  
Columnist

I read the New York Times today, and after taking in the news, politics, weather and fashion sections, I found myself wondering what year we're actually living in these days. 2011 is the obvious answer, but the state of current events makes me feel like we're living in a bunch of different eras at once. Besides, I'm always eager to find practical applications for my history degree, so finding the past in our present gives me something to say to those liberal arts degree haters who say I'm wasting my time and money.

2011 will probably go down in history as the year of revolutions across the Arab world, just as every student of European history remembers 1848 as the year that revolutions ripped across the continent. As in 1848's diverse revolutions, about the only common thread linking the uprisings in the Middle East is the time of their occurrence. The role of the military, the response of sitting leaders, the people acting as rebels and the goals of each insurrection varies from state to state. Libya and Egypt, for instance, are already headed down very different paths, but they will always be remembered as part of the same moment.

But it's also possible that none of these revolutions will amount to anything because The End is Near. Whether you ascribe to the Mayan prophecy claiming 2012 marks the apocalypse or biblical tales of death and destruction, these look like the final days. Birds fall dead from the sky, earthquakes and tsunamis have decimated Japan and still threaten much of the Pacific and now a catastrophic nuclear meltdown may join the list of

trials for mankind to endure. Go on your dream trip tomorrow and profess your secret love to your soul mate today, because we might not have much time left here on Earth.

And if we're not back in 1848 and the apocalypse is not imminent, then we're probably just living in the 1930s. Our up-and-down (but, as those looking for jobs after graduation can attest, mostly down) economy makes headlines that look like they belong on newspapers from the Great Depression. Americans are grappling with sharply rising income inequality, the federal government is struggling to find a fiscal policy that limits the market's downward spiral and still others blame organized labor for the whole problem? I think I have deja vu ... Yet the job market is perhaps even more reminiscent of America's early colonial period than the Great Depression. Seeing my peers graduate from a Top 20 college and move on to unpaid or stipend-only internships feels like we live in an era of indentured servitude instead of the chance to live in the American Dream.

Things in the real world may look bleak today, whether you see current events as historical reruns or as new episodes in the human drama, but Vanderbilt remains blissfully untouched by reality. Here in the Vanderbubble, life is an eternal theme party celebrating everyone's favorite decade: the 1980s. Ray-bans abound, girls wear leggings as pants, everybody loves Reagan, and Charlie Sheen is relevant. So, throw on your biggest shoulder pads and go watch a John Hughes movie, because Vanderbilt is skipping the world's problems in favor of reliving the glory days. Like the 80s' favorite sleazebag, all we do is win.

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THE VERDICT

Stand and be judged by the Hustler opinion staff! Compiled by the staff of The Vanderbilt Hustler

Friday		It's been a whole week, but internet sensation Rebecca Black isn't going anywhere. Her hit song "Friday" keeps getting played at parties and bars around the country, and tomorrow, Ark Music Factory, which made the video for \$2,000, will hold a preference entitled, "The Truth About Ark." But we already know the truth: They make awesome music!
Sarah Palin		Bill Kristol's response to a questioner at Monday's IMPACT Symposium has been drawing national attention. Kristol, one of Sarah Palin's chief backers in the 2008 election, was asked whether, "with a straight face," he could still defend John McCain's choice of a running mate. While he called the decision "a reasonable gamble," he went on to say that he thinks "she probably shouldn't be the Republican nominee for president." Yet if there's anyone who's going to ignore the advice of his or her closest supporter, it's Sarah Palin.
Mark Zuckerberg		Facebook's billionaire founder, Mark Zuckerberg, is now "in a relationship" on the website he built. He added the comment, "Slightly overdue :);" given that he has been dating Priscilla Chan since college. Slightly overdue, Mark? Try years. But anyways, congratulations

■ COLUMN

Is the housing process unfair?

SAUNDERS MCELROY  
Columnist

In a time when the costs of attending and living at school away from home are higher than ever before, more and more Vanderbilt students are struggling with heavy financial obligations, despite financial aid and work study packages. A very large portion of these constraints come from sky-high housing prices which no student is excited about paying, often sending upperclassmen into a competitive fervor applying for resident adviser positions on campus. However, the large majority of the student population is left to fight for the best rooms in a lottery-style selection process that ends up leaving some people, especially sophomores, in an undesired location.

