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THE WALL

compiled by EVE ATTERMANN

TODAY Day of Remembrance

The campus-wide day of remembrance for the Virginia Tech massacres will be held today, and events will include a moment of silence at noon, the distribution of orange and maroon ribbons, and the signing of a bound leather volume that will be sent to the Virginia Tech Student Government.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25 Exploration Night at Dyer Observatory

Lawrence Krauss, internationally known physicist and author, will speak at 7 p.m. There will be a telescope viewing following the lecture, weather permitting. Reservations are required, but Dyer members are free. The observatory is in Brentwood.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26 Vandy Moms

Vandy Moms will meet at 11:30 a.m. in the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center. It is a support network that provides advocacy for moms in the Vanderbilt and larger communities. It also provides programming to inform, empower and enrich.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27 Medical research seminar in diabetes

The seminar, "Lipodystrophy is a Leptin Responsive Form of Obesity: The Clinical Paradox," will be at noon in the Medical Research Building II. Dr. Phillip Gorden, of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, will speak. Refreshments will be provided.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28 Displace Me

Displace Me is aimed at drawing awareness to the displaced-persons camps in Northern Uganda, housing those who have been in exodus for more than 10 years. The overnight event will begin at 3 p.m. in Hendersonville.

Compiled by staff from various sources. Check out <http://calendar.vanderbilt.edu> for more events.

Rites prove ticket to fun weekend

by NIKKI BOGOPOLSKAYA
Staff Reporter



Rites of Spring overtook Alumni Lawn for the annual two-day concert this weekend.

Grammy Award-winning hard-rock trio Wolfmother and rock 'n' roll-and-hip-hop fusion band The Roots headlined the show.

Wesley Hodges, chair of The Music Group, said he is incredibly pleased with the outcome of the event.

"I can truly say, from the bottom of my heart, that this year's Rites of Spring was the best one we've ever had," Hodges said. "The Roots was one of the most fun headliners we've ever had."

Freshman Nate DeGroot said it was "one of my favorite weekends this year."

"The atmosphere was incredible. The crowd was really into it. And the performers were great," he said. "I thought the artists were really diverse, and that gave everyone something to listen to."

Vanderbilt Programming Board President Mark Mason also said he is happy with the event.

"I can only hope that the general Vanderbilt community enjoyed Rites as much as I did," he said. "VPB and The Music Group strives every year to make Rites better than the year before, but we were very happy with this year's festival."

Hodges said he feels the hard work has paid off.

"We feel like we were able to cater to both music fanatics and the casual listener with the lineup," he said. "Every genre except opera was represented, and it is great to know that everyone had an incredible time." ■

—View slideshows of each day of Rites concerts on:



Kirkland Hall bell to ring 32 times in remembrance of Virginia Tech victims

by ALLISON SMITH
News Editor

The bells in Kirkland Hall will ring 32 times today at noon as a part of the campus-wide day of remembrance for the students and faculty killed last Monday at Virginia Tech.

The number of times the bell will ring has raised controversy among members of the Vanderbilt community who say the bells should chime an additional time in remembrance of the shooter, who committed suicide.

Vanderbilt Student Government President Cara Bilotta said the administration and VSG chose to ring the bells 32 times because Virginia Tech rang 32 bells at its remembrance service.

"We felt it was only right to follow their lead," Bilotta said. "We don't want to disrespect those who are suffering right now."

Bilotta said she has received about 50 e-mails from members of the community who are concerned about the number of times the bells will ring.

Mark Forrester, who is the United Methodist campus minister at Vanderbilt and is affiliated with the Office of Religious Life, is among those who believe the bells should be rung 33 times. He said he understands

the administration's and VSG's rationale, but he does not agree with it.

"It is important for the university to hold a very high standard of inclusion and compassion and forgiveness for those who have caused us all to grieve," Forrester said. "They are in need of our help as well. If we can at least in some symbolic way lift that up."

Forrester said he plans to count the bells as they ring tomorrow on Alumni Lawn, and if they ring only 32 times, he said he will ring an additional bell in remembrance of the shooter.

"It's not a protest," Forrester said. "I am simply coming to add one more note to an already good idea."

As a part of the Day of Remembrance, students, faculty and staff are being encouraged to wear the Virginia Tech colors of maroon and orange, and ribbons will be distributed on the promenade level of the Sarratt Student Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

VSG will also have a table in Sarratt Student Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. where members of the Vanderbilt community can express their sympathy and support for Virginia Tech by signing a message book that will be sent to Virginia Tech's student government. ■

VSG plans for the fall

Housing, student safety to be priorities.

by CHRISTINE BROWN
Asst News Editor

In light of the Student Government Association and Interhall merger in February, the new Vanderbilt Student Government has focused on facilitating conversations with administrators to set the agenda for next fall.

"Since Interhall has stopped meeting, we have been looking to form new relationships with their advisers as well," said VSG Speaker of the House Reid Simon. "We have spent a lot of these first few weeks dealing with a lot of old Interhall issues."

The administration is now working to focus on the rest of the student body after so much focus recently has been on improving the freshman experience at Vanderbilt.

"Vanderbilt has the freshman experience down; the next thing we need to work on is improving the upperclassman experience," Simon said.

"We want to contact student organizations and interact with students on a more personal basis with one-on-one dialogue so we can work on addressing the pressing issues for next year," said VSG President Cara Bilotta.

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Students grill in nice weather



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Freshman students take advantage of the sunny, warm weather by grilling in Branscomb Quad during Rites of Spring weekend.

