

Vandy students borrowing less

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MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

Vanderbilt students are borrowing less than ever before, bucking a national trend.

Vanderbilt's Office of Financial Aid Vanderbilt says that students borrow less and default at a rate of only 1.8 percent, despite statistics published by USA Today that indicate student loans have outpaced credit cards as a leading source of debt with 8.8 percent of borrowers defaulting on their student loans in 2009.

"These figures are calculat-

ed by the federal government because once students leave Vanderbilt it would be too hard to track this kind of information," Executive Director of the Office of Student Financial Aid and Undergraduate Scholarships David Mohning said. "In my 20 years in this office I don't think this figure has ever been higher than 2.5 percent. This likely speaks to the responsibility of Vanderbilt students and the strength of the degree programs in helping students find jobs."

Though students applying for need-based financial aid must see **LOANS** page 2

Greeks give back in week of service



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Brothers of Phi Delta Theta participate in Greek Week of Service Oct. 14, 2011.

Throughout the semester, the Vanderbilt Greek community has contributed an enormous amount of hours and money to organizations around the Nashville community.

GREEK WEEK OF SERVICE:

From Oct. 10 through Oct. 14, over 820 members of the Vanderbilt Greek community contributed 1,800 hours of service to various efforts in the greater Nashville area. These endeavors included Greeks:

- Hosting a field day for children in the Youth Encouragement Services afterschool program.
- Holding a campaign highlighting issues in Nashville's homeless community, culminating

in Alpha Tau Omega's "ATO Goes Homeless" event in which they spent the night on Alumni Lawn to raise money and collect old clothing donations.

- Initiating a letter-writing campaign to troops.
- Sorting food at Nashville's Second Harvest Food Bank.
- Cleaning up Beaman Park and Edwin Warner Park.
- Volunteering with kids at the Cooper Trooper Pumpkin Patch.
- Spending time at the Fannie Battle Day Home for Children.

Other organizations Greeks helped out include the New Vi- see **GREEKS** page 2

Too much speed in The Swamp

VANDERBILT
★ 21

FLORIDA
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Frustration builds after third straight SEC loss decided by five or fewer

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SPORTS EDITOR

Moral victories are a thing of the past for this year's Commodores.

After Vanderbilt suffered its third consecutive conference loss by five or fewer points on Saturday against Florida, Jordan Matthews' remarks echoed the team's mounting frustrations with the trend.

"We want to win and that's why it hurts so much, because we know how much we put in," said the sophomore wide receiver. "We've just got to find a way to get the wins."

Saturday's 26-21 defeat at the hands of the Gators is the latest addition to a string of close losses for the Commodores. In the past four weeks, Vanderbilt has dropped heartbreaking games to Georgia, Arkansas and now Florida — three contests decided by a total of 13 points.

"It's frustrating," said redshirt junior quarterback Jordan Rodgers. "It's been a couple of games now that we've been able to come back, but just not finish."

Rodgers and Matthews were a dynamic pairing in Saturday's game, connecting on nine plays, as Matthews posted a career-high 170 yards receiving with one touchdown catch. Rodgers completed 19 of 28 passes, throwing for 297 yards and averaging 15.6 yards per completion.

But it was the performance of senior halfback Jeff Demps who gave the Gators the edge, helping Florida (5-4, 3-4 Southeastern Conference) to build a 17-0 halftime lead over the Commodores in front of a Homecoming crowd of 90,144 at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

"He's really shifty, and it's hard to tackle someone like that in open space," said safety Kenny Laddler of containing Demps. "We knew (their running backs) were fast, but it's hard to simulate that speed during practice."

Demps finished with 158 yards



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Jordan Matthews (top) posted career-high numbers in Saturday's 26-21 loss to Florida. The sophomore wide-out hauled in nine catches for 170 yards receiving and one touchdown catch. Florida halfback Jeff Demps (bottom) put the Commodores away with a 52-yard touchdown run late in the fourth quarter.

on the ground and two touchdowns filling in for an injured Chris Rainey.

While Demps kept the Commodore defense busy, the Vanderbilt offense was silenced in the first half. Vanderbilt's woes on special teams continued as redshirt junior Ryan Fowler's 32-yard field goal attempt was blocked on the team's first possession of the game.

"We started out slower than we wanted to, and some penalties and negative yardage plays stalled some drives early in that first half," Rodgers said.

After halftime, a more focused Commodore team emerged from the locker room, cutting the Gator lead to 20-14 by the beginning of the fourth quarter with touchdown scores from Matthews and Rodgers, respectively. Matthews had a crucial 17-yard catch on 4th and 12 to keep the second scoring drive alive.

"(Halftime is) an opportunity to sit down with the team and talk with them as a whole and make sure that they understand very clearly who we are and how we're going to play the game here," said head coach James Franklin.

The Commodores' second-half rebound positioned them firmly back in the game.

And with just under nine minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, Vanderbilt (4-5, 1-5 SEC) had the chance to take the lead after forcing a Gator punt.

But the Commodore offensive threat stalled at the Florida 38-yard line after a third-down pass intended for Jordan Matthews was broken up by safety De'Ante Saunders — legally, despite a fiery protest from the Vanderbilt sideline that Saunders should

have been flagged for pass interference.

The Gators capitalized on their next possession, marching 94 yards downfield with the help of a 52-yard touchdown run from Demps to extend the lead to 26-14 with two minutes left in regulation. Rodgers and the Commodore offense answered in under a minute, with a 10-yard touchdown catch from wide receiver Chris Boyd.

Time was on Florida's side, however, as the Gators closed out the game with two rushing plays after recovering Fowler's inside kick.

"We didn't put four quarters together, and in this league and in this conference with the talent and the coaching you can't do that," Franklin said. "I'm proud of the guys, but I'll be especially proud when we win."

Last year, the Commodores yielded to the Gators, 55-14, in Nashville. Vanderbilt has not won a game against Florida since 1988.

Franklin acknowledged his team's valiant effort to turn around this year's contest.

"Those are positive things that we're doing, but in the end, we have to start finishing," he said.

For the Commodores, close is no longer enough. ★

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POLITICAL PANEL DISCUSSION

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Former presidential speechwriters John McConnell and David Halperin will join Sam Feist, CNN Washington bureau chief and Vanderbilt alumnus, for a panel discussion, "Writing for the President and Interpreting the News," Wednesday.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 7 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of The Commons Center.

McConnell, former speechwriter for President George W. Bush, Halperin, former speechwriter for President Bill Clinton, and Feist will discuss the challenges and experiences of writing for the president of the United States, and how news organizations interpret the president's words for the public. John Geer, chair of Vanderbilt's Department of Political Science, will moderate the discussion. ★

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OCT. 28, 2011, 6 P.M.

A drug/narcotics violation was issued at North Hall after a green leafy substance was turned in.

OCT. 29, 2011, 6:10 P.M.

A student's laptop was stolen from the Phi Gamma Delta House.

OCT. 30, 2011, 7:40 A.M.

