



Administration enters campus dialogue on sexual violence

At a Dec. 2 forum, Vanderbilt's administration answered faculty, staff and student questions for the first time about the steps it's taking to address sexual violence

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By **MICHAEL GRESHKO**
Features writer

It is Dec. 19, 2012, a Tuesday near the beginning of Vanderbilt's winter break. The breeze swirling through the magnolias on campus is an unusually warm 66 degrees. Combined with the near-total absence of students, the Vanderbilt campus seems eerie, a place out of step with its own sense of normal.

Meanwhile, the click-clack of fingers on a keyboard punctuates the air. His pulse quickened out of sheer excitement, the author rushes, tripping over his words as he mistypes a word here, fails to capitalize a word there. He cannot wait to send this out.

Thinking back on his choice of pseudonym, he breaks into a smile, his teeth glittering in the glow of the computer screen. Will anyone realize it's from a television show?

With a laugh, he finishes off the email with a flourish:

Honorably, H.M.
Seconds after he clicks send, his message — an invitation — lands in the inboxes of 14 men. On this strangely warm Tuesday, the Order of the Crown's recruitment season begins.

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"I think it was really great to have a lot of different people from different aspects of the university together, but I'm just wondering if these are things that are actually going to happen."

SARAH O'BRIEN, VANDERBILT STUDENT, ON DEC. 2 FORUM

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McCarty to step down as provost and vice chancellor in June



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By **ALLIE GROSS**
News reporter

Richard McCarty, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, will step down in June, according to a university press release.

McCarty will take a year off before rejoining the faculty as a professor. A national search is planned to find his successor.

McCarty came to Vanderbilt in 2001 as dean of the College of Arts and Science, a position he held for seven years before being named provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. As provost and vice chancellor since 2008, McCarty has overseen academic programs, student life, admissions, financial aid and research. According to the press release, his accomplishments include recruitment of top faculty, growth in application rates, increased diversity, and developments in financial aid, digital learning and residential learning programs.

"Richard has led the academic initiatives of the university with integrity, commitment and purpose," said Chancellor Nicholas S. Zeppos in a statement. "Our mission of education and research has flourished under his leadership. He is a distinguished scholar, a respected member of the Vanderbilt community and entirely dedicated to providing our students the best educational experience in the country. He has been a true partner to me, and I will miss his wise counsel."

A Vanderbilt University press release contributed to this report.

Forum discusses campus resources, reporting culture among other topics

The issue of sexual violence at Vanderbilt was thrust into the spotlight following an alleged June 23 incident in a campus dorm. Several groups have participated in the conversation about the issue, but the university's voice had been restricted to intermittent press releases until Monday night

By **TYLER BISHOP**
InsideVandy director

College campuses have attracted national attention in recent months as they fall under the scrutiny of survivors, activists, official investigators and other groups for problems with sexual violence and its reporting.

Vanderbilt has been no exception, with a high profile rape case involving former student-athletes, criticism and demands from alumni and student groups, public efforts to raise awareness and a formal Title IX and Clery Act complaint placing the university under a magnifying glass when it comes to issues of sexual violence.

On Nov. 22, in an email from Dean of Students Mark Bandas, students received their first community-wide communication of the year from the administration regarding sexual misconduct. The message invited students to a forum, held on Monday, Dec. 2 in Furman Hall, featuring a panel of university administrators and designed to provide "information on — and to respond to questions about — the University's efforts to prevent sexual misconduct, respond to incidents and support victims."

Creating a culture of reporting

Richard McCarty, provost and vice chancellor of academic affairs, opened the event, which was attended by faculty, staff, graduate and undergraduate students, by expressing the importance of creating a "culture of reporting" at Vanderbilt, something he said does not currently exist.

"That is a very high priority for my colleagues and me," McCarty said. "A culture of reporting requires that students are well informed about the opportunities that are available to them in these circumstances."

First-year student Daniel Lee, however,

raised a question — one of more than 20 fielded by the panel during the event — concerning McCarty's remarks.

"How did you come about framing this issue as a culture of reporting instead of a movement away from chauvinism?" Lee asked.

McCarty responded that the university must tackle both sides of the issue: working to prevent sexual assault and creating a culture that empowers victims to report.

"We can't count on help from perpetrators of sexual assault. Those people won't come forward," he said.

Still, for Lee, the panel's response was not adequate.

"I am struck by the sheer gray area of victimization," he said after the forum had adjourned. "At lunch I am overhearing my peers' conversations. They'll say, like, 'Where are you at, man? I'm at like 20 or 25. Presumably these hookups are under the influence. If that negates consent, does that mean a lot of my peers are 20-25-time rapists?'"

"I just have no idea where to draw the line, and I think when you put the responsibility on the victims to be the ones to instigate change, who knows when anything is ever going to happen? We need a more direct approach."

Current and future initiatives

The forum's panelists highlighted the university's willingness and eagerness to listen to student opinions and incorporate their feedback in future programs and policies. Anita Jenious, director of the Office of Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action and Disability Services, used the opportunity to ask students for feedback on how they would like to receive information on sexual misconduct procedures.

"What are the ways that you would like to receive this information?" she asked the students in the audience.

McCarty fielded a question about the administration's consideration of a campus climate survey concerning sexual violence. He responded that such a survey might be conducted as early as the spring semester.

During the forum, some audience members expressed concerns about the university's clarity in communicating efforts against the "rape culture" and the school's future plans to combat it. The panelists used their responses to these questions to elaborate on specific measures being taken to address sexual violence — some already in place and others currently in the works.

The Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center, according to the office's associate director Kayce Matthews, is working on expanding an initiative called "Project Safe," a program aimed at decreasing power-based violence on campus and providing support for victims. She also said that the university's use of the Green Dot initiative remains critical to the fight against the rape culture. The program currently has 23 partner offices on campus, according to Matthews.

Kathy Fuchs, director of the Psychological and Counseling Center, said she has made efforts to streamline the process of seeking help and support since she took over as director last year. She also said that she has put an emphasis on group therapy and a satisfaction survey is being created to gauge areas for further improvement at the PCC.

When asked what some of the biggest struggles with regard to sexual assault on campus are, Fuchs responded that one of the problems her office faces is the fact that many students do not know what the PCC has to offer. Another problem, she said, is that her office is restricted in the services it can provide — providing retribution, for example — because its work remains private.

"The confidential nature of what we do makes it difficult," she said.

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Will the administration follow through?

When senior Sarah O'Brien, a survivor raped during her freshman year at Vanderbilt, asked what educational mechanisms are being put in place that "focus only on sexual assault," Matthews replied that Vanderbilt University's Personal Empowerment Through Self Awareness module, now required for all incoming students to complete, largely emphasizes the prevention of sexual assault.

"But that's only the first step," Matthews said. According to Matthews and other panelists, more emphasis needs to be placed on student retention of information on matters like sexual assault beyond their first year on campus.

"We captivate the audience of first-year students in the Visions program, but we don't have a similar mechanism for upperclassmen," said Joseph Wehby, associate professor of special education and member of the Provost's Committee on Sexual Assault.

O'Brien said until she sees tangible progress on campus, she won't be satisfied with the university's response to sexual violence.

"I think that a lot of it was, 'We are working or trying to change that' and that is the kind of response that a lot of us have had multiple times in the last few years," she said.

After a question about how particular communities on campus are being targeted by educational programs and efforts against sexual misconduct — Greek Life in particular — director of Greek Life Kristin Shorter highlighted efforts to educate newly elected leaders in the community through programming. Shorter also said all chapters are expected to complete training on health, wellness and risk management that make Greek Life community expectations clear.

McCarty also asked Shorter, who was seated in the audience, to explain the status on "themed parties that demean women." Shorter responded that the Greek community has made significant strides in recent years but that there is

always room for improvement.

"It's not perfect. I can't tell you everything that is put in cyberspace," she said. "Students often make choices about parties where they might not think it all the way through. But very clear expectations have been set for the students in that regard."

University: We care about students

McCarty said the university's past investments in expanding the PCC, in the Student Health Center and in the Green Dot initiative display the university's devotion to protecting the welfare of its students.

"When the health and welfare of students come into play, we will find the money," he said.

According to McCarty, Vanderbilt is fully ready to take on a greater number of reports of sexual misconduct and to utilize its resources to aid any increase in the number of individuals who come forward, even if the numbers in campus crime statistics on sexual violence might rise as a result.

"We are not going to hide from the truth," McCarty said.

While applauding the fact that the university convened the forum, for some students the question that remains is whether or not the improvements outlined by administrators will actually manifest.

"I think it was really great to have a lot of different people from different aspects of the university together, but I'm just wondering if these are things that are actually going to happen," O'Brien said.

Editor's note: The Hustler does not typically identify victims of sexual assault, but Sarah O'Brien gave specific permission to be identified as a survivor. Given the sensitive nature of the issue of sexual misconduct, The Hustler received permission to use the names of anyone identified in this article.

FORUM PANELISTS:

Audrey Anderson, vice chancellor, general counsel and secretary of the university

G.L. Black, assistant dean and director of the Office of Student Accountability, Community Standards and Academic Integrity

Cathy Fuchs, director of the Psychological and Counseling Center

Anita Jenious, director of the Office of Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action and Disability Services

Kayce Matthews, associate director of the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center

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Joseph Wehby, associate professor of special education and member of the Provost's Committee on Sexual Assault

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Centennial Park renovations to begin this winter

Initial phases of construction include updates to Lake Watauga, the daylighting of Cockrill Spring, consolidating parking lots and building a permanent music venue



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Andrew Belle performs at Musicians Corner in Centennial Park on Sept. 22. A more permanent music venue for the annual concert series is one of the renovations for the park scheduled to begin in spring 2014.