With the registration process getting underway this month, I, along with many other freshmen, am beginning to get nervous that I'll get stuck in a dorm that's not my first choice, otherwise known as getting "Kisslammmed." I'm not sure what the percentages are, but if luck doesn't go my way, I could very well end up in a cramped single, separated from all hubs of activity on campus. As unfortunate as that would be, that isn't even the worst part. The kicker is that I would be paying an equal amount compared to students living in a comfortable Branscomb double, who are a short walk away from main campus, Rand, and Greek row. And to top it off, Vanderbilt Housing tries to feed students the idea that the lottery is "fair." I would love an explanation as to why it is fair that there's a decent chance that I could be paying equal money for significantly worse living conditions.

If Vanderbilt intends to provide truly fair housing conditions, the current system must be reformed. Give students the option to pay less money to live in Kissam, and that not only could make the system more reasonable, but it might also remove some of the competitiveness of the lottery, as students who struggle more financially than others could have an attractive alternative option. Whatever the resolution ends up being, Vanderbilt must make changes to provide students participating in the lottery with better options. Or at the least they could stop feeding us fabricated statements about the fairness of a system that forces some students to pay ridiculous rates for poor conditions.

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# LIFE

■ CULTURE

## Parks & recreation: Where to walk



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In the balmy weather, Nashvillians enjoy the mosaic arch at Nashville's Fannie Mae Dees Park.

**XIAOYU QI**  
Asst. Life Editor

After an uncharacteristically snowy winter, spring has finally arrived in Nashville. The Life staff encourages students to take advantage of the 70-degree weather by venturing outside the Vanderbubble and into Nashville's parks. Whether it's flying kites in Centennial Park, spending a lazy afternoon picnic in Dragon Park or hiking in the Warner Parks, the Nashville parks system has plenty to offer students tired of hibernating on campus. For more information, visit: [nashville.gov/parks](http://nashville.gov/parks).

**Fannie Mae Dees Park (Dragon Park)**

Hipsters, yuppies, their dogs and kids have been hanging out here for years. Affectionately named for the (fun to climb) serpent sculpture living at its heart, Dragon Park is a true landmark for Nashvillians. The park is just down the street from Hillsboro Village, so bring a blanket, head down to Provence for European picnic fare, stop by Bookman/Bookwoman for a dusty copy of Dostoevsky and enjoy an epicurean afternoon picnic among the cool locals.

**Warner Parks**

Those more interested in nature than dragon statues and artificial lakes should head to Edwin and Percy Warner Parks, just past the Belle Meade neighborhood. Together, the parks span 2,684 acres of forest and field, with picnic areas and scenic trails. The parks also boast a Nature Center offering programming like "Wildflower Walks" and a spring yoga class.

**Centennial Park**

If Nashville is truly the "Athens of the South," then the Parthenon is our, um, Parthenon. However, while the replica attracts tourists, photographers and wedding parties, Centennial Park has much more to offer. Runners tired of their usual route can try the path around the artificial lake. The rear of the park offers beautiful gardens that are in bloom this time of year. Best of all, Centennial Park is home to many great (and free) Nashville traditions, like the upcoming Earth Day festival, the Tennessee Association of Craft Artists (TACA) crafts fair, Movies in the Park and Shakespeare in the Park during the summer. ■



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■ FASHION

## Nashville Fashion Week

**MCMALLEN MOSER**  
Staff Writer

In just a few short days, Nashville will kick off its first 2011 Lexus Nashville Fashion Week (NFW). From March 29 to April 2, designers will be showcasing their collections at various locations around town, including The Pinnacle, The Arcade, Crystal Fountain Church and TPAC's War Memorial Auditorium. A variety of designers will present their collections, including Betsey Johnson, Christian Siriano, Akiko, Aman Stovall, Julianna Bass, Leona and many more.

"I am so happy to be showing my work in Nashville!" NFW headliner Christian Siriano said. "This is an exciting opportunity to show my collection in a

city with such a distinctive history and culture, since music and fashion so naturally complement each other."

