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THE WALL

compiled by SARA GAST

TODAY
We Are Vanderbilt
Vanderbilt Student Government will sponsor a student-led, students-only discussion titled "Squeeze the Juice: Revealing the issues behind JuicyCampus" in the Carmichael Towers West Formal Lounge from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Free food from Jimmy John's will be provided.

TODAY
McGill Hour
Is electing a president bad for democracy? Students are invited to come to McGill Hall's TV lounge from 5 to 6 p.m. to hear Dana Nelson, a Gertrude Conaway Vanderbilt Professor of English, speak on how the presidency threatens democracy and subverts the will of the people. There will be a free Qdoba buffet for all attendees.

TODAY THROUGH FRIDAY
Lambda on the Wall
Lambda will be on the Wall passing out t-shirts and promoting their events from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. They ask students wear the shirts on Thursday to show support for GLBT equality and awareness.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27
Voce concert
Voce, an on-campus a cappella group, has its first concert at 7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27
Vanderbilt Students for Immigrants' Rights meeting
The new student group is holding a planning meeting for their May 1 rally in front of Stonehenge at 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27
Sign the pledge
Students are invited to sign a pledge to affirm the Community Creed and pick up a T-shirt to show intolerance for hate speech within the campus community in Sarratt Promenade from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

See <http://calendar.vanderbilt.edu> for more events.



A secret garden

One of Vanderbilt's best-kept secrets, Stevenson Center is home to not just one — but seven — greenhouses.

Jonathan Ertelt, manager of the greenhouses and member of the biological sciences department, tends to the plants housed on top of Stevenson Center. Many students are unaware of the greenhouses on campus.

by VASANTH SATHIYAKUMAR
Staff Reporter

Most Vanderbilt students know of the various opportunities available to them — from numerous student organizations that range in cultural diversity to a psychology center that helps those in distress to a wide variety of research choices.

But many are unaware one of those options is studying plant life in a greenhouse.

Although their location may be the primary cause of their mysteriousness, Vanderbilt houses seven greenhouses open to all students and faculty who are interested in exploring their resources.

The greenhouses, which used to be located near Buttrick Hall, were moved to the seventh floor of Stevenson Center a few years ago.

"When the greenhouses were near Buttrick, we didn't have much traffic," said Jonathan Ertelt, manager of the greenhouses and member of the biological sciences department. "But now that we are on the top floor of Stevenson, almost no one comes here."

Students attest to this observation.

"I had no idea we have greenhouses at Vanderbilt," said freshman Meher Juttukonda.

"I'm not surprised that Vanderbilt has

—To view a slideshow of photos from the greenhouses, go to:



BRETT KAMINSKY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Schoenfeld recounts experience at Vanderbilt

by LILY CHEN
Staff Reporter

When he came here 12 years ago, he didn't know what he was getting into.

As Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs Mike Schoenfeld prepares to leave the university for his alma mater, Duke University, he takes with him the experience and memories — good and bad — he has had at Vanderbilt.

After Schoenfeld's departure, Associate Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs Beth Fortune will step in as of June 1 as interim vice chancellor while Chancellor Nick Zeppos searches for someone to permanently take the position.

Now in the final weeks of his job, Schoenfeld remembers the beginning of his experience as vice chancellor in 1997 when he was recruited by then-Chancellor Joe Wyatt.

"I saw the job as an opportunity to build the university's external affairs

and also an opportunity to live in Nashville, which is a great place to raise a family," Schoenfeld said.

Schoenfeld admits that when he took on the job, he did not really know what to expect.

"When I first started, I was too young and too stupid to know how much work this job required," Schoenfeld said, laughing, "but it gave me a chance to be a mentor to students and also learn from them. I had the chance to work with hugely talented people and hopefully helped them to succeed."

Holding the record as the longest-serving vice chancellor, in Schoenfeld's 12 years at Vanderbilt he has worked with three chancellors, 11 vice chancellors and 24 deans.

But perhaps most importantly to him, Schoenfeld has also worked with



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literally thousands of students.

"During my time here, I've seen 20,000 undergraduates enter as freshmen and leave as adults," Schoenfeld said. "I've had the opportunity to really get to know them, such as former Student Government Association President Samar Ali — she's become my daughter's big sister."

However, Schoenfeld said what frustrated him was when he saw really smart people do stupid things.

