

Less on-campus housing will lead to fewer RA positions

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SENIOR PRODUCER

With Kissam being torn down this summer, there will be about 20 fewer resident advisors the next two academic years than there are currently.

"We're just not going to have a lot of new staff members," said Scott Rausch, associate director of residential education.

In fact, according to Rausch, there will never

again, in the foreseeable future, be as many RAs at Vanderbilt as there are right now because the new College Halls will have fewer RAs than Kissam.

Currently, there are 147 RAs at Vanderbilt, but next year that number will drop to 123, with four new positions becoming available in Blakemore House.

"Blakemore is a risk that any RA is taking," Rausch said, "because it's sight-unseen." He

added that he has been through the building and liked it, especially because it has large rooms and "a ridiculously large backyard."

According to Rausch, many returning RAs are willing to live in Blakemore, and one new applicant listed Blakemore on his preferences.

Rausch said he doesn't foresee any major difficulties occurring for RAs and their selection process because of changes in housing this year, but

added that there won't be as much opportunity for movement this year in the process, meaning that more RAs than usual will end up staying in the same area of campus two years in a row. Rausch said that RAs generally progress through different areas of campus, beginning in the Commons and moving to upperclassman housing.

This year, there were 115 new applicants. There are currently 27

positions not occupied by returning RAs. According to Rausch, the exact number of positions available may change if more RAs decide to apply for reappointment.

The application process includes an online application, an interview process, an additional selection process and a draft in which the eight Area Coordinators choose their RAs for the upcoming year in a process similar to sports

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For a preview of ESPN College GameDay coming to campus on Saturday, see **Sports page 8**

Students stage teach-in against Vanderbilt investments

SAM McBRIDE
STAFF REPORTER

Vanderbilt students and faculty Wednesday afternoon staged a teach-in in the lobby of Kirkland Hall to voice disapproval of the university's investment practices, specifically claims that Vanderbilt investments in African land have negatively impacted local communities.

Around 40 to 50 students and faculty attended the event organized by the Responsible Endowment Coalition of the Vanderbilt Students of Nonviolence, a student-run group lobbying administration officials to divest from EmVest, an investment company accused of exploitive land grabs in Mozambique.

Students at the teach-in voiced concerns over the lack of transparency and accountability in the investment process, as well as the lack of institutional guidelines for ethical investment.

"We have no moral code for where we put our money, and that is urgent to change," said graduate student Tristan Call.

After introductions where students voiced their concerns over university policy, Vanderbilt Professor of Philosophy Dr. Lucius Outlaw gave a short lecture in which he encouraged students to try to improve the university rather than attack it.

"Take on the institution," Outlaw

said, "but as an act of love."

Outlaw also encouraged students to focus on the institution rather than the individual investments.

"I'm less concerned about the issue than about how we deal with such issues," Outlaw said. "It will not be the only such issue."

The focus of the event was on investment in so-called land grabs with agricultural investment company EmVest Asset Management, a subsidiary of the London-based Emergent Asset Management.

The Vanderbilt Campaign for Fair Food, which was also affiliated with the teach-in, has been protesting the university's investment with EmVest since it was reported in the Guardian on June 8, 2011. EmVest's website claims one of its goals is "to provide food security to communities, regions and countries, in a world where food shortages are looming," but the Vanderbilt Campaign for Fair Food states that the opposite is happening, and in fact EmVest is pushing subsistence farmers off their land in order to grow crops for export to more developed nations.

In a report drafted on Jan. 13, 2012, sophomore Zach Blume wrote, "most of the land taken over by these institutions tends to be already proven to be arable — e.g., being used for subsistence farming by a previous community."

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TOP: KEVIN BARNETT / THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER
LEFT: CHRIS HONIBALL / THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER

The Responsible Endowment Coalition of the Vanderbilt Students of Nonviolence held a teach-in in the lobby of Kirkland Hall Wednesday afternoon to address concerns about administrative transparency and ethical investments. Between 40 and 50 students, along with several faculty appeared for the teach-in.

VANDERBILT 76 LOUISIANA STATE 61

Dores topple tigers



KEVIN BARNETT / THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER

Festus Ezeli recovered from a knee injury to score 21 points to lead the Commodores to a 76-61 victory over the LSU Tigers Wednesday night.

'Get on the ball' benefits Dance Marathon

KENNY TAN
STAFF REPORTER

This week, members of Zeta Beta Tau fraternity began their national philanthropy event, "Get on the Ball."

The event involves getting as many people as possible to sign a 6-foot-tall beach ball. With each signature, local businesses and supporters have pledged to donate a few cents.

At the end of the event, Zeta Beta Tau will be giving 100 percent of the proceeds

to Dance Marathon. Those funds will be added to the funds raised by Dance Marathon at their annual event starting on Friday, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. and lasting till Saturday, Feb. 18 at 8 a.m. to support the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital located at Vanderbilt Medical Center and the Children's Miracle Network.

"We're setting our goal around 4,000 signatures," said Community Service and Philanthropy Chair junior Mitchell Weisenberger. "We

hope to raise a substantial amount."

"We're excited for Dance Marathon, and we're glad that our event can bring people together across campus to really focus in on the greater cause alongside a program like Dance Marathon."

The gigantic ball can be found on the Wall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Friday, Feb. 17. Zeta Beta Tau is also planning to make appearances with the ball at The Commons during those hours. ★



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CAROLE KENNER



YOU'VE BEEN TEACHING COLLEGE STUDENTS FOR 43 YEARS. THAT'S IMPRESSIVE.

I've been thinking about the fact that students have changed. Having been at this for a long time, I've seen students shift in their own perspective about looking outside of themselves. It seems like we went through a period where students were interested in looking at other people and joined the Peace Corps and things of the like. Then, there was a real pullback. The objective was to make money, get a job, and work 80 hours a week. And then it seems to me that those students began to step back and began to focus a little bit more on what they needed to contribute to the world around them. Students are much more aware of their obligation than they seemed to be in the '80s and '90s. Students today, specifically, at Vanderbilt are very aware that they are quite privileged. The rest of the world is not able to operate in the world that Vanderbilt students are operating in.

Carole Kenner is an esteemed senior lecturer who teaches in the Department of Communication Studies. Professor Kenner, who happened upon the field of communications by accident, has been teaching college students for 43 years and ranks Interpersonal Communication, which she is currently teaching, as her favorite class.

DID THIS CHANGE HAPPEN GRADUALLY?

I can't even tell you a turning point. In my time, Kennedy sent out a mandate: "Ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country." People kind of took up that charge. There was a great deal of dissension and dismay and disgust over the ideal lifestyle of the '50s. We were battling a lot of different battles after Kennedy made his inaugural speech. We were battling racism, sexism, wars, our involvement in places we shouldn't be involved. Then we kind of pulled way, way back and focused on "me, mine, my accomplishments." We had this whole generation that was so willing to do whatever they had to do to get to the point that they got to. That wasn't a good thing. The divide economically in our country reflects a lot of that. I think your generation is starting to step back and look at things and realize you do have the potential to make a difference. I think you do.

WOULD YOU SAY THAT WITNESSING THIS CHANGE IS ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE PARTS OF TEACHING?

Absolutely. I think one of the most interesting things about teaching is watching folks coming in as freshmen and moving through the university. At the end of the process, you are inevitably a different person than you came in. I like to think you that are different in a good way.

HOW/WHY DO YOU FEEL THAT VANDERBILT STUDENTS COULD BENEFIT FROM TAKING CLASSES IN THE COMMUNICATIONS STUDIES FIELD?

I can't think of any other major or department that offers students a broader opportunity to look at things from historical perspectives and psychological perspectives. Communications encompasses everything we do, all day long, everyday. It decides everything, from whom we fall in love with to whom we elect for president. ★

GO TO THIS

BLACK MIGRATION SYMPOSIUM SET FOR FEB. 10-11

ANNE MARIE DEER OWENS
VU NEWS SERVICE

Vanderbilt and Fisk universities will co-host the Black Migration Symposium Feb. 10-11 on both university campuses.

Sessions will be held Friday, Feb. 10, at Vanderbilt's Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center. Sessions on Saturday, Feb. 11, will take place at Fisk University's Jubilee Hall. The symposium is free and open to the public.

The Black Migration Symposium seeks to examine, from interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary perspectives, a range of issues pertaining to the challenges, possibilities and tensions that have emerged from the migration and settlement of Black/black people — self-identified and identified as such — in varying sites and contexts in Africa and the African diaspora — in particular the Americas, the Caribbean and Europe.

For a schedule of speakers and session topics, visit the symposium's website at as.vanderbilt.edu/blackmigration ★

Your guide to getting a piece of Kissam

KATIE KROG
SENIOR PRODUCER

Vanderbilt students have traditionally referred to living in Kissam as "being Kisslamed." Now that one of the oldest groups of buildings on campus is being demolished, though, will some Vanderbilt students and alumni want to hold on to a piece of Kissam?

According to Associate Provost for Initiative Strategies Susan Barge, those who can't stand to part with Kissam will get a chance to keep part of it forever.

A limited supply of bricks from each of the six Kissam residence halls will be available during Homecoming festivities this coming fall. Ac-

ording to Barge, the bricks will be available for free on a first-come, first-served basis.

Is a brick too small of a memento to take away from over 100 years of "the Kissam Experience?" Some rumors on Vanderbilt campus have suggested that iron grates from Kissam will also be available, but these rumors have not been confirmed.

"We don't know about the iron grates yet," Barge said, "We'll know more in August." ★

ARE YOU GOING TO GET A BRICK?

Do you have a favorite memory of Kissam? Is there a piece of Kissam you wish you could keep forever? Tweet @InsideVandy and let us know.

Valentines dinner



From left to right: Kevin Wymer, Andrew Castillo, Brion Lee. Valentine's Day dinner program with speakers from the Women's Center discussing healthy relationships and the transition from college life and dating after graduation.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT VSG PRESS RELEASE

VSG ELECTION INTEREST MEETING

Vanderbilt Student Government will be hosting an Election Information Session on Sunday at 8 p.m. in Sarratt 189 for candidates seeking VSG positions.

The session is expected to last about an hour, but VSG representatives will stay to answer all questions that are asked during the session. This meeting will cover the following topics:

- The newly ratified fall 2011 constitution and the major changes it brings to the election process.
- The new Senate elections in fall of 2012, tentative schedule and change to legislative student representation.
- The spring 2012 election timeline for VSG student body president and executive vice president.
- The newly-passed Strategic Planning Committee resolutions relating to election reform.
- Any questions for members of the student

body in attendance for the VSG president and VSG attorney General.

- This meeting marks the beginning of the spring 2012 election cycle.

The mandatory candidate declaration meeting for students aspiring for the offices of student body president and executive vice president will be held on Sunday, Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. in Sarratt 216/220.

This election interest meeting is designed to be purely informational for those students wishing to participate in either of the upcoming VSG elections or next fall's senate elections. Students wishing to run for student body president and executive vice president who do not attend the interest meeting will be held to the same standards, rules, processes and procedures discussed in both meetings.

Vanderbilt Student Government is committed to ensuring that all students wishing to participate have complete information about the election processes and procedures.

If any students wish to get more information

or have problems finding the appropriate information online, please contact VSG Director of Public Relations Matthew Taylor, who will ensure that the issue is rectified as soon as possible. ★

COURSE SYLLABI NOW ONLINE

Vanderbilt Student Government announced Wednesday a partnership with the University Registrar's Office, Enrollment Management Systems and the Office of the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education to promote the availability of course syllabi online through YES.

Professors are now able to upload syllabi for the current semester, and will shortly be able to add sample syllabi for fall 2012 and spring 2013 through the class roll tool. These syllabi will be a supplemental tool for students to use when considering which classes and courses to enroll in.

"This is something that students have wanted for years," said VSG President Adam Meyer. "This new feature will bring a more efficient registration system because students will know more about course content and professor expectations prior to the first day of class, hopefully cutting down on the class shopping to some extent."

The online course syllabi program was implemented to improve efficiency and to assist students in the registration process.

It is important to note that this system is not intended to be a contract between the professor and the student in regards to coursework for the upcoming semester, but simply a guide as to what is generally expected in previous courses taught by that professor.

Additionally, the system will keep a record of all syllabi uploaded so students will be able to search historical syllabi, but it is important to note that this aspect of the program will require time to be fully functional. Finally, these Syllabi are for browsing, not republishing. They are for internal use only. ★

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Nashville Mobile Market marks one-year anniversary

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After a year of operation, the Nashville Mobile Market model has met with enough success to attract national attention, with at least eight other cities expressing interest in starting their own mobile market programs. Members of NMM have launched a national organization that will aid other cities in beginning their own programs.

NMM marked its one-year anniversary with a celebration in Edgehill on Sunday. Founded by Vanderbilt medical student Ravi Patel in February 2010, the Nashville Mobile Market made its very first stop in Edgehill on Feb. 4, 2011.

Originally the market operated three days a week, but has expanded operations to five days a week over the past year, and now serves locations in north, south and east Nashville. NMM most recently added a new location at the Parthenon Towers on 28th Avenue North on Wednesday.

In April of 2011, NMM was robbed when a man loitering inside the trailer grabbed the moneybox and ran. No similar incidents have occurred since, according to Ash-



JOHN RUSSELL / VU MEDIA RELATIONS

Clockwise, from left: Seniors Nicole Gunasekera, Alex Arnold, Emily Zern, Kate Foster and medical student Ravi Patel, members of the Nashville Mobile Market executive board.

ley Kimery, director of public relations for the national organization. Cameras on the truck, dedicated community members and community outreach teams all contribute to the safety of their operation.

With over \$20,000 in sales in the past year, the market is just short of breaking even each month, according to Executive Director Alex Ernst. This allows NMM to employ local drivers, creating a new source of jobs as well as food.

The biggest success for NMM

has come in day-to-day operations.

"The biggest deal for us is having regular customers that come every week, not just people that see the truck and stop by," Kimery said. ★

HOUSING: New RAs to be chosen in February

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Some applicants are placed on an alternate list. According to Rausch, about 50 percent of alternates end up getting placed.

Rausch said that, because part of the name of his department is "education," that Residential Education makes "a really concerted effort" to educate applicants who did not get positions on how to succeed in the selection process in the future.

"We walk them through their interviews," Rausch said, "And discuss what they could have done better."

According to Rausch, many people who have been turned down for RA positions in the past reapply. "Only very rarely will they not get a job the second time they apply," Rausch said.

All current RAs go through an evaluation process in the spring, during which they meet individually with staff members and are evaluated by their Head Resident and Area Coordinator. If they pass the evaluation, they are invited to apply to reappointment.

"We're big on loyalty," Rausch said, "so if they're doing a good job and want to come back, we want them to stay."

Students interested in becoming an RA must submit an online application that includes two essays, a resume and a cover letter.

According to Associate Director of Residential Education Scott Rausch, the essay topics change every year.

In order to be considered for placement as RAs, students must have no disciplinary action higher than a reprimand on their record for the previous semester, and they must have a GPA of at least 2.5.

If there are too many eligible applicants to accommodate the selection process, according to Rausch, the online applications are scored with a rubric in order to narrow the pool of candidates.

According to Rausch, this rubric was not used for the past two academic years but was used for 2009-10.

The remaining eligible candidates are invited to Super Weekend, which consists of a group evaluation process on Friday and 30-minute individual interviews on Saturday. During Friday's session, applicants are split into small groups and rotated through three activities, during which their "team skills" are evaluated, according to Rausch. The individual interviews are conducted by a faculty member, a staff member and two students.

This year's Super Weekend was Feb. 3-4. The makeup day was Tuesday, Feb. 7, a day Residential Education calls "Super Tuesday."

Applicants who pass Super Weekend are invited to selection. According to Rausch, the number of applicants invited to selection is about twice the number of available spots. During selection, the eight Area Coordinators review the candidates and decide whom they want on their RA team for the upcoming academic year.

"If there's an applicant that more than one AC wants," Rausch said, "then sometimes there's some bargaining."

On Draft Day, which will be held on Friday, Feb. 17, the eight Area Coordinators take turns picking their Resident Advisors in a process similar to a sports draft. Following the draft, Scott Rausch personally informs every applicant of his or her placement (or non-placement) by email. ★

TEACH-IN: University denies claims

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Blume was present at the teach-in and presented evidence in the form of satellite imagery, apparently showing that small farms had been present on land in Matuba, Mozambique, that EmVest has bought and turned into a large, monoculture agricultural development.

In a statement provided by Vanderbilt Public Affairs officer James Patterson, the university denied the claims made against its investments.

"Vanderbilt University thoroughly examines funds in which we invest both in advance of our investment as well as on an on-going basis," the statement reads. "Our investment managers do personal, on-the-ground visits to sites. Nothing in our examinations both in advance of our investments and in our ongoing investments supports the charges that are being made."

The statement also points to the Faculty Senate investigation that concluded the investments in Africa were both beneficial to the university and to the local populations. The Faculty Senate report has not been made public, but has been scrutinized by multiple student and faculty members.

Students present expressed their desire to see the report of the Faculty Senate investigation into the investments, as well as more access to members of the administration.

While divestment from EmVest was a key goal of the students, they

all agreed that institutional reform and greater transparency are necessary for future Vanderbilt investments. Blume said that in the past, Vanderbilt was much more forthcoming with its investment information.

"There was a transparency that existed then that is unimaginable now," Blume said.

This issue, as well as many others, was raised in a letter to Chancellor Nick Zeppos that was read aloud at the end of the meeting. The letter called for immediate divestment from EmVest, the creation of ethical and moral guidelines for investment of the University's en-

dowment, and greater transparency from the administration. The students were assured that the letter would be passed on to Chancellor Zeppos.

The students involved appeared very positive afterwards about the teach-in.

"It's good to see how students are concerned about ethics," said Brazilian foreign exchange student Pedro Almeida.

Though the teach-in had been kept secret due to fears that the administration would bar the students from entering Kirkland, the demonstration passed without incident. ★



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Provost McCarty appeared to listen during the teach-in in the lobby of Kirkland Hall Wednesday afternoon.

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OPINION

No tolerance for intolerance



JAMES CRATER
COLUMNIST

WARNING: For those of you that have read my articles before and have thought I come across as being arrogant and possibly even rude, please do not read on, unless that sort of thing entertains you, in which case I laud your open-mindedness.

For those of you that don't regularly skim news websites for interesting stuff to write about, California's controversial Proposition 8 was just ruled unconstitutional by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Proposition 8 is an initiative voted on by the people of California in 2008 that bans homosexuals from getting married. This could prove to be a historic, precedent-setting ruling for gay Americans, providing the momentum for widespread acceptance of same-sex marriages. It could also prove to have little consequences on other states or at the national level. My goal is not to speculate on what it will mean for the future. Rather, my concern is with the principle of the matter: Why in the name of science would anyone actually oppose gay marriage?

Let's take a look at the most common argument for actively wanting to prevent people from officially declaring their love and commitment for one another: Same-sex marriages destroy the sanctity of marriage. I know — I can't believe people would make that argument either, but supposedly it happens. What does it

mean to destroy the sanctity of marriage? Admittedly, I don't speak fluent conservative, but I think it means something like this: If we allow gay people to get married, it will somehow make our traditional, man-woman marriages less special/important/meaningful in some way. Since this is obviously a terrible argument, you don't often hear people elaborate on how that might manifest itself, but maybe I can try to paint a picture of how that might play out.

Imagine. Becky is all dolled up for her wedding day. She's been waiting for this her entire life. She paces anxiously, anticipating that one glorious moment when the priest says that her husband may finally kiss her. The music starts, and as she walks down the aisle to her husband-to-be, a sudden thought hits her: Somewhere, gay people are getting married. The horror! Knowing her wedding is now a sham, a meaningless ceremony where nothing is holy or honorable anymore, she falls to the ground in anguish and cancels the whole marriage. It means nothing now; her childhood dreams are ruined.

Exhibit B. John and Angela have been married for 20 long, happy years. They're sitting there on the couch, innocently watching TV with the family, when a terrible, terrible announcement is made on the news. Gay marriage has just been made legal in their state. The righteous, beautiful sanctity of their marriage has now been thrown down the toilet. John demands a divorce and Angela can't help but agree that this is their only remaining option. The

kids are devastated and, ruined by a traumatizing upbringing, grow up to become murderers and prostitutes. Grandpa has a heart attack and dies instantly. And all because homosexuals can tie the knot.

Obviously these examples are (somewhat) ridiculous, but they are no more ridiculous than the argument that same-sex marriage ruins the whole institution. If something makes a boatload of people happy, and if that same thing has zero real adverse effects on others, that something should clearly be allowed. It's honestly that simple. Opposition to gay marriage is at best ignorant and at worst malicious.

It is my firm belief that sometime in the not-so-distant future, we will look back on this period like we did on the pre-Civil Rights era. You'd be hard-pressed to find someone these days who publicly declares that he is a staunch racist. Our moral paradigm shift will no longer allow it. Yet incredibly, we still find an almost identical situation with homosexuals today as we did with African Americans. In both cases, people are being actively prevented through unequal treatment from pursuing happiness. In the future, we'll look back and ask, "How was this ever even an issue? How could something so obviously wrong persist in society?"

And we'll have no legitimate answer.

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COLUMN

Sorry Romney



SKYLER HUTTO
COLUMNIST

Mitt Romney is the perfect politician in a number of ways. He looks the part, and he has been a wealthy businessperson for decades. Romney definitely has the traditional values on his side, with plenty of progeny and an affair-free marriage. He's been accused of a few conservative missteps, such as subverting his taxes and changing his position on key issues, but his biggest problem may be that his ideas are fundamentally unpopular. His "family values" may be what keep his family out of the White House.

In the general election, there are a number of concerns that Romney will face outside of his personal life. Recently, Mitt has become a fierce pro-life advocate. This is a belief that people often hold close to their hearts, and for good reason. While the morality of abortion could be debated infinitely, the fact is that 54 percent of Americans are pro-choice, according to a recent Gallup poll. In order to win his primaries, Romney has had to get on the unpopular side of several issues. This is the most extreme case, but not the last.

Romney's signature has appeared on same-sex marriage certificates in Massachusetts, but he's abandoned his support for this progressive cause. Unfortunately for his election chances, that puts him in the minority again. Recent ABC and Washington Post polls show over 48 percent of Americans support full-fledged LGBT marriage, and a much higher percentage (over 55 percent) support civil unions, but Mitt doesn't like either. His primary battles have caused him to abandon any support for this growing segment of the population.

Romney and the other (Republican) candidates really will have to contend with some of their far right performances, and voter ID laws may not be enough to help them out at the last minute.

The list goes on. He's on the unpopular side of the EPA debate; even libertarians have a majority support for the Environmental Protection Agency. Polling shows that a majority of Americans are wary of evolution and global warming deniers. Romney has become both of those. Gallup has confirmed that less than half of Americans desire a repeal of the Affordable Healthcare Act, and that number is trending downward. At a rate of two-to-one, likely voters would like to raise taxes on the richest Americans. Mitt is on the less politically expedient position for all of these concerns. Yet, despite all of these potential roadblocks, we can expect this election to come down to the wire.

The "X factor" in this election is something that we've never seen before. New voter suppression laws will likely prevent many votes from ever reaching the ballot box. While several states have passed incredibly restrictive laws that require an ID to vote, three of those states are true swing states: Florida, Indiana and Wisconsin. Projections suggest that hundreds of thousands of registered voters will be prevented from casting a ballot across the country, and some of that will come from these states that often wobble between red and blue on election night.

Fortunately for whichever conservative comes out of the primaries, those who are most likely to have their vote denied are in one or more of four categories: African-American, Latino, elderly or college-aged. These are all groups with which Republicans typically do very poorly. All of that may mean that polling prior to Election Day should be taken with a grain of salt. States with voter ID laws will swing further to the right than we expect, simply because many people who would normally vote for the Democrat will be turned away.

On a final and lighter note, when Stephen Colbert was recently asked how he would campaign, he echoed an Obama aide who said, "I don't think it requires to go negative ... We may just run clips of the Republican debates verbatim." While Colbert's a comedian, Romney and the other candidates really will have to contend with some of their far right performances, and voter ID laws may not be enough to help them out at the last minute.

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LETTER

Christians can't be gay

To the editor:

I've followed this brewing storm of nondiscrimination policy with a large degree of confusion. Beyond the maddening vagueness of every statement Vanderbilt made, I couldn't make heads or tails out of where this policy push was coming from. Why, despite innumerable cries of protest from students, alumni, staff and a general concerned public, was the administration so hard-headed in jamming through this "existing" standard of conformity? I then read about the incident that sparked this movement — the Christian fraternity BYX kicking out a member because he was a professed homosexual. So ignoring the idiocy of Vanderbilt powers that seem set on doing irrevocable damage to their name one way or another, I want to focus on what I see as a burgeoning field of conflict in the future: sexual identity vs. religious ideology.

Let me point out bluntly something that should be crystal clear to all professing Christians: They can't be gay. To be clear, this does not mean they cannot struggle with homosexual temptations; it means you cannot claim to follow Christ and at the same time actively pursue a homosexual lifestyle. The two are incompatible. This would indeed be an extremely narrow-minded and bigoted standpoint if it was based on any single opinion. But Christians are supposed to take the Bible as the word of God, and if God says not to do something, it doesn't make any difference what anyone else thinks. "For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions ... the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men ..." (Rom. 1:26-27) And again:



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Students wearing rainbow gay pride flags look on as Fellowship of Christian Athletes member Jordan Rodgers speaks against Vanderbilt's nondiscrimination policy at the town hall meeting Jan. 31.

"Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality ... will inherit the kingdom of God." (I Cor. 6:9-10)

I'm sorry if these words are offensive to some, but the reality is that much of what the Bible has to say is offensive to our modern culture. As Christians, we must decide whether we are going to follow God wholly or pick and choose which things we like. What's truly narrow-minded and bigoted is to make and support a policy that says we need to tolerate everyone except those people whose beliefs go against the accepted, establishment, pluralistic, politically correct views.

Before you dismiss all of this as homophobic gay bashing, let me acknowledge that much of the way Christians and the church treat homosexuality is wrong. Jesus also makes it clear we are to love everyone, especially those with whom we don't agree. It's not like being

to back their views. Unreasonable arguments, arguments in bad faith or arguments in vain between columnists have no place in The Hustler and will not be published. The Hustler welcomes reader viewpoints and offers three methods of expression: letters to the editor, guest columns and feedback on InsideVandy.com.

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LETTER

Be the change

To the Editor:

Being a college senior in a tough job market, I was quite stressed all of last semester trying to find a job in which I could use the chemical engineering degree that I bled and fought for all these years. So when I got an offer for a \$71,000 a year job with a \$10,000 signing bonus and a company car, most people wanted me to sign on the dotted line and climb the corporate ladder. But I didn't. I decided to sign up for the Teach for China program where I'll earn much, much less teaching English to underprivileged children in one of the poorest regions of the world. My point is that I think everybody should do some sort of volunteer service after college and I think my reasons for doing Teach for China could easily be yours. First, you've got

your whole life to work. Right now you likely don't have as much holding you back (house, children, etc.) than you will when you have a midlife crisis, when you'll find yourself asking, "What have I done with my life?" or "Why didn't I take that chance?" Secondly, I'll take the job teaching underprivileged children so that they can reach their dreams over the typical entry-level job in which I'll be checking an 80-page Excel spreadsheet for data entry errors any day.

So do something exciting. Do something different. As Gandhi said, "Be the change you want to see in the world." So go out and sign up for a service fellowship. The world will thank you.

Bruce Spencer
School of Engineering, 2012

COLUMN

Sh*t sorority girls might not say

HANNAH RUTCOFSKY
COLUMNIST

I'd be lying if I said that I myself did not think "Sh*t Sorority Girls Say" was a hilarious exaggeration of some qualities of sisters on campus. I know that this spoof has been repeated for just about every possible group with a stereotype that one could think of. Nonetheless, I am offended by negative rumors about sorority girls on campus. On behalf of us all, I'd like to debunk some campus myths:

1. Sorority girls only care about drinking.

Sororities and the Panhellenic Council do everything they can to undermine this aspect of our reputation. During rush, both girls going through recruitment and sisters are made aware of the three B's of forbidden rounds conversation: "Boys, Booze and Bank Accounts". At chapter meetings, the major regular commitment of sororities, discussion of alcohol is forbidden. Legitimate sorority-sponsored events are alcohol-free, and most take time during the week for community service, Panhellenic Council meetings, or sisterhood-building activities. If anything, actual sorority events keep women out of trouble by taking up time for wholesome, sober events.

2. Sorority girls are dumb and don't care about their grades.

If you look at the numbers, it is clear that sorority girls are among Vanderbilt's brightest

students. Greek Life's Fall Academic 2011 Report announced the Panhellenic average GPA to be a 3.5733. Besides needing a 2.6 GPA to rush (or an approved appeal), girls going through recruitment are also subject to additional screening by sororities with higher minimum GPAs, stated in their constitution or mandated by their national organizations.

3. Sorority girls are exceptionally shallow.

Sorority women spend a lot of time getting to know potential new members first semester and during recruitment "parties." The idea of the recruitment process is for sororities to learn about a woman's personality — as much as is possible in the time allotted — and for her to be able to choose an organization that is a good fit. Attractiveness, origin and wealth are not a part of the discussion.

4. Sorority girls hate girls in other houses.

Most freshmen establish friendships in a variety of ways, especially through The Commons experience. Women are encouraged to view their decision on sororities as an independent one not based on their peers' choices. Groups of friends may be divided, but that doesn't mean connections disappear. Many sorority women have close friends in other houses from their freshman year or other experiences in the subsequent semesters. Some rivalry

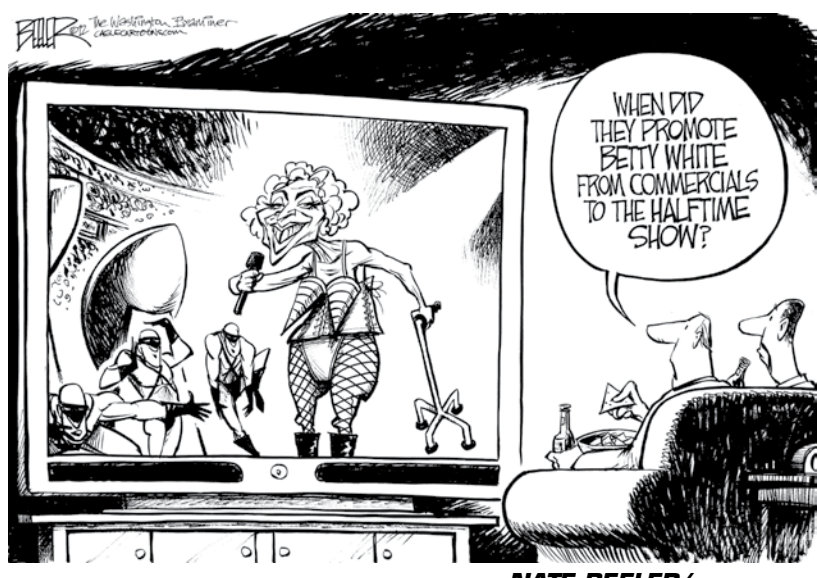
inevitably comes through at times, for example, in fraternity philanthropic competitions, when girls compete for a title and oftentimes a cash prize for their houses' main philanthropies. In the end, knowing that we all stand for similar values that represent the Greek system offsets the competitiveness inherent in Panhellenic sisterhood.

I'm not saying I do not frequently hear sorority girls talk about frozen yogurt, what they can pay for on the Commodore Card (isn't that a school-wide thing?), complicated Starbucks drinks or the occasional desire for bad weather to wear their new rain-proof accessories.

Still, the recent Melohouse Productions video's portrayal of sorority girls is as unfair as any other negative stereotype of any other group would be. Every member in every sorority has at some point learned about her organization's founders and values. Most sororities are committed in some form to scholarship, philanthropic service and true sisterhood. Personally, I love my sisters and have enjoyed each of our sorority's events — be it for sisterhood, recruitment, social or philanthropy. I think most members of these organizations would say the same.

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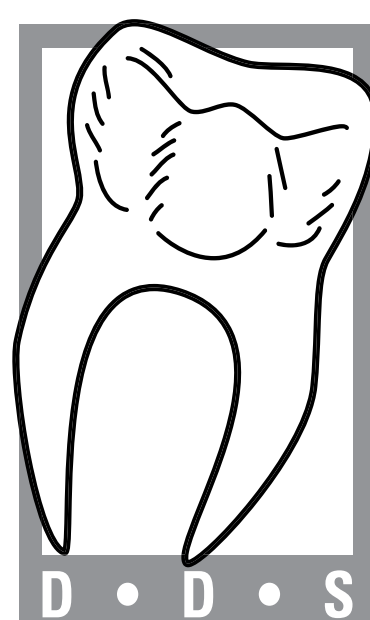
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Making the most of ESPN GameDay

The Life staff gets the full scoop on GameDay policies

KELLY HALOM
STAFF REPORTER

Co-Chair Senator of the VSG Athletics Committee Josh Landis sat down with The Hustler to explain the reasoning behind Vandy Athletics policies concerning ESPN GameDay this Saturday. Landis has been meeting with Vandy Athletics since November in creating this plan to ensure a fair procedure for all students.

Q. What would you say to students that are upset that they can't camp out like they have in previous years?

A. "This isn't some vendetta against camping out. This is a very unique situation because of the fact that we are having GameDay come in. I agree camping is a big part of the experience but in terms of a logistical sense, it didn't make sense to have that. If we didn't have this current policy, you would have students that camp out or line up and get there early and come in for GameDay. But once they get out of GameDay, it's a free-for-all. Those people who went to GameDay would come out of GameDay and find an enormous line. They'd have to go to the back of it and there's a chance they might not get in. It didn't seem fair that our most dedicated fans who would be the ones getting their early to go to GameDay would then be de-incentivized to go to GameDay by being forced to miss the game."

Q. What about kids that have Thursday night classes or meetings and can't make it to the Women's game and thus miss the first step in the process?

A. "One of the things from the Athletics side is they wanted this weekend not be just about men's basketball, but about Vanderbilt basketball. Our women's team is doing extremely well this year and it was important for Athletics to really tie in those two events. We simply set aside 1,000 students, while our student section seats 2,200, so more than half of the seats will be filled from general students lining up." ★



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Navigating Memorial Madness, ESPN GameDay style

Students who camped out last year got front row seats to the UK game.

What to do if you still want to be in the front row:

1. Line up at 2 p.m. on Thursday for the Women's game at 8 p.m. Receive sticker on student ID.
2. At end of game, wait for everyone else to leave. Walk out with all of the other stickered students and receive wristband.
3. Line up at west entrance of Memorial at 5 a.m. Friday with wristband and ID. Enter gym at 6:30 a.m. Receive t-shirt.
4. Line up at west entrance of Memorial at 12:00 p.m. Saturday. Wait until you are allowed to enter gym at 6:00 p.m. for game at 8:00 p.m.

What to do if you want to be in the front row, but cannot attend the Women's game:

- Line up at the student entrance at 5 a.m. Friday and pray that someone with a wristband doesn't claim their t-shirt, so you can join the t-shirt ranks.

- See what your friend's wristband looks like and try your best to produce a counterfeit one.
- Wait at the West entrance and try to convince people to give you their t-shirt.

What to do if you are perfectly content with just getting a seat at the game:

- Line up at the general student entrance at 12 p.m. on Saturday.
- Line up at the general student entrance after 12 p.m. and hope that they do not run out of tickets.

What to do if you couldn't care less about attending GameDay:

- Throw a party in honor of not wasting all your time on a two hour basketball game.
- Go to Sarratt Promenade and act interested in the viewing party while you steal Jet's pizza and wings.
- Catch up on all your homework while your friends stand in the cold. ★

AROUND THE LOOP

Kissam residents have mixed feelings about the university's plan to demolish the six brick buildings that make up Kissam Quadrangle at the corner of West End and 21st avenues.

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE UPCOMING DEMOLITION OF KISSAM AND IS THERE ANYTHING ABOUT KISSAM YOU'LL MISS?

WILL MCMILLAN
STAFF REPORTER

The university has said the \$115 million construction project will begin in May on Kissam College Halls, two "colleges" that each will house about 330 upperclass students. Kissam College Halls will represent the next phase of Vanderbilt's residential college system, which started with the Martha Rivers Ingram Commons in 2008. The Kissam project is expected to be completed in the fall of 2014.

Kissam Quad currently houses approximately 582 upperclass students in single rooms in halls named Currey, Dyer, Hemingway, Kissam, Mims and Reinke.



"I like Kissam as it is now, but also am excited to see the newly built Kissam. I'll just miss the single dorms."

- Jacob Ho, 2014

"I hope that they finish by the time I graduate. Seniority! I will miss living right by the Munchie Mart though."

- Atieno Adongo, 2014



"I believe that Kissam Quad should still be around because it accommodates a large number of students, particularly ones that prefer to live in single rooms."

- Harold Hichez-Nunez, 2014



"I don't feel like it is completely necessary. I haven't had a bad experience living here. I feel that they could easily renovate them without rebuilding them. I'll miss the location and community of it. I mean, not many other quads have their own gym, Munchie Mart, laundry room and kitchen."

- Sommers Kline, 2014



"I feel that Kissam is old, but it should be renovated to meet new technology needs. Kissam is historic and should be preserved."

- Aaron Lowe, 2014



"I think it's good that they're tearing it down because it's really moldy, but I'm going to miss it. I've had a lot of awesome memories here and I'm going to miss seeing my dorm."

- Mariah Porter, 2014



"It is somewhat sad to see old Hemingway fall after only one year of being here as a transfer. I won't be able to show my future family the place I 'grew up' here at Vandy. However, the improvements to our campus are needed."

- Laura Martin, 2014



Grammy awards undergo change

TREVOR ANDERSON
STAFF REPORTER

With all the fervor surrounding the film awards in the past few weeks, it's easy to forget that the Grammy Awards are coming up this Sunday evening.

According to the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, the Grammys aim to honor "artistic achievement, technical proficiency and overall excellence in the recording industry without regard to album sales or chart position." While the Grammys may not take sales or charts into consideration, there is no doubt that this year's leading nominees are also some of the most successful commercial artists in music.

Kanye West leads with seven nominations this year, for both his solo work, "My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy" with the hit single "All of the Lights," as well as for his highly celebrated collaboration with Jay-Z, "Watch the Throne." Both albums debuted at number one on the Billboard charts.

The critical and commercial favorite, Adele, follows West with six nominations including the top awards of the night: Record of the Year and Song of the Year for "Rolling in the Deep" and Album of the Year for "21."

If Adele can be sure of one thing, she will not be scoring another Best Female Pop Vocal Performance Grammy on Sunday night. Why not? Because the category won't exist.

In a major overhaul announced in 2011, the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences reduced the number of awards given from 108 to 79. Most importantly, each genre's distinct Male and Female Vocal Performance categories will now be termed "Best



ROBERT GAUTHIER/ NICT CAMPUS

Lady Gaga performs at the 53rd Annual Grammy Awards show on Feb. 13, 2011.

Solo Performance." While the distinction makes each race more competitive, some feel that it is ultimately for the better.

"I definitely think the new categories make winning the Grammy a little more legitimate," junior Allie O'Neil said. "You've got double the competition now, so to say you're the Grammy winner gives your work more credibility."

Credibility seems to be a quality the Grammys need. While the Grammy is still seen as the recording industry's most prestigious award, the show's annual ratings have been declining, which some feel means the Grammys' relevancy may also be fading.

"Before, when people had to go physically buy records, I'm sure they looked to the Grammys to see what people considered quality music," senior Conrad Goeringer said. "Nowadays though, with YouTube, I might give a song a lis-

ten or two, but that's about it."

Yet, the digital age does make performances more important than ever. Artists typically post major sales gains with material they perform during the telecast. Last year, Lady Gaga premiered "Born This Way" at the ceremony. The song debuted at No. 1 the following week. This year's most anticipated performance is Adele's — her first since throat surgery last October. With these and other major names sharing the stage, the 2012 Grammy Awards show is set to prove why it is known as "Music's Biggest Night."

The 54th Annual Grammy Awards will air this Sunday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. CT on CBS. ★

Opry: Venue of the week



ELLEN CREAGER/MCT CAMPUS

The Charlie Daniels Band performs at the Grand Ole Opry on Feb. 8, 2012.

KELLY HALOM
STAFF REPORTER

Nothing makes you feel more like a true Nashvillian than a trip to the Grand Ole Opry. While the Opry may not offer the same variety of music as places like the Exit/In and Cannery Ballroom, lovers of country music everywhere are destined to enjoy shows at this historic venue.

Country music's biggest stars have been playing their music at the Grand Ole Opry since 1925. Though its venue has changed numerous times over the years, the Opry has always been broadcast live on WSM, making it one of the longest running broadcasts in history.

Each show at the Opry is interspersed with new stars, superstars and legends of country music. Typically, each act plays two songs before switching to the next performer. While this schedule offers a variety of acts to see, it also means that you might not have much time to appreciate your favorite band of the night.

Though you might not see much of your favorite band, the Opry's atmosphere and other acts easily make up for it. The Opry often features bluegrass bands and square dancing. These acts allow the audience to see the roots that created the traditions of country music today. It's hard not to enjoy these traditions at the Opry surrounded

by the theater's other 4400 fans, who are often adorned in cowboy boots and hats, singing along to the music that they love.

The Opry has shows on Fridays and Saturdays with some Tuesday and Wednesday night shows during select months. Shows start at 7 p.m. and run till 9:15. Upcoming acts at the Opry include Josh Turner and Montgomery Gentry on Feb. 10, and Craig Morgan and Sunny Sweeney on Feb. 11. If you are unable to make it to the Opry for a live show, you can always tune in to 650 AM WSM to hear full, unedited broadcasts of every show. For more information, visit www.opry.com. ★

UPCOMING SHOWS

FRIDAY, FEB. 10

Josh Turner - \$34+

SATURDAY, FEB. 11

Craig Morgan

FRIDAY, FEB. 17

Steve Wariner and Diamond Rio

SATURDAY, FEB. 18

Diamond Rio and Joe Diffie

Adult tickets can be purchased at the Grand Ole Opry for \$34 and up.

Weekend preview

BRITANNY MATHEWS
STAFF REPORTER

"NEO-AFRICAN AMERICANS" SCREENING

Friday
Sarratt Cinema, 4 p.m.

The International Lens Film Series is screening "Neo-African Americans" this Friday. The film discusses issues of black immigration identity in America and what it means to be black in America.

"(When I moved to America) I was forced to start thinking of myself as black," director Kobina Aidoo writes on the film's blog. "Not that there's anything wrong with that or I didn't know that already, but I mean exactly that: think. Having come from an overwhelmingly majority black country, I had only thought of my being black in philosophical terms. Living it as a minority was new to me, and I felt myself getting squeezed in boxes with which I was unfamiliar."

The screening is part of the Black Migration Symposium taking place at Vanderbilt on Feb. 10 and 11.

TONGUE 'N' CHEEK'S FIRST EVER CONCERT

Friday
Sarratt Cinema, 7:30 p.m.

Tongue 'N' Cheek, Vanderbilt's premier improv comedy group, will be hosting their first-ever concert this Friday night at 7:30 p.m. in Sarratt Cinema.

The concert will not feature the following bands: Jay-Z and Kanye West, Adele, Lady Gaga, Zac Brown Band, Taylor Swift, U2, Skrillex and LMFAO. The bands will not be performing on three stages over the course of the night. Unannounced special guests will not be in attendance.

In addition to none of these bands, the concert will feature the unique brand of improvised comedy TNC fans know and love.

"What I love about improv is that you don't know what the show is going to be until you actually get there and start performing," TNC member Robert "Dash" Hilland. "There's something really beautiful about how we get to watch the show happen at the same time as the audience." ★



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Dan "Cairo" King performs with Tongue 'N' Cheek in Sarratt on Jan. 27, 2012.

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GAMEDAY COMES TO VANDY

The No.1 Kentucky Wildcats aren't the only team coming to Nashville this weekend. ESPN brings its weekly College GameDay show, with a team of Rece Davis, Jay Bilas, Digger Phelps, Hugh Davis and Bob Knight as well.



Breaking down the enemy: Kentucky

GEORGE BARCLAY
SPORTS REPORTER

This Saturday night, Vanderbilt will take on the top-ranked Kentucky Wildcats in a marquee College GameDay matchup between two of the SEC's most storied basketball programs.

After starting out SEC play with four consecutive wins, Vanderbilt has struggled to remain consistent and has a just a 2-2 record following an overtime loss to Mississippi State. For the Commodores, the past few games have been a reprise of early season issues such as an inability to combat full court presses, careless turnovers, missed free throws and an overreliance on the three-point shot.

While Vanderbilt (16-5, 5-3 SEC) will look to set things right in Memorial Gymnasium, it faces the daunting task of playing the best team in the country.

The Wildcats (24-1, 10-0 SEC) have been nothing short of spectacular this season. With the exception of a last-second road loss to Indiana,

the Wildcats have found a variety of ways to win, whether it be pounding teams on the inside, draining a bevy of three-pointers or playing stifling defense and getting out in transition. On Tuesday night, Kentucky continued its undefeated streak at home under head coach John Calipari with a 78-58 beatdown of No. 7 ranked Florida.

Unlike Kentucky teams of the past that have revolved around guard play, this year's Wildcats are led at forward by freshman phenomenon Anthony Davis. At six-foot-eleven and with a wingspan well over seven feet, Davis has a world of athletic potential and is a serious threat of both sides of the ball. The Commodores will have their hands full on Saturday as they try to contain a player who is averaging 14 points, 10 rebounds and nearly five blocks per game.

Although neutralizing Davis will be a top priority for Vanderbilt, the defensive game plan will not be a simple one. Kentucky also possesses sophomore sharpshooter Do-



MURPHY BYRNE/FILE PHOTO

ron Lamb at guard in addition to two versatile and athletic forwards in freshman Michael Kidd-Gilchrist and sophomore Terrence Jones, a predicament that will force the Commodores to play tight man-to-man defense for the entire game.

However, although this game may appear unwinnable on paper, there is plenty of reason for Vanderbilt to hope. Since 2005, Kentucky has only one win in Memorial Gymnasium. Also, as talented as Calipari's teams are, his

one-and-done recruiting style leaves his young teams vulnerable to panic in difficult road environments. With one of the most unique layouts in college basketball, Memorial could cause problems for Kentucky's young backcourt.

Overall, Saturday's game will come down to execution. If Vanderbilt can capitalize on its home-court advantage and its edge in age and experience, the Commodores could pull off one of this year's greatest upsets. ★

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FRESHMAN FORWARD

- 9.2 points per game
- 6.2 rebounds per game
- 22.8 minutes per game
- 13.9 points per game
- 10.1 rebounds per game
- 30.7 minutes per game

VERDICT: For the Commodores to have a chance at the upset, Festus Ezeli will need to negate the inside presence of Anthony Davis, the nation's leading shot-blocker.

JEFFERY TAYLOR

MICHAEL KIDD-GILCHRIST



VS.

SENIOR FORWARD

FRESHMAN FORWARD

- 17.7 points per game
- 5.8 rebounds per game
- 32.3 minutes per game
- 12.6 points per game
- 7.5 rebounds per game
- 31.0 minutes per game

VERDICT: If Jeffery Taylor can use his athleticism to shut down the well-rounded Kidd-Gilchrist, it would provide a huge spark for Vanderbilt. In Saturday night's game.

Commodores host Lady Volunteers Thursday



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KRISTEN SHEFT
SPORTS REPORTER

The No. 25 Vanderbilt women's basketball team looks to avenge a mid-January loss to the No. 11 Tennessee Volunteers when they welcome their interstate rivals to Nashville tomorrow night.

The Commodores are riding a four-game SEC winning streak heading into Thursday night's contest. Recent road victories against Auburn and Mississippi State helped Vanderbilt climb back into the top-25 and improve to 6-4 in confer-

ence play.

Although the Commodores have not posted a win against the Volunteers since the 2008-2009 season, expect this to be a close game.

Earlier this season in Knoxville, Vanderbilt trailed Tennessee by just three points heading into halftime before ultimately being outplayed in the second period. Head coach Melanie Balcomb blamed her team's disappointing finish on a lack of energy.

"We have not come out inspired after halftime," Balcomb said. "It's almost

like we are waiting to see how the other team is going to come out at halftime instead of us coming out the way we want to come out at halftime."

Vanderbilt managed to turn the ball over 24 times that game, a season high for Balcomb's squad. The Commodores also turned in a dismal second half shooting performance, converting just one of seven shots from behind the arc.

Redshirt sophomore center Stephanie Holzer will have her hands full in the paint against Tennessee standout Shekinna Stricklen. Holzer, who leads the team in rebounding, will need to play smart basketball if she is going to win on the boards. Last time the two matched up, Holzer fouled out early in the second half, hurting the Commodore offense.

The Commodores will turn to feisty playmaker Jasmine Lister to set up their offense and dictate the game rhythm. She has quietly led the Commodores all season and will be integral to the team's success on Thursday.

This game marks a particularly special occasion for both teams; it will be Tennessee head coach Pat Summitt's first game in Nashville since being diagnosed with early-onset dementia in August.

Tipoff is set for 8 p.m. CT at Memorial Gym and will be televised on CSS. ★

GameDay Schedule



Women's basketball vs. Tennessee

Thursday, Feb. 9 - 8 p.m. CT

1. Students can begin lining up at 2 p.m.
2. The first 1,000 students will receive a sticker on their student ID, this sticker will be good for a wristband at the end of the game.
3. At the end of the game, students with a sticker will be asked to stay in the student section while the gym clears out.
4. All students with a sticker will need to exit the gym through the student gate and they will receive their wristband as they exit.

3. All students that did not receive a wristband will line up at the student entrance.

4. If any of the 1000 t-shirts are not claimed by the students with a wristband by 6:30 a.m., they will then be distributed to those students at the front of the general student line.
5. General student line will be able to enter the gym from 6:30-7 a.m.

The gym and outside areas will be completely cleared at the completion of ESPN GameDay

ESPN GameDay

Saturday, Feb. 11 - 9 a.m. CT

1. Students can begin lining up at 5 a.m. (camping overnight is NOT allowed)
2. Students that received a wristband will need to line up at the west entrance of Memorial Gym.
 - Students must present their student ID with wristband.
 - These students will be able to enter the gym from 6-6:30 a.m.
 - All students with a wristband MUST be in line at the West entrance by 6:30 a.m.
 - Each student with a wristband will receive a t-shirt.
 - All students with this t-shirt will be let in first for the Kentucky game that night.

Men's basketball vs. Kentucky

Saturday, Feb. 11 - 8 p.m. CT

1. Student line-up will begin at noon.
2. Students that received a t-shirt will line up at the west entrance ramp.
 - Students must present their student ID with t-shirt
 - Students with t-shirts will enter the gym from 6-6:30 p.m.
 - All t-shirt students must be in line by 6:30 p.m.
3. The remaining student tickets will then be distributed to those students in the general line until all available student tickets have been distributed and then the entrance will be shut down.

COMMODORE BUZZ:

With baseball season starting next week, the Southeastern Conference announced that more than 60 conference games will be televised this season with the No. 10 Commodores participating in seven of those games. Vanderbilt begins its season on the road against the No. 2 Stanford Cardinal next Friday. ★

The next step: Vanderbilt seniors prepare for NFL Combine and Pro Day



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With their senior season completed, seven former Commodore players are preparing for the NFL draft. Led by defensive back Casey Hayward, safety Sean Richardson and defensive end Tim Fugger, this group also features tight end Brandon Barden, quarterback Larry Smith, offensive guard Kyle Fisch-

er and defensive tackle TJ Greenstone.

Without this talented core of seniors, James Franklin's successful first season at Vanderbilt would not have happened. No one knows this better than strength coach Dwight Galt, the man currently helping to train the majority of these players.

"They've been phenomenal from a leadership and work ethic stand-

point. They really made what happened last year possible as far as our improvement," said Galt about the impact of the 2012 senior class on the program this year.

In particular, both Hayward and Richardson have caught the attention of NFL scouts and have been invited to participate in this year's Scouting Combine.

"Sean and Casey are going to go to the NFL Combine later this month. I think they're doing a great job preparing for that," said Galt about the duo.

During his participation in the 2012 Senior Bowl, Hayward finished with two interceptions, outshining many of the country's best players. As of now, Hayward is down in Boca Raton, Florida doing intensive strength training to achieve his desired time 40-yard dash time of 4.4 seconds. Considered to be Vanderbilt's best draft prospect, Hayward is very confident that he can help a team.

"I think I'm somebody who can lock down a receiver. I think I proved that this year," said Hayward.

With regard to Richardson, the former Commodore safety is currently in California where he

is working out under the guidance of his agent. Often overlooked, there are those who believe that Richardson's freakish athleticism could benefit an NFL team.

"Sean has been our diamond in the rough. He's a great athlete that's really starting to put it together on the field. I think his best days are ahead of him from a football standpoint," said Galt about Richardson.

Back in Nashville, Fugger has been training at the McGugin Center every day and has followed a strict diet. At Vanderbilt's Pro Day, he is looking to show NFL scouts that he can play the positions of both outside linebacker and defensive end.

"We're doing plyometrics, speed work, weight lifting and any type of rehab or ice that I need to get in," said Fugger about his grueling routine.

Although Hayward, Richardson and Fugger are getting the most attention, the rest of Vanderbilt's seniors have plenty to offer. Barden has great size and athleticism at tight end, Smith could help a team as an athlete, Fischer has tremendous size and Greenstone possesses tremendous strength. ★

Women's lacrosse season begins

Vanderbilt to play Duke on Sunday



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ANTHONY TRIPODORO
SPORTS REPORTER

Spring is here.

The spring sports season for the Commodores begins this Sunday as the Vanderbilt women's lacrosse team takes on the Duke Blue Devils at home.

Coming off an 8-8 season, Vanderbilt enters the 2012 campaign as the nineteenth-ranked team in the nation, according to laxpower.com. This year's squad looks to make improvements and have a very strong season while continuing the successful offensive attack of last year.

The Commodores scored an impressive 12.3 goals per game last season. With Ally Carey — a member of the US women's national team, Courtney Kirk, Alex Priddy, Kendall Pittinger and Hannah Clark all returning for their senior seasons, the offense should have no trouble scoring early and often.

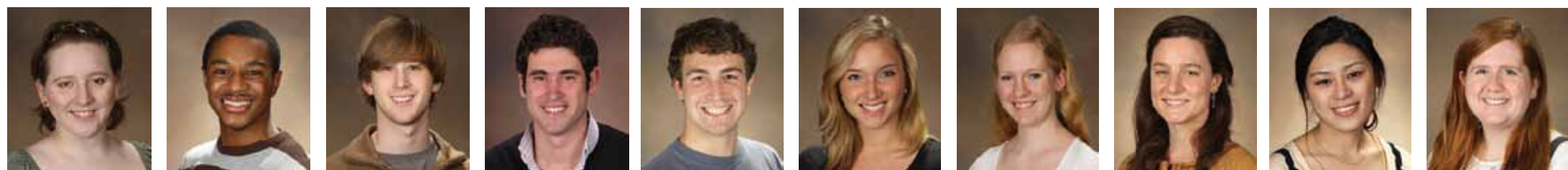
With the help of senior de-

fenders Catherine Carr, Taylor Lange, Kacie Connors, Kelly Connors and senior goalkeeper Natalie Wills, this seasoned group will have the veteran leadership and experience necessary to climb even higher in the rankings and make a strong postseason push.

The first game of the season for the Commodores is a pivotal one. After a 15-5 finish last year, Duke holds a preseason No. 5 ranking. Pulling off an upset at home against the Blue Devils would be a fantastic way to get the ball rolling for Vanderbilt right from the start of the season.

Earning an early victory against a strong opponent is crucial. The Commodores face a brutal 15-game season that includes matches against the likes of North Carolina, Stanford, Boston College, Penn State, Northwestern, Ohio State, Florida and Notre Dame, all preseason top-20 teams.

It all begins on Sunday at 1 p.m. CT. ★



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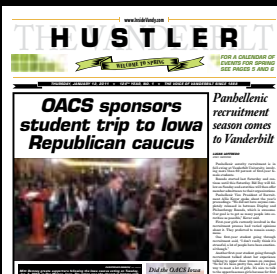
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- 21 Word with the 57-Across in 10-Down
- 23 Woolen caps
- 26 "This American Life" host Glass
- 28 Like some silverware
- 29 Prefix with meter
- 30 Lists of priors
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- 34 Mean mutt
- 35 She, at sea
- 38 En route to the mechanic
- 39 Permit
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- 41 Word with the 57-Across in 25-Down
- 42 In great shape
- 43 Spot on a horse
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- 47 Hear here
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- 50 Cleveland pro, for short
- 51 Dreyer's brand, east of the Rockies
- 52 Olympics participant
- 54 Far from fatty
- 56 Actress Charlotte
- 57 Night sky feature, and hint to a four-letter sequence hidden in 17-Across and 10- and 25-Down
- 62 Short, for short
- 63 Dry run
- 64 Peter of "My Favorite Year"
- 65 100%
- 66 Dallas opening?
- 67 Stout
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- 2 Trophy, often
- 3 "Dear Yoko" dedicatee
- 4 Home perm features
- 5 One opposed
- 6 Word with the 57-Across in 17-Across
- 7 Scratch
- 8 Ill-fated brother
- 9 Gin flavoring
- 10 Like most valentines
- 11 Aquarium gunk
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- 15 Put on ice
- 18 Org. promoted by Betty White
- 22 Relishes, as gossip
- 23 Talking point
- 24 Hershey's bell town
- 25 Ammo for a simple cannon
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- 30 Steinbeck's "Cannery"
- 31 Marching syllable
- 33 It shines on the Seine
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- 37 ___ of the realm: noblemen
- 39 Lucy of "Ally McBeal"
- 40 Pa
- 42 Stewed
- 43 Work on film
- 45 Aquafresh rival
- 46 Locker room supply
- 48 Alfalfa's sweetie
- 49 Net sales?
- 51 Belgian avant-garde painter James
- 53 Facility
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- 61 Juan Carlos, to his subjects

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