

Speaking Greek

Straight from the press releases, here's what the Office of Greek Life announced in the aftermath of this weekend's revelations An eventful week in Greek Life, in short: One fraternity under investigation by its headquarters, another suspended until 2015 and a third re-chartered

STAFF REPORT

FOLLOWING ALLEGATIONS OF HAZ-

AS A RESULT OF DRUG VIOLATIONS DISCOVERED OVER WINTER BREAK, DELTA KAPPA EPSILON (DKE) LOST THEIR RECOGNITION ON VANDER-

EIGHTEEN MONTHS AFTER RECOLO-NIZING ON VANDERBILT'S CAMPUS, THE TENNESSEE DELTA CHAPTER OF PHI KAPPA PSI (PHI PSI) WAS RE-CHARTERED SATURDAY

The Vanderbilt Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi Saturday, for the first time since 2008, became recognized as a fully chartered Interfraternity Council fraternity. Before Saturday, Phi Kappa Psi's existence on the Vanderbilt campus was contingent upon the completion of university requirements and recognition from the fraternity's national headquarters. All required standards were completed and the chapter, originally founded in 1901, regained its charter. The 56 men of Phi Kappa Psi were fully initiated in to the chapter on Saturday morning. Vanderbilt Greek Life Director Kristin Shorter said that Phi Kappa Psi will continue to improve the Greek experience at Vanderbilt. "We are excited to have Phi Kappa Psi as a chartered chapter at Vanderbilt University once again," Shorter said. "I am thankful for the efforts of the alumni and students in shaping a chapter that is committed to be a values based organization." Phi Kappa Psi members and alumni, parents, national organization representatives and university administrators joined the men who have restarted the chapter in a reception on Friday evening and a luncheon on Saturday afternoon to celebrate the re-chartering.



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ING AND ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS, LAMBDA CHI ALPHA (LAMBDA CHI) IS CURRENTLY UNDER INVESTIGA-TION

The Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity announced Friday that a joint investigation by the Office of Student Conduct & Academic Integrity and the Office of Greek Life, in collaboration with the International Headquarters of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity is currently underway due to alleged violations of Vanderbilt University and Interfraternity Council hazing, new member education and alcohol policies. The investigation will determine whether there is evidence that members violated local laws, university code of conduct, or other oaths and obligations of the Lambda Chi Alpha Initiation Ritual and Constitution.

Lambda Chi Alpha has been placed on interim suspension during this time period and is permitted to host only meetings and activities related to the investigation.

BILT'S CAMPUS

The Vanderbilt Office of Greek life Friday announced that Delta Kappa Epsilon has been placed on suspension, meaning their recognition as a fraternity at Vanderbilt University has been revoked due to issues of the possession, use and facilitation of controlled substances at the chapter facility. University officials entered the facility due to concerns over unauthorized access to the facility and as a part of a routine inspection at the semester break related to changes in residents for the spring semester and discovered evidence of drugs and drug paraphernalia, which was turned over to the Vanderbilt University Police Department. A thorough investigation followed, and a hearing was held this week to discuss the findings and determine the outcome.

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CHRIS HONIBALL / THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER Top: Immediate Past National President of Phi Kappa Psi Tryon Hubbard presents Sam Heyman, president of the Tennessee Delta Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi, with the chapter's charter during a lunch for the chapter's national initiation.

Bottom: Ron Ransom, Phi Kappa Psi director of expansion, presents a gavel and sounding block to Sam Heyman, president of the Tennessee Delta chapter of Phi Kappa Psi, during a lunch for the chapter's national initiation.

Birth of the Bloomberg

— Hannah Sills, senior news reporter

The Managerial Studies Program welcomed a new arrival last semester — a Bloomberg Terminal, also known as a Bloomberg Machine, specifically for the use of undergraduates.

According to Professor Cherrie Clark, director of the Managerial Studies Program, a Bloomberg Terminal gives users access to proprietary software that provides news, financial data and data analysis concerning different companies and industries. Vanderbilt's new Bloomberg Terminal looks like a dual screen computer, but with a specialized keyboard that allows users to execute specific commands at the push of a button.

Students can use the machine to help with class assignments, conduct research before interviewing with a company or get certified as a Bloomberg Terminal user — a certification that can give students an edge when applying for jobs in the finance industry.

"You'll find it in all corporate finance departments, in all Wall Street banks and trading floors ... it's just ubiquitous. If you're in finance, there's a Bloomberg terminal nearby," Clark said. "Bloomberg terminals are commonplace, and it gives students an advantage if they know how to use them and find data and information on them."

Clark encourages students to take advantage of the terminal. It is located in the Managerial Studies offices, and any student can come in and learn how to use it via instructions placed near the machine.

AND THE OBAMA GOES TO ...

First lady Michelle Obama presented the best picture category live from the White House for last night's Academy Awards. Dressed in a silver gown, Obama's introduction to the award praised the nine nominees for their contributions to the world of cinema. "I am so honored to help introduce this year's nominees for Best Picture and to help celebrate the movies that lift our spirits and broaden our minds and transport us to people we have never imagined," Obama said. Now that they no longer have to worry about re-election, this venture into the most starstudded night of the year suggests that the Obamas are finally ready to embrace their celebrity status.

MIT gunman a hoax

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — A false report of a gunman at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology that briefly caused a campus-wide lockdown Saturday stemmed from an electronic message sent to police, authorities said.

Officers searched for a man reported to be carrying a long rifle and wearing body armor but found nothing unusual, Cambridge police said. The report — that alleged that the gunman was barricaded inside a building on campus — turned out

to be a hoax, and there was no threat to public safety, state police spokesman David Procopio said.

Cambridge police received the tip in an electronic chat message around 7:30 a.m., but witnesses on the scene eventually contradicted it, spokesman Dan Riviello said. Neither police nor MIT specified how the tip was received, though the police department's website says anonymous crime tips may be made via text message or email, in addition to a telephone hotline.

"The MIT community was sent a precautionary text message at 8:52 a.m. asking them to remain indoors and shelter in place," the university said in a statement issued following online criticism over delays in alerting the public that a gunman was possibly on campus. It did not explain why it took more than an hour to issue the alert.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We are excited to have Phi Kappa Psi as a chartered chapter at Vanderbilt University once again. I am thankful for the efforts of the alumni and students in shaping a chapter that is committed to be a values based organization." **KRISTIN SHORTER**, DIRECTOR OF GREEK LIFE



PLAN YOUR WEEK

Compiled by Charlotte Gill, news staff reporter

MONDAY

McGill Hour: Health and Wellness Trivia Night

7-9 p.m. Alumni Lawn McGill TV Lounge The Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center, the Office of Wellness Programs and Alcohol Education and Project Safe will host a trivia night relating to health and wellness. Snacks will be provided.

TUESDAY

Interfaith Panel - Sex and the Sects: Gender **Roles in Religion**

7-8:30 p.m. Student Life Center Ballroom The Vanderbilt Interfaith Panel will host its annual panel discussion with representatives from a variety of faith traditions.

WEDNESDAY

Anchor Link Lunch & Learn: Events & Roster Management

12-1 p.m. Sarratt 189 Bring your lunch and join students, faculty and staff members to learn about a variety of Anchor Link features.

THURSDAY

Sweet CeCe's Hillsboro Village Event 3 5-9 p.m. Proceeds from your purchase will benefit the Vanderbilt

Dayani Center for Health & Wellness.

VSG: READY, SET, RUN

Three students officially declared their candidacy for VSG president for the 2013-2014 school year on Sunday night. Learn a little more about the tickets before the campaigns heat up.

Election timeline

March 11 Campaigning officially begins at 8 a.m.

arch 14 Primary voting begins

March 15 Primary voting ends at noon

March 19 General election begins March 20

General election ends at noon **Previous involve-**

ment with VSG:

Chief of Staff; **Deputy Chief** of Staff: Firstyear Leadership Program; Member, Organizational **Relations Committee**

John Tucker

Sigalos

Major: Neuroscience

Jessica Brunelle Major: Public Policy Involvement on Campus: Alumni Coordinator, Delta Delta Delta Fraternity; Dance Marathon; AcFee co-chair **Previous** Involvement with VSG: Crawford House President, Programming Coordinator, Director of Programming



Isaac Escamilla Major: Political Science Involvement on Campus: Vanderbilt Programming **Board Speakers** Committee. VUceptor, Resident Advisor Previous Involvement with VSG: Sutherland House President,

Guide co-chair Campus Services Committee, Arts & Science Events, First-Year

Lucie Calderon Peter Hernandez Major: Neuroscience, French Involvement on

campus: Vanderbilt Programming Board Homecoming Speakers Committee: Committee; Swim Club President; Vanderbilt Student Volunteers for VUcept Executive Science: Chi Omega Fraternity; Tour **Previous involve**ment with VSG: Director of Special

Chair and VUceptor) **Previous involve**ment with VSG: First-Year Leadership Program, Deputy Leadership Program

First-Year Relations

Major: Computer Major: Educational Science, Mathematics Studies and and Economics Communication Studies Involvements on Campus: Vanderbilt Involvement Programming Board on Campus: Alternative Gift Fair.

CHOTOS BY ERIC SINGLE / THE VANDERBILT HUST

Kristen Mosley

Honor Council Advisor Sponsorship Chair; and Member; Sigma Nu Athenian Junior brother (New Member Honor Society; Advocate Spring 2012); Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity, Chief Board (Selections Co-Administrative Officer; Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society, Membership Chair; Tour Guide **Previous involve**ment with VSG: Director of First-Year Relations, Director of Peabody Council

President

FACULTY PROFILE

Evelyn Patterson, sociology

Senator



EVELYN PATTERSON,

assistant professor of

sociology, has recently

published a study in

and a capstone Re-

search Practicum. The

Vanderbilt Hustler sat

down with Patterson

to get her take on her

work.

By CHARLOTTE GILL News staff reporter

The Vanderbilt Hustler: How do you see research and teaching intersect? **Evelyn Patterson:** One of the main things I want students to have is a firm foundation of what constitutes criminological theories and consequences of the criminal justice system

in life expectancy of two years, but I can't say if this is causal.

VH: What effect do you think the rise of legalization of marijiuana will have on the U.S. prison system?

EP: We should consider the push towards the legalization of marijuana in addition to the change in the ways that states see possession of marijuana. While some might say that this is due to the shift in attitudes towards marijuana, I would argue that it is more about the costs of incarcerating a person ... I believe that states feel a pressure to compensate the lessening of punishment for nonviolent crimes with making the punishment for violent crimes harsher. The implementation of such policies will not result in a lowering the incarcerated populations but instead cause an increase. Policies that fail to incorporate the population dynamics under the current regime will most likely fail to

achieve the goal of spending less money on punishments that do not decrease recidivism rates.

VH: Why did you become interested in this field?

EP: I began this career field because I didn't have enough data on sexually transmitted infections. We don't appreciate the context in which we are actually living - what does it mean to be incarcerated? There is a difference between Martha Stewart's (prison stay) and many people's experiences, and it is not something that should be taken lightly. A student pointed out that in this country, we learn all these things going through school, but there are pieces of history that surprise and shake our world. I think of this class as a class of surprises ... particularly with crime shows, there is an illusion that we as citizens know what's going on, but we need transparency in our system.