By **ALLIE GROSS**

News reporter

Metro Parks and Recreation plans to initiate the first phase of a master plan to renovate Nashville's iconic Centennial Park this winter, according to Tim Netsch, assistant director of the Planning Division at Metro Parks.

Netsch said that dredging and installation of new aeration and circulation systems in Lake Watauga, located north of the Parthenon in the park, will begin this winter. There are also plans to create floating wetland islands to absorb pollutants and reduce algae in the lake.

"The water quality project in the lake will happen this winter, so by spring that project will be completed," Netsch said. "That will be a big win for us. 2013 will be the last summer of slime."

Additional plans for the first phase of the renovation include the "daylighting" of Cockrill Spring (a project that will bring the underground spring to the surface), the consolidation of parking lots north and east

of the Parthenon and the construction of a permanent music venue for the annual Musicians Corner concert series and other events. These renovations are expected to begin in the spring of 2014, with a project completion date of spring 2015.

Mayor Karl Dean initiated the process for the Centennial updates in cooperation with The Conservancy, a non-profit friends organization of the Parks board. The master planning process was completed in 2010.

Netsch said the master plan aims to ensure that the park, which has become "worn out" in recent years, can continue to serve the Nashville community. Other goals of the renovations, according to Netsch, are to broaden programming capabilities in the park and make it more sustainable — for example, using the water from Cockrill Spring to irrigate the park and improve Lake Watauga's water quality.

"The park has never had a master plan — what you see in the park today is the accretion of a century's worth of individual projects and initiatives, but there's never been a cohesive vision for what the park ought to be," Netsch said. "I think there was

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a desire for the landscape and experience of Centennial Park to be worthy of its iconic status in this city.”

Mayor Dean appointed a Centennial Park Master Plan Committee and asked Vanderbilt chancellor Nicholas Zeppos to help guide the process, according to Netsch. Zeppos then nominated Judson Newbern, deputy vice chancellor for facilities and environmental affairs, and Beth Fortune, vice chancellor for public affairs, to serve on committees for the project as part of a community outreach effort.

“Because my training is as a landscape architect, I’ll look at the appearance, evaluate some of the design, the quality of the design, give input on maintenance concerns,” Newbern said. “It has to be something they can operate and sustain, and I have a background in the fields relevant to what they’re doing. It’s very similar, given their acreage, to planning a university.”

Vanderbilt’s involvement with the park’s updates also extends beyond overall planning. Chris Vanags, associate director at the Center for Science Outreach and instructor at the School for Science and Math at Vanderbilt, is conducting research on water quality at the park with his classroom of local Metro public high school students. He and his students began a long-term look at the effectiveness of the daylighting of Cockrill Spring and the bioremediation program (the use of spring water for irrigation and Lake Watauga) by looking at the water quality of Cockrill Spring, Lake Watauga and groundwater underneath the campus.

“We’re utilizing Centennial Park as our outdoor lab for our classroom, which is a unique thing the School for Science and Math can do in partnership with Metro Parks,” Vanags said.

Netsch stated that Vanderbilt faculty contributions have been invaluable and that Vanderbilt is an important partner and neighbor to Centennial Park in this endeavor.

“Judson (Newbern) in particular really led the master planning process and it reflects his understanding of public spaces and landscapes and design,” Netsch said. “In Phase



A rendering of the proposed design for Cockrill Spring in Centennial Park.

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One, he’s also continued to be a great and valuable advisor to us.”

Newbern agreed that the relationship between the university and the park is mutually beneficial.

“They’ve tried to be responsive to us as well, since we’re one of their neighbors and we try to support them,” Newbern said. “We’re both resources to the community as well, and part of what we share is wanting these outreach programs to be successful. It’s been really positive, it’s been a win-win.”

While the master plan accounts for six phases, whether future phases are ultimately pursued depends on funding from the city as well as from private donors. From Netsch’s perspective, the financial investment would be worthwhile.

“It’s really an opportunity to make Centennial Park better than it ever has been,” he said. “Centennial Park is beloved by Nashvillians. It’s visited by hundreds of thousands of tourists. The Parthenon is central to the city’s identity, and we want the actual physical manifestation of that and the visitor’s experience of the park to be suited to that status.”

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Trading chickens, negotiating strikes and interviewing presidents: An evening with Vanderbilt's Traveling Fellows



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Thirteen alumni of the Vanderbilt Traveling Fellowship program were present for a reunion event on Nov. 15 held in Alumni Hall.

At their first-ever reunion, alumni of Vanderbilt's Traveling Fellowship shared stories of their adventures and how the program has impacted them personally and professionally

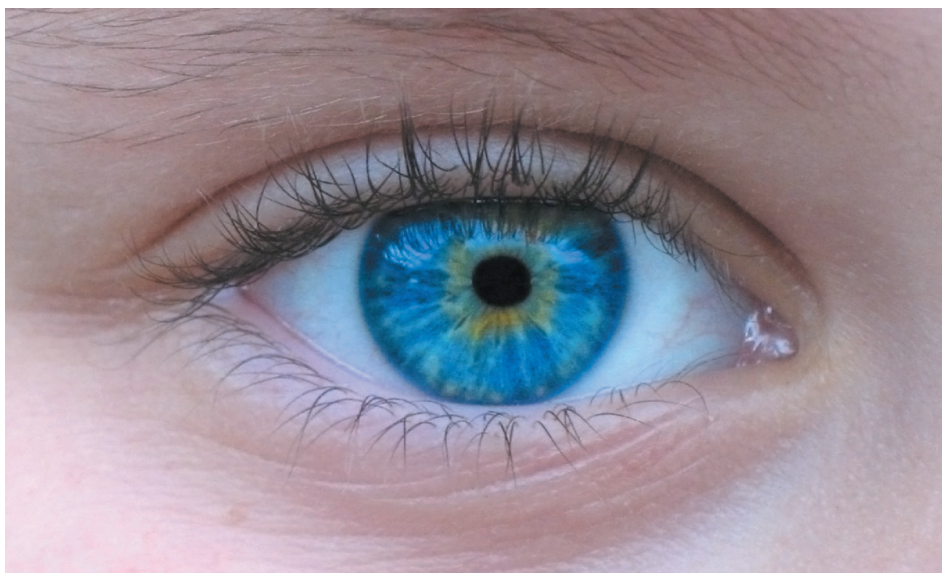
By **HANNAH SILLS**

News editor

Most Vanderbilt students would say, if asked, that they spent the year following their graduation pursuing a full-time career path or graduate school opportunities. But for a small, select group of alumni, traveling around the world to areas rural and urban, relying on the kindness of strangers and living out of a small suitcase or backpack was the regular routine of their days following commencement. These men and women were Vanderbilt Traveling Fellows.

On Nov. 15, 13 alumni of the various iterations of Vanderbilt's Traveling Fellowship program gathered for a reunion weekend, sharing stories and reflecting on their experiences during a dinner event held that night.

Since the program's inception in the 1960s, 37 Vanderbilt students have journeyed around the world for approximately one year after graduation, pursuing ideas or projects about which they are passionate, with financial support as Traveling Fellows. Collectively, they have travelled to 113 different countries, from Argentina to Zanzibar.



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The program began in 1961 at Harvard University as the Corning Traveling Fellowship, sponsored by the company Corning Glass Works, and was expanded to include graduating seniors from Yale, UNC Chapel Hill and Vanderbilt in 1963 and, in 1964, from Kentucky. The goal of this initial version of the fellowship was to provide graduating seniors who had been student leaders the opportunity to undertake a self-designed learning experience — outside of the traditional classroom — in an international setting, according to David Albright, Vanderbilt's first Traveling Fellow.

Six Vanderbilt graduates would be awarded Corning Traveling Fellowships before the company stopped funding the program in 1969. New iterations of the fellowship, which maintained its basic design and purpose, existed from 1979-83, 1987-97, in 2001, and from 2004 to the present. Each new era featured different combinations of financial supporters and sponsors prior to 2004, when former fellow Michael B. Keegan secured an endowment for the fellowship that now bears his name.

The diversity of the projects undertaken by fellows during their travels was well-represented by the attendees at the reunion, whose projects included studying international trade organizations, the response of nongovernment organizations to the HIV/AIDS epidemic and ecosystem conservation, among others.

The anecdotes fellows shared from their experiences reflected a similar sense of variety. Michael Ainslie, the 1965 fellow, described how he found himself sitting in a restaurant in Vietnam next to a man from South Carolina who would subsequently offer him a job as an economist with a company doing construction work for the United States military. Shortly thereafter, Ainslie and another man became responsible for negotiating a settlement when the company's 50,000 employees went on strike and then for flying to North Vietnam to explain the conditions of the settlement, an experience he described as "incredible."

The 1981 fellow, Mark Dietrich, shared a story encapsulating a larger theme that nearly all the fellows mentioned throughout the evening: the kindness of strangers. He met a family in the Philippines one day who brought him back to their home, where their mother, who worked as a nurse, included Dietrich in the rubbing alcohol baths she gave her family to combat high levels of infection and disease, even though he was a total stranger.

"The most amazing thing was the lengths total strangers would go to — everything from pointing me on my way to meeting me on an airplane and then inviting me to stay at their house for a week," said Kathleen Russell, the 2012 fellow.

Fellows also described witnessing political and economic unrest firsthand in several countries they visited. Jud Pankey, the 1982 fellow, was living in Sudan while uprisings broke out as Chevron discovered oil in South Sudan. Pankey was also attending a conference in Khartoum when it was bombed by Libya.

