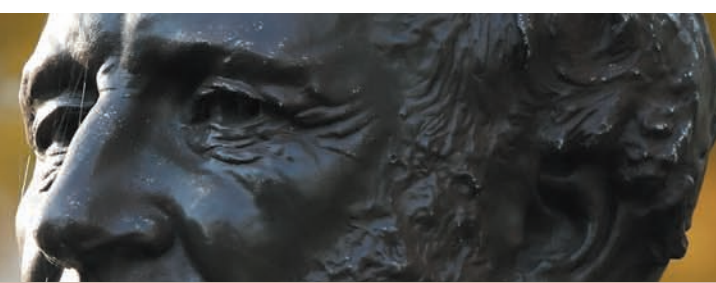


Have you voted for Young Alumni Trustee yet?

The Hustler editorial board **endorses a candidate** for the position. See **page 8** for a detailed account of who it is and why.



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NEED TO VENT?

You're not going to believe this, but people have a lot of **different opinions** about the Rites lineup. This year features some acts that **shake up the status quo**, others that have left students **shaking their heads . . .** and **Delta Spirit**, who was announced late Wednesday night, well after the initial wave of reactions.



RUSKO

COURTESY OF WINDISH AGENCY



NEEDTOBREATHE

COURTESY OF ATLANTIC RECORDS



MIGUEL

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COURTESY OF MIXED MANAGEMENT

By **PATRICK HECKETHORN**
Life reporter

Internet video memes, risky departures from the traditional lineup format and, of course, plenty of dissension ruled the day when the Vanderbilt Programming Board Music Group rolled out the 2013 Rites of Spring Music Festival lineup.

After a longer than usual delay and the all-too-usual swirling speculation about the top acts, the Music Group released the lineup in collaboration with WRVU and VTV on Tuesday. This year's Rites will be headlined by Rusko and NEEDTOBREATHE, as well as supporting acts Miguel, Baauser, Mat Kearney, Juvenile, Drew Holcomb and the Neighbors, The Apache Relay and Delta Spirit.

The lineup is unusual for Rites, which has been built mainly around indie rock and rap in years past. Instead, the Music Group decided to focus its attention on areas previously neglected, including electronic music.

The most obvious product of that effort is the addition of electronic dance artists Rusko and Baauser. Both are affiliated with bass music, an umbrella term that includes dubstep, which Rusko is best known for, and trap, a genre Baauser has helped gain widespread attention with his now ubiquitous "Harlem Shake." The YouTube-fueled meme gained global notoriety, inspiring thousands of unique renditions, including the video Music Group created to formally announce this year's lineup. Baauser and his label Mad Descent are facing a lawsuit

for unlicensed sampling; still, the track remains everywhere. Baauser will be playing the weekend before at Coachella, the wildly popular music festival in Indio, Calif.

"We're bringing electronic music for the first time, which students have been asking to be included for a while now," said Music Group co-chair Emma Rogers.

While many students expressed excitement over the two electronic acts, others found the selections a missed opportunity.

"I'm not that enthusiastic," said junior Peter Ingram. "I think the whole Harlem Shake obsession is silly."

"It was fun for a few days," said senior Sam French.

Others were more opportunistic about the rare chance to rave on their front lawn.

"Rusko headlining Rites and the arrival of my black light hula hoop are nothing more than the stars aligning," said junior Dylan Thomas.

Rusko was one of the progenitors of the "brostep" sound, a style of dubstep popular in the U.S. that includes less focus on sub-driven low-end bass and more attention to middle- and high-end synths, with heavy, aggressive drops reminiscent of dental equipment and video games that provide for chaotic live shows. While many resent the style, the U.K.-based producer has partly returned to his dub roots with recent releases such as the reggae- and

dancehall-influenced "Love No More" and "Mek More Green," from his album "Songs."

The group also responded to calls for more local acts to represent the prolific Nashville music scene with the signing of Matt Kearney, Drew Holcomb and the Neighbors, and The Apache Relay.

"The amount of local Nashville bands that we're bringing is great," Rogers said. "Rites has been criticized for being in Music City, but not catering to the Nashville community, so I'm excited that we're going to finally bring some local talent."

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EMMA ROGERS,
Vanderbilt Programming Board Music Group
co-chair

Apache Relay writes the kind of porch-stomping folk music that has carved out airtime on pop radio stations in the past couple of years. Following closely behind the sounds of The Avett Brothers, The Lumineers and Mumford and Sons, the band may be small, but its influence is huge right now, especially in Nashville.

Singer-songwriter-producer Miguel, winner of this year's Grammy for Best R&B Song for his dreamy, soulful "Adorn," and rapper Juvenile, best known for his 1998 platinum hit "Back That Azz Up" and his

2004 No. 1 single "Slow Motion," make up the R&B and rap presence in this year's lineup.

Miguel has proven popular with critics and public alike for his lush, flamboyant production style and clever lyric writing. Fans of Frank Ocean and The Weeknd who do not know his name should be pleasantly surprised by what they hear.

While some students seemed confused about the inclusion of Juvenile, who hasn't had a major hit in years, others looked forward to the throwback act.

"I'm most excited about Miguel and Juvenile," said junior Malina Halman. "I'm feeling very nostalgic and Miguel has become one of my favorites lately, so I'm super excited."

This year's festival is not without its impassioned detractors, who pin the lineup's weakness on a lack of big-name artists with a level of star power comparable to past headliners such as The Flaming Lips, Drake, T.I. and Ben Folds. Many felt the lineup had nothing for them.

"I'm pretty sure I've never been less excited for my once-favorite weekend of the year," said senior Stephanie Anderson. "I'm also pretty sure I may not spend the money on it this year."

"I've never heard of any of these people," said freshman Caroline Roberts.

A YouTube commenter by the username of heylookabed employed another video meme on Tuesday night to express his anger over the announcement in his annotated parody of a famous scene from the movie "Downfall." Titled "Hitler reacts to 2013 Rites of Spring lineup," the video in-

cludes lines such as, "Where the (expletive) is our tuition going? We have money to put chandeliers in tents and we can't even get Taylor Swift?" and "Now I have to blaze while listening to 'Washed by the Water!'" Within the comments, many viewers responded positively and sympathized, and the video spread rapidly around Facebook Tuesday night, with nearly 2,000 views as of press time.

The video addressed many of the criticisms levied against the lineup, including the inclusion of NEEDTOBREATHE, the target of negativity due to the group's limited relevance outside the Christian music scene. Additionally, neither NEEDTOBREATHE nor Kearney have released an album since 2011, and many seemed to be confused as to why NEEDTOBREATHE deserved a headlining spot.

Still, NEEDTOBREATHE should be popular with the local Nashville crowd; they played to a packed Ryman Auditorium in 2012 and toured with Taylor Swift in 2011. While lacking the overall star power once expected of a Rites headliner, the group's inclusion is a strong move to bring the Nashville community unit in support of the festival.

It is difficult to call this year's lineup anything but weak in the context of Rites past, and many are frustrated, but great acts have been picked that definitely deserve attention, many of them quickly rising on the national scene.

"We're always trying to get a very diverse lineup because we want to appeal to as many Vanderbilt students as possible," Rogers said.

VU Barnes & Noble healthy

Despite company-wide concerns after the February release of the fiscal 2013 third-quarter results, the Barnes & Noble at Vanderbilt bookstore is optimistic about the future.

While the revenues of the company's Retail segment decreased 10.3 percent, the College segment of Barnes & Noble, Inc. faced a decline in revenues of only 1.6 percent over the past year. Revenues from the digital NOOK segment fell 26 percent.

"Barnes & Noble College, a wholly owned subsidiary of NOOK Media LLC, benefits from the strength and buying power of NOOK Media and its parent," said Judith Buckingham, senior corporate marketing specialist for Barnes & Noble. "With a solid financial position, Barnes & Noble College is provided the opportunity to continue investments in the college industry and the digital space, which will position our growing number of campus partners effectively for the future."

Regardless of growing financial concerns of the company at large, Buckingham remains positive about the Barnes & Noble at Vanderbilt bookstore.

"Our first year of partnership with the university has exceeded our expectations and we look forward to more good things in the future," she said.

—Charlotte Gill, news staff reporter



We're No. 1 (again)

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Vanderbilt Peabody College of Education and Human Development was named the top graduate school of education in the country for the fifth consecutive year by U.S. News and World Report.

Peabody bested programs at Johns Hopkins University (No. 2) and Harvard University (No. 3) for the top spot, in addition to having its programs in administration/supervision and special education named No. 1 by education school deans.

"I am pleased that U.S. News has again recognized our excellence — for the fifth consecutive year — encompassing such areas as special education, school administration and education policy, educational psychology and elementary and secondary education," said Camilla Benbow, Patricia and Rodes Hart Dean of Education and Human Development at Peabody.

Vanderbilt Law School improved one position to tie with the University of Texas-Austin at No. 15 in the law school category, while the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine kept its No. 14 spot on the list of best research medical schools. Harvard was No. 1.

From a Vanderbilt University press release

JOE HOWELL / VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Dow Jones hits all-time high

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dow Jones industrial average notched its ninth gain in a row, giving the index its longest winning streak in more than sixteen years.

The index edged up 5.22 points, or 0.04 percent, to 14,455.28. The Dow has risen every day this month and is up 10.3 percent this year, having surpassed its previous all-time high of 14,164.53 on March 5.

Demand for stocks has been propelled this year by optimism that the housing market is recovering and that companies have started to hire. Strong company earnings and ongoing stimulus from the Federal Reserve are also helping make stocks more attractive.

The Dow's last nine-day winning streak was logged in May 1996. In November of the same year, in the early days of the technology boom, it gained for 10 straight days.

Stocks overcame an early loss Wednesday, having edged lower at the start of the trading day despite an unexpectedly strong increase in U.S. consumer spending last month.