CORRECTION

Involvement on campus: Secretary/Treasurer, Interfraternity Council; Resident Advisor; VUCeptor for past two years; Lambda Chi Alpha brother

In the Feb. 21 issue of the Hustler, John Lennox was quoted as saying, "I am ashamed that the name of Christ has ever been associated with an AK-47. People who take guns to defend Christ aren't following Him" during his talk. This quote followed his discussion of religiously motivated violence in Northern Ireland. However, his comment was incorrectly described as relating to gun rights in America. The Hustler regrets this error.

SEE GUYS? PEOPLE LIKE US!

This weekend, members of The Vanderbilt Hustler staff attended the Southeast Journalism Conference, at which The Hustler received several individual and institutional recognitions at their Best of the South awards ceremony. Congratulations to Editorin-Chief Eric Single (First Place -Best Sports Writer), Art Director Kristen Webb (First Place – Best Newspaper Layout Designer) and senior news reporter Kyle Blaine (First Place – Best Public Service Journalism) and to The Vanderbilt Hustler (Third Place -Best College Newspaper).

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the "American Journal of Public Health" on the relationship between life expectancy and duration of incarceration. She teaches undergraduate courses on Criminology, Social Statistics,

VH: Tell us about your recent research. **EP:** The current literature says that simply the experience of being in prison itself impacts later health - not duration of incarceration. I was interested in determining if that was true or not. Because most prisoners are not like the general population health-wise, I compared prisoners who had experienced variable durations of prison and controlled for other risk factors. For every year in prison, there is a decrease



Five reflections from the **Chancellor on** Vanderbilt's \$8.6 billion influence

Vanderbilt had an \$8.6 billion impact on the Tennessee state economy during fiscal year 2011-12, according to an independent economic analysis released on Thursday, Feb. 21. Here are The Hustler's top five takeaways from a meeting with Chancellor Nicholas Zeppos on what the impact means to the Vanderbilt community.

By Tyler Bishop, news editor

BE PROUD OF YOUR SCHOOL

According to Zeppos, the biggest takeaway from the report for Vanderbilt students should be "feeling proud that you work at a university that gives back in so many ways." He said that the report highlights the impact that the institution has on students, the community and even the world at large.

WE ARE PROUD Π **OF YOUR SERVICE**

Zeppos said that Vanderbilt's dedication to service is clear in the findings of the report, mentioning the \$830 million value of charity care, community benefits and other unrecovered costs to the university. He said that the culture of Vanderbilt really fosters an environment where student, faculty, staff and others are dedicated to serving others.

WATCH VANDERBILT TRANSFORM AND GROW ITS INFLUENCE

Zeppos said that because of the work and experiences of members of the community, Vanderbilt's influence is continuing to grow. He said that he plans to see Vanderbilt transform for the better, citing continual efforts to keep state of the art equipment in classrooms, expand partnerships across schools and renovate and create new spaces on campus.

"I have a dream to take the (Carmichael) Towers down," Zeppos said. "It would be a wonderful place to build a park-like residence and entrance place. It's a good opportunity to build friendship and community in and out of the classroom."

IV STUDENTS SHOULD SE THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE ON AND AROUND CAMPUS

According to Zeppos, there are countless opportunities on campus that are available daily to students. He used the Medical Center as an example of one of the best resources that developing students have to get face time and hands-on experience.

"What better opportunity do we have than to just walk over to (the Medical Center) and learn and find out what it's like?" Zeppos said.

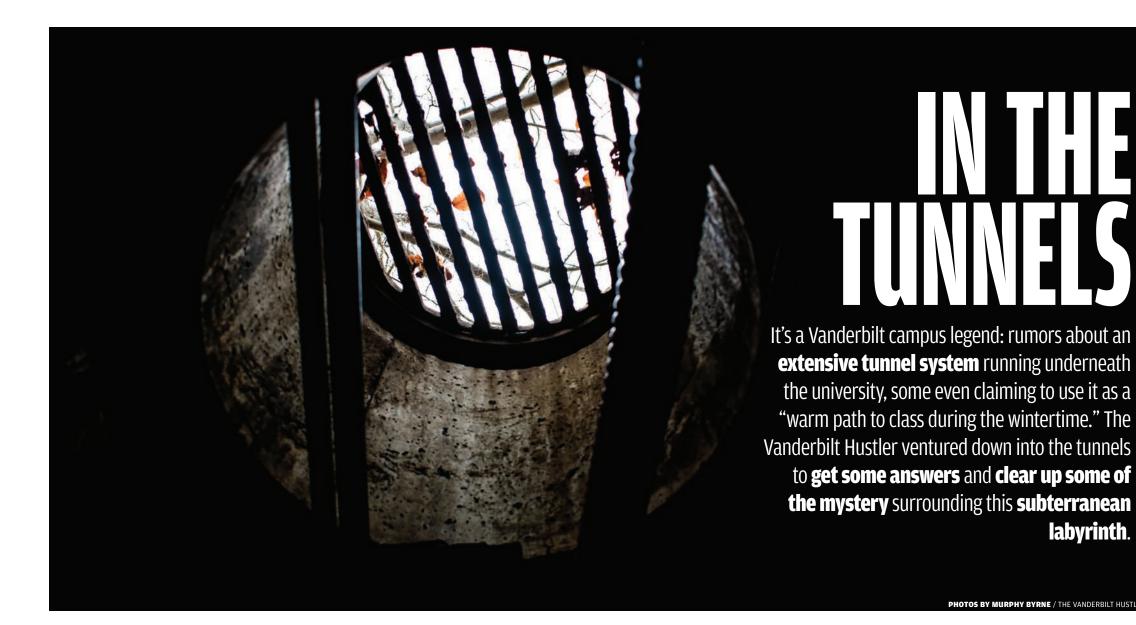
VANDERBILT STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE FUN (BUT STAY SAFE)

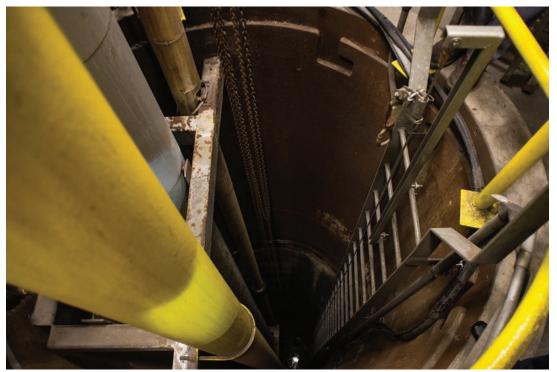
Recognizing how hard students work on a day-to-day basis, Zeppos said that finding a way to have fun is one of the most important aspects of the college experience - but not as important as remaining responsible and staying safe.

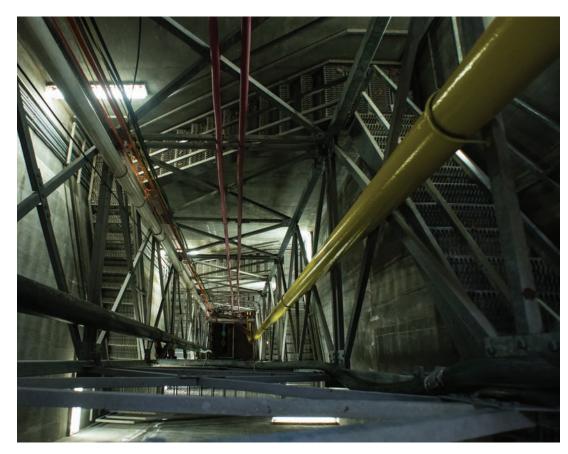
"Enjoy your educational experience and find your passion and take care of yourselves," Zeppos said. "It's important that we feel like we have the best college experience and feel good that you go to a good university that makes it very easy to have fun."



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By MADDIE HUGHES News staff reporter

As far as 13 stories beneath Vanderbilt's meticulously landscaped campus spans five miles of underground tunnels that connect several campus facilities, including the Medical Center, McGill Hall, Buttrick Hall and Peabody Campus.

These tunnels today lie mostly dormant, but there was a time in their history when students did use them to travel across campus, and during the Cold War, the tunnels served as bomb shelters, supplied with meals and water in case of a nuclear attack.

"The longest tunnel runs from this building (the Baker Building) to the Student Recreation Center, and then down to the Children's Hospital," said Assistant Vice Chancellor of Plant Operations Mark Petty. "At this point in time no one can go unescorted (through the tunnels). It used to be that students would go into them all the time. However, once they (the tunnels) showed up on an urban explorers website, people would go where they are not supposed to be, which became a liability. So in 2002 we had to lock them up."

We entered the tunnels guided by Samuel Graham, a specialty equipment technician lead person, also know as a lead man, who has worked at Vanderbilt since 1999. The first tunnels we entered were those directly under the Baker Building. These tunnels were very dark, hot and extremely cramped. According to Graham, today the tunnels hold the steam pipes, telecommunication, natural gas, power and Ethernet. As additional elements were added into the tunnels, older elements were not taken out, making the space available for walking very narrow. The tunnels were also very shallow. At 5 feet 9 inches, there was just enough space for me to stand up straight; the ceiling was just centimeters from the top of my head. The floors were also muddy in places, due to the expansion vents — grates that let air into the tunnels so the pipes don't overheat.

tons of coal a day. However, Graham said Plant Operations will soon be going green. "Pretty soon the smokestack won't be

there. We are going to be switching to all (natural) gas, as a political statement. While coal is cheaper and more efficient,

Chancellor Zeppos has said he wants gas as soon as possible." Currently there is a four-year plan in place to effect the change

place to effect the change. As the final part of the tour, we went into the down shaft on Children's Way, across the street from the Student Recreation Center to see the largest tunnel, which is termed a "real" tunnel by the men at Plant Ops because it is round and is much larger than the others. This tunnel was made about ten years ago, and is 110 feet underground.

The tunnel was formed using a rock borer — a smaller version of the same machine used to form the Chunnel Tunnel under the English Channel. To access the base of the tunnel, one must descend 13 flights of stairs. This tunnel was much brighter than the others, though the base of the tunnel was covered in several inches of water.

When the tunnel was being drilled, three underground springs were exposed, which provide approximately 100 gallons of water per minute. Currently, water from these springs is used to water the athletic fields.