More than two decades later, 2010 fellow Wyatt Smith attended a protest in Egypt where he watched police keep demonstrators corralled while they took photos of each person to add to a database of political prisoners. Smith's travels for his project, studying international citizenship and people in emerging democracies, took him to the Middle East in the months leading up to the Arab Spring movement.

Smith's project also facilitated a unique opportunity to interview former President George W. Bush about developing democracy; Smith's travel experiences relating to the topic likely helped him win the contest for the interview.

The fellows also discussed how their traveling experience taught them the values of spontaneity, thrift and improvising with their plans. One described paying a man in Mozambique two chickens for a fake stamp for his expired visa so that he could leave the country and continue with his

travels. Another recounted spending 36 hours in an airport once to avoid having to pay a customs bribe. Several told how they had strayed from their planned itineraries when they became attached to a particular place or attracted to a new opportunity.

Matthew Parsons, the 1993 fellow, pursued a project about the response of nongovernment organizations to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. He talked about how, for him, the experience was tinged with sadness because of the suffering he saw on his travels.

"I think the Fellowship is — you're up close and personal (to the situation)," he said.

At one point on his journey, Parsons found himself asking how he could show he achieved something as a result of his experience. In response, he shot a documentary film in India on World AIDS Day that would go to 30 different film festivals in subsequent years.

Many of the fellows described the experience as one that led to great personal and professional development, preparing them for future careers in international business and other areas as well as teaching valuable life lessons.

"Having been Vanderbilt's first Traveling Fellow, I can personally attest to what the program can mean to a young person leaving the undergraduate world," Albright wrote in a statement about his experience. "The fellowship tested and widened my ability to manage, to adjust, to operate independently, to take advantage of and to make good on opportunities, and to plan."

The Michael B. Keegan Traveling Fellowship is open to any Vanderbilt senior who will graduate by May 2014. December 2013 graduates are eligible to apply. Applications are due Jan. 13, 2014. For more information, visit <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/travelfellowship>.



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opinion

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The Order of the Crown can either hide in the shadows, selfishly and irrelevantly reenacting the good ol' boy backrooms of yesteryear, or it can do something meaningful with its secrecy, leveraging anonymity to do good deeds for others."

MICHAEL GRESHKO



THE RANT

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After all the stupid changes to YES, why can I still not see where I stand on the waitlist?

Dead week? More like death week.

Vanderbilt is trying so hard to look like they're handling sexual violence well.

Given that housing costs are almost \$10k per year, I wouldn't have expected for every single toilet on the Towers 2 11th Floor's bathroom to flood and leave the hall smelling like shit.

Among the things that upset me about The Hustler is how long it takes to have it published on issue. I'm trying to make an environmentally friendly statement by not reading the paper copy.

Someone cut the hot water off in the Vandy dressing room at Neyland Stadium after Vandy had turned their BOWL over, and water bottles thrown at the celebrating fans and team, so on the next TN visit in Nashville, we need to cut their water supply. Only tears from defeat.

Why can't I buy food with my VUNet ID?

Guys in Hank Ingram that ride the elevator up from Floor 2 to 3 or 4 instead of taking the stairs: You're the reason why we aren't winning the Commons Cup!

There's no reserved parking anywhere for students with temporary medical parking permits. During peak hours, I can't find a spot.

Endgame for religious liberty?

ENDA is bad public policy and a threat to religious liberty



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On Nov. 13, Matt Miller wrote a column ("Inadequate measures") arguing that the Employer Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) is good legislation but does not go far enough because it purportedly contains exemptions for religious organizations. He goes so far as to attach the labels of "anti-gay" and "hate-fueled" to those who oppose the bill. This is an example of some ENDA advocates' practice of demonizing those who disagree with them while dramatically oversimplifying their opponents' views. Unfortunately, not only is Miller making an outrageous accusation, but there are also many reasons why ENDA is just bad public policy, specifically in regards to religious liberty.

ENDA would prohibit any business with 15 or more employees from making employment decisions based on an "individual's actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity." That sounds great in theory, but the text of the legislation is far too vague in its definition of both sexual orientation and gender identity and in its classification of the organizations or corporations that would qualify for a religious exemption. The unnecessary vagueness of the law will also lead to endless litigation — as it has in the past in similar situations.

Where Miller is gravely wrong is in his blatant disregard for religious liberty. We can, and ought to, have a discussion about whether or not the principles behind ENDA yield good public policy, but we should not have a debate about whether or not we need to protect our first freedom — the right to freely exercise our religion. ENDA does contain religious exemptions built on Title VII protections, but such exemptions are narrow and also vague — leading to several circuit splits in federal courts. See the current status of nonprofit and for-profit entities in litigation concerning

the Department of Health and Human Services contraceptive and abortifacient mandate (i.e., University of Notre Dame v. Sebelius, Weingartz Supply Company v. Sebelius, Hobby Lobby v. Sebelius, Conestoga Wood Specialties v. Sebelius) all of which are in court due to the vagueness of religious exemptions. The exemptions are narrow in that they do not protect employers who wish to run their business according to the dictates of their faith. For example, Tyndale House, a for-profit Bible publishing company, would not qualify for the exemption despite being an overtly religious entity. Even a religious school, if not formally affiliated with a church or parish, would not be allowed to prohibit a teacher from coming to school one day as a man and the next as a woman.

And neither are these situations I've presented merely in the abstract, nor am I just fear mongering. While our nation has had a robust and necessary debate the last few years over the definition of marriage, people are now being punished for holding a traditional view of marriage. For example, the young, devoutly religious couple that owns Elane Photography in New Mexico was told that they had to photograph same-sex ceremonies or face thousands of dollars in fines. A 70-year old florist with sincerely-held religious beliefs from Washington is facing a lawsuit from the state because she would not be a part of the planning team for a same-sex ceremony. Similarly, the owners of Sweet Cakes by Melissa, a small family-owned bakery in Oregon, were forced to shut down their business after refusing to bake a cake for a same-sex ceremony. The family was met with large protests and boycotts, even receiving death threats against their children. Wedding planners and vendors in the area were told by protesters that if they did business with Sweet Cakes, they would also be shut down. Notably, all of

these cases involve people objecting to same-sex marriage, not LGBT individuals or the LGBT community. In addition to these instances, state governments have shut down several Christian adoption agencies because they would not place children with same-sex couples.

All that these people want to do is to not be coerced by the government to check their faith at the door when operating a business, but instead be allowed to freely exercise their religion. In a free and tolerant society, government cannot force anyone to do anything against his or her conscience. Just as a Democratic vendor should not be forced to provide services to the Republican National Committee, American citizens should be free to live according to their faith without the threat of government coercion telling them otherwise.

We all agree that employers should respect the inherent human dignity of each employee. Within those confines, in our free market society, it should be up to the individual employers how they want to run their business. While for the majority of cases or situations, one's sexual orientation or gender identity does not matter at all in the workplace or affect ability to perform the job, that is not always the case. ENDA is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to threats against religious liberty.

Freedom of religion is a fundamental American principle and our inalienable First Amendment right. Our Founders were adamant that this right be protected. James Madison said, "The religion ... of every man must be left to the conviction and conscience of every man; and it is the right of every man to exercise it as these may dictate." We can disagree on policy and discuss our differences; however, we must preserve those fundamental rights so precious to our country.

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Why Vandy needs feminism

A new campaign at Vanderbilt tries to combat stereotypes

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GUEST COLUMN

You might have seen some interesting signs strewn throughout campus this morning. Did the messages pique your curiosity? Well, we in the Contemporary Women's Movements class (WGS 250) think that Vanderbilt needs feminism, even though "feminist" probably isn't the first word that you think of to describe Vanderbilt or its students.

Feminism has a public relations problem. Pop stars like Beyonce and Taylor Swift have rejected the term. And how many times have you or one of your friends began a statement with the phrase, "I'm not a feminist, but ..."? What is it about the word "feminism" that makes everybody so uncomfortable? When most people hear "feminism," it conjures the image of some sort of crazed, bra-burning, man-hating, radical lesbian activist, or the word calls to mind Rush Limbaugh dismissing the women's movement as a group of "femi-nazis."

To combat this stereotype, we are launching a "Who Needs Feminism?" campaign at Vanderbilt. WNF was started by a group of students in Dr. Rachel Seidman's Women in the Public Sphere course at Duke University who wanted to combat what they felt was a widespread belief that society no longer needs feminism. We agree that it's time to

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have a conversation about why we need feminism. The Vanderbilt community has been having a lot of weighty discussions this semester centered on consent, sex work, power-based personal violence and "chivalry."

If these conversations are not enough to convince you that feminism is still relevant, we have a few more reasons which might persuade you. We went around the university, asking our friends, classmates, co-workers and teachers why they feel feminism is relevant in their lives.

Some of our favorite quotes from the campaign so far: I need feminism because —

... some people on this campus think that "chivalry" is the only way that men can show "respect" for women.

... things that are considered "unladylike" are ideal qualities for men.

... when I look in the mirror I want to see a "human" first, not a "woman."

... I'm tired of being labeled the "angry black female."

... I want my sons to know it is OK to cry.

... 77 cents is not a dollar.

... I'm tired of apologizing for what I'm good at.

... my friend was dying (literally) to be "skinny enough."

The goal of this campaign is not to come up with a singular, exclusionary definition of feminism. Rather, we hope to show everyone the multiple ways that feminism remains central to the lives of individuals on this campus, both large and small. In other words, we all need feminism, but in different ways and for different reasons.

