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THE **WALL**

compiled by EVE ATTERMANN

TODAY How To Help A Friend

IMAGE will host a workshop today aimed at helping friends with potential eating disorders. The workshop will be held in Furman Hall, Room 132 at 7 p.m. Resources and materials will be provided. The event is part of IMAGE Week 2007. IMAGE is a student-run organization that seeks to improve body image and self-image on campus.

TODAY Blair Nightcap Series: Baroque and **Beyond**

"Baroque and Beyond" will begin today at 8 p.m. as a part of the **Blair Nightcap Series** in the Steve and Judy Turner Recital Hall. The concert will be a "mix and match" program of chamber music in duos, trios and quartets from three centuries. Featured composers will be Telemann, Bach, Benjamin Blake, Francois Devienne and Phillipe Gaubert. The concert is open to the public.

TUESDAY, FEB. 20 Chancellor's Lecture **Series: Bob Herbert**

New York Times columnist Bob Herbert will lecture at 6 p.m on Tuesday at the Student Life Center. The lecture is a part of the Chancellor's Lecture Series and is open to the public. There will be a reception prior to the lecture at 5 p.m. A live video of this event will be streamed

TUESDAY, FEB. 20 **Whirling Dervishes** of Rumi

from VUCast.

Turkey's Whirling Dervishes of Rumi will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center. The program will feature live music and dance containing core elements of Sufi music and will accompany the poems of Rumi. The dance, which symbolizes infinite spinning in perfect harmony, is a part of Turkish custom, history, beliefs and culture. Tickets are \$20 to \$35 and can be purchased at the TPAC box office, the TPAC Web site, **Davis-Kidd Booksellers** in the Mall at Green Hills or through Ticketmaster.

Compiled by staff from various sources. Check out http://calendar.vanderbilt.edu

AIN'T NOAH STOPPIN'US NOW

VANDERBILT 83



Students rush the court after Vanderbilt defeated No. 1 Florida Saturday afternoon at Memorial Gymnasium. The Commodores won 83-70.

University may face \$25,000 Southeastern Conference fine for student conduct.

by JARRED AMATO

Sports Editor

It was \$25,000 very well spent.

Vanderbilt's yellow-jacketed stood helplessly in front of the student section as Commodore fans stormed the court following their team's 83-70 victory over No. 1 Florida on Saturday afternoon at Memorial Gymnasium.

Under Southeastern Conference rule, Vanderbilt can be fined up to \$25,000 for its actions, a small price to pay for such a sweet reward.

"A lot of people don't even get the opportunity to

play the No. 1 team in the country," said junior Shan Foster. "We got the opportunity to play them, and we seized the moment."

They most certainly did. Led by Foster and senior Derrick Byars, who scored 24 points apiece, the Commodores (18-8, 8-4 SEC) handed the Gators (24-3, 11-1 SEC) their first conference loss and snapped their 17-game winning steak.

"This is one for the ages," Byars said. "Twenty years from now, I'll be able to tell my little kids this. This is special. You can't explain it."

The Commodores knew they would have to play close to perfect basketball in order to win, and they did.

"There are lot of things that need to go right in order to beat them, and a lot of things went right (Saturday)," said coach Kevin Stallings.

Vanderbilt shot 57 percent from the field and held the nation's best shooting team to 44 percent. Defensively, the Commodores frustrated the Gators' talented frontline, especially fan-favorite Joakim Noah. Most importantly, they responded to every one of Florida's runs.

"This is definitely going to be one game that we'll remember — our whole team, the fans, the program," said junior Ross Neltner, who scored 15 points.

Kappa Delta event uses Twister to raise money



Kappa Delta's annual philanthropy event, which benefits Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee and Prevent Child Abuse America.

KELLY HOCUTT / The Vanderbilt Hustler Freshmen Jeff Collins, Tommy Byrd and Morgan Roach play Twister Saturday afternoon in the Student Recreation Center as a part of

John Edwards writes chancellor in support of living wage movement

by ALLISON SMITH News Editor

Presidential hopeful and former Senator John Edwards expressed support for the Vanderbilt living wage to Chancellor Gordon Gee in a letter dated Feb. 12.

The Edwards letter arrives at a time when the living wage campaign is set to pick up momentum. Actor Danny Glover and the Laborer's International Union General President Terry O'Sullivan are set to participate in a series of events concerning Vanderbilt's

living wage campaign on Tuesday.

"Next week is sort of a culmination of this whole process with everything," said Beau Worsham, the union representative in Vanderbilt's negotiations. "It's designed to be a high-profile town meeting sort of event."

Among other scheduled for this week, the union will hold a town hall meeting at the Wightman Chapel at the Scarritt-Bennett Center.

Worsham said he expects to fill the 300-seat chapel.

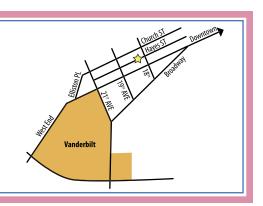
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WEATHER

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Partly Cloudy, 56/43



Showers, 56/40



Mostly Sunny, 56/42



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VUPD CRIME LOG compiled by EVE ATTERMANN

There is no crime to report.

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

Israeli police commander resigns in scandal involving underworld figures

Israel's police commander resigned Sunday after a government commission said he ignored ties between senior officers and underworld figures and failed to ensure a thorough investigation into the 1999 killing of a suspected crime boss.

The resignation of Moshe Karadi was the latest in a series of public scandals and controversies involving Israel's top leadership—including rape allegations against the president

and questions over the prime minister's role in a bank sale. Earlier Sunday, commission chairman Vardi Zeiler, a retired judge, said Karadi, although he was a departmental head, not police commissioner, at the time of the killing, should lose his job for the incomplete investigation and for ignoring ties between senior police officers and top organized crime figures.

Terminating Karadi's appointment would "highlight a clear norm for generations to come that someone who behaves like Karadi would be unable to complete his term as police commissioner," Zeiler told reporters.

Karadi insisted that the allegations against him were untrue, but said he was resigning to "set a personal example" and spare the police the harm of a scandal.

Karadi was a top official in southern Israel at the time of the 1999 killing, and the commission rebuked him for promoting a police commander suspected in hushing up the case on behalf of the crime family that allegedly hired the murdered officer.

At least 23 bombs explode Sunday in southern Thailand, killing three

At least 23 bombs exploded Sunday in apparently coordinated attacks in parts of southern Thailand plagued by a Muslim insurgency, killing three people and wounding more than 50, the military said.

"We believe that the attacks were planned to cause division, create fear among the people. (The insurgents) want to show that they are still capable (of carrying out attacks)," said Col. Wichai Thongdaeng, a military spokesman. He added that the military has sent additional troops to the region.

The bombings targeted electricity transmitters, hotels, karaoke bars and markets in the country's southernmost provinces, the only parts of predominantly Buddhist Thailand with Muslim majorities. Two schools were torched.

Violence in the south has been escalating in recent months despite a major policy shift by the military-imposed government, which is trying to replace an earlier, ironfisted approach in dealing with the rebels with a "hearts and minds" campaign.

More than 2,000 people have died in the provinces bordering Malaysia since the insurgency erupted in 2004, fueled by accusations of decades of misrule by the central government. The insurgents have not announced their goals, but they are believed to be fighting for a separate state imbued with radical Islamic ideology.

NATION

First major changes in decade coming to meat, poultry inspections

The first major changes to food inspection in a decade will increase federal scrutiny of meat and poultry plants where the danger from E. coli and other germs is high or where past visits have found unsafe practices.

The new policy will result in fewer inspections at plants with lower risks and better records for handling meat and

"We're just putting resources where the risk is greatest, and those plants that demonstrate excellent control will get less of our resources," said Richard Raymond, the Agriculture Department's top food safety official.

To decide the level of scrutiny a plant should get, the "riskbased" system will consider the type of product and the plant's record of food safety violations.

"There are certain food products that carry a higher inherent risk than others," Raymond said. "And there are certain plants that do a better job of controlling risk than others."

No timetable has been set for shifting to the new inspection system.

Agriculture Department officials say the agency's 7,500 food safety inspectors conducted about 9.2 million inspections at about 6,000 plants last year. Still, about 76 million people get sick from food poisoning each year in the United States. Most get better after a day or two, but about 325,000 people are hospitalized. About 5,000 people die each year because of foodborne diseases.

CAMPUS

Vanderbilt's David Williams II named fellow of Tennessee Bar Foundation

David Williams II of Vanderbilt University has been elected a fellow by the Tennessee Bar Foundation.

Williams is vice chancellor, general counsel and secretary for Vanderbilt, as well as a professor of law. He is one of 35 attorneys invited to become fellows this year by the board of trustees of the Tennessee Bar Foundation.

The Tennessee Bar Foundation honors attorneys who have distinguished themselves in the profession and administers a grant program, Interest On Lawyers' Trust Accounts. The grant program has awarded more than \$13 million to lawrelated public interest projects in Tennessee.

A native of Detroit, Williams is a graduate of Northern Michigan University, the University of Detroit School of Law and New York University School of Law. He has written, lectured and participated in seminars on tax law, sports law, law and education and legal history.

He is a board member of the Nashville Symphony, YMCA of Middle Tennessee, Adventure Science Center, Oasis Center, W.O. Smith Nashville Community Music School, Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee, 100 Black Men of Middle Tennessee, United Way of Metropolitan Nashville, Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, Nashville Public Television, the Nashville Branch of the Atlanta Federal Reserve and the Rotary Club of Nashville.

EDWARDS: Union plans events for coming week

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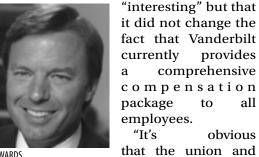
Kate Bedingfield,

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Vanderbilt spokesman Michael Schoenfeld said Edwards' letter looked







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a spokeswoman for Edwards' campaign, confirmed the letter's authenticity Sunday. Gee then issued a response, even though, according to Schoenfeld, Gee had not received a letter from Edwards by the close of business Friday.

"It's an issue that (Edwards) has been involved with very heavily and something that he feels very strongly about," Bedingfield said. "He's always been a local advocate

of workers' rights and workers' issues and a supporter of the living wage initiative."

The Vanderbilt Hustler received the letter from an anonymous source.

"Since the chancellor receives a huge amount of correspondence about many issues from people all over the world, we wouldn't normally confirm the authenticity of any single letter," Schoenfeld said. "It is not uncommon for political candidates and advocacy groups to send copies of their correspondence to the news media before it ever gets to the intended recipient as a way to generate news coverage, so I imagine that was the case with this letter."

In his letter, the former senator pointed out that other universities, including Harvard, Georgetown and Yale, had established a living wage on their campus within the last

"I understand that Vanderbilt employees, students, religious leaders, labor leaders and community residents have joined together to take up this cause of simple fairness," Edwards wrote. "I support their efforts, and I hope you will join us."

In response, Gee wrote a four-point letter addressed to Edwards.

"While we are optimistic that Vanderbilt and the union will eventually reach a mutually agreeable position, I do want to be clear about several important points that, unfortunately, have been either ignored or distorted in the rhetoric that has been generated around the issue," Gee wrote.

In the letter, Gee wrote that Vanderbilt offers the most comprehensive benefits package in the region. He also said comparisons to other institutions that have experienced similar protests are "not particularly valid."

"In almost all of those cases, maintenance and service staff were actually employed by contractors and thus are not employees of the university, receiving none of the benefits and protections that come with full-time permanent employment," Gee wrote.

The university is currently in negotiations with a local union representing 600 of its lowest-paid workers. The union turned down an offer made by Vanderbilt in mid-December that would have increased the base wage to \$10 per hour within a year.

Both sides have agreed to enter into a nonbinding mediation with a federal negotiator, which will begin Feb. 26. ■

—View copies of Edwards' letter and Gee's response on:



OFFICE OF HOUSING AND RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION

TO: Undergraduate Students Returning for the Fall Semester 2007

FROM: Jim Kramka, Senior Director of Housing Facilities Operation and Management

SUBJECT: Apply for 2007-2008 Housing February 12-25

All undergraduates returning for fall 2007 must apply for the housing assignment process for the 2007-2008 academic year. To apply, direct your Web browser to http://www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd and click on the link to the housing application anytime between Monday, February 12 and 5:00 PM, Sunday, February 25. Your VUnetID and password are required for logging in to the application.

Students who apply after the deadline of 5 PM on Sunday, February 25 will (1) not be allowed to reserve their current spaces; and/or (2) lose a point of seniority for the housing assignment process.

Students who will be entering their fourth year of study in fall 2007 are eligible to request authorization to live off campus at the same web site, between Monday, February 12 and 5:00 PM, Sunday, February 25. Students requesting off-campus authorization must first have applied for on campus housing.

If you hope to study abroad, participate in an internship program, or take a leave of absence next fall (Fall 2007), but are not certain that you will do so (i.e., you have not yet been accepted or are unsure that you will participate) then you should apply for and participate in the housing assignment process for next year. See "A Guide to the Housing Assignment Process: 2007-2008" for details. (The Guide will be available for download from our website in late February.) If and when it becomes clear that you will study abroad, participate in an internship program, or take a leave of absence, please notify the Office of Housing and Residential Education (2-2591) of your plans immediately.

Students who plan to live in Greek houses for the fall semester of 2007 must apply for the housing assignment process before the close of the application period, 5:00 PM, Sunday, February 25. They should consult with their chapter presidents. These students should also complete Greek house authorization request forms and submit these forms to their chapter presidents. Presidents are responsible for assembling the Greek House authorization requests into packets for their houses and for submitting the complete packets to the Office of Housing and Residential Education, 4113 Branscomb Quadrangle, by the deadline of 12:00 noon, Friday, February 23.

More information about the housing assignment process is available on the housing website <www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd> and at 2-2591.

Students use local center to climb



MASON HENSLEY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Freshman Cliff McCold scales the rock wall at Climb Nashville Sunday afternoon. Belayer Steve Knubley steadies McCold as he prepares to attempt a dyno. Climb Nashville is approximately a five-mile drive from main campus.

Blair to present first Nightcap Series of spring semester

by JANELLE STOKES

Contributing Reporter

The Blair School of Music will host the first concert of their spring Nightcap Series entitled "Baroque and Beyond" at 8 p.m. tonight. This concert, which will be heldattheTurnerRecitalHall, will feature a presentation from musicologist professor Joy Calico, refreshments and an authentic period performance from Blair faculty.

"These performances are less formal and more intimate than the other Blair series concerts," said professor Jane Kirchner, a flutist at tonight's concert. Nightcaps originally designed with later-than-usual

concert start time in order represented to appeal to the campus community."

The Nightcap Series aims to provide students, faculty and community members with an opportunity to appreciate music in a unique way. The pre-concert lecture will inform the listeners of what they will hear and how it characterizes the Baroque period or other music genres.

"A pre-concert lecture appropriate provides information and generally sets the stage for the evening's music, so that listeners can enjoy it more," Kirchner said. "On Monday our goal is to provide some understanding of 'performance practice' in the different centuries program."

The next concert in the Blair Nightcap Series is a "Celebration of Jewish Chamber Music" will feature the Nashville Chamber Orchestra. Composer Michael Alec Rose will lecture on the question "What makes music Jewish?"

"Some nights recital hall is packed, and sometimes it's just not that full," Kirchner said. "It may depend on what else is happening on campus or in town — or what tests and papers are coming up in the next day or two. But a 45minute program, preceded by a 45-minute lecture and 15 minutes of snacks, can be an excellent study break!" ■

Undergraduate applications continue rise to record high

by EVE ATTERMANN

Asst News Editor

Applications for undergraduate admissions have increased by 5.3 percent from this time last year, according to Dean of Admissions Doug Christiansen. Minority applications have increased by 14.7 percent.

As a result, the percentage of students granted acceptance is projected to decrease to 30 percent of all applicants this year. The decrease in students granted acceptance is a part of a larger trend towards decreasing acceptance. Last year the acceptance rate was 33.9 percent, down from 55.1 percent in

"The quality of the student based on academic measure, test score and class rank is up," Christiansen said.

Tour guides senior Alison Musto, who has been a tour guide for three years, and junior Katy Caudle, who has been a tour guide since fall 2005, have both noticed the increase in diversity and candidate quality.

"Vandy's kind of a 'hot' school now," Caudle said. "Students on tours used to be generally from the South, Texas or Chicago. Now there's a lot more students on my tours from the Northeast or even California — parts of the country where Vandy used to not even be on their radar."

Christiansen also noted a greater geographical diversity in applications with a growth, specifically, in the mid-Atlantic

"The campus has become much more of a national institution, and so the name is just getting stronger and stronger," he said.

Christiansen attributed the increase to better marketing and recruitment targeting, as well as the quality of the degree.

"Even last spring we were doing much more and into the summer than we did in prior years, because our goal is to really go out there and help students that are academically qualified," Christiansen said. "And I think the most important thing is just the actual educational product that the students see value in."

Applications rose to 12,192 last year, and Christiansen projected this year's applications to reach around 12,780.

"For 1,600 spots, to have almost 13,000 applications is phenomenal," he said.

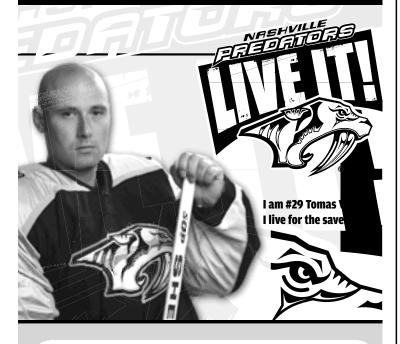
Caudle also noticed an increase in the competitiveness of prospective students, many of whom are surprised when they learn during information sessions how hard it has become to get into Vanderbilt.

"Students seem generally smarter, more academic and more motivated to succeed," Caudle said. "Also, it seems like the students coming here are also looking at better or higher ranked schools. For example, they used to tell me that they were also applying to Emory, Wash U, etc., but now they say they're also applying to Harvard, Yale and other reach schools. The schools that used to be considered on par with Vandy are these students' backup schools."

Christiansen similarly noted that Vanderbilt is beginning to compete with more prestigious schools and has a comparable admission rate to Emory, Duke and Washington University in St. Louis.

Asforwhetherapplicationincreaseisatrend that will continue indefinitely, Christiansen notes that the school will eventually reach a point were applications will not be able to continue increasing. However, the admissions office remains optimistic that the quality of a Vanderbilt degree will continue to swell, which Christiansen said he believes will help Vanderbilt graduates in the competitive job

"Vanderbilt is becoming more selective, which doesn't come also without some heartache," he said. "Some people have to be denied, but that's why we're really trying to make sure (the students) who we recruit are viable candidates, not just candidates."■





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OUR VIEW

Commodores were right to run aground after Florida capsize

Vanderbilt's victory over No. 1 Florida represents a glorious moment in Vanderbilt sports history, and the Gators' ride back to Florida was likely bleak and dreary indeed. It is not inconceivable that school spirit reached its zenith following such a monumental victory.

So incredible was the victory, the line of security personnel guarding the stands could not stop Vanderbilt as students and administrators alike celebrated the upset. The Southeastern Conference will likely enforce its recent policy and fine the university \$25,000, and we believe whether or not the policy is justified, \$25,000 is a small price to pay.

\$25,000 is a large sum to an individual, but it is a drop in the proverbial bucket to our community. There are 6,378 currently enrolled undergraduates, and while many did not attend the Florida game, for the sake of argument, let us assume 100 percent choose to pay a share of the fine. For \$3.92 apiece, we have gained a tremendous amount of school pride and self-respect. Even Chancellor Gordon Gee rushed the court, by many accounts leading the pack of Vanderbilt fans showing their support for our team.

At a time embroiled controversies from the living wage debate to the arrival of The Commons, the Vanderbilt victory was one of the truly unitary moments of the past several years. Commodores everywhere donned

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their black and gold and cheered for an amazing team.

Why, then, should we be concerned about a minimal fine? We understand the SEC's stated reasoning behind the restriction; certainly it would be tragic if a player or a fan were seriously injured by a court rush. However, it would be far more productive to assume that court rushes are unavoidable following major victories and to prepare for such events rather than to place a few guards around the perimeter and hope their mere presence dissuades emotional students from celebrating in the traditional fashion. Memorial Magic is a very real thing, and the students were right to revel in its effects.

COLUMN

Compatibility paves the long road to housing bliss

ANDREW SOLOMON **Columnist**

It's that time of year again, kids! UGG boots are still in style for some reason, you've blown all your money for the semester on beer and Vitamin Water, and now you have to find a roommate for next year. As a gift to everyone out there debating on whom to enter into contractual bliss with, I have decided to share some stories and advice on the topic.

Like all good relationships, you need to ascertain whether or not you're compatible together. Do you party late? If so, it is probably not a good idea to room with the girl you met at church Sunday morning. Do you like to drink? Perhaps you should consider rooming with the guy whose dad works for Budweiser. Do you practice Wicca? You get the idea.

Make sure you know how to communicate. Remember, the key to a successful marriage is being able to lie to your spouse without them knowing it. Roommates are no different. If they know you're the one who stole from their fridge or threw up on their bed, it is going to be a long semester. Practice lying to yourself in front of a mirror, then try it out on your prospective roomie. If he believes you, you are one step closer to finding The One.

Does your friend smell? No seriously, does he smell? You have to realize that this person is going to spend a large portion of his time festering in front of his computer, sweating over whether or not he can find a date to his semi-formal. If his body odor smells like a springtime breeze, your roommate doubles as an air freshener. If squirrels follow him home from the Rec mistaking him for a trash bin, you may want to reconsider.

How much time do you currently spend together? If you and your friend spend every waking moment together going to Bread & Co. to discuss the exciting new events transpiring on Wisteria Lane, this might not be the best choice. If you still see Please see **SOLOMON**, page 5



LETTER

Electoral system produces Dead Presidents Day

The president of the United States has symbolized America's stances. Unfortunately, our president has never represented the American Dream.

The presidential system remains an institution for the wealthy. According to Michael E. Toner, chairman of the Federal Election Commission, 2008 will be the first \$1 billion presidential election. Both candidates will likely forgo public funds in favor of private donations in order to compete.

The only way candidates can raise that amount of money is to ask wealthy individuals and organizations. These private sources, however, are not just betting on who wins the race; they want something in return. In exchange for their donations these wealthy individuals and organizations expect favorable policy. Thus, candidates are more likely to serve the interests of wealthy donors instead of the will of the people. By requiring millions of dollars just to compete in elections, this system severely limits both access to individuals who want to run for office and to the policies that make it on the agenda.

If we want our president and other politicians to represent our entire country, we must change the system at its core. Seven states have turned to Clean Elections to address the issue of private money influencing politics. Clean Elections is a voluntary system that provides eligible candidates with matching public funds. Candidates must collect a set number of signatures and small donations (typically \$5) to legitimize popular support. In exchange, candidates no longer have to solicit money from private sources and compromise their policy integrity. One of the great things about American politics is that states often serve as policy laboratories where governments can experiment with different policies. The Clean Elections experiment continues to be a huge success in governments throughout the country. Now is the time to make Clean Elections a national policy for all Americans.

> **Tom Byrne Campus Coordinator Democracy Matters**

The Hustler flubs frontpage protest coverage

As one of the main organizers for the Feb. 15 anti-war rally, I am highly offended by the article on the front page of the Feb. 16 issue of The Hustler. I hope that by now you have received a letter not only from the president of College Democrats but also from Elias Feghali, another of the main organizers. I felt the need to send something myself because I took personal offense to the article. First of all, I am not a Democrat, and as I was one of the main organizers of the rally, my political opinion should be heard. Elias and I, neither of whom have any political affiliation, originally produced the idea to stage a protest this past Saturday. Those who helped plan the protest met Sunday night. I do not know the political affiliation of the other organizers, nor was it relevant to what we were planning. This was not a Democrat versus Republican issue, and I was not aware that because I am against the war, I must be a Democrat. This is quite simply

You may think that this is a slight error. But I feel that my voice as a student has been completely undermined in this situation. If anyone had paid attention to what Elias, the unnamed speaker at the end of the rally, said, this is a human issue. Just because one member of the group, the president of College Democrats, expresses an explicit political view does not mean the entire group shares this view. We united under peace, not politics. I feel there was a complete lack of thoughtful, careful journalism. I am very disappointed that The Hustler, "The Voice of Vanderbilt," allowed such a massive oversight. I hope you will print an apology to all the students involved in the rally, not necessarily Democrats or Republicans, in the next issue of The Hustler. I highly suggest that if you want to gain a reputation as a credible newspaper you research your information more carefully and proofread your articles a little more closely.

> Isabelle McKay Sophomore, A&S

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"I wish Michael Wilt would give up writing long columns. I never make it to the last line."

'What is the deal with the pictures on the Vanderbilt Web site?! I think they try to catch people in their most awkward moments. Don't we want people to like us?"

"What are the idiots at the basketball games who start the 'OVERRATED' chant thinking? Are they trying to say that Florida must be overrated because there is no way we are good enough to beat the actual No. 1 team? Real smart, guys."

"Is Rand's frozen yogurt machine ever going to be fixed? That is the reason I go to brunch."

"WHY WON'T MY ROOMMATES DO THE DISHES?"

SOLOMON: Roommates frequently exercise poor judgment in sexual matters

From SOLOMON, page 4

her that often and you don't live together, you don't need to be roommates. Rooming together can destroy friendships; I've seen it happen. Choose someone who you get along well with but do not feel the need to call every time Dr. McDreamy makes an appearance.

How much are you willing to put up with? In all likelihood, this person is going to be using your toothbrush, drinking your booze, complaining about how tough their Intro to Poetry class is, and occasionally relieving themselves in your trash can. I can stand these things if:

- 1. You are perpetually hilarious, and even the sight of you flossing is funny to me.
- 2. You are buying my booze anyway. If you are one of these people, please e-mail me at ajsolomon@gmail.com and we can discuss living situations for next year.
- 3. You are friends with all the girls on the

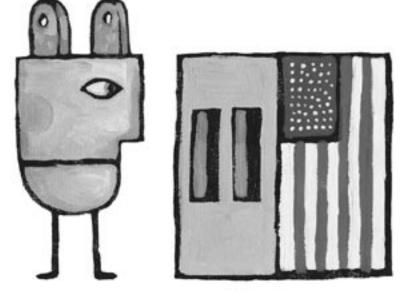
You have to think about how worth it putting up with this person's crap is going to be by understanding what you get out of the deal. If this person brings nothing to the table to bargain for their transgressions, dump 'em quicker than the pregnant girl on prom night.

How much play does your friend get? If you are the kind that likes to take it easy on the weekdays, you might want to cut your friend who is currently in the middle of making the rounds with the football team. There are few things more disturbing than hearing your roommate play footsy several feet from where you are trying to sleep. If your buddy is planning on running a brothel out of the bottom of West, just understand that rooming with him won't mean a whole lot of sleep. He's got a business to run. But if you work it right, perhaps you could negotiate a cut of the profits.

Finally, make sure you can laugh with and at one another. During the course of the year, your roommate will wake up lying next to a hambeast who he swears he thought was a 10 the night before. Make sure you can laugh at him for this. But also make sure you can take it as good as you gave it when he finds you passed out on the floor cuddling with your chemistry TA who you swear has a "great personality." Just make sure you tell him you were doing it for the grade.

-Andrew Solomon is a senior in the School of Engineering.

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SPORTS

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Upcoming Events

Women's Lacrosse Albany at No. 19 Vanderbilt Today 3 p.m. CT **Vanderbilt Lacrosse**

Complex Vanderbilt is hoping to rebound from a 6-10 season in 2006. Coach Cathy Swezey's team lost only four seniors from last year's squad, and appears poised to get back on the winning track. Junior Margie Curran returns as the team's leading scorer. Prediction: Vandy 11, Albany 5

Men's Basketball No. 8 Kansas at **Kansas State** Tonight 8 p.m. CT **ESPN**

Kansas is on top of the Big 12 and is coming off a 92-39 smashing of Nebraska. They beat Kansas State by 27 earlier in the season, but this one should be closer. Bob Huggins' team, currently fourth in the league, has been a surprise this year, but it is still not at the Jayhawks' level. Prediction: Kansas 83, Kansas State 75

Men's Basketball Villanova at No. 13 Marquette Tonight 6 p.m. CT ESPN

Villanova is one of the many Big East teams on the bubble and with a favorable final three games, winning at Marquette would be huge. If they lose, they'll have to win out, and even then, it will be close. The Eagles, meanwhile, have lost three in a row.

Prediction: Marquette 70, Villanova 66

Men's Basketball LSU at No. 18 Kentucky Tuesday 8 p.m. CT **ESPN**

Who would have guessed that the Tigers would be 14-12? Probably not many, but that's the reality for last year's Final Four participant. Kentucky lost to Alabama over the weekend and now finds itself a game behind the Commodores in the SEC East standings. Prediction: Kentucky

Men's Basketball Missouri State at **Wichita State** Tuesday 8:05 p.m. CT

78, LSU 69

ESPNU

Both teams are coming off losses on BracketBuster weekend. Missouri State still has a chance for the Big Dance, but Wichita State will have to win the conference tourney to get in. Expect the Bears to come away with a victory on the road. Prediction: Missouri State 66, Wichita State

OVERALL RECORD: 53-32

Commodores have all the answers

by WILL GIBBONS

Senior Sports Reporter

After beating Alabama on Wednesday, Florida's Joakim Noah lauded his team's ability to seize the momentum.

"When the blood is out, we're like vampires," Noah said.

It was Vanderbilt's ability to stop Florida's runs that propelled them to a thrilling 83-70 win on Saturday.

For every threat Florida made, Vanderbilt responded.

Take for instance the last minute of the first half. With the score at 31-27 and Florida sensing a potential momentum shift after a Lee Humphrey 3-pointer, Vanderbilt answered with two buckets, including a Derrick Byars runner at the buzzer to give Vandy a 35-27 halftime lead.

"Give Vanderbilt a lot of credit," said Florida coach Billy Donavan. "I thought their kids played terrific. They played really, really hard."

When Vanderbilt played Florida two and a half weeks ago, the Gators began the second half with a 13-0 run to erase the Commodores' 11-point halftime lead. Vanderbilt made sure that did not happen again —this time, Shan Foster found Ross Neltner underneath the bucket for an easy two points.

"We thought we had a good game plan when we were in Gainesville and it kind of unraveled in the second half there," said Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings.

While Vanderbilt led for the final 27 minutes of the game, there were several moments in the second half where it appeared Florida might narrow the gap. After Florida cut a 46-33 lead to 46-40, Shan Foster scored on a cut to the basket and added a free throw. A Taurean Green 3-pointer made it 49-43, but Foster answered with a three of his own. With the score at 52-46, Byars found fellow senior Ted Skuchas for a two-handed slam. Byars had eight assists for the game, and Skuchas had one scream on national television.

"Derrick (Byars), Dan (Cage) and Ted (Skuchas) have a tough mentality and an unwillingness to back up," Stallings said. "Our three seniors have played with toughness and commitment to each other and to the team."

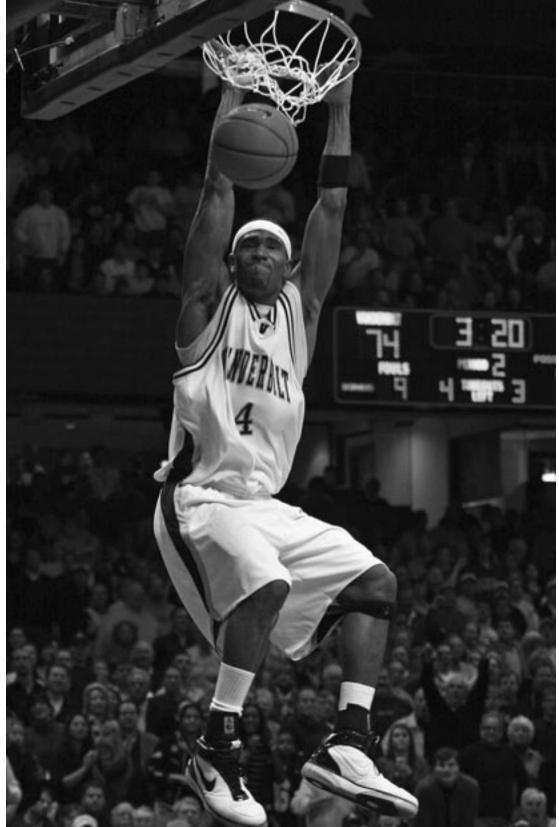
After the sequence, Vanderbilt never led by fewer than eight points. The Florida run that was seemingly inevitable never came.

"We don't like to fight the fight backing up," Stallings said.

Looking at the long and winding road that has been the 2006-07 Vanderbilt season, it should be no surprise they had all the answers Saturday. They have responded to numerous setbacks that would deflate many teams.

They reeled off seven straight wins after losing to Furman early in the season. They won four in a row after a lackluster defeat at Georgia. They knocked off the Gators one week after their dismantling in Knoxville. The Commodores have not lost consecutive games since November, a credit to the team's consistent effort.

"We started out 1-3, but we stayed together, and this is what can be accomplished," Foster said. ■



Vanderbilt's Derrick Byars scores two of his 24 points on this dunk in his team's 83-70 victory over No. 1 Florida Saturday at Memorial Gym.

Top 10 reasons Vanderbilt beat Florida

by JARRED AMATO Sports Editor

Before the game, an usher told me that in his 30 years here, he had never seen a crowd like this one.

The student section was full soon after the gates opened at 10:30, and a few fans even sneaked in early. The gym was not only packed, but also loud, and the players fed off that.

"The crowd obviously was unbelievable and this can be a pretty difficult place to play if we start making shots," said coach Kevin Stallings.

From the "de-fense" chants to the constant heckling of Joakim Noah to the creative signs, the fans were Vanderbilt's sixth man that helped them knock off the No. 1 team in the country for the first time since 1993.

Derrick Byars and Shan Foster were flat-out sensational, scoring 24 points apiece.

"I can't say enough about these two guys," said Ross Neltner. "They just put us on their back."

The two of them hit shots most players don't even think about taking. "I knew (that) to play Florida you can't slack in any area," Byars said. "You have to be not perfect, but you have to play as good as you play all season." He and Foster sure did.

How did the Commodores hold the nation's best offense to 44 percent shooting and force the Gators to commit 22 turnovers? How did Foster and Byars score as many points as Corey Brewer, Taurean Green, Al Horford and Joakim Noah combined?

A lot of it had to do with the game plan. Vanderbilt backed off Al Horford, challenging him to shoot from the outside, and did a good job fronting the post. The Commodores knew when to double-team and what rotations to make. They also kept the Gators out of rhythm by switching between man-to-man defense and the 2-3 zone.

Every time Florida threw a punch, Vanderbilt threw one right back even harder. Stallings gave the credit to the seniors.

"I think that Derrick (Byars) and Dan (Cage) and Ted (Skuchas), among others, have brought a tough mentality to our team and an unwillingness to back up," he said.

In fouling players hard, diving for loose balls and standing up to Noah, Vanderbilt showed that it does more than make 3pointers.



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The unselfish Commodores don't care about points or minutes — they just want to win. On Saturday, Vanderbilt had 21 assists, while Florida had just 11.

"It was a total team effort, and that's been the story of our season," Foster said. "We started off 1-3 and we stayed together and now you see if you stay together, this is what you can accomplish."

While Byars and Foster played exceptionally well, the Commodores would not have Foster connected on five of 10, Neltner hit the only won without contributions from their bench.

"Everybody that played for us had to play well or we wouldn't have won because (Florida's) that good," Stallings said.

One player who stood out was Skuchas, who was immense in the middle, especially defensively. Vanderbilt's freshmen also deserve credit.

When asked if Saturday's victory was the biggest victory in his coaching career, Stallings instead chose to compliment his players.

"It's the only time I've been fortunate enough as a head coach to beat the No. 1 team in the country, but it's not about me," he said. "It's about those guys."

Not only did Stallings have his team prepared and manage the game well — he switched defenses, made all the right substitutions and called plays that worked — he showed that he will do anything for his players. When Noah went to grab the ball from Stallings, he refused.

"Joakim's competitive and so am I," Stallings said. Players love knowing their coach has their backs.

Vanderbilt clearly won the point guard battle. Alex Gordon had five assists and two turnovers, while Florida's Taurean Green had two assists and five turnovers.

Jermaine Beal, although he had just two points and one assist, played one of his finest games as a Commodore, defending well and taking care of the basketball.

9. STARTING OFF RIGHT

In the locker room at halftime, Stallings heard a few of his players say, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

In January, the Commodores held a 41-30 halftime lead in Gainesville, but came out flat after the break. Understanding how crucial the first four minutes of the second half are, Vanderbilt made sure history didn't repeat itself Saturday.

Ross Neltner scored on the Commodores' first possession of the second half, which set the tone for the rest of the game.

Vanderbilt was 10-for-21 from beyond the arc. two he attempted, Byars added a pair and Gordon nailed a big 3-pointer from the corner.

Incomparison, Florida's Lee Humphrey, statistically the Southeastern Conference's best 3-point shooter, made only three of eight from long range.

by JARRED AMATO Sports Editor

There was no letdown for the No. 3

Vanderbilt baseball team this weekend. After beating three top-25 opponents last week, the Commodores (6-0), led by their starting pitching, returned home to Hawkins Field and swept Ohio in a three-game series. The staff gave up just one earned run in 26

Game One: Vanderbilt 10, Ohio 1

Vanderbilt sophomore Brett Jacobson held Ohio hitless through five innings as the Commodores cruised to a victory in the

Jacobson, now 2-0 as a starter, held the Bobcats scoreless until the fourth when they were able to plate an unearned run. He finished with four strikeouts and three walks in five innings of work before being relieved in the sixth by Tyler Rhoden, who fanned five in three scoreless innings. Freshman Caleb Cotham finished the game with a 1-2-

Vanderbilt had 16 hits on the night, including a solo homer by Alex Feinberg.

"We got four two-out hits tonight and three of them were doubles," said coach Tim Corbin. "Three two-out RBI's are inning

Matt Meingasner led the Commodores with four hits and three runs scored.

Game Two: Vanderbilt 11, Ohio 1

Sophomore right-hander Nick Christiani surrendered just six hits and an unearned run in an eight-inning complete game Sunday afternoon. He fanned six and walked one.

Sophomore All-American Pedro Alvarez launched two homers and collected four RBIs to lead the Commodores.

Game Three: Vanderbilt 5, Ohio 1

In the second game of Sunday's doubleheader, junior All-American David Price was dominant. After allowing a leadoff double to Ohio right-fielder J.T. Osburn and a leadoff single to Ohio left-fielder Jared Willis in the second, Price proceeded to retire the next 16 batters in a row, 11 via strikeout.

Overall, Price allowed one run on three hits while striking out 12 and walking none.

"Our starting pitching was pretty good all weekend," Corbin said. "I was glad to see Nick (Christiani) looking good. Especially after the fourth inning, I thought he pitched well. And David Price, after the second inning, I thought he pitched well."

Price was scheduled to start Friday, but was pushed back because of the flu. He showed no signs of sickness Sunday.

"He looked good to me," Corbin said. Vanderbilt faced an early 1-0 deficit, but knotted the score in the fourth when Ryan Flaherty singled home Alvarez. Brad French broke open the game in the sixth with a twoout two-run double. ■

Baseball sweeps Ohio Commodores keep rolling

by JARRED AMATO Sports Editor

Realizing that the clock is ticking on their college careers, Vanderbilt's three seniors are holding nothing back, which is bad news for

opposing teams.

The No. 12 Commodores have won six straight games, including an 83-65 victory over South Carolina on Sunday at Memorial Gymnasium. Caroline Williams scored a career-high 26 points, while classmates Dee Davis and Carla Thomas added

14 and 12, respectively. "I think Carla and Dee and I have been talking about how it is hitting us. We only have before today two games left here ever to play," Williams said. "So you get that feeling like you want to give it all that you have and play as hard as you can when there are only a couple of games left in the season."

Vanderbilt (23-4, 9-3 Southeastern Conference) has not trailed since a Feb. 1 game at Kentucky and got off to another great start Sunday, leading 11-2.

"We are really executing well early in the game," said coach Melanie Balcomb. "We are taking the other team's confidence away, and I think our players are very confident starting the game now, and we have been very consistent with how we've started games."

Williams attributed the team's success early games to players' unselfishness.

"I think we have been concentrating on taking the best shot, whether it is an open three or whether it

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Senior Caroline Williams scored a career-high 26 points in the Commodores' 83-65 victory over South Carolina Sunday at Memorial Gym. Vanderbilt has won six straight games. is a layup," she said. "That

good the past six games. We jump out with leads on teams because we are taking good shots." The Commodores shot 60.9 percent from the field,

is why we have been so

including 53.3 percent from 3-point range. Williams hit six of eight shots from downtown.

"She was ready to shoot, and her release was really quick. That is because of her footwork," Balcomb said. "She even showed more range tonight — she took a deep one. Her footwork was very good before the catch, so she used her legs really well and got shots off quicker."

And to think that Williams arrived in Nashville four years ago as a walk-on.

"All she did is come in here and out-work everybody and earn a spot on this team. Everything that she has gotten, she has gotten through hard work," Balcomb said. "For some people, the better they do the less they work. But once she started getting a little success she started working even harder."

Vanderbilt has just two regular season games remaining. It hosts LSU on Thursday and travels to Knoxville to play the Vols on Sunday. South Carolina coach Susan Walvius likes the Commodores' chances.

"As their season has gone on, you want your team to get better and better," she said. "They certainly have." ■

Men's tennis upsets Clemson

by CHIP ROBIE

Sports Reporter

It was a great weekend for the Commodore faithful — a historic basketball game, a sweep for the baseball team and an upset for men's tennis.

The No. 69 Commodores (4-4) faced an uphill battle against No. 23 Clemson (9-

Vanderbilt was coming off of three straight losses, two of which were against top-30 teams, and Sunday's match didn't start well for the Commodores. But things quickly changed.

"We played badly in doubles today," head coach Ian Duvenhage said. "I tried some new things and took some guys out because I just wasn't happy with their performance. And actually, in retrospect, I think I got their attention."

Duvenhage may have been talking about two of the stronger doubles players on the team, Evan Dufaux and Nik Cromydas, who were absent from the doubles roster.

"If Evan is not in the lineup for us in doubles, we're not as good as we can be," Duvenhage said. "I expect more of them, and I think they know that. I would be very surprised if I don't get a really good response for both of them in practice this

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At No. 2, Dufaux was first off the court. His loss meant the Tigers would need to win just two of the remaining five

Ryan Preston, who played No. 1 singles, quickly dispatched a superbly athletic Clemson Tiger Jermaine Jenkins in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4.

Playing at No. 4, Vijay Paul, the freshman phenom, continued his strong play as he defeated hard-hitting Tiger Paul Koenke in three sets.

Nathan Sach's loss at No. 5 could best be described as a marathon as it took longer than the combined lengths of Dufaux and Andy Mack's matches.

It was Andy Mack's victory at the No. 6 spot that secured the upset for the Commodores and elicited a strong applause from the fans in attendance. His backboard backhand and aggressive forehand proved to be too much for his

"(After doubles) I said to him, 'Stay ready because it could come down to your match," Duvenhage said. "He looked at me and said, 'I hope it does.' That is what you want.

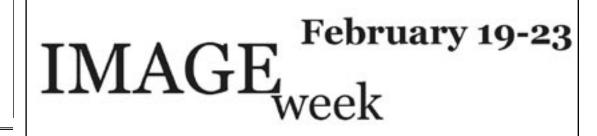
This victory over a top-25 team was

important for the Dores. "I like the way we're competing, and we're starting to believe we can beat teams like this," Duvenhage said. ■

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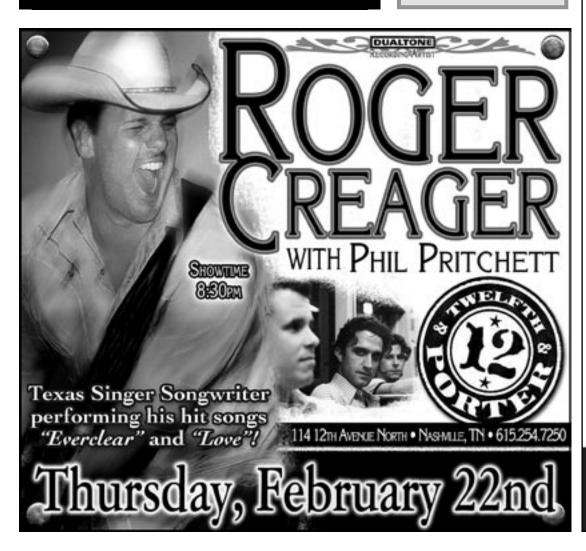
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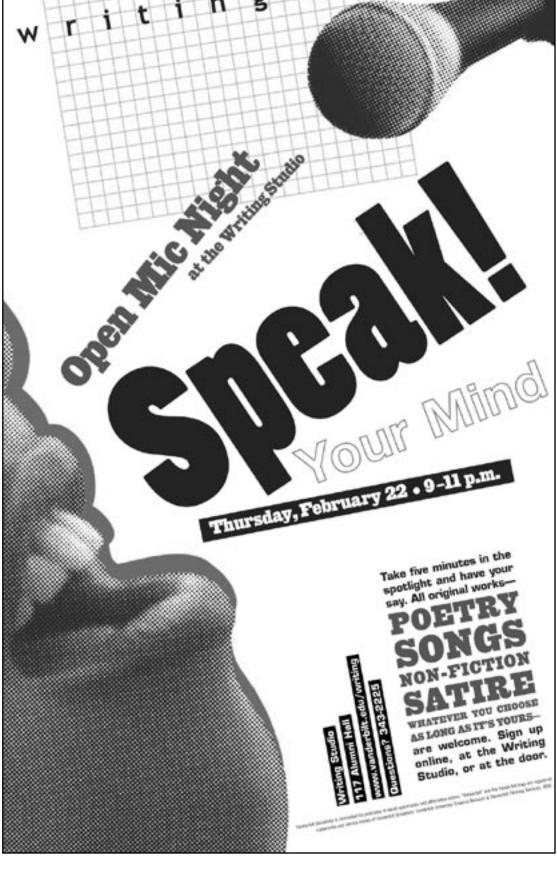
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