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T-Storms, 79/64

WEDNESDAY



Scattered T-Storms, 64/56

THURSDAY



Partly Cloudy 73/50

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compiled by EVE ATTERMANN

April 19, 2:21 a.m.—Person was found lying on the floor in the hallway.

April 19, 9:29 a.m.—Person was trying to gain entry into a residence in which he is no longer welcome.

April 19, 1:30 p.m.—Money was taken from a wallet.

Check out <http://police.vanderbilt.edu/crimelog.htm> for complete listings.

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IN THE KNOW

The news you need — in brief

compiled by EVE ATTERMANN

WORLD

Israel's Olmert suffers latest blow with resignation of ally in scandal

Embattled Prime Minister Ehud Olmert was dealt a new blow Sunday when his finance minister agreed to temporarily step down while police investigated embezzlement allegations against him.

The announcement was the latest scandal to hit Olmert's government and robbed the prime minister of a key ally ahead of the release of a potentially explosive government report on last summer's war in Lebanon. The report, expected to be released next week, could determine Olmert's political fate.

Media reports said Finance Minister Avraham Hirschson was suspected of failing to report embezzlement committed under his watch — and may have taken some money himself — when he headed a workers' union in 2003.

Hirschson's lawyer, Yaakov Weinrot, said Sunday that his client would step down for three months while the proceedings against him continue. Olmert is to hold the finance post for the time being, officials said.

The accusations are only the latest in a series of scandals plaguing the Israeli leadership.

Olmert is under investigation about real estate deals and sale of a state-owned bank. His former justice minister is performing community service after he was convicted of sexual misconduct for forcibly kissing a young female soldier.

SOURCE: AP

Prime Minister Nuri Kamal al-Maliki orders halt to construction of wall around Sunni neighborhood in Baghdad

Iraq's prime minister said Sunday that he has ordered a halt to the U.S. military construction of a barrier separating a Sunni enclave from surrounding Shiite areas in Baghdad after fierce criticism over the project at home.

The U.S. military announced last week that it was building a three-mile-long and 12-foot-tall concrete wall in Azamiyah, a Sunni stronghold in northern Baghdad whose residents have often been the victims of retaliatory mortar attacks by Shiite militants following bombings usually blamed on Sunni insurgents.

In his first public comments on the issue, Nuri Kamal al-Maliki said Sunday he had ordered the construction to stop. "I oppose the building of the wall, and its construction will stop," al-Maliki said during a joint news conference with the secretary-general of the Arab League. "There are other methods to protect neighborhoods, but I should point out that the goal was not to separate, but to protect."

SOURCE: AP

NATION

Democrats weigh options on Iraq after expected Bush veto of spending proposal

Democrats are considering their next step after President George W. Bush's inevitable veto of their war spending proposal, including a possible short-term funding bill that would force Congress to revisit the issue this summer.

Another alternative is providing the Pentagon the money it needs for the war but insisting the Iraqi government live up to certain political promises. Or, the congressional Democrats could send Bush what he wants for now and set their sights on 2008 spending legislation.

The options are being weighed as Bush and Congress head toward a showdown this week on his Iraq policy. House and Senate appropriations meet Monday to negotiate a final bill that, if approved by both chambers, could reach the president's desk as early as the end of the week.

The legislation is expected to fund the Iraq war but call for combat troops to leave, probably by March 31, 2008. Bush has promised to reject it, and Republicans say they will back him, leaving Democrats short of the two-thirds majority support need to override the veto.

SOURCE: AP

Pastor urges Virginia Tech community to start healing by coming back to campus

As pastor of Blacksburg Baptist Church, Tommy McDearis was called on to tell more than 20 families a loved one had fallen victim to Virginia Tech gunman Cho Seung-Hui.

On Sunday, he urged his congregation and the university to put the pain of the rampage behind them by returning to classes Monday.

"If we give up in the face of this situation, if we quit doing all of the things that really matter in life because this darkness has visited us, then we are going to surrender to the darkness," McDearis said.

McDearis delivered his sermon Sunday as students who had left school following the massacre returned to campus. He told the story of a professor devastated by the deaths of several of his students at Norris Hall, where Cho killed 30 students and faculty members before turning the gun on himself.

SOURCE: AP

CAMPUS

Vanderbilt introduces emergency text messaging service to students

Vanderbilt University has added an emergency alert text messaging service to help get information to students, faculty and staff during crisis situations.

Messages were sent to the Vanderbilt community on Friday with instructions on how to sign up for the service, which will be used only to deliver urgent security information in the event of a campus emergency.

The service is free to all in the Vanderbilt community, and will be delivered through the already existing text-messaging service at Vanderbilt, MobileVU. Vanderbilt community members must opt-in to receive emergency text messages.

SOURCE: VANDERBILT REGISTER

VSG: Security to be top concern

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The housing process has been a particularly dominant cause of frustration among upperclassmen as the new residential halls are implemented, according to Simon.

"We are working on making the housing lottery more adaptive to what students want, eliminating the way that it is determined so that it really reflects how many years students have been living at Vanderbilt, not the amount of AP credits they have," Simon said.

VSG also plans to change the way the six-person ballot is split up, so that if students do not get the housing configuration they want they do not get completely separated from their original cohort.

In other plans, VSG is working with athletics programs to publicize the student tailgating area, especially since Vanderbilt has eight home football games in the fall, compared to six home games this year. It is also looking to form a more official baseball tailgating area.

As a response to student security concerns after the incident at Virginia Tech, VSG is looking to increase campus safety. Specifically, it is considering implementing a new campus-wide text messaging system.

Bilotta said she has also gotten suggestions from students about installing peepholes in

residential dorm doors and is looking into that option.