As you read the signs posted all around campus, we hope you take a moment to think, "Why do I need feminism?" Join the discussion with us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/whoneedsfeminismvandy>, or meet with us this spring at Sarratt Promenade where we will exhibit some of the submissions. It's time for your voice to be heard.



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Black Friday bites

Aw shucks, consumerist zombies!



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I have seen the hordes; I have felt the helplessness parcel to their being seen. I have seen the Walking Dead. I had no sooner digested Thanksgiving than the undead began feasting on living flesh that Friday. No other phenomenon could explain the masses pounding on the storefronts, drooling for what lay inside, risking trampling, injury and humiliation all for a piece of those stocking shelves, upon which slowly dawned the situation's gravity. On that blackest of days, I pressed my hands to the fogging windows of the vehicle I passed them in, powerless to save the would-be victims from the sea of no-longer-human beings hungry for fresh, raw flesh.

So perhaps that was a bit dramatic — my anti-consumerist sentiments can really get the best of me at times, but on the upside they've never done so much as stab someone over a parking spot (as in Claypool Hill, Va.), open fire and shoot a man in order to deter shoplifting (as with the Romeoville, Ill., Kohl's) or trample someone to death in addition to sending four would-be rescuers to the hospital, one of whom carried an 8-month-old fetus (as in Long Island, N.Y.). I do think, unexaggeratedly, that Black Friday falling on the day after Thanksgiving — or, for the ungrateful dead-at-heart at Walmart, the day of Thanksgiving itself — is ironic. And that's given that the holiday is already ironic enough, as it commemorates how the White Death, euphemistically Pilgrims and Puritans, freshly unloaded at Plymouth, feigned gratitude and went on to terrorize the Native Americans they so loved relocating for a couple of centuries.

I suppose psychologists do remind us that it is in truth a small jump from cruelty to animals to cruelty to humans; a day earlier, I could have seen any one of the consumerism-infected shoppers gobbling down a roasted avian corpse. But still, to proceed from Thankfulness, even if a fraud, to the strongest sense of "I need" our culture allows — an insatiable hunger which, no matter how much is consumed, can never come to pause — is to laugh at the fact that a holiday for "gratitude" could even exist in

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the first place.

The Walking Dead of Sunday evening AMC programming is incurably infected, bearing only a slight resemblance to the people who they once were, which hardly conflicts with what I saw on Friday. A trusting glance by a character in the series could comfort the viewer with a hope that maybe, just maybe, a shred of personhood still remained, but the erraticism, the crowding and the thirsting (as seen at peopled malls and consumption centers last Friday) all betray at most a shell that is empty but for “I want.”

I'd really love a world without double standards on such a massive, multi-billion-dollar scale, maybe one where true “thanks” can thrive outside the mire of hypocrisy, which now chokes it down as do the ex-humans their newly-acquired things.

And it's not like I'm saying that December holidays set the standard when it comes to staying true to their causes; the contagion is pretty catchy — most anything which can become an occasion for unrelenting gift-gorging will do so. What kid even knows where Halloween comes from? (As if the objective in the first place were actually candy grabbing...)

But the point of this nonlinear and unacademic, well, rant is that I wish what were important on holidays — in life — would not be what one could buy on festive occasions but what one values and appreciates on these occasions. Say, for the hell of it, “thanks,” the kind that doesn't accompany presents or splurging or trampling. Until then, maybe I just ought be thankful there's only one Black Friday a year ... but this would of course mean there's only one day devoted to “thank you,” too.

specialfeature

A closer look at the recruiting process of Vanderbilt's own secret society and the activities of those at other institutions **By Michael Greshko**

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The challenges faced by any upstart student group are many, and they are daunting. First, it must seek out and carve for itself a cultural niche, making the group's purpose sufficiently unique and recognizable. Second, it must secure a membership large and steady enough to carry the group beyond the energy of its founders. Third, it must have some kind of allure in order to attract and retain prospective members. Finally, it must deliver some kind of enriching experience that makes its members' time and efforts worthwhile. When your group is an upstart secret society like the Order of the Crown, these challenges become even more pronounced. But has the Order risen to the occasion?

As far as membership is concerned, coarse assumptions would hold that the Order would have appeal within Vanderbilt's Greek scene, particularly from the upper echelon of the IFC fraternities. Interestingly, recently emerged evidence, an email forwarded to me by a friend of mine involved in VSG and Greek life, seems to bear this out, at least partially.

On Dec. 19, 2012, someone writing under the pseudonym "Hank Moody" — the name of the protagonist of the TV show "Californication" — sent out an email from the address vanderbiltooc@gmail.com to the presidents of Vanderbilt's IFC fraternities that read as follows:

Dear Vanderbilt Greek Presidents,

The Order of the Crown would like two names from each greek organization of members to be considered for the 2012-2013 class of Crownmembers.

For each name submission please state their name, greek affiliation, and ONE sentence of why they would be good representatives of the Order of the Crown. You may include yourselves should you feel so worthy.

Please have these names in by Wednesday afternoon at 6:09pm.

Honorably,
H.M.

While it's possible that this communiqué was delivered to student groups other than the IFC fraternities — non-Greek members of VSG, for example, had heard of it as underclassmen — it seems likely that the Order depends largely on this kind of IFC-based recruitment. Such a "two by two" recruitment strategy echoes those employed by inter-fraternity organizations of yesteryear, particularly the Commodore Club and the Owl Club.

Interestingly, there are no intra-IFC biases evident among the email's recipients; even newer chapters like Phi Kappa Psi and Delta Lambda Phi were sent the email, though the broader bias against black fraternities is evident. (I attempted to follow up with the recipients of the email about their interactions with the Order of the Crown, but the only one to respond came back with a quick "No comment.") Though concluding too much from

this all-IFC email list is problematic, one question still lingers: Are we seeing the emergence of a secret society with the unspoken goal of pan-IFC solidarity?

If this is the case, the Order has taken pains to keep the administration out of the loop. In numerous email exchanges with Kristin Shorter, the director of the Office of Greek Life, from May to mid-November, she asserts that she did not know about the Order prior to my asking her about it.

In fact, this refrain is practically universal across the administration: Prior to my first contact with administrators on May 19, no one in any of the major administrative, residential, press or conduct offices had any clue what the Order of the Crown was.

In a May 22 response prepared by Dean of Students Mark Bandas and tacitly approved by both the Provost's Office and the Chancellor's Office, Bandas said that he has "no knowledge of the existence of any secret societies at Vanderbilt, including the 'Order of the Crown.'"

What Dean Bandas failed to mention in his initial statement was that Vanderbilt was swiftly acting to distance itself from the Order: Days after I first spoke to him, he contacted Vanderbilt's Office of the General Counsel and the Office of Trademark Licensing, concerned that the Order's site "made an illicit use of the Vanderbilt name," as he recounted in a July 8 follow-up. Vanderbilt's legal office quickly contacted the Order via DomainsByProxy.com, threatening trademark infringement. The Vanderbilt name was scrubbed from orderofthecrown.org by May 25.

For a group claiming to influence "short-term and long-term activities of Vanderbilt," the cold shoulder from Vanderbilt's administration suggests a weak relationship between administrators and the Order of the Crown.

While individual members of the group probably know and regularly work with staff members, the Order's name holds absolutely no cache, leading one to wonder what, precisely, the group plans on doing to influence much of anything. Young and largely irrelevant as its own force, the Order faces a fork in the road as it tries to find purpose.

The high road leads to the University of Virginia, where a secret society called the Seven Society has operated since the late 1890s. Calling itself home to some of the university's most illustrious students, faculty and administrators, the group — coed for at least 60 years — is incredibly tight-lipped about its membership. A member is not revealed until his or her death. While its members lurk in the shadows, the Seven Society has completed so many good deeds for Virginia — including fundraising and support for scholarships and fellowships — that the group's value is self-evident. It also possesses the moral courage to try and address campus-wide crises: Last winter, amid a period tarnished by the death of a student, a bevy of sexual assaults and an alleged hate crime, the Society hung massive public banners from seven academic buildings that called for community-wide solidarity.

Contrast these secretive yet meaningful acts of goodwill with the low road exemplified by The Machine at Alabama, which grew out of a rogue inter-fraternity organization and consolidated control over Alabama's campus politics by the late 1920s. It now serves as the militant political arm of Alabama's white Greek system, handpicking Greek candidates for student government positions and rallying the Greek vote. Mysteriously, only hellfire awaits those who dare challenge the Machine: For decades, members of opposing campaigns have been robbed, jumped, threatened and driven from campus. In one particularly hei-

nous instance, masked men burned crosses on sorority lawns after the unexpected 1976 victory of Cleo Thomas, a black student opposed to the Machine, in the race for student body president. The group is now under investigation for voter fraud after an Alabama alum — and formerly Machine-backed member of Alabama's student government — won a Tuscaloosa Board of Education election amid sketchy voter registration and Election Day tabs at local bars reserved for those who voted for the candidate.

The differences between these two extremes are profound.

One group derives its power from the good it does unto others and the University; the other group derives its power from a towering elitism and the fear it seeks to evoke. One group actively encourages campus-wide unity; the other sinisterly encourages a self-serving disunion. One group values community; the other subverts it.

While these groups are the extremes of the spectrum, the Order of the Crown has a choice to make. It can either hide in the shadows, selfishly and irrelevantly reenacting the good ol' boy backrooms of yesteryear, or it can do something meaningful — empowering, even — with its secrecy, leveraging anonymity to do good deeds for others. We should think deeply on the unofficial second motto of Tennessee's Scarabean Senior Society, a line delivered in Goethe's 1773 play "Goetz von Berlichingen": "There is strong shadow where there is much light."

