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## THE WALL

**TODAY**  
"Facebook in the Age of Cyberstalking" lecture



An open discussion facilitated by Project Safe at the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY, JAN. 25**  
Coats and Caps Night at Vanderbilt vs. Tennessee

Donate new or gently used winter coats and caps to the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. Collection begins at 6 p.m. in Memorial Gymnasium and the game begins at 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY, JAN. 25**  
Study Abroad Information Forum

All students interested in studying abroad should attend this meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Commodore Ballroom of the Student Life Center.



**THURSDAY, JAN. 25**  
Dance Marathon Spaghetti Supper

The Dance Marathon Spaghetti Supper will be held on Jan. 25 from 4-5:45 p.m. at the Phi Delta Theta house. With an \$8 donation, students can help support Dance Marathon before the VU vs. UT Miracle Game. All dinner guests are eligible for door prizes that include a roundtrip airline ticket provided by American Airlines. Tickets are available from Dance Marathon participants, in Sarratt 339 and at the door.

**DUE FRIDAY, JAN. 26**  
Registration for Intramural Weightlifting

The meet will be on Feb. 3 at the Student Recreation Center. All interested participants should register at the Office of Campus Recreation at the Student Recreation Center.



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

## Prof. Harold Ford holds first class



JONATHAN DIETZ / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Harold Ford Jr. teaches his first class at the First Amendment Center Tuesday afternoon. The course is full and capped at 30 students.

### Former congressman lecture previews State of the Union.

by HARISH KRISHNAMOORTHY  
Asst News Editor

Professor Harold Ford Jr. held his first class Tuesday, in which he lectured on the historical context of the State of the Union, delivered later that night.

The one-credit political science class, entitled "Foundations of American Political Leadership," was capped at 30 students.

"He mentioned that he'll explain a few different

historical events when the nation faced historical decisions," said Warren Langevin, a senior in Peabody College. "He'll give us an example like Lincoln and the Civil War and the challenges during that time."

"He's also to us he is considering bringing in guest speakers to bring in different perspectives," Langevin said.

Ford has been appointed a visiting professor of public policy. ■

## Union, university resume negotiations

### LIVE steps up campaign efforts.

by ALLISON SMITH  
News Editor

After rejecting the "best contract Vanderbilt has ever offered," the union representing Vanderbilt employees went back to the negotiating table with the school Tuesday.

Senior Tim Bowles, a member of Living Income for Vanderbilt Employees, said the approximately 600 employees represented by the union rejected the contract Jan. 3, because they were not satisfied with the "economic language" in the contract.

"Contention remains over wages, particularly those of the lowest paid workers," Bowles said. "Vanderbilt did raise the base pay (in the contract) but not to the extent that LIVE wants and not to a living wage."

The union and the university will not discuss specific terms of the contract, as it is still in negotiations.

In the next two weeks, LIVE will hold a number of events including a candlelight vigil on Friday and a faculty-organizing meeting Feb. 2.

LIVE's student-run efforts peaked when members stormed a board of trust meeting Nov. 16, garnering a meeting with Chancellor Gordon Gee, Vice Chancellor David Williams and three Board of Trust members the following day.

Bowles said while administrators and Board of Trust members were "generous about letting us explain ourselves," the meeting "disintegrated into the same type of rhetoric we have hears so many times in public."

Soon after the meeting, The New York Times printed an article focusing on LIVE's campaign as one of 35 campus-based living wage campaigns in progress nationwide.

Vanderbilt spokesperson Mike Schoenfeld said the Times highlighted Vanderbilt's campaign because of the university's distinction.

Please see RENEGOTIATIONS, page 2

## Family and friends gather to remember former student Sheltia Murray

### Campus memorial held Wednesday in Benton Chapel.

"Sheltia always smiled in spite of frustration or adversity. She was an inspiration, she was great to be around, she helped get me through my freshman year."

—Charles Stanley, friend and fellow Vanderbilt student

"She never gave me a minute's trouble. She did everything with a spirit of excellence and a celebration of life."

—Monte Price, pastor of her Murfreesboro church, Cedar Grove Primitive Baptist

"Sheltia was what she was because of her parents. Everything that was said blessed my heart."

—Jim Murray, uncle

"She was just smiling and smiling. Sheltia was probably the most patient person I knew, she was the best listener ever. She is in my heart and spirit, and I plan on working the book we wanted to write together."

—Shelby Gambrell, friend and fellow Vanderbilt student



MASON HENSLEY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Voices of Praise, Vanderbilt's gospel choir, sang at Sheltia Murray's memorial service in front of friends and family on Monday night in Benton Chapel. Murray, who would be a senior, succumbed to diabetes last summer.



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**TODAY**



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**FRIDAY**



Sunny, 45/33

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**Jan. 20, 2007, 9:59 p.m.** — A fine and an arrest were made for sleeping the waiting area without a visitor's pass and trespassing at the Medical Center.

**Jan. 21, 2007, 12:40 a.m.** — A misdemeanor citation was issued for a student possessing drug paraphernalia at the Mayfield apartments.

**Jan. 21, 2007, 1:19 a.m.** — A student citation was issued for public intoxication and illegal consumption at Carmichael Towers.

**Jan. 21, 2007, 3:03 a.m.** — A student citation was issued for public intoxication and illegal consumption at McIyeire Hall.

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

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**WORLD**

**Three killed in Hezbollah-led protests to topple Lebanese government**

Hezbollah-led protesters burned cars and tires, and clashed with government supporters on Tuesday in the worst violence by the pro-Iranian group's campaign to overthrow U.S.-backed Prime Minister Fuad Saniora. Three died and dozens were injured in the protests, which paralyzed Beirut and areas across Lebanon. The opposition called off the roadblocks and nationwide general strike that ignited the violence, but warned of more protests if the government does not respond to their demands. "We've been protesting (peacefully) for 52 days and our calls went unanswered," said Tony Younes, who was blocking a road in northern Beirut. "Today, we escalated. Tomorrow we will escalate more. And we will continue until the fall of the government."