Americans spent at the fastest pace in five months in February, boosting retail spending 1.1 percent compared with January's figures, the Department of Commerce reported Wednesday. Economists had forecast a rise of just 0.2 percent, according to data provider FactSet.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"For 48 hours, my face was synonymous with the rest of the homeless community. Children were shielded from me. My friendly smile was ignored. Sometimes all someone needs is a little kindness and acknowledgement."

MADISON DUFF, CLASS OF 2014



VANDERBITS

UPDATE: LAPTOP THIEF IN CUSTODY

By **TYLER BISHOP**
News editor



KEVIN BARNETT / THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER

Last month, The Hustler reported on the high number of laptop thefts appearing on the Vanderbilt University Police Department (VUPD) crime log. As a result of a criminal investigation conducted by VUPD, a man suspected of committing multiple computer thefts on the Vanderbilt campus was arrested last week.

Shaun Jesse Brooks, the suspect, later confessed to the crimes, clearing three theft incidents reported on the Vanderbilt campus.

Brooks has no affiliation with the university.

VETERANS 5K RUN

By **MEGAN O'LEARY**
News reporter



Vanderbilt Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps and ASBMA STAR Foundation are co-hosting the Run for Our Veterans 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, March 23, 2013. The race, which starts at 9 a.m. on The Martha Rivers Ingram Commons, is being held to raise money for the ASBMA STAR Foundation and the Tennessee Fisher House, both of which are dedicated to helping U.S. veterans and their families.

"This (race) is helping the people who have fought to defend our freedom," said freshman Shelby Ramirez. "We are trying to make this a national event hosted by ROTC units everywhere."

Andrea D. Lawrence, president of the Tennessee Fisher House Foundation, Inc., says that part of the proceeds of this race will go towards building another Fisher House in Murfreesboro, Tenn. on the grounds of Alvin C. York VA Medical Center, which will also serve the Nashville VA Medical Center. This center would offer free lodging for the families of the patients receiving care at these hospitals.

The construction of this next house is anticipated with high hopes, according to Lawrence, as many families are sleeping in lobbies, hallways and their cars because they cannot afford the high cost of commercial lodging.

Anyone is welcome to participate in the race being hosted at Vanderbilt. To participate, teams of 10 or more can register through the Office of the Dean of Students. Individuals may register through Active.com. In addition to the awards for fastest finishers by age group, there will be awards for the largest participating male, female and co-ed teams.

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DEBATE INSPIRES CANDIDATE INTERACTION



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Junior John Tucker Sigalos responds to a question during Wednesday's debate, seated next to fellow VSG presidential candidates Peter Hernandez (left) and Isaac Escamilla (right).

By **CHELSEA MIHELICH**
Senior news reporter

Aside from hard-hitting campus issues such as the all-comers policy, hazing in the Greek community and student drug abuse, the three candidates during last night's Vanderbilt Student Government (VSG) presidential debate attempted to draw attention to the shortcomings they saw in the others' platforms. Co-hosted by Vanderbilt Student Media and Vanderbilt Student Government, the debate showcased the three candidates before primary voting opened Thursday morning at 8 a.m.

As students filed in, supporters of each candidate huddled at the front of the crowd wearing campaign stickers advertising their endorsements.

Each of the candidates, juniors Isaac Escamilla, John Tucker Sigalos and Peter Hernandez, delivered opening statements to begin the event. Each discussed their current and past roles in VSG.

Escamilla is currently serving as an Arts and Science senator, Sigalos is serving as the chief of staff and Hernandez, before resigning in December, was

the director of first-year relations.

During the question and answer segment, Sam Boyette, a freshman endorsing Sigalos, questioned Hernandez about his ability to take on the role of student body president after being unable to complete his post as director of first-year relations. Hernandez said he resigned because of frustration with the top-down approach of VSG — not a time-management concern, as he had previously said.

The candidates each fielded a series of questions from moderator and Hustler Opinion Editor André Rouillard in front of the standing-room-only audience in the new Rand lounge space. The Hustler's editorial board, student leaders and each of the candidate's campaigns submitted the questions.

Many dealt with the role of VSG on campus but also covered topics such as the all-comers policy and the controversy surrounding hazing in Greek organizations.

All three candidates, when asked about their most important platform item, spoke about their plans to "empower" students and organizations on campus.

Escamilla said it is important that student orga-

ELECTION TIMELINE

Thursday, March 14 8 a.m. — Primary voting begins	Tuesday, March 19 8 a.m. — General election voting begins
Friday, March 15 12 p.m. — Primary voting ends 12:30 p.m. — Primary winners announced at Sarratt Promenade	Wednesday, March 20 12 p.m. — General election voting ends 12:30 p.m. — New president announced

nizations are more aware of the resources provided by VSG, specifically citing the need for a "revamped" AcFee process.

Sigalos spoke on the potential that VSG has to influence administrators, saying that he is most excited to push for an enforcement of the dead-week policy commonly ignored at the end of semesters.

Hernandez emphasized his goals to unite the student body through connections with administrators and having VSG act as a "linchpin" for students — something he said VSG currently fails to do.

Concerning the controversial topics of hazing and drug violations, the candidates discussed the involvement of VSG and the role it plays in resolving and preventing such violations.

Escamilla acknowledged that the idea of supporting an organization with such an infraction is difficult, but ultimately stated that it is unfair to include or exclude anyone because of a mistake made by a few individuals.

"At the end of the day we represent everybody," Escamilla said, "Not a specific segment of campus."

As a member of the IFC governing board, Sigalos discussed measures being taken to resolve issues of Greek hazing, stressing the importance of helping every community on campus. Sigalos also shot down Escamilla's platform item of applying the immunity rule to fraternities as impossible due to national fraternity standards and bylaws.

Hernandez pointed to a solution of uniting campus by connecting leaders with the right administrators, a theme he returned to throughout the night. In his closing argument, Hernandez downplayed Sigalos' platform for including bringing Lunchables and Fruit Roll-Ups to Munchie Marts.

To view the full debate, check out <http://vanderbilttelevision.com>.

Students go homeless



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Hustler news editor Tyler Bishop joined 11 other Vanderbilt students on Alternative Spring Break's service trip "Help!" during which students spent 48 hours living homeless on the streets of Washington, D.C. Bishop presents an account of the experience, which was aimed at gaining an understanding of the roots, nature and implications of living homeless in America's urban slums

By **TYLER BISHOP**
News editor

On a trip to Washington, D.C. last fall, I was walking down 7th Avenue alone when I heard a painful, blood-curdling scream.

"Help! Someone help! It's my dad's birthday and all I want is to call him! Please help!" the voice cried.

As the calls for help continued, I decided to follow the screams until I rounded a corner and saw that the voice was coming from a middle-aged woman lying against a bench. I hesitated, but finally decided to approach the woman, offer her the use of my cell phone and the remainder of my doggie-bag lunch from earlier in the afternoon. She received all of these gestures with intense gratitude — resulting in one of the longest, warmest hugs of my life. I said goodbye, walked away and flew back to Nashville later that day.

I had not thought about my encounter with the woman much again until a few weeks later, when as I was reading about Vanderbilt Alternative Spring Break (ASB) sites and came across a trip titled "Help!" during which students spend 48 hours as homeless people in Washington, D.C.

No amount of prior research could have prepared me for what I would encounter, struggle against and learn from the 48-hour "plunge," which is organized through the National Coalition for the Homeless (NCH). Regardless, however, I, along with 11 other Vanderbilt students, spent March 6-8 living on the streets of our nation's capital.

DAY ONE:

We emerged from the NCH office, black trash bags on our backs, on the morning of Wednesday, March 6 into Winter Storm Warning conditions — highs in the low 30s with snow, sleet and rain forecasted for the entire day.

Regardless of the conditions, all 12 of us, after being split into six teams of two, began the plunge. Each group was responsible for producing and maintaining an elaborate "cover story" of interactions with the community.

My partner for the first day, junior Madison Duff, and I began the plunge by panhandling in the snow on M Street. Using a sign that read, "Kicked out of house — Any help appreciated," we spent two hours asking people for any help. During that time on the street corner, despite being passed by hundreds of pedestrians and drivers, zero dollars were donated and no people spoke to us — other than to say "No, I'm sorry."

"The first few hours were really discouraging. I think that's when we began to realize how bad this issue really is," Duff said.

Because we were unable to collect any money for food by panhandling on the street, we walked

across the city to Union Station, hoping to find scraps in the food court to eat for lunch.

While I went to get a few samples from a Japanese restaurant in the food court, Madison managed to salvage a sandwich and a half from an elderly couple who had been unable to finish their food. We scarfed them down without hesitation. A man in a suit who had been watching the whole ordeal then approached our table to give us 20 dollars in case we would "need to get something for dinner later."

I was so shocked that all I could do was say "thank you" and stare dumbfounded at the man. After spending hours in the cold unsuccessfully attempting to raise any money, one act by a man whom we were most likely never to see again provided more than enough aid to last us the rest of the day.

After a being escorted out of the National Museum of Natural History for napping past closing time, Madison and I wandered the city until we found a well-lit, quiet area between two buildings where we could rest until 9 p.m., which was the designated time to meet with our homeless guide — a homeless person approved by the NCH to help participants find a safe place to sleep during the night.

The "Help!" group had three guides provided through the NCH program.

Each guide took four of us to separate places in the city to spend the night. Madison and I went with a guide named Andre and two other students from our site — seniors Alex Hall and Kevin Strong.

Andre led us to a dumpster in a parking garage where we sifted through garbage to find suitable sheets of cardboard on which we would sleep. Still damp from the earlier rain and snow and toting along our black trash bags, sleeping bags and cardboard, we made our way to the steps of a church in downtown Washington, where we would sleep for the night.

By the time we had set up our blankets, not even the hard ground or the cold temperatures were enough to keep us from drifting off to sleep fairly quickly. We fell asleep knowing that we had another full day on the streets ahead of us.

Six and a half hours later, a police officer woke us up and told us to move from the premises.