Before the incident, VSG had been working closely with the Dean of Students office on the card-access policies for the new residential hall dorms, looking to use the same model that is currently used in Branscomb.

The recent security cameras installed on the Vandy Vans was VSG's effort to further student safety, and they are constantly looking for ways to improve that crucial transportation system, Bilotta said.

"Once The Commons open in 2008, Vandy Vans will be crucial in making sure main campus and The Commons stay connected," Bilotta said.

In an effort to eliminate student frustration during the add/drop period of course selections, VSG is trying to make that process easier by making course syllabi available to students before they sign up for classes. They are even looking to work with management information systems to change the outdated OASIS system currently used by students to register for classes.

"The course selection process is really frustrating for students; I think there is a lot administration and the student government could do to improve that," said sophomore Payne Midyette. ■

Virginia Tech massacre does not deter students from coming to Vanderbilt

by EVE ATTERMANN
Asst News Editor

Despite security concerns in the wake of the Virginia Tech massacre, accepted students remain enthusiastic about attending Vanderbilt in the fall.

"My parents aren't very concerned about me coming to Vandy because of the incident," said accepted student Sean Fitzpatrick. "Being a private school, Vandy takes considerable notice of teacher recommendations for acceptance, and therefore a good judgment of character can be given before acceptance to Vandy. I trust that my classmates will be the best people."

The Virginia Tech massacre prompted Vanderbilt officials to review emergency procedures. In Friday's edition of The Hustler, Dean of Students Mark Bandas said although the university does not have any general protocols in place, it does have an emergency response planning team.

"Our approach is that we respond to situations by pulling the right people together and coming up with creative solutions," Bandas said.

Accepted students Katie Ostrander and Lauren Weinberger both said they trusted the university's emergency preparedness

Virginia Tech incident was a very rare occurrence and that safety will be even a bigger priority now than before it happened," Ostrander said.

"I know that the security will be really good at Vandy so I know that we will be well-guarded," Weinberger said.

Ostrander and Fitzpatrick both said the current focus on security concerns has not caused them to worry about coming to Vanderbilt in the fall.

"I'm not nervous about coming to school; I am so excited and can't wait to meet everyone," Ostrander said.

"I am thoroughly excited to come and be in Nashville," Fitzpatrick said. ■

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Students begin early preparation for finals



LAUREN FONDRIEST / The Vanderbilt Hustler
Sophomore Dori Persky takes her book and laptop outside to study and enjoy the summer-like weather between Rites of Spring concerts.

Bikers raise money, awareness for childhood cancer research

by SYDNEY WILMER
Senior Reporter

Freshman Kelly Hibbard said she has always wanted to do something “impressive” with her body “like running a marathon.”

So when she was offered the chance to ride more than a hundred miles for childhood cancer fundraiser Rally Across America, she said she was more than willing to participate.

A cancer survivor herself, diagnosed during high school, Hibbard knows how the disease affects young people.

“When I heard about Rally earlier this year, I thought it was a great cause and great way to raise money,” she said.

In its second year, Rally Across America, an organization founded by 2006 Vanderbilt graduate Austin Bauman, raises funds for cancer research

through cycling.

After a 5,000 mile ride last summer, visiting over “600 kids in 24 children’s hospitals,” according to the organization’s Web site, the group raised \$120,000.

Bauman explained that the fundraiser collected money for a larger foundation.

A portion of the money raised will be awarded to Dr. Ginger Holt of Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital’s sarcoma research project.

Though \$5,000 may seem like a small amount, “this money will help us get to the point where we can apply for larger grants,” Holt said.

Though Bauman did not cycle before last summer, he said he thought it would be a great way to make the message more visible.

“Kids love bicycles,” he said. “It’s a great way to get them excited. We kept in touch with a lot of kids.”

Holt said the results of the

research, which examines ways to better understand the blood types of cancer patients with sarcomas, could potentially help patients in as little as three months.

“They worked really hard to raise the money,” she said. “Knowing what they did to raise it and that they wanted to give that money to us means a lot.”

Bauman said the experiences of family and friends inspired him to find a way to raise money for childhood cancer.

“After last year’s success, to find someone like Kelly who wants to do it and finding research to fund motivates you to go out and do it again,” Bauman said.

With a new route and more children to meet, Bauman said he is excited by the possibility of raising more money in the fundraiser’s second year. ■

Student media leaders elected for fall 2007

Last week, Vanderbilt Student Communications Inc. held elections for 10 division heads.

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MIT OpenCourseWare nears completion

by HARISH KRISHNAMOORTHY
Asst News Editor

All 1,800 Massachusetts Institute of Technology courses will be available online for free, as a project that began in fall 2003 nears completion this year.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology OpenCourseWare is an online tool that displays all lecture notes, previous exams and study materials offered to MIT students for anyone to access, unlike Vanderbilt’s Online Access to Knowledge, which is restricted to Vanderbilt students.

“We hoped that it would be

useful,” said Steve Carson, an external relations officer for MIT OCW. “The whole point was an act of intellectual philanthropy. We’ve been overwhelmed with the response it has gotten. We’re getting about 2 million visits per month.”

Carson said it all began with a faculty discussion about how the Internet would affect education at MIT.

MIT has also been pitching the idea to other universities, both nationally and globally.

“We’ve also been working with other institutions that are developing open-courseware projects,” Carson said. “There are big groups in Spain, Japan,

China, but we’ve got some in South America as well. Right now, we represent about half the open-courseware content on the Web.”

“Johns Hopkins, Yale, Notre Dame, Tufts, UC-Irvine, Utah State University, all these guys have come on board in recent years.”