As the Order hides out in the mysterious, protective dark, though, it is unclear whether or not it has an interest in venturing into the light at all to interact with and ultimately improve this community we call home.

For its sake — and ours — I hope it does.



Life



Tap That! Fall Showcase: 'The Great Tap Thatsby'

Enjoy the dance stylings of Vanderbilt's only student-run tap group and attend its first showcase, "The Great Tap Thatsby." In addition to featuring Tap That's original choreography, Jugal Vandy and the Juggling and Performing Arts Club will be guest performing. The show starts at 7 p.m. in SLC Ballroom A. Tickets are \$5 cash and \$6 on the card and will be sold on Rand Wall 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., as well as at the door.

STUDY SPOTS GUIDE

Don't know where to study for finals this semester? Navigate our flow chart to find the best spot to hit the books

By Priyanka Aribindi, life reporter

START HERE
Need to study?

YES → On campus or off campus?

OFF → Are you hungry?

NO → **Head back to campus:**
There's no reason to venture off if you're not in search of a meal!

ON → What's your ideal noise level?

SO SILENT YOU COULD HEAR A PIN DROP → When do you study?

DAYTIME → **Eskind Biomedical Library:**
Sleek and clean, "Biomed," as it's affectionately referred to, is the perfect place to spend a few (read: many) hours in a carrel that doesn't seem nearly as depressing as the ones in Stevenson. Head here for some silent study in the daytime, and take a break or two to spot all the cute residents from the Medical Center.

NIGHT OWL → **2nd floor of Alumni Hall:**
Outfitted with a lecture room and study space, the second floor of Alumni is the perfect place to spend the night with anything from chemistry to political science. It's well lit and never crowded, and the basement has a stocked vending machine for when those 3 a.m. chocolate cravings roll around.

COFFEESHOP CHATTER → What's closer to your dorm?

COFFEE → **Atmalogy:**
Even though Atmalogy closes at 8 p.m., the space is full of pillows and cushions and fun colors that make it great for doing work. The super reliable Wi-fi and maple pumpkin latte put Starbucks to shame everytime.

MEAL → **Fido:**
Everyone knows Fido's food is worth the wait, but during the daytime and even dinner hours on weekdays the Wi-fi is on and lines move fast. Grab a meal, coffee and a muffin and make a day of it. The productivity and people watching can't be beat.

MAIN CAMPUS → **Alumni Lounge:**
Alumni Hall is such a hidden gem, and the cool lounge on the first floor is one of the best parts. The lighting and furniture are super swanky, and the tables and couches are perfect if you have a project or want to take a study break and chat.

COMMONS → **2nd floor of The Commons Center:**
Come finals season, nothing's better than The Commons. After dining hours the place quiets down, which makes getting work done there a lot easier, but talking definitely isn't frowned upon. With a Munchie Mart downstairs for study breaks and refueling, you'll definitely be able to commiserate with friends.

NO → **Look at your life. Look at your choices.**

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No need to leave the dorm: Finals week food

With finals coming up, everyone is expecting a long night or two (or five) of studying. So what are the best places to satisfy your need for some brain fuel when it's just impossible to leave Central? Here are some delivery options for those needing a study snack **By Matt Lieberon, life reporter**

Mellow Mushroom

Delivery contact: (615) 342-0044 or <http://doorstepdelivery.com>

Delivery hours: 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 5-10 p.m.

Contrary to popular belief, Mellow Mushroom does deliver. Well, sort of, with both the Doorstep Delivery and Grubhub services providing delivery from various places around campus that traditionally only offer carryout. Be warned, though: Doorstep Delivery costs a small fee (10 percent), and the order minimum with Grubhub is \$15. Instead of the same pepperoni pizza with that weird garlic "butter," Mellow Mushroom offers some wild pizza combinations, like the Maui Wowie with pesto, ham, jerk chicken, pineapple, bacon and banana peppers. Better yet, the pizzas are big enough to last for two or three nights, depending on how many pages that research paper has left. Outside of pizzas, Mellow Mushroom has some great hoagies, massive calzones and even some decent salads.

Satay Thai Grill

Delivery contact: (615) 915-0972

Delivery hours: 11 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. Monday-Friday, 12-8:45 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

Satay Thai Grill delivers until 8:45 p.m., and is a great option for those working on group projects, especially because it offers free delivery. The one drawback is a \$20 delivery minimum, so it is definitely prudent to order with a group. Satay breaks the chain of pizza and mediocre Italian subs,

bringing some heat with its curry bowls. The grilled meats are a lighter way to get some energy, with the grilled chicken in peanut sauce being a standout. To top it off, the extensive smoothie list is a way to get a pick-me-up while avoiding a seventh cup of coffee.

Noshville

Delivery contact: <http://grubhub.com>

Delivery hours: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday

Noshville, like Mellow Mushroom, does its delivery through external services Doorstep Delivery and Grubhub. Though the delivery fees seem steep on a student budget, sometimes the stomach just needs a Reuben sandwich. If you feel like getting festive during your studying, get an order of latkes (potato pancakes) and say a quick Hanukkah blessing for a study break. Though delivery ends at 7:30 p.m. most days, an order of matzo ball soup and a massive corned beef sandwich should be enough for the night.

Roma Pizza and Pasta

Delivery contact: (615) 340-0040, or online at <http://campus-dining.vanderbilt.edu/taste-of-nashville/> (Click on the left button next to Roma's entry, and log in with a VUnet ID.)

Delivery hours: 10 a.m. to 3 a.m. Monday-Thursday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 a.m. Friday-Saturday

Though not the most culinarily distinguished option for late night pizza, Roma is one of the most convenient choices for a fourth meal. Open until 3 a.m., Roma is on the Commodore Card, so they take that leftover Meal Money that nobody knows whether or not rolls over through online ordering. Roma has your traditional takeout place menu, with some good subs, salads, pizza and wings.

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Number of yards of total offense the Commodores held the Wake Forest Demon Deacons to in the second half of Saturday's game

SEC POWER RANKINGS: WEEK 14

Each week I rank the teams in the SEC 1-14. This week, we go with the boring choice at No. 1 after a wild Iron Bowl, Franklin stays alive (in Nashville), the cowbells are ringing in country music and no more Kentucky football for another year!

By **JACKSON MARTIN**
Sports writer



1. No. 5 Missouri (11-1, 7-1 SEC)

Undefeated in regulation. Undefeated when their starting quarterback (who is again healthy) plays. Only loss came in double overtime to the No. 8 team in the country on a missed field goal. This really isn't that hard.



2. No. 3 Auburn (11-1, 7-1)

Listen, Auburn. I think you're great, I really do. But you needed the two most amazing finishes I have ever seen live, in back-to-back weeks, to get to this point. You even needed a miracle comeback win against Mississippi State. Maybe you really are the team of destiny, but you're going to have to prove it on Saturday.



3. No. 4 Alabama (11-1, 7-1)

I don't want people to think I'm overreacting to a weird loss on the road against a rival because I do still think Alabama is likely the best team in the country. The problem is that the Crimson Tide let Auburn hang around, and a series of bad decisions gave the Tigers an opportunity to win. The most insane ending to a game in our lifetimes really shouldn't knock you down two spots in the Power Rankings, but the games are so magnified at this point in the season that it almost has to.



4. No. 8 South Carolina (10-2, 6-2)

Losing to Tennessee is going to stand out as this season's weirdest result. The entire dynamic of the conference has shifted on that one weird loss. Man, if only South Carolina didn't have the hardest conference schedule in the East, they'd be going to Atlanta. What's that? The Gamecocks actually had the easiest schedule of the contenders, and Missouri had the hardest? Oh.



5. No. 15 LSU (9-3, 5-3)

Uh, congratulations on beating Arkansas?



6. No. 22 Georgia (8-4, 5-3)

Georgia won the battle of "Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate" against Georgia Tech in double overtime, which is probably the coolest name for a rivalry game there is in college football. Hutson Mason played capably as quarterback and should give Georgia fans high hopes for next season.



Q&A with Coach James Franklin

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By **ALLISON MAST**
Sports editor

The Vanderbilt Hustler: With the win over Wake Forest, you've now put together back-to-back 8-4 regular seasons. With more of your recruits receiving minutes, did your success this season feel different?

James Franklin: No, I wouldn't say that. We really took the approach that all these guys are our guys. That's from the day we arrived on campus. I never really understood that approach. Obviously it's a little different with the recruits that you've brought in yourself because you've been in their homes, and you've gotten to know them a little bit different from the time in high school.

But no, we're just so proud of the whole team, how they've all worked together and the chemistry and all the hard work that's been put in. There's no doubt about it. So, that's really our focus more than anything — not who we're doing it with but the whole concept of team.

VH: Can you quantify the extent of the culture change in Nashville or at Vanderbilt?

JF: I don't know if you really can. I think it's more of a feel thing than something that you can quantify. I think, you know, it's all the little things. It's the type of attention that we

get with the media. It's going to the airport and seeing people wearing Vanderbilt black and gold everywhere and got the "Star V" on and throwing the VU up to people and saying "Anchor Down." It's how the other teams and the other schools look at us now. It's all those things that factor into it.

It's not one thing; it's recruiting, it's the work ethic that the team has put in, it's how the community's started to rally behind us, it's how the students interact. I remember when I first got up here, I would go up to the Student Union and ask people to come to the games, and they didn't even know what game I was talking about. They didn't know who I was, and that's changed.