"I saw faculty, students, administration — including me — do stupid things which affected their reputations," Schoenfeld said. "I acted like an EMT for reputations. They are really hard to change, especially the reputation of a university takes a long time to build."

And every now and then, something caught Schoenfeld himself off guard, like former Chancellor Gordon Gee's decision to leave.

Please see **SCHOENFELD**, page 4

CAMPUS NEWS BRIEF

Vanderbilt University police chief to become president-elect of IACLEA

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Vanderbilt Chief of Police Marlon Lynch is the 2008-2009 president-elect for the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators Inc., Vanderbilt News Service announced Tuesday.

Lynch will be installed in his new position at the IACLEA's Annual Conference on July 1, in Hartford, Conn. He will automatically ascend to the office of IACLEA president on July 1, 2009.

Lynch joined Vanderbilt in August of 2005 as assistant chief of police after serving as chief of police and director of public safety at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He became chief of police at Vanderbilt on Jan. 1, 2007.

According to Vanderbilt News Service, Lynch has been active in leadership positions with IACLEA for a number of years, including director-at-large on the IACLEA Board of Directors since 2005 and chair of a communications subcommittee of IACLEA's domestic preparedness committee.

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LYNCH

'Raising Voices' to raise funds for sexual assault victims

by TAMESHA DERICO
Senior Reporter

The women residing in one of Vanderbilt's Mayfield Living/Learning Lodges are dedicated to making living and learning a little easier for sexual assault survivors.

On Thursday, March 27, Mayfield 14 will host "Raising Voices," a concert and silent auction that will benefit student survivors of sexual assault on campus. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres in the Ben Schulman Center for Jewish Life, and a concert featuring Sigma Alpha Iota, Phi Mu Alpha, Original Cast, Spoken Word and Tree Flannel will follow at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 on the Wall this week or \$7 at the door.

Mayfield Living/Learning Lodges are assigned to groups of 10 students who develop a theme-based, educational, year-long project. The effort is student-driven, but each lodge also works with one or more faculty advisers.

For Mayfield 14, "Raising Voices" has been an especially challenging yet rewarding endeavor.

Sophomore resident Alison Hartog said she is passionate about raising awareness of violence against women, but she admits the topic can get overwhelming.

"It is a very heavy topic to deal with day in and day out, so it was important for us to all support each other and take a step back every once in awhile," she said. "That is why it was so important to have each other in the house to turn to for support and encouragement."

Sophomore Mary Beth Harding said she is equally impressed by her group's camaraderie and dedication.

"I have felt completely blessed to see many of my fellow housemates becoming so passionate about ending violence," Harding said. "Seeing other women (and many of our male friends) respond with such vigor has inspired me to continue working toward an end to violence against women."

According to Vanderbilt's Project Safe Web site, one out of seven women attending college has been raped. A national violence against women survey also discovered that nine out of 10 women raped on campus do not tell anyone about it.

Rape survivors at Vanderbilt are encouraged to visit the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center,

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Odds & Ends

CORRECTION

In the article and Wall published on InsideVandy.com and in Monday's Hustler, students were asked to give \$52 or a pint of blood to register on the National Marrow Donor Program list. While tissue typing does cost \$52 and every pint of blood collected cancels out this fee, according to Sarah Proffitt, who was a coordinator of the event, Vanderbilt Cancer Society and the Brentwood Rotary Program covered the registration fee. Students were not required to pay anything; registration was free. The Hustler regrets this error.

WEATHER

compiled by SARA GAST

THURSDAY



Partly Cloudy, 72/60

FRIDAY



Scattered T-Storms, 69/50

SATURDAY



Mostly Cloudy, 64/47

VUPD CRIME LOG

compiled by SARA GAST

Friday, March 21, 4:05 a.m.:

An unknown subject broke the glass on the front door of Dyer Hall.

Wednesday, March 12, 4:30 p.m.:

A parking permit and food were stolen from a desk drawer at 2400 Highland Avenue.

Thursday, March 20, 2:15 p.m.:

A subject was approaching vehicles stopped at the red light at 21st and West End avenues. He admitted to drinking.

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

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1 Fighting in Basra as Shiite gunmen take to streets of Baghdad, other cities

BAGHDAD — Iraq's leaders faced their gravest challenge in months Tuesday as Shiite militiamen loyal to anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr battled for control of the southern oil capital and unleashed rockets on the U.S.-protected Green Zone in Baghdad, The Associated Press reported.