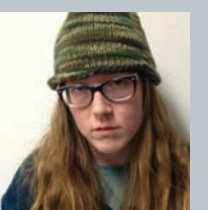
For an account of Day Two of the plunge and for more reflections from the participants of the "Help!" ASB site, check out InsideVandy.com

Editor's note: Stories and accounts of interesting service projects and other work completed over spring break can be submitted via email to news@insidevandy.com.

REFLECTIONS FROM PARTICIPANTS

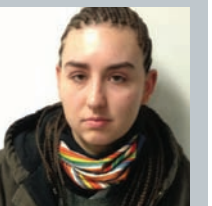
Molly Morley, senior (site leader):

The most heartwarming revelation of my homeless experience was the kindness and selflessness of the homeless community. While panhandling, my partner and I had a sign that read "19 and Homeless. Going to New York. Please Help." Within two minutes of us holding up the sign, we had three homeless men doing everything in their power to get us to New York.



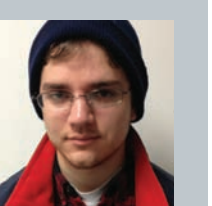
Madison Duff, junior:

I was casually brushing my teeth in the MLK Central Library when I heard someone yelling behind me. It took a few moments to realize the undecipherable nonsense in the discernable phrases, "You are trash! You are just using the system! Get a job!" was directed at me. For 48 hours, my face was synonymous with the rest of the homeless community. Children were shielded from me. My friendly smile was ignored. Sometimes all someone needs is a little kindness and acknowledgement. Learn to smile back.



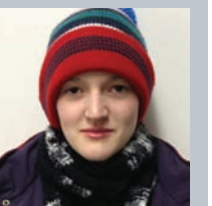
Brendan Burns, sophomore:

Many believe that if you're homeless, it's at least somewhat your own fault, and you can better your situation just by working harder to find employment. But homelessness poses a Catch-22. Lacking an address looks really bad on job applications. Without residence, you also can't obtain library cards or use public computers longer than 15 minutes. Meanwhile, your days are consumed through panhandling, keeping warm and finding food, all while society largely ignores you.



Claire Gamino, sophomore:

Before ASB, I had falsely assumed that most homeless people were drug abusers, alcoholics, lazy or uneducated. I was startled by the frigid truth that while those issues apply to some, they are by no means the only causes or even the majority. I talked to a college graduate who had been working for many years and when he lost his job, he had no support system to fall back on and ended up homeless. His story is not unique; there are so many others.



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Our student government should never be afraid to take a difficult stance. Instead, VSG has backed away from one crisis after another."

BENJAMIN RIES

TWITTER ROUNDUP

Tweets or it didn't happen. Check out what's happening this week on Twitter!

The 2013 Rites of Spring Lineup

Vandybubble – @VandyBubble:

Someone needs to get Rites of Spring kicked off campus.

Fletcher Young – @fletchyoung:

The most exciting part of the Rites lineup was Googling all the artists to find out who they are.

Gararrd – @gararrd:

4 years at Vandy and I haven't made it to a Rites of Spring yet...but finally gonna go for @ruskooofficial & @baauer thank ya @ritesatvandy <3

Kara – @kbol13:

But, seriously, guys. Why is everyone so annoyed? We get to listen to Juvenile sing "Back Dat Azz Up" LIVE AND IN PERSON!!!!!! #rites

Christopher Cloar – @ChrisCloar:

OHHHHH I LIKE IT LIKE THAT SHE WORKIN THAT BACK DON'T KNOW HOW TO ACT. SLOW MOTION FOR ME. #rites

David Ross – @MoreKeyzPlease:

Ohhh man, Baauer is gonna be at Rites of Spring. I may go just to see all of Vandy do the Harlem Shake. And participate, of course...

Chelsea Stroup – @cdmstroup:

Definitely going to Rites of Spring at Vandy this year. #alum #amitooldforthis

KingCole – @DeeBo_Cole7:

Whoever made that Hitler reaction to Rites of Spring video struck comedy gold. Had me in tears..but sadly it was so true

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Lead editorial: Our endorsement

The Vanderbilt Hustler endorses David Head for the position of Young Alumni Trustee

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Each year, several members of the graduating senior class are nominated for the position of Young Alumni Trustee, a title that grants with it a voting seat on Vanderbilt's Board of Trust, based on a rigorous selection process. Out of this pool of nominees, three finalists are announced and then voted upon by the student body.

While the buzz surrounding the upcoming VSG presidential election is hard to escape, with posters, flyers and platforms all around campus, we believe that this week's Young Alumni Trustee election is an equally important decision for the student body to make. Each Young Alumni Trustee is expected to represent the current interests and concerns of Vanderbilt's students in the university's highest governing body, a group which makes important decisions affecting Vanderbilt's long-term direction five and 10 years down the road.

On Wednesday, this year's three finalists — Aladine Elsamadicy, David Head and Nick Hall — met with The Vanderbilt Hustler editorial board to discuss their qualifications for the position, their primary goals should they be elected and their stances on the issues currently facing the university. All three candidates were open and candid with their responses, and we thank them for their time and their clearly evident deep-seated commitment to Vanderbilt and its students. After a period of deliberation following our interviews, The Hustler editorial board has decided to endorse David Head

for the position of this year's Young Alumni Trustee.

Head brings to the table a range of experiences, including his planning and budgeting expertise as president of Vanderbilt Programming Board; his skill as a leader in Vanderbilt Student Government as chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee; his drive for outreach as a VUceptor; and his knowledge of academic affairs as a member of the Committee of Undergraduate Studies. While all three candidates impressed the board with the diversity and impact of their qualifications, Head's intimate knowledge of many aspects of the student experience at Vanderbilt, his explicit desire to more deeply connect students with the workings of the Board and his vision of Vanderbilt's mission make us confident that he will best represent what Vanderbilt's students are (and should be) in the Board of Trust room after graduation.

The Vanderbilt Hustler editorial board wishes all three of the candidates the best of luck in this week's Young Alumni Trustee election. It is now the student body's responsibility to select their Young Alumni Trustee and, in the process, make its voice heard about what interests it wishes to see represented at the highest level of the university's decision-making process.

— The Vanderbilt Hustler Editorial Board

Whistlin' Dixie

Southern states pout over civil rights legislation



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With less than one month left before the presidential election last fall, U.S. District Courts began to confirm what many already knew: strict voter identification laws could not be implemented fairly across all races and ages. While some reasonable reforms to voting procedures were allowed, the Justice Department did not allow Texas and South Carolina to require voters that bring new driver's licenses to the polls for voting. The legislation was designed to prevent the elderly as well as African American and Latino voters from voting, as they are significantly less likely to have new driver's licenses — ones that have been renewed within the past five years.

In my home state of South Carolina, the law passed by our legislature would have prevented between 100,000 and 300,000 votes from being cast. That number would have certainly included my great grandmother and two of my neighbors who are physically unable to drive or wait in a line in the DMV. The law was an affront to their right to vote, which they consistently use, and I was incredibly happy to see the legislation waylaid in court. Of course, no one likes to be bossed around, and Southern states are now claiming that they can place any restrictions on voting that they please, without the input of the federal government and attorney general.

Frankly, that premise is as untrue as ever. Without a federal presence, civil rights and voting rights would have never been enacted, and without a federal presence, voting rights could experience incredible setbacks like the ones that almost occurred in South Carolina and Texas. Now, an attorney from Shelby County, Ala., is suing Attorney General Eric Holder, claiming that the portion of the Voting Rights Act that specifically governs Southern states is prejudicial and singles them out as

uniquely racist. Sadly, his case is considered to have merit, and it is currently being tried in the Supreme Court.

First of all, there's a reason that most Southern states need permission from the Justice Department to alter their voting laws: They did not do a good job of handling them on their own. Recent actions like Voter ID laws and reduced voting hours should signal that they are still not ready. But even ignoring the blemishes on the South's past and present voting rights infringements, the arguments expected to be used against the Voting Rights Act by Shelby County are wildly off-base. The lawyer bringing this case forward claims that the law unfairly targets the South. I say that this targeting is not at all unreasonable, but either way, it is not specific to the South.

Any state with a 10-year record of not passing any prejudicial laws is removed from the Justice Department's list of states that it can govern. That should be the end of it right there; maybe Alabama should just refrain from passing a racially biased law for a few years. Even without that, the Justice Department's list of bodies needing its clearance is not limited to the South. Counties in California, New York and Michigan as well as the entire state of Alaska are included. This is not about targeting a geographic region; it is about protecting people's right to vote.

The notion of nixing the largest section of the Voting Rights Act makes everyone's ears prick up. It should. Voting rights legislation was a keystone of the civil rights movement, and the idea that it could be redacted is a little scary. Beyond the abstract, I do not want my great grandmother to have to sue for her voting rights — they should be there every election.

— Skyler Hutto

A break from the past

Isaac and Lucie's debate performance represents a willingness to take a stand



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A June 2011 report by policy think tank Oakland Institute revealed Vanderbilt University as one of the major investors in EMVest (formerly Emergent Asset Management), an agricultural corporation accused of engaging in the exploitive practice of "land grabbing" in five African countries. The report drew from firsthand research and interviews with those affected by EMVest, and its accusations were serious and large in scale.

A group of Vanderbilt students mobilized to demand a response to the accusations from our administration. After months of pressure, a meeting was finally granted, only for administrators to tell the protestors that it was not "appropriate" for students to be concerned with investments. Numerous events and rallies followed, including a sit-in in Kirkland Hall that I helped plan and a symposium that featured the Executive Director of the Oakland Institute Anuradha Mittal and Chair of Ben & Jerry's Corporate Board Jeff Furman. Although I always opposed the "Tent City" movement as an unjustified and alienating strategy, the hard work that went into this campaign cannot be denied.

Recently, an anonymous source in the Vanderbilt administration revealed that the university had terminated its contact with EMVest and withdrawn all invested funds. Although unsung on campus, this historic victory has been covered in "The Nation" and is the first full divestment made by Vanderbilt in response to student pressure. This story of successful student activism shines in contrast to the consistently disappointing behavior of our student government.

