



# THIS WEEKEND AT VANDY: DIWALI

Masala SACE presents their annual Diwali show on Saturday evening. **See page 5** for a preview.

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## HOW SANDY HIT VANDY

### WHAT GOT HIT

What do Early Decision applications, Gary Johnson and Professor Stephen Buckles all have in common? They realize life's not a beach with Hurricane Sandy:

**Vanderbilt's Early Decision I application** deadline of Nov. 1 may be difficult to meet for areas impacted by Sandy, but the Office of Undergraduate Admissions has issued a notice reassuring applicants that it will work with them.

**Libertarian party candidate Gary Johnson** was unable to attend the Current Events and Critical Conversations meeting scheduled for Tuesday evening, so event organizers cancelled the meeting.

**Reuters reported** that early voting and presidential campaign events could be affected.

**Some alumni** visiting the campus for homecoming have had trouble returning home and are still in Nashville.

**LSAT scores** scheduled to be released by Oct. 31 have been delayed until Nov. 1. On the bright side: October test-takers signing up for the December test will not be subject to a late registration fee.

**Professor Buckles'** flight to Nashville was postponed, cancelling his economics classes for Monday.

**Professor Frank Robinson** also cancelled class on Monday due to return travel difficulties.

## Recent alumni grounded after homecoming visits

By ERIC SINGLE  
Editor-in-chief

Many recently graduated Vanderbilt alumni working in New York City scrambled to adjust their travel plans as homecoming weekend wound down and Sandy ramped up, staying later into this week with their friends on and around campus as their employers surveyed the damage.

After hearing a friend of hers re-scheduling travel plans last weekend, Class of 2012 graduate Michelle Grossman checked to find her Sunday morning flight back to LaGuardia Airport was cancelled. Her civil engineering office in White Plains reopened on Tuesday.

"Basically, if you could get in, you could, and if not, then everyone understood," she said. "When I called Expedia, they told me they were all busy and could give me a call back, and the wait to call back was between 15 hours, 20 minutes and

23 hours before someone could help me."

Nick Marino, Class of 2010, decided to fly to Baltimore with a friend and rent a car to take him the rest of the way to New York, where he works at an engineering firm.

"Where I work it's very bad, because I work down in the financial district," Marino said. "As far as I know, any building without a backup generator doesn't have power and probably won't for at least another week, is what they're saying."

Class of 2012 graduate Ben Crane's first day on the job at a consulting firm downtown was scheduled to be next Monday, and those plans are still on track.

"I'm not really in any particular rush to get back home because everything in my parents' neighborhood is shut down, and they lost power," said Crane, who lives in Great Neck, N.Y. "So I'd rather just stay here and kick it with my friends who work and live in Nashville."

## Not ready for departure: Classes and events cancelled

By KION SAWNEY  
InsideVandy director

"Due to flight cancellations and a small weather pattern named Sandy, I am not able to return to Nashville in time for class on Monday," wrote Stephen Buckles, senior lecturer in economics, in an email to his Econ 101 class on Sunday.

With the scale of the Superstorm Sandy and its prolonged recovery period, Buckles, along with thousands of people across the nation, was stranded due to the storm's impact on airports.

According to USA Today, more than 19,500 flights have already been cancelled since Sunday and more are expected to be added to the list.

Buckles stated in his email that he will be back in Nashville in time for the Microeconomics test on Friday

and the review session for Thursday. On Wednesday, the teacher's assistants taught the class.

The storm did not only affect Professor Buckles. Scheduled to speak on Tuesday, Oct. 30, former New Mexico governor Gary Johnson was unable to attend an event hosted by Current Events and Critical Conversations.

On the event's Facebook page, the organizers thanked the students for their help and expressed their regrets about the event's cancellation.

"For those who helped arrange this event: Even though it is cancelled, the campaign national campus coordinator just called and expressed his regrets and total astonishment that the event was pulled off so well and so fast. I am to pass along a big thank you for the heroic effort and sorry for the headache this cancellation has caused."



People try to get back to work on foot, bike and car from Brooklyn to Manhattan by the Brooklyn Bridge on Oct. 31.

## Club 'stripped' of tax exemption

The judges of the New York Court of Appeals ruled last week that strip club-goers must pay sales taxes on the admission price because New York's tax exemption of "dramatic or musical arts performances" should not extend to their featured types of entertainment.

During the court hearings, New Loudon, the business that operates Nite Moves, a strip club in Albany, N.Y., made the case that "exotic stage and couch dances . . . qualify as musical arts performances, rather than as more generalized amusement or entertainment activities," and weren't taxable. The justices forming the majority disagreed, although they did throw Nite Moves a bone by referring to it as "an adult juice bar."

The court, however, was in fact divided. The dissenting justices argued that pole and lap dances did have artistic merit, and that there were constitutional issues with the majority decision.

David Hudson, a scholar at The First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt University, said the decision is not surprising. "The courts by and large have not been very protective of adult-oriented expression," Hudson said.

## Taking a bionic leg to the top

After losing his right leg in a motorcycle accident, 31-year-old software engineer Zac Vawter signed up to become a research subject, helping to test a trailblazing prosthetic leg that's controlled by his thoughts.

He will put this groundbreaking bionic leg to the ultimate test Sunday when he attempts to climb 103 flights of stairs to the top of Chicago's Willis Tower (nee the Sears Tower), one of the world's tallest skyscrapers.

If all goes well, he'll make history with the bionic leg's public debut. His whirring, robotic leg will respond to electrical impulses from muscles in his hamstring. Vawter will think, "Climb stairs," and the motors, belts and chains in his leg will synchronize the movements of its ankle and knee.

A team of researchers will be cheering him on and noting the smart leg's performance. The \$8 million project is funded by the U.S. Department of Defense and involves Vanderbilt University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of Rhode Island and the University of New Brunswick.

— AP

## Rape poster may be considered free speech

A flier posted on Miami University's campus that gave advice on how to rape somebody and get away with it may end in criminal charges against the alleged students responsible.

The case, however, raises questions about the First Amendment's protections on free speech.

"It would be very difficult to prosecute anyone for distributing a flier like this," President of the First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt University Ken Paulson said in an interview with Sheila McLaughlin of Cincinnati News.

Paulson also said it would be extremely hard for the court to show that the flier fits one of the narrow exceptions to the First Amendment.

"If someone reached out to another party and suggested that they plan a rape, that could constitute criminal conspiracy. But there would have to be a real intent to commit the crime," Paulson said.

Students who are believed to be involved have been identified and are in the process of being sanctioned through university disciplinary processes, according to university officials.



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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"This means that 1,159 current Vanderbilt females and 1,670 current Vanderbilt males are predicted to get cancer within their lifetimes. It is up to our generation to find a cure."

DANI PORTUGAL, PRESIDENT OF VANDERBILT RELAY FOR LIFE



## VANDERBITS

### CRIME CORNER

Thursday, Oct. 25

**Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, 11:20 p.m.** — Writing on a bathroom wall was reported.

**Branscomb Quad, 11:45 p.m.** — A student was issued a disciplinary referral after being observed staggering along 25th Ave. and having admitted to drinking liquor.

Friday, Oct. 26

**Wesley Place Apartments, 2 a.m.** — Eggs smashed on concrete were reported.

**Village at Vanderbilt, 2:40 a.m.** — Roommates in a physical altercation were reported.

**Memorial Gym, 10:37 p.m.** — A disciplinary referral was issued to a student intoxicated at a concert.

Saturday, Oct. 27

**Kappa Sigma House, 1:27 a.m.** — A person was observed running through bushes and did not stop when asked. After he was stopped he was taken into custody for resistance and intoxication.