Counterfeiting/forgery, liquor law violations, drunkenness, and disorderly conduct citations were all issued at the Village at Vanderbilt after a student tried kicking a friend's apartment door to gain reentry. He had a fake ID.

OCT. 31, 2011, 5:54 P.M.

An employee's jewelry was stolen at the Village at Vanderbilt.

NOV. 1, 2011, 12:15 A.M.

A Vanderbilt student was robbed at gunpoint early Tuesday morning in the Village at Vanderbilt Apartments, according to a mass email sent by the Vanderbilt University Police Department shortly after the incident had occurred.

The suspect was described as an Asian male about 5'6 tall and thinly built. He wore a white shirt, light blue or turquoise pants, and a white scarf covering his mouth and nose, according to the e-mail.

The suspect was last seen fleeing towards 21st Avenue. He possibly used a red car for his getaway.

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Geek squad



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Junior Jesse Morgan plays on his laptop Friday night at this semester's VandyLAN held in Featheringill Hall.

LOANS: Vanderbilt grads default less, says study

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submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, Vanderbilt calculates financial need primarily through looking at a student's CSS profile. "In the past several years, FAFSA has become less of a tool to discern need than allocate limited federal funds. I would estimate that for every one dollar that a student is eligible to receive through federal aid, Vanderbilt supplies an additional 20," Mohning said.

Mohning and his office use a number of tools to

determine a financial need package. Income, savings and family assets and investments are all considered. "If a students' parents' own their own home, for instance, this allows the parents access to equity loans that would not be available to a renter." Home equity lines of credits are often perceived as risky, however, since a family unable to pay an existing loan may face foreclosure and devastated credit.

According to the Office of Financial Aid's website,

in 2009 Vanderbilt began its expanded aid program in which financial aid packages did not include need-based loans but only scholarships and grant/gift assistance. A press release from the office at the start of this program in 2008 stated that this move was part of Vanderbilt's "seven-year initiative to reduce students' education-related debt ... and is funded through a combination of strategic budget allocations and Vanderbilt's Shape the Future fund-raising cam-

paigned (designed to increase access to a Vanderbilt education across all income levels)."

In 2008, the most recent year these figures are available, these initiatives had already reduced the average overall indebtedness of graduating seniors by 17 percent.

While the amount of student borrowing has decreased in recent years, students still may have loans associated with their Vanderbilt education. Unsubsidized Stafford loans,

considered non need-based financial aid and offered to every student, involve varying degrees of borrowing power (\$5,500 for first years, \$6,500 for second years and \$ 7,500 for third and fourth years) at an interest rate of 6.8 percent. In 2011, the interest charged by most major banks on 30 year mortgages hovers around 4 percent.

While Vanderbilt purports to meet full demonstrated need for undergraduates, no need-based assistance is offered by graduate school

programs. "For graduate students, usually aid is merit-based and disbursed through the individual school of study," Mohning said. "We don't calculate the average that graduate students borrow because that number wouldn't provide very much information. The cost of the program itself is a big determinant of that figure. Students in the law and business schools might borrow more on average than the student in the graduate school. It can vary widely." ★

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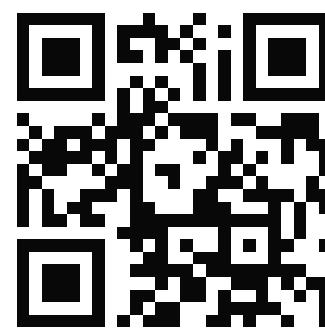
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GREEKS: Service events pay it forward

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sion Academy, Feed the Children, Green Street Elite, Vanderbilt Student Volunteers for Science, the Afterschool Program, the Martha O'Bryan Center, the Nashville Zoo and the Nashville Young Women's Christian Association. This was the first time the Vanderbilt Greek community held the Week of Service, and they are planning on holding it annually.

"The first annual Greek Week of service was a resounding success and I am incredibly proud of the commitment our community made to giving back," said event organizer and Kappa Sigma fraternity brother Drew Karr. "We hope that this effort will be the foundation for a unified Greek Week of Service for years to come"

Executives from many of the organizations gave positive feedback from the events that were part of the week. David Estes, director of the St. Luke's center of Youth Encouragement Services, identified the field day as a great experience. "We had a great time. Whenever we have a chance for our children to be around positive adults we have to jump at it," Estes said. "The service that the Vanderbilt students provided was both inspirational to our children and encouraging to our organization. Nashville is a better place because of Vanderbilt University."

TRICK OR TREAT WITH GREEKS AND ATHLETES:

On Oct. 28 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., portions of 25th Avenue, 24th Avenue and Kensington Place around Greek Row were closed off from traffic so that members of the Vanderbilt Greek and Athletic communities could create a Halloween fantasyland.

Kids from the Edgehill P-TEAM (a tutoring program for young students in the Edgehill neighborhood) and the Martha O'Bryan Center (a

faith-based family resource center in Nashville), as well as children of Vanderbilt families, were invited to come trick-or-treating in the safe area that included a haunted house, a moon bounce, a candy hunt, a photo booth and, of course, trick-or-treating, as well as Greek students wearing zany costumes. Roughly 300 to 350 kids and parents participated.

"The event was a huge success as many chapters came together to create different activities for the children," said Sarah Mills, event organizer and Alpha Chi Omega member. "The interaction between the Greeks and the Vanderbilt and Nashville communities was about more than collecting candy. The Greeks were really involved and having fun with the trick-or-treaters."

INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION EVENTS:

Event: Watermelon Bust

Date: Sept. 25 - Oct. 1

Organization: Lambda Chi Alpha

Money raised: \$6,000

Charity: Boys and Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee (BGCMT)

"Tremendously successful event with high participation from all nine Panhellenic sororities and our members. This year's winner was Alpha Omicron Pi. One day we had a kickball tournament and invited 40 kids from the Andrew Jackson Club (one of the BGCMT organizations) come play with us and everyone had an amazing time. We also sponsored our first ever Melon Trot 5k that was open to both sororities and the greater Vanderbilt and Nashville communities that had over 120 runners and raised over \$1,000 alone," said Lambda Chi Alpha brother Daniel Givens.

Event: Kappa Delta Kosmopolitan

Date: Oct. 2

Organization: Kappa Delta

Money raised: TBD

Charity: Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee

"KD's annual philanthropy event brings together fashion, food and fun to benefit Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee, an organization that strives to protect children from abusive situations. This year, models were dressed in Rent the Runway dresses and Stella & Dot jewelry," said Kappa Delta sister Ellidia Guan.

Event: AOPi Live Presents Alpha Male

Date: Oct. 16

Organization: Alpha Omicron Pi

Money raised: \$8,000

Charity: The Arthritis Foundation.

"Our event was a fraternity pageant competition. Guys competed in outfit of choice, talent, and question and answer. The fraternity brothers made the event really funny and set a great vibe!" said Alpha Omicron Pi sister Greer Martin.