Armed Mahdi Army militiamen appeared on some Baghdad streets for the first time in more than six months, as al-Sadr's followers announced a nationwide campaign of strikes and demonstrations to protest a government crackdown on their movement.

2 Trustees project serious financial challenges for Social Security and Medicare

WASHINGTON — The Associated Press reports that trustees for the government's two biggest benefit programs warned Tuesday that Social Security and Medicare are facing "enormous challenges" with the threat to Medicare's solvency far more severe.

The trustees, issuing a once-a-year analysis of the government's two biggest benefit programs, said the resources in the Social Security trust fund will be depleted by 2041. The reserves in the Medicare trust fund that pays hospital benefits are projected to be wiped out by 2019.

3 Clinton said she was wrong to claim she came under hostile fire in Bosnia

GREENSBURG, Pa. — Sen. Hillary Clinton says she made a mistake in claiming that she came under hostile fire when landing in Bosnia as first lady 12 years ago, according to The Associated Press.

In several recent interviews, Clinton had described a harrowing scene in Bosnia in which she and daughter Chelsea had to run for cover as soon as they landed for a visit in 1996. But video footage of the day showed a peaceful reception in which Clinton greeted a young child on the tarmac.

4 Pentagon says it mistakenly shipped ballistic missile parts to Taiwan

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon announced Tuesday that the United States mistakenly shipped to Taiwan four electrical fuses designed for use on intercontinental ballistic missiles, but has since recovered them.

The error is particularly disturbing, officials told The Associated Press, because of its indirect link to nuclear weaponry and because of the sensitivity of U.S. arms sales to Taiwan, which China regularly denounces as provocative.

5 Celebrity link! Obama related to Pitt, Hillary Clinton to Jolie

BOSTON — This could make for one odd family reunion: Barack Obama is a distant cousin of actor Brad Pitt, and Hillary Clinton is related to Pitt's girlfriend, Angelina Jolie.

The Associated Press reports researchers at the New England Historic Genealogical Society found that Clinton, who is of French-Canadian descent on her mother's side, is also a distant cousin of singers Madonna, Celine Dion and Alanis Morissette. Obama, the son of a white woman from Kansas and a black man from Kenya, can call six U.S. presidents, including George W. Bush, his cousins. McCain is a sixth cousin of first lady Laura Bush.

6 Crane topples at Miami condo construction site, hits house; 2 workers killed, 4 hurt

MIAMI — A crane collapsed Tuesday at the construction site of a high-rise condominium, killing two workers, injuring four and smashing into a home that the contractor had been using as an office, police told The Associated Press.

Authorities were checking employee logs to make sure no workers were missing. But an initial survey by rescue workers and dogs found no evidence of victims trapped at the site of the 40-plus-story luxury condo tower on Biscayne Bay.

7 Republican issues report questioning whether Roger Clemens lied

The top Republican on the congressional committee that investigated whether Roger Clemens used performance-enhancing drugs released a report Tuesday questioning the Democratic majority's conclusion that the seven-time Cy Young Award winner might have lied in his testimony before the panel last month.

The 109-page report, obtained by The Associated Press, contains details Rep. Tom Davis believes could challenge the credibility of Brian McNamee, the personal trainer who testified under oath he injected Clemens with steroids and human growth hormone from 1998-01.

8 Country singer Sara Evans to wed former Bama quarterback

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Country music singer Sara Evans and former University of Alabama quarterback Jay Barker announced their engagement on his sports talk show Tuesday, saying they plan to wed this summer, The Associated Press reported.