**Alpha Tau Omega House, 8:50 p.m.** — A set off fire extinguisher and broken picture frame were reported.

Sunday, Oct. 28

**Student Life Center, 1-3 a.m.** — Three disciplinary referrals were issued after students were found intoxicated. The students were transported to VUH.

### Weekend Weather Forecast

SUNNY	THURSDAY	64°	42°
	HIGH	LOW	
SUNNY	THURSDAY	62°	49°
	HIGH	LOW	
PARTLY CLOUDY	THURSDAY	76°	51°
	HIGH	LOW	
CLOUDY	THURSDAY	59°	41°
	HIGH	LOW	

## Correction

A previous article stated that James Lang, convicted of possession of child pornography, is on leave from Vanderbilt. In fact, Lang retired from Vanderbilt in 2008 and is no longer on faculty at Vanderbilt. The Hustler apologizes for this error.

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# RELAY FOR LIFE AIMS HIGH

By EMILY TORRES  
Senior news reporter

Vanderbilt Relay for Life has set the bar high for this year's event. Last year, the organization raised \$75,000 and had about 600 participants. Vanderbilt Relay has focused on expanding this year, hoping to raise \$100,000 and have over 650 participants at the event, which will be held at the Student Recreation Center on Friday, Nov. 2, from 5 p.m.-5 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3.

"Our goal is to make this year's Relay for Life bigger and better than ever before. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 more than in years past. In order to do this, we are getting many Vanderbilt organizations involved with Relay so that our event has more participants than last year," said senior Dani Portugal, president of Vanderbilt Relay for Life.

Vanderbilt Relay for Life is an annual student-organized, overnight team fundraising event that raises money to fight against cancer and raise awareness amongst the Vanderbilt community. Portugal pointed out some of the reasons why raising cancer awareness is important.

"Vanderbilt students should get involved with Relay for Life for a few reasons. First of all, cancer is truly something that affects all of us. In the United States, 1 out of every 4 deaths is attributed to cancer. Over the course of a lifetime, 1 in 2 men and 1 in 3 women will be diagnosed with cancer," Portugal said. "This means that 1,159 current Vanderbilt females and 1,670 current Vanderbilt males are predicted to get cancer within their lifetimes. It is up to our generation to find a cure. It is an investment in our futures."

The money raised at the event will go to the American Cancer Society and will be put toward research grants and programs for prevention, patient support, detection, treatment and the construction and operation of Hope Lodges, facilities in which a cancer patient and a caregiver may stay at while traveling to receive treatment.

Biorhythms, Swingin' Doers, Original Cast, Trent Baren, the Dodecs and other groups will be performing Friday night and into Saturday morn-



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Kyle MacDonald plays "root beer pong" at Vanderbilt Relay for Life in the Student Recreation Center on the evening of Friday, Nov. 11, 2011.

ing. Vanderbilt will also host speakers throughout the night, including cancer survivors who will discuss their experiences with cancer. The survivors will also participate in the ceremonial Survivor Lap during opening ceremonies, celebrating their victory over cancer.

Food and activities such as Zumba and yoga will be provided throughout the course of night. Portugal said that Vanderbilt Relay for Life is making an effort to provide healthier food this year.

"In the past, we have had pizza and other tasty yet somewhat unhealthy food options at the event. Because Relay for Life is an event that supports the fight against cancer and healthy living, we are going to additionally have some healthier food options this year. We are going to have Taziki's and other healthy restaurants provide food throughout the night, allowing our

participants to have healthier food alternatives," Portugal said.

The Greek community this year has shown a high level of support for Relay. All Greek organizations will be participating in this year's event — all have committed to making a team. Fraternities have also agreed not to hold parties the night of Relay.

"We encourage students to come for as long as they can, and we want them to have a great time while being there! Relay for Life is truly a unique event that bridges the gaps between different facets of the Vanderbilt community. It allows everyone to come together and help a great cause while having a great time," Portugal said.

Relay for Life encourages students to join teams and fundraise prior to the event. Tickets will be available at the door for \$10.

# How will Vanderbilt weather 'fiscal cliff'?

The federal government is headed for a 'fiscal cliff' of budget cuts and tax increases. How will Vanderbilt be affected by this potential upheaval?

By SAM MCBRIDE  
News manager

Economists and pundits have dubbed Jan. 1, 2013, as the "fiscal cliff," when major federal budget cuts and tax increases will go into effect barring Congressional action. The spending cuts, referred to as sequestration, combined with the expiration of a number of tax cuts, will have a wide variety of effects on Vanderbilt, which received roughly \$650 million from the federal government last year.

**How did we get here?**

The Budget Control Act of 2011 established the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction, a committee of six senators and six representatives, with an equal number of Republicans and Democrats. The committee was tasked with reducing the deficit by \$1.2 trillion from 2012-2022. The law provided for large across-the-board cuts if the committee failed to reach an agreement, which turned out to be the case.

**What will be cut?**

If sequestration happens, which is by no means certain (see next section), mandatory spending cuts, split evenly between defense and non-defense spending, will occur. According to White House calculations, these cuts will total \$109.333 billion per year.

This will include 9.4-percent cuts to discretionary defense appropriations and 8.2-percent cuts for non-defense discretionary appropriations. This would include a number of programs that affect Vanderbilt, such as federal research grants and student loans. Medicare reimbursement rates would also be cut by 2 percent.

At this same time, a number of tax cuts are due to expire, including the 2-percent tax holiday on payroll taxes up to \$110,000 and the Bush tax cuts on income taxes.

**Is this going to happen?**

President Obama pledged during the third presidential debate that sequestration "will not happen." Obama will continue to be in office through the end of year regardless of who wins the election, but he'll still need to work with Congress to get any sort of deal done.

The willingness of Congress to negotiate a budget reduction deal to avoid sequestration could hinge on the outcome of the election. If the situation changes dramatically — for instance, if the Republicans win the Senate and House and Romney wins the presidency — they might be likely to wait until January to negotiate a deal more in line with their ideology.

"If Governor Romney wins the election, it's likely that Congress will simply find a way to push off making decisions regarding taxes and the budget until after he is sworn into office," said Assistant Vice Chancellor of Federal Relations Christina West.

However, Vanderbilt Professor of Political Science Bruce Oppenheimer believes that even if Jan. 1 is reached without a deal to prevent sequestration, Congress will at some point reach a deal that would supersede the sequestration cuts. At the moment, the across-the-board cuts are unpopular with those on both sides of the aisle.

"It's probably what nobody wants," Oppenheimer said.

**How will Vanderbilt be affected?**

Even if a deal to avoid sequestration is reached, it will likely still include major cuts to non-defense discretionary programs that affect Vanderbilt. In addition, at least some of the tax increases will likely happen as well. Articles in the New York Times, Washington Post and NPR have all predicted that the payroll tax holiday will not be extended.

There are so many variables that could impact any potential deal — election outcomes, economic performance, public backlash — that it's impossible to make any sort of prediction as to what Congress will actually do.

With that in mind, here's a look at how Vanderbilt would be affected if no deal is reached and all the scheduled spending cuts and tax hikes occur.

**Research grants**

According to Vice Provost for Research Dennis Hall, there's a great deal of uncertainty as to how cuts to federal research grants would affect institutions.

"At this point, we have no guidance from the government about how sequestration would be handled were it to happen at all," Hall said in an email.

This year, Vanderbilt received \$452 million from the federal government to support research. If the 8.2-percent cut is applied evenly to all institutions, this would result in Vanderbilt losing roughly \$37 million in funding.