Throughout the week there are also special events, trunk shows and deals at boutiques around town, not to mention panels of speakers and receptions. The week's lecture topics include "The Fashion Ad," "Where Fashion and Web 2.0 Collide," and a talk from guest speaker Kelly Cutrone. As the CEO and founder of People's Revolution, one of the most successful fashion PR companies in the country, Cutrone will discuss her career as a fashion publicist and brand strategist.

Not only is NFW an opportunity to find great deals at local boutiques, experience exceptionally crafted runway

shows and gain insight on different aspects of the fashion industry, but it's also a great way to support local entrepreneurs. The proceeds from Fashion Week will go directly to the Nashville Fashion Forward Fund, which is led by The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. This fund is used to finance apprenticeships, internships, education or other opportunities for individuals in Middle Tennessee who are interested in the fashion and apparel industries. This donation can be made to designers, boutique owners, models, stylists, etc.

Evening, event-only and weeklong all-access tickets are all available for purchase. To buy tickets and see a full schedule of events check out [www.nashvillefashionweek.com](http://www.nashvillefashionweek.com). ■

■ MOVIES

## What to see: 'Sucker Punch'



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(From left to right): The group of femme fatales in "Sucker Punch" includes Baby Doll (Emily Browning), Rocket (Jena Malone), Sweet Pea (Abbie Cornish) and Blondie (Vanessa Hudgens).

**OLIVIA KUPFER**  
Life Editor

Action-fantasy and femme fatales seems to be a winning combination: how else can movie studios entice nerds to venture out of their lairs and into theaters?

"Sucker Punch," which was released today by Warner Brothers Studios, is an original screenplay by Steve Shibuya and Zack Snyder, the duo responsible for "Watchmen." The plot of "Sucker Punch" centers on Baby Doll — a young, blonde siren — and her struggle to escape involuntary imprisonment in a mental asylum. With the help of fellow inmates Sweet Pea, Blondie and Rocket, as well as her imagination, the group battles their captors with a virtual arsenal of weapons.

The film stars Emily Browning (Baby Doll), who starred in 2009 horror film "The Uninvited"; Jon Hamm (Doctor/The High Roller), who is famous for his portrayal of womanizer Don Draper on "Mad Men"; and Carla Gugino (Madame Vera Gorski), who had a brief role on HBO's "Entourage" in earlier seasons. Gugino and Hamm both play malevolent captors at the asylum.