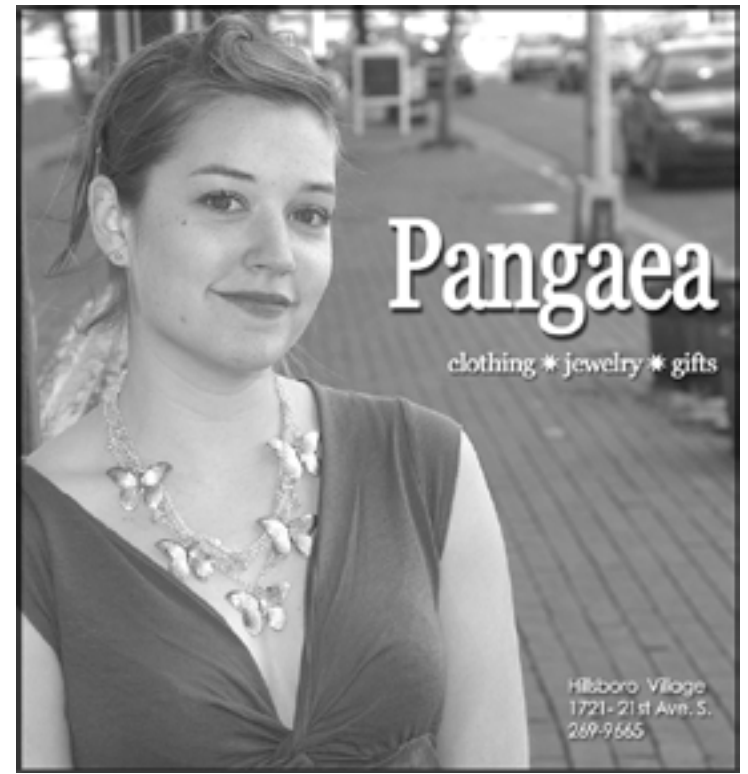
Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs Mike Schoenfeld said OCW is just one of the many things Vanderbilt is examining in terms of intellectual expansion.

“It’s one of many things we’re looking at to extend the intellectual resources and capabilities beyond our borders,” Schoenfeld said.

Many factors would need to be considered before undertaking such a project, Schoenfeld said.

“It’s a very complex thing,” Schoenfeld said. “What MIT has done is very large and very ambitious. There are a lot of aspects to it that would be thoroughly checked with individual faculty members (regarding) whether or not they want to put it online.”

“Also, equally important is that we believe that education — a Vanderbilt education — is centered on the campus, and what we would do wouldn’t replace a classroom experience but instead supplement.” ■



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OUR VIEW

Vanderbilt completes another year, but work is just beginning

Spring 2007 is coming to a close, and the Vanderbilt community celebrates the end of another year. In a few weeks the Class of 2007 will have to contend with graduate school, professional school or the workplace while returning students look forward to internships, studying abroad, working or simply loafing around.

Longtime opinion section institution Michael Wilt will be attending law school next fall; his appearance in today's section marks his last as a regular columnist. Whatever your opinion of Wilt's views, he makes a good point. Our university's greatest strength is how it equips us with the ability to stand up for our beliefs. Anyone can accept whatever happens without questioning; it takes an educated and well-informed person to support his own viewpoints and ideas in the face of adversity. It is our responsibility both as members of the Vanderbilt community and as citizens to take moral stances and to stand for them. The world should be

a better place for Vanderbilt having existed, and we are the ones with the ability to make it so.

This is not to say every single Vanderbilt student or new alumnus should go out and attempt to change the world immediately; rather, it is best to make changes within your own community. Volunteer at a soup kitchen. Become active politically. Write an inspirational novel. Make fun of your co-workers a little less. Whatever you do this summer, make sure it is something that improves the lives of those around you, if even a little bit. As noted opinion columnist Andrew Solomon discussed, money is nice, but it isn't everything, particularly if you're not feeling fulfilled.

Summer vacations and starting out in the workforce are unique times as the possibilities involved are endless. Be sure to make the most of them; your time is limited. Take your time away from classes and term papers to do something amazing. We'll be pulling for you.

LETTER

Vanderbilt faculty values teaching as well as research

To the Editor:

I write after reading Andrew Solomon's interview with retiring Centennial Professor of English John Halperin ("English professor reflects on 24-year career at Vandy," April 20). I take issue with its characterization of our university as one becoming indifferent to undergraduate education. Such sensational journalism might provoke juicy discussion in *Rand*, but I question how representative, and responsible, it might be.

Vanderbilt is a research university. Its professors are expected to be, and are, excellent in their fields of scholarship and creativity. Yet, it is also a university that places sizeable investments of money and talent into undergraduate education. When I came to Vanderbilt as an assistant professor in 1984, I must admit that, unlike Halperin, I did not leave New York for "more money (and) vacation time." Vandy was one of two jobs in Russian history that year. I was asked to teach five new courses. I was told at the job interview that my tenure depended upon my research first and my teaching second, but that Vanderbilt faculty culture valued undergraduate teaching. That calculus remains in place.

I wonder how many untenured assistant professors, whose creative energies in research and teaching drive so much of the intellectual life of our university, today agree with Halperin that even a Nobel Prize winner could "drool" in front of a class for an hour and "no one cares." How many of the 6,000 undergraduates, who this week are living in the whirlwind, really believe, from the quality of their own experience in the classroom this semester, that "when professors come up for tenure, the quality of your teaching is of no interest to anyone"? There are poorly performing professors who offer stale classes, just as there are poorly performing students who are indifferent to making their classes intellectually vibrant. Yet, the reverse has been my experience of Vanderbilt students, and I know enough of you to suspect that indifference is not your first descriptor for a Vanderbilt professor, even if Solomon's interview with Halperin makes it seem so.