However, there's no guarantee that all institutions will be affected equally.

"The federal agencies could simply award 8.4 percent fewer dollars overall, and make winning research support more competitive. If that were to happen, some institutions might experience minimal reductions overall with others experiencing greater reductions. The best institutions might continue to do well," Hall said.

**Student loans**

Federal Pell Grants for low-income students would be exempt from sequestration. However, discretionary student financial assistance spending would face an 8.2-percent cut. This would equate to a cut of \$140 million.

While this would undoubtedly drive interest rates on student loans up, it's impossible to calculate by how much given the number of other factors that impact interest rates.

**Reimbursement rates**

Forty-five percent of all patients treated at Vanderbilt hospitals and clinics are insured through Medicare and Medicaid. Sequestration would lower by as much as 2 percent the reimbursement Vanderbilt receives from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

However, the Vanderbilt Medical Center is well prepared to meet the effects of these cuts, according to Assistant Vice Chancellor John

Hower.

"Last year, Vanderbilt provided \$477 million in uncompensated medical care (charity care) to the citizens of Tennessee," said Hower in an email. "The capacity to move the number of uninsured individuals to be covered by health insurance will help create an offset to help compensate for the known reimbursement reductions we face through CMS."

**Vanderbilt employees**

The 2-percent increase in the payroll tax would affect every Vanderbilt employee but would have a larger affect on the lower-income employees like dining workers and custodial staff, some of whom still make below a living wage. Even the lowest-paid employees would pay several hundred dollars more per year in taxes.

Vanderbilt's most well-compensated employees would find their paychecks affected as well. According to tax forms, Vanderbilt had at least 20 employees that made over \$388,350 in 2011. This puts them in the highest tax bracket, which will increase from 35 percent to 39.6 percent in 2013 if the Bush tax cuts are not extended.

**Economy**

The combination of tax hikes and spending cuts would take a large amount of money out of the economy. Tax increases would amount to around \$500 billion, while spending cuts would take roughly an additional \$110 billion out of the economy.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, this removal of \$600 billion from the economy would cause GDP to fall by 0.5 percent in 2013. A number of economists and organizations have, however, predicted the impact to be even more severe.

This would make it much more difficult for graduating Vanderbilt students to find a job, though there's little agreement on how exactly employment numbers would be affected.

**What is Vanderbilt doing?**

The Vanderbilt administration has been clear in its opposition to sequestration. In July of this year, Chancellor Nick Zeppos, along with over 150 other university presidents and chancellors, signed a letter to Congress and President Obama urging them to come to a deal to avoid sequestration.

"Sequestration is an undiscerning and blunt budget tool that would substantially harm our nation's future by blindly slashing valuable investments in education and scientific research," the letter read.

In addition, the Office of Federal Relations was worked to encourage politicians to reach a deal.

"The Office of Federal Relations has been engaged all year in conversations with members of Congress and their staffs in an effort to avoid the draconian cuts that are scheduled to occur in early January," West said in an email.

While Vanderbilt, as a nonprofit institution, is prohibited from contributing to political campaigns, the university is still doing all it can to urge our nation's leaders to reach a deal to avoid sequestration.

"This is not the way to address our national debt," West said.





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## FEATURE PHOTO

## Commodore Trot 5k

Runners participate in the annual Habit for Humanity Commodore Trot 5k on Tuesday, Oct. 30. The event is held each year in conjunction with the Vanderbilt Recreation Center's Wellness Bash. One-hundred percent of the proceeds go towards funding a Habitat for Humanity build. The race began at 4:45 p.m., and runners were able to sign up as teams. Students, faculty, staff and other individuals from around the Nashville community participated in the race.

## Students debate taxes, contraceptives, Israel

By TYLER BISHOP  
*News Manager*

Students on both sides of the aisle debated tax policy, contraceptives and foreign policy at the student debate hosted by the CommonDores Programming Council on Monday, Oct. 29. The event aimed to help students better understand the 2012 presidential election candidates' stances on pressing issues.

"We hope that tonight's discussion of the issues will help you in your decision in the 2012 presidential election," Communication Studies Professor and Vanderbilt Debate Squad coach M.L. Sandoz said during her introduction.

Despite the aimed intent of the event, the common consensus among students who attended was that decisions on who to vote for had already been made.

"I think this is really more for fun — just to let people see how the arguments flow. I don't really expect to change people's minds this close to the election," said freshman J.R. Ridley, a debater who represented the Republican Party.

The debaters, however, still aimed to argue the issues as best as they could.

"Even if we can convince just one undecided voter we will be pleased," said freshman Michael Zoorob, who represented the Democratic Party.

The other debaters included sophomore Malia Zhan for the Democratic Party and senior Jennifer Stanley for the Republican Party.

The debaters first discussed the issue of tax policy and the economy. Stanley took the podium first, arguing that Obama has failed to live up to expectations as president.

"After four years, the economy has not successfully recovered under Obama," Stanley said.

The Democratic representatives argued that Romney's intention to go back to the Bush-era taxes is not a smart route to take.

"The only thing that Bush tax cuts are good for is piling onto the national debt," Zhan said.

The debaters also addressed the issue of contraceptives, and whether they should be regarded as a basic right.

"It is socioeconomic discrimination to condemn poor women to worse forms of contraceptives," said Zhan in response to Ridley's argument that women already have access to cheap contraceptives through local pharmacies.

Ridley also said that he and the Republican Party do not regard access to contraceptives as a right.

"Access to contraceptives is a privilege, not a right," Ridley said.

The last issue debated was the nuclear proliferation in Iran. Arguments presented by the debaters in both parties echoed the sentiment that the United States should not allow Iran to further their nuclear agenda. Both sides, however, took the foreign policy window to support their respective candidates on relations with Israel.

"Obama has isolated Israel. Romney stands by Israel," Ridley said.

The Democrats, however, argued that Obama stands just as strongly with Israel as Romney.

"Diplomats have said that they see no difference in Romney's foreign policy (toward Israel) from Obama's," Zhan said. "Romney cannot hope to match the influence that Obama has as an international diplomat."

The debate was moderated by senior David Head and was held in the Commons Center Multi-Purpose Room. Around 150 students attended the event.

## The 'news' of course registration

By HANNAH SILLS  
*News staff reporter*

With registration for spring classes in full swing, students engaged in the perpetual battle of the waitlist may wonder if anything ever changes in the course selection process. While the essentials remain the same, here are some "news" of the registration process to peruse as you frantically wait for the YES website to load.

## New enforcement of policy

When registering for Spring 2013 courses, students should be aware of the new enforcement of prerequisites and corequisites for classes, according to College of Arts and Science Registrar Molly Thompson. Now, students will not be able to enroll in classes unless they have met all these requirements, although they will be able to place these classes in their carts. Any prerequisites or corequisites for a course can be found in that course's description in the Undergraduate Catalog.

Students may contact the Director of Undergraduate Studies of the appropriate department or program to request an override of the prerequisites or corequisites. If a student believes that he or she has met the requirements for a course and are unable to enroll in it, they should contact their school's registrar.

## New courses

Periodically, the Undergraduate Catalog is updated with new course offerings. In the College of Arts and Science, the process that brings these courses from the drawing board to the actual catalog is many-layered, according to Karen Campbell, senior associate dean of the College of Arts and Science and associate professor of sociology.

"It is faculty-driven," Campbell said, describ-

ing the motivating force behind the creation of new courses in the college. "This is in part because, when we put a new course on the books, we want to be sure that there's somebody here who's actually willing to teach that course."