Event: Pink Out

Date: Oct. 24 - Oct. 29

Organization: Alpha Kappa Alpha

Money raised: TBD

Charity: Susan G. Komen

"The philanthropic endeavor allows students to support Susan G. Komen in many ways. Students can directly impact breast cancer research by donating to the organization in exchange for a T-shirt or by volunteering with Alpha Kappa Alpha at the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure," said Alpha Kappa Alpha sister Brittany Watts.

Event: Delta Underground

Date: Oct. 30

Organization: Delta Delta Delta

Money raised: \$12,475

Charity: The Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt

"Through Delta Underground we have the special opportunity to help



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The Tri Delta Philanthropy, Delta Underground, went off without a hitch Sunday raising funds for Monroe Children's Hospital.

the children who are treated right on our very own campus. This year we are thrilled to have raised 50% more for Children's Hospital than last year. On top of that, Delta Underground is an event that really strengthens our sisterhood as the whole house works together to learn and perform our dances," said Delta Delta Delta sister Lisa Branding.

Event: Kappa Kappa Gala

Date: Nov. 3

Organization: Kappa Kappa Gamma

Money raised: TBD

Charity: The Sports 4 All Foundation and the Jessica Herron Memorial Scholarship Fund.

"The event consists of a dance competition in which our members, Vanderbilt fraternities, and other teams from around campus compete on to benefit these worthy causes. This year, our members also performed a dance on stage with participants from Sports 4 All!" said Kappa Kappa Gamma sister Kendra Kawala.

Event: ALPHATRAZ

Date: Nov. 8

Organization: Alpha Chi Omega

Money raised: TBD

Charity: Young Women's Christian Association of Nashville and

Middle Tennessee

"Alphatraz helps to raise awareness about domestic violence and raise money to provide a safe place for victims of domestic violence. We are so grateful to have the opportunity to help these women and children get back on their feet and to give back to the Nashville community," said Alpha Chi Omega sister Mary Lockman.

Event: 34th Annual Theta BBQ

Date: Nov. 13

Organization: Kappa Alpha Theta

Money raised: TBD

Charity: Court Appointed Special Advocates

"Our sophomores perform a traditional western 'stomp' and barbecue and desserts are served. This event is always so much fun for our sorority as well as everyone that attends. Everyone is welcome to come out and see a great show while supporting a great cause!" said Kappa Alpha Theta sister Jessica Pruitt. ★

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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

What's there to protest?

SKYLER HUTTO
GUEST COLUMNIST

I was surprised to learn that Vanderbilt students opposed to the Occupy Wall Street movement staged a counter-protest on Thursday night. This was not a campus event, but a trip to the exact location of the Occupiers, a potential confrontation in the Legislative Plaza. Besides being shocked, I also found this notion a little humorous. The events that actually took place on Thursday night could make proponents of either side feel a little better.

The Occupy Nashville branch of the nationwide demonstration has been going on for several weeks, and it should not come as news to anyone that there are Vanderbilt students who disagree with the "Occupy" messages of corporate responsibility and increased government regulation (to name a few). However, just last week a judge confirmed the occupiers' right to peacefully assemble, and a restraining order was granted against the police force which had attempted to evict the demonstrators. In light of this new invigoration, the counter-protest may have seemed particularly necessary, but the Anti-Occupiers may have revealed their hand a bit too early.

On Thursday night, some of the first chants that arose from the Vanderbilt counter-protest were, "No More Handouts." This call was quickly echoed by the Occupiers who erupted with the same message. This in itself may have been strange to my peers, but the sentiment was furthered when several of the Occupy Nashville leaders extended their hands, a simultaneous hand-shake and play on words (handouts). The same thing happened with several other

sound-byte phrases, such as, "We are the debt (dead) generation." The Vanderbilt students may have gone to the steps of the Legislative Plaza to cause a stir, but their message was killed with kindness. There are several points on which the groups agreed. And in many cases, it seems they have the same goals, which are generally about creating a better

After Thursday night, the twenty or so Vanderbilt students who attended the counter-occupation may be rethinking their stance on the people who've made an encampment on Wall Street, Legislative Plaza, and countless other places across the nation.

future, even if the factions disagree on how to reach that end. In light of these events, it may be worth pointing out that we all might have more in common with the Occupy movement than we think.

Primarily, what may have been missed is that the Occupy Wall Street movement has incredibly widespread support. A newly published Time magazine poll revealed that 54 percent of Americans describe themselves as sympathetic to the message of the protesters, and other

recent polling data has suggested that number is on the rise. The victimization of Occupiers in cities like Nashville and Oakland only calls more attention to their cause, and it is not a hard cause to get behind.

For example, a central plea from this movement is that millionaires and billionaires should pay their fair share of the tax burden. In fact, a study from Public Policy Polling shows that 80 percent of likely voters in swing states favor raising taxes on the super-wealthy. So what's the problem with the counter-protest? There isn't one. They have every right to voice their opinion, but in the end, they are only pointing out a movement that is attractive to a majority of people. After Thursday night, the 20 or so Vanderbilt students who attended the counter-occupation may be rethinking their stance on the people who've made an encampment on Wall Street, Legislative Plaza and countless other places across the nation. If, however, they decide that there is no agreement to be had, then these students have shot themselves in the foot. Calling attention to a popular set of ideas will only create greater support for them, and the Occupy Wall Street ideals are becoming popular.

Finally, I would encourage anyone, with or without a strong opinion on the matter, to attend the Occupy Wall Street debate on Wednesday night. The Vanderbilt College Democrats and Republicans will be hosting the event, moderated by the debate team, at 6 p.m. in Stevenson 2212.

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COLUMN

Give thanks before Christmas



BEN WYATT
COLUMNIST

At 21, I really should have been more prepared to see the Christmas-themed merchandise in the CVS on 21st Avenue. It was, after all, four days after Halloween, which meant we were well into the Christmas season by any retail store's reckoning. Yet despite having seen this spectacle every single November since I can remember, I found myself distinctly uncomfortable with the Christmas spectacle displayed before me. I even began to ask those questions — the ones you hear your parents ask, the ones that elicit an eye roll if anyone besides you is asking them: What on earth happened to Thanksgiving? Can't we have a little bit of a break from the holidays before the Christmas insanity is upon us again?

Of course, they're rhetorical questions. We all know why stores put up their Christmas decorations the day after Halloween — because Thanksgiving has yet to be successfully commercialized. How American industry has failed to capitalize on this opportunity for a third profit-swelling end-of-year holiday is unclear. My personal theory is that a holiday centered on being grateful for what one has presents more challenges to marketing executives than Christmas, which, once stripped of its religious significance to accommodate the increasing secularization of American society, has become a festive tabula rasa, waiting to be invested with meaning by those who can talk loudest and most often. This dubious honor is usually held by corporations, who have turned the Christmas season into a cloying paen to the virtue of being nice to people, particularly by buying them things.

To be fair, corporations only amplified and repurposed the gift-giving tradition; they did not create it. But my point is not the guilt or innocence of business, or even the merits (or lack thereof) of coupling commercialism with Christmas. My point is that when we celebrate our end-of-year holidays, we valorize the new and costly over the inherited and free, what we want over what we have. The latter is not profitable by definition, and therefore is underplayed. Not that the former is bad, mind you — but what we already have has a value that should neither replace nor be replaced by novelties that we acquire.