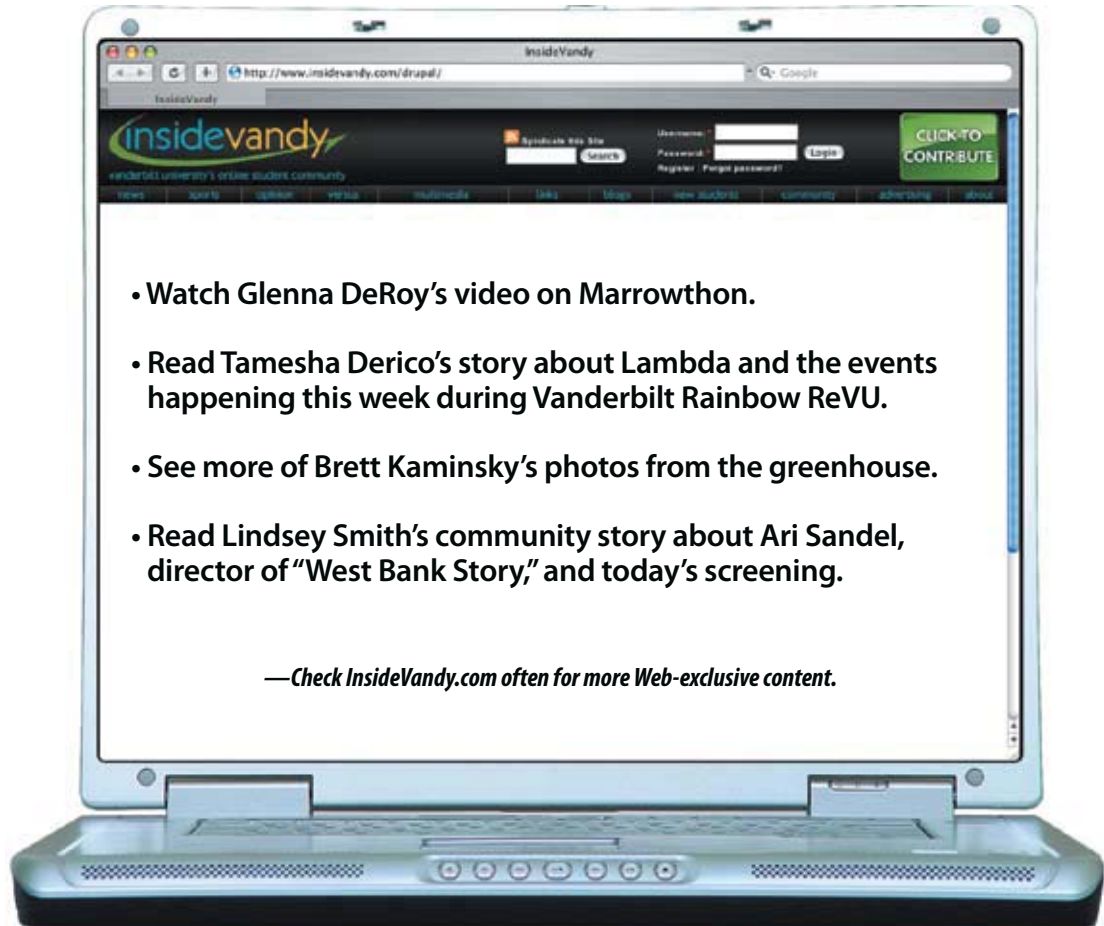
The two, both divorced with seven children between them, have been dating since last year.

9 Vanderbilt library unveils next-generation research tool

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Vanderbilt University Library users can locate and access more quickly an expanding variety of resources — print, digital and electronic — thanks to the new online service DiscoverLibrary, Vanderbilt News Service reported.

"DiscoverLibrary goes well beyond the current concept of the library catalog," said Jody Combs, assistant university librarian for information technology. "DiscoverLibrary can grow to contain information about all of the library's resources."

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- Watch Glenna DeRoy's video on Marrowthon.
- Read Tamesha Derico's story about Lambda and the events happening this week during Vanderbilt Rainbow ReVU.
- See more of Brett Kaminsky's photos from the greenhouse.
- Read Lindsey Smith's community story about Ari Sandel, director of "West Bank Story," and today's screening.

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They've got 'street smarts'

This Thursday, fashion takes on a new meaning in the fifth annual Fashion for a Cause benefit show.

The student-run benefit is a fashion-focused runway show that presents the designs of both Nashville boutiques and famous designers from across the country. According to Amanda Shield, advertising coordinator for the event, some of the boutiques that plan to be there include TwoElle, Studio 615, Posh, Boutique Bella, DenHim, Ecology, Hemline and J. McLaughlin.

"All models are student models and will be representing a diverse range of on-campus organizations," Shield said, and the model who has the most members from their organization in attendance wins a prize.

The doors open at 7:30 p.m., and the show will begin at 8 p.m. in the Student Life Center Ballroom. Tickets for "Street Smarts" are \$10 on the Card or \$15 at the door.