SOURCE: AP

**Chinese test of anti-satellite weapons confirmed by Beijing**

After a two-week silence, Chinese officials announced they had tested a satellite-killing weapon, drawing criticism from the U.S. and Japan and touching off fears of an arms race in space. The test destroyed a defunct Chinese weather satellite with a warhead launched on board a ballistic missile. The news comes at a time when space cooperation projects were being pursued by NASA and the European Space Agency for global positioning systems. Now the test "will make it very difficult for the U.S. to talk about space cooperation with China any time soon," said John Pike, director of GlobalSecurity.org, a defense, security and space intelligence consultancy. President Bush signed an order in October tacitly asserting the U.S. right to space weapons and opposing the development of treaties or other measures restricting them, a move some analysts speculated may have helped spur the Chinese test.

SOURCE: AP

**NATION**

**Bush defends Iraq plan to skeptical Congress, nation in State of the Union**

A politically weakened President Bush implored a skeptical Congress Tuesday night to embrace his unpopular plan to send more U.S. troops to Iraq, saying it represents the best hope in a war America must not lose. Bush was unyielding on Iraq in his annual State of the Union address. He also sought to revive his troubled presidency with proposals to expand health insurance coverage and to slash gasoline consumption by 20 percent in a decade. Bush divided his 49-minute address between domestic and foreign issues, but the war was topic No. 1. On domestic matters, he pressed Congress to help find ways to overhaul entitlements such as Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid before they impose huge problems for future generations. "Somehow we have not found it in ourselves to act," he said. "So let us work together and do it now." On immigration, too, the president made a plea to lawmakers he has made before, seeking comprehensive changes including a guest worker program, that go beyond tougher border controls. The administration sought to make Bush's energy initiatives — in particular a 20 percent cut in gasoline usage by 2017 — an eye-catching centerpiece of his address.

SOURCE: AP

**Oscar nominations announced, "Dreamgirls" with eight but no best-picture**

The musical "Dreamgirls" came out on top in Oscar nominations, grabbing eight but leaving the best-picture race wide open, since it did not get a nod in that category. Will it be the sprawling global drama "Babel," which placed second with seven nominations, or the mob epic "The Departed"? Could the palace tale "The Queen" be crowned best picture, or even "Little Miss Sunshine," a road-trip romp that became last year's independent-cinema darling? Along with Helen Mirren, who plays British monarch Elizabeth II in "The Queen," best-actress nominees were Penelope Cruz as a woman dealing with bizarre domestic crises in "Volver;" Judi Dench as a scheming teacher in "Notes on a Scandal;" Meryl Streep as a tyrannical boss in "The Devil Wears Prada;" and Kate Winslet as a housewife in an affair with a neighbor in "Little Children." Forest Whitaker was nominated for best actor as Ugandan dictator Idi Amin in "The Last King of Scotland," while Leonardo DiCaprio was chosen for playing a mercenary on a quest for a rare gem in "Blood Diamond." Also nominated were Ryan Gosling as a teacher with a drug addiction in "Half Nelson;" Peter O'Toole as a lecherous old actor in "Venus;" and Will Smith as a homeless dad in "The Pursuit of Happiness."

SOURCE: AP

**CAMPUS**

**Vanderbilt names four new development, alumni relations officials**

Four new development officials have joined the staff of Vanderbilt University's Department of Development and Alumni Relations. Kerry McCartney has joined Vanderbilt as associate dean of development and alumni relations for Peabody College, Vanderbilt's school of education and human development. Beth Boord has joined Vanderbilt as assistant dean of development and alumni relations for the Divinity School and director of development for the Jean and Alexander Heard Library. Alyssa Wilcox has joined Vanderbilt University Law School as assistant dean for development and alumni relations for the law school. Liz Wilson has joined Vanderbilt as the executive director of The Vanderbilt Fund at the Vanderbilt University Law School.

SOURCE: VANDERBILT REGISTER

**Dance Marathon enlists record number**

**Organizers schedule several events to fundraise for Feb. 23-24 event.**

by **CHRISTINA ENGLAND**  
Staff Reporter

Dance Marathon has a new vibe this year and a record number of volunteers pledging their time and money to support Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. Dance Marathon held several events to help with fundraising for dancers last semester and will continue to hold events up until the night of the event, Feb. 23-24.

This year's marathon has a different feel from past years because of additional themes in the nightly programming, according to Maggie Stephens, the Dance Marathon entertainment chair.

"We've added different themes this year to make it more exciting and different so the whole event is not just one theme," Stephens said. "It's more exciting to have a changing atmosphere, and the entertainment and food corresponds with the theme."

Some of the themes accompanied by related musical entertainment and dance include carnival, '80's, country, Las Vegas and holidays. Claire Earll, a team leader for a group of dancers for the marathon, thinks the theme will add to the overall morale and enthusiasm of the night.

"The use of themes, really good catering, inventive food and exciting music

will hopefully encourage people to be excited about the themes and want to stay the whole night," Earll said.

In addition to raising money and support for Children's Hospital through letter-writing campaigns across the country, this year Dance Marathon is approaching the event with a different expectation. According to the DM Assistant Director of Campus Relations, Natalie Roebuck, the executive board's focus this year is to spread awareness about DM around campus and encourage participation and attendance at the event.

"We're holding multiple events on campus to raise awareness about Dance Marathon because people still don't understand that everyone doesn't have to dance for 14 hours to really make a difference and help out with DM and raise money to help kids," said Roebuck. "Dance Marathon is more than that — it's an activities-a-thon where people can get together and have fun, even if they're not dancing, and it really helps the kids."

Dance Marathon is holding a spaghetti dinner this Thursday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Phi Delta house, right before the women's basketball game against UT at 5 p.m. Students, faculty, staff and all other supporters are encouraged to attend

and raise money for the kids at the Children's Hospital. In addition, everyone who makes a donation receives a ticket and is entered into a drawing for a free American Airlines ticket.

"American Airlines has been a really great sponsor with us this year," Stephens said. "We really want to encourage people to come out and have dinner, come to the game, raise money for the Dance Marathon and the Children's Hospital, and maybe even win a roundtrip airfare!"