"When the floods of 2010 happened, the water level rose 30 feet up the shaft of the tunnel. It took three days with three

FAST FACTS 5 Miles of tunnels

200 Tons of coal burned each day

4. Number of years planned to switch to a natural gas

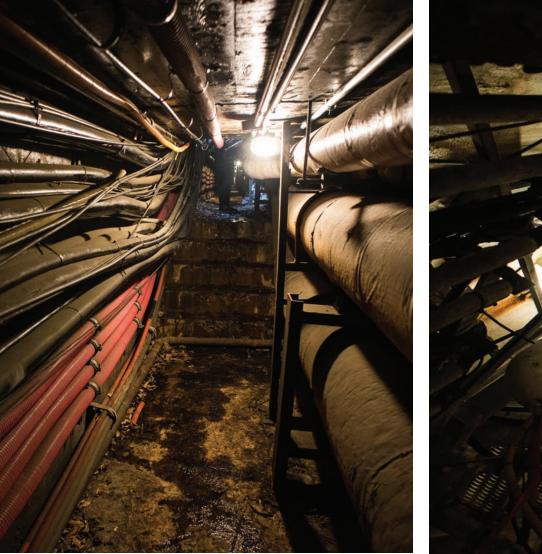
13 Number of stories beneath the campus at the tunnels' deepest point

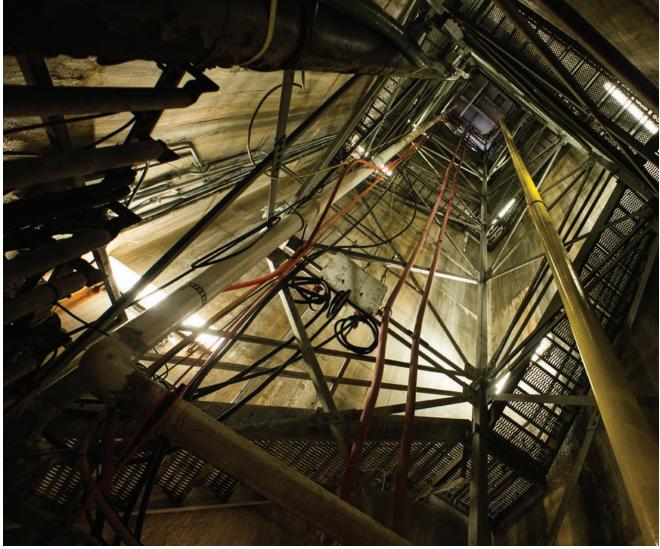
The sheer quantity of steam that travels through these tunnels is impressive: 10,000 pounds per hour. To form this much steam, the university goes through 200 pumps pumping a total of 1,500 gallons a minutes to remove all of the water," Smith said. "The floods caused millions of dollars in damage because the steam pipes that heated this water caused the rocks in the tunnel to fall. At least it didn't hit the high pressure tank (300 psi pressure tank in the tunnel), or we would have had an even bigger hole."

Graham said that the tunnel under McGill Hall bares the "greatest" mark of students, containing graffiti and other student signatures.

While the essential goal of Plant Ops and the tunnels may be "out of sight, out of mind," Graham commented on how amazing it is to realize how much really goes into running a research university.

"This is a tightly run branch of the university," Graham said. "You don't hear much from us, but I guess that is the way it should be."





19205 Decade in which the tunnels began construction

Pounds of steam

pumped per hour

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"But inevitably, there will be some comments made that fail to capture the whole picture. And unfortunately, for those less educated or less interested in learning about both sides of the conflict, those comments will be taken as representing the truth of the matter instead of just one side." **MOHAMED AL-HENDY**



opinion

Something got you peeved? Irked? Honked off? The Rant is your place to anonymously vent your spleen on any issue you want. To get your rant on: tweet @VandyRant, email us at opinion@insidevandy.com, or visit the InsideVandy.com opinion page.

1. Guys, I think I'm getting sick of Beyonce. (Editor's note: This is the wrong newspaper for you).

2. I pay \$60,000 a year. You pay for my damn laundry!

3. When will Rites be announced? I'm sick of waiting.

4. When is VSG going to get a schoolwide Harlem Shake organized?

5. Wahls and Lennox were NOT contrasting. The Hustler did an injustice by stating it so. Gay people can believe in God, and it's a shame that the Hustler is reinforcing the stereotypes that plague our society and, more importantly, hurt those struggling with reconciling being gay and believing in God.

6. Dear VSC Board, we already have an on-campus radio station. It's called WRVU!

7. It's too late this year, but next year for Valentine's Day, y'all should turn The Rant into Vandy Compliments, and people can just submit the name of their crush.

8. We need someone to speak the voice of truth in The Hustler. Where is Frannie Boyle when you need her?

9. "I don't care what you think about me" - Kelly Halom. "We don't think about you at all" - Vanderbilt student body. You're not being oppressed.

10. People need to stop parking in the driving lanes in the Rec lot. Other people in legitimate spots need to get

Misquotation and misrepresentation

Errors in The Hustler's previous issue should be corrected in public fashion

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have gladly read The Hustler for my three years here at Vanderbilt.

I enjoy most of the articles I read, with only a few exceptions. I greatly appreciate the strides that the editorial staff has made to make the student paper professional and relevant. However, I was very disturbed by the coverage of the Veritas Forum in the Feb. 21 edition.

The heading of the section first caught my eye: "A night of contrast." What contrast is being referred to? Zach Wahls may or may not be religious and is a charismatic young man with lesbian parents. John Lennox is a Christian mathematician and philosopher. It seems to me from the mention of contrast and the side-by-side placement of the columns that the supposed contrast here was between the faith of Lennox and the LGBT activism of Wahls. While it may be the editor's opinion that a belief in God automatically implies opposition to gay rights, there are many who would beg to differ. It is even acknowledged that their messages were not completely at odds. That is a correct statement as their messages do not contradict in the slightest. I attended the Veritas Forum and absolutely no mention was made in the Veritas Forum regarding homosexuality. I cannot see a purpose to this placement other than to foster conflict between statements of religion and the gay rights movement.

Secondly, Lennox did not address gun rights in contemporary America. The statement quoted for this purpose in the article was taken wildly out of context. It was originally addressing religious violence. Lennox grew up in Northern Ireland, where there is much violence between Catholics and Protestants; that history is what his statement was referring to, not gun rights. It seems that there was a greater interest here in inserting the author's political opinions than in maintaining journalistic integrity. What makes this even more problematic is the fact that Lennox is misquoted in the article. He actually said, "I am ashamed that the name of Christ has ever been associated with bombs or AK-47s." Of course, the word "bombs" was removed in the quote in the article. The original statement would conjure an image of terrorism and violence, not of gun use in America, which was appar-

The Hustler's response

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hank you for your letter. I am glad to hear that you have enjoyed reading The Hustler during your time at Vanderbilt.

I'd like to start by saying that the issue regarding the context that the quote "I am ashamed that the name of Christ has ever been associated with bombs or AK-47's" was placed into in the Feb. 21 article was the result of a miscommunication and overlooking on my personal behalf during the editing process — not a result of any political motivations of the reporter who covered the event. Immediately following a notification from the author of the article, a correction was issued on InsideVandy.com and will be published in today's issue of The Hustler. No ulterior motivation lies behind the error that was made, and The Hustler and myself in particular regret this mistake. On a more personal note, to address the issue of associating a belief in God with opposition to gay rights, I happen personally defy what you suggest about the editorial staff of the news section, being both a strong believer in God and a strong supporter of gay rights. That being said, however, The Vanderbilt Hustler, including the news section, does not - in any case -

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



NELSON HUA / THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER Zach Wahls spoke in Sarratt Cinema last Wednesday.

ently to be the preferred context of the author.

Inclusion of the editor's personal opinions in a news column is unprofessional and, in this case, dishonest. It falsely seeks to create discord between Christians and homosexuals (isn't there enough already?), invents new, foreign contexts for quotes and even omits words from the quotes in order to make them fit this context. There is an opinion section of The Hustler for just this reason. Including personal opinions in coverage of events is inappropriate. Unfortunately, the reparation of this misunderstanding amongst the readers of the column will probably be more difficult than the spread of its misinformation. As the editors of this paper, that reparation is your responsibility.

— Patrick Eads

make editorial decisions based on political motivation.

The side-by-side placement of the articles was a decision that was made to highlight the contrast in the message of the speakers that were brought to Vanderbilt by separate organizations at the same time on the same night. I can assure that the intent was not to suggest that a belief in God automatically implies opposition to gay rights. However, while I am one of many who can effectively support both gay rights and my faith, your

their cars out.

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reference to the "discord" between the two groups is exactly the layer of contrast that this editorial decision was trying to get across — that there is in fact friction and discord between the group that brought Zach Wahls to campus and the group that brought John Lennox to campus.

I am in agreement that far too much antagonism exists between Christians and homosexuals already, and it would indeed be unprofessional and dishonest for a reporter or editor to include personal opinions on the already heated matter. I hope that you understand the genuine human error made in the Feb. 21 issue and do not attribute it to a failure in the journalistic or editorial integrity of The Hustler editors, staff or reporters.

Thank you again for your letter.

- Tyler Bishop

The other side of the story

Without a Palestinian voice, this year's IMPACT lineup fails to capture the whole picture

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Eastern Student Association and a number of other Vanderbilt and Nashville-based organizations came together to put on Middle Eastern Cooperation Weekend, a series of events designed to create dialogue on campus between students about Israel, about Palestine and about the peace process between the two states (or "national entities" if you prefer). Despite the small size of the Arab and Muslim populations on campus in comparison to the Jewish population, Vanderbilt Hillel, the primary organizers of the event, ensured that both sides of the often-heated and controversial issue were ably represented by two of the most knowledgeable and experienced figures invested in the conflict. During the dialogue between the two speakers, whenever a point was made, the other side of that point was explored in turn by the other speaker to give the audience a holistic, comprehensive understanding of the key points that remain disputed and debated about the conflict today. Having attended a variety of lectures and advocacy-type events on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict throughout my life, I can safely say that the event was run in a very fair way, and that it was one of the most satisfying events on the issue that I have ever attended.

bout a week ago, Vanderbilt Hillel, the Middle

Unfortunately, the holistic understanding that was present at Middle Eastern Cooperation Weekend will be absent from Vanderbilt's IMPACT Symposium 2013, which will bring together former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Senator George Mitchell to discuss peace and conflict, presumably in the Middle East. To be clear, I have no issue with either Barak's or Mitchell's visit to campus; in fact, I'm very much looking forward to hearing what they have to say at the event, and will definitely be attending. But I can't shake the sense of deep disappointment that Vanderbilt University Speakers Committee could not have invited someone, anyone, to represent the side that is already extremely underrepresented in the media and across the United States: the Palestinian side.

As Vanderbilt students, we're taught from the first day we

step on campus to broaden our horizons and understand all the sides of a particular narrative or issue. After all, the key to better understanding an issue is to understand the side that you don't represent; only then can you effectively argue for what you believe in. That's why in our classrooms, when we reflect on, say, the Civil War, we take a deep look at the beliefs and doctrines driving both the Confederates and the Union, and not just the latter. When we reflect on World War II, we look at the history of both the Axis powers and the Allies, and not just the latter. And today, even when we look at contentious political issues like abortion, economic policy or healthcare, we ensure that forums exist in which both sides can express their viewpoints, such as presidential debates or the recent State of the Union address.

Unfortunately, this will not be the case with this year's IMPACT. I am hopeful that Barak and Mitchell will focus their speeches on peace and conflict broadly, and avoid presenting more politically divisive or one-sided points specifically on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. And I believe that they will make an effort to structure their speech as such. But inevitably, there will be some comments made that fail to capture the whole picture. And unfortunately, for those less educated or less interested in learning about both sides of the conflict, those comments will be taken as representing the truth of the matter instead of just one side. Lisa Lacayo, co-chair of The Vanderbilt Speakers Committee, acknowledged this herself when interviewed by The Vanderbilt Hustler on Feb. 21.

When asked about the purpose of inviting Barak and Mitchell to this year's IMPACT Lacayo said, "You just hear about bombings in Syria or ending a war or all these different things happening, but you never really hear the other side of the story."