A new online course submission tool for faculty members, Online Requests for Curricular Action, debuted this fall, Campbell said.

"Now faculty members can submit (their course proposals) online, and when they do, the chair of their department or program gets an alert by email saying, 'A faculty member in your department has submitted a proposal for a new course ...' The chair of the department has to sign off on it, also electronically, and then those come to the Curriculum Committee," Campbell said.

The Curriculum Committee reports to the Arts and Science Faculty Council, which is an elected body of faculty, according to Campbell. The Curriculum Committee is composed of both faculty and ex officio administrative members, and meets between three and four times a semester. It is chaired by Yollette Jones, associate dean of the College of Arts and Science and senior lecturer of history. One of the committee's functions is to consider proposals for new courses.

"Once the course clears the Curriculum Committee, it goes to the Faculty Council in Arts and Science," Campbell said. After the proposal is approved by the Faculty Council, it is then sent to a monthly meeting of the full Arts and Science faculty. If it receives approval at that meeting, the new course becomes part of the Undergraduate Catalog.

## New minor

This fall saw the arrival of a new interdisciplinary minor in environmental and sustain-

ability studies on campus. The Undergraduate Catalog describes the intention of the minor: "The environmental and sustainability studies minor allows the student to examine human interaction with the environment from the perspectives of the humanities and social sciences with some exposure to the environmental sciences and/or environmental engineering."

According to Dean Campbell, the process for creating a new minor is similar to the process for proposing new courses. One difference is that the committee involved is the Committee on Educational Programs, which is chaired each year by a member of the Arts and Science faculty.

David Hess, professor of sociology, serves as the minor's director. Professors Teresa Goddu, Joe Bandy and Molly Miller have also been instrumental in the creation of the new minor, according to Hess.

"We are very pleased to be able to offer this new minor in response to growing student demand," Hess said. "The minor is the culmination of two years of work by Professors Bandy and Goddu on the Cumberland Project, which encouraged faculty to meet and discuss new course ideas and curriculum."

"There are many exciting careers for students who care about climate change and other environmental issues. Students may use the minor in combination with majors to launch careers in the law, government, nonprofit sector, business world, research, teaching and health professions. We will be holding events in January to discuss career opportunities," Hess said.

For more information on the new minor, as well as the January events and spring lecture series, interested students can visit <https://my.vanderbilt.edu/environmental/>.

# HAPPENING TODAY!

## Off-Campus Housing Fair

for All Undergraduate Students

Thursday, November 1 • 5-7 p.m.

Student Life Center | Board of Trust Room

Can't attend?

Be on the lookout for information about the second Off-Campus Housing Fair on

Tuesday, February 26.



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# opinion



## THE RANT

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**Holier-than-thou rap fans? That's a first.**

**Based on his column, James Crater has completely wasted his university education, and if that's the prevailing culture here, then what a sham of a top-tier school we are.**

**Everyone keeps talking about why its important to vote. I don't see the point and I refuse to vote for the lesser of two evils.**

**YES was conspicuously less terrible this registration period.**

**Why would any one here vote for Romney? It's not like y'all have corporate jobs yet. What is he gonna do, give you tax breaks on the millions you DON'T make?**

**Why are all the upperclassmen taking all the classes I need?!**

**I moved to the South to avoid this kind of weather in October...**

**Why was the cover everywhere this past weekend \$20?**

**There need to be fewer 8 a.m. classes.**

**I was prepared to rant about "Nashville" ... but it's actually a decent show.**

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## Benghazi: No greater dishonor

The president's grievous misleading of the American people should be fresh in the mind of voters



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On Sept. 11, 2012, terrorists attacked the United States Consulate in Benghazi, leaving four Americans, including an Ambassador, dead. On numerous occasions in the immediate aftermath of the attack, the Obama administration pinned the blame for it on a spontaneous riot incited by a YouTube video and refused to label it a terrorist attack. High-ranking officials, including Secretary of State Hillary Clinton (Sept. 13, 14), Ambassador Susan Rice (Sept. 16) and Press Secretary Jay Carney (Sept. 14) all repeated this lie. The president himself repeated this lie in his now famous Rose Garden speech, though he would later claim another reference to "act of terror" applied to this — a claim that has been called an "overstep (of) the factual terrain" even by the Washington Post.

Revelations since the attack — none of which have been refuted by the White House or State Department — attest that not only was there no "spontaneous riot" in Benghazi that night, but also that this was absolutely a terrorist attack. The latter is now the story the president claims he told from day one, which is simply not true. (If you don't believe me, go watch the press conferences and interviews on YouTube yourself.) The president and his administration lied to the American people. It gets worse. Further revelations tell us that both the White House and the State Department were both aware of the terrorist attack — in real time. Yet, they lied and said they had no knowledge it was a pre-planned attack.

These lies alone are appalling and incriminatory, but it gets worse. Lt. Colonel Andrew Wood, head of the Site Security

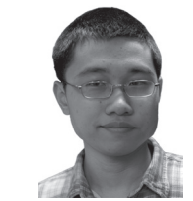
Team in Libya, requested more troops in the month leading up to the attack. His request was denied. It has also been reported that Secretary of State Clinton herself requested more security for the consulate before the attack, but the president denied her request. And, it gets even worse. During the attack, Navy SEALs at the nearby CIA annex disobeyed orders to go save the lives of those at the consulate. They requested backup. Delta Force was ready. F16s were ready. Nevertheless, these brave men's requests for backup were categorically denied. Hillary Clinton was right; we did not want Barack Obama answering that 3 a.m. call.

Incompetence is one thing, but it is now unequivocally clear that this was more than just incompetence. Not only did President Obama and his administration lie, his utter disregard for and politicizing of the situation is repulsive. The day after terrorists murdered four Americans, President Obama heads to Las Vegas for a fundraiser. He then makes comments referring to the attack as "bumps in the road" and calling the Americans' deaths "not optimal." There is no greater dishonor than for the President of the United States to lie to the American people and knowingly deny American officials abroad the proper security to protect their lives. With all due respect, the Navy SEALs who disobeyed orders for their fellow man are the best of America; the president is the worst of America.

— Stephen Siao

## Left out in the cold

The Libertarian Party has grown stronger but is still forced to the sidelines in this polarized election



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Fifteen percent of the American electorate can be classified as libertarian. That's according to a new eBook released last week by the Cato Institute called "The Libertarian Vote: Swing Voters, Tea Parties, and the Fiscally Conservative, Socially Liberal Center." With recent polls showing Romney and Obama closely tied, the libertarian vote may be the swing vote needed to win the election.

Considering the size of the libertarian electorate, students following the election should be familiar with the policies that libertarians support. Unfortunately, Young Americans for Liberty, the official libertarian student organization at Vanderbilt, was not invited to participate in the recent debate between the Vanderbilt College Republicans and Vanderbilt College Democrats, hosted by the CommonDores Programming Council. Had we been invited, we would have shared our thoughts on taxes, Iran and the contraceptive mandate, the three main questions discussed in the debate.

Libertarians can be generally characterized as fiscally conservative and socially tolerant. We advocate for personal responsibility and a minimal state. The role of the government is not to take care of us from cradle to grave. It is also not the job of the United States to be the policeman of the world. We believe that more harm than good is caused by meddling in the affairs of other nations. It is also not the role of the government to protect us from ourselves. It should not be engaged in a war on drugs, raw milk, trans fats, salt or sugar.

On taxes, libertarians would like to cut them across the board. At the same time, we should be cutting back on both the military-industrial complex and the welfare state. Some libertarians, like Libertarian Party presidential candidate Gary Johnson, would like to replace the entire current federal tax system with a national consumption tax called the Fair Tax. The Fair Tax would

greatly simplify tax preparation, tax everyone at the same rate but also allow for an advanced rebate to help families below the poverty level pay the tax.