Halperin is correct when he suggests that faculty need to play a leading role in the life of the university. Indeed, without faculty, there cannot be a university. Such a place is as difficult to imagine as a university without students. One reason faculty "stars" come to Vanderbilt is its students. A privilege of teaching here at Vanderbilt is the opportunity to learn, not only from research, but from students as well. That's a tradition on which we continue to build.

Frank Weislo
Associate Professor of History
Dean of The Commons



Wayne Stayskal—MCT

LETTER

University security is universal responsibility

To the Editor:

The Hustler has done a great disservice to students and the entire Vanderbilt community by choosing sarcasm and reckless generalizations over reporting and responsible journalism. The safety of the campus is the highest priority, and Vanderbilt takes emergency planning very seriously. The university has extensive resources, capabilities and protocols to deal with the imaginable and the unimaginable. This past week, in response to questions about student mental health, law enforcement and communications policies at Vanderbilt, the university prepared a fact sheet that is available at www.vanderbilt.edu/campusafety and linked directly from the home page.

Ensuring safety and security at a place like Vanderbilt is a daunting challenge. We have an open campus of 330 acres with 233 buildings and, at any given time of the day, between 20,000 and 40,000 students, faculty, staff, patients and visitors. We are constantly reviewing our plans and procedures and making adjustments based on real-life (as opposed to theoretical) experiences at Vanderbilt and elsewhere. As you may recall, the shooting in Morgan in 2005 led to a number of changes, some of which are still being implemented because they involve significant physical changes. Likewise, the horrific situation at

Virginia Tech has illustrated the importance of rapid communications in times of emergency, which is why the university expanded the MobileVU text messaging service and encouraged all students, faculty and staff to enroll (and 1,000 did in the first 45 minutes after the campus e-mail went out on Friday).

It is unfortunate that it takes a national tragedy to focus attention on this essential topic. Every department and office at Vanderbilt has some responsibility for emergency preparedness, and there is extensive and ongoing preparation across the university. Likewise, every individual — student and employee — has a responsibility to become, and stay, informed about this issue. We welcome the opportunity to work with students and to come up with even more, and better, ways to educate our community.

But let's not short-circuit the conversation by demeaning the tireless and serious work and intentions of the many people at Vanderbilt who are responsible for the safety of our university, and who devote considerable time, effort and energy to the task with often little recognition or reward.

Michael Schoenfeld
Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs

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COLUMN

Vanderbilt students and alumni must use skills to improve world

MICHAEL WILT
Columnist

One week ago, we saw the worst in human capability. I have been struggling with the issue quite a bit. It is difficult after seeing something so truly horrifying to believe that there is hope in the world. Is there anything we can do to make a difference?

In Friday's issue of The Hustler, Katherine Miller wrote a letter to the editor in which she pointed out all of the rather tragic events that have occurred during the course of our relatively short life spans ("Tragedies must make us stronger, better, kinder," April 20). Admittedly, it has been difficult turning on the news for, well, as long as I can remember. I guess that's the point of the news, and they wouldn't be in the business if we didn't buy things that excited us. Humans are, inevitably, attracted to stories of death, violence and despair.

So the big question is: Are things somehow more violent and more desperate now than they were decades ago? I'm reminded of the Billy Joel song "We Didn't Start the Fire." Perhaps rather than an increase in the violence and problems in society, we are just more aware of what is happening due to 24-hour news cycles, the Internet and introspection. I have often wondered what it would be like to go through unaware of what is happening in the world. Frankly, would it be better not to know about the mass murders, the plane crashes, the pet food recalls, the racism and sexism, the growing disparity between rich and poor, and the war, the war, the war? Ah, what a pleasant life it must be to be unaware of the misery; ignorance truly must be bliss. I reject this wholeheartedly.

Over the four years at Vanderbilt now coming to a close for me, I have learned at least one thing — question, question and question some more. Don't be afraid to

ask questions, and don't be afraid to speak your mind. Life is too precious, too short and too unique to waste it doing nothing. It doesn't matter what political position in which you believe — if you have a passion for the belief, follow through! The failure to act, the failure to use what you have been given — especially at Vanderbilt by means of an excellent education — is the real tragedy.

Activism, and the emphatic promotion of your beliefs, is not shameful. We have become a culture that abhors our political climate because most of those who seek power do so not in the spirit of public service but in pursuit of personal gain. They have reached into the body politic and sucked the life out of it. Today, we Americans stand helpless, disgusted and demoralized. It is no wonder that since Watergate, nearly 60 percent of the voting public refuses to participate in midterm elections, and nearly half refuse to participate in the election of the president. That is what is shameful. The road to oppression is paved with apathy.

I don't want to see us become a society unwilling to speak out because we are afraid of stirring the pot. As Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." The great pride I have in Vanderbilt and writing for this paper has been the willingness of many people in this college to stand up for their beliefs. We haven't always agreed, but that's what is so great about democracy and what is so enriching about an academic institution like Vanderbilt.

I know what you're thinking: "What can I possibly do? I'm so busy with tests, papers, my life." It's really not that difficult to get involved. There are many options on campus; join the College Democrats, Republicans or Libertarians next fall. All three organizations are always looking for active members. If overtly political organizations aren't your cup of tea then write for Orbis or The Torch, or become a

THE RANT



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Compiled by Ceaf Lewis

"How fitting that the day after the tragedy at Virginia Tech, The Hustler's headline is 'Free Cone Day at Ben & Jerry's.' You should be ashamed of yourselves."