In addition to the runway show, there will also be a cash bar and hors d'oeuvre reception, vendors, silent auction and performances from Vibe and the children of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee. As an additional incentive, Shield said sorority members will get Derby Days points for attending.

All proceeds from the night will benefit the College Tour Program of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee, an effort to give underprivileged children a chance at higher education.

"Since 2000, the Boys & Girls Club has taken over 200 youths to tour campuses throughout the U.S.," Shield said. "The purpose of the college tour is to expose local high school students to college campuses outside of Middle Tennessee." ■

GREENHOUSE: Wide variety of plants kept for research, teaching

From **GREENHOUSE**, page 1
greenhouses, but I've never seen them before," said sophomore Dexter Kern.

Designed to allow for flexibility in studying a wide array of plants, the greenhouses are arranged in terms of temperature. The outer two houses are warm for tropical plants, whereas the innermost houses contain individual air conditioning units for plants that require cold temperatures, primarily those that grow on mountains.

"The goals of these greenhouses are to keep a good representative of the plant kingdom," Ertelt said. "We also want these greenhouses to be available for teaching purposes for folks to come and see the plants."

Anyone can access the greenhouses, which are open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Although five of the greenhouses are used for research purposes such as identifying new plant species, the last two greenhouses are termed by Ertelt as the "teaching collections," where the vast majority of flowers and trees can be found. Such plants include members

of the African violet family, orchids, aroids, pineapples, bromeliads and six species of trees that range from oaks to red maples. Inhabitants of these greenhouses even include poison dart frogs.

"A lot of the teaching plants are new to science," Ertelt said. "We ask questions on whether or not the plants are new species or whether they fit into a certain species concept."

Although Ertelt conducts minor research on his own, his main goal is to maintain a diverse collection. To aid him in his goal, Ertelt has established an extensive network for over 30 years.

"I get seeds from colleagues from diverse places such as Ecuador as they continue to do their research," Ertelt said. "But other sources include a wide variety of commercial sources."

Relatively little work has been done on the plants in terms of medicine, drugs and transgenics. However, some research has been done with graduate students and faculty. For example, in an article published in 2007 by

the American Journal of Botany, the Vanderbilt greenhouses were used to grow strands of *Silene vulgaris*, which are often referred to as maiden's tears, cowbell or bladder campion, to show evidence that chloroplast DNA does not necessarily need to be derived from the mother plant, as was previously thought. Another study conducted by graduate student Jennifer Ellis under professor David McCauley tested whether a unique variety of sunflower housed in the greenhouses was actually a new species or not.

Ertelt said he enjoys his work, but he wishes more students would come to see it.

"Sure, it is more peaceful up here in this location," Ertelt said. "But it'd be better if more people came and saw these plants." ■

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LYNCH: Chief chairs task force on public relations

From **LYNCH**, page 1
That committee produced a Guide to Communications between Campus Public Safety Departments and Federal-State-Local Emergency Responders under a federal Department of Homeland Security grant.

He also chaired the board of directors' governance task force, which recommended changes to IACLEA's bylaws. He currently chairs the board's task force on public relations.

IACLEA is an association that advances campus public safety for its 1,300 educational institution members and 2,000 individual members by providing educational resources, advocacy and professional development services.

The president-elect assists the president in the administration of the association, oversees the progress of IACLEA committees, is responsible for the orientation program for newly elected officers and directors and performs other duties as designated and assigned by the president. He or she performs the duties of president in the event the president is unable to serve.

Lynch earned a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and a master's degree from Boston University, both in criminal justice. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command. ■

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SCHOENFELD: Time at Vanderbilt well spent

From **SCHOENFELD**, page 1

"I was surprised, but having gone through the whole process, I understand it much better today," Schoenfeld said. "I think it was the right thing for him to do as a transformative leader. A lot of his ideas were carried out, such as The Commons."

Despite his regret at not being able to see the beginning of The Commons in the fall, Schoenfeld fondly reminisced

over some of his most memorable moments at Vanderbilt, including announcing the Rolling Stones coming to Vanderbilt in 1997, spending a week in the jungle in Guatemala with anthropology professor Arthur Demarest, working as a disc jockey on WRVU and traveling with the women's basketball team to South Carolina.

"When I went 10 years ago to the game in South Carolina, we went on

an old propeller plane that was used to transfer fishermen," Schoenfeld said with an amused expression. "It was a fun experience. I've had a lot of great experiences here I could just go on about."