Unfortunately for the Vanderbilt student body, and all those who attend, that will continue to be the case at this year's IMPACT.

The show must go on

Vanderbilt's performing arts community has persevered in the face of space restrictions and administrative negligence



MICHAEL GRESHKO is a junior in the College of Arts and Science. He can be reached at michael.a.greshko@ vanderbilt.edu. When the throngs of packed performances, the performing arts at Vanderbilt are enjoying more success than ever before. The administration has responded to this growth with a suite of facilities upgrades: the wonderful new

Rand Lounge performance space; and the plush, new offices of the Office of Arts and Creative Engagement, replete with rehearsal space (as the plaque outside the room proudly proclaims).

However, the student performing arts community is far from content with the present state of affairs. The veneer of polish on display at student performances conceals a frenetic, stressful, fly-by-the-

seat-of-the-pants rehearsal process driven to the brink by the utter lack of rehearsal space on this campus for larger groups and for dancing of any kind.

Based on Vanderbilt's infrastructure, I'm not entirely sure that Vanderbilt's administration understands the scope of the problem. At present, there are only two spaces large enough on campus to accommodate bigger groups: Heb's, a room in the shared basement of Carmichael Towers 1 and 2; and Branscomb Rec, in the basement of Lupton House. (Alumni Hall's Memorial Room will hopefully return to the fold once renovations are completed.) These rooms — ideal because of their size, openness and lack of carpet — are about as easy to book as successful Quake lineups. Given the demands of class and other extracurricular commitments, groups seeking rehearsal space tend to book these rooms on weekday evenings and weekends. The competition is fierce for space in these time slots; three to four groups book space a night, often for slots late into the evening.

The options outside of Heb's and Branscomb Rec are nowhere close to ideal. Practically every room in Sarratt/Rand is carpeted — a buzz kill and potential source of tripping and carpet burns for dancers. Moreover, due to a recent incident involving drumming dancers in Wilson Hall and a cadre of angrily awoken lab

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son Hall and a cadre of angrily awoken lab monkeys, some student groups are no longer allowed to rehearse in academic buildings. Where are these students supposed to rehearse? Some get desperate. I've seen groups rehearsing in stairwells, building lobbies and in The Anchor Lounge in their efforts to find space that even remotely resembles their needs. There's clearly a problem here.

From the perspective of Reservations and Events, who oversee campus space

rental, the sordid tale I have described is a flight of fancy; their records often indicate that many student groups fail to use their previously booked spaces. I can't say I blame them for coming to this conclusion, but I'd argue that they're often mistaken. Reservations and Events keeps track of rehearsal space use based on the pickup and drop-off of keys to spaces like Heb's and Branscomb Rec. Such a system, however, relies on the assumption that the doors are otherwise locked, which is hardly ever the case. Many student groups use their reservations but fail to pick up their keys simply because the extra trip is unnecessary.

Furthermore, Reservations and Events only deals with registered student organizations and caps the number of bookings groups can make in a given week, placing considerable pressure on two growing demographics: student directors in theatre classes and the groups behind massive cultural showcases like Cafe con Leche. Since student directors in theatre classes aren't technically members of student organizations, they can't book rehearsal space for their directing scenes, which are graded parts of their class coursework. Large cultural groups, moreover, have many internal dances and numbers to rehearse but struggle both to find suitable space and to book appropriate amounts of it.

Despite the clear issues, why have these problems persisted? Ironically, I suspect that the university's sluggishness on the issue stems from the old adage in the performing arts: "The show must go on." Regardless of the difficulties in finding space, student groups find ways to rehearse, even if it means staking out rooms, staying up until 2 a.m. or rehearsing in stairwells. They're committed to the art they're producing and the stories they seek to tell, no matter the infrastructural hurdles. When the university looks around and sees all of the successful performances, they innocently — and incorrectly — assume that the process that led to the success was sound.

In order to improve this less than ideal situation, there are a variety of cost-effective strategies and solutions from which Vanderbilt could choose. In current and future renovations, conference rooms and multipurpose rooms could be floored with marley or hardwood flooring in an effort to make them more dance-friendly. Larger rehearsal spaces with accommodating features like performance floors, mirrored walls and ballet bars could be included in new and renovated buildings, like College Halls at Kissam (According to floor plans, there's a 365-square-foot meeting room on the first floor of the College Halls that would be ideal for such a conversion). Student groups and Reservations and Events desperately need to work together to reform the reservation process as well.

Like I said before, Vanderbilt has made great strides in supporting student performances, and regardless of infrastructure and policy changes, the show must — and will — go on. But the shows wouldn't mind a little more help.

— Michael Greshko

In search of the American Dream

A single look to the past can answer current policy and welfare issues

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is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Science and vice president of the Vanderbilt College Republicans. She can be reached at hillary.a.rosenjack@ vanderbilt.edu. was looking through YouTube videos searching for testimonies of why people voted for President Obama. Some had logical reasons: They prefer his tax plan because it is easier on their family's income bracket, or they're opposed to social issue regulation by the federal government, to name a couple. But some of the testimonials embodied the attitude of entitlement that has captured so much of our society. When one man was asked what he wanted the president to do this time around, he simply said, "write me a check." Another woman said that she "never thought this day would come — I don't have to worry about putting gas in my car. I don't have to worry about paying my mortgage."

I am so grateful that our country has a system that provides a financial crutch to the disabled and to single mothers and to people who find themselves in a rough patch in their lives. The key here is that this financial help is a "crutch" — while the wound heals and you get back on your feet, you have a little boost to help you through. Up to 99 weeks of unemployment with minimal requirements to maintain this status, however, seems a bit steep — particularly when economic data indicates that people work significantly harder to find a job as their benefits start to run out.

My grandmother has strongly influenced my views on this subject. As a single mother raising four children, she worked two factory jobs and managed to provide food, clothing and a decent childhood for each of them. Times were very tough, but she didn't take one cent or one stamp of welfare. It would not have been wrong if she had, in order to get her family back on their feet if they found they couldn't make it through; however, she had too much pride and resolve. After the plant for which she had been working shut down, she got another job cleaning a local church. At 70, she quit her cleaning job in order to care for her dying mother. Now that my great-grandmother has passed, my grandmother applied for another job at 75 and was selected over the 30- and 40-year-olds that applied primarily because she sold herself with her testimony of the work ethic and loyalty she demonstrated all these years.

All the odds were against her: No money. No education. No supportive marriage. But my grandmother has one thing that sets her apart from the sea of others who are in desperate situations — she believes wholeheartedly in the American Dream. She believed that by her own hard work and perseverance she could make a life for her family, and it paid off. Her children have gone on to do amazing things. This family embodies the spirit of individualism and hard work that our founders envisioned for America. Times are tough, but there is hope. The government's crutch can help, but it's not a permanent fix.

— Hillary Rosenjack



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YouTube Challenge : I Gave My Wife or Girlfriend A **Terrible Gift For Valentine's Day**

In another classic YouTube Challenge, Jimmy Kimmel asked viewers to film themselves giving their wives or girlfriends terrible gifts for Valentine's day. And the results proved to be hysterical. Those unfortunate enough to be featured received everything from a "kidney stone" ring to a severed finger to mice. Let's hope that Jimmy Kimmel keeps the challenges coming.





Off-campus workouts

By MAGGIE KNOX Life reporter

There comes a time in every Vanderbilt student's life when the idea of another trip to the Rec or Estrogym is just too much. When routine becomes unbearable, the easiest option may seem to be skipping the gym and opting for a nap instead.

Fear no more. Believe it or not, you can get a great workout without having to step foot on an elliptical or running the monotonous Vandy loop. Many Nashville facilities offer affordable, unique exercise experiences that give you a chance to shake up your usual workout routine.

Barry's Bootcamp

308 11th Ave. S., Nashville, Tenn.

For those looking for an intense boot camp experience, Barry's Bootcamp claims to deliver "The Best Workout in the World." With celebrity clientele including Kim Kardashian, Amanda Seyfried, Jessica Biel and Jake Gyllenhaal, this claim might actually be true. Barry's combines cardio and strength training to offer a workout that claims to burn 1,000 calories. Full Body classes are offered, as well as classes targeting specific areas. Single classes are \$22 and offered throughout the day, seven days a week. For more information, visit http://barrysbootcamp.com.

HOTBOX Fitness

125 12th Ave. S., Nashville, Tenn.

Another option that burns calories fast is HOT-BOX Fitness. Located in the Gulch, HOTBOX offers kickboxing programs for clients at any fitness level. With encouraging instructors and fun, energizing music, HOTBOX boasts that it is sure to provide an engaging workout. HOTBOX Fitness' new strength program The Ring is designed to increase strength and capacity through the use of various equipment, such as kettlebells. Kickboxing classes are offered at all hours of the day, six days a week, and The Ring is offered Monday through Friday evenings. Classes

Who should have won

Major changes were made to the Academy Awards voting process this year, including the addition of an online ballot and moving up the deadline. The result: some strange nominations and even stranger wins. Here's what should have won last night. By Kara Sherrer, life reporter

BEST DIRECTOR

Who won: Ang Lee, "Life of Pi" Who should have won: Ben Affleck, "Argo"

Affleck was famously snubbed for Oscar nomination in the Best Director category this year, causing critics and movie fans alike to scratch their heads. However, despite his lack of an Oscar nod, he managed to secure not only a Golden Globe but also a Director's Guild award for his directorial work on "Argo," making the snub only that much more apparent. Even if the Academy won't recognize Affleck for his directing, the rest of the world does. However, the actor-turned-director did receive a hefty consolation prize when "Argo" won Best Picture and gave what was probably once of the fastestspeaking acceptance speeches ever.

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

Who won: Anne Hathaway, "Les Miserables" Who should have won: Anne Hatha-

way, "Les Miserables"

This is one award the Academy got right this year. Did each of the other four actresses do a phenomenal job acting in their respective roles? Yes, they did. But Hathaway not only played the part of Fantine in "Les Miserables," she also sang it - live. For most musicals, the tracks are prerecorded and then played back during actual filming while the actors lip sync to it. Yet for "Les Miserables," every single actor and actress — including Hathaway — sang live to piano accompaniment oped in through earpieces. Additionally, the camera was only four inches from her face half the time, and she still managed to give one of the most realistic, moving performances of her entire career. Anne, we forgive you now for "Bride Wars."

bit of a surprise, especially given Jessica Chastain's gripping performance as a CIA agent named Maya who tracks Bin Laden for more than a decade. Both actresses clinched Golden Globes (Lawrence for Best Actress in a Musical or Comedy and Chastain for Best Actress in a Drama). However, we'd have gone with Chastain on this one, especially given her intense prison torture scenes.

WHAT SHOULD HAVE **WON SOMETHING ELSE:** "Zero Dark Thirty"

"Zero Dark Thirty" did tie with "Skyfall" for Best Sound Editing. However, the riveting drama, which covers the hunt for Bin Laden, failed to pick up a win in any of the other four categories it was nominated for, most notably Best Picture and Best Original Screenplay. The film provides an unflinching look at the hunt for Bin Laden and generated lots of award circuit chatter before suddenly fizzling a bit last night. Director and producer Kathryn Bigelow's last effort "The Hurt Locker" managed to pick up six Oscars in 2010, but she failed to replicate the feat this year in any category except the sound editing. "Zero Dark Thirty" was every bit as good as "The Hurt Locker," and it should definitely have snagged a couple more golden men this year.