It's different now. There's an excitement, there's a buzz about what's going on, there's an appreciation. So it's not one thing. Obviously, we put out a lot of statistics and things like that that I think are dramatic, but it's more just the overall feel of the program, and how people view it.

VH: It's obviously a lot easier to change the culture when the team is winning, but you also believe that changing the culture can help the team win. If this is the case, do you think any school could create a winning program?

JF: Yeah, I think you can win anywhere, anywhere in the country. Are some places easier to do it than others? Yes. I mean, history shows that to you. I don't think there's any

doubt about it, and I think as we all know, we have some challenges at Vanderbilt that other schools don't. It's difficult to win in the first place, and then we have some challenges; the size of the school creates a challenge. And there's advantages. Academic reputation and academic requirements create some challenges, but it also creates opportunities as well. I think it's like anything else. It's just how you view the situation you're in and how you can get people to buy into your plan and your vision.

With the right plan that is specific to that institution or organization, I think you can have success anywhere, but it takes a lot of really, really smart people and a lot of people who are committed to what you're trying to do, all pulling the chain in the right direction or in the same direction.

VH: One of the main stories of the second half of this season has been the defense. Can you explain how they improved so drastically?

JF: To be honest with you, I don't know if it was drastic. It's a combination of things we were just talking about with culture. We didn't do anything a whole lot different in practice; we didn't do anything a whole lot different in schemes. We tweaked a few things here and there. We've been pretty successful defensively the last couple years. None of those things really changed. We just kind of stuck with our plan and kept believ-

ing in one another, and opportunities came, and guys made plays.

That's what I would probably say more than anything is just the overall commitment to believing in who we are and what we could be, and it wasn't really anything more than that. Obviously there are a lot of things that play into it like anything else. We had some injuries and some guys not playing for a number of different reasons. Two out of our three starting linebackers weren't playing. That had a big impact on us early on.

VH: Has anyone surprised you on offense, defense or special teams?

JF: No, I would say I have very high expectations for everyone, and I think our kids have done a really good job of approaching their preparation as if they were a starter. We talk about that all the time. Whether you're a starter or not, you should approach it that way. A lot of people say that, but a lot of people don't necessarily do it. I think our kids do a good of a job as anyone I've ever been of preparing as if you're the starter, so if your number is called you're ready. And our guys have done that.

The Tennessee game was a great example of that, when you lose all four guys in your secondary and other guys come in and do their job. Saturday against Wake Forest was a really good example because at one point we were on our fourth team offensive tackle ... in the game. With injuries we've had over the last couple weeks on the offensive line and injuries we had during the game, we

just found ways. It wasn't always pretty, but it was effective.

VH: At times, punting has been an issue for this team. Does punter Taylor Hudson struggle with consistency in practice too?

JF: I think early on, he was punting really well. Richard Kent the year before, everyone thought he had a really, really good year, but on average (Hudson) was punting better than Richard had the year before. It felt really, really good, then he had some consistency problems after that, and we're still working through that now. Colby (Cooke) came in and did some nice things on Saturday, but that's really still a work in progress to be honest with you.

VH: You've used both quarterbacks Austyn Carta-Samuels and Patton Robinette very well recently, but has it been difficult for the offense to adjust?

JF: No, we have some issues and concerns that we're working through that I don't want to make public. It'll come out at some point, but we end up playing with two quarterbacks to give us an advantage in some areas and hide some deficiencies that we have, and I thought it worked out extremely well for us. It also gave us an opportunity to get Patton Robinette some experience, which is also important. You're able to do that at a lot of positions, and sometimes it's hard to do it at the quarterback position. I think it's been a positive for us, I really do, and you look at the production we've gotten from it.

**SEC POWER RANKINGS:
WEEK 14 CONTINUED**



7. No. 24 Texas A&M (8-4, 4-4)
By all accounts, the Aggies had an incredibly disappointing season and locked up their head coach for a six-year extension, which always ends well.



8. Vanderbilt (8-4, 4-4)
Winning games while playing poorly is an admirable trait, and one that Vanderbilt has never possessed before this season. But the Commodores cannot expect to keep winning if they LOL DON'T CARE JAMES FRANKLIN IS STAYING ANOTHER YEAR.



9. Ole Miss (7-5, 3-5)
Yes, Ole Miss beat Vanderbilt at the beginning of the year, but does anyone really think the Rebels should be ranked ahead of the Commodores after the way they finished the season?



10. Mississippi State (6-6, 3-5)
The Bulldogs clinched a bowl berth and have ensured at least one more year of mediocrity under head coach Dan Mullen. Congratulations, Bulldogs! Let the cowbells ring, ring with the songs of victory!



11. Florida (4-7, 3-5)
Florida fired offensive coordinator Brent Pease, which should fix everything. Recruiting in December with the third different offensive coordinator in four years has always worked out well for everyone.




12. Tennessee (5-7, 2-6)
Head coach Butch Jones, in an interview this week, said, "If two video reviews had gone our way this year, we'd have seven wins." Or — and follow me here, Butch — if your team had actually made those two plays instead of depending on an incorrect ruling, you could have had seven wins.



13. Arkansas (3-9, 0-8)
Razorbacks coach Bret Bielema was not allowed to touch the 175-pound Golden Boot trophy after losing to LSU this weekend, which can only be considered a victory for safety everywhere.



14. Kentucky (2-10, 0-8)
The real winner this week is me, because I don't have to watch any more Kentucky football this year. Small miracles.
(Weeks without a basketball joke: 15.)



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Finding ways to win

Sure, it was messy, but with some help from three Carey Spear field goals, the Commodores persisted to take home the win on Senior Day

By **MATT CITAK**
Sports writer

For the second straight year, the Commodores have entered the bowl season with eight wins. Saturday's victory against Wake Forest was an amazing way for Vanderbilt to send off its senior players, including captain and place kicker Carey Spear.

Coming into the Commodores' game on Saturday, Spear was 10-for-14 on the season, nowhere near his final stats of 20-for-24 from last year. However, as he has done countless times in years past, the senior came through for Vanderbilt when the team needed him most.

With the game tied at 14 heading toward halftime, the Commodores put together a quick 64-yard drive in about three minutes. A 14-yard completion from quarterback Austyn Carta-Samuels to wide receiver Jordan Cunningham on 3rd-and-28

set Vanderbilt up on the Wake Forest 24-yard line with 15 seconds to go in the half.

With no timeouts remaining, the field goal unit rushed onto the field, after which Spear drilled a 41-yard field goal right down the middle. The score broke the tie and gave Vanderbilt its third lead of the game at 17-14.

The Commodores were able to hold the lead until halfway through the third quarter, when Carta-Samuels threw an interception to Justin Jackson, who returned the ball 63 yards for a touchdown. That seemed to be a turning point for Vanderbilt, as the offense was unable to put a drive together until the fourth quarter.

The Commodores received the ball with 14 minutes remaining and down 21-17. The offense, led by Carta-Samuels and running back Brian Kimbrow, was able to establish a 12-play, 70-yard drive that led to a 25-yard field goal attempt from Spear. An easy chip shot for

the senior, Spear nailed the kick, bringing Vanderbilt within one with seven minutes remaining.

After turnovers on the ensuing drives by both teams, Vanderbilt finally got the ball back with just over five minutes left in the game. Carta-Samuels once again helped lead the offense down the field, this time with the help of the Super-man of Vanderbilt's offense, wide receiver Jordan Matthews.

On 4th-and-11 on the Wake Forest 48-yard line, Matthews jumped between two Wake defenders and was able to haul in the pass from Carta-Samuels, keeping Vanderbilt's drive and hopes of winning the game alive.

After three plays advanced the Commodores two yards, the team faced a 4th-and-8 from the Wake Forest 21-yard line. On came the field goal unit once again, hoping to give Vanderbilt the lead in the final minute of the game.

With 42 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter, Spear lined up



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Carey Spear (39) celebrates with fellow teammates after kicking the game-winning field goal against Wake Forest this weekend. Vanderbilt beat the Demon Deacons 23-21 to finish the regular season 8-4 (4-4 SEC).



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for his third field goal attempt of the game. Just like the first two, the third and final attempt went straight through the uprights, giving the Commodores the lead and, 38 seconds later, the win.

Besides the three field goals, Spear also contributed to the team's win on the kickoffs. Four of the senior's six kickoffs resulted in touchbacks, thus not allowing the Wake offense good field position on four of their drives. This was a big help to the defense, who needed it with lead cornerback Andre Hal not suiting up.

Spear's effort in Saturday's win was a great way for the place kicker to end his career at Vanderbilt Stadium. The senior finished the season 13-for-17 on field goals and a perfect 43-for-43 on extra points.

Spear has been an emotional leader for this Vanderbilt team and has served as a motivational spark numerous times, none bigger than his rushing touchdown off a fake field goal attempt against Georgia back in October.

The Commodores are certainly going to miss the presence and the foot of their senior placekicker next season, but before the year ends, do not be surprised if Vanderbilt's bowl game comes down to a Spear field goal attempt, an opportunity the senior leader would love to get.

Finding ways to keep winning: Bowl projections

By ANTHONY TRIPODORO
Sports writer

After the most memorable offseason and regular season in Vanderbilt football history, James Franklin and the Commodores are going bowling again — a third straight bowl appearance for the program. Vanderbilt lost to Cincinnati 31-24 in the Liberty Bowl two years ago but beat North Carolina State 38-24 in the Music City Bowl last year.