**Pros**

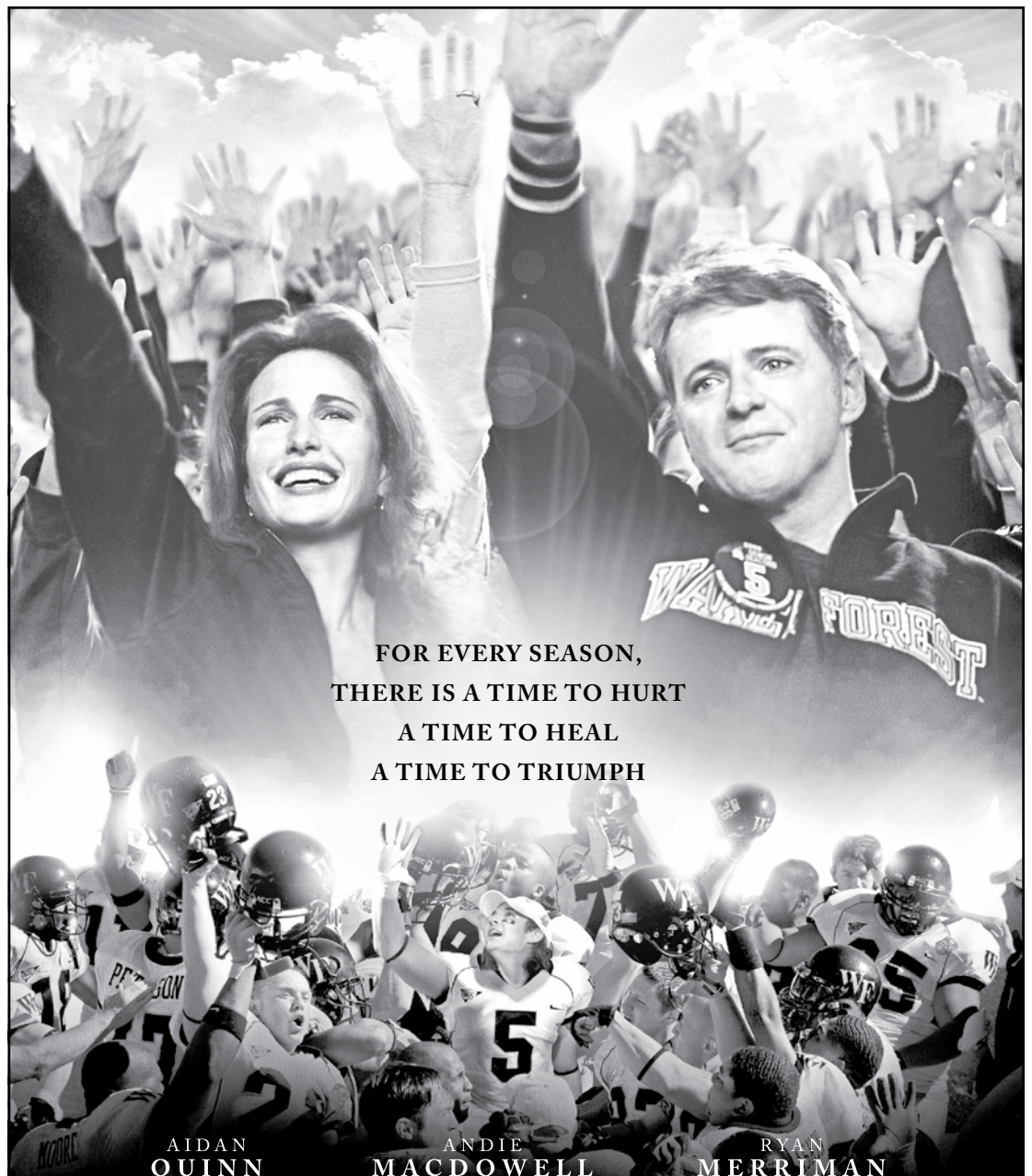
Characters' names aside, the action scenes sound promising. Snyder, who also directed the film, described it as "Alice in Wonderland with machine guns." Even though "Sucker Punch" ventures into sci-fi/fantasy territory, there are redeeming elements of the psychological thriller as Baby Doll struggles to define reality and the limitations of her mind.

**Cons**

Vanessa Hudgens plays Blondie, one of Baby Doll's comrades. It's true Miss Hudgens emerged from obscurity to stardom with Disney hit film "High School Musical," but Hudgens might be the worst actress of our generation. "Sucker Punch" sounds like every movie Angelina Jolie has starred in, but without Angelina Jolie.

**Verdict**

Considering what's currently in theaters ("Rango," anyone?), "Sucker Punch" is worth the price of a ticket.



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## SPORTS

# Busy March for Vandy club sports

■ HOCKEY

## QA with Brenden Oliver *Club Hockey President*

MEGHAN ROSE  
Sports Editor

**Vanderbilt Hustler:** How did you get your start as a hockey goalie?

**Brenden Oliver:** I first started out because my brother was playing with a friend and they had no goalie on the team. It was back in the day when there was really no ice to be found in Dallas — like the early 90s. I started out with roller hockey and played on his team. It kind of just evolved from there. I switched over to ice and kept going. I went to a really small all-guys high school, and we didn't have a team. The city public school let me play on their team, but I never played on any travel teams.

**VH:** You guys are currently 14-3-1 on the year. How has the season progressed so far?

**BO:** This whole year we were on probation for cancelling games the year before. Last year we only played 10 games, so it was a bit of a rocky season. We just wanted to get on

the right track — we've had an eighteen game schedule so far. We have a huge team, and we had a solid freshman and sophomore group come out. We've taken care of business against some good teams like Georgia and Georgia Tech. Overall, it's one of the most successful seasons we've had so far.

