An un-Common class

by NIREE BODHAYUJJUK

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Percent admitted: 23

Average class rank: Top 3.7 percent
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Commons draws students of high talents to form Class of 2012.
Each new group of admitted students appears to be better than the last. But with the draw of The Commons, the Class of 2012 might be even more exceptionally unusual.

Exactly one week ago, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions sent out admission decision letters to what they refer to as a “truly homegrown” class of applicants, who, according to the Vanderbilt Admissions Blog, “taught an amazing depth of personal and scholastic excellence — energy, passion, leadership and commitment to a range of ideals — diversity, community, humanity, service, etc.”

As of mailing day, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions had received 16,875 applications, up 30.7 percent from the 12,911 applications they received last year.

In a year of historically low admissions rates, as The New York Times reported this week, Vanderbilt’s acceptance rate also dropped — from 35.7 percent last year to 23 percent this year.

Of the admitted students, the average class rank was in the top 3.7 percent of their class; 92 percent of the students admitted were ranked in the top 90 percent. The middle 50 percent of SAT scores for the admitted student was 1380 to 1540 and the middle 50 percent for the ACT was 31 to 34.

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“When you’re applying to 50 or more schools — and Vanderbilt is one of those — you’re going to want to know as much about us as possible,” she said. “And what better than to have Vanderbilt share that information with you?”

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“Only takes a few seconds into a Google search to see how much high level of interest and questions about Vanderbilt and especially Vanderbilt’s admission process,” Golden said. “We were noticing that in many cases individuals were not understanding the admissions process with wrong and/or misleading facts. The Vandy Admissions blog is an attempt to provide accurate information.”

Holi lot of colors

by CONROY WILLIAMS

Senior Reporter

Wear a white T-shirt and a pair of shorts, but do not expect them to stay that way when the powdered paint starts to fly. Spring has arrived.

All members of the campus community are invited to participate Saturday in celebration of the traditional Hindu spring festival on Wilson Lawn at noon. Also called the Festival of Colors, the holiday is held in honor of spring.

Sophomore Sheena Walia, one of the main coordinators of this year’s Holi celebration, said the student group Masala-SACE will provide paint, powdered paint and, for the first time, water balloons.

“Those with colored water balloons will fill those with paint powder with different shades of color during the festivities. “Wallia said. “And this year there will be even more color!”

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GIORGIO: Plans include expansion of faculty, research

In addition to his primary appointment, Giorgio also serves as professor of chemical engineering and professor of interdisciplinary materials science. He is on the executive committee of the Vanderbilt Institute for Nanoscale Science and Engineering.

Giorgio is a researcher at the Vanderbilt Ingram Cancer Center, where he has contributed new ideas to the treatment of cancer through his work on the disease at the cellular and molecular levels. He and his team have discovered new materials to inhibit the growth of malignant cells to deliver therapy more effectively than conventional methods. They have also developed methods to detect breast cancer at very early stages by using nanoparticles that bind to the cancer cells.

As a result, the cancer is more easily imaged, facilitating earlier detection of the most lethal, metastatic forms of the disease. He is working on developing a point-of-care breast cancer test that would be used in a physician’s office much like a home pregnancy test to detect cancer at even earlier stages.

Among his achievements was participation in an interdisciplinary team that developed an artificial liver, which is being used to treat patients with liver disease and traumatic injuries.

Giorgio joined the Vanderbilt faculty as an assistant professor of chemical engineering in 1987. He was named associate professor of chemical engineering in 1993 and associate professor of biomedical engineering in 1996.

He is a fellow of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering. He has won an outstanding teaching award from the School of Engineering and four awards for the best research paper from the Vanderbilt Engineering Research Council.
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SOLOMON: Personal sacrifice has become unknown and undervalued

From SOLOMON, page 4

“Tolerate racism — from all sides.”

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—Andrew Solomon is a senior in the School of Engineering. He can be reached at andrew.solomon@vanderbilt.edu

WARREN: Vanderbilt must refuse to tolerate racism — from all sides

From WARREN, page 4

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—Mike Warren is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Science. He can be reached at michael.r.warren@vanderbilt.edu

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**SPORTS**

**2008 football captains announced**

Vanderbilt will have four captains for the 2008 season, with two offensive and two defensive leaders.

- **Offensive Captains:**
  - Kevin Stallings
  - Keegan Bell

- **Defensive Captains:**
  - Reshard Langford
  - Bradley Langford

All four captains have been integral to Vanderbilt's success in recent seasons, and their leadership will be crucial as the Commodores aim to build on their 2007 campaign, which saw them finish second in the SEC East Division and qualify for the SEC Championship Game.

**FRIDAY**

**Baseball at Hawkins Field**

6:30 p.m.

Radio: 560 AM

**Men's Tennis**

Friday, April 4, 2008

The Vanderbilt Commodores will host the University of Tennessee in a key SEC match at 6 p.m. on Friday.

**Women's Tennis**

Friday, April 4, 2008

The Commodores will play a doubleheader at the University of Virginia on Friday.

**VANDERBILT HUSTLER**: I just want a coach that knows how I play and wants to play me at my strengths of my game, I believe. So yeah, that was more of a hint of my style and how I like to play.

**KB**: I'm just going to work on everything as much as possible. I was very 3-point oriented this year, and I want to be able to score more. I want to get back on that kind of stuff, and improve my defense, fitness, strength and just kind of work on everything.

**VH**: What do you think playing in the SEC has improved your game?

**KB**: Definitely. Coach (Stallings) has gotten me so much better. I really appreciate everything he's done. The players have gotten me better. The league is so tough, and it's definitely given me great experience so when I go down the road, this year's definitely been beneficial.

**VH**: Obviously, you've got to take a year off because of NCAA regulations.

**KB**: I'm just going to work on everything as much as possible. I really want to try and add a new dimension to my game. I was very 3-point oriented this year, and I want to be able to do it all. I feel that's what I should do, jump shots and all that kind of stuff. So I'm going to go back and work on that kind of stuff, and improve my defense, fitness, strength and just kind of work on everything.

**VH**: What do you think you'll miss most about playing at Vandy?

**KB**: The fans, the students, the guys. Definitely going to be weird not being around them and my girlfriend, Jeness Rhaids. She plays here so it's going to be weird not being around her and seeing her progress and having her at the games. Other than that, it's just a great program, it's a great place, a great university, and I'm definitely going to miss it.
Women’s track and field returns to action on the road

Jorgensen and Kazmer look to continue recent success at Stanford, Auburn meets.

Women’s track and field will be in two places at once this weekend as they send split teams to Stanford, Calif., for the Stanford Invitational and Auburn, Ala., for the Tiger Track Classic.

The distance runners will make the longer trip to Stanford. They have been successful this year, led by strong performances by freshman Rita Jorgensen, among others. Jorgensen placed first in both the 800- and 1500-meter runs last week at the Yellow Jacket Invitational. She recorded a 2:08.79 in the 1500-meter run, which is the third fastest time in the conference so far this season.

Senior Valerie Kazmer also won in the 3000-meter steeplechase last weekend. She ran it in 11:13.14, which is the fourth fastest in school history and after 10 seconds faster than anyone else in the race.

“Bits and Vals have had some great numbers for this early in the season,” said head coach D’Andre Hill. “We’re really excited as to where our distance program is going. We’re hoping they can build on that this weekend at Stanford. The distance group will be able to face some great competition at Stanford and we’re excited about that.”

The rest of the team will be facing strong Southeastern Conference competition from teams like Tennessee (16), Kentucky, South Carolina (21) and Auburn (17) when they travel to Auburn.

“We’re looking forward to going to Auburn this weekend,” Hill said. “We weren’t able to get a lot of things done last week due to the weather. We have an opportunity to go to the site where the SEC meet will be held.”

Barring any weather delays, they will begin competing Friday afternoon.
SUDBUK: To solve, fill in the blanks so the numbers 1-9 appear just once in each horizontal row, vertical column and 3x3 box.