On the issue of Iran, current sanctions on Iran imposed by the U.S. and EU have crippled the Iranian economy, leading to hyperinflation. The monthly inflation rate was estimated at 70 percent in October. While some believe that this will provoke Iranians to rebel against the current regime, it is likely that sanctions are unifying Iranians around and with the current regime. At the same time, the fear-mongering and rhetoric about this issue just mirrors how the U.S. got involved in the Iraq War not so long ago. As I stated in my previous column on Iran, the U.S. has not exhausted its diplomatic options and should not be so eager to begin launching preemptive strikes.

On the contraceptive mandate, most libertarians would agree that this is not the government's role. The free market works best at allocating scarce resources, including health insurance. It is because of the perverse incentives created by bad government policies that have caused the cost of health care to explode. One obvious example is the third-party payer system that has created enormous waste and grown due to the tax incentives for employer provided health insurance.

Could libertarians steal the election from Romney by voting for Johnson? That is what some fear but if libertarians do swing the election, it will probably be in favor of Romney. That's according to a Reason-Rupe Poll in September that found, among likely libertarian voters, 70 percent support Mitt Romney, 14 percent Gary Johnson and 13 percent Barack Obama. I, however, will not be voting for either of the major candidates this election.

— Kenny Tan

## Texting life away

Texting is replacing good old face-to-face conversation, with negative consequences

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With the rise of new forms of social media like Facebook that are appearing more and more frequently, there has been a sizeable backlash from those who do not conform to the new social standards brought about by these innovations. One of the complaints that arises the most is that teenagers today are too attached to texting. While I don't necessarily agree that the rise of new forms of social media means the end of normal social relations, I am particularly distraught by my peers' seemingly magnetic attraction to texting.

Just the other day my friend and fellow freshman Nile Freeman insisted to me that texting is just as effective a method of communicating as phone calls. Particularly taken back at his response, I balked at his statement and I stated how some of my closest friends tell me they actually look forward to my phone calls. Thinking further to myself, I realized that my friends also say I am one of the few people that still prefers to communicate by phone calls. The idea that texting is overtaking verbal communication as the preferred form of communication is a sign to me of the decline of the importance of personal interactions. Texting is a great way to communicate with others for quick responses or if there is not enough to be said to warrant a verbal conversation, but when texting becomes the main way to communicate with other people, I see a problem.

Walking around campus, it is nearly impossible to not notice a student immersed in the world of texting. To be fair I do text on occasion, but I much prefer the more intimate connection of conversations in person or even on the phone.

Many subtleties that make conversations interesting are lost during texting, and are replaced by the seemingly trivial smiley faces or the carefully placed "haha." Not only does texting immensely reduce the pleasure of conversation, but it also hides true emotions. During verbal conversation it is very hard to hide feelings and often thoughts cannot help but be revealed; however, texting nearly eradicates the spontaneity associated with talk. As a result, it is very true to say that many people are uncomfortable being in social settings without interacting with their phones.

Just observe a family dinner at a restaurant: You are almost guaranteed to see at least one person pretending to be listening to the family conversation, but instead texting away to his or her friends what they plan to do after sneaking away from the family dinner. Even more ridiculous, it is not unfair to say that the person very likely will text other friends when he goes out that night and continue the antisocial cycle of texting.

I hate to sound like just another one of the multitudes of "old" people who complain about kids today and their obsession with electronics, but with texting this observation cannot be closer to the truth. Texting can be a great tool to use with social interactions, but it cannot be a substitute. If texting becomes further ingrained into youth culture, the disconnection that later generations can face with social interactions is limitless. Unless society can learn to rely much less on texting, our world is heading towards a very unfriendly future.

— Collier Bowling

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### It's time to anchor down

The student body needs to follow up its demands of the athletic teams with some support

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I'm not "Southern." I can't say "y'all" and don't own cowgirl boots. However, there is one way you can tell I have lived in the South: I'll watch an entire football game from kick-off until the final whistle, no matter how bleak it looks. As a current student, I believe that it's not truly about the school rivalries or even football itself, but rather what they symbolize: pride in Vanderbilt. Yet as I observed the half-empty student section during the Auburn game, I realized that not all Vanderbilt students feel the same way. And judging from the email Vandy Athletics sent out this past Monday, things aren't expected to change before the Tennessee game on Nov. 17.

There's no doubt that the game is conspicuously ill-timed for an in-state conference rivalry, or that Vanderbilt makes it even

more difficult to attend (requiring special permission to stay on campus, ahem). But although it may be taboo to talk about it, we do have the first chance ever to qualify for back-to-back bowl games. It will probably be years before we have another Rodgers, another Stacy, another Matthews on the team at the same time.

As arguably the most prestigious university in the SEC, we should be proud to support Vanderbilt both off and on the field. On Nov. 17, the football team will anchor down in the stadium. They deserve to have some student fans anchor down in the seats too.

— Kara Sherrer



# Life

## CAN'T BE TAMED

William Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew" opens in Neely Auditorium this weekend. The play follows Petruchio as he comes to town to pursue a rich heiress, meeting his match in Katherine, the notorious Shrew. Their confrontation leads to absolute mayhem in this timeless tale of hot love and steamy compromise. The show will be playing Nov. 2, 3, 8, 9, 10 at 8 p.m.; Nov. 4 at 2 p.m. The event is free for Vanderbilt undergraduates with ID.



**WATCH THIS!**

## November

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS & SHOWS

**46TH ANNUAL CMA AWARDS**, Nov. 1 at Bridgestone Arena

**BEER, BOURBON & BBQ FESTIVAL**, Nov. 3 at Nashville Municipal Auditorium

**"A CHORUS LINE,"** Nov. 2-18 at The Center for the Arts, Murfreesboro

**CMA COUNTRY CHRISTMAS**, Nov. 3 at Bridgestone Arena

**SNOW PATROL**, Nov. 5 at Ryman Auditorium

**STYX**, Nov. 8 at Ryman Auditorium

**DANCING WITH THE NASHVILLE STARS**, Nov. 8 at The Factory at Franklin in Liberty Hall

**NASHVILLE SYMPHONY: DISNEY IN CONCERT**, Nov. 8-10 at Schermerhorn Symphony Center

**NASHVILLE INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW**, Nov. 9-11 at Nashville Convention Center

**CHRISTMAS VILLAGE**, Nov. 9-11 at Tennessee State Fairgrounds

**JOSHUA RADIN AND A FINE FRENZY**, Nov. 9 at the Marathon Music Works

**REGINA SPEKTOR**, Nov. 11 at Ryman Auditorium

**IRVING BERLIN'S "WHITE CHRISTMAS,"** Nov. 13-18 at TPAC

**14TH ANNUAL RAWARDS INDIE ARTS AWARDS**, Nov. 15 at Mercy Lounge

**THANKSGIVING DINNER**, Nov. 15 at Rand and Commons

**AN INTIMATE EVENING WITH MARTINA MCBRIDE**, Nov. 16 at Hard Rock Cafe

**RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR**, Nov. 16-23 at Grand Ole Opry House

**DR. DOG**, Nov. 17 at Marathon Music Works

**MUSIC CITY THANKSGIVING DAY RUN/WALK**, Nov. 22 at Titan's Stadium

**"SONGS OF CHRISTMAS PAST" BY NASHVILLE CAROLLING COMPANY**, Nov. 24 at Cheekwood Mansion

**WIZ KHALIFA**, Nov. 25 at Bridgestone Arena

**HENDERSONVILLE FLEA MARKET**, Nov. 30-Dec. 2 at Hendersonville Expo Center

# DIAMOND RINGS DROPS IN

Last night, Canadian synth-pop divo Diamond Rings brought his dazzling new stage show back to Nashville for a special Halloween show at The High Watt. We caught up with what's happened since he's been away, including the release of his new album, "Special Affections."