**VH:** How receptive has Centennial Sportplex been to the team's practices and games?

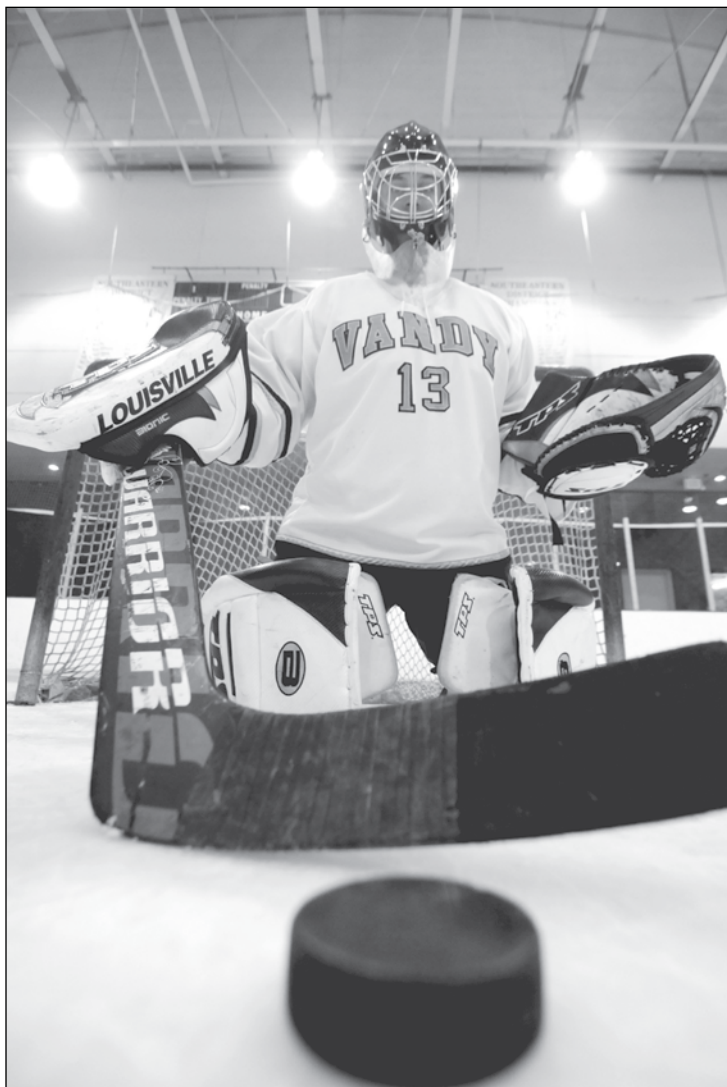
**BO:** The high school teams, the travel teams, and the men's teams always get the ice before us, so that's why we have a lot of 10:50 game times on Saturday nights. Overall, they're welcoming and happy to have us. They put up a nice banner for us.

**VH:** How familiar are you with Bridgestone Arena?

**BO:** I've been to three or four Predators games during my time at Vandy, and I've been to a couple of concerts downtown there. I've been in the building a lot, but I'm interested to see how it is behind the scenes.

**VH:** How do you expect Bridgestone to compare to the other rinks you've played at?

**BO:** I think it's going to be a lot more official, as there will be people telling us where we can



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go and where we can't go. Usually we walk in, walk to the locker room, and then walk out onto the ice, it's more point-to-point. From what it sounds like, Bridgestone is going to have us on a strict direction of where we have to go.

**VH:** How would you describe the fan support this past season?

**BO:** A lot of players' families come out, and then you have the friends of players too. The ones that are there are pretty dedicated. Some guys actually painted up for one of our games.

**VH:** You guys have been getting the word out about this weekend's game through posters and an event on Facebook. How much of an impact can students and fans have at Bridgestone?

**BO:** Tickets are free and it's at 1 p.m., which is the best ice time we've ever had. It kind of works out perfectly. You can sleep in, come downtown, watch us and support us. We need to fill up that arena, especially behind the goals. I've heard that if it's empty, the puck blends in with the seats, and that will make it more difficult for me to play my game. Also, the more people that show up to this game, the more benefits we'll have in the future. Next year we could have the Jumbotron and other stuff. ■

■ HOCKEY

## Vanderbilt hosts in-state foe Tennessee in I-40 Face Off



Photo provided by Vanderbilt Club Hockey

ERIC SINGLE  
Asst. Sports Editor

The Vanderbilt club ice hockey team concludes its 2010-2011 season on Saturday afternoon with a game against Tennessee in the inaugural I-40 Face Off at the Bridgestone Arena in downtown Nashville.