Perhaps the beauty of Thanksgiving is that it reminds us of that truth when we are most prone to forget it. November is the beginning of the most hectic time of year, when we begin to worry about final examinations (and their inevitable corollary, final grades), Christmas gifts and travel plans, and all the other chaos that accompanies the year's end. There is so much to be done, and it's easy to believe that we are defined by how much of our task list we accomplish.

So let's not forget our most easily forgotten holiday this year, because November is the time when we need a reminder of everything we already have, regardless of our own strivings: friends, family and a future that is not so precipitously balanced on our own frantic efforts as we are led to believe. As we anticipate December's academic gauntlet and a week-long Thanksgiving break that will inevitably be less productive than we imagine, that reminder will go a long way towards keeping us all sane.

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COLUMN

Remember, remember, it's No Shave November

ANDRE ROUILLARD
COLUMNIST

Look around, Vanderbilt students, and you'll see that it's that time of year again: Sweaters abound, basketball season is upon us, pumpkin pie is in the oven, and leaves blanket the ground, crunching delicately underfoot. Yes, I'm talking about No Shave November. That singular month so highly anticipated by males, and so sadly misunderstood by females across the nation. I hope you've already stashed (pun intended) your razors, boys, because the great race has begun. No Shave November is a very special time for those of us who are united by the often itchy bond of facial follicles, a time when we, as men, can share with each other something that is frequently frowned upon and occasionally repressed in today's oh-so modern society: The opportunity to grow the wildest, the patchiest, the most unruly and socially unacceptable Grizzly Adams-esque swath of facial hair we'll have all year.

Predictably, many of my female friends decry this phenomenon, which changes the faces of campuses across the nation each year. "It's disgusting," they protest. "Why would you ever want to do something like that?"

I'll tell you why: This isn't just a grand celebration of masculinity, but also our (far more tasteful) version of those "Save the Boobies" bracelets and pink ribbons that show up during October, otherwise known as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This

isn't just some male ego trip. It's not just an opportunity to showcase our second most distinct gender characteristic (although it is, that, too).

So there you have it, ladies. Our careful cultivation of what may end up being an inconsistent and wiry, but proud piece of facial ornamentation is also devoted to raising awareness for one of the leading causes of death in men in this soon-to-be-scruffier country.

Rather, as you may or may not have known, "Movember" was initially proposed to raise awareness for prostate cancer and other cancers that uniquely affect men. It is an unfortunate reality that this positive message has been largely eschewed in recent years as No Shave November has morphed into little more than an extended excuse for unusual and questionably sanitary behavior. So there you have it, ladies. Our careful cultivation

of what may end up being an inconsistent and wiry, but proud piece of facial ornamentation is also devoted to raising awareness for one of the leading causes of death in men in this soon-to-be-scruffier country.

I've never had a beard. To be fair though, I've never really tried. We all know that one kid in high school who already had full and sustained growth by sophomore year, but many of us, even in college, have trouble growing anything symmetrical, or are self-conscious about the results we might see if we were to skip the quick go-over with the Gillette Fusion every morning or two. Well, put your fears aside, men of Vanderbilt. Embrace this tradition with open arms and before-and-after Facebook pictures. Let us all join in hairy solidarity for a good cause this month, and grow out whatever we've got with reckless abandon.

Men, support each other. This can be difficult for those with an abundance of facial hair due to upkeep, and difficult for those with not-so-much due to image issues. To the ladies out there, feel free to join in. I know that this is probably the least desirable way to express your support for men's cancer research, but hey, that's what leggings are for, right? Remember, remember, No Shave November ... and to donate a little bit to cancer research this month, too.

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COLUMN

A modern miseducation: Racial separation endures



ALLENA BERRY
COLUMNIST

I really wanted to write about something fun this week.

The source material was definitely there. Starting with Kim Kardashian's fly-by-night marriage, there were issues galore from which to base some mildly clever analysis. And I had every intention of doing just that.

But then I opened the newspaper. I read that the school district of Memphis, Tenn. and the surrounding Shelby County school system are in the middle of the biggest school district merger in American history. I read that, while financial considerations formed the base of the decision to merge (among other statistics, median family income in Memphis is \$32,000, while that of the more suburban Shelby County is \$92,000), a huge concern of the merger remains race-based. Some fear that Shelby County, with a black population of 38 percent, will decide to break away from the district-conglomerate and incorporate their own suburban school districts. This would only exacerbate segregation in the already predominantly black (85 percent) Memphis schools ("Merger of Memphis and County School District..." The New York Times, Nov. 5, 2011).

I had to double back and look at my calendar; yes, it is 2011. And yet, the same problems that have crippled this country from its inception are still dictating policy. For some reason — whether institutionalized inequality or personal preferences — we, as a country, don't do a lot of racial mixing. The mere thought of it is enough to incite lawsuits and court injunctions, as is the case in

the Memphis scenario above.

But that's them. Vanderbilt is different. We're cool with race. I mean, all of our multicultural groups are a testament to that. We have BSA, AASA, ASU, the MLC, and MESA, to name a few. It's a virtual alphabet soup of racial diversity and acceptance. I can rock my 'fro at the Grand

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Ole Opry and white people can freely two-step at a slow-grind without fear of retribution.

And while these indicators point to some movement towards inclusionary practices within the racial make-up of such prestigious university's as our own, I had to ask myself: Is this good enough?

A recent report released by The Brookings Institute, entitled "The Re-

emergence of Concentrated Poverty," made the following conclusion: "After declining in the 1990s, the population in extreme-poverty neighborhoods — where at least 40 percent of individuals live below the poverty line — rose by one-third from 2000 to 2005-09."

The reality is that minorities are still overrepresented in those extreme-poverty neighborhoods. From data collected on the top 100 metropolitan areas over the 2005-09 time frame, blacks and Latinos represented 78.5 percent of those in these neighborhoods of concentrated poverty, while only representing 32.1 percent of these area's total population. And it's not just a money issue (although, money is still an issue). In the Memphis case study above, those middle-to upper-class minority families that had moved to the suburbs were often still segregated by race: both outside of the city-limits of Memphis, Collierville High School was approximately 82 percent white last year, while Southwind High School — 10 miles away from Collierville — was 92 percent black. At least in that example, higher income wasn't necessarily the impetus for racial inclusion.

So why can't we all just get along? Why can't we all go to school together, go to church together, go to parties together? Those are pretty big questions. And I have no idea how to answer them.

But, perhaps, the beginnings towards a solution lay in less praise of surface-level indicators of racial inclusion and more real discussions about our own campus's hesitations regarding race.

That, and more slow-grinds.

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Why is a non-relevant IFC article on the front page when our XC girls just won SEC?

Shouldn't the president of VSG be familiar with its Constitution?

Remind me why club elections aren't enough to preserve a group's identity? The threat of a "hostile takeover" ain't gonna cut it.

Lack of support? Really? When football is the highest attended sport and 3/4 of every sports page in the Hustler is devoted to football?