By **PATRICK HECKETHORN**  
*Life reporter*

**The Vanderbilt Hustler: You're new record is more produced than the last. Sometimes there is a kind of backlash against DIY artists that decide to make a sleeker record. What are your thoughts on that?**

**Diamond Rings:** I think what perhaps a lot of people don't realize, is that it really wasn't put together fundamentally different from the last album. I've had the last two years to grow and develop as a songwriter and a producer. I wanted it to sound the way it does. I wanted it to be a pop album. I wanted it to sound pretty sleek, pretty polished. I guess obviously some people don't realize that — or just flat out don't like that. The last thing I would ever want to do is to be afraid to deviate from what I've already done. That'd be boring; I've made the last record already. I don't need to restrain myself for some sort of misguided notion of authenticity that someone might have. To me this record feels like what the last one wanted to be, but couldn't be because of my own physical and financial limitations.

**VH: Any favorite moments on the record, production-wise?**

**DR:** Overall I'm just happy that I had the confidence to take some risks and try some things I haven't tried before. I committed those things to digital artifacts. They're out there for everyone to hear, and that, if anything, is what I'm most proud of. Those parts on the recording, where you wonder if it's gone a little too far — often I feel like that's the place I want to be when I'm working.

**VH: You define your music as pop, but I find it hard to differentiate pop from other subgenres of pop music. What does that mean to you?**

**DR:** I guess at the end of the day it comes down to a categorization. If I could be undefined or unlabeled in as many ways as possible, that would be my ideal as an artist. I guess I refer to my work as pop, because that's probably one of the broadest and least



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specific modes of classification. A lot of other terms, I think, get banded about or tied down to specific eras. I really think, hopefully, a lot of listeners have moved on from a need to classify anything. I suppose pop just implies that it's populist, that it's written for as many people as possible who are open and willing to challenge themselves.

**VH: Were you listening to any specific artists while recording?**

**DR:** Yeah, a lot of Kylie Minogue, a lot of The Dream, quite a bit of Euro dance and Chicago House, too many artists to name. My listening habits are all over the map. Anything that's confident and appears to be a bit different is something that as a listener I seem to gravitate towards.

**VH: Speaking of confidence, your stage persona and your shows are pretty bold. Touring in places like Tennessee, are there ever any moments where you become nervous?**

**DR:** Yeah, I think so for sure. I think that's a good thing. That tension is something, in some respect, that I try to create vis-a-vis what I do. I think if there wasn't a bit of tension in the work, in the presentation of the work, then it would be boring. By and large, I think the kinds of people that come to my shows, and the kind of environment that I strive to create at my shows is one that's inclusive and open and accepting. I'm usually not too worried about the fans in the club. If anything I'm worried about the drunken louts next door that you have to walk past when you're loading up a van at the end of the night. But there's intolerance everywhere. I think the best way to confront that is head on through my work.

**VH: Your new video was more punk and less androgynous than I've seen**

**you in the past. Is your style heading in a different direction, slightly more masculine — or is that unique to the video?**

**DR:** For sure, in some respect I'm streamlining things a little. I was interested a lot early on with experimenting with colors and patterns and being as zany as I could possibly be, because at the time that was really exciting and really liberating for me. Now, having done that and given the sort of range of styles that I explore on the record, I felt like coming up with a look that a little more streamlined and cohesive, which lets the music speak for itself more. There's still an element of that in what I'm doing, but it's a little more severe, more subtle, which I think is great. It's about finding a way to evolve that feels consistent and also sort of different at the same time. "Runaway Love" is more aggressive and traditionally masculine-feeling than my other ones. It's like a rock song, and I was hoping to tap into some of those conventions for that video.

**VH: When discussing your work, and in general, people often confuse gender with sexuality. Does that frustrate you, or do you enjoy toying with conventions in that way?**

**DR:** From the beginning, I've always thrived on the idea of contradiction, of contradicting myself and expressing myself in ways that confound not only others, but sometimes even me. When we did the first video for "All Yr Songs," I didn't really think so much about what I was doing or what others were going to think about what I was doing. I just knew that I had a vision in my mind for the way that I wanted it to appear, and to transform myself. And I felt like I really had to create that, to see that existing in the world. For me I think it exists outside a place of sexuality. People can think what they want, and I'm personally in no hurry to give anyone an answer.

# Light up your night with Diwali

By **VANESSA XIAO**  
*Life reporter*

Diwali, the Indian festival of lights, is Masala-SACE's biggest event of the year. A lineup of musical and dance performances by Vanderbilt students will be presented at Langford Auditorium this Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Literally meaning "row of lamps," Diwali is celebrated around the world with the lighting of lamps, exploding of fireworks, and exchanging of sweets and gifts. Diwali is meant to celebrate Lakshmi, the goddess of good fortune. In Hindu families, this festival commemorates light over darkness, representing the triumph of good over evil.

Here at Vanderbilt, Masala-SACE celebrates Diwali by putting on a cultural show featuring many types of Indian dance styles including Raas, Classical, Fusion, Filmi and Bhangra. President of Masala-SACE Nihar Patel commented on the dedication and passion of his peers.

"The show is completely run by students and all the dances are created by and done by students, so I hope that the Vanderbilt community can appreciate the work of their peers."

A well-established Masala-SACE performance the Diwali program has performed for up to 1,500 people from the Vanderbilt community and the greater Nashville area in years past.

Patel hopes that Diwali will allow the Vanderbilt community "a glimpse of the rich culture that is an integral part of Southeast Asian life."

Preceding the performance, an Indian dinner



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buffet catered by Woodlands will be held in the SLC Ballrooms at 5 p.m. Woodlands is a highly praised Indian vegetarian restaurant that boasts of a variety of traditional Indian food such as curries, naan and dosa. So if you would like to try some authentic and tasty Indian cuisines, this dinner is a great opportunity.

Masala-SACE, which stands for South Asian Cultural Exchange, is a student organization that promotes South Asian cultural awareness.

"I think Diwali and SACE provide events that reflect the Southeast Asian culture in a way that is particularly tailored to college as a whole. Diwali in particular highlights culture but also brings a great deal of excitement and entertainment along with the culture," says Patel.

As the most popular performance of the passionate organization Masala-SACE, Diwali is worth seeing. Tickets to Diwali will be sold at the door, both at SLC and Langford.

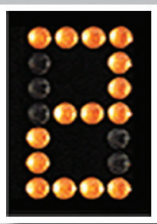


# sports

## THE BIG STAT

Combined receiving yards per game by Jordan Matthews and Chris Boyd, the second-best total in the SEC behind Arkansas' Cobi Hamilton and Chris Gragg.

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## MINUTE DRILL

### Dai-Jon Parker suspended from basketball team indefinitely



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By ERIC SINGLE  
Editor-in-chief

The men's basketball team's inexperienced starting lineup took a hit just a few days out from the start of the season on Tuesday, as head coach Kevin Stallings announced that sophomore Dai-Jon Parker has been suspended from the team indefinitely for a violation of Vanderbilt's non-academic team policy.

"Dai-Jon failed to uphold the high standard that we expect of a Vanderbilt basketball player and will be disciplined accordingly," Stallings said in a university release.