The Commodores, who are affiliated with the American College Hockey Association and the South Eastern Collegiate Hockey Conference, finished their regular season with a 14-3-1 record but have not played a game since Feb. 11, when they defeated Georgia Tech in overtime (6-5) after overcoming a two-goal deficit in the third period. The win capped a perfect five-game home stand on the team's regular home ice at the Dr. Thomas F. Frist Centennial Sportsplex, including sweeps of Mississippi State and Louisville on consecutive weekends.

Vanderbilt enjoyed a successful regular season thanks to a wealth of offensive balance. Sophomore Kyle McCann led the Commodores with 10 goals in 16 games this season, but seven other players scored seven goals or more. Junior goaltender Brenden Oliver is expected to get the start between the pipes for the Commodores.

Tennessee finished its regular season in fourth place in the SECHC East Division with an 8-18-1 record and just three conference victories. The Ice Vols, who have won the conference championship three times in the last six years, lost both their games at the 2011 SECHC Championships in Georgia in late February.

"The last two years, Tennessee has put a pretty good beating on us, mainly because we were outmanned," said Oliver. "This year, they've lost to a lot of the same teams we've lost to and beaten a lot of the same teams. We have a lot of

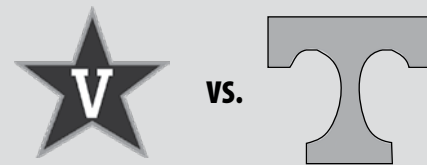
guys coming back from injury, and I think we'll take care of them."

Tennessee has dominated the last two meetings of the in-state rivalry, beating Vanderbilt 15-4 in 2008 in Nashville and 9-4 last year in Knoxville. Senior Kevin Jones is the team's all-time leading goal-scorer, with 136 goals in his four-year career, and has a team-high 27 points this season for the Ice Vols. Sophomore Jeong Choe leads the team with 15 goals in 16 games played this season.

Steve Durrigan will be coaching his final game as Tennessee's head coach on Saturday. On Jan. 16, the Ice Vols announced on their team website that Durrigan, the program's all-time leader in wins, would step down at the end of the season.

The Bridgestone Arena is the home of the National Hockey League's Nashville Predators, who will play the Dallas Stars later Saturday night at 7 p.m. Admission is free for the Tennessee-Vanderbilt game, which starts at 1 p.m., and fans who wish to stay for the Predators game have the opportunity to purchase Goal Zone tickets for a discounted price of \$25. ■

### NEXT GAME



### VANDERBILT VS. TENNESSEE

Saturday, March 26 — 1 p.m. CT  
Bridgestone Arena — Nashville, Tenn.

■ RUGBY

## Rugby brings home Southeastern Conference championship

JACKSON MARTIN  
Asst. Sports Editor

With a thrilling 9-3 victory over Auburn on March 5, the Vanderbilt Rugby Club took home the Southeastern Conference crown and secured a Top 25 ranking from rugby.com. Sophomore flyhalf Scott Trench scored all nine points for the Commodores off of penalty kicks (worth three points each) in the defensive battle that saw no tries (the rugby equivalent of a touchdown) scored.

"It was a really intense game — a very defensive match. Auburn was our only loss this semester, and we had a few injuries that game," said club president Alex Tapper. "Other than that, we've been running over people. It was tough to lose to Auburn the first time, so it was good to beat them on the second try."

Auburn held a tremendous home-field advantage over the Commodores, with the game being played in Auburn, Ala. Tiger fans numbered in the hundreds, while just seven fans represented Vanderbilt on the sidelines. The lack of fan support did not faze the team, which has dealt with poor attendance even for home games this season.

"Most people don't even know we

have a rugby team, to be honest," said team captain Neal Goodwin. "We try to make Facebook events for home games, but in past years we haven't been very good. Last year, we did much better, we made it to the South quarterfinals, and now we're moving on even further."

With the win, Vanderbilt has secured its place in the USA Rugby South semifinals. The Commodores will face No. 16 Eastern Carolina University this Saturday in Mobile, Ala., with the winner advancing to the championship game Sunday afternoon. The other South semifinal features No. 7 South Florida and Middle Tennessee State.