WHAT SHOULD HAVE **BEEN NOMINATED:** "The Dark Knight Rises"

In 2009, "The Dark Knight" created a stir when it was shubbed for a Best Picture nomination. Many credit it as the reason the Best Picture category was expanded from five to up to ten nominees. Ironically, its successor "The Dark Knight Rises" not only didn't get nominated for Best Picture — it didn't get nominated at all. Rises was ignored not only in the well-known categories, but even in smaller technical ones like Best Sound Mixing and Best Visual Effects. Now, was Rises the best movie released this year? No, but it was definitely worthy of scoring at least a few nominations. And the Academy wonders why people think the Awards aren't relevant anymore.

Maybe your **plans fell through**, or maybe you

never got around to making them. But there are plenty of possibilities for a week off from

classes that don't involve months of extensi

not to mention expensive – planning



ROBERT GAUTNIER/ LOS ANGELES TIMES/ MCT Jennifer Lawrence took home the Oscar for Best Actress for her performance in "Silver Linings Playbook."

Standout Moments

'The Avengers' can't save presenting the **Visual Effects award**

Five of the Avengers stars assembled to present the award for Best Visual Effects. However, Samuel L. Jackson appeared to skip over part of the teleprompter speech. When Robert Downey Jr. tried to rescue the speech and give due respect to Visual Effects, Jackson talked right over him. The two appeared to get to an actual miniargument before the award was awkwardly handed off.

First Oscar tie since 1969

"Skyfall" and "Zero Dark Thirty" tied for the award for Best Sound Editing. The significance lies not only in the tie itself but also in its rarity. In fact, a tie has only occurred twice before in Oscar history. There was a tie for best actor in 1932, and again in 1969 when Katharine Hepburn and Barbara Streisand both won awards for best actress

Daniel Day-Lewis has the best joke of the night

Seth MacFarlane may have kept the jokes coming, but Daniel Day-Lewis actually gave the best quip of the night during his acceptance speech for Best Actor for his portraval of Abraham Lincoln. Whe

are by reservation only, and all clients get a free trial session. Clients can expect to burn 800 to 1,000 calories in an intense, grueling one-hour session. For more information, visit http://hb4.me/

Climb Nashville

3630 Redmon St., Suite 1, Nashville, Tenn.

In addition to indoor climbing lessons (top rope climbing, bouldering), Climb Nashville also offers core conditioning, circuit, yoga and kickboxing classes. One of their most popular offerings is "Sick Monkey," a 6 a.m. class that mixes Crossfit workouts with some more basic training moves for those who want an intense workout first thing in the morning. Climb Nashville also offers kickboxing classes that mix bag work, weight training, balance training and ab workouts. Additionally, their website boasts an abs/core class that is "new and unlike any other method currently being taught." If you're looking for something even more unconventional, the InnerStrength CHAINS class incorporates full body suspension training on chains hanging from a wall. Climb Nashville offers morning and evening sessions and classes range from \$13 to \$25 for nonmembers. For more information, visit http:// climbnashville.com

Sky High

5270 Harding Place, Nashville, Tenn.

For those looking for a workout that makes them feel like a kid again, look no further than Sky High. "The Trampoline Place" offers AIRobics classes three times a week for just \$9. AIRobics is a 50-minute workout that burns fat and improves balance and coordination. Studies show that an hour of jumping burns over 1,000 calories, making AIRobics not only a fun workout, but also an extremely effective one. For more information, visit http://nas. jumpskyhigh.com.

Hot Yoga Plus

2214 Elliston Place #305, Nashville, Tenn.

Hot Yoga Plus offers a number of classes for beginners as well as more experienced yoga students. Hot Yoga Plus offers Power Flow, a class that combines sun salutations, standing postures, and floor work in a room heated between 85 and 90 degrees. The class is sure to develop core strength, increase your endurance, and build balance and flexibility. Another popular class is Hot 26, a class that consists of 26 postures and two breathing exercises that works the entire body in a 100-degree room. Hot Yoga Plus recommends that students reserve a spot online for any class and arrive at least 15 minutes in advance. One-hour classes are available for \$15 for non-members. For more information on classes and pricing, visit http://hotyogaplus.com.

BEST ACTRESS

Who won: Jennifer Lawrence, "Silver Linings Playbook"

Who should have won: Jessica Chastain, "Zero Dark Thirty"

Jennifer Lawrence is on fire right now, moving from hot young adult franchises to serious award winners with ease. However, her win for Best Actress comes as a

Meryl Streep, who won Best Actress last year for her portrayal of Margaret Thatcher in "The Iron Lady," handed him the award, the famous method actor joked, "It's a strange thing because three years ago ... I had been committed to playing Margaret Thatcher and Meryl was Steven (Spielberg's) first choice (for Lincoln)." The crowd laughed more at this one line than at any of MacFarlane's.

Jennifer Lawrence trips on her way to the stage

Jennifer Lawrence's dress included a massive train, and the actress actually tripped on it on her way to receive the Best Actress award for her work in "Silver Linings Playbook." However, she quickly recovered and gave a fairly poised but enthusiastic acceptance speech. While the mistake may have been small, it was one of the most notable mishaps to occur during the live show.

> options in your area. The Student Recreation Center offers equipment rentals for outdoor Spring Break trips. Gear must be picked up between Feb. 27 and March 1 and returned by March 13.

3. Rage

If you're still looking for an affordable spring break beach trip, some of the most popular options may still be possible on a tight schedule. Gulf Shores, Ala., offers a quality beach experience without the hassle of traveling to Mexico or to the Bahamas. While it's probably impossible to find a rental, hotel rooms in Gulf Shores are still available for spring break. Gulf Shores provides everything you could want on a spring break trip: great beaches, great food and a fun nightlife.

4. Take a road trip

You can't go wrong with the quintessential spontaneous road trip. Road trips require a little planning, but you can make them as cheap or expensive as you want them to be. Basically, you need a playlist, you need friends that you can be in the car with for long amounts of time and you need a destination. Our suggestion? Get to know Tennessee better - vis-a-vis all those roadside attractions. Go see Jack Daniel's Grave in Lynchburg. Check out Graceland in Memphis. Visit the Titanic Museum in Pigeon Forge. You can even see the World's Largest Teapot Collection in Trenton.

5. Vegetate

If you're going home for spring break, all is definitely not lost. There is absolutely nothing wrong with having a chance to relax, catch up on sleep or possibly break the world record for most number of hours spent on Netflix in a week. Get a manicure, spend some time with your parents, go to your favorite restaurant and catch up on home-cooked meals. Play with your dog. If you don't have a dog, go get one. Try to find somewhere you've never been in your hometown or explore a nearby city.

By MARGARET KNOX Life reporter

1. Go see your non-Vandy friends

An easy, last-minute plan for Spring Break is to visit friends at other schools. Many schools will still be in session during Vanderbilt's spring break, so take advantage of the timing and visit. It's hard to visit friends from back home during the school year, and spring break provides a great opportunity to see what you're friends' college experiences have been like. Catch up with friends and reminisce about the high school days while celebrating the fact that they have class and you don't.

2. Get some quality time with nature

If you need some fresh air or a break from

the city, you may want to look to the great outdoors for your spring break activities. There are many adventure opportunities in nearby Tennessee cities. Chattanooga offers easy last-minute opportunities for hang gliding, kayaking, zip lining, hiking and biking. If you're feeling particularly adventurous, Lookout Mountain Hang Gliding offers spring break packages including five nights of accommodation, three days of instruction, one tandem flight with an instructor and opportunities for caving and rock climbing starting at \$299. Tandem flights are up to 3,000 feet and require no prior experience. Other options in the Chattanooga area include kayaking on the Tennessee River and zip lining along the Ocoee River.

If you're home for break, explore outdoor

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By STACEY OSWALD Life reporter

Let's face it: Vanderbilt late-night dining options are nonexistent. If it's a weekend and you live in Highland Quad, you can't even go to a Munchie Mart past 11 p.m. Even off-campus restaurants often don't have hours that align with those kept by typical college students. Here at The Hustler, we break down the best ways you can celebrate after a long night of hitting the books.

BEST PLACE TO CURE THE DRUNCHIES: HERMITAGE CAFE

Monday-Sunday 10 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. the next day Catch a cab to the Hermitage Cafe next time you're in need of some late-night grease. This hot spot is located just past the Gulch and is open from 10 p.m.-1:30 p.m., making it the perfect place to go at 4 a.m. after a long night out. The menu offers all sorts of Southern food, but they're probably best known for breakfast food like biscuits and home fries. Though the food is nothing unique, it's cheap, greasy and simple, making it the perfect spot if you're still feeling a little tipsy before bed. The best part? The peoplewatching - you're always sure to make friends at Hermitage Cafe.

BEST LATE NIGHT PIZZA: MAFIAOZA'S

Tuesday-Friday 4 p.m. to 3 a.m. Saturday-Sunday 11 a.m. to 3 a.m. Closed on Mondays

The best thing about MafiaOza's is definitely its Tuesday "Customer Appreciation" specials. All day and all night, they server 2-for-1 draft and bottled beers.



Jackson's Bar and Bistro offers European and American comfort food, with late night dining options that are both cheap and delicious. Located in Hillsboro Village, right across the street from Pancake Pantry, Jackson's offers a convenient late-night dining option to Vanderbilt students.

From open until 10 p.m., you can get double pours of liquor, and from open until 9 p.m., you can get 2-for-1 slices of pizza. You can come early for the pizza and stay late for the beer. While the menu can be a little overwhelming with all the pizza and pasta options, you can definitely find something for everyone here.

BEST AUTHENTIC: ATHENS FAMILY RESTAURANT

Thursday-Saturday 24 hours Closes 10 p.m. Sunday

The Greek and American cuisine served at Athens is nothing short of gorge-worthy. This is the perfect place to go with friends when you are in need of some serious food. The quantities are big and the price is cheap, allowing you to stalk up on all the Greek favorites that your heart desires. Not to mention that this place was recently showcased on Guy Fieri's "Diners, Drive-ins and Dives."

MOST CONVENIENT: JACKSON'S

Monday-Wednesday 11 a.m. to midnight Thursday-Friday: 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday 9 a.m. to midnight

We all know you've been to Jackson's before, but the late-night atmosphere of this bar and bistro is something that you'll want to be a part of. Besides the eclectic guests and lively bar area, Jackson's offers some of the best food near campus. When you need a late night snack, nothing is more satisfying than their Caribbean Nachos or Cookie Dough Egg Rolls — can anyone really resist flash-fried chocolate-chip cookie dough? Furthermore, Jackson's has an excellent selection of unique cocktails including their Mango Mojito and Root Beer Float. To make a great deal even better, all of the drink and meal options on the late-night menu cost under \$10, so you won't feel guilty for splurging on yourself the next day.