At last year's VSG Presidential Debate, Maryclaire Manard and her main opponent, McArthur Gill, balked at a question about the "all-comers" policy and the "land grabs" accusations, refusing to take clear stances on either issue — an attitude that carried over into the Manard-Cherry administration.

None of this is surprising, and neither is the inaction on controversial issues that has long characterized our uniquely docile and timid student government. In 2010, to the great frustration of many students, the VSG Senate refused to vote for or against a resolution endorsing the DREAM Act, instead tabling it indefinitely. I do not mean to be unfairly critical. Our last three student body presidents all supported voting on the resolution. Generally, VSG does a truly commendable job at carrying out many difficult (and often thankless) tasks. Its members work hard and with integrity.

The problem is that a mantra of "avoid controversy" and "stick to the small stuff" reigns. No doubt this relates to the hierarchical mentality of its members who tend to draw disproportionately from the voting-bloc-empowered Greek system, which itself tends to draw disproportionately from the more economically and socially privileged members of the student body. Another influence is likely an acceptance of authority that has characterized many of this generation's top students, as chronicled in David Brooks' article "The Organization Kid" in The Atlantic over a decade ago.

Our student government should never be afraid to take a dif-

ficult stance. Instead, VSG has backed away from one crisis after another.

After viewing last night's VSG Presidential Debate, I believe that John Tucker Sigalos and Peter Hernandez (and their respective vice presidents Jessica Brunelle and Kristen Mosley) will continue with the effective leadership of Manard and Cherry. They are bright people with good ideas, especially Hernandez's goal of bringing more leaders into the decision-making process. But they do not intend to work to reshape a system where the status quo is unacceptable. This month at Duke University, a similar student government debate was cancelled after fewer than 10 students attended, a sign of what may occur here if this complacency continues.

The debate made clear that Isaac Escamilla and Lucie Calderon offer a way to avoid this fate, and I strongly endorse their ticket. I do not mean to portray them as "radicals" of any sort, but based on their performance in the debate, I think they are the only candidates capable of pushing VSG into a more active direction that is able to mobilize in response to student pressure. VSG needs leaders who can take difficult stances and stand up to outside pressure, and at the debate Escamilla confirmed that he is capable of doing both.

Their qualifications in terms of experience measure up to those of the other candidates. The real differences were revealed in their effort already to reach out to student leaders and in the debate. Escamilla opened by pointing out that "right now, there's this perception that people don't know what VSG actually does," making a change in the campus' perception of VSG a central priority. Escamilla emphasized that he is willing to facilitate discussion and take a stance on controversial issues, saying, "At the end of the day, sometimes we may disagree with the administration."

Escamilla and Calderon will also be the best representatives from the community that VSG has traditionally most resembled. At the debate, Escamilla repeated his intentions to look into alternatives to the alcohol policy at Greek parties that has led to an emphasis on pre-gaming and an increase in alcohol-related hospitalizations, citing his own experiences as an RA on The Commons. I believe that his ticket alone has the willpower to push back against administrators on this issue and on others if called to do so.

If you have never cared about VSG before, I urge you to start caring now, as for the first time in my four years at Vanderbilt, I am genuinely excited about a set of candidates. Escamilla's proposal to have VSG fund summer and spring break service trips and unpaid internships for those who cannot afford them represents a promising way for VSG to overcome its consistent isolation from many students. Escamilla and Calderon are the best chance we have to move towards a student government that challenges the status quo, refuses to retreat from potential controversy and reaches out to our increasingly diverse student body.

— Benjamin Ries

Editor's Note: Mr. Ries' column does not represent the opinions of The Hustler editorial board or staff. See Monday's issue for our official endorsement of a presidential candidate.

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Life



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PLAN YOUR WEEKEND

By **KELLY HALOM**
Life editor

IN THEATERS

'The Incredible Burt Wonderstone'

Opens Friday, March 15

With stars Steve Carell, Jim Carrey and Steve Buscemi, "The Incredible Burt Wonderstone" might hit comedy gold. When a street magician's stunt makes their show look bad, celebrity magicians Burt Wonderstone and Anton Marvelton try to salvage their act by pulling a daring stunt of their own. "The Incredible Burt Wonderstone" shares the same writing team as Warner Bros.' hit 2011 comedy "Horrible Bosses," and there is hope that this project will have the same success.

'The Call'

Opens Friday, March 15

When 911 operator Jordan Tucker gets a call from a girl who has just been abducted, she realizes she may have to confront a serial killer from her past to save the girl's life. "The Call" stars Halle Berry in a wig and Abigail Breslin as the screaming abductee.

IN CONCERT

Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds

Ryman Auditorium

Saturday, March 16

Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds will perform this Saturday at the Ryman Auditorium. Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds formed in the early '80s in the alternative rock scene of the U.K. Their fifteenth album "Push the Sky Away" was recently released in February and was well received by critics. Singer-songwriter Sharon Van Etten will open. The concert starts at 8 p.m.

Exile

Franklin Theatre

Saturday, March 16

Classic country music rock band Exile returns from a sabbatical to perform a mix of new music and old favorites at Franklin Theatre this Saturday. The opener is Emma King and the Heartsets, a pop rock band from the U.K. who relocated to Nashville. Doors open at 7 p.m. The concert starts at 8 p.m.

ON CAMPUS

VSG Presents: 'Les Miserables'

Sarratt Cinema

Friday, March 15

Vanderbilt Student Government's movie of the month is the Academy Award and Golden Globe Award-winning film "Les Miserables," showing this Friday, a week before its Blu-ray and DVD release. Free popcorn, candy and drinks will be served at the event. Showings are at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. in Sarratt Cinema.

Vandy Karma presents Shivaratri Slumber Party

OACS Lounge

Friday, March 15

Vandy Karma will host their second annual Shivaratri Slumber Party in time for Multicultural Awareness Month. The Slumber Party is an all-night vigil in honor of Lord Shiva, the god of transformation. Activities will include prayer and other traditional Hindu spiritual exercises as well as food, movies and games like Taboo, Apples to Apples and more. Vandy Karma is an organization that aims to provide for the spiritual needs of Hindu students on campus and to increase understanding of Hinduism amongst the Vanderbilt community. The Slumber Party will be in the OACS Lounge from 9 p.m. to 8 a.m.

Ping-Pong Badminton Tournament

Student Rec Center

Saturday, Mar. 16

The Vanderbilt Undergraduate Chinese Association will host a Ping-Pong and Badminton Tournament this Saturday in the Student Rec Center. The tournament is hosted in honor of Multicultural Awareness Month to highlight the cultural diversity at Vanderbilt. The tournament will be held in the afternoon.

BhangraDores' Dance Clinic

Branscomb Recreation Room

Saturday, Mar. 16

Vanderbilt's premier South Asian dance team BhangraDores will host a dance clinic this Saturday. BhangraDores will be teaching students Bhangra — an Indian hip hop dance style. No prior experience is necessary. The clinic will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Samosas and mango lassi will be served after the clinic by Woodlands Vegetarian Indian Cuisine.

OFF CAMPUS

Cabaret

TPAC's Johnson Theatre

Thursday, March 14 to Saturday, March 16

This weekend, the TPAC will host nightly performances of the iconic, Tony Award-winning musical "Cabaret." Set in 1931 Berlin, the musical focuses on the nightlife at the Kit Kat Klub and revolves around one of the Klub's cabaret performers, Sally Bowles, and her relationship with an American writer. The seedy, sultry world inside the Kit Kat Klub is set against the outside rising Nazi influence in Germany. The musical, which has spawned countless revivals and even a film production, continues to entertain audiences since its original Broadway production in 1967. "Cabaret" is one of those can't-miss theatrical experiences. Get your tickets at <http://tpac.org>.

Hitler reacts to 2013 Rites of Spring lineup

On Tuesday night, YouTube user heylookabed posted "Hitler's reaction to the 2013 Rites of Spring lineup," following up on a popular YouTube meme by putting new English subtitles over a famous scene from the 2004 foreign film "Downfall." The video laments the funds that could have gone toward a better lineup, as Hitler bemoans projects from the Commons Odyssey to James Franklin's new contract. With over 1900 views and over 100 likes so far, the video has resonated with many Vanderbilt students.



Spring break service

While some were glad to get away from midterms and relax this past week, many students decided to carry on the Vandy tradition of dedicating their spring breaks to service. Hundreds of students gave back to communities through projects like those below across the country and the globe.

By **RENEE ZHU**
Life reporter

Global Brigades

Global Medical Brigades paired up with Global Public Health Brigades this spring break to head down to Nicaragua, working together for the first time. After months of preparation, students collected enough medication to fill 32 suitcases for the trip along with two donated AED machines to be transferred to the Nicaraguan Brigade's headquarters. Thirty-seven students and three doctors spent the first three days setting up and working a free clinic that served two neighboring communities.

"Essentially what we did was consultation involving the free doctors we had brought from the U.S. as well as two Nicaraguan doctors," said Megan Lynch, vice president of fundraising. Vanderbilt students educated local children on the importance of dental hygiene and staying healthy in addition to educating locals on common diseases and how to deal with them. As the second brigade to ever travel to Nicaragua, students made sure to use each second there, spending their nights sorting medication into dosage amounts for the locals who would receive them.

The last three days of the trip involved the construction of sanitation stations with running water, showers and latrines for the locals to use. Students were involved in every process, from concrete pouring to pipe lining.

"It was amazing to see the impact of these sanitation stations that seemed to provide such basic measures," said Annie Daorai, vice president of public relations. "It changes their lives for the better and allows for a healthier and sustainable future."

At the end, the service trip allowed for 718 patients to be seen and reaffirmed many of the students' interest in medicine.

"It can be hard to see what the final goal is when you think about all the years ahead involving med school. But these doctors showed us what they could do, and we saw lives being saved even with just the small things," Lynch said. "It really proved that in the end, all the schooling and preparation is worth it."