Recommended donations for the dinner are \$8 at the door. Participants are still welcome to sign up and start raising money, and supporters can make donations both at the dinner and at a booth set up at the basketball game. Upcoming events planned for the rest of the semester preceding Dance Marathon include a Jail-and-Bail event where participants will be arrested and taken to a faux jail where they will encourage their friends and peers to post bail and help them raise the rest of their money before the Marathon.

"Dance Marathon's executive board has worked really hard this year," said Roebuck. "We are ahead in organization and participation and event planning, and this year's event is going to be bigger and better than in the past." ■

**RENEGOTIATIONS: Vanderbilt receives national attention**

From **RENEGOTIATIONS**, page 1

"Because of Vanderbilt's prominence, events here get more attention than they would at other major national institutions," Schoenfeld said.

According to Bowles, the Board of Trust walk-in also had a "snowball effect" in terms of interest in the Nashville and university communities.

Meetings between the LIUNA, the union that represents Vanderbilt employees, and Vanderbilt are scheduled through Thursday. The contract they decide upon will remain in effect for three years. ■

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## Folks dance to Israeli beat



KELLY HOCUTT / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Israeli folk dancing classes, Carol Rubin, a mechanical engineering professor, met Monday in the Ben Schulman Center for Jewish Life.

## Water main breakage leaves Peabody dorms without water

by ANNE MALINEE  
Staff Reporter

Students “ran around campus looking for places to use the bathroom” according to senior Czarina Sanchez, an RA in North Hall, after a water main break at the intersection of 21st Avenue and Pierce Avenue disrupted the water supply to buildings on Peabody campus and the Village at Vanderbilt complex Thursday.

Students were without toilets, showers and laundry facilities until the water main was repaired Thursday evening. They also missed out on “tortellini Tuesday” at Cohen dining hall, which could not serve dinner due to the outage.

“Yeah, it was pretty bad, all the buildings didn’t have water except Crawford and Sutherland,” Sanchez said.

A Metro employee who helped repair the water main said the line split due to natural causes and that weather may have played a roll.

The Facilities Office sent an e-mail instructing Peabody residents to use the facilities in Crawford and Sutherland Halls, which had working water, until Metro employees repaired the line.

Several students said they were

inconvenienced, but not terribly upset by the outage.

“Our friend was in the middle of taking a shower and had shampoo in her hair when it stopped,” said sophomore Kelly Haker, who lives in North Hall.

Haker and sophomore Yang Bu, who also lives in North, said they were not really affected by the outage since they were on main campus most of the day.

“We’re from Nashville, so we were going to go home if it wasn’t coming back on,” said Haker.

“I left my house at like 11 and noticed there was water flowing all down 21st and came over to main campus until 4:30,” said senior Elizabeth Dearing, who lives at Village at Vanderbilt. “When I got back there was a note on the door that said the water could be out up to 10 hours, and we should use bottled water to flush toilets and drink.”

Dearing, who bought bottled water in expectation of a long outage, said, “It wasn’t as bad as I thought it would be, actually.”

Senior Tom Soike, who also lives at Village at Vanderbilt, said he had to eat out for dinner and shower at a friend’s house, but was not particularly upset about the outage.

“Stuff like this happens,” Soike said. “Everything can’t work all the time.” ■

## Students lose network access for copyright violations

by GLENNA DEROY  
Editor-in-Chief

Information Technology Services processed 30 student computers whose network access had been removed yesterday, with around 200 computers yet to be cleared of reported copyright violations.

Dean of Students Mark Bandas sent an e-mail to students Friday afternoon, informing them that 200 computers had already been removed from the network and over 220 more were queued for removal.

Matt Hall, vice chancellor for ITS, said his office is making steady progress in processing these computers, but the number of copyright violations continues to grow each day.

“We processed another 30 computers today, but if 30

more come in tomorrow then we’re just kind of stuck trying to get through them,” he said.

Since Bandas’s e-mail reached students, ITS has received 52 additional copyright complaints.

Hall said while these actions may seem drastic, they are entirely consistent with university policy.

Hall said ITS has been removing computers from the network for violations of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act since he arrived at Vanderbilt in 2004.

“What we had been doing is knocking them off as they came along, but there was a spike around June of last year, and we got behind on addressing the complaints,” he said. “We have just now been able to start catching up, and that’s why it seems anomalous.”

In order to warrant a complaint, student computers must transmit 10 gigabytes of material a day, which Hall said is an abnormally huge amount.

The abnormal activity does represent excessive illegal file sharing in some cases, but Hall said that most student computers in violation of the DMCA are the victims of spyware infections.

“When you have that level of data being transmitted from a computer ... there is a very bad thing going on with that computer, a security incident has happened,” Hall said.

Hall recommended that all students run an antivirus program on their computer and visit the ITS Web site to download Spy Sweeper, a program that will scan their machines for spyware. ■

## Project Safe addresses cyber-stalking, Facebook tonight

by NIKKI BOGOPOLSKAYA  
Staff Reporter

Project Safe will sponsor an informational discussion of the effect Facebook has had on contemporary cyber-stalking.

The forum, titled “Facebook in the Age of Cyber-stalking,” will be held tonight in the Margaret Cunnigim Women’s Center Gallery tonight at 6 p.m.

The guided discussion is one of several events that Project Safe and the Women’s Center will hold in commemoration of Stalking Awareness Month.

Co-facilitator Kacy Silverstein described the event as “an open discussion, not a lecture,” and said it will focus on new developments on the Internet and how they make cyber-stalking easier, and thus, more common.

The program will offer reports from other universities, statistics on reported incidents,

information on how to avoid and challenge victimization, and a review of the privacy features available on social networking sites such as Facebook.

Facebook has become a primary means of communication for many students, and detailed profiles listing interests, activities, pictures, residences and contact information are now readily available to the general public.

“The growing nature of information transparency on the Web is blurring the line between the physical world and the virtual world,” Silverstein said. “Now that Facebook has opened its services to the general population, a new generation of users are beginning to traverse the site.”

Silverstein said she hopes the lectures will sufficiently address student concerns on Facebook and Internet culture in general, “as well as shed light on issues regarding Facebook that are specific to the Vanderbilt culture.” ■

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### OUR VIEW

## Living wage debate has been deeply immersed in emotion

This year, few issues have divided the campus as completely as the debate over the living wage. Living Income for Vanderbilt Employees (LIVE) went so far as to storm a Nov. 16 board of trust meeting. The administration did not take kindly to what they perceived as the LIVE members' brash behavior, while LIVE leaders denounced what they felt was repetitive and dilatory rhetoric from the administration.

While LIVE's efforts in raising their collective voice have been a credit to the politically active demographic of the Vanderbilt population, one must wonder if the entire issue has been too poisoned with emotion to be discussed adequately within a reasonable timeframe. As the Hustler Editorial Board attempted to write this column, the various editors were unable to reach a consensus favoring one side or the other, and there was almost no conceivable means by which they would have done so. Do human rights supercede economics, or do human rights proceed from suitable economic conditions? Would an increase in the hourly wage

prove beneficial in the long term, or would such a move create more problems than it would solve? Are there other measures that would prove more effective in alleviating the problem of poverty? And above all, is there a possibility for satisfying compromise in situations in which both sides are governed by ideology and emotion?

There are very few issues on which no consensus is reached, and the fact that the living wage debate is one of them suggests that even if the administration strikes a compromise, it will be one that leaves precisely no one satisfied.

Vanderbilt spokesperson Michael Schoenfeld said, "Because of Vanderbilt's prominence, events here get more attention than they would at other major national institutions." This suggests that neither side needs to be hasty in making decisions, as the repercussions could be national in scope. This is not to excuse potential foot-dragging on the part of the administration, but caution must be exercised in such a contentious situation.



### LETTER

## Positive lessons and experiencing of MLK Day of Service must not be ignored

#### To the Editor:

It pained me to see the article covering the MLK Day of Service in The Hustler last week. Both the article and the opinion pieces emphasized the loss of participation from various campus organizations and alleged that the reason for the loss was apathy. As a member of an organization that was unable to participate in last Tuesday's events, I am deeply apologetic I could not fulfill my obligation. However, there are several factors to consider before pointing fingers at organizations that were unable to participate. The timeliness of information regarding the actual day of service was ambiguous prior to the event. This minor glitch, however, can be easily corrected for next year's festivities. Some individuals had to prioritize required internship attendance and class meetings, conflicts that were unforeseen at the time of commitment to the service initiative. I state here this is by no means an excuse for the lack of participation as excuses are "tools of incompetence," and these concerns are not valid for every person who could not participate. There may have been some apathetic individuals, but to dismiss all of the groups who did not participate as apathetic was rather premature.

I would like to shed some light on the positive lessons learned and experiences gained through the MLK Day of Service initiative — a topic I feel the Hustler staff inadequately addressed. The fact that the coordinators of the MLK Day of Service were able to create, implement and execute such a task

is commendable. These students took time out of their already busy schedules to create an event that would uphold the tenets of cooperation and unity. The MLK Day of Service Kickoff included works of performance art by Chosen step team, George Kittos and myself. An audience of students representing all races and various campus entities listened intently as the evening's speaker, Mark Dalhouse, delivered a prolific speech about his experiences growing up as civil rights consciousness rose in America.

Where is the praise for those students and organizations that did participate in the festivities of the Kickoff and the service project? Are their efforts of cooperation and community swept by the wayside in order to present the reading public with the alleged apathy of student organizations that did not participate?

The Hustler's coverage of the half-empty glass is sad, especially considering that many of the same organizations highlighted as apathetic are service-oriented and although they could not participate on this particular day, they serve the community through various means throughout the year. Before condemning them for not participating on Jan. 16, inquiries should be made about the projects and programs these organizations are working on every day to benefit the campus, greater Nashville and national communities.

**Althea Jack**  
Senior, Peabody College

### LETTER

## Visions leaders welcome student criticism, ideas for improvement

#### To the Editor:

Wasn't it Galileo Galilei who once quipped that, had he the opportunity to live life again, he would like to make more mistakes the second time through? The idea that mistakes are often the most instructive tools in our learning is both credible and pertinent in times like these.

Jason Levine's comments about Vanderbilt Visions in his Jan. 17 column cogently point out some of the major mistakes in this first edition of what is a new and bold venture for Vanderbilt and, in many ways, for institutions of higher education nationwide. These are mistakes from which we stand ready to learn. We want to both thank Levine for having the courage and sense of initiative to offer his concerns about Vanderbilt Visions and to address some of the concerns he and many of his classmates have about the program.

Fall evaluations of Vanderbilt Visions sections show one-third of the class approves of Vanderbilt Visions, one-third is neutral and one-third disapproves. These numbers tell us what Levine argued in his column. The idea of Vanderbilt Visions is a good one but requires substantial revision if the idea is going to work, and we also recognize that first-year-student opinion is necessary to the revision process. Focus group discussions with first-year students last semester produced commentary that, together with fall evaluations, is at the core of the preparation of the 2007/2008 curriculum. The next draft of this program will address the topics freshmen have emphasized in these materials. We know you want to understand the transition from high school to college, as well as discuss the personal and academic keys necessary for a successful career at a major research university like Vanderbilt. We are also aware that some of this year's sessions have been awkward, strange or boring, and we will rethink the ways we address those topics so more than one-third of the next freshman class feel excited about this first step in their Vanderbilt journey.

Feedback and suggestions from the Class of 2010 are always welcome. In fact, as the evaluation materials we've gathered already show us, they're paramount. If you are a first-year student with an idea to share, tell your VUceptor or faculty member. Contact either one of us. VUceptors and members of the VUcept Executive Board sit on the executive committee of Vanderbilt Visions and serve to bring student opinion into the thinking of the committee. If you're very passionate about improving the first-year experience at Vanderbilt, one of the most exciting opportunities for affecting positive change on this campus is being a VUceptor. Information about the application process for next year is forthcoming. We hope you will consider offering your talents this way as well.

We again thank Jason Levine for his insightful and timely comments. We are entering the thick of writing next year's curriculum, and the column was a welcome reminder of how talented and smart the freshman we have encountered this year in our Vanderbilt Visions groups actually are. We agree with Levine, and many of his classmates in the Class of 2010, that Vanderbilt Visions is a good idea, which now we need to make into a program that will distinguish our university. Your concerns are heard loud and clear.

**Frank Wcislo, Dean of the Commons**  
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COLUMN

# Talented Tenth offers a unique educational opportunity

**KNOWLES ADKISSON**  
Columnist

The purpose of this article is to encourage everybody who reads it to go pick up a copy of The Talented Tenth right now and read it. But first, I have to tell you a story. During my first year at Vanderbilt, I often noticed how few African-Americans and other minority students there were on campus, which disappointed me. I had always appreciated African-American culture, but since I had never really had a black friend, my knowledge of it was purely from an outsider's perspective.

That changed when I lived with and befriended an African-American student from Harlem during my junior year, and my concept of race has never been the same. I came to realize how different the Vanderbilt experience was for minority students, and, more generally, what it was like to be a minority in the United States. This revelation was totally foreign to me. Yet, having viewed the issue from an entirely different perspective, I would not trade it for anything.

The recent celebration of MLK Day got me thinking about race here at Vanderbilt. From what I have observed on campus over the years, the race issue at Vanderbilt is not necessarily a question of racism but rather one of how things are structured. Minority students may feel uncomfortable joining fraternities, sororities or clubs that are composed primarily of white students, so it is natural that they would want to create their own groups. But this division of races creates problems because it restricts social interaction between white and non-white students, isolating the minorities further and creating a tendency among whites to forget about their presence on campus. The result of this dichotomy is that minority students learn less about white students and white students learn

less about minority students; it becomes easier to accept the status quo.

College provides a unique opportunity to be exposed to other cultures, and for many students it is their last opportunity before going into the real world, where it often takes more effort to have truly multicultural experiences. The ability to coexist in this melting pot of a society is an essential tool that enriches one's life and improves our society as a whole. My parents always droned on to me as a child about the need

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to expand my horizons. But the older I become, the more I realize how right they were. Lack of knowledge about other cultures makes it easier to accept stereotypes as facts, which can lead to racism. A degree in biomedical engineering seems rather hollow if accompanied by a

basic ignorance of other cultures; the goal of a Vanderbilt education should apply to more than just academics. From what I've seen, almost all white students at Vanderbilt are open-minded, and if they knew more about minority students, perhaps they would go out of their way to get to know them better.

So what does this all have to do with The Talented Tenth? As the campus' only publication presenting a specifically minority perspective, it offers a chance for minority students to express themselves and to educate white students about their views on campus issues. Though Vanderbilt is desperately trying to become more diverse, the school's location in the South and its high price tag makes it hard to do so. Maybe one day that will be different. In the meantime though, we could do worse than to pick up a copy of The Talented Tenth and see what others are thinking. It's worth a shot.

—Knowles Adkisson is a senior in the College of Arts and Science.

COLUMN

# An all too "Commons" complaint

**TYLER J. P. SMITH**  
Guest Columnist

Contrary to whatever belief the administration may hold, all Vanderbilt housing is not equal. Our esteemed chancellor's mansion strikes a clearly different note to the viewer than does Highland Quad. The Jeffersonian dormitories of Peabody, with their surrounding rolling lawns, are in no way comparable to the tall, tenement-like buildings of Carmichael Towers, with their parking lots and views of Chili's.

Looking past architectural facades, the innate characters of these dorms are undeniably different. However, uniformity is not the demand of this column; that is a demand that would take much more time than my short time here to even begin to amend. Instead, the only demand this sophomore transfer has is for the university to wait just a few more years before it attempts to fulfill an initiative that is already over 50 years in the making.

Vanderbilt constantly seeks to compare itself to other top universities, sometimes in an unhealthy fashion. No doubt many top universities have many students living on campus, as Christine Brown's Jan. 22 article reported. I was at one of them last year. At Brown University, however, the on-campus living was comprised of relatively uniform, brick, four-level structures with spacious rooms, and there were no unattractive high rises, except for maybe a converted hotel, which was, well, a former hotel. At other schools that have large Greek systems, such as the University of Pennsylvania, the large residential fraternity houses contribute greatly to on-campus housing as they accommodate almost all members of the fraternities' sophomore classes, unlike those here. But I digress. Other schools to which Vanderbilt seeks to compare itself retain high numbers of students housed on campus due to either better housing options or at least a greater variety thereof.

When Dean Mark Bandas states "living on campus increases students' interaction with faculty," I simply laugh. Unless professors are spending the night with students, I do not think many of

our instructors are hanging around in residence halls.

However, what bothers me more about Bandas' statement is his claim that "interpersonal skills" develop through life on campus. I live in Towers. It is more impersonal than my father's apartment building in Washington. Last week, we had a meeting on our hall; I daresay I was not alone in the fact that I recognized approximately two people. I think most college students would agree that, after freshman year, people rarely seek to meet the residents of their hall. Although I do not declare that making new friends through continued on-campus life is impossible, I doubt any real degree of interpersonal skills

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is developed in the process. Instead, I believe there are valuable skills to be developed through living off campus while still in college. Not only is paying bills a valuable lesson in itself, but learning to care for property as an adult is essential to our development. People breaking beer bottles for recreation, as they do in dorms, are not. College is a time of growth and transition in so many different aspects of life. It seems only fair that this growth be expanded to "the education of adult habitation," if I may coin a phrase.

Maybe I am just ranting because I am being charged for a space smaller than the single rooms I have seen at other schools, yet I share this space with a roommate and pay an incredibly high housing fee. Maybe I am jealous of the great experience that The Commons will afford future Vanderbilt students. However, while living on campus may encompass the positive aspects Dean Bandas attributed to the future of residential life, it has not yet reached this promised capability. Therefore, instead of forcing students to live in transitional on-campus housing in order to end 55 years of procrastination, I ask that the university please take sympathy on our poor on-campus souls. If they cannot give us the luxuries of The Commons until later, then they should at least give us a choice regarding our living situation today.

—Tyler J. P. Smith is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Science.

## THE VERDICT

Stand and be judged by the Hustler opinion staff!

Apple stock options		"Think different" is a poor idea when it comes to dealing with corporate finances.
MySpace		"Spam King" Scott Richter has been canned as MySpace cracks down on hackers.
China		We conquered the moon in 1969, dagnabbit, and we should be the ones blowing up satellites.
Mexico		Mexico has begun extraditing notable drug lords to the United States. Still, it's weird that arrested criminals have the easiest time crossing the border.
One-child policy		The Chinese surplus of sexually frustrated young men will lead to the greatest nation of "Counter-Strike" players of all time.
Strategic Petroleum Reserve		Somewhere, a government official is swimming in a pool of crude oil just because he can.
Hillary Clinton		Sen. Clinton described the nation as "Troubled. Anxious. Insecure. Disheartened." Is there a bandwagon on which she will not jump, and several years late at that?
Eric Nerhus		The Australian fought off a great white shark by stabbing it in the eyes with a chisel. There are no words that could possibly add to the coolness of this verdict.
Girls Gone Wild		The creator of the smutty DVDs has been fined \$500,000 for failing to properly document the ages of the women in his popular series. Plus, the commercials are annoying and interrupt "Futurama."
Multivitamins		A certain brand of multivitamin contains a surprising amount of lead. It's not often in this modern world that you get something extra for free.
Al-Zawahiri		The al-Qaida leader has released yet another tape taunting American officials. Yakov Smirnoff couldn't build a career on one joke; why do these guys think they can do better?
Caffeine		Caffeine may supplement the growth of hair follicles in balding men. Sure, it would take 60 cups of coffee per day to do so, but you, too, could have a magnificent mane and a tremor that would make The Flash himself envious.
Pfizer		Corporate profits shrank significantly this quarter. There's a Viagra joke here somewhere.

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## SPORTS

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## Upcoming Events

**Men's Basketball  
Vanderbilt at No. 22  
Louisiana State  
Tonight  
7 p.m. CT**

If Vandy (13-6, 3-2 SEC) can keep up the hot shooting and contain Glen Davis, expect the Commodores to steal another conference victory at LSU (13-5, 2-2 SEC) and put themselves right in the thick of a tight SEC East. For the record, Vandy is now receiving votes in both top-25 polls. *Prediction: Vanderbilt 72, LSU 69.*

**Men's Tennis  
Tennessee Tech at  
Vanderbilt  
Today  
2 p.m. CT**

Check out the Commodores as they kick off their spring season this afternoon against Tennessee Tech.

*Prediction: Vanderbilt 6, Tennessee Tech 1*

**Men's Basketball  
No. 25 Kentucky at  
Georgia  
Tonight  
7 p.m. CT**

After both teams suffered devastating losses over the weekend, Georgia (11-6, 3-2 SEC) looks to tighten the SEC East race with a home victory against the Wildcats (15-4, 4-1 SEC).

*Prediction: Georgia 78, Kentucky 74*

**Men's Basketball  
Creighton at  
Missouri State  
Tonight  
7:05 p.m. CT**

With the Missouri Valley Conference race beginning to heat up, this match-up between Creighton (12-7, 6-3 MVC) and Missouri State (14-6, 5-4 MVC) holds great importance for one of the nation's most underappreciated conferences. Look for Missouri State to hold serve at home after losing by a point earlier this year in Omaha.

*Prediction: Missouri State 65, Creighton 57*

**Men's Basketball  
Oregon at  
Washington  
Thursday  
10 p.m. CT**

Perennial power Washington (11-7, 1-6 Pac-10) is trying to stay on the bubble while Oregon (18-1, 6-1 Pac-10) looks to keep the top spot in the Pac-10 without star guard Aaron Brooks.

*Prediction: Oregon 75, Washington 68*

**Women's Basketball  
Tennessee at  
Vanderbilt  
Thursday  
6 p.m. CT**

Here's to hoping the Vandy women (17-3, 3-2 SEC) can find some Memorial Magic of its own and knock off another ranked Tennessee (17-2, 4-0 SEC) team in Nashville.

*Prediction: Vanderbilt 66, Tennessee 64.*

**OVERALL RECORD: 17-13**

## SEC leads way in college hoops



## GOOD CALL

by ANDREW HARD  
Sports Reporter

When most people think of Southeastern Conference, their train of thought usually goes something like this: first Kentucky, then Florida, then maybe LSU, then everyone else.

While this overgeneralization may not hold water for those of us familiar with the trials and tribulations of SEC play, through the years the conference has been largely top-heavy.

This year tells a distinctly different story. We are almost at the halfway point in conference play, and 10 of the 12 teams have legitimate shots at the Big Dance. Obviously that number will dwindle as the grudge match that is SEC play continues, but for the time being, let it serve as a reminder of its unbelievable parity this year, one of the benchmarks for a conference's overall strength. All 12 teams in the SEC have a winning record — the only among the six BCS conferences that can make that claim.

While the powerhouse ACC and the darling Big East are having considerably sub-par seasons, it is the Pac-10 that has joined the SEC at the top. Out West, Oregon and UCLA (6-1) have breezed to the top while Washington and Oregon State (1-6) have tumbled to Earth.

Even though those two powerhouses may make considerable tournament runs, the rest of the conference should be disposed of early in March. Consider also the SEC's edge over the Pac-10 in recent national championship games, as Florida soundly disposed of UCLA in last year's tilt.

So while the two conferences may be equally gifted at the top, the SEC's parity has come front and center with some considerable upsets and "Cinderellas" this season. High-ranked Tennessee has lost twice on the road to unranked opponents. Alabama has been bushwhacked in its only two road tilts this year, losing by a combined 48 points before beating Georgia at the buzzer Saturday. But Georgia had a buzzer-beater of its own over Arkansas, who has destroyed both Alabama and LSU.

And I believe there's a school in Nashville that has defeated three ranked conference opponents.

Why is parity so important? Even if you don't believe the SEC is the most talented conference, you can't argue that it isn't the most exciting to watch. With three buzzer-beaters already in conference play and upsets all across the board, it's "Any Given Wednesday" here in the South. And it's only just beginning. ■



## BAD CALL

by CHIP ROBIE IV  
Sports Reporter

Many would argue that Southeastern Conference football teams have passed the baton to the basketball teams as the best conference in the NCAA. While the SEC has done a terrific job so far and is certainly worthy of this debate, the Pac-10 has been even better.

Though the SEC had five teams in the top 25 last week, it is now down to three. Meanwhile, the Pac-10 leads all conferences with five teams ranked in the top 25; it also has the best non-conference record in the country at 90-22 (.804), which eclipses the SEC's .768 mark. It is hardly a coincidence the Pac-10 is ranked first in the RPI poll while the SEC is in third, behind the ACC.

While Florida may be recognized as college basketball's top team, No. 3 UCLA may in fact be the best. Not only was UCLA No. 1 in the country for six weeks, they are also a mere 3-point basket away from being undefeated. No. 7 Oregon boasts an excellent 18-1 record, which bests any SEC team's record, and, like UCLA, they are just three points shy of a perfect record.

If UCLA and Oregon are the Pac-10's two best teams, No. 17 Arizona may be its most talented. Let's not forget about No. 20 Washington State and No. 25 USC who have beaten some of the nation's top teams in impressive fashion.

The SEC, on the other hand, appears to have taken a turn for the worse. After getting crushed by two unranked opponents and barely surviving another game, Alabama is probably lucky to be ranked No. 12. Toward the end of Vanderbilt's upset of the Tide, many fans chanted, "overrated," for good reason.

Louisiana State may be ranked No. 21, but its stock is falling after an embarrassing 20-point loss to Arkansas. Kentucky meanwhile had been playing well until they suffered a setback on their home court by Vanderbilt.

The news doesn't get any better for the SEC since Tennessee's Chris Lofton suffered an injury and is likely going to miss a couple of games.

Perhaps you are wondering how the SEC has stacked up against the Pac-10. The Pac-10 won both contests — UCLA over Kentucky, and Washington over LSU.

A comparison of the ACC and SEC shows that the ACC tops the SEC 6-4.

Like the SEC, the ACC has three teams in the top 25 safeguarded by ACC stalwarts No. 4 North Carolina and No. 10 Duke.

Put simply, the Pac-10's body of work is superior to the SEC's. Things can change, but as long as UCLA and Oregon continue to dominate, it may take a team like Vanderbilt to put the SEC over the top. ■

Vandy gladly takes Neltner from LSU  
Forward to compete against former team for first time since transferring.

by PETE MADDEN  
Sports Reporter

Having seen only limited playing time in his first two seasons at LSU, Ross Neltner, a 6-foot-9 forward from Fort Thomas, KY, felt it was time for a change.

"After my sophomore season, I wanted to reevaluate my options," said Neltner, who averaged just 13.5 minutes and 2.9 points per game at LSU. "I wanted to find a program better suited for my offensive skills."

A number of elite programs showed genuine interest in the talented but then-inexperienced Neltner, including Florida, Illinois and Michigan. One program, however, separated itself from the rest.

"I'm an unselfish player, and Vanderbilt is all about team basketball," Neltner said. "I was very impressed by the coaching staff here, and I really connected with the players. Vanderbilt was just a really good fit all around for me."

Neltner has responded spectacularly to the Commodore brand of basketball, averaging 10.7 points and 5.9 rebounds per game, while maintaining a powerful defensive presence in the paint. Coach Kevin Stallings assesses Neltner's value to his Commodore squad in terms of consistency and versatility.



NELTNER

"Ross has been a very steady player. He's talented in many different ways," said Stallings. "He's good at all facets of the game. Ross has brought a level of toughness and tenacity to our team, and I think our team has fed off of that."

As the Commodores prepare to travel to LSU in pursuit of their third consecutive victory against a ranked opponent, Neltner reflected on the prospect of returning to the school and competing against his former teammates.

"It's going to be different sitting on the 'away' bench," Neltner said, "but I'm excited to see my old teammates and coaches. I'm going to try to approach it like any other game."

Neltner will play a key defensive role in today's contest, as the duty of shutting down his former teammate, Glen "Big Baby" Davis, falls to him. Davis, a 6-foot-9, 295-pound power forward, averages over 18 points and 10 rebounds per game.

Neltner, who held Kentucky's star center, Randolph Morris, to just 11 points on 4-for-8 shooting in the Commodores' most recent victory, stressed that defense will determine the outcome of today's contest.

"We need to keep up the defensive intensity," Neltner said. "The way our guys have been shooting the ball, I'm not really worried about putting enough points on the board to win."

While the task of stopping Davis will certainly be a difficult one, Stallings is confident Neltner will rise to the challenge.

"He doesn't need to go and change clothes in a phone booth and become Superman," Stallings said. "He just has to keep doing what he's been doing for us."

For Neltner, that shouldn't be a problem. ■



## CLUB SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

## Cycling offers competition, fun

by ROBERT WYNKOOP  
Sports Reporter

From baseball to Ultimate Frisbee, there is a multitude of club and intramural sports on campus. Whether one desires pain and punishment or just a leisurely opportunity to take in the scenery, the cycling club offers students a chance to hone their riding abilities and improve their overall fitness.

Over the years, the cycling club has come and gone like many campus club sports, but more recently, according to Mark Harris, Director Sportif, it has been improved with a stable organizational structure and a reasonable operating budget.

What began as a few cycling enthusiasts getting together for rides has developed into a popular club with a board of directors, official team uniforms and corporate sponsorship. There is even a race team within the organization whose members consistently train to race against other schools in the conference.

"Last year we really saw some growth, we had about 10 to 12 racers, but now we have about 30 people on the roster," Harris said.

The team is coached by Ian Lochridge, a local professional cycling coach who is also a competitive track cyclist. Lochridge

works on a volunteer basis, with the club's most competitive riders, or "race squad." He designs custom workouts for the racers and conducts periodic physiological testing of their progress using VO2 Max tests and maximum power output tests. Some of this advanced testing is made possible by donations from local businesses like the Dayani Center in Nashville.

The other portion of the club's budget comes from sponsors like Chik-fil-a, Cumberland Transit, the Dayani Center and JL Properties Inc. The club also receives the standard budget allotment from the school based on membership.

With the recent improvements in structure and training routines, the team has fared exceptionally well against tough competition, placing third overall in Division II in the South Eastern Collegiate Cycling Conference. One mountain bike racer, senior Evan Hyde, went to most of the conference races and finished seventh in the conference championships to earn an overall second place finish in the SECCC Div. II category. He went on to finish seventh and 12th in two categories at the Mountain Bike Collegiate Nationals.

However, if racing bikes isn't what you're after, the club team aspect of the organization, Harris says, is geared toward those who want to enjoy a good ride.

"The riding here in Nashville is really

great. We have the opportunity to be downtown, but go a little south and you can ride in rolling hills and horse country."

The club's goal is to promote cycling at all skill and ability levels, and they do this in a very unique way: via the Internet.

Once someone becomes a member, they are able to log on to the team's message board. Here riders can post times and different locations of group rides, as well as time slots where members can get together to ride. This way, Harris says they stay connected without having to incur multiple emails per day from each of the members. The rides are usually posted a few days in advance so riders of all levels can pick one that meets their schedule availability.

"We've got a big age range here, from 18-year-old undergrads to doctoral students who are in their 30s," Harris explained. "The message board was the perfect system for us to keep connected."

In addition to racing and riding, the club will also be hosting the conference championships for the upcoming race season, which begins in February. Membership is open to any student and the only thing one needs is a road or mountain bike. For more information about becoming a member of the club, log on to the team Web site at [www.vanderbilt.edu/cycling](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/cycling). ■



Photo courtesy of Vanderbilt cycling club  
The Vanderbilt cycling club, which is coached by Ian Lochridge, has seen its membership grow from 10 to 30 riders over the past year.

## Defense key as Dores look to contain 'Big Baby'

by WILL GIBBONS

Senior Sports Reporter

They couldn't buy a bucket Saturday at Arkansas, and they struggled to get by Ole Miss last week.

The Louisiana State Tigers know they need to get their offense in sync, but Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings hopes they wait a few more days for that to happen.

"They're going to have a correction at some point much like Auburn did," he said. "We've got to find a way to hold them down. I don't have desires to hold them to 52 like Arkansas did, but we've got to find a way to limit the good looks they get."

The biggest challenge for Vanderbilt will come on the blocks. Glen "Big Baby" Davis, all six feet nine inches and 295 pounds of him, is a load to handle. The junior is averaging 18.6 points per game, along with 10.6 rebounds. He became a fan favorite last March with his charismatic personality, but Davis has backed up his antics with his play.

"(We're going to do) anything we can think of to stop him," Stallings said. "If we have to send a second or third guy, we will. The biggest thing with him, quite frankly, is that he's averaging almost five offensive rebounds per game. So he can get four or five balls right at the basket that in some ways you don't have a chance to defend."

Offensively, the Commodores are confident, and for good reason. Senior Derrick Byars was recently

named SEC Player of the Week, and the shooting has been red-hot.

The Commodores hit 15 and 11 3-pointers in their victories over Alabama and Kentucky, respectively. But a newfound defensive intensity has sparked the recent success.

"Our defensive tenacity has picked up tremendously," swingman Shan Foster said. "It's going to be very important."

How good has the Commodore defense been? After surrendering 55.2 percent shooting to Georgia, Vanderbilt has allowed 36.1 to Alabama and 43.3 percent to Kentucky.

In addition to Davis, LSU also gets significant contributions from Tasmir Mitchell (14.1 points per game), Terry Martin (11.5 points per game) and Garrett Temple (9.4 points per game). Mitchell scored 20 points against Vanderbilt in last year's SEC tournament, and Temple scored 14 in the same game.

"They've all got confidence playing against us," Stallings said. "We can't worry about them. We've got to defend them the best we can and make it hard on them."

Like any road game, handling the mental test will also be difficult. The confidence from their recent success will surely help in Wednesday's match-up.

"A lot of times you have a few defining moments in a season," Foster said. "We have a few games coming up that are going to be defining moments in our season." ■

## Vandy ready for Vols

by JARRED AMATO

Sports Editor

After witnessing Tennessee men's basketball coach Bruce Pearl paint his chest orange and sit in the student section for the Lady Vols' game against No. 1 Duke, Vanderbilt senior Caroline Williams expects to see Kevin Stallings do something similar Thursday night.

"I want to see (Stallings) with all-black face paint, all-black chest, maybe a big gold 'V' on the middle of his chest, maybe a big Commodore hat, I don't know," Williams said. "I'd love to see it, and I think he's up to it. Coach Stallings is fun. He laughs. He's a good guy. I think we need him."

Jokes aside, Vanderbilt women's basketball (17-3, 3-2 Southeastern Conference) is looking to defeat No. 4 Tennessee for the first time in Williams' tenure.

"In the SEC, every game's a big game, but we do know that it's crosstown rivalry," said Williams, who's shooting 47.5 percent from 3-point range, second best in the SEC. "(A victory) is going to come when it's supposed to. We're going to prepare as hard as we can and we'll be ready to play. No doubt about it."

The Commodores are coming off a 72-55 victory at Georgia Tech on Sunday, while the Lady Vols (17-2, 4-0 SEC), even with Pearl's support, lost to the Blue Devils 74-70 Monday.

If anything is certain, it's that both teams can score. Vanderbilt scores 80 points per game, second in the SEC, while Tennessee is third with 75.5. The Commodores, led by senior Carla Thomas (16.9 points per game), have three players averaging double figures, while the Lady Vols boast a sophomore sensation in Candace Parker.

Thursday's game will have even more significance as Vanderbilt senior Dee Davis is just three assists shy of breaking the school's all-time record.



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Tennessee men's basketball coach Bruce Pearl joined the student section in supporting the Lady Vols. Will Kevin Stallings do the same on Thursday?

"I love playing with Dee," Williams said. "As a point guard, she will hit you as soon as you're open. It's not just a pass that will hit you, but she puts it right where you need it with the perfect touch." ■

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