BEST ON-THE-CARD OPTION: SUNSET GRILL

Thursday-Saturday 10 p.m. to midnight While Cafe Coco is definitely a favorite for a late-night on the card meal, it's always crowded no matter what time you go, and sometimes it can result in a long wait - not what you're look-

ing for when you are craving a late night snack. While many believe that Sunset Grill is too overpriced to waste their precious meal money, the late-night menu provides a significant price cut from their dinner menu, with their Sunset Bacon Cheeseburger for only \$5, fried egg sandwich for \$7.99 and all desserts for only \$5. Match these options with their Tennessee Caramel Apple, made of Jack Daniels Honey, Thatchers Apple Ginger Liquor and cranberry juice, and you'll be ready to head out for a party that night.

MOST CLASSY: PATTERSON HOUSE

Sunday-Saturday 5 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Skip 12th and Porter on Division and head right for the Patterson House, a Prohibition-era lounge that offers cocktails and quality pub grub until 3 a.m. It's a little more expensive than your average late-night location, but the drinks have a bite that shows you are getting what you pay for. If you don't want to drink, the atmosphere is enough to keep you entertained, with delectable small plates and a speakeasy experience unlike any other.



Harambee 2013

PHOTO ESSAY

The African Student Union presented 'Harambee 2013: Modern Family' on Feb. 20, 2013. This night of culture, music, dance, fashion, laughter and food raised money for Vanderbilt Blood: Water Mission.



Harambee included many different dance numbers, including influences from both modern and traditional African dance.



Vanderbilt's BhangraDores, Vanderbilt's competitive South Asian dance team, performed at Harambee 2013. BhangraDores works to promote cultural awareness and aesthetic appreciation of Bhangra, a Punjabi folk dance.

TINA TIAN / THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER Several students in the African Student Union participated in a fashion show that showcased modern African fashion.



THE BIG STAT 40-yard dash time ran by former Vanderbilt running back Zac Stacy at the NFL Scouting Combine on Sunday.



This week in the SEC, Florida fell to Missouri, who fell to Kentucky, who almost lost to Vanderbilt but managed to keep its tournament chances afloat without Nerlens Noel. Typical week.

By BEN WEINRIB, sports reporter



1. FLORIDA (22-4 OVERALL, 12-2 SEC)

The Gators suffered just their second loss since Christmas last week, this time at the hands of Missouri. It took Kenny Boynton,

Mike Rosario and Erik Murphy shooting a combined 12-for-36 from the field for Florida to come up short by three points. The Gators are eighth in the nation in field goal percentage, so we wouldn't expect that again.



2. MISSOURI (19-8, 8-6)

The Tigers' 63-60 victory over No. 5 Florida in Columbia cemented their second-place standing in the power rankings. Then they

choked away a win in Lexington, losing to the Nerlens Noel-less Wildcats, leaving us wondering if this is a team of giant killers or on-and-off underachievers.



3. KENTUCKY (19-8, 10-4)

The fact that one bipolar team and another vith its best player out for the season are sitting at second and third in the power rankings

says a lot about the state of the SEC. But after being throttled by Tennessee 88-58, Kentucky won back-to-back close games at home, signaling the Wildcats' season may not be over just yet. Also, never doubt a John Calipari team, especially one led by such highly-touted players.



4. ALABAMA (19-8, 10-4)

The Crimson Tide is 267th in scoring, 279th in rebounding and 300th in assists. If not for their stout defense (sound familiar, Bama fans?), this team would be in serious trouble.

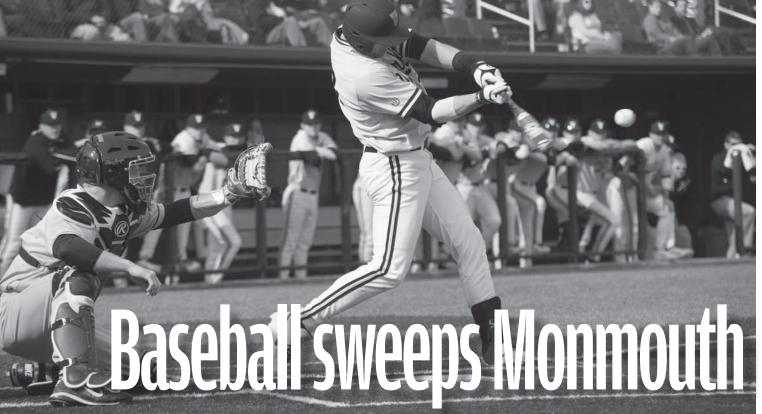


5. OLE MISS (20-7, 9-5) Led by Marshall Henderson, the Rebels are sixth in the nation in scoring, but their last eight games show exactly why teams don't see them as a real tournament threat. They've lost five of those eight, including losses at South

Carolina and Texas A&M that should be nothing short of embarrassing for a legitimate bubble team.

6. TENNESSEE (16-10, 8-6)

Don't look now, but Tennessee has rattled off ive straight wins after dispatching Texas A&M



By STEVE SCHINDLER Sports reporter

Vanderbilt starting pitching continued its sterling efforts this weekend, as Philip Pfeifer followed Kevin Ziomek's 11-strikeout gem on Friday and Tyler Beede's 2-hit outing on Saturday with a strong performance of his own to help the Commodores secure their first sweep of the season.

Pfeifer struck out six and gave up just two hits over six innings as Vanderbilt topped Monmouth 13-1 on Sunday for its fifth consecutive win. Pfeifer gave up no earned runs, lowering his ERA on the season to 0.64.

While struggling with some command issues to start the season, the Vanderbilt pitchers certainly have things in control now. In this weekend's series against Monmouth, Ziomek, Beede and Pfeifer allowed only three runs.

If the pitching has been great, then the Commodores' offense has been simply unstoppable. After 5-1, 11-1 and 13-1 wins this weekend, the Commodores have scored 79 runs this season. Vanderbilt's offense is averaging 10 runs scored per game, scoring at least nine in seven of their eight games. Vanderbilt's average margin of victory in its seven wins is a staggering eight runs.

The Commodores' offense is getting contributions from up and down the lineup, as seven hitters with at least 20 at-bats are currently hitting .300 or better. Seemingly every day a

new Commodore batter steps up to get big hits, hammering the offerings off all comers. "It's fun playing with guys that have so much ability," said freshman Kyle Smith said. "We're a talented group."

Veterans such as Tony Kemp, Mike Yastrzemski and Connor Harrell have continued to produce as they have in years past, but some newcomers have also stepped up. Freshman Xavier Turner, who has appeared mostly as a designated hitter this season, leads the team with a .455 average. On Sunday, another freshman showed up in a big way, as Smith went 2-for-2 and knocked in four runs.

In another emerging trend, the Commodores offense appeared to be slow out of the gates in the final game of the series. In fact, through the first five innings, Vanderbilt only held a 3-1 lead before 10 runs on seven hits opened things up over the next three innings.

"I'm not too sure why that's the case, but it's definitely a trend that we're scoring deeper into games," said head coach Tim Corbin. "We just are happy to score when we can and not get too picky. I think we're just getting good at bats throughout the lineup. From the 1-through 9-spot, I feel pretty good every time a kid gets up to the plate.'

The Commodores looked confident at the plate, spraying the ball all over the diamond and striking out just twice.

Monmouth took an early lead on the Commodores, plating an unearned run in the first inning

thanks to a Xavier Turner error and a subsequent sacrifice fly to left field. Vanderbilt responded in the bottom half of the frame with Connor Harrell's RBI double to left-center that scored Jack Lupo.

Pfeifer didn't seem bothered by the plated run, allowing just one hit over his final five innings of work.

Monmouth starter Jonathan Shippee struggled with control as he walked four batters in 2.2 innings. Shippee left having only given up two earned runs; however, his relievers didn't provide him with any help.

The Commodores started doing damage in the fifth and sixth innings with RBI singles by Conrad Gregor in each frame. This momentum carried over to the next two innings, in which Vanderbilt's offense exploded. Smith made the most of his two at-bats after entering the game as a pinch-hitter, shooting an RBI double into the opposite-field gap in the seventh and hustling to stretch out a bases-loaded triple in the eighth inning.

"In coming off the bench, you need to stay loose and prepared for when your time comes," Smith said. "I was just able to put together some quality at bats."

John Norwood scored two with a double in the eighth to round out the Vanderbilt scoring.

With the sweep completed, the Commodores will welcome Arkansas State and Evansville this week before Illinois-Chicago plays a three-game set at Hawkins Field next weekend.



in a quadruple-overtime classic on Saturday. and they have some serious star power in sophomore forward Jarnell Stokes. At this

pace, it may be a while before the Commodores challenge the Vols for the Best Team In Tennessee crown.



7. ARKANSAS (17-10, 8-6)

Arkansas had a chance to have a big statement win on Saturday night when they traveled to Gainesville looking for a season sweep

of Florida. Of course, they lost by 17 points. Woo Pig Sooie!



8. LSU (16-9, 7-7)

LSU can just forget about its 7-7 SEC record – baseball season is here. Ryan Eades, JaCoby Jones and the No. 9 Tigers will command everyone's attention this spring in Baton Rouge.



9. TEXAS A&M (16-11, 6-8)

SEC play has not gone well for the Aggies, including two losses to Georgia and one to Vanderbilt, and Saturday's loss to Tennessee pushed them dangerously close to the conference's bottom four team. It's surprising that they thrived in football yet can't quite figure out basketball.



Kevin Bright led all scorers with 15 points, Dai-Jon Parker nearly outrebounded the other team on his own and the Commodores won by 41 points. The odds of those three things happening this season, let alone in the same game, were nearly inconceivable in November.



11. GEORGIA (13-14, 7-7)

You know what you get when you only have one player averaging more than eight points per game? Four separate three-game losing

streaks and a really low ranking. The Bulldogs needed overtime to top South Carolina and have cooled off considerably from their early-February tear. Georgia will head to Nashville on Wednesday.



12. SOUTH CAROLINA (13-14, 3-11)

Kansas State is 22-5 and doing just fine without former head coach Frank Martin, whose Gamecocks are 13-14 and limping toward the finish line. Wednesday's win over Ole Miss allowed South Carolina to save some pride on its home court.

13. AUBURN (9-18, 3-11) It's hard to take any positives out of Auburn losing 11 of its last 12, but that one win came against Alabama, giving the Tigers bragging rights for, like, two weeks until spring football practice starts.

14. MISSISSIPPI STATE (7-19, 2-12)



Fun fact: Mississippi State's Humphrey Coliseum can hold up to 10,575 thoroughly disappointed fans at once.

Starters shine

Pitchers Kevin Ziomek, Tyler Beede and Phillip Pfeifer all collected their second wins of the season this weekend. On Friday, Ziomek overcame a shaky first inning and finished the game with 11 strikeouts. Beede took the mound the next day and had his curveball, his changeup and his fastball working for him. Pfeifer secured the series sweep with a nasty fastball that held the Hawks to just one run.

Norwood's homer

On Saturday, sophomore designated hitter John Norwood crushed a solo homerun to left field. The ball soared over the scoreboard before landing on the roof of Memorial Gym. His first homerun of the year helped boost the Commodores to a 4-0 lead with just two completed ngs. He came into the game late on Sunday and went 1-for-1 from plate, pushing across two Vanderbilt runs. the plate, pushing

Freshman brings the heat

Freshman pitcher Carson Fulmer amazed the crowd with his blazing fastball for 1.2 innings on Sunday. His fastest pitch clocked in at 99 miles per hour. In the seventh inning, he found himself in trouble with the bases loaded and only one out. After working deep into the count Fulmer put down two batters with a softer pitch, which still crossed the plate at 96 miles per hour. By leaving those three runners stranded, Fulmer showed incredible maturity for a freshman hurler



Each Monday, The Hustler will help you catch up with the highs and lows you might've missed from the baseball team's weekend series with a new feature:

Three Up, Three Down.