"Why did The Roots feel they needed to play a mainstream medley and then laugh at us while they were doing it? And how come nobody noticed?"

"Congratulations to Joshua Melton on winning the 2007 NCAA Women's Bowling Championship! Give me a break! Quit complaining and go buy a yoga mat."

"How come there was no food at Rites this year?"

"In case you are wondering what 'irony' means, recall that the 'Stop Global Warming' tour travels using three enormous tour buses. If you need further information on the definition of 'irony,' consult the manager of the McDonalds attached to the Vanderbilt hospital."

"Why do so many people like Mat Kearney? He sucks."

"I hate the lawn chairs at Rites, especially when I'm stumbling through a crowd in the dark!"

"Wolfmother is underappreciated. Mat Kearney is overappreciated."

"Mat Kearney should have been escorted off of campus by the police a second time. 'Meet me in Chicago' — more like 'Meet me in Hell.'"

columnist for this newspaper! There's the Vanderbilt Feminists, Living Income for Vanderbilt Employees, Students for Promotion of Environmental Awareness and Recycling, Amnesty International, and the Vanderbilt Progressive Students Union. Oh, how I admire my friends in all of these groups and many more — some who graduated, some who will graduate this year and some who still remain. One thing I have always thought was lacking was more conservative-leaning student activism at Vanderbilt, but that can always change. Get involved!

This is why I've written my column, in order to give a small voice to the beliefs I hold to be true. That's the part I

played, and it's been important to my life at Vanderbilt. Others choose different modes of expression, and they are to be lauded for it. For those who remain: How will you choose to leave your mark on Vanderbilt? To those who are leaving: How will you choose to take the skills and knowledge you've learned here to make a difference in the world? I hope I can speak for the members of the Class of 2007 when I say that we're ready to get out there and do it.

This year comes to a close. My time is up. Thanks for reading all of these years.

—Michael Wilt is a senior in the College of Arts and Science.



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Upcoming Events

Baseball

In addition to Wednesday's contest against Tennessee Tech, the Commodores have two more home series this year: this weekend against Florida and May 17-19 against LSU. After that, they travel to Birmingham, Ala., for the SEC Tournament May 23-27. Looking ahead to the postseason, the NCAA Regionals begin June 1, followed by the Super Regionals (June 8) and World Series (June 15). Later on, check out Vanderbilt players in their respective summer leagues, including the prestigious Cape Cod League.

Golf
NCAA Regional
May 10-12

The women's squad will learn its ranking and location for postseason play on April 30 when the selections for the NCAA Regionals are announced. Sixty-four teams make up the field with 21 squads competing May 10-12 at three sites: Baton Rouge, La. (East), Ann Arbor, Mich. (Central) and St. George, Utah (West).

The top eight teams from each site, as well as the top two individual performers not from an advancing squad, move on to compete in the NCAA Championship May 22-25 in Daytona Beach, Fla. The men's team, meanwhile, still await word on its postseason fate. "It's in the committee's hands now," said coach Tom Shaw.

Women's lacrosse
ALC Tournament
May 3-6
Baltimore, Md.

The Commodores travel to Cornell next Sunday for their regular season finale before competing in the American Lacrosse Conference Tournament, where they will be the second seed. The first round of the NCAA Tournament begins May 13.

Tennis

After losing to Florida in the SEC Tournament semifinals, the women have a few weeks off before the NCAA Tournament gets going. The men, who lost to Kentucky in the first round of the league tourney, are on the bubble for a bid.

NBA Draft
June 28

Expect Vanderbilt senior Derrick Byars to hear his name called. According to nbadraft.net, he is projected to be taken 18th overall.

Vandy breaks out broom against Vols
Davis' walk-off single gives Commodores series sweep.

by JARRED AMATO
Sports Editor

Pinch-hitter Ryan Davis came through with a RBI single in the bottom of the ninth to lift No. 1 Vanderbilt past Tennessee 7-6, capping a memorable weekend at Hawkins Field.

The Commodores (35-8, 12-6 Southeastern Conference) not only swept their in-state rival (22-17, 6-10 SEC) for the first time since 2003, but also recorded their first sweep of a league opponent since March of 2006.

"This was definitely something special," said Vanderbilt shortstop Ryan Flaherty. "I have never been a part of a weekend like this with the crowd and everything. It was definitely the best weekend that I have been a part of so far."

Vanderbilt 7, Tennessee 6

After recording saves in the first two games of the series, some wondered if closer Casey Weathers would be available for Sunday's finale. The flame-throwing senior certainly wasn't one of them.

"There was no doubt in my mind that I was going to pitch in this game if the situation called for it," he said.

The call came with the go-ahead run on first and nobody out in the top of the ninth. After an errant pickoff allowed Tony Delmonico to advance to second, Weathers got J.P. Arencibia to ground out to second. Then, with Delmonico on third, he struck out Jan Gomes and Jeff Lockwood to end the inning.

"The MVP of the weekend has got to come back down to Casey," said coach Tim Corbin. "You can't roll people out there three times in a row and show your cards like that and expect to do as well as he has done. ... He's splitting atoms when he throws the ball — 97, 98 (miles per hour) with a hard breaking ball."

In the bottom half of the inning, Pedro Alvarez walked and Flaherty reached on a perfectly placed bunt. After reliever Aaron Everett struck out Shea Robin, Davis roped a single down

the right-field line to give the Commodores their 19th come-from-behind victory of the season.

"I was just looking for a pitch up in the zone that I could into the outfield somewhere," said Davis, whose teammates swarmed onto the field to congratulate him. "I knew (the hit) was down. The only question was whether it was fair or foul."

The hosts fell behind 5-0 in the third but took little time catching up as Alvarez crushed a three-run, opposite-field homer, and Andrew Giobbi delivered a two-run single in the bottom half of the inning.

"The thing that's special about this team, different from any other team I've ever been on, is the fact that we never give up," Alvarez said.

The Commodores went ahead 6-5 in the fourth when Flaherty singled and later scored on a wild pitch. Thanks to reliever Nick Christiani (two hits and one run in five innings of work), it stayed that way until the seventh when Arencibia went deep. The Vols threatened again in the ninth, but Weathers (8-2) shut down the door.

"That's what you come to college for — you come to the SEC and to Vanderbilt so you can play in an environment like this," he said.

Vanderbilt 4, Tennessee 3

On Saturday, the Commodores called on Weathers with the tying run on second and two outs in the eighth. After walking Yan Gomes, he fanned Danny Lima to get out of the jam. He retired the side in order in the ninth to pick up his fifth save of the year.

"With all of our pitchers we have that confidence, but there's just something about Casey — his demeanor, his face, his anger — it's pretty cool to play behind him," Alvarez said.

Offensively, Dominic de la Osa (1-for-2, 3 RBIs) and Alvarez (2-for-4, RBI) led the way as the Commodores wrapped out 13 hits in front of a school-record 2,654 fans. Vanderbilt also set a three-day Hawkins Field attendance record.



The rally caps worked to perfection as Vanderbilt overcame an early deficit to defeat Tennessee 7-6 on Ryan Davis' walk-off single Sunday at Hawkins Field. With the victory, the Commodores earned their first sweep of a Southeastern Conference opponent since March of 2006.

Freshman lefty Mike Minor improved to 7-0 on the year after giving up three runs on five hits in six innings of work. Brett Jacobson came on in relief to pitch one and two-thirds innings of scoreless baseball.

Vanderbilt 3, Tennessee 1

When it comes to Vanderbilt sporting events, nothing quite compares to a Friday night at Hawkins Field with David Price on the mound.

The junior ace retired the first 23 batters of the game and finished with 14 strikeouts in eight innings to lead the Commodores past the Vols in the series opener.

Carrying a perfect game into the seventh, Price (7-0) retired the first two batters before Delmonico blooped a single to right. He looked for a fifth complete game of the year, but after surrendering three hits in the ninth, he gave way to Weathers.

With runners on first and second and nobody out, Weathers got Arencibia to ground out, fanned Gomes and forced Lockwood to foul out to end the game.

"That was as good a game pitched as I have seen in a long time," Corbin said. "(Price) just keeps



With the Commodores trailing 5-0 in the bottom of the third, Pedro Alvarez came through with an opposite field, three-run homer. Andrew Giobbi followed with a two-run single later in the inning.

overcoming himself. To good."

De la Osa paced the offense with two hits, including his career-best 10th homer of the season. The Commodores return to action on Wednesday as they host Tennessee Tech at 6 p.m. Florida comes to Hawkins Field for a three-game series this weekend. ■

Vandy bows in SEC Tourney

by FRANKLIN PETR
Sports Reporter

The women's tennis team was unsuccessful this weekend in its bid for a SEC championship, falling 4-1 to Florida.

After defeating Kentucky 4-2 on Friday in the quarterfinals, the Commodores were unable to compete with the perennial powerhouse Gators in their last match before the NCAA Tournament.

The contest started out hotly contested during a remarkable doubles point which saw the first point of the match go down to a tiebreaker on the third court.

The two squads split the top spots, and sophomores Courtney Ulery and Liberty Sveke took their Gator counterparts to an 8-8 tie before falling in the tiebreaker.

Florida was able to increase its lead in singles with wins at Nos. 5 and 6. Freshman Catherine Newman was able to net Vanderbilt its lone point of the match with a



After defeating Kentucky in the quarterfinals, the women's tennis team fell 4-1 to Florida on Saturday in the Southeastern Conference Tournament.

straight-set win over Megan Alexander.

The match looked well out of hand after all three remaining Commodores dropped their first set.

Junior Taka Bertrand was able to rebound with a second set win, but Amanda Taylor could not, falling in straight sets.

Senior Amanda Fish, playing in her final conference match, was behind 4-6, 3-5 against highly ranked Diana Srebrovic when play was

suspended.

Vanderbilt dispatched the Kentucky Wildcats on Friday, taking three singles points and doubles in the victory. Fish was able to clinch the match with her three-set nailbiter, while Bertrand and Newman both took straight-set wins.

Vanderbilt now awaits seeding for the NCAA Tournament.

Currently ranked 15th nationally, the Commodores are likely to receive a No. 5 seed in the field of 64. ■

Concolino shines
as team takes sixth

HUSTLER STAFF REPORT

Sophomore Jacqui Concolino carded a 2-under par 70 on Sunday to finish tied for fifth at the Southeastern Conference Women's Golf Championship at Old Waverly Golf Club. Concolino's 2-under 70 tied Florida's Whitney Myers for the second-best score of the final round. Tournament medalist Taylor Leon of Georgia posted a 5-under 67 on the final day to win the event with an 8-under 208.

"Jacqui is a super-talented player who really stepped up today and played aggressively," said coach Martha Richards. "She is capable of a lot more, shooting the same scores as Taylor Leon. But, with her play today Jacqui has some good momentum heading into (the NCAA) Regionals."

Concolino registered her second consecutive top-five finish at the league's premier women's golf event after finishing fourth. Concolino has placed in the top 10 in seven of nine tournaments this season. As a team, the Commodores took sixth place following an 11-over 299 on Sunday. Georgia won the team title as well with a 1-over 865.

Freshman Brooke Goodwin notched her second career top-20 finish, tying for 18th place with a 7-over 223.

"Brooke had two really good rounds of golf this weekend and played with incredible consistency," Richards said. "She was very persistent and did not let things get in her way. When she does that she plays really well."

Senior Kristen Svicarovich finished in a tie for 30th and junior Liebelei Lawrence ended up in 35th. Vanderbilt will learn its ranking and location for postseason play on April 30 when the selections for the NCAA Regionals are announced. ■

TOP 10 REASONS TO BE EXCITED FOR 2007-08

While Commodore fans witnessed one of the best years in school history, there is reason to believe that 2007-08 will be even better. From Earl Bennett to Shan Foster, The Vanderbilt Hustler sports staff picked the 10 best reasons to be excited.



#01 Bennett poised to break records

Players like Earl Bennett don't come around very often. By the time the time No. 10 leaves West End for the NFL, he'll have shattered nearly all of the school's and conference's receiving records. As a whole, the Commodore offense has the potential to be very scary come September.

#02 Dores seek to return to Sweet 16

With Derrick Byars, Dan Cage and Ted Skuchas departing, Shan Foster is more than capable of becoming the go-to guy as the Commodores look to return to the Big Dance. The Commodores also welcome back juniors Alex Gordon and Ross Neltner, to name a couple.

#03 Vote for Pedro

While the Commodores may lose one No. 1 pick after this season, they return another in this sophomore slugger. Along with Alvarez, Vanderbilt returns nearly all of its core players next spring.

#04 Back for more

The Commodores are thankful that junior linebacker Jonathan Goff turned down a chance to play in the NFL to anchor the defense for one more season.

#06 Repeat performers?

There is a good chance that the Commodores, who return their top seven bowlers, could repeat as national champions.



#08 Tourney-bound

Junior Sarah Dennis (19) and company look to return to the NCAA Tournament. Amy Baumann, who had a team-best eight goals and 19 points in 2006, is also back for another season.

#07 Concolino leads golfers

Ranked sixth nationally, the sophomore phenom returns to carry a very talented women's golf squad.

Showing her Wirth



The versatile sophomore will be the focal point of the women's hoops squad's offense next season with Dee Davis, Carla Thomas and Caroline Williams graduating. Expect big years from Jen Risper and Liz Sherwood, as well.

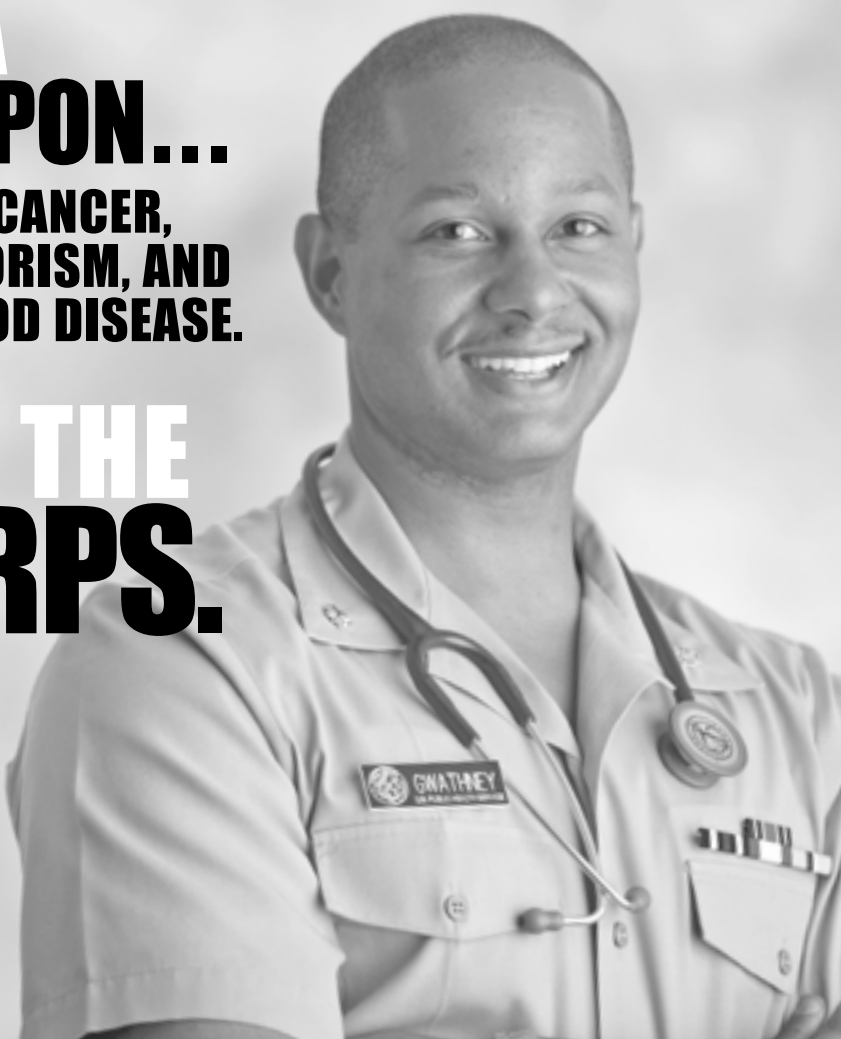
#09 Taylor made

Thriving at No. 2 singles, junior Amanda Taylor recently earned first-team All-SEC honors. While the Commodores say good-bye to senior Amanda Fish, everyone else returns.

#10 Star in the making

After a fantastic freshman campaign, Vijay Paul looks to take on a bigger role for the men's tennis squad next spring.

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