Alpha Epsilon Delta (AED)

This year, Vanderbilt's Alpha Epsilon Delta premedical honor society traveled to Honduras to provide basic health needs and health education to local impoverished communities. They partnered with the Central American Relief Effort organization to set up three different makeshift clinics within the local schools, providing every patient with consultation and with two articles of



PROVIDED BY AARON HAYNES
Vanderbilt Global Medical Brigades went to Nicaragua to set up free clinics for the community.



PROVIDED BY KATIE THYEN
Students from Manna worked in Chawuijya, Guatemala, creating a garden to help develop the community.



PROVIDED BY DAVID JOHNSON
Alpha Epsilon Delta, Vanderbilt's pre-med society, traveled to Honduras to provide basic health needs to the population.

clothing. "Our trip was aimed around children so that they could get their families involved as well," said sophomore Ama Winland, an AED participant. "We had a doctor who was able to provide medication free of charge for those who needed it, an eye doctor and also a dentist present with us." The 24 pre-med students helped run the clinic through a multitude of tasks such as taking blood pressure and filling prescriptions. Eventually a total of 2,698 of patients were seen. Patients obtained basic medications such as antibiotics, ibuprofen and even reading glasses. Students also got to shadow at the local hospitals.

"The work we did was sort of our sneak peek into things to come. When we toured hospitals we got to see procedures we probably wouldn't be able to in the United States," said David Johnson, one of the spring break trip coordinators.

"One of the patients at the clinic came up to me, and she just kept thanking us for what we were doing, and it made me realize that this is what I want to do and that I want to do more and get more involved," Winland said.

Alternative Spring Break (ASB)

Vanderbilt's Alternative Spring Break continued to do big things this year by sending over 460 students to 37 different sites across the country and to two international sites in Nicaragua and Jamaica. After much preparation and many weekly meetings, students tackled a variety of issues including alcohol and drug abuse, child education, environmental preservation and homelessness.

Although each site faced different situations and challenges, each aimed to immerse students in their communities to be educated through their experiences.

"For our service, we did work at a high school, did tutoring and spent time with students there. We shadowed at a hospital that was a community-owned health center," said Lauren Rouse, leader of a site in the Appalachian Mountains. "But what was really eye-opening was to see the lack of infrastructure and resources available to this population of people, especially since they are somewhat isolated and they don't have the economic means to get these resources."

Each ASB site worked to uphold the three stated legs of the organization — education, service and reflection.

"Reflection is especially important. It codifies the experience," said Trevor Geller, co-chair of ASB. "Participants get the opportunity to talk to other people on the site about their experiences and discuss what they can do to take it to the next level in the future when it comes to confronting the issues many communities face."

All ASB members also took part in another

crucial team-bonding part of the experience called Life Maps.

"To give Life Maps is to give a summary of your life in any way that you feel reflects your identity and usually occurs every day after dinner or after service," Rouse said. "It's a way to bond with your group over the experience of ASB."

Many students' takeaways from the week proved why ASB remains an extremely popular way to spend break.

"ASB is a great way to introduce people to service and introduce them to issues they may have never encountered before," Geller said. "The personal relationships you form on-site and the service through relationship building all contribute to promoting our goal of better serving those in need."

Manna Project International

Manna Project International continued its dedication of "communities serving communities" by sending over 160 participants to eight different Latin American countries this spring break.

One particular site was spent in the Mayan town of Chaquijya in Guatemala, where students contributed to the development of a Latin American community.

The first two days, students helped create a community garden for the locals.

"Those first two days were a challenge for some group members simply because building the community garden involved a lot of physical labor," said Katie Thyen, one of this year's site leaders. "Language barriers were also a factor, as not everyone spoke fluent Spanish, and many of the adults in Chaquijya spoke an indigenous Mayan language. But we were all struck by the amount of joy that the locals had and also really impressed at how focused they were on working together and helping to better their community for the other members."

Students also spent their time interacting with the young children of the town. Through a combination of teaching and playing, Manna participants interacted with kids at the local school to educate them on nutrition and healthy lifestyles.

The Vanderbilt students participated in home-stay lunches and got to know the people in the community better, seeing what their lifestyles were like at home.

"We enjoyed a lunch with a native family and were able to see their homes and interact with them in a comfortable environment, which was an incredible and eye-opening experience," Thyen said.

After a week of hard work, students had a chance to explore the natural beauty of the country and left the trip with a sense of rejuvenated dedication to service.

FROM VANDERBILT TO HOGWARTS

By **CIERRA LOCKETT**
Life reporter

This spring break, 23 students received their letters of invitation to attend Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry — with the requirement that they enroll in the one-week psychology course Harry Potter: Child Development and Children's Literature in Oxford, England.

"The course is a version of one I've been teaching for about five years as a first-year writing seminar in psychology," said Georgene Troseth, associate professor of psychology, who helped lead the course. "The basic theme is Harry Potter as a resilient child who rises from a difficult, abusive childhood with the help of mentors, friends and his own spunky personality. We discuss topics in developmental psychology such as temperament, parenting, real orphans, children's responses to grief, psychopathology and self-fulfilling prophecies."

The class transcended the classroom and texts of psychological research, however, into the exploration of film and childhood literature at several places throughout Oxford. The other instructor for the course, Associate Professor of Education Ann Neely, broadened the scope of the class to include the books that influenced J.K. Rowling, including Roald Dahl's "Matilda" and C.S. Lewis' "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe." In studying these works, the class visited Leavesden Studios, where the "Harry Potter" movie sets reside; the Roald Dahl Museum and London's famed West End, where students watched "Matilda the Musical."

"The goal of including travel to the U.K. was to explore the culture in which the novels were written," Troseth said. "We had a class discussion in the pub where C.S. Lewis and Tolkien

used to hang out and visited the college in which the father of the original Alice (of Lewis Carroll's 'Alice in Wonderland') used to teach."

"It is a lot of analysis in such a short amount of time, but the content is completely relevant. There is no busy work, and what you learn in this class will inspire you in other areas of your life," said senior Kyndall Clark, one of the students on the trip. "This class has really shaped the way I view children's literature. Children's books are not just stories written on colorful pages. Students learn from and internalize them. Through children's books, kids find ways to navigate through and relate with the world as they know it."

"Another topic that students seem to benefit from involves becoming aware of erroneous thinking patterns that can lead to depression, which is likened to 'overcoming the real Dark Arts' by the author of the assigned reading," Troseth said.

Troseth intends to host the program again over spring break in 2014. "This course is similar to a Maymester, except very concentrated into a short period of time. One thing that made the program extraordinary was how the class bonded during our first long weekend of class and this week of travel together," Troseth said brightly. "I'd recommend the course for students who are interested in child development, in getting a new perspective on the character of Harry Potter and in British children's literature in general."

Clark agrees with Troseth's recommendation, adding that future teachers and child development specialists would be enlightened by the coursework and experience. "This is definitely applicable to me and my future career path because I am doing Teach For America this fall. By being in this class, I have learned that I need



PROVIDED BY GEORGENE TROSETH
Students participated in many fun activities in Oxford, England to explore the world of "Harry Potter." Their class, Harry Potter: Child Development and Children's Literature, provides insight into how children are affected by children's literature.

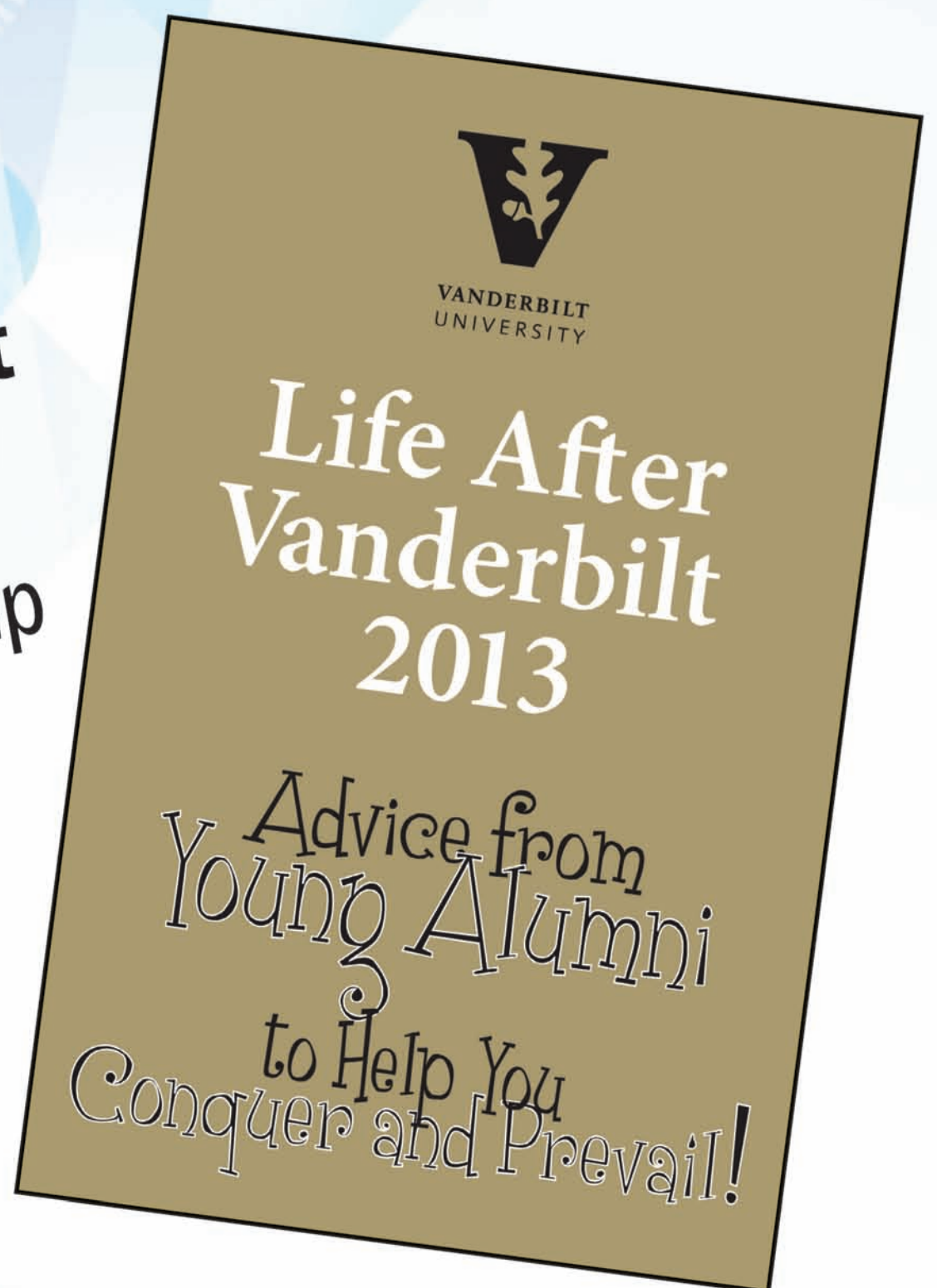
to make the books my students read relevant to their lives," Clark said. "Focusing specifically on multi-cultural education, I have learned that I can find ways to make these British stories relevant and interesting to inner-city youth."