Consider this my vote of no-confidence in the senators who lack the spine to challenge our sketchy VSG "president."

VSG should be speaking out against the land grabbing, not holding a vote of no confidence.

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LIFE

Return to Ocean Avenue: Say yes to Yellowcard



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After a two year break, Yellowcard is back with their new album "When you're Through Thinking, Say Yes." Yellowcard is playing at 6 p.m. Monday at Rockettown. Tickets are \$20.

CAYLA MACKEY
STAFF REPORTER

"Ocean Avenue" is an anthem for many of us — a scion of angry teenage emotions, raging hormones and uncontrollable energy. Yellowcard, the Floridian pop punk band responsible for that timely outlet for our un-suppressible urges, plays its first "proper club show" in Nashville on Monday, Nov. 7. According to lead singer Ryan Call, the only previous show here was in 2006, in a "tiny little bar upstairs, with about 30 people there." Call claims that "Despite the size, it was rad. I love Nashville." After a 2-year hiatus, Yellowcard returns to give us their latest album

"When You're Through Thinking, Say Yes."

Yellowcard bestowed us with many gifts. They articulated our inexplicable attraction to the beach, they made it acceptable to be confused by love and, most importantly, they proved that the violin is cool.

Call says of the violin, "It's an interesting instrument because it's almost like another voice. You can definitely get a lot of feeling out of playing the guitar, but a violin sings on its own. You can create real emotion with it when it's played. It's cool to be able to add that level of depth to the songs." Yellowcard's violinist Sean Mackin employs classical music techniques to bring a level of so-

phistication to the punk music Yellowcard is known for.

According to Call, "Sean's a great songwriter too. He's so well-educated and knows so much about music, music theory, writing and composing."

Yellowcard is hardly the first to use the violin in pop music. Mackin and Yellowcard follow in the long line of string shredders with Daniel Bernard Roumain, Arcade Fire, Dave Matthews Band, Ra Ra Riot, ZOX and John Cale of the Velvet Underground. The band met at art school, and the creative environment was critical to the inclusion of the violin in the band. Says Call, "Sean's in the band because we went to that school. Being in that creative environment at such a young age was really important to our formation. Due to the environment that we grew up in and were educated in, we were willing to try crazy, interesting things like that."

Fortunately for those of us who loved the old Yellowcard, they "haven't changed a thing," according to Call. Is this chance to relive high school in dance-your-pants-off fashion worth the price of admission? Hopefully when you're through thinking, you too will say "yes."

Yellowcard performs Monday, Nov. 7 at 6 p.m. at Rockettown. Tickets are \$20. For more information visit Rockettown.com. ★

Atwitter with expectation

KRISTEN WEBB
LIFE EDITOR

You're on the go, and you need your info fast — to be precise, you need it in fewer than 140 characters. In the swamp of worldwide web inundation, where do you turn? Never fear, the Life section (@VandyLife, if you were curious) breaks down five of the top Tweet-ers to follow, on campus and off.

For (your own) college humor:

@TNC_Improv

Not only would you be keeping up with a Vanderbilt student org, but you're also guaranteed at least a chuckle from every tweet.

For daily inspiration:

@JamesFranklinVU

Sure, he's relevant to Vanderbilt and you might learn a little more about how our football team is progressing. But more than anything, CJF tweets are really just about finding reasons to be optimistic, and we love it.

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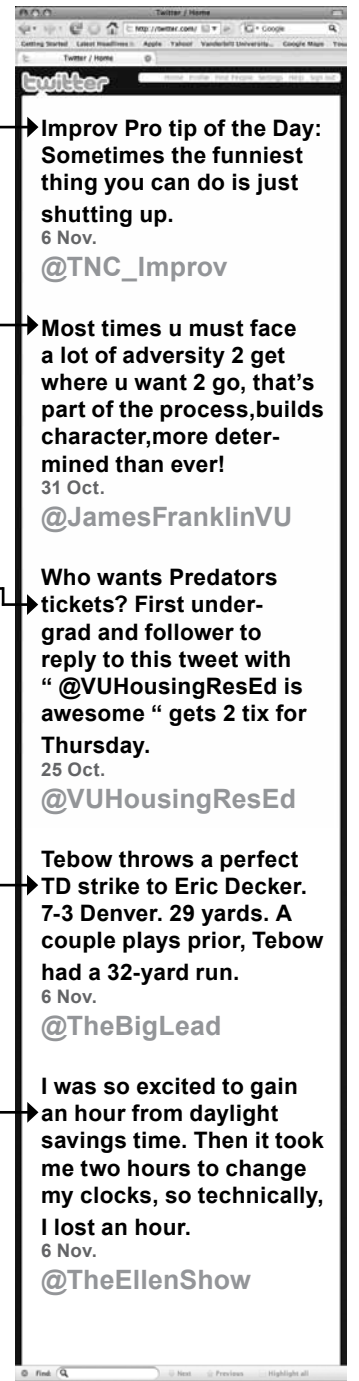
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Cocktail Concoctions

MAKING THE MOST OF THE MUNCHIE MART



NICOLE MANDEL/ THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER

NISSA OSTROFF
ASST. LIFE EDITOR

The cards encircle the beer can: Your game of kings is about to begin. Suddenly you realize you have no chasers. With a little creativity and innovation, you can turn your towers suite into Patterson House.

Branscomb Bloody Mary

3 parts vodka
6 parts tomato juice
1 part lemon juice
Salt and pepper

This sanguine cocktail is not for the faint hearted.

Obtain V8 juice and a veggie tray at the Munchie. Steal lemon slices from CT West. Shake and stir all ingredients as necessary, adding salt and pepper in the process. Add celery sticks.

McGill Martini

1 part gin
2 olives

At lunch, obtain olives from the salad bar. Put gin in a shaker. If Pierce Brosnan shows up to your around-the-world pregame, shake, don't stir. Add the olives.

Steve-o Sangria!

(Recipe adapted from about.com)
1 bottle Red Wine
1 cup raspberries
A large spoonful of sugar
1 lemon
1 cup pineapples
4 cups Ginger ale

Buy raspberries, a pineapple cup, and Ginger ale from the Munchie. See Branscomb Bloody Mary for instructions on obtaining lemon. Mix together everything but the ginger ale. Let the flavors "marinate" for a few hours. Add ginger ale and serve. ★

A day in the life: Kevin Stallings

KELLY HALOM
STAFF REPORTER

While men's basketball head coach Kevin Stallings is heavily dedicated to his team and program, his greatest commitment is to his family.

Outside the gym, Stallings says, "what I look forward most to in my life is doing things with my children." With a son, Jacob, playing baseball at the University of North Carolina and two daughters, Alexa and Jordan, at home participating in various activities, Stallings "really enjoys, more than anything else, getting to watch them do what they enjoy."

On weekdays, Stallings wakes up around 6:30 a.m. to get his two daughters ready for school before arriving at work at 8:30 a.m. He spends most of his day working in his office.

Stallings' work changes by the season. "Prior to the games starting, I'm usually doing something with our team or recruiting," but "during the season I'm generally watching film."