Parker, a 6-foot-3 guard out of Milton High School just north of Atlanta, averaged 1.7 points in 11.1 minutes per game as a freshman last season. He was expected to split time at guard with fellow sophomore Kedren Johnson and junior Kyle Fuller.

Vanderbilt will have no further comment until the suspension has been lifted. The team opens preseason play with an exhibition game against St. Xavier Friday night at 7 p.m.

## WHAT'S ON TAP



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### Friday, Nov. 2

**7 p.m.**  
Men's basketball vs. St. Xavier (Exhibition)  
Nashville, Tenn.

**All Day**  
Women's tennis at Memphis Invitational  
Memphis, Tenn.  
Continues through Nov. 4

### Saturday, Nov. 3

**11 a.m.**  
Football at Kentucky  
Lexington, Ky.

Women's swimming vs. Tulane and Western Kentucky  
Nashville, Tenn.

**2 p.m.**  
Women's basketball vs. Alabama-Huntsville (Exhibition)  
Nashville, Tenn.



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By GEORGE BARCLAY  
Sports reporter

One month can make a gigantic difference. At the end of September, the Vanderbilt Commodores (4-4, 2-3 SEC) were a mere 1-3. The momentum of the previous season appeared to be lost. Questions were being asked about head coach James Franklin and his rebuilding of the football program. Students were relieved when there was a bye week following a 48-3 slaughter at the hands of sixth-ranked Georgia. But two in-conference victories and four weeks later, the Commodores are back to .500 and are two wins away from bowl eligibility.

On Saturday morning at 11 a.m. CST, Vanderbilt continues its quest towards history in Lexington against the Kentucky Wildcats (1-8, 0-6 SEC). Following a 49-7 victory over UMass during Homecoming Weekend, Franklin and his staff have stayed true to their weekly mantra.

"This weekend is an opportunity to go 1-0," said Franklin. "The significance of the games we played before or what we'll play after, I have no idea. We'll be 1-0 this week and go from there."

Additionally, when asked about Kentucky, Franklin noted the strength of schedule that Joker Phillips and his pro-

gram have dealt with all season as well as the team's abundance of youth.

"Kentucky is 1-8 right now, but five losses have come from top-17 ranked teams in the country, which is similar to us," he said. "They've played very, very good competition. They've played 14 true freshmen, which is as many as I've ever heard."

**Sporting a defense ranked 19th in the nation in points allowed, Vanderbilt has the weaponry available to quiet Commonwealth Stadium and force the fans and blue and white to wait until basketball season for something to cheer about.**

While football fans may question Kentucky's record, there is little debate as to the team's game plan. On offense, the Wildcats are fond of the running game and average over 30 carries per game this season. Out of the backfield, junior Raymond Sanders has punched in four touchdowns for Kentucky and averaged over five yards per carry. Junior Jonathan George has also thrived for the blue and white with three touchdowns to go with an average of over five yards

per carry in home games. At the quarterback spot, Joker Phillips has elected to go with the platoon strategy, giving snaps to sophomore Maxwell Smith, freshman Jalen Whitlow and senior Morgan Newton.

Defensively, Kentucky has little to celebrate. This season, the Wildcats have given up over 32 points per game, allowed over 171 rushing yards per game and surrendered an average of over 237 passing yards. These deficiencies provide ample opportunity for a Vanderbilt team that is still looking for consistency in both the running and passing games. With running back Zac Stacy and quarterback Jordan Rodgers setting career highs in the last two games, look for both of these players to impose their will on Kentucky's defense.

On a grand scale, the Commodores have the chance to even their in-conference record and give James Franklin his second SEC road win on Saturday. Sporting a defense ranked 19th in the nation in points allowed, Vanderbilt has the weaponry available to quiet Commonwealth Stadium and force the fans and blue and white to wait until basketball season for something to cheer about. If the Commodores can win the turnover battle, maintain their composure in the trenches with crowd noise and score early, Vice Chancellor David Williams could be one step closer to speaking with a bowl committee.

## Games to watch Week 10

By BEN WEINRIB  
Sports reporter

### NO. 1 ALABAMA AT NO. 5 LSU

Last year, the No. 1 LSU vs. No. 2 Alabama regular season showdown was called "The Game of the Century." This matchup doesn't have nearly the same hype, but the stakes are just as high: the SEC West title is on the line. If LSU wins and both teams win out the rest of the way, they'll each be 11-1 (7-1 SEC). However, LSU would have the advantage having won the head-to-head game. For LSU, this will be their fourth straight ranked opponent they've played — three of their last four will have been against top-10 teams.

Alabama, on the other hand, dismantled only their second ranked opponent of the season last week, Mississippi State. Both teams bring extraordinary defenses littered with pro prospects, but LSU has had a few more offensive struggles. Tigers' junior quarterback Zach Mettenberger has been nothing more than a game manager, completing just 46.2 percent of his passes in SEC games. Look for a low-scoring affair with major national championship game implications.

### NO. 4 OREGON AT NO. 17 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

This season hasn't gone as planned for USC. The Trojans started out the year atop the BCS rankings, but they've already lost twice to Pac 12 teams and fallen to No. 17. Although they won't be in the title game, USC does have a chance at make their mark on the National Championship picture.

Oregon has lived up to exactly what Southern Cal should have been to this point — undefeated. They have the top-scoring offense in the nation and a surprisingly stout D, but the only thing holding Oregon back at this point is their strength of schedule. With apologies to Arizona and Washington, the Ducks have yet to play a quality opponent. This game will be the start to the tough final stretch for Oregon, as they play three ranked teams (USC, Stanford and Oregon State) to close out the season. The Ducks have proven they can put up points against the Tennessee Techs and Colorados of the world, but the Trojans will provide a real litmus test for how good the Ducks really are.

### NO. 16 TEXAS A&M AT NO. 15 MISSISSIPPI STATE

People don't usually think of the Aggies and Bulldogs as SEC powers, but both teams are off to great starts and putting up gaudy numbers. Well, at least against their cupcake opponents.

Up until last week, Mississippi State was undefeated, but their best win was a 41-31 victory over Tennessee. Then they traveled east to Tuscaloosa and were steamrolled by Alabama 38-7. Texas A&M doesn't have much more to brag about schedule-wise, although they did eke out a 59-57 win over No. 23 Louisiana Tech three weeks ago.

For either team to be taken seriously, they need a win this week. A&M has the third highest-scoring offense, but when they ran into a real defense in LSU, Johnny Manziel and the offense only scored 19 points. Mississippi State may only have one loss, but they need to prove that they can even contend with an above-average team soon. This game won't make or break either team's season, but both will be desperate for a quality win.

## Matchups to watch this weekend at Kentucky

By ALLISON MAST  
Sports reporter

### CORNERBACK J.D. HARMON VS. JORDAN RODGERS

After Coach Franklin reviewed the tapes, he confidently said that Jordan Rodgers had a good game against UMass. He completed 17 of 21 passes; two of which resulted in touchdowns. Rodgers also rushed for a touchdown for the first time this season.

Rodgers needs to look sharp this weekend if he wants to get the ball past Kentucky cornerback J.D. Harmon. The freshman had two interceptions and a fumble recovery in the Wildcats' game against Missouri last weekend. After this performance, he became the first UK player to have two picks in one game since Winston Guy in the 2011 season opener. Harmon also had seven tackles last Saturday — a career best.

At times, Rodgers has struggled to protect the ball, so Harmon has the potential to wreak havoc on the Vanderbilt offense. On the other hand, Rodgers threw for 207 yards and two touchdowns last year against an older, more experienced Kentucky team.

### LINEBACKER AVERY WILLIAMSON VS. ZAC STACY

Avery Williamson, Kentucky linebacker, was a force to be reckoned with in the game against Missouri. He led the UK defense with a career-high-tying 14 tackles. During Monday's press conference, Franklin said that his numbers jump off of the page. He is averaging more than 10 tackles per game, placing him in the NCAA FBS top 10. The Commodore rushers, led by Zac Stacy, will put Williamson's skills to the test. In the 2011 matchup against Kentucky, Stacy secured a victory for his team. He ended the game with 135 yards and three touchdowns. Now the all-time leading Vanderbilt rusher, Stacy continues to be consistent and reliable. Consequently, the Commodore offense was momentarily stunned last weekend when Stacy left the game early in the first quarter with an ankle injury. Franklin insists that Stacy will be ready to play at Commonwealth Stadium, but the team possesses several other capable running backs. It will be interesting to see if Williamson can limit Vandy's rushing yards and force Rodgers to go to the air.

### KENTUCKY QUARTERBACKS VS. TREY WILSON

It's no secret that Kentucky has struggled at the quarterback position this season. Sophomore Maxwell Smith, the most experienced healthy quarterback on the roster, is out with a torn ankle ligament. He could be out for the rest of the season. His replacement, Patrick Towles, has a sprained ankle. The team now turns to true freshman Jalen Whitlow to lead the team. Last weekend, he completed nine of 18 passes against Missouri for a total of 76 yards. He also rushed six times for 15 yards. Whitlow didn't throw a single interception on Saturday, but the story might be different this weekend. Vanderbilt cornerback Trey Wilson made his second interception for a touchdown this season and the fourth of his career during the game against UMass. He is the second in this category in the SEC behind former Tennessee defender Jackie Walker, who had five. His teammates and his coach agree that Wilson has a special knack for picking off passes. He works hard to be in the right place at the right time. If the Kentucky quarterbacks wants to prevent Wilson from becoming the all-time best at returning interceptions for touchdowns in the SEC, they must make smart passes or keep the ball on the ground.



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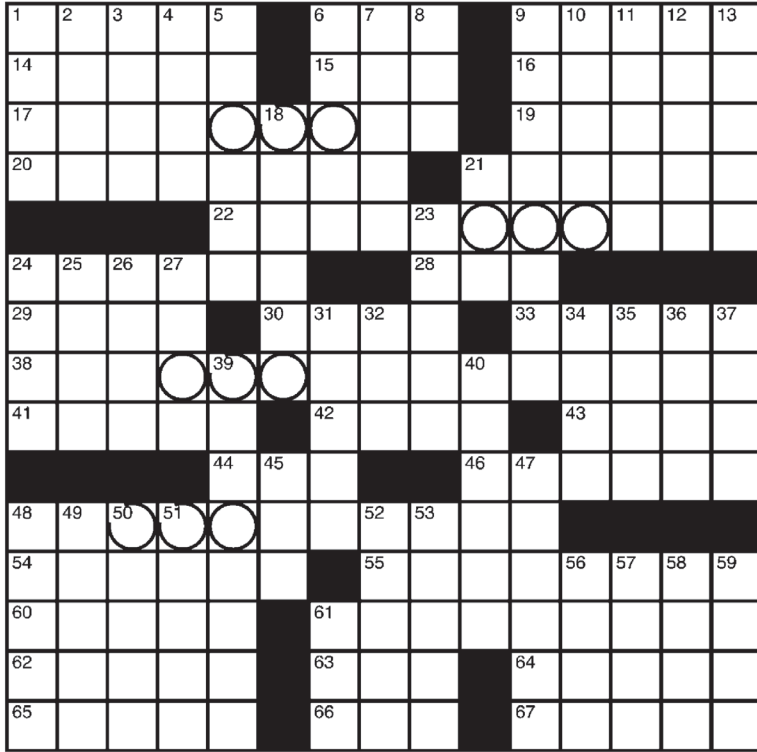
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- ACROSS**
- 1 That-funny link
  - 6 Assistance
  - 9 Tread heavily
  - 14 Name in cosmetics
  - 15 Droid, e.g.
  - 16 Sine or secant
  - 17 "All Summer Long" singers
  - 19 Name of two presidents
  - 20 Foot the bill for
  - 21 Egyptian underworld boss?
  - 22 Ibsen classic
  - 24 Steep-sided valley
  - 28 Available without an Rx
  - 29 Electron home
  - 30 Paraphernalia
  - 33 Tough watchdog
  - 38 Early Shakespearean tragedy
  - 41 Process start
  - 42 Not e'en once
  - 43 "Sure!"
  - 44 Wire service abbr.
  - 46 Fairlady automaker
  - 48 New England order
  - 54 Imposed
  - 55 Bothersome type
  - 60 Visibly stunned
  - 61 Wire fasteners, and a hint to this puzzle's circled letters
  - 62 Indian yogurt dip
  - 63 Rhyming boxer
  - 64 Tag line?
  - 65 \_\_\_ & Bacon: textbook publisher
  - 66 Favorite
  - 67 "Fun, Fun, Fun" ride for the 17-Across



By David Poole

11/1/12

### Answers to Monday's puzzle

P	A	R	C	A	R	A	T	R	E	P	E	L
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C	R	I	T	I	C	A	L	P	O	I	N	T
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B	R	A	V	A	E	S	T	E	R	U	N	O
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- 5 Imam Khomeini International Airport locale
- 6 Speed skater — Anton Ohno
- 7 Pastoral poem
- 8 Marx's " — Kapital"
- 9 Oscar's place
- 10 Fireside chat medium
- 11 Hokkaido seaport
- 12 Actress Rogers et al.
- 13 Western party
- 18 Barrio food store
- 21 München-to-Wien heading
- 23 "The Maltese Falcon" actor
- 24 Stinkers
- 25 Working away
- 26 Swing \_\_\_
- 27 "Hand me a bat!"
- 31 Film composer Morricone
- 32 Country Time suffix
- 34 Tartan wraparound
- 35 Works on a cake
- 36 "Fantasia" hippo's wear
- 37 Professional org.
- 39 Kitchen utensil
- 40 Tough row to hoe
- 45 High deg.
- 47 Hot-blooded
- 48 One of California's Santas
- 49 Sanctioned
- 50 Prove useful
- 51 Teary-eyed
- 52 Pequod sinker
- 53 Payment option
- 56 Short range
- 57 Credit card name with a red arc over it
- 58 One who gets what's coming
- 59 Business sign abbr.
- 61 Uniform item, perhaps

## TODAY'S SUDOKU

			3						1			
2				6		4						8
				7	5					9		
	8	5							6	2		
1	6					9	2					3
6								1				
			8							5	7	

### Answers to Monday's puzzle

1	6	3	4	2	7	9	5	8
8	2	5	3	9	1	7	4	6
4	7	9	8	5	6	3	2	1
6	5	1	9	8	4	2	3	7
9	8	7	2	6	3	4	1	5
2	3	4	1	7	5	6	8	9
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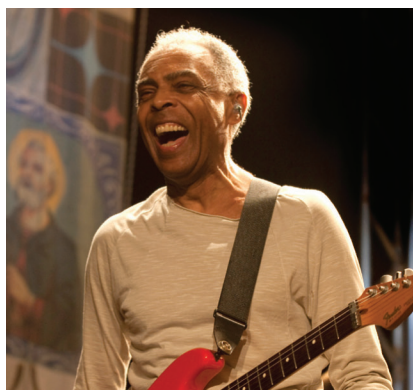
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