This season, the Commodores finished 8-4 (4-4 SEC) with a signature victory over then-No. 15 Georgia. The team showed resiliency and a will to win in close finishes late in the season over Georgia, Tennessee and Wake Forest. All four of its losses came to strong SEC opponents — Ole Miss, South Carolina, Missouri and Texas A&M — with just two blowout defeats coming at the hands of the Tigers and the Aggies.

Overall record, conference record, strength of schedule, quality of wins and losses, location, travel habits of fan bases, avoiding a regular season rematch and several other factors are all taken into consideration in creating the bowl schedule. The Bowl Championship Series will announce what bowl Vanderbilt and all other bowl-eligible teams will play in on Sunday. Vanderbilt will most likely be playing in the BBVA Compass, Liberty, Music City or Gator Bowl.

BBVA Compass Bowl Saturday, Jan. 4 at 12 p.m. CST — Birmingham, Ala.

This is the least likely of the bowl game possibilities for Vanderbilt. Good thing for the Commodores too, because it is the least prestigious of the four bowls discussed here and would be considered a bit of a slap in the face to the program. However, it remains a remote possibility. The BBVA Compass Bowl typically matches up the SEC's ninth bowl-eligible team against the American Athletic Conference's fifth bowl-eligible team. Sports Illustrated has projected this bowl to be played between Vanderbilt and Rutgers (5-6, 2-5 AAC).

AutoZone Liberty Bowl Tuesday, Dec. 31 at 3 p.m. CST — Memphis, Tenn.

This bowl game could make sense for Vanderbilt given Memphis's proximity to Nashville, which was the logic behind Vanderbilt's placement in this bowl two years ago. It could also be an opportunity for coach James Franklin to get a win in the bowl where he came up short before. The Liberty Bowl typically matches up the SEC's eighth bowl-eligible team against the Conference USA's first bowl-eligible team. The Commodores are really more deserving of being in the Music City Bowl, but they could play in the Liberty Bowl if they are not placed in the Gator Bowl and if the NCAA decides it does not want to see a repeat performance from the hometown

team in the Music City Bowl. SB Nation has projected Vanderbilt to face Marshall (9-3, 7-1 C-USA) for this bowl.

Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl



Monday, Dec. 30 at 2:15 p.m.
CST — Nashville, Tenn.

A second straight appearance in the Music City Bowl is a definite possibility given that Vanderbilt finished with the same overall record as last season's team and the bowl represents the easiest destination for Commodore fans. However, repeat appearances in the same bowl are few and far between. The Music City Bowl typically matches up the SEC's seventh bowl-eligible team against the ACC's sixth bowl-eligible team. Scout.com has projected Vanderbilt against Miami (9-3, 5-3 ACC) for this bowl.

TaxSlayer.com Gator Bowl



Wednesday, Jan. 1 at 12 p.m.
CST — Jacksonville, Fla.

The Gator Bowl would be considered Vanderbilt's "reach" bowl, but it is not an unrealistic one. An appearance by Vanderbilt in Jacksonville (to say nothing of a win) would be a huge accomplishment for the program, as it seeks to build itself up and gain more national exposure. The Gator Bowl typically matches up the SEC's sixth bowl-eligible team against the Big Ten's fifth bowl-eligible team. CBS has projected a showdown between Vanderbilt and Michigan (7-5, 3-5 Big Ten) for this bowl.

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By **BEN WEINRIB**
Asst. sports editor

On a Wednesday afternoon in late November, the Vanderbilt football team split up practice between offense and defense. The offense headed off to the newly christened indoor practice facility, while the defense was left to run through drills outside.

The Vanderbilt defense, like the team as a whole, brings together players from all walks of life. The starters alone hail from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Ohio and Texas.

But more than just geographic differences, the team brings together people from all sorts of backgrounds. The one unifying thing for the Commodores is the nose-to-the-grindstone mentality head coach James Franklin looks for and instills in his players.

For players like redshirt sophomore safety Jahmel McIntosh, redshirt sophomore defensive end Jimmy Stewart and senior cornerback Steven Clarke, an opportunity to play at Vanderbilt means more than just playing at the highest level of college sports. For players who come from lesser means, it is also a chance to receive an education at the highest level of academia.

"The college experience and what this can do to change kids' lives is unbelievable," Franklin said.

Without this opportunity granted to them by a football scholarship, it's hard for many of these kids to imagine where they'd be. But they certainly wouldn't be outside Dudley Field in the mid-40s November air doing what they love.

Safety Jahmel McIntosh

Jahmel McIntosh grew up on Hadley Street in Cleveland, Miss., on the corner of Johnson Avenue — not the nicest neighborhood in the Magnolia State.

Since his parents weren't around for most of his childhood, McIntosh spent most of his time with his best friend Wayland Coleman-Dancer, whose family took him in at a young age.

McIntosh didn't play Pop Warner football growing up because he was overweight, but he finally got a chance to start playing in seventh grade. Playing alongside his best friend and under the watchful eye of Cleveland High School football coach Casey Gilbert, McIntosh started to consider playing football at a higher level.

But there were obstacles in his way. Even after attending camps at Ole Miss, Alabama and Southern Mississippi, McIntosh still played in the shadow of teammates Coleman-Dancer and Randy Payne at Cleveland High. Bouncing between houses didn't help either, as he was emancipated at the age of 15.

By his junior year of high school, things suddenly clicked for McIntosh. He realized that he didn't have the money to pay for college, so football was his only option.

Unfortunately, not too many kids out of the Mississippi Delta make it to Division I football because of grades, so McIntosh put all of his effort into studying and football.

"It was my only option," McIntosh said. "When I think about it, my story is really a blessing to be where I am and receive an education from Vanderbilt."

McIntosh received his first scholarship offer from the University of Memphis in the spring of his junior year, but then he was hit

“The college experience and what this can do to change kids' lives is unbelievable.”

with another hurdle. Gilbert, whose house he stayed at for most of high school, switched from coaching Cleveland to Pascagoula High School, and McIntosh had to find a new home.

Even though he didn't want to be a burden, McIntosh finally decided to live with a friend from Itawamba High School for his senior year. However, the Mississippi High School Activities Association thought he was recruited to play at Itawamba, and McIntosh was ruled ineligible for his senior year.

McIntosh needed to play his senior year to prove to colleges he was worth a scholarship, so his only choice was to transfer back to Cleveland High School after three weeks to keep playing.

By the time Franklin was hired at Vanderbilt, his staff was already in touch with McIntosh. Assistant recruiting coordinator Norval McKenzie was particularly interested, and he asked for a highlight tape. Luckily a family friend, D.D. Hardy, was able to come up with one, but it was very low quality.

"I sent it to Coach Franklin," McIntosh said, "and he was like 'Man, I think that's some great film. All I see is a white dot, and I think it's you because you play defense. Do

you think you can get us some better quality film?'"

Eventually, McIntosh got a better tape, and McKenzie went down to offer him a scholarship. At that moment, McIntosh knew had found the right school.

Defensive end Jimmy Stewart

Jimmy Stewart grew up with his mom and two brothers in Cape Coral, Fla. Neither his father nor stepfather was around, and they didn't pay child support.

Until the age of 6, Stewart and his family lived in a trailer. When Tropical Storm Charley hit the Gulf Coast in 1998, they had to stay in a shelter. Unfortunately, a tree was knocked down by the storm, splitting his trailer in half.

Displaced, Stewart had to move into Salvation Army temporary housing. After nearly a year they finally found a two-room apartment, where Stewart shared a room with his brothers.

Stewart started getting into football at age 9. His grandfather, who played at Bowling Green in college, helped pay for Stewart and his brothers' league fees and equipment.

By the time he reached high school, Stewart realized he could play in college, which was enormously important for him because his mom, who struggled to find a job until he reached high school, could not afford college tuition.

In 10th grade, Stewart was already 6-foot-3, and his mom had locked down a steady job and a house. Within a year, he got his first two offers from Colorado State and Utah State, but it wasn't until his senior year that he heard from a major conference school: Maryland.

Stewart committed to Maryland that fall, but when Franklin left College Park for the

head coaching position at Vanderbilt, he and his staff reached out to Stewart again. Nervous about going back on his commitment, Stewart agreed to take a visit.

"Everybody back home was like 'Oh Vanderbilt, such a great school,' and all I hear is great about Vanderbilt and the education," Stewart said. "I was like, 'This is a great opportunity for me.'"

Once he visited Nashville, Stewart fell in love with the coaching staff and switched commitments on Signing Day.

Defensive back Steven Clarke

Steven Clarke was born in Jamaica, where he lived with his parents, two brothers and sister. At the age of 9, he moved to New York, before moving to Lauderdale Lakes, Fla. three years later.

Neither of his parents went to college, and his dad was the only breadwinner as a construction worker, so the Clarke family lived on small margins.

"There were a lot of things I wanted, but I understood my place and what I had to do to get those things," Clarke said. "It never was a thing I had to beg to get something or get jealous because someone else had it; I just knew I had to put my head down and work hard."

Clarke didn't actually play football until eighth grade; his older brother started playing earlier, and Clarke didn't want to be home alone, so he picked up the sport.

In high school, Clarke just played for fun until he got offers at the end of his junior year from Miami and West Virginia. When he realized Division I football was well within his reach, he ran track to keep in shape and improve his speed.



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Left, safety Jahmel McIntosh (27) prepares for a punt return in this season's Homecoming game against the Missouri Tigers. Below, defensive back Steven Clarke returns a blocked extra point for a safety in the Commodores' home win over the Kentucky Wildcats to become bowl eligible.