If the Commodores can beat Eastern Carolina, they will advance to the USA Rugby Division II tournament. Both the first and second place finishers from each region advance to the tournament, which will feature 16 teams, split into East and West pools. Because Vanderbilt would be in the East, their opening round games would be played in Sanford, Fla. April 16-17. Should the Commodores advance to the national semifinals, they would play at Founders Field in Pittsburgh, Pa.

"Unfortunately, that (tournament) would be during Rites (of Spring). But I've heard Kid Cudi sucks in concert



Club rugby president Alex Tapper (middle), captain Neal Goodwin (far right) and the Commodores beat the Auburn Tigers, 9-3, in an intense defensive match in early March, winning the team's first Southeastern Conference championship title.

anyways," Tapper said.

The Commodores only advanced to the SEC final on the last play of their semifinal matchup with Louisiana-Lafayette University, which was played at a neutral site in New Orleans, La. The Ragin' Cajuns took a 18-12 lead with less than two minutes remaining in the game, and Vanderbilt hit the ensuing kickoff out of bounds. The Ragin' Cajuns were awarded a lineup (similar to a throw-in in soccer) which

was then stolen by Vandy senior Christian Lehr.

The Commodores drove down the field, drawing a penalty near the Ragin' Cajun goal line. The Commodores quickly restarted the ball, and freshman Jake Rosner dove across the goal line to put Vanderbilt down by just one with the conversion after try still to come. In rugby, tries are worth five points, and the "extra point" kicks are worth two. The sophomore Scott Trench

converted the kick to give Vanderbilt a 19-18 win, sending the Commodores to the SEC championship game.

"The difference this year, compared to previous years is that a lot of guys stayed with the team until the spring," said Goodwin. "We usually lose a lot of guys to the Greek system. It was a great feeling (to win the SEC championship) for those of us who have been on the team a few years and have been dedicated." ■



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BASEBALL

# Vandy to face SEC road test

GEORGE BARCLAY  
Sports Writer

On Friday, the No. 2 ranked Vanderbilt Commodores (20-2, 2-1 Southeastern Conference) will take on the Arkansas Razorbacks (17-4, 1-2 SEC). Vanderbilt will travel to Fayetteville for this three-game series after ending an 18-game home stand in which the Commodores went an impressive 16-2.

Coming into the season with a top-five national ranking and many returning players, Vanderbilt baseball has lived up to the hype. On Tuesday, the Commodores produced an 11-2 thrashing of Tennessee Tech where seven Vanderbilt players notched at least one hit. Sophomore outfielder Connor Harrell led the way offensively with two hits, including a two-run home run, and three RBIs. Additionally, sophomore infielder Anthony Gomez extended his hitting streak to 17 games.

Meanwhile, Arkansas is also riding some positive momentum into the weekend. The Razorbacks have won back-to-back games against Memphis this week and are a solid 11-1 in home games this season. However, Arkansas has yet to face a team of Vanderbilt's caliber this season, making this an intriguing three games of SEC baseball.

In Friday's game, junior Sonny Gray (5-0, 1.34 ERA) will take the mound for Vanderbilt. With a fastball that clocks in the mid-90s and effective use of breaking balls, the Commodores' ace has been nothing short of dominant this season and continues to add to his already impressive collegiate resume.

Junior left-hander Grayson Garvin (3-1, 2.78 ERA) will get the ball in Saturday's game for the Commodores. Garvin will look to continue his superb 5-to-1 strikeout-to-walk ratio and pound the strike zone.

To close out the series on Sunday, Vanderbilt will start senior right-hander Taylor Hill (1-0, 3.25 ERA). Hill will be out for redemption in the third game, looking to move forward from a no-decision in his last start, Sunday against Mississippi State, where the bullpen failed to hold a four-run lead.

In the final weekend series of the regular season last year, Arkansas took two out of three games from Vanderbilt in Nashville.

In a season where a trip to the College World Series is the ultimate goal, victories in conference games are a crucial commodity for Vanderbilt. Pay attention Commodore fans: This year's team is worth watching. ■



MURPHY BYRNE / File Photo

Junior ace Sonny Gray (5-0) will take the mound for the Commodores on Friday night in Fayetteville.

## NEXT GAME



### VANDERBILT AT ARKANSAS

Friday, March 25  
6:35 p.m. CT  
Saturday, March 26  
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1 p.m. CT

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LACROSSE

# Lacrosse hosts Stanford



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Senior Emily Franke (5) and the Commodores look to avenge last season's 14-9 loss to the Cardinal.

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Sports Writer

Last March, as spring break plans sent many students south, Vanderbilt women's lacrosse enjoyed its own trip west to face the Cardinal in Palo Alto.

Unfortunately for the Commodores, the fun did not last long. Led by midfielder Leslie Foard's five goals, Stanford upset the Commodores, 14-9.

One year later, the Cardinal will head east to Nashville to take on the Commodores.

Undefeated Stanford (7-0, 1-0 Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) has climbed to seventh in the national rankings, thanks largely to Foard and fellow midfielder Lauren Schmidt, who was recently named to the Tewaaraton Award Watch List (awarded to the nation's most outstanding lacrosse player).

Foard, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, thoroughly enjoyed her homecoming, as she spearheaded the Cardinal's victories on their current five-game road-trip through the mid-east. The senior notched hat tricks in contests versus Ohio State and Canisius — both of which were played in Columbus.

Sixteen days later, Stanford returned to Ohio, to square off against Cincinnati. Sarah Flynn notched five goals, and Schmidt added four, en route to the Cardinal's seventh victory of the season.

In addition to spoiling an otherwise perfect season for the visitors, a Commodore victory

would help revert Coach Cathy Swezey's squad back to its winning ways.

Vanderbilt's (5-4, 0-2 American Lacrosse Conference) loss at conference-foe Penn State on March 20 was the second in its last three matches. Moreover, the Commodores still seek their first conference win, which has proved elusive through the first several weeks of the 2011 slate.

Although Stanford is an out-of-conference opponent, a victory over a Top 10 team at home would do wonders to boost Vanderbilt's confidence when they return to conference play next weekend.

The most important two-game stretch of the season looms on the following Sundays — the Commodores face Johns Hopkins in Baltimore on April 3 and Ohio State in Columbus on April 10. ■

## NEXT GAME



### VANDERBILT VS. STANFORD

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- 14 Strong-spined volume
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- 17 61-Across Asian appetizer?
- 19 Class figs.
- 20 Bleak
- 21 61-Across cheer?
- 23 Spine movement
- 25 Code-cracking gp.
- 26 Chatspeak qualifier
- 27 Batter's supply
- 29 Select, in a way
- 32 "Then again ..."
- 33 Doglike carnivore
- 36 Ballet \_\_\_
- 37 61-Across musical?
- 39 Ashes, e.g.
- 42 Geometry basic
- 43 Animal's gullet
- 46 Personally give
- 48 Meadow bloomer in the buttercup family
- 50 Hamburger's article
- 51 A.L. rival of N.Y.
- 54 Flashes
- 55 61-Across gag?
- 59 Seed coating
- 60 Inspire profoundly
- 61 Not well thought out
- 64 Great Lakes explorer La \_\_\_
- 65 Convenient abbr.
- 66 "Pretty Woman" actor
- 67 Fishhook connector
- 68 Disallow
- 69 Highland tongue

### DOWN

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- 2 Head-scratcher
- 3 Fossil indentation
- 4 Be haunted by, perhaps
- 5 Square on the table?
- 6 Sports MD's specialty
- 7 Greet warmly
- 8 Dwells incessantly (on)
- 9 Chow chow
- 10 Town name ending
- 11 They don't laugh when they're tickled
- 12 Discredits
- 13 Hardly a head-scratcher
- 18 Purple hue
- 22 Eats
- 23 Code user
- 24 Comedic actress
- 28 1988 self-titled C&W album
- 30 FBI facility since 1932
- 31 Nice street
- 34 Disallow
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- 37 Daffodils' digs
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- 40 Title savant in a 1988 Oscar-winning film
- 41 Dignify
- 43 Handle
- 44 Pair in a rack
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- 47 Gram. case
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