He said his years at Vanderbilt have kept him young.

"People say being at a university keeps you young, and through my years here, I've seen how exhilarating it is to

work at Vanderbilt," Schoenfeld said. "It seems like I did 24 years of work in the 12 years I've been here, and I don't feel my age. Being at a university, everything is oriented to the future; people aren't looking in the rearview mirror."

And Schoenfeld says he doesn't want to be remembered as a great public relations person or a lobbyist.

"I want to be remembered as someone who played a role in Vanderbilt's

achievements, whether it is in rankings or other factors," Schoenfeld said. "I'd like to think that in some small way, I contributed to the university's success." ■

— For more, see *Our View*, page 6.

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Dining staff recognized by students

It's a chance for students to serve those who serve them.

The Campus Services Committee of Vanderbilt Student Government is sponsoring Dining Staff Appreciation Week activities on Thursday and Friday to help say thank you to Dining employees.

"The overall goal of the week is to get students to show their support and thankfulness to the dining services employees," said VSG Chief of Staff Tyler Armstrong.

According to Armstrong, on Thursday there will be plaque presentations to the various location staffs honoring their work. Rand will be recognized at 1:45 p.m., The Commons at 2:45 p.m., and CT West, McTyeire and McGugin at 4 p.m. Students are encouraged to be present to show their appreciation.

On Friday, there will be two Dining staff appreciation receptions in the main dining areas that everyone in the community can attend. The Rand reception will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. and the Commons' will be from 9 to 11 a.m.

"The goal is to bring students and dining staff together," Armstrong said, "particularly so students can thank the staff for all they do for us." ■

Chancellor hosts seniors at Tuesday dinner party

New Vanderbilt Chancellor Nick Zeppos hosted members of the senior class at the chancellor's residence in Belle Meade. Students mingled with the chancellor and one another over food and drinks provided by the university. Seniors are still invited to make a donation to the Senior Class Fund, which sponsored the event for students who have already donated. The Senior Class Fund is a gift to the university, given by each graduating class.



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RAISING VOICES: Action will not end with project

From **RAISING VOICES**, page 1

which provides a wide range of support and services. The money raised by "Raising Voices" will be used to establish a student hardship fund that will be administered by the center.

"Aid recipients can be any Vanderbilt student affected by sexual assault and violence," Harding said. "If a student is in search of financial aid, as well as many other forms of help, they can go to the Margaret Cunningham Women's Center, where someone will help them fill out an application. These funds can

help provide for a multitude of financial needs including medical fees, legal fees and even plane tickets if a survivor needs support from friends and family. ... There is already a similar fund for faculty and community members."

For Harding and the other residents, the structure of the Mayfield Program has been helpful in allowing them to make such a large impact on this problem.

"Being in a Mayfield has helped provide a platform for us to speak from," Harding said, "aiding us in the crusade to end violence against women."

Sophomore resident Jean Luan is especially grateful to the faculty advisers who assisted with the project.

"We have fabulous advisers who are very involved in our project," Luan said. "They often came to our weekly meetings, and through our discussions with them and our experiences at Hand-in-Hand training, Take Back the Night and other events, we learned of a need of a fund to benefit survivors of violence on Vanderbilt's campus."

However, the journey for these ladies will not end with Thursday's event or the

creation of the student hardship fund.

Harding has been personally affected by sexual violence throughout her life and sees the Mayfield project as one part of the solution.

"Because I have experienced this particular form of violence, I understand that the only way to end it is to speak out," she said. "Until women can live without the fear of being assaulted, I refuse to shut up and stop fighting this battle." ■

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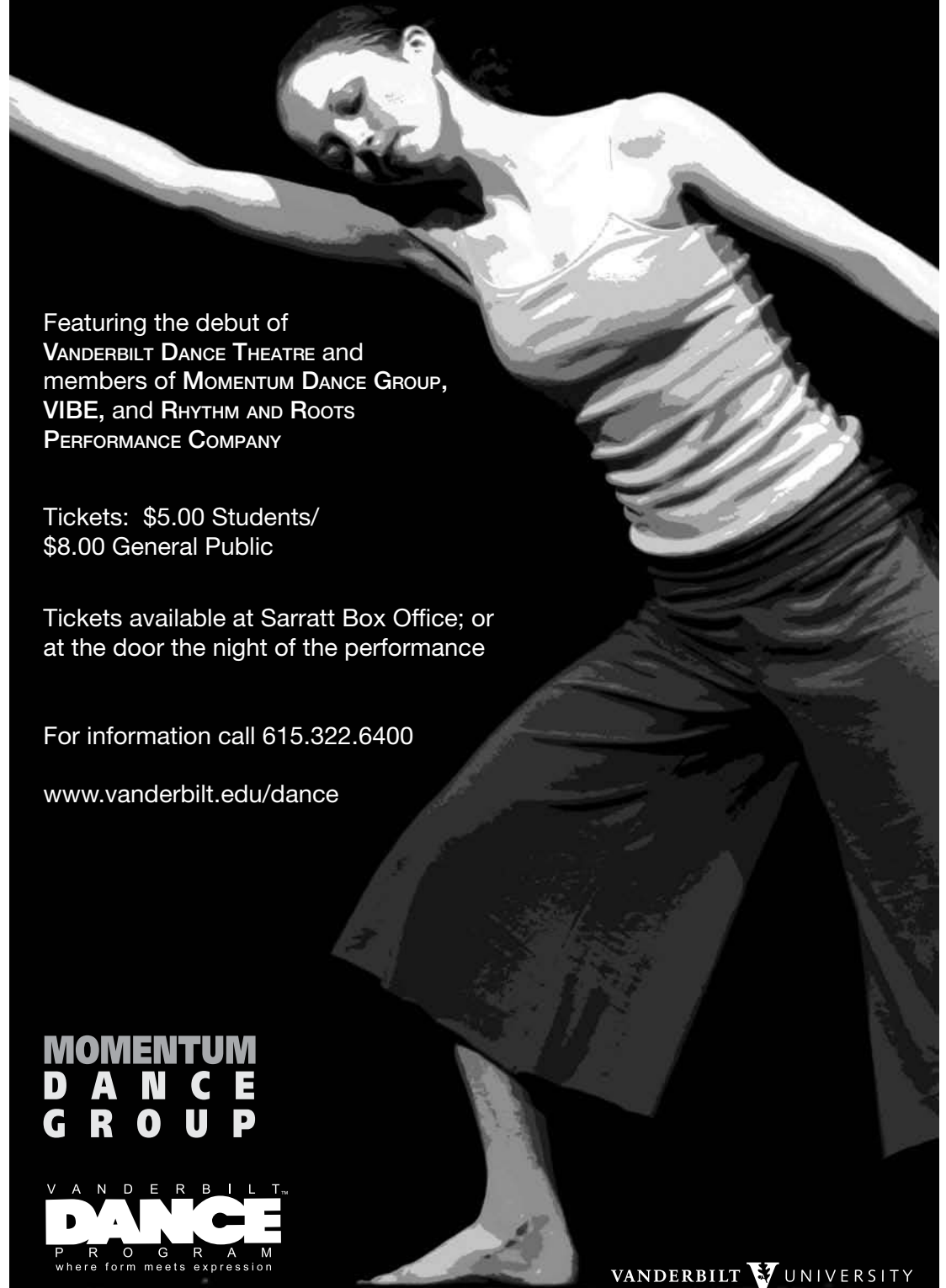
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OUR VIEW

Schoenfeld will be difficult to replace

As he prepares to leave Vanderbilt for Duke, Vice Chancellor Mark Schoenfeld's legacy is one that involves almost every student on campus. Schoenfeld likely played a very significant role, perhaps not in as visible a fashion as former Chancellor Gordon Gee, in bringing each and every one of us to Vanderbilt.

Schoenfeld, when he completes this semester, his final at Vanderbilt, will have served 12 years as vice chancellor, making him the longest-serving vice chancellor in the university's history. Considering Schoenfeld's breadth and depth of knowledge and experience of the university after more than a decade,

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Undeniably, over the past decade Vanderbilt's image has risen steadily, from the U.S. News and World Reports rankings to the increasing regional and ethnic diversity of the undergraduate profile. Clearly, Gee deserves a lot of recognition for the accomplishments made during his tenure, but Schoenfeld was there to help lay the foundation, playing an integral role in both the achievements themselves and the way they were perceived. Public

relations play a critical role for any institution as large and with as large an endowment as Vanderbilt, and Vanderbilt has had few, if any, public relations gaffes during Schoenfeld's tenure.

Schoenfeld has provided a model for the type of administrator who makes students and student life the top priority, while maintaining a fair amount of visibility on campus — the continual emails to English majors come to mind for the editorial board. His involvement in a wide variety of activity and departments ensured closer contact with many students on campus, but Schoenfeld's personal approach made each of those exchanges unique.

LETTER

Ali's speech misleads with broad, hateful assumptions

To the Editor:

I was disappointed with the Hustler article's failure to mention how inflammatory, sensationalistic and largely inaccurate Aayan Hirsi Ali's speech was. Ali hides under the veil (no pun intended) of valor and tenacity to preach her hateful views on the religion of Islam and what she thinks are intrinsic incompatibilities with Western society and the religion.

The problem is she refers to the traditions of certain groups and societies who happen to be Islamic, and she highlights their activities as the central focus of her arguments and criticisms of Islam. For example, the confinement of Muslim women to their homes is a practice not inherently Islamic in nature but is part of certain predominantly Muslim cultures. Another one of her misleading arguments sings to the tune that women are not allowed to have sex before marriage — well neither are men! Making this kind of argument further drives the wedge between Western society and the Islamic world. Saying only women are to cover up their bodies is simply not true; men too are supposed to cover up their bodies, albeit in a different, less symbolic way. There is a difference between Islam the religion and certain Islamic cultures — Ali paints the entire 1.2 billion-person Islamic population with the same brush, which is ludicrous.

She also claims that what she is doing is purely constructive and not disrespectful at all — I beg to differ. I seem to recall a particular confrontation during the question-answer session where she compared Islam to Nazism! I wasn't sure whether to be more surprised by the analogy or by the total non-reaction it received from the audience. I defy you to imagine the outcry if I were to be so offensive to Jews. Is this a sign of the state of normalcy we've reached with hostility towards Islam?

This begs the question of whether or not she is being deliberately outrageous (at the same time she is pissing off 1.2 billion people) for the advancement of her career (i.e., getting paid to come and say contemptible things at Vanderbilt). Her arguments, some of which can be clear-eyed, are completely nullified by the emotion and controversy she brings to the table, and this hurts efforts by modern progressive Muslims who are trying to integrate Islam with Western society.

Of course, it is naive to posit that Islam and the Western society are not experiencing tensions or that there is no problem with radicalism in Islam; however, the appropriate way to deal with this problem is not to poison minds about the message and intent of Islam. Rather, one should try and foster greater understanding between Western and Islamic peoples in a non-melodramatic, non-hateful manner, so as to allow for cohesive integration. Aayan Hirsi Ali does not believe this is possible.

The one thing she did advocate which I supported was encouraging people to seek the truth for themselves. I can only hope that people who attended Ali's speech also attended the speech by Reza Aslan to get a more knowledge-based and non-sensationalist analysis of Islam and the West.

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Candidates should distance themselves from religious leaders
Aimee Sobhani, Columnist

The separation of church and state is an important foundation of our government. Sadly, the space that once existed between the two institutions is shrinking, and it is paramount that we keep it from disappearing. Therefore, there is absolutely no reason why presidential candidates should be responsible for their religious leaders. A religious leader's words or actions may have some effect on a candidate's opinions, but it is not the sole determinant in his or her decision-making. In the end, a religious leader's behavior is his own responsibility, not the candidate's. The candidate is the same as any other person; he is only responsible for himself, and people cannot blame a candidate for his religious leader's behavior. Honestly, smart candidates understand they need to distance themselves slightly from their religion to be appealing to as many voters as possible — another indication that they should not be held accountable for their religious leaders.



Obama linked himself to Wright
Mike Warren, Columnist

Barack Obama made the racist Rev. Jeremiah Wright an integral part of his political story. The speech at the 2004 Democratic National Convention and corresponding book that launched Obama into the national spotlight were both inspired by Wright. Obama attended this man's church for two decades, and he has credited Wright for introducing him to Christianity. Wright married Obama and his wife and baptized their daughters. Until this recent controversy about his divisive sermons, Wright was considered a top spiritual advisor for the Obama campaign, and Obama Web site had a testimonial from the minister displayed prominently.

If Wright were only slightly involved in Obama's life and career, these highly objectionable racist and anti-American sermons might have meant little. Yet despite the fact that Obama, in all likelihood, does not share the racist sentiments of his pastor, it's hard