Vanderbilt had been in the picture for Clarke since the end of his junior year, but the school never offered him a scholarship. Finally, Clarke got the chance to take an official visit after a strong showing in the Dade vs. Broward All-Star Game, and everything changed when he stepped on campus.

"It was hands down I wanted to commit since the first day," Clarke said. "I decommitted from Miami — I got a lot of trash for that one — but I haven't regretted the decision. Even though it's a lot of hard work, I still feel

like I'm here for a reason."

Exceeding expectations

When it comes to recruiting, Franklin looks for a certain type of player. He looks for blue-collar types, types that want to take advantage of every opportunity they get.

"I want to bring people here ... that are going to be very appreciative of being a part of this football program, and being on a scholarship and being at Vanderbilt," Franklin said. "That's important to me. I don't want people

who are going to take it for granted."

Oftentimes, but not always, this can mean players from modest means. At the same time, plenty of players could afford to come to Vanderbilt on their own. You just wouldn't be able to tell the difference based on the team's work ethic and demeanor.

Franklin is able to give these kids an opportunity to get a top-notch education to set them up for a bright future after football, an opportunity they would never normally be able to access. With criminology degrees, both McIntosh and Stewart hope to become detectives or go into law enforcement, while Clarke hopes to become a guidance counselor with his human and organizational development degree and work at the Martha O'Bryan Center in Nashville.

"This scholarship speaks volumes," McIntosh said. "When you can say you have a scholarship to Vanderbilt, ... that demands respect. You can sit down in front of somebody, and you can talk to them and they respect you as much as you respect them."

But even more than just changing these players' lives, a scholarship to Vanderbilt changes entire families by setting a precedent.

"To this day (my dad) said he's proud of me because he didn't go to college," Clarke said. "In my head, that's not good enough. I want to go farther than what he expects me to do."

"Now I feel like I set the bar. Everybody else after me has to go either to this school or a school that they consider to be better academically. After all that is said and done with, I want to go back and go to grad school also to get a Masters. So now (my daughter) has to get a doctorate because whatever I get she has to do better."

HE 'FITZ' THE MOLD

Senior Fitz Lassing has played a crucial role on the field by managing his time off of it

By **CALLIE MEISEL**
Asst. sports editor

How many Vanderbilt students do you know with a 3.9 GPA? Now, how many of those people are varsity athletes? Well, regardless of how many — or how few — you can name, you can now add Vanderbilt senior fullback Fitz Lassing to your list.

The Nashville native graduated from Montgomery Bell Academy with a 4.0 GPA, and he continued to value academics in his college search. Unsure of whether or not he would play football in college until early winter of his senior year, Lassing mainly focused on applying to academically prestigious colleges with the possibility of playing football as an added bonus.

"Vandy's academic standing had a huge impact on my decision, and luckily it's worked out that I've gotten to go to a school with great academics and good football,

too," Lassing said.

Although the economics major currently boasts a 3.9 GPA, balancing academics and football has not always been a breeze.

"Coming in as a freshman, I'd say it was a pretty big adjustment because football was a much bigger time commitment in college than it was in high school," Lassing said.

Vanderbilt's football program helps players with this adjustment by having a mandatory eight-hour per week study hall requirement. After freshman year, football players are no longer required to attend a certain number of hours of study hall unless they have a GPA below a 3.0.

Now, Lassing reveals that managing his time is "natural." He hardly has to think about it.

"You learn to try not to procrastinate because time's limited and you know you have set hours every day that will be dedicated to football so you have to get your work done ahead of time," Lassing revealed.

The fullback also mentioned that football players have access to many tutors who can assist them academically. Although he has never used this service, Lassing hears they are quite helpful and flexible with their schedules.

Head coach James Franklin sets high academic standards for his players. According



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Fitz Lassing (38) scores Vanderbilt's first touchdown of the game against Wake Forest on Saturday. Lassing finished the regular season with two touchdowns and 28 yards.

to Lassing, he expects them to pay attention in class and sit in the front row, and he never sees football's large time commitment as an excuse for poor academic performance.

"He wants all of us to get 4.0s and play well on the field, too," Lassing said.

Lassing's nearly unblemished marks at Vanderbilt have not only earned him the honor of boasting the football squad's highest GPA and academic average over the past two years, but have also placed him on the

Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll three times.

Most recently, Lassing's academic excellence was recognized in his nomination for the National Football Foundation's National Scholar-Athlete Award. Although he did not win the award, he still made it to the semifinals of the selection process.

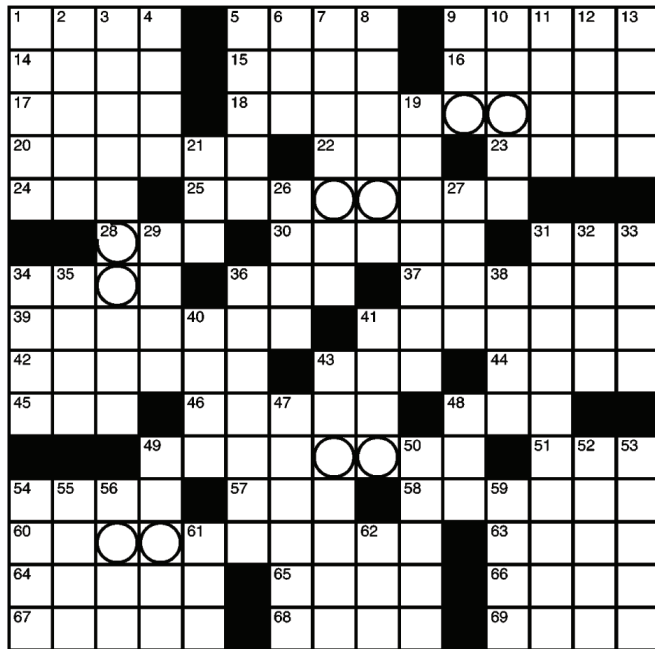
Lassing has not only reached Franklin's high standards, but he has surpassed them as well.

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By Ed Sessa

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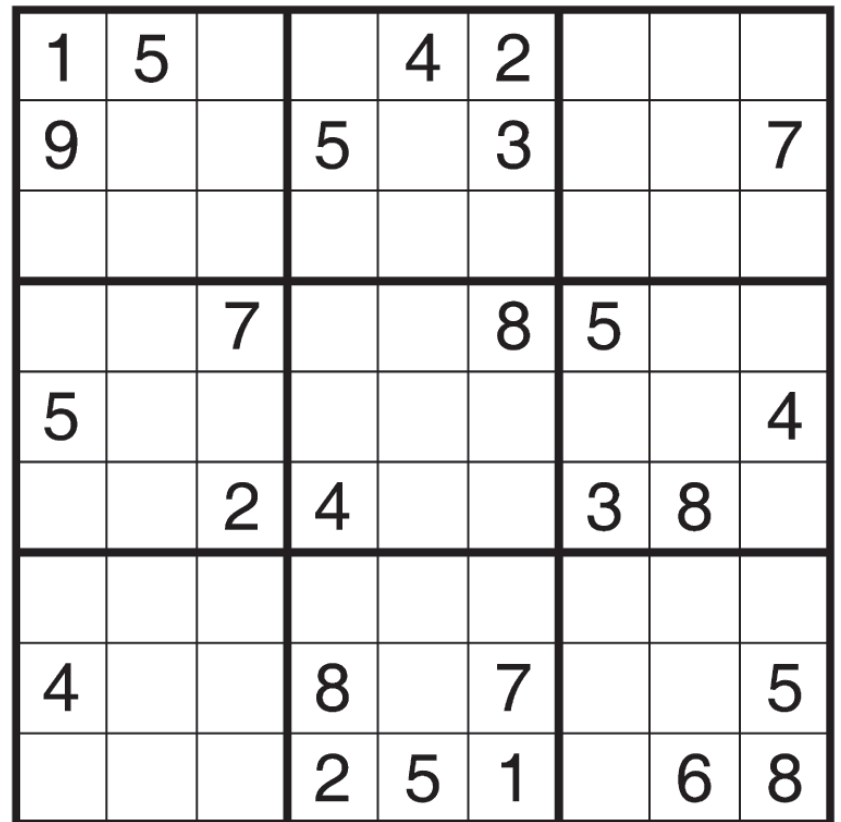
DOWN

- 1 Shock
- 2 Large grinder

- 3 Citrus shavings
- 4 Payment to 42-Across
- 5 "Thick and Rich" chocolate syrup
- 6 Rescue pro
- 7 Ones on the payroll
- 8 Freddie ___ Jr. of "Scooby-Doo" films
- 9 Ship reference
- 10 Musical buzzer
- 11 Composer Stravinsky
- 12 Fourth-down play
- 13 Dates
- 19 Property border warning
- 21 The Red Sox' Jon Lester, e.g.
- 26 1980s Chrysler product
- 27 Altered mtge.
- 29 Social cupfuls
- 31 This crossword, literally for some, phonetically for all
- 32 "Please don't yell ___"
- 33 Oboe, e.g.
- 34 Eye rudely
- 35 They're found in lodes

- 36 Reason for a medal
- 38 Classic Fords
- 40 Last year's frosh
- 41 1956 Mideast dispute area
- 43 J. Alfred Prufrock creator
- 47 Straw-strewn shelter
- 48 Santa ___ winds
- 49 Shrivel
- 50 "A Doll's House" playwright
- 52 Medicare section
- 53 Informal byes
- 54 Dollar dispensers, for short
- 55 Hit a Target?
- 56 Head of Paris?
- 59 Close by
- 61 Getting on in years
- 62 Big one on the set, perhaps

TODAY'S SUDOKU



Answers to Nov. 20th's puzzle

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

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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