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CAMPUS NEWS

“A day on”: campus celebrations, events honor MLK’s legacy

Today is the first time Vanderbilt has canceled classes in honor of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, marking the end of a historic weekend for the university, which commemorated the legacy of King through a weekend of service projects.

ALISHA WASHINGTON
Staff Writer

The celebration of King’s life began Saturday with a series of service projects organized by ASB, SPEAR, Grassroots, American Red Cross at Vanderbilt, Muslim Student Association and several Greek chapters.

Grassroots, a student organization aimed at serving the poor, hungry and homeless in Nashville, volunteered at Second Harvest Food Bank, with participants sorting and packing over 5000 pounds of food.

“We definitely felt like we made a difference in helping fight hunger around Nashville,” said sophomore Will Taylor, the Grassroots service project organizer. “Afterward, we debriefed by discussing the impact of MLK.”

The university made multiple efforts to encourage the student body to view the “day off” as a time to commemorate and serve King’s legacy.

In an e-mail sent out on Jan. 11, the university quotes Julian Bond, the keynote speaker for Vanderbilt’s MLK Day of Commemoration, to remind students of the purpose of the day.

“We ought not view King Day as a day off; instead it should be a ‘day on’ when we try to do—not just for a day—the things we believe he might do himself or would want us to do,” Bond said.

The university has organized multiple events occurring today, including transportation for students to the Nashville MLK Day March, “teach-ins” by faculty on themes related to the life and work of King, Please see **MLK**, page 2

TODAY’S EVENTS

9:30 a.m.
City-wide MLK March begins on Jefferson Street

12:30 p.m.
Lunch roundtables at Rand and Commons

1:30-3:20 p.m.
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CAMPUS NEWS

Hooks, Meyer to face off in presidential election

LUCAS LOFFREDO
Staff Writer

Juniors Zye Hooks and Adam Meyer will compete against each other in the Vanderbilt Student Government presidential election set for early February.

The candidates gathered at the Presidential Candidates Elections meeting Sunday night to discuss campaigning rules and regulations.

Hooks has chosen junior Kate Goudge as his running mate, and Meyer has chosen sophomore Maryclaire Manard.

Hooks and Goudge said they want to get in touch with the student population.

“Primarily I want it to be people-centric campaign,” Hooks said. “We’re looking forward to having a great dialogue.”

Meyer and Manard discussed an increased voter turnout as a large component of their campaign.

“We’re shooting for more than half of the students voting,” Meyer said. “We’re really just trying to connect to students

and to get them to vote, to get them to care what’s going on.”

Campaign finance was a focal point of Sunday’s meeting. Each ticket will be allowed a budget of \$500, with \$250 coming from the candidate’s own finances and the rest coming from individual contributions of up to \$20 per person.

According to VSG Attorney General Rohan Batra, there will be zero tolerance for negative campaigning.

“There’s no negativity involved in this campaign,” Manard said. “We’re just interested in clean competition and promoting VSG more than anything else.”

“The elections are a great opportunity to showcase the efforts of VSG in the past year and to highlight the direction the organization is going towards in the future,” Batra said. “It’s really a great opportunity for students to get invested in student government.”

Campaigning will begin this Thursday, January 20, at 8 pm. Voting in the general election will start February 2 at 8 a.m. and end on February 3 at noon. ■



ZYE HOOKS



ADAM MEYER

CAMPUS NEWS

What’s my sign? Campus reacts to zodiac controversy

KRISTEN WEBB
Staff Writer

The campus community reacted on social networks Friday to the “news” that the stars have shifted alignment and that the astrological identity they have known may have changed. Yet, according to most astrologers, the zodiac chart remains the same.

“(I) will always be an Aries! Stupid zodiac changes... How would I be a Pisces? That’s just plain silly,” read one Vanderbilt sophomore’s Facebook status.

Astrologers across the country reported a wave of calls, e-mails or website hits from concerned clients.

“People are more attached and loyal to their signs than they thought,” said Eric Francis, editor of PlanetWaves.net, who said he had had 25,000 hits on his site since midnight. “It’s interesting how many people are panicking their sign is wrong.”

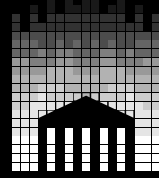
Reaction on campus to the alleged zodiac changes has been mostly confusion and disappointment.

“I’m quite disappointed that I’m no longer an archer because archers rock,” said sophomore Lora Schaefer.

“I think that’s so weird. I hope I’m still a Taurus,” said junior Sarah Reid.

Junior Andrey Drozd made light of the controversy. “I’m switching to the Chinese zodiac only,” Drozd said.

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MLK: policy change a result of united student effort

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 roundtable lunch discussions and a candlelight vigil. The events are part of the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Series, which began in 1985.

"I am impressed with the sincere approach taken by our students on this issue," Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Richard McCarty said last fall. "With a range of opportunities for engagement available to our students and the entire Vanderbilt community, I

believe this single day of remembrance will enhance all that we do to build community on campus."

Senior Sarah Goodrich, president of the Multicultural Leadership Council, said that students are going to be taking part in Vanderbilt's history tomorrow.

"Students are able to learn from peers, professors, staff and community members in a different light tomorrow," Goodrich said.

The university made the decision to cancel class in honor of the King holiday

following a united effort led by student leaders to reconsider the policy.

"Martin Luther King Jr. said that a 'man that doesn't stand for something will fall for anything,'" said senior and President of the Black Student Alliance Gabrielle Westbrook. "I truly believe that the students will see today as a manifestation of and a testament to successful non-violent protest and group cooperation. It is proof that we, the students, have a voice and can form our own grassroots movement in order to reach our goals." ■

ZODIAC: chart remains the same

From **ZODIAC**, page 1
 Astounded by all the kerfuffle was the man who started it, astronomy instructor Parke Kunkle.

In an interview Sunday in the Star Tribune of Minneapolis, Kunkle explained that the Earth's wobbly orbit means it's no longer aligned to the stars in the same way as when the signs of the zodiac were first conceived, about 5,000 years ago. That means, Kunkle said, that when astrologers say the sun is in Pisces, it's really in Aquarius, and so on.

"Astronomers have known about this since about 130 B.C.," Kunkle told The Associated Press Friday in his office at the Minneapolis Community and Technical College, his phone ringing constantly, as it had since the article came out. (One person had even demanded: "Give me my sign back.")

"This is not new news. Almost every astronomy class talks about it." New news or old, most people had never heard it before. And one of the more fascinating elements of the story was talk of a new sign altogether.

By the reckoning of Kunkle and other astronomers, astrologers are not only a month off in their zodiac signs, but they are neglecting a 13th constellation, Ophiuchus (Ooh-FEE-yew-kus) the Serpent Bearer, for those born from Nov. 30 to Dec. 17.

According to myth, Ophiuchus became a healer when he killed a snake and another appeared with an herb in his mouth that revived the dead one, said Amy Sayle, an astronomy educator at

the Moorehead Planetarium at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Linda Zlotnick, an astrologer for 32 years in St. Paul, Minn., said she and fellow astrologers have long known of the issue raised by Kunkle, but that the most commonly used zodiac — tropical — isn't affected by it. Zlotnick said the sidereal zodiac, which isn't as widely used, IS based on the constellations.

Other astrologers expressed resentment that the brouhaha had been launched by an astronomer.

While astronomy is a science, astrology is not recognized as having any scientific basis.

"This is an attempt to show ignorance on the part of astrologers," said Jim Sher, who runs an astrological institute in Los Angeles.

"We do know about this," he said of the planetary wobble. Added Craig Martin, another Los Angeles astrologer: "It's unlikely the astrology community is going to accept what an astronomer is trying to put on them."

A spokeswoman for the American Federation of Astrologers, Shelley Ackerman, said she'd been swamped with e-mails from worried clients. She advises them not to overreact.

"This doesn't change your chart at all. I'm not about to use it," she said. "Every few years a story like this comes out and scares the living daylights out of everyone, but it'll go away as quickly as it came." ■

—Associated Press contributed to this article.

Sororities welcome new members after week-long recruitment



OLIVER WOLFE/ The Vanderbilt Hustler

Freshmen girls enjoy their new sororities Sunday in the Rec center. After opening letters revealing their sorority membership, the girls learn new cheers and take buses to an off-campus location for further festivities. Here, senior Amanda Perry of Kappa Delta sorority gets to know new freshmen sisters.

■ SCIENCE

Vanderbilt professors help discover element 117

LAURA DOLBOW
 Staff Writer

Vanderbilt physics professors Dr. Joseph Hamilton and Dr. A.V. Ramayya were a critical part of a team of American and Russian scientists that discovered an element that fills in the last remaining blank on the periodic table.

Element 117, which was created by smashing together calcium-48 and berkelium in a particle accelerator in Dubna, Russia, is a stepping stone towards the discovery of more massive elements, which have the potential to depart from expected chemical

behavior and to unlock new theories about nuclear structure.

"Our 117 discovery is very important in developing and verifying our theoretical understandings of how elements are formed in nature and the behavior of nuclear matter in the nucleus under extreme conditions," said Hamilton.

Hamilton and Ramayya went to Russia on several occasions for experiments and continuously monitored the results via the Internet. The radioactive berkelium was created in a high neutron flux reactor laboratory in Oak Ridge, TN.

Element 117 gives evidence that a

theorized "island of stability" may exist as new elements continue to get heavier by adding more neutrons.

"The predictions are that if you could get an element with 184 neutrons, it would be a spherical, magical number that would give great stability to a nucleus, so much that it could be long lived enough to perhaps exist in nature," Hamilton said.

With 177 neutrons, element 117 is the closest anyone has come to this number, and its lifetime is the longest of any of the superheavy elements.

"Its half-life is 100 times longer than element 112 or 118," Hamilton said. "Our experiments do confirm that 184

neutrons has some special stability because all of the isotopes we have seen during radioactive decay of element 117 have longer lifetimes than others."

Hamilton's inception and funding of the project gives him the honor naming the element.

"The rule is the person who is the first author on the paper gets to choose the name," Hamilton said, "but before they did the experiment they agreed that I could name it because of my work to get the group together and to get the berkelium."

A name has been selected, but they are waiting until they receive confirmation from the International

Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry to release it.

"IUPAC reads papers and looks for corroborating evidence to justify our claim is correct," Hamilton said. "They have already accepted this reaction technique to identify elements 114 and 116, so we expect they will be able to accept our papers."

In the meantime, the group is planning future experiments to look for elements 119 and 120 along with heavier isotopes of elements 117 and 118. The ultimate goal is to find the "island of stability" where elements can exist long enough to test their chemical and physical properties. ■

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■ COLUMN

The many tears of sorority rush



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Columnist

It's the start of a new semester, which means there are new problems out there that need my advice. I'm fresh off the plane from North Korea where I was busy instructing Kim Jong-il on his golf game. If I can get him shooting 38-under par, I'm pretty sure I can change your life.

Dear Matt,
Bid day was yesterday, and I just know I got the wrong house. I was destined for something more—more fashionable scarves, more stripper-style leather boots that go up to the thigh. Instead, all I got was sisters with more facial hair on their collective upper lips. I'm thinking about withdrawing from the Greek system completely, but I don't want to be known as a quitter. What should I do?
—Sorority Stressed

Dear Stressed,
Right now, you are experiencing the Kübler-Ross model of grief. Except since you are now a sorority girl and your grief is over rush, it looks slightly different.

Tears of Denial: The key here is the

constant head shaking, as if you are silently saying, "No, that is not the pony I wanted!" This can't be happening. You pretended to enjoy these girls' hobbies, from darning socks to catfish noodling. Pinch yourself. Maybe it was all a cold, exhausting dream.

Tears of Anger: The saltiest of all the tears. Put down that pencil eyeliner you've sharpened into a jailhouse shank. Why even join a sorority at this point? You already have a real-life sister. Do you really need new t-shirts with those Greek letters on it? Or new picture frames, cups, laundry baskets, magazine subscriptions, mix CDs, and kitchenette dining sets?

Tears of Bargaining: You will now half-heartedly smile while crying. When one of your guy friends asks you about rush, you'll tell him you've asked the Office of Greek Life to recheck the complicated computer formulas they use, which actually consist of them throwing everyone's information down a giant flight of stairs. I would love to finish that joke and tell you which stair stands for which sorority, but I can already imagine unsuspectingly eating my lunch and then getting stabbed in the arm with a fork. What do you mean Tri-Gamma was the third step from the bottom? ARGH!

Tears of Depression: These are some

serious tears. Some John Boehner tears. You'll be sobbing now, calling home and telling your family you want to transfer. You'll tell your friends you want to transfer. You'll tell the maintenance worker who comes to change your light bulb you want to transfer. If only you had shown those sisters your true self—the one you concealed, much like that giant tattoo of Taylor Swift on your left shoulder blade.

Tears of Acceptance: A solitary drop, trickling down your cheek. In exactly three months, you will be saying, "You know, I really couldn't see myself in any other house," a statement made by every girl about every sorority ever, probably because they are all pretty much the same. Put yourself in any group of 150 Vanderbilt girls and you're sure to find the following: three best friends, two enemies and 120 girls wearing leggings or tights.

Soon, it'll be your turn to poke, prod and question a whole new group of rushes. So, hang in there. It's not like campus is going to judge you forever by which sorority you're in. I'm sure it's not like that at all.

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■ COLUMN

A taste of country grammar



JESSE JONES
Columnist

I'm a straight white Southern male, and I'm angry, in spite of my new year's resolution, at Hudson Todd's column ("Southern pride is misguided"). One can find Glory in the South, and not only on cans of seasoned greens. I am proud to come from a family of poor, hardworking Southern farmers who never owned slaves, and who fought and died in the Civil War for reasons all their own. As an English major, I take pride in the South's rich literary heritage, and I owe much of my love for words to my mother, whose gift for effortlessly bending the English language amazes me to this day. So this week, I want to present some sayings on which I was raised, in "Suburban Dictionary" format. Through a shared language, maybe we'll find some common ground, and maybe then some of you Ranters will know what I'm talking about.

Southernism -- (n.). Itself a southernism, and a catch-all term for any phrase my mother coins, to give the impression that a communal wisdom underlies her spontaneous inventions. Maybe she's right -- what could be more profound than words taken from some deep inner subconscious?

Stick-to-it-iveness -- (n.). Signifies old-fashioned gumption and grit in the face of adversity, which a northerner may easily mistake as stubbornness. Notable southerners who displayed stick-to-it-iveness include George Washington, Robert E. Lee, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Cornelius Vanderbilt. Well, Vanderbilt was a Yankee, but I think he merits a Dixie pass, for reasons that should be obvious.

To Buffalo -- (v.). As a verb, "buffalo" refers to any social peccadillo resulting in physical obstruction; e.g. "That buffalo just buffaloes his way into my parking spot!" "That's too bad... wait, aren't they endangered?"

Hunormous -- (adj.). Enormouser than huge, huger than enormous; e.g. "What's more hunormous, Daddy? The number of stars in the universe, or the value of our national debt?" "You stumped me, Suzy... let's check Wikipedia!"

"Do You Receive It?" -- (Interrogative). Commonly paired with "Do you believe it?" A way of requesting confirmation, or of emphasizing what was just said. Derives from Joel Osteen, the telegenic televangelist who is an omnipresence in our living room. Other pieces of televangelist wisdom that have entered the family lexicon include "There is no testimony without a test" (Joyce Meyer), or similarly, "A setback is a set-up for a comeback" (T.D. Jakes).

"It's Not a Tryin' Thing, it's a Doin' Thing" -- (Phrase). I have taken this southernism to heart, and I try to use it whenever possible. I mean, I DO use it whenever possible.

Hoppin' John -- (n.). A traditional rice-and-peas dish, consumed on New Year's Day to bring good luck in the new year. Often served with turnip greens (symbolizing wealth) and cornbread (representing gold), with bacon stirred in for flavor (to celebrate, you guessed it, prosperity). According to Mom, Hoppin' John dates back to the Civil War, when General Sherman's army burned down every field crop in Georgia -- save the black-eyed peas, which the Yankees considered fit only for animal consumption. According to Wikipedia, Hoppin' John originated in West Africa and was likely brought over on the slave ships. No matter this dish's troubled origins, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s enduring legacy ensures that men and women of all colors and creeds may now gather around the same table, over delicious southern cuisine of all varieties and degrees of caloric content.

Each delectable southernism is best served with a sugary sweet drawl, a knowing smile -- and sly, squinty eyes.

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■ COLUMN

Dreams of justice

BEN WYATT
Columnist

The beginning of spring semester tends to be hectic for me, but this year has proved to be the exception to the rule. Between my awesome schedule (I don't have class on Fridays) and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, I've managed to cruise into a four-day weekend after two days of classes. I plan to celebrate my good fortune by spending the better part of MLK Day fast asleep. Not that I am so uncouth as to ignore the MLK Weekend of Service; on the contrary, by the time you have read this I will have served breakfast to a group of homeless men via Room in the Inn. It's just that my shift starts at 4 A.M. Monday morning, so I'll need some extra sleep to recover from my ungodly wake-up time.

I have to confess, though, that I'm a little uneasy about making the Weekend of Service as central to our celebration of MLK Day as Vanderbilt has. After all, this is the man who said in his 1963 book, *Strength to Love*, that, "Philanthropy is commendable, but it must not cause the philanthropist to overlook the circumstances of economic injustice which make philanthropy necessary." Service is different from philanthropy only in that it is a donation of time and effort instead of money. The problem is the same with both; it is good that programs like Room in the Inn exist to feed and shelter the homeless, but our service to them does not justify their homelessness. The fact that they need food and shelter at all is the most important injustice, and that fact will remain after my service this weekend. Please don't misunderstand me. Service is important, and until homelessness is a distant memory, Room in the Inn will be absolutely necessary. But service is not ultimate, and if I have warm, fuzzy feelings after my shift is done, they will only be directed at my own false sense of moral accomplishment, not at the men who will have to journey, however warm and well-fed, back to the cold winter streets of Nashville.

To be fair, I don't expect Vanderbilt's administration to talk about the importance of that sort of social change. The question of how to fix an economic system that throws many people out on the streets is a deeply political one, and nobody (with the possible exception of a certain pundit whose name rhymes with "Ben Gleck") wants to politicize Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy—at least for today.

Still, if we choose not to politicize it—and I think that's a wise choice today—we should remember the enormity of the sacrifices Dr. King made to fight injustice. While he may not have been wealthy, he was certainly well-off and had a comfortable life ahead of him as a pastor. There was no need for him to throw himself into the violence and uncertainty of the civil rights movement. Dr. King, though, did not consider affluence something to be held onto. Instead, he poured his heart and soul into the fight for justice and became a servant to the powerless. If today we learn how to be better servants of the powerless, then this Weekend of Service will not have been in vain. So by all means, go and serve today, and while you do, think about how we can imitate the work of Dr. King, and make the world a little more like the one he dreamed of.

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LIFE

■ FILM

What to see: International Lens Film Series

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Staff Writer

The International Lens series has provided Vanderbilt students with wonderful opportunities to explore other cultures and expand their horizons through free screenings of obscure, diverse and thought-provoking films and accompanying faculty-led discussions. This semester, the program is offering nearly 30 events. Here are just a few of the January and February highlights:

Thursday, January 20 - "Story of the Weeping Camel" (2003)

This German production presents the unadorned story of a nomadic family in the Gobi desert that calls upon traditional rituals and folk music to save the life of a rare white calf. The documentary, nominated for an Oscar for Best Foreign Film, is in Mongolian with English subtitles. Senior Lecturer in the Film Studies Program, Will Akers, will lead the post-screening discussion.

Saturday, January 29 - "Ip Man" (2008)

This loose, fictionalized autobiography of the former grandmaster of the self-defense style Wing Chun showcases a plethora of striking action scenes as the titular character battles the Japanese in 1930s occupied China. "Ip Man" was a box office success, received numerous awards and was followed by a sequel last April. This film

is part of a series of midnight screenings presented by the VIP Global Discovery Project at the Commons Center. It will be screened in the Commons Center Multipurpose Room.

Thursday, February 17 - "The Secret in Their Eyes" (2009)

This brilliant Argentinean production weaves a striking allegorical examination of Argentina's modern political history into a compelling legal investigation as a federal agent attempts to track down the man responsible for the rape and murder of woman. The beautifully filmed police procedural smoothly incorporates subjective memories into a story that spans decades. Paz Pintané and André Zamora of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies will present the film.

Thursday, February 24 - "9th Company" (2005)

This Russian-language film offers a unique look at the 1980s Soviet War in Afghanistan from the perspective of a company of Russian soldiers, following them from training to their confrontations with the mujahideen. The fierce resistance they encountered that led to the eventual Russian withdrawal is rife with present-day relevance.

Screenings are free for students and begin at 7 p.m. in Sarratt Cinema unless noted otherwise. ■



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■ FASHION

Five tips & tricks for thrifting in the new year

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A new year means the perfect opportunity for new clothes, even if they are gently used from your local thrift shop. Consider the following tips and tricks for looking thrifty and trendy in 2011.

Take time to rummage through all racks and corners of the store. You'd be surprised what designer labels and classic pieces you can find at the bottom of the barrel.

Be aware of the difference between thrift, consignment and vintage. These three categories come with three very different price levels. Often, items found at consignment or vintage stores originated from thrift stores at

much lower prices.

Accessorize, accessorize, accessorize. If you're wary of not finding your particular style or taste in the racks of a thrift shop, pay more attention to smaller details like accessories. You'd be surprised by the variety of belts, jewelry, gloves and purses available at any given time.

Thrifting can be for your home too. Often, thrift stores like Goodwill have a great assortment of kitschy houseware items to decorate your walls. Keep an eye out for curious posters and photographs of all sorts.

Leave the house with an idea of what you're looking for. It's best to know what your closet may be lacking in order to have a set goal of what you're looking

for while thrifting. Make a list and stick to it, in order to stay focused and save time. ■



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■ FASHION

Haute deals in 2011

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If your resolution to spend less on clothing in 2011 weakened the moment resort collections debuted, fear not. There are sample sale sites, blogs and virtual personal shoppers dedicated to bringing you deals on designer duds, which makes it easy to look haute without leaving your New Year's resolution in the cold.

Sample sales sites like HauteLook (hautelook.com) and Gilt Groupe (giltgroupe.com) offer limited-

time, flash sale events featuring brands like Milly, Tory Burch, and Trina Turk at 30-75% off retail. However, navigating the world of online sample sales can become overwhelming because of the time restriction on the collections sold and multitude of collections offered. But you don't have to panic just yet.

In addition to shopping guides, fashion blog SheFinds (shefinds.com) boasts its daily "Sample Sale Scoop," which is an exhaustive calendar of online sample sales. This is your golden ticket to scoring that Nanette

Lepore dress at 75% off without suffering through dozens of e-mail listings; simply check SheFinds the morning of and see what each sample sale site is offering for the day.

Personal shopping service Shop It To Me (shopittome.com) is a great resource for finding online sales. Simply sign up, select your favorite brands, choose which types of items you want and pick your size. From there, Shop It To Me scours over 200 retailers to find the clothing and accessories you want and sends you the matches in a neatly arranged e-mail. ■

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SPORTS

■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Commodores lose composure down stretch, slide to 1-2 in SEC after loss to Tennessee

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Sophomore guard John Jenkins had been fouled on a three-point attempt late in the first half of Saturday's game against Tennessee, and as he took each of his three subsequent free throws, the Tennessee student section positioned right

behind the basket threw a different distraction at him.

The students' raised arms started right and swept left as Jenkins nailed his first free throw. Their arms swept from left to right as he shot his second, which fell in after hitting the front of the rim and bouncing off the backboard.

They fell completely silent for his final free throw until the exact second the sophomore shooting guard reached the full extension of his shot, at which point they broke the silence and caught the rest of Thompson-Boling Arena off-guard with a loud, coordinated jump. Jenkins hit his final free throw purer than he had the previous two.

It was this level of complete composure in the face of pressure from a hostile crowd and a physical opponent that Jenkins and the rest of Vanderbilt's central playmakers struggled so much to recapture the rest of the way as the Volunteers stormed back from a deficit that got as large as 17 to pull out a 67-64 victory in Knoxville this weekend and bring the in-state rivals level in the SEC East standings.

Unfortunately for the Commodores, Scotty Hopson and Tennessee's other dynamic stars found that next level of composure as quickly as the visitors had lost it.

"There were some times he made some plays, and there were some times we broke down," Coach Kevin Stallings said of Hopson, who rebounded from a 1-for-8 first-half shooting performance to finish with a team-leading 15 points. "There were some he got in transition where he really had no resistance."

Hopson scored six straight Tennessee points with just over five minutes left in the game to help the Volunteers tie the score for the first time since midway through the first half. As Hopson found his stroke, Jenkins and junior Brad Tinsley, two of Vanderbilt's steadier players, failed to recreate the offensive continuity of the Commodores' first half in time to keep up with his scoring.

"They picked up their defense a little bit, but we just didn't run very good offense near the end," said Tinsley of Vanderbilt's inability to fight back late. "We didn't set solid screens, we didn't get guys open, and that resulted in not a very good possession and a forced shot."

Senior center Brian Williams scored six of his eight points and grabbed seven of his 12 rebounds in the second half, wearing down redshirt junior Festus Ezeli and junior Steve Tchiengang and opening the door for the Volunteers to lock down the offensive glass in the game's final minutes.

"Unfortunately, I thought we got outplayed pretty badly in there," Stallings said of his team's inside game. "I thought Williams got the best of our big guys in there."

Williams even came up with the final steal that broke up Vanderbilt's final play, an inbounds pass meant to set up Jenkins for one final shot off of a screen. As Williams celebrated with his teammates, Jenkins and junior Jeffery Taylor walked off the opposite end of the court, non-factors in a final play that had fallen apart the way many others had in the final minutes.

"We had messed it up before that [final play], so that wasn't the one," Stallings said, dismissing the desperation attempt as a non-issue in the immediate aftermath of the loss. What he was much more concerned with was finding a way to get his best players to ratchet up their killer instincts as conference play picks up.

"I don't know," Stallings said. "Maybe I need to go back to coaching school and figure that one out." ■

TENNESSEE
BY THE NUMBERS

17

Vanderbilt's largest lead, last held with 1:38 left in the first half

2

Number of first half points for Tennessee forward Scotty Hopson, who finished with 16

48.7%

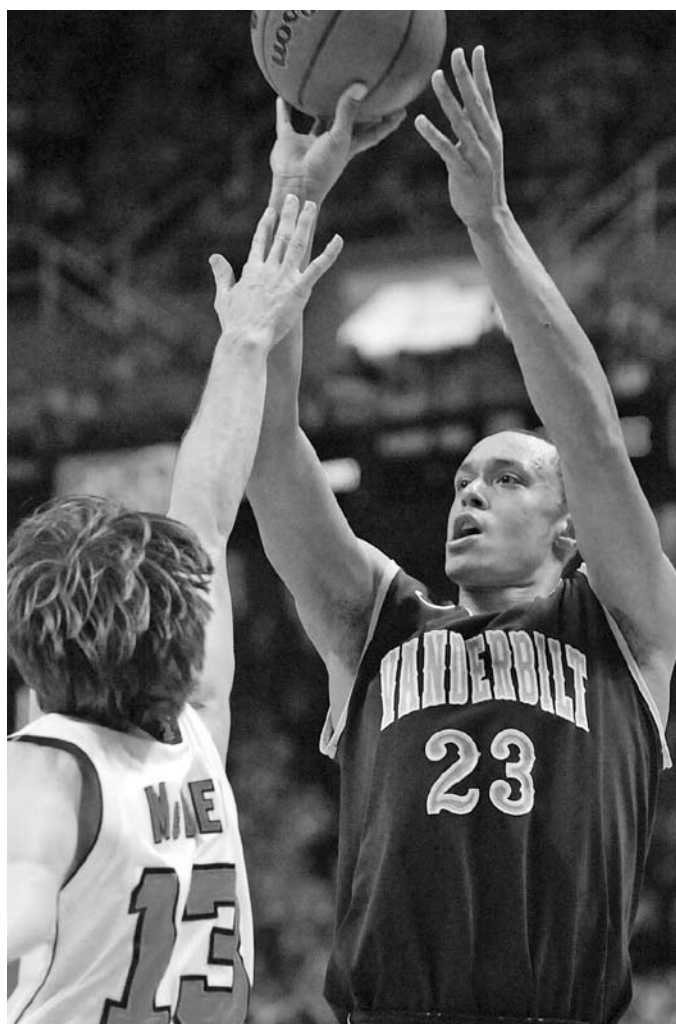
Tennessee's field goal percentage in the second half

21

Vanderbilt turnovers, including 10 in the second half

5

Made free throws out of 8 attempts by Festus Ezeli, raising his percentage to 59.4% for the season, up from 37.3% last year



JOE HOWELL/Vanderbilt University

John Jenkins finished with 21 points, including Vanderbilt's final field goal of the game, a three-pointer with 2:43 to play.

■ COLUMN

UT loss underscores program-wide problem

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Typical.

That's the only way to describe it, really. This was not a mirage, a fluke or a run of bad luck, nor was it the result of Tennessee's coaching prowess, athletic dominance or overall intensity. This was not a Tennessee victory; it was a Vanderbilt loss.

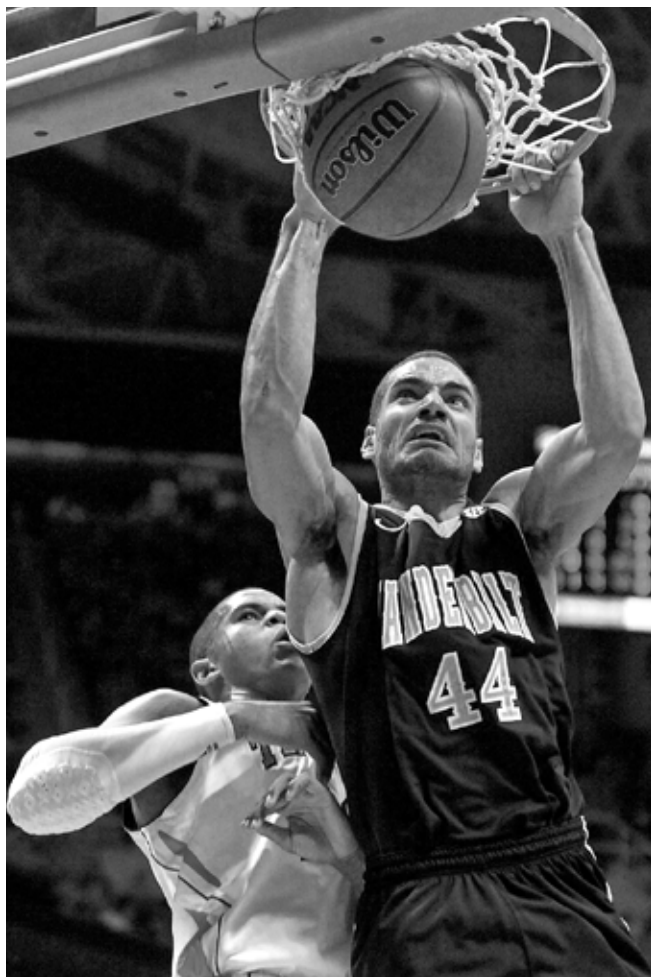
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The Commodores, who led 30-13 against the Volunteers in Knoxville with 2:03 remaining in the first half, choked again, this time on a national stage in front of legendary announcer Dick Vitale and the ESPN College GameDay crowd against an inferior opponent. In fact, the Tennessee Volunteers were not just inferior in the first half; they were defeated. They did not hustle, they did not rebound, they did not score — all signs pointed to a Vanderbilt victory. That is, of course, until the Commodores got in their own way.

Typical.

Sure, Vanderbilt can make some noise at home against second-tier opponents, just as a team with loads of talent should. However, over the past several years, they have tended to shrivel under the bright lights at crunch time, even in games they deserve to let themselves win. So far this season, the losses to West Virginia and Missouri were bad; the loss to South Carolina was worse; and this one was atrocious. This was not just about dropping a game to their biggest rivals; this was about Vanderbilt's tendency to find ways to lose important games. This was as much about Murray State as it was about Tennessee, and here's why: If this Vanderbilt team lost this game in January, how in the world are they going to get over their self-inflicted mental hurdles and make it in March?

Nevertheless, there is a shimmer of light at the end of the proverbial tunnel for the Commodores, even though it is currently blurred by an ugly cloud of orange. The "glass half-full" approach tells us that Vanderbilt has been competitive in all 16 of their games this year, no small feat against a relatively rigorous schedule. In order for that trend to continue with the heart of conference play on the horizon, three things must happen for Vanderbilt: They must protect the ball, get



JOE HOWELL/Vanderbilt University

The in-game experience of redshirt junior Jeffery Taylor and the rest of the veterans in the lineup has not shown in the clutch.

more consistency from their playmakers and stop panicking.

Simply put, committing 20 turnovers in one game is unacceptable, and the 14.4 turnovers per game the Commodores are averaging on the season isn't a great statistic, either. In addition, though players like Jeff Taylor, Festus Ezeli and Brad Tinsley can each take over a game, sophomore guard John Jenkins is the only player who seems to take control on a consistent basis. The sharpshooter needs more help more often. All of this culminates in the Commodores' biggest need: They need to believe they can win close games. It sounds like a no-brainer, but Vanderbilt looked like they knew they would lose on Saturday as soon as Tennessee made their run. They became passive on offense, insecure in their decision-making and seemingly forgot how to rebound.

Thus, in a season where the sky is the limit for this Vanderbilt team, they will have no one to blame but themselves if they remain anchored in mediocrity. ■

■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Women fall to Lady Vols

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JOE HOWELL/Vanderbilt University

Fifth-ranked Tennessee took a 7-5 lead with 12:43 remaining in the first half and never looked back on its way to a 68-56 victory over the Commodores on Saturday night in Thompson-Boling Arena.

Vanderbilt shot 18.9 percent from the floor and scored just 17 points in the first half. Senior Jence Rhoads scored just 10 points on 4-of-17 shooting from the field for the Commodores, who lost to the Lady Vols for the fifth straight time. Rhoads played all 40 minutes of regulation for the first time this season.

Meighan Simmons paced the Volunteers with 17 points and three assists. Angie Bjorklund added 14 points and, like Rhoads, played the entire game.

Tennessee brought the lead out to 22 half-way through the second half, but a late run led by freshman Jasmine Lister and redshirt freshman Stephanie Holzer helped keep Vanderbilt in the game.

"We had an opportunity at the end of the game and just didn't hit the shots," said head coach Melanie Balcomb. "We had the shots we needed to come back but didn't do it."