For pictures and blurbs on Vanderbilt's "Harry Potter" trip, visit the group's blog at <http://vandygoespotter.blogspot.com>.

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Final score posted by Vanderbilt sophomore golfer Hunter Stewart in his first individual collegiate victory at the Samford Intercollegiate on March 5. Check out a full interview with Stewart at InsideVandy.com/sports.

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MINUTE DRILL

FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

First spring press conference

Friday afternoon marks the start of Vanderbilt head coach James Franklin's third year of spring football in Nashville. Looking to build on a 9-4 season in 2012 and his best recruiting class yet, Franklin spoke on the current state of the program, position battles, position changes and his stances on practice and motivation.

On his third go-around with spring football:
"For the first time this spring and really for fall camp, everybody in the program understands the expectations. How we do things, how practices are run, how we meet, how we conduct ourselves on and off the field. I'm really excited about the freshmen that have come in and the freshmen that are coming in the summer because for the first time, I feel comfortable enough to tell those guys that they can look at the veterans and model their behaviors after the veterans."

On the organization of his depth charts:
"Any depth charts that you see will be depth charts based on seniority, not by any previous experience or production. We really, really try to stress the competitive aspects, as you guys know, in every part of our program."

On the practice atmosphere:
"Right now this isn't really Vanderbilt. This really has nothing to do with Mississippi and it's really not Vanderbilt as a team. This is really the offense and the defense competing fiercely against each other."

On depth and player development:
"Last year, if you guys remember, we had seven offensive linemen for spring ball. This year we have — I think — 15 and have a two-deep that we feel really, really good about. And where that affects you — we talked about this last year as well — was we had a hard time developing the No. 2 quarterback last year because we didn't have a full No. 2 offensive line to protect him ... That's what I don't think people understand a lot of times in depth. It's not just problems at that position but a lot of times that can affect the development of other positions. It can affect what (defensive coordinator) Bob Shoop and (offensive coordinator) John Donovan are calling."

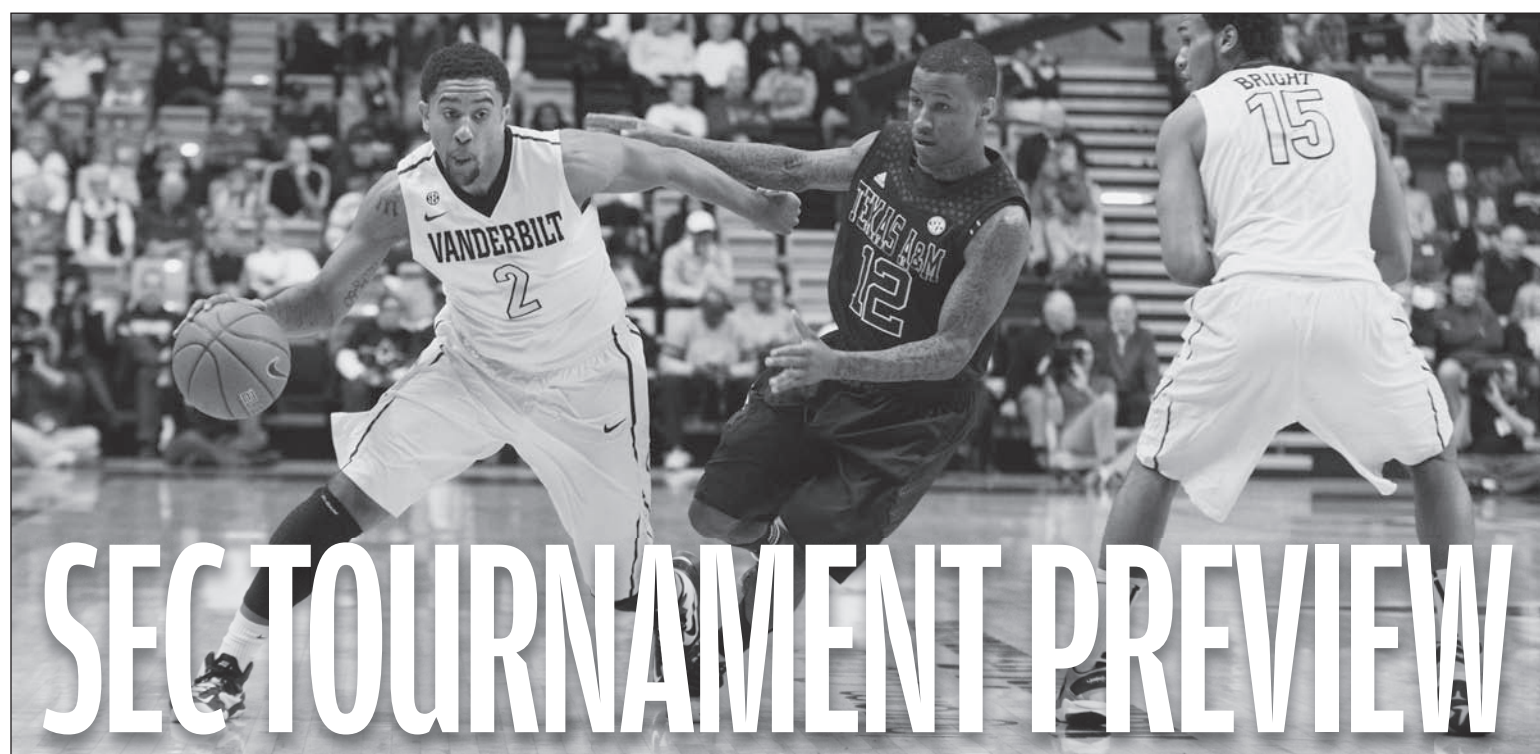
On Josh Grady moving back from wide receiver to quarterback:
"Part of the discussion with him (Grady) the year before was (that) he wanted to play quarterback but he was too good of an athlete and too much of a winner for us not to have him on the field ... He wanted the opportunity to move back to the quarterback position and compete from that position. And from an intelligence standpoint and from a mentality standpoint, he's a winner. It wouldn't surprise me what he could do there."

On the quarterback battle now that Jordan Rodgers is graduating:
"I think it's going to be interesting battle, I really do. I think Austyn Carta-Samuels obviously has the edge because he's played in a game here, he started in a game here and he's been a starter in major college football. Anybody can get on YouTube and watch and watch him play against Texas and watch him play against Boise, so he's done it before, and experience counts, especially at that position. Patton Robinette is a winner in every sense of the word, tremendous work ethic, tremendous attitude, toughness, intelligence — the whole package, so he's going to give Austyn everything he's got. He (Robinette) really is, so it's going to be interesting."

On the return on Javon Marshall and Kenny Ladler as the team's starting safeties:
"We feel really good about Javon and Kenny. Not only their physical ability to make plays, but their experience and their knowledge and those types of things. And I think those guys can make even more plays in terms of interceptions and tackles for loss and fumbles and all those types of things. What we have to do is we have to make sure we have players behind them, and we haven't signed a bunch of safeties."

On the return of sophomore running back Jerron Seymour:
"I think getting Jerron Seymour back, who is probably the one guy we have on our team that when he touches the ball, everybody on our field watches and is excited because he's got unbelievable change of direction, stick his foot in the ground."

On his motivational techniques:
"I'm a psycho. I'm a psycho when it comes to my family, I'm a psycho when it comes to this career, this lifestyle that we have and this job and what we're doing here at Vanderbilt. I'm a psycho about these kids being successful not just on the field, but in life and I've said to the players before my greatest strength is my drive and my passion, my greatest weakness is my drive and my passion."



Long road to repeating begins with Razorbacks

The 10th-seeded Commodores open their SEC tournament run on Thursday against No. 7 seed Arkansas, with whom they split their regular-season series

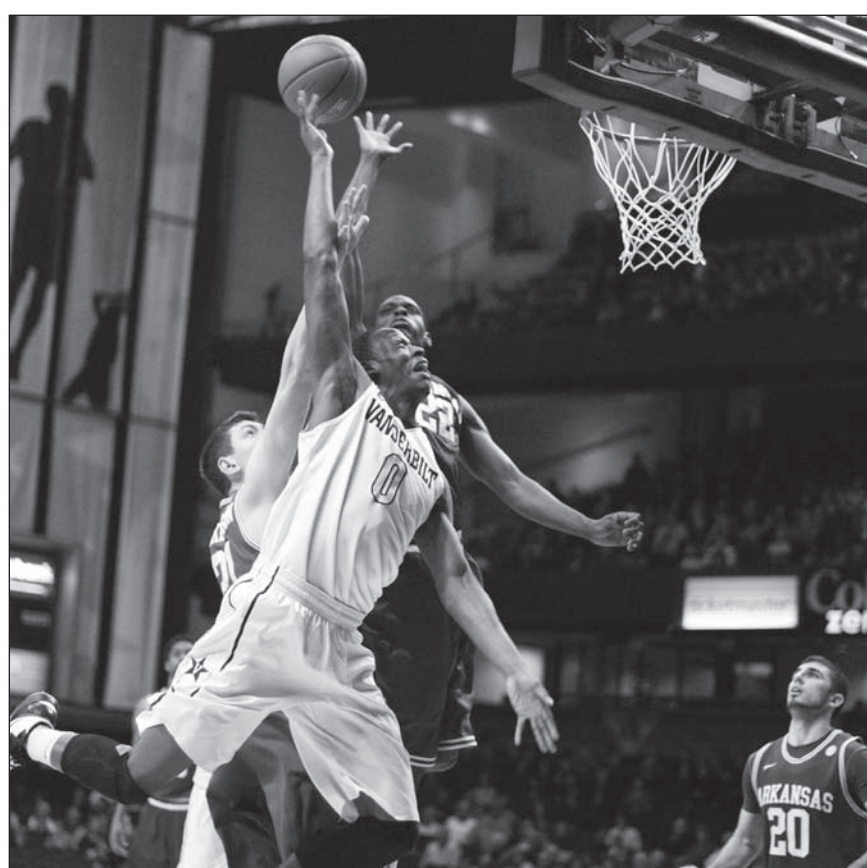
By JUSTIN BOBO
 Sports reporter

On Thursday, the Commodores will take on the Arkansas Razorbacks in the second round of the SEC Tournament at Bridgestone Arena. Vanderbilt, the No. 10 seed in the tournament, split their season series with the Razorbacks, with each team winning on its home floor. On Jan. 12, Arkansas defeated Vanderbilt 56-33, but the Commodores bounced back and defeated the Razorbacks handily in a 67-49 win on Feb. 9 in Nashville.

During the 2012-13 campaign, it has been a tale of two teams for the Razorbacks, who finished the season 18-3 at home but a staggering 1-9 on the road. While Arkansas' road woes provide encouragement for the Commodores, expect a determined Razorbacks team that is still trying to make its case for an NCAA tournament bid.

Arkansas is led by talented sophomore guard BJ Young and junior forward Marshawn Powell. Young, who leads the team in scoring at 15.1 points per game, was a nonfactor in the second meeting between the two teams, accounting for a meager seven points on 2-6 shooting from the field. In the first meeting, Young tallied 14 points in a blowout victory for the Razorbacks. Thus, one of the keys for Vanderbilt will be containing Young and forcing him to take difficult shots. Similarly, Powell had an outstanding performance during the January matchup in Fayetteville. Powell scored 17 points on an efficient 8-of-9 shooting from the field to go along with six rebounds, six steals and two blocks. Like Young, however, he struggled during the second meeting in Nashville, getting into foul trouble early and finishing the game with five points.

Historically, Arkansas has never lost to Vanderbilt in the SEC tournament, emerging victorious in the three meetings played in 1995, 2007 and 2008. However, given Vanderbilt's late resurgence and Arkansas' road struggles, this will be a prime opportunity for the Commodores to buck the trend and defeat the Razorbacks in the tournament. To do so, Vanderbilt will need a significant scoring contribution from players other than Kedren Johnson, who leads the team in scoring with 13.6 points per game. When the Commodores downed the Razorbacks in February, the team shot 50 percent from the field, and Rod Odom, Sheldon Jeter and Josh Henderson all scored in double figures to lead the charge. To overcome a feisty Razorback team, a similar offensive performance will be necessary if the Commodores are to advance to the third round of the tournament.



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 Junior Rod Odom (0) gets fouled as he goes to the rim. The Commodores defeated the Razorbacks 69-47 in Memorial Gym on Feb. 9.

SECOND ROUND MATCHUP



VANDERBILT (14-16, 8-10 SEC) VS. ARKANSAS (19-12, 10-8 SEC)

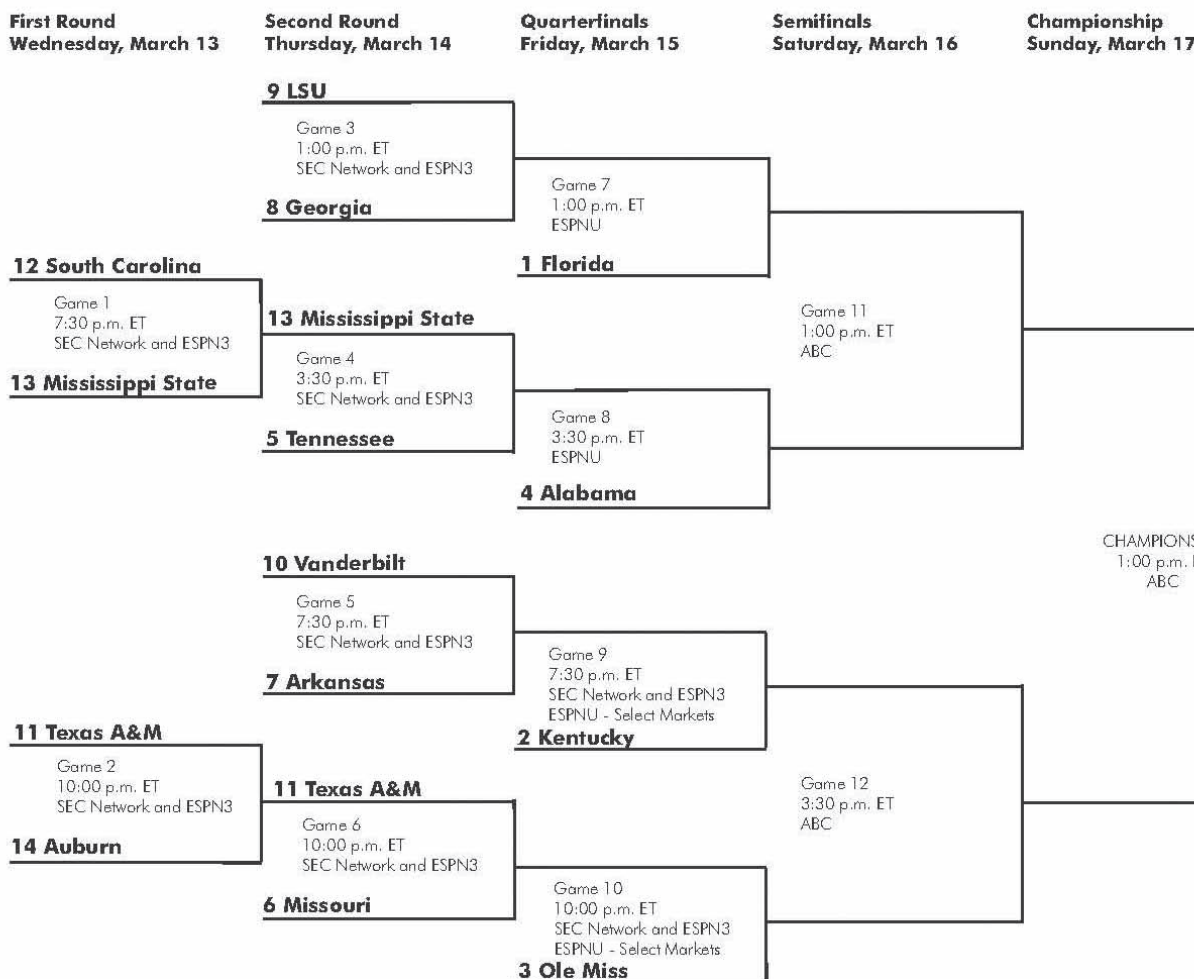
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Winner will play 2-seed Kentucky in the third round on Friday night at 6:30 p.m.



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The SEC tournament's 5 impact players

By **DANIEL MARKS**
Sports reporter

From top to bottom, the Southeastern Conference was as weak as it has ever been this year, and that has left many SEC teams squarely on the bubble heading into this weekend's tournament. There are five teams with chances to solidify their postseason resumes with strong showings in Nashville: Tennessee, Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky and Ole Miss. Be on the lookout for these players from those teams to make big impacts downtown:

JORDAN MCRAE — TENNESSEE:

After two unremarkable seasons to start his Tennessee career, McRae has really come into his own this season. At the beginning of the season it was expected that physical forward Jarnell Stokes and guard Trae Golden would be the keys to this team, but it has been McRae who has carried them down the stretch, averaging 25.8 points over the Vols' final six games, during which they have gone 5-1.

TREVOR RELEFORD — ALABAMA:

On a team that struggles mightily to score, Releford is Alabama's best option in the half court. He is not a great shooter but is excellent at getting to the rim and finishing or drawing a foul. His half-court buzzer beater versus Georgia this weekend kept the Tide's NCAA tournament hopes alive, and he will likely need to lead Alabama to the championship game if they want to hear their name called later in the day on Sunday.

BJ YOUNG — ARKANSAS:

Young is one of the most explosive players in the SEC. He is incredibly fast with the ability to change directions, which makes him excellent in transition. If he gets going like he did in the Razorbacks' first meeting with Vanderbilt, a resounding 56-33 victory, he will be tough to stop. Arkansas has struggled away from Fayetteville all year, but Young must play like a future pro if he wants to make the tournament before he likely declares for the NBA Draft.

WILLIE CAULEY-STEIN — KENTUCKY:

Everyone thought that Kentucky's season would come off the rails after Nerlens Noel's injury, and to be certain, there have been some down moments for the Wildcats since their talented shot-blocking center tore his ACL in a loss to Florida in February, but some big victories in Lexington over Missouri and Florida have showcased the Wildcats' potential. Willie Cauley-Stein is a big reason for that, as his rapid development has been essential to a Kentucky team with no other true center.

MARSHALL HENDERSON — OLE MISS:

Henderson has become more known for his antics than his play, whether it be an outrageous tweet, fan taunting or photos of him at campus parties after games, his name is always out there for something. All of that has overshadowed a very good season for the enigmatic shooting guard, and if he can control his emotions, he could very well hand head coach Andy Kennedy his first NCAA tournament berth at Ole Miss with a hot shooting streak.



MARK CORNELISON / MCT CAMPUS
Kentucky center Willie Cauley-Stein celebrates after hitting a basket and getting fouled in Kentucky's win over Auburn on Feb. 9, 2013, in Lexington, Ky. Cauley-Stein has been the poster child for the Wildcats' talented yet immature corps of young players and was thrust into the spotlight after an injury to Nerlens Noel.

Baseball opens SEC play on the Plains

By **ALLISON MAST**
Sports reporter

After a 2-1 series win over No. 15 Oregon last weekend, No. 2 Vanderbilt opens its Southeastern Conference schedule with another road trip, this time to Auburn for a three-game series.

Although currently unranked, the Tigers have found success in the early part of the season. Their 13-3 record marks the best start for the team since 2007. Head coach John Pawlowski, who is currently in his fifth year at Auburn, recently became the third all-time winningest coach in program history with 147 wins. The two teams share strengths and weaknesses that should make for an exciting series.

Last weekend, Auburn used a team effort to sweep Brown in a three-game series. In the first game, the Tiger offense scored six runs in the seventh inning to secure the victory, but the other two wins were largely the result of dominant pitching. Saturday starter Michael O'Neal pitched a complete game shutout, allowing six hits and walking just two batters. The lefty now has four wins over four starts and an ERA of 1.40.

The Commodores have ridden out to a strong start thanks to their own dominant left-hander, Kevin Ziomek. The junior starter was named Southeastern Conference Pitcher of the Week for the second consecutive week after his second complete game. Like O'Neal, Ziomek has a 4-0 record. When it comes to ERA, Ziomek has the advantage with a startling 0.87. In 31 innings, he has collected 46 strikeouts, tying for

first in the NCAA alongside NC State ace Carlos Rodon.

Auburn right-hander Rocky McCord completed the sweep of Brown with a career-high eight strikeouts. Over 6.2 innings, McCord showed excellent control over his fastball, his slider and his curveball. After allowing two singles in the first, he retired 11 of the next 12 batters.

Philip Pfeifer and Tyler Beede, the two other members of Vanderbilt's weekend rotation, have been equally reliable. Pfeifer's nasty fastball has shut down his opponents this season. He pitched 7.1 innings against Oregon, though an all-systems failure late in the game allowed the Ducks to slip past the Commodores and Pfeifer was credited with a no decision. Beede boasts a perfect 4-0 record after a solid start against Oregon. He pitched 6.2 innings last Saturday in what would be a 4-2, series-clinching victory for the Commodores.

Both teams match strong rotations with top-notch catchers. Vanderbilt's Spencer Navin and Auburn's Blake Austin were recently named to the Johnny Bench Award watch list. At the end of the season, the award will be given to the best Division I catcher. Austin has distinguished himself from other catchers with his ability to pick off baserunners attempting to steal. Navin has been just as effective behind the plate and at the plate. He went 2-for-4 against Oregon on Sunday, crushing a double to revive the Vanderbilt offense.

Although both teams are equipped with some of the best players in the country, they have shown some areas in need of improvement. The season is young, but the Commodores have



BOSLEY JARRETT / THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER
Connor Harrell rounds third base and sprints home. He has crossed home plate 15 times this season and driven in 27 others.

already committed 18 errors and the Tigers have picked up 20 of their own. Time and experience should erase the infield inaccuracies.

The bullpens of the two teams also need to be approached with patience. The starting rotations have been so dominant that the relievers have not needed to really prove themselves. For Vanderbilt, the series against Oregon revealed that questions mark surround some of their more seasoned hurlers. The similarities of these two teams should give the bullpens opportunities to test themselves.

The series opens on Friday at 6 p.m.

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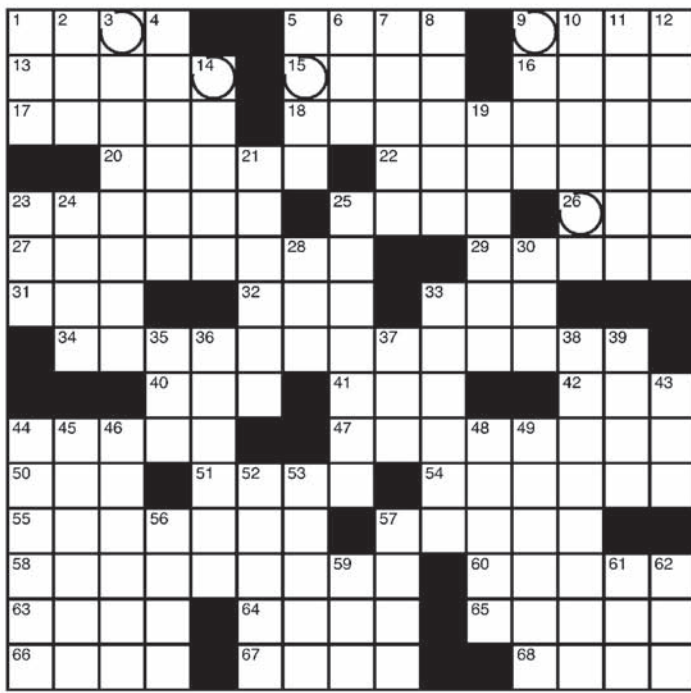


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- Retained
 - Music storage medium
 - In the thick of
 - Kirin rival
 - Arp's art
 - Scale pair
 - Last one in
 - How 58-Across can be written
 - Diamond deal
 - Heartfelt
 - Quote from a pitcher?
 - Rigid
 - USN clerk
 - 34-Across factor
 - "A Doll's House" playwright
 - Mil. honor
 - Shout in la arena
 - Forensic ID
 - 58-Across times 27-Across
 - 1967 NHL rookie of the year
 - Long time
 - One of them, maybe
 - "Let's Dance" singer
 - Mathematically, what 58-Across is
 - Walkoff hit stat
 - Sighed line
 - Elect
 - Top player
 - Gluten-rich grain
 - Subject of an annual March 14 celebration and of this puzzle, celebrated in its circled squares in both a literal and a numerical way
 - Sends out
 - Works that glorify
 - Minnesota's state bird
 - Leisurely stroll
 - Caesar and others
 - Fair
 - Post office call



By Don Gagliardo and C.C. Burnikel 3/14/13

- DOWN**
- Actor Penn who has worked for the Obama administration
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 - Blast on Broadway
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 - Isn't in a big hurry
 - "Let me check"
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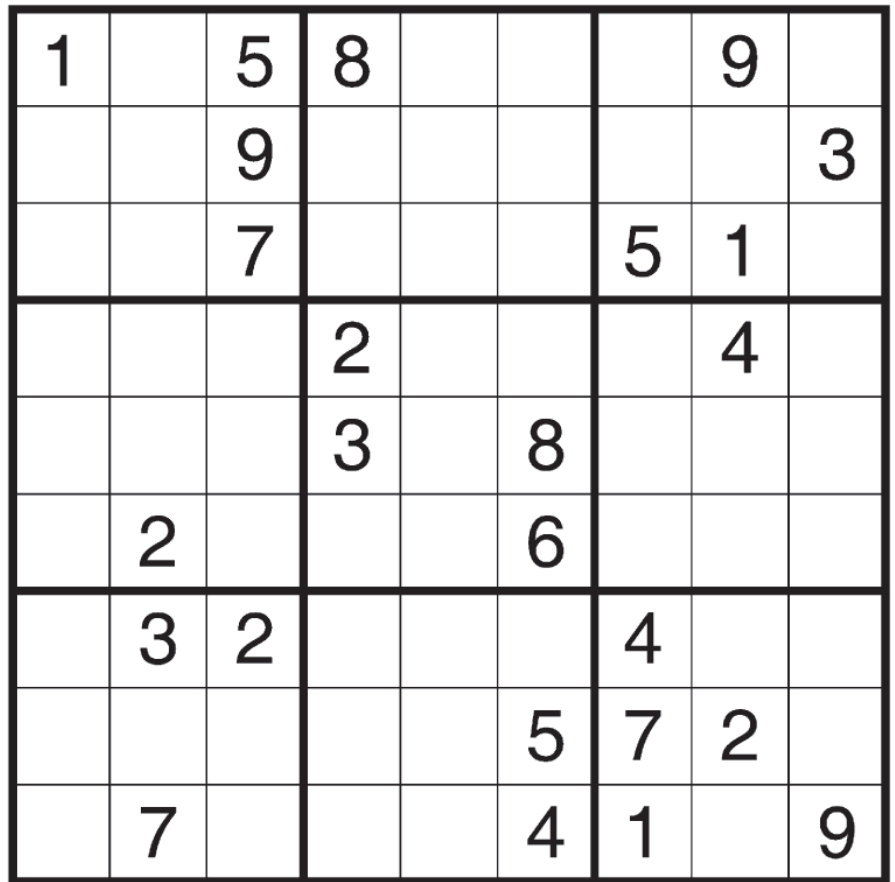
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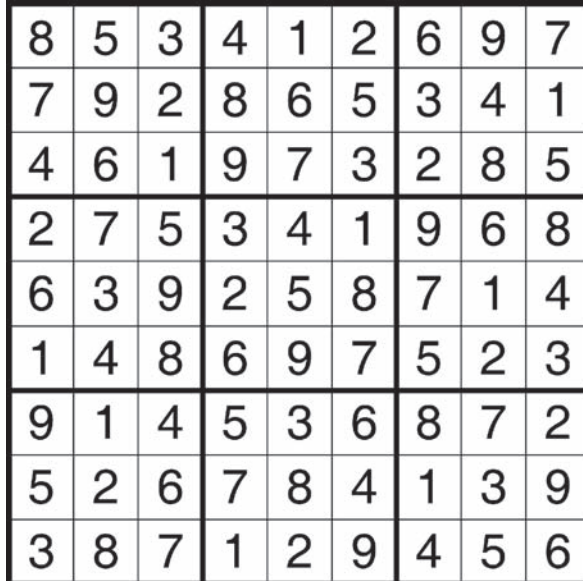
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