By Allison Mast, Sports reporter

Shortstop struggles

inst Belmont, veteran shortsto<u>p Joel McK</u> In the midw eithan was forced to leave the game with what appeared to be a hamstring injury. On Saturday, freshman Dansby Swanson tweaked something while rounding the bases and was seen on crutches after the game. The status of these players has not been confirmed. In the Vince Conde has shifted to shortstop, with Xavier Turner taking his place at third base.

Bittersweet broken record

There's nothing quite like watching Tony Kemp run. In game two of the series, he hit a liner to left-center that earned him his sixteenth triple of his career. He is now the sole owner of the Vanderbilt record for most triples. Unfortunately, the speedster was gunned down at home plate as he attempted an inside the park homerun. Along with a school record, Kemp had an opportunity at a highlight-reel play

Ziomek needs an inning or two

lust like in his previous start against Long Beach State, Ziomek got into trouble early in the game on Friday. In both games, he escaped without giving up more than one run, but his early inning jitters could be a concern moving forward. If he needs an inning or two to settle in, it is only a matter of time before he gets hit hard before he can turn on the cruise control.

Lacrosse falls to Northwestern, 15-8

By ALICE CONTOPOULOS Sports reporter

Vanderbilt women's lacrosse fell 15-8 to topranked Northwestern in its American Lacrosse Conference opener at home on Sunday. The Wildcats got off to an early start with a goal less than a minute into the game. The Commodores however, were quick to respond and equalized just 36 seconds later on a counter attack led by senior attacker Carly Linthicum.

After gaining momentum from an unlucky shot off their goalpost, the Wildcats quickly racked up three more goals in under three minutes. After going goalless for nearly 20 minutes, the Commodores finally put another point on the board with a strong solo effort by junior attacker Abby Wheeler. The Wildcats responded just over half a minute later, and though Vanderbilt scored again as well, Northwestern slipped two more balls past senior goalkeeper Chelsea Pasfield in the last minute of the half, leaving the score at 7-3 heading into the second half.

The Commodores came out strong from the lockers, scoring just over thirty seconds into the second half. However, Vanderbilt went on to let in seven unanswered goals over the next 20 minutes and were unable to get on the board until Linthicum put another past Northwestern goalkeeper Bridget Blanco with under five minutes remaining in the match.

Vanderbilt livened up in the final five, outscoring Northwestern 4-1, two of which were claimed by Linthicum, who put up her fourth hat-trick of the season. Still, the energy came too late, and the Commodores were unable to recover from Northwestern's seven-goal scoring streak earlier in the



half, ending the game 15-8 in favor of the visiting

Though the outcome was unfavorable for the Commodores, head coach Cathy Swezey and her team were proud of the effort and potential on the field considering the competition they faced. The final seven-goal margin was far from the expected blowout of the unranked Commodores by the No. 1 nationally ranked team that currently holds seven of the last eight national championship titles.

Pasfield was a major asset and kept the Commodores in the game, riding the momentum from her solid performance last week against Boston College and coming up with 15 saves and three ground balls in total. Pasfield noted that the Commodores' defensive game plan was a success

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and the team has "improved on being coachable in practice" which allowed them to execute on Sunday. While the Commodores' defense was organized as a whole, Linthicum noted that the team still really needed "to work on clearing" as well as "possession in the attack" on the offensive side.

And although Linthicum continued that "Northwestern's defensive pressure is like no other (they'll) face in the country," both teams finished with an even 20 turnovers apiece and Vanderbilt certainly held its own on offense despite the final score. The Commodores were also strong in the center circle, winning 10 of the 25 draws, and were able keep possession even by winning 22 of the 46 ground balls

The Commodores travel to Durham next Saturday, March 2, to take on No. 7 Duke at 1 p.m. CST.

Wildcats.

Basketball holds Bulldogs to 31 **By STEVE SCHINDLER**

Sports reporter

This hasn't been a perfect season for Kevin Stallings; however, his Commodores were nearly perfect against Mississippi State on Saturday. After getting held to 33 points twice this season, Vanderbilt dished out some of the same medicine on Saturday, holding the Bulldogs to just 17.5 percent shooting in a 72-31 win. With the victory, the Commodores move to 11-15 on the season and 5-9 in SEC play.

While this fell one point shy of Mississippi State's biggest loss of the season, a 78-36 loss to Missouri, it was the Commodores' largest margin of victory in an SEC game since a 2008 victory over Kentucky. This game served as the lowest scoring output for the Bulldogs in the shot clock era, while marking the fewest points allowed by a Vanderbilt team since 1949.

The Commodores dominated from the beginning with a 15-2 run to begin the game. By halftime Stallings' club was up 37-17 despite shooting 46.9 percent from the field. The Commodores did most of their damage from the 3-point line, connecting on 5 of 12 from deep, good for 41.7 percent.

In the second half, Vanderbilt tightened up an already stifling defense and allowed just 14 points. The tough defense allowed the Commodores to move the basketball for 41 points. For the game, Vanderbilt made 11 3-pointers and outrebounded the Bulldogs by a staggering 51-17 margin.

Vanderbilt got balanced scoring up and down their lineup, with three players in double figures. Kevin Bright led the way with 15 points, going 5-for-6 on 3-pointers. Bright also grabbed four rebounds and blocked two shots. Rod Odom poured in 13 points for the Commodores, hitting 4 of 7 shots from the field. Freshman Sheldon Jeter provided the knockout punch for Vanderbilt, scoring 11 points off the bench and pulling down nine rebounds.

Saturday's loss cements Mississippi State's status as the SEC's worst team. The Bulldogs have now dropped 12 games in a row. This game should serve to give the Commodores some confidence as postseason play nears. If the season ended today, Vanderbilt and Mississippi State would face each other in the opening round of the SEC tournament on Wednesday, March 13, at Bridgestone Arena, a matchup that Commodore fans could smile about after this weekend's blowout win.

Georgia's one-man show comes to Nashville

By STEVE SCHINDLER Sports reporter

The Vanderbilt defense will have its hands full on Wednesday as the Commodores will host the Georgia Bulldogs and the SEC's second leading scorer, Kentavious Caldwell-Pope.

A visit to Music City seems to be quite appropriate for the young sophomore, as Caldwell-Pope has been playing some sweet string music this season, shooting at a 45 percent clip, while averaging 17.6 points and 6.6 rebounds per game. Thanks to the 6-foot-5-inch guard's production, Georgia has won 7 of its last 11 contests. Unfortunately, the Bulldogs have yet to register a signature win this season, with an 0-6 record against the top six teams in the SEC and an 0-5 record against the Top 25.

Georgia is similar to Vanderbilt in that its frontcourt is rather small. Both teams rank in the bottom three of the conference in rebounding, with only around 34 rebounds per game. These teams are very

similar statistically, ranking identically in points per game (60) assists per game (11) and overall field goal percentage (41 percent).

Containing Caldwell-Pope, the only Bulldog averaging double figures in scoring, is the key to stopping Georgia's offense. Caldwell-Pope can penetrate and get to the rim, and he gets to the foul line with frightening regularity. The sophomore has multiple facets to his game, including being a tough rebounder, second in the nation in steals with 58 and a solid 3-point shooter. He has recorded 19 games with at least 10 points and six rebounds, including three double-doubles. In five games against ranked opponents this year, Caldwell-Pope is averaging 14.4

conscious of his presence on both ends of the court. Stallings may look to throw an athletic forward like Kevin Bright or a big guard like Dai-Jon Parker on Caldwell-Pope in order to limit his effectiveness on

points per game. The Commodores will obviously need to be the boards. With Johnson and Rod Odom sharing primary scoring responsibilities for the Commodores, Caldwell-Pope must be effective for Georgia to win. Forward Nemanja Djurisic, averaging eight points per game, is rather mobile for a big man, with the ability to knock down the open three. Djurisic has taken some pressure off of Georgia's leading scorer of late, scoring in double figures in three of his last five games.

Expect this game to be very evenly played, as Georgia and Vanderbilt will play intensely, looking to gain momentum and secure positioning heading into the SEC tournament. As it stands, Georgia and Vandy rank No. 9 and No. 11 in the SEC, respectively. If the season ended today, Georgia would face LSU in the second round, while the Commodores would get Mississippi State in the first round.

If Vanderbilt can't limit the effectiveness of Caldwell-Pope, the former McDonald's All-American, they can set themselves up for potentially a relatively positive finish to their regular season slate with Auburn and South Carolina still on the schedule.

The race for **10th place**

By ANTHONY TRIPODORO Asst. sports editor

> **Current SEC standings:** T8 | SII (7-7) T8. Georgia (7-7) 10. Texas A&M (6-8) 11. Vanderbilt (5-9)

LSU's last four games: Arkansas, Missouri, Texas A&M, Ole Miss

Georgia's last four games: Vanderbilt, Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama

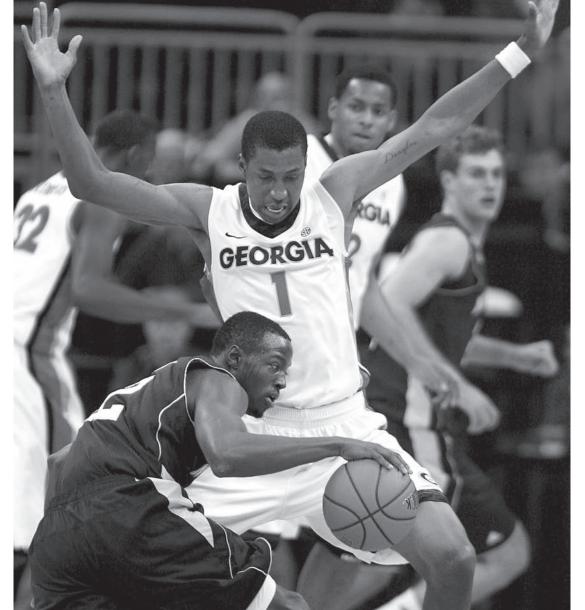
Texas A&M's last four games: Ole Miss, South Carolina, LSU, Arkansas

Vanderbilt's last four games: Georgia, Auburn, Florida, South Carolina

In the SEC tournament, the bottom four of the 14 SEC teams do not get a first-day bye. If the season ended today, those four teams would be Vanderbilt, South Carolina, Auburn and Mississippi State. Vanderbilt currently sits at 11th place in the SEC, one spot

short of a first-day bye. Texas A&M holds a one-game lead for the 10th spot, with Georgia and LSU sitting in 9th and 8th place, respectively. Vanderbilt can conceivably go 3-1 in its final four games, with a loss to Florida being the most definite outcome of those four games. Texas A&M, on the other hand, will probably lose to Ole Miss, and its other three games could just as easily be wins or losses. If Texas A&M goes 2-2 during the final stretch, and Vanderbilt wins three, Vanderbilt will move into tenth place via its previous win over Texas A&M. To make things even more interesting. only two games separate Vanderbilt from LSU and Georgia, so, in the last regular season games, expect to see a shakeup in the SEC standings.

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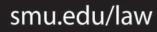
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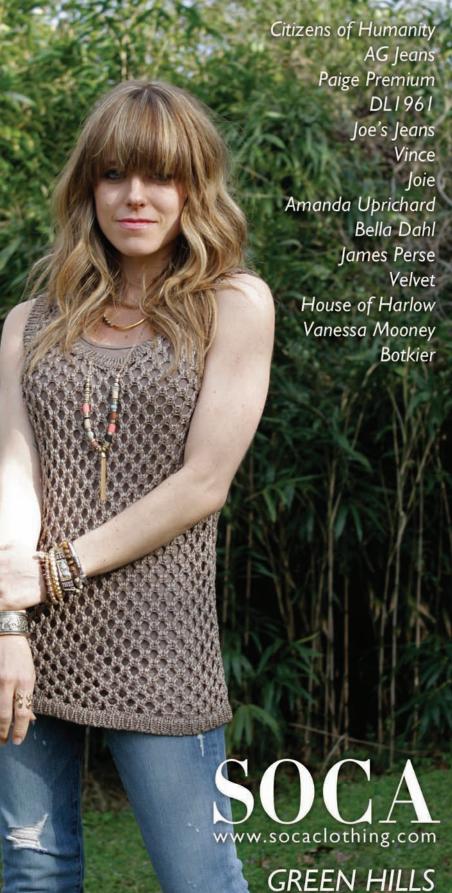
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Vanderbilt football quarterback Jordan Rodgers addresses the room at a town hall meeting to address the nondiscrimination policy on Jan. 31, 2012 in Furman.

6 months in, new chaplain fighting a year-old battle

Rev. Mark Forrester

has been on the job for six months, but **new threats** from the legislature are complicating **already** tense relations between administration and religious groups

By KYLE BLAINE Senior news reporter

When Vanderbilt University reinstated the position of university chaplain in August and hired the widely respected Reverend Mark Forrester to fill the position, members of the campus Christian community thought the administration was moving towards reconciliation following a prolonged battle over the university's all-comers policy.

Forrester's credentials and reputation seemingly put him in the best position to build a bridge between several still noncompliant religious groups and the university's administration after a period of high intensity the previous spring that culminated with several religious groups refusing to comply with the nondiscrimination policy, which requires all registered student groups to be open to all

students for membership and leadership regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation and religious beliefs.

Before accepting the top job, Forrester was a United Methodist chaplain affiliated with the university's Office of Religious Life since 1994. His biggest strength, though, was his good reputation within the Christian community, even among the more conservative groups opposing the university's nondiscrimination efforts. Forrester

was not one of the officials publicly associated with the policy, and he had even expressed sharing some of the same concerns other

religious organizations held.

"I was wrestling with this challenge a year ago," Forrester told the Hustler in a phone interview. "I understand that position."

Thrust into the middle of a firestorm, Forrester is still finding his footing, trying to balance his role as a university official while trying to build relationships with a relatively small number of religious groups not in compliance.

"I'm still trying to establish a rapport and trust with religious groups, and I have been met with some measure of

any change," said former President of Vanderbilt's Christian Legal Society Justin Gunter, a third-year Vanderbilt law student.

In the past two weeks, State Representative Mark Pody (R-Lebanon) introduced, withdrew and then reintroduced a bill that, if passed, would strip Vanderbilt of its police force if it

'Generally, most groups feel the same as they do in the spring. Forrester is a great guy, but we haven't seen any change.'

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continued to enforce its nondiscrimina-

tion policy. Vanderbilt currently has 100 commissioned officers and 47 community service officers, all of whom hold jobs that are threatened by the legislation.

The same state legislator was behind legislation that would have prevented private universities that receive \$24 million or more in-state funding from administering an all-comers policy. Vanderbilt fell under this provision due to money the Medical Center receives from TennCare, the state's healthcare insurance program. That bill passed the Tennessee house and senate, but was vetoed by Republican Governor Bill Haslam.

Speaking at Wilson County GOP event last June about his efforts to fight Vanderbilt's policy, Pody said, "I am not going to be pushed around, and if the only thing that I do is to stand up and say Christians will not be pushed around."

policy, including Gunter, who was at a university-held meeting with Pody on January 25.

"Most student leaders like what they see in the legislature," Gunter said. " We don't want to see this policy spread to other universities in Tennessee."

Speaking specifically about Pody's bill, Gunter said, "Personally, I think this bill makes more sense. Police power is a good metric to use, because it starts to make Vanderbilt look more like a public university. If a university religiously discriminates, they should not have the police power of the state of Tennessee."

Gunter's comments reveal just how wide the gap is between the university and noncompliant groups. Gunter says the policy discriminates against campus religious groups; university

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Reverend, university chaplain and Director of

Religious Life

basis.

officials say the policy prevents discrimination within those groups.

Yet Forrester spent less time defending the uni-

versity policy and more time trying to clear up misinformation and backtrack a term the university itself first introduced last

"Right now, we're battling over semantics," he added.

While Forrester backed away from all-comers, he repeated other arguments that were laid out by Provost Richard McCarty and Vice Chancellor David Williams at a town hall held last January, specifically that faith can be used as a criteria for leadership in a group, but it cannot be the only or determining criteria.

"Any one thing cannot be a deal maker or a deal breaker," Forrester said. "I don't think that's unfair or prejudicial — it's realistic."

Even acts the university has made in good faith, such as providing unregistered religious groups with access to meeting space, have been met with hostility.

"We're third in line behind other cam-

pus groups, on a lower priority level," Gunter said. "We cannot cosponsor or participate in any events, and we cannot communicate about our group on campus using Anchor Link or student org fairs."

Forrester said that he will to continue to welcome any conversation about legitimate

success," Forrester said.

And yet, six months into the job, it seems tensions between the two parties are still running high.

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These efforts were met by praise from many members of the Christian community fighting the university's

spring: all-comers.

"We're simply calling it a nondiscrimination policy, we're not calling it 'all-comers,'" Forrester said. "'All-comers' does not represent the policy we are enacting. I would rather take these on a case-by-case basis."

gripes with religious life, and that incremental progress is being made.

But with conservative religious groups remaining strong in their opposition to a university policy that shows no further signs of changing, a longlasting resolution is nowhere in sight.

Springing into service

Vanderbilt students have a longstanding tradition of opting out of the **usual spring break** beach trips, choosing instead to spend the week working on service projects around the country. Here's a look at three campus organizations sending students across state and national borders next week to volunteer their time.

By HANNAH SILLS

Senior news reporter

MANNA

This spring break, Manna will send about 160 students on spring break service trips to locations throughout Latin America, says senior Catherine Cocke, copresident of the organization. Participants work on different projects depending on their site, volunteering to teach English, working with children at orphanages and serving on conservation projects.

Asked what makes Manna unique as a spring break service experience, Cocke mentioned the trips' international focus in Latin American countries, the opportunity for friends to volunteer at the same sites, and the role of service at the center of each trip.

"We are very focused on the project, and we want people to care about what they are doing," Cocke said. "They are going on the trip to really serve and invest in a community."

About 12 participants led by two student site-leaders will volunteer at each location with students staying in housing ranging from local hostels to the nonprofit sites where they are volunteering.

"Site leaders are basically required to plan the whole trip," Cocke said. Manna's two vice presidents of global operations work throughout the year to make basic connections with sites, but beyond that, site leaders are entrusted with creating their trips. Their responsibilities include budgeting for the trip, arranging transportation, securing housing and coordinating

the service projects. They are also able to propose their own trip locations.

The benefits of leading a site are many, according to Cocke. "I think it's that you really get to create the trip that you want to go on, and it's so rewarding to be able to share something so important to you with your participants, and see them grow," Cocke said. "We are always looking for more site leaders. It's a great leadership opportunity and a good way to get involved on campus."

In addition to international spring break trips, Manna is also involved in local service efforts at six different locations in Nashville, focusing primarily on working with refugees and immigrants. Each spring break group also completes a local service project, according to Cocke.

Manna also offers Thanksgiving and summer service trips. For more information about Manna, visit their website.

ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

This year, ASB will send about 462 students on 39 service trips throughout the United States and to international sites in Jamaica, Nicaragua and Puerto Rico, says senior Sarah Corapi, public relations co-chair for ASB.

Alternative Spring Break is "a studentrun community service organization whose mission is to promote critical thinking, social action and continued community involvement by combining education, reflection and direct service on local, regional, national and international levels," according to its mission statement.



ASB Site leader Jake Brady, senior, speaks to a student at ASBBQ, an event aimed at recruiting students to join ASB.

ASB service projects encompass a wide range of activities, including volunteering with teen parents, serving at an animal sanctuary for abused horses and farm animals, working in conservation education and combating human trafficking. Ten to twelve students volunteer at each site, staying in local churches, on-site at their service locations or even camping outside.

According to Corapi, one thing that sets ASB apart is its "alternative" approach to service trips, meaning a strict no-drugs, no-alcohol policy is in effect at each site. She also noted the wide array of service opportunities available through ASB, as well as the "triangle"-education, service and reflection-that ASB strives to incorporate in every part of participants' experience.

"Our goal is to make people into active citizens, that this turns into a continued commitment to service and, hopefully, to the ASB community," Corapi explained.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

According to its website, the Vanderbilt chapter of Habitat for Humanity exists "to serve the community by building affordable housing, encouraging awareness and increasing volunteerism in an effort to end homelessness." Habitat is known nationally as an organization dedicated to building housing through volunteer work for people unable to afford a conventionally priced home.

About 40 students will travel with the Vanderbilt Habitat chapter this spring break to work on sites in Galveston, Texas, Atlantic Beach, Fla., Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Mobile, Ala., according to junior Caroline Cahill, spring break co-chair for Habitat. Between seven to twelve students will be located at each site, staying in local churches or community centers in the area.

Senior Una Nattermann, co-president of Habitat at Vanderbilt, explained that each of these sites is part of Habitat for Humanity's national Collegiate Challenge program,

which connects college students around the country with different build sites. Vanderbilt students will work at four of these sites over spring break, and they may be joined by Habitat volunteers from other colleges, Cahill said.

"The cool thing about Habitat is that you can directly affect the lives of people and you even get to directly meet them while you're building their house," Nattermann said.

"It's such a tangible thing," Cahill added. "With Habitat, especially on the spring break trips, you're seeing this house get built, and you see a change over the week that's very apparent, and you know that you did that."

Vanderbilt's Habitat chapter is active throughout the year, completing five to seven weekend builds each semester as well as volunteering with other projects like Dismas House and Room at the Inn. The organization also puts on annual fundraisers like the Commodore Trot 5K and the upcoming April bake sale.

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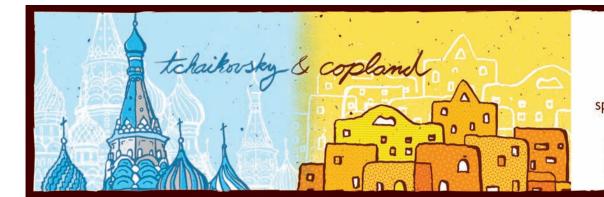


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