As a coach, Stallings is heavily involved in the recruiting process. Once assistants have presented prospects for the team, he takes part in official visits and home visits, an aspect of the job he finds enjoyable.

Finding players that fit the program is a crucial part of the job.

"We're after the guys that are going to be great teammates and guys that are good for our environment," Stallings said.

After working so hard to select a team, it is no surprise that as a coach Stallings mostly looks forward to just being around the players. Stallings notes that the best moments as a coach come "on those



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few occasions where I really feel like I've impacted them and helped them to play well."

Not only does Stallings focus on the athletic improvement of these students, but he also focuses on their character, commenting that "we hold them accountable as human beings."

At 3:30 p.m. he begins his daily practice, finally returning home to his family afterwards.

Once home, he typically enjoys dinner and time with his family, returning to his role as coach when his youngest goes to bed around 9 p.m. At this time, Stallings often resumes work for another few hours before finally going to sleep.

Though Stallings labels himself "kind of a homebody," he does appreciate the Nashville scene, commenting "I love music and I love country music."

As for professional sports, Stallings swears allegiance to the St. Louis Cardinals. "I grew up root-

Coach Kevin Stallings watches from the bench against LSU in a game last March.

ing for them as a little boy living twenty minutes from Bush Stadium," Stallings said.

Stallings also cheers for the Detroit Lions. When head coach Jim Schwartz was the defensive coordinator for the Tennessee Titans, Stallings and Schwartz quickly became friends when their daughters were in the same kindergarten class. Other than the Cardinals and the Lions, Stallings always roots for the home teams, the Predators and the Titans.

Make sure to come support his team Monday as they take on Xavier at 7 p.m. in an exhibition game and come out Friday in the first game of the season against Oregon. ★

Fall performances take center stage



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Top: Student performers in Langford Auditorium during Saturday night's Diwali show "How I Met Your Mummy."

CHRIS HONIBALL/
THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER

Left: Emma Applebome performs with the Swingin' Dores in Sarratt Cinema in their Fall Concert Sunday.

She & Him for her fans

TRADITIONAL TUNES TRANSLATE WELL TO DESCHANEL'S SWEET VOCALS

NEAL COTTER
STAFF REPORTER



PHOTO PROVIDED

She and Him's third album, "A Very She & Him Christmas" was recently released, heading into the holiday spirit early.

Given her role as the queen of indie music, Zoey Deschanel has surprisingly traditional taste. Her distinct style draws from that of generations past, and the music she makes with folk singer M. Ward as She & Him better resembles girl groups of the '60s than indie rock bands of today.

Even more so than the duo's first two albums, however, "A Very She & Him Christmas" pays homage to the music that inspired it, painting a mostly serene vision of the holidays that may come as a surprise to those expecting poppy jingles from Deschanel.

Consisting of 12 covers of very well-known Christmas songs, "A Very She & Him Christmas" generally doesn't mess with the elements that made these tunes great in the first place. For an act without so much charisma, this might make for a dull rehash of the past, but the duo smartly directs the focus to Deschanel's sweet, innocent vocals that are so well-suited to this type of music. M. Ward's contribution is mainly some calm backing guitar work, although he gets to have a little fun with his riffs on upbeat tracks like "Rocking Around the Christmas Tree," and even takes over the primary vocals on "Christmas Wish."

With Deschanel's singing

taking such a front seat, the album's success is really dependent on whether or not the listener buys into her charm. Ironically, the only moment when this format doesn't work is the song that got Deschanel noticed as a singer when she performed it in "Elf," "Baby It's Cold Outside," which sounds too rushed in this version. Mostly, however, the album aims to make peaceful tunes to be heard around a crackling fire, and tracks like the excellent album closer "The Christmas Song" achieve this very well.

For what it sets out to do, "A Very She & Him Christmas" delivers nicely, and Deschanel's loyal fans are sure to enjoy it. While it may seem paradoxical that she attracts such a strong following from the hipster crowd with such traditional music, being old-fashioned is the very thing that makes her different, and this latest release only strengthens her unique image. ★

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BASKETBALL PREVIEW



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THE STARTING 5

The Commodores open their 2011-12 season with an exhibition game against Xavier University of Louisiana on Monday night. The Hustler opens its two-part men's basketball preview with a breakdown of Vanderbilt's starting lineup.

Brad Tinsley, #1

POSITION: Point guard

YEAR: Senior

2010-11 SEASON STATS:

- 10.6 points per game
- 3.7 rebounds per game
- 4.6 assists per game
- 32.7 minutes per game



WHAT HE BRINGS: On a team with as much talent as Vanderbilt, senior point guard Brad Tinsley is often overlooked when focusing on John Jenkins' jump shot or Jeff Taylor's athleticism. While Tinsley isn't as flashy as either, he may prove to be just as important. A year ago, Tinsley led the SEC in assists; he brings an ability to effectively distribute the ball and find his teammates in positions to score unlike anyone in the conference. On a team with this many weapons, an experienced point guard with passing ability is perhaps the most important role, and Tinsley will be more than capable of performing in that position.

REID HARRIS ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

John Jenkins, #23

POSITION: Shooting guard

YEAR: Junior

2010-11 SEASON STATS:

- 19.5 points per game
- 3.0 rebounds per game
- 1.2 assists per game
- 34.5 minutes per game



WHAT HE BRINGS: Going into his junior season, John Jenkins is one of the best shooters in the country. With the ability to break open a game at any point, defenses have to shadow Jenkins at all times. This summer, Jenkins represented the United States in the World University Games in China, working on his ball handling, dribble penetration and defense — three developing parts of his game. If Jenkins can bring these skills up to the level of his shooting ability, he will not only lead Vanderbilt deep into the NCAA Tournament, but he will also improve his status for the 2012 NBA Draft.

GEORGE BARCLAY SPORTS WRITER

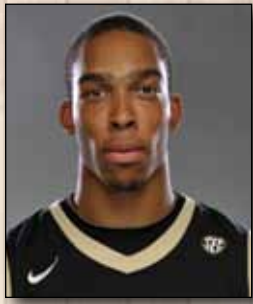
Lance Goulbourne, #5

POSITION: Forward

YEAR: Senior

2010-11 SEASON STATS:

- 6.9 points per game
- 7.3 rebounds per game
- 1.3 assists per game
- 25 minutes per game



WHAT HE BRINGS: Pressed into a more involved role inside by injuries to Ezeli and Tchiengang last season, Goulbourne emerged as one of the conference's best rebounders and endeared himself to Memorial Gym with a hard-working approach to the game. Goulbourne brings underappreciated value to his team on both ends of the floor — only Tinsley, Taylor and Jenkins played more minutes — and will be counted on to gracefully carry an even heavier workload.

ERIC SINGLE ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Steve Tchiengang, #33

POSITION: Center

YEAR: Senior

2010-11 SEASON STATS:

- 4.8 points per game
- 3.0 rebounds per game
- 0.4 assists per game
- 16.4 minutes per game



WHAT HE BRINGS: With the ability to step outside and hit shots from the perimeter, Tchiengang serves as a versatile weapon down low in place of the injured and suspended Festus Ezeli. After coming off the bench last season, Tchiengang will see more minutes this year than he ever has before. His production in the post will go a long way toward determining the Commodores' success in the early part of the season.

STACEY OSWALD SPORTS WRITER

Jeff Taylor, #44

POSITION: Forward

YEAR: Senior

2010-11 SEASON STATS:

- 14.7 points per game
- 5.5 rebounds per game
- 2.4 assists per game
- 31.7 minutes per game



WHAT HE BRINGS: Forward Jeff Taylor, a second-team All-SEC player the past two seasons, plays with toughness and versatility at both ends of the court. His shooting, especially from beyond the arc, showed tremendous improvement last season. A fundamentally sound veteran, Taylor is a great man-to-man defender with the ability to totally shut down his mark. Taylor will look to provide leadership as a senior this season, especially in the absence of Festus Ezeli during nonconference play.

ANTHONY TRIPODORO SPORTS WRITER

Basketball opens with exhibition vs. Xavier

BRUCE SPENCER
SPORTS REPORTER

Vanderbilt will tune up for the fast-approaching regular season with an exhibition game on Monday night against NAIA school Xavier University of Louisiana in

Memorial Gymnasium in Nashville. Students and fans get an early opportunity to see how this year's Commodores team will manage the lofty expectations surrounding its preseason No. 7 ranking and an early look at how head coach Kevin Stallings will manage his talented lineup.

Xavier has built a consistently strong program as a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, or NAIA, with a streak of 11 straight winning seasons coming into the 2011-12 season. In their only action against an NCAA team this season, the Gold Rush lost to the Western Kentucky

Hilltoppers, 73-61, on Saturday. Xavier has a pair of long impact players that may pose some defensive challenges for the Commodores. Junior Anthony Simmons, the Gold Rush's leading returning scorer after averaging 9.8 points per game last season, scored 12 points in Xavier's season-opening win over Carver Bi-

ble College. Another player to watch out for is junior forward Denzell Erves, who had a double-double against Carver Bible College with 20 points on perfect 10-for-10 shooting and 10 rebounds. However, Xavier does not have much of a bench so it might get real ugly, real quick for the Gold Rush in this game. ★

Vandy vs. Florida Notebook

ERIC SINGLE
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The Jordans Rule

Jordan Rodgers and Jordan Matthews had career days in the losing effort, hooking up twice for big gains on Vanderbilt's first drive of the game and never looking back. Rodgers finished 18-for-29 through the air for 297 yards and three total touchdowns, while Matthews caught his third touchdown of the season and set a career high with nine receptions, none bigger than his catch deep in Florida territory on 4th and 12 early in the fourth quarter.

Special teams continues to sputter

After Carey Spear's crucial miss the previous week, Ryan Fowler was awarded the start at placekicker and fared no better — his 32-yard attempt on Vanderbilt's first drive of the game was blocked by Sharrif Floyd. The Commodores have missed four of their last five field goals.

Penalty woes

The Commodores were flagged 12 times for 106 yards on Saturday, while Florida committed just three penalties for 17 yards. Notably absent from the stat sheet was a pass interference non-call on the Commodores' penultimate drive that had the Vanderbilt sideline upset with the referees. Center Logan Stewart, in the middle of the infractions once again, pushed Vanderbilt out of field-goal range late in

the first half after committing a holding penalty and a personal foul within a span of three plays.

Jelesky's first start

Redshirt junior Josh Jelesky earned his first career start at right guard on Saturday. Jelesky switched from defensive line to offensive line over the summer and had split plays with Mylon Brown in previous weeks. "I'd been working really hard, and (the coaching staff) told me I could probably earn a starting spot if I worked hard," Jelesky said. "It was pretty exciting."

Slow day at The Swamp

Chalk it up to the Gators' 4-game losing streak, the early afternoon start time or the unattractiveness of playing Vanderbilt, but the Homecoming crowd at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium was slow-arriving and slightly off of its legendary, leather-throated game. Franklin and Rodgers both noted the impact that the hostile crowd did make on one instance, a crucial fourth-down conversion that the Commodores faced late in the game.

Barden's big day

Senior tight end Brandon Barden had his best game of the season, finishing with four catches for 51 yards and helping open up the offense with three important first-down pickups. "The stats might not show it, but I truly believe Brandon's probably the best tight end in the whole nation," Matthews said. "Like (Barden) said, 'If you want to move the sticks, throw it to six.'" ★



ZAC HARDY / THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER
Jordan Rodgers made his third start of the season on Saturday against Florida, completing 19 of 28 passes for 297 yards through the air.

BEHIND THE STAT

Explosive plays against Florida

ERIC SINGLE
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

All year long, James Franklin has stressed the importance of "explosive plays" — runs of 12 yards or more and passes of 16 yards or more, as the coaching staff defines the phrase — to the team's growth and success. Vanderbilt's goal this season has been set at making eight explosive plays on offense and holding the opposing offense to just two per game. While the Commodores could not parlay a 12-5 advantage in explosive plays over Florida into a victory on Saturday, several of the game's biggest plays deserve some further examination:

- On the first drive of the game, a hustle play by the Vanderbilt secondary turned the Gators' longest pass of the day into a critical turnover. Omarius Hines appeared headed for the end zone after taking a dump-off from quarterback Jacoby Brissett for 39 yards, but Andre Hal stripped Hines at the goal line, and Steven Clarke recovered the fumble in the end zone for a touchback.
- Jordan Matthews' one-handed catch against tight coverage for 34 yards down the right sideline on the third play of Vanderbilt's opening drive was the first of six explosive plays made by the sophomore wide receiver. Matthews finished with nine catches for a career-high 170 yards and a touchdown and has topped 150 receiving yards in consecutive games.
- Quarterback Jordan Rodgers distributed Vanderbilt's nine explosive passing plays and broke off a 13-yard run of his own late in the game. Rodgers used tight end Brandon Barden in key spots to move the chains and open up the outside and showed great patience with the pass rush bearing down in hooking up with Matthews for Vanderbilt's first touchdown.
- Florida bottled up Zac Stacy and the rest of the running game for the most part, but Stacy did break two explosive plays within his 13 carries for 49 yards, notably bouncing outside for a 13-yard run that brought the Commodores across midfield on their first scoring drive.
- The Gators shut the door when speedster Jeff Demps took the pitch on a 3rd-and-1, made Kenny Ladler miss and took off untouched for a 52-yard touchdown — the only explosive play Vanderbilt gave up on the ground all afternoon — that extended the Florida lead to 12 with 2:13 to play. Ladler will take his shots for getting posterized by one of the fastest players in college football, and that obscures the sophomore safety's handful of critical tackles on both special teams and defense that kept Demps from burning the Commodores more often than he did. ★

POSTGAME REPORT CARD

BY ISIS FREEMAN, SPORTS REPORTER

The Hustler's Isis Freeman provides a position-by-position breakdown of the Commodores' 26-21 loss against Florida on Saturday.

A- QUARTERBACKS: Jordan Rodgers' career-best performance through the air was not enough to lead the Commodores to victory. With a few exceptions, Florida's defense was fast enough to contain Rodgers' scrambling ability, but he punished the Gators through the air, finishing with 19 completions, two touchdown passes and 297 passing yards.

C RUNNING BACKS: They had dominated the past few games, but Zac Stacy and the Vanderbilt running game could not get going against Florida. Unable to break through the Gators' defensive line, they had few remarkable plays and ran for only 19 yards in the first half.

B+ WIDE RECEIVERS/TIGHT ENDS: With the running game subdued, Vanderbilt relied heavily on its wide receivers to make key plays and pick up necessary yards. Jordan Matthews' 170 yards receiving and nine receptions were career-highs, and Chris Boyd made a nice adjustment on a back-shoulder throw for his fifth touchdown of the season.

B- OFFENSIVE LINE: If the offensive line gets the credit for Zac Stacy's impressive performances earlier this season, it gets equal blame for the Commodores' inability to get the ground game going on Saturday. The line seemed tense as a unit, and several frustrating penalties up front set promising drives back as the speed and athleticism of Florida's defensive front controlled the tempo.

C DEFENSIVE LINE: The defensive line supplied a subpar amount of pressure on banged-up Florida quarterback John Brantley and was often unprepared to defend Florida's quick, versatile running game.

B- LINEBACKERS: It serves as a startling indictment of the Commodore front seven that Vanderbilt's top five finishers in tackles all came from the secondary. Archibald Barnes was flagged for a facemask penalty that put the Gators in field-goal range late in the first half.

C+ SECONDARY: The highlight from the secondary was the fumble forced by Andre Hal and recovered by Steven Clarke that saved a touchdown on the Gators' first drive. Sean Richardson and Kenny Ladler each finished with double-digit tackles, but Ladler missed a big tackle opportunity on Jeff Demps on his long touchdown. Florida offensive coordinator Charlie Weis rarely tested the cornerbacks deep down the sides, settling for short passes in the flat and over the middle.

B SPECIAL TEAMS: Ryan Fowler's 32-yard field goal attempt in the first quarter was blocked, continuing Vanderbilt's placekicking woes. Solid returns and solid coverage of Florida's speed on special teams led to pleasantly quiet returns from a unit that gave up several big plays in last year's meeting.

B COACHING: On the road for the first time in a month, the coaching staff didn't pull out the trick plays that it felt comfortable running at home. After falling behind by 17 on the road, the Commodores played inspired football the rest of the way. The unnecessary penalties need to be addressed. ★

Around the SEC

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In latest Game of the Century, No. 1 LSU prevails in overtime, 9-6

To call this one a defensive struggle would be an understatement. The No. 2 Crimson Tide missed four field goals, including a 52-yarder in overtime. Drew Alleman kicked the 25-yard game winner to keep the Tigers undefeated and in the driver's seat for a trip to the SEC Championship in Atlanta and a BCS Championship berth. Heisman candidate Trent Richardson accounted for 169 total yards, but it wasn't enough for the Tide to roll.



No. 7 Arkansas pulls away late from No. 9 South Carolina, 44-28

In the other Top 10 matchup in the SEC this week, Arkansas quarterback Tyler Wilson passed for 299 yards and two touchdowns as the Razorbacks held off the visiting Gamecocks. Arkansas avoided yet another slow start and led 24-14 at halftime, but South Carolina narrowed the margin to as close as 30-28 when quarterback Connor Shaw scored on a 1-yard run in the fourth quarter. After that, the defense couldn't keep them in it, as Arkansas put up two more scores in the final period. The loss drops the Gamecocks into second place in the SEC East, leaving Georgia in control of its destiny in that division.



Kentucky makes statement in battle of SEC's worst, 30-13

The Kentucky Wildcats had a freshman quarterback making his first career start, but Maxwell Smith was solid, passing for 283 yards and two touchdowns against the Ole Miss Rebels. Kentucky scored three touchdowns in the fourth quarter to turn a 3-point deficit into a 30-13 lead. The seat is getting pretty hot for Ole Miss head coach Houston Nutt, who has not won an SEC game since Oct. 2 of last year against Kentucky. ★



COMMODORE BUZZ:

The women's basketball team notched a 75-59 win over Clayton State in an exhibition game on Saturday afternoon. Jasmine Lister led all scorers with 18 points. Vanderbilt opens regular season play on Friday against Alabama A&M in Memorial Gym. Tipoff is at 6 p.m. CT. ★

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- 1 Magician's bird of choice
- 5 Seattle's Best product, slangily
- 9 Fall faller
- 13 Pub picks
- 14 Special Forces cap
- 15 Fairy tale starter
- 16 Strike gold
- 18 Give ___ to: approve
- 19 Canadian coin nicknamed for the bird on it
- 20 Hand-waving or finger-pointing
- 22 For each
- 23 Mythical Egyptian riddler
- 25 Cornfield bird
- 27 Smallest prime number
- 28 27-Across plus one, in Italy
- 29 Lines of theater seats
- 30 Goes down in the west
- 32 Debatable point
- 36 Encouragement for a matador
- 37 Lane straddler
- 39 LAX hrs.
- 40 Welsh dog
- 42 Screwball
- 43 Dalai ___
- 44 A bit amiss
- 46 "Milk" director Van Sant
- 47 Oval segments
- 48 Guy "nipping at your nose," in a holiday song
- 52 Inquire
- 53 Rand McNally references
- 54 Takes home from the pound
- 57 Yogi, for one
- 58 Singer of the 1961 #1 song found in the starts of 16-, 23-, 37- and 48-Across
- 61 Can of worms, e.g.
- 62 "Dra!"
- 63 Brooks's country music partner
- 64 Sources of immediate cash: Abbr.
- 65 Mends with thread
- 66 FBI personnel

DOWN

- 1 Author Roald
- 2 Assortment
- 3 President's weapon
- 4 Station with game reports and highlights
- 5 Clamptet patriarch
- 6 Onassis patriarch
- 7 Brink
- 8 Declare to be true
- 9 Despises
- 10 Boredom
- 11 Piece of the sky, to Chicken Little
- 12 Shipping giant
- 14 "Sayonara!"
- 17 It's roughly 21% oxygen
- 21 Unit of parsley
- 23 Tinker with
- 24 Franks
- 25 Hook nemesis, for short
- 26 Cylindrical caramel candy
- 27 General of Chinese cuisine
- 31 Loud call
- 33 Auto tune-up item
- 34 Camp Pendleton letters
- 35 LAX incoming hrs.
- 37 Jazz licks
- 38 Approves
- 41 Amusement park racers
- 43 Longtime Dodger skipper Tommy
- 45 Brittany brothers
- 48 Sluglike "Star Wars" crime boss
- 49 Persistently bothered
- 50 Allegation
- 51 Missouri river or tribe
- 52 Cavity filler's org.
- 54 Blissful sighs
- 55 Camping shelter
- 56 9-digit IDs
- 59 Deviate from a course
- 60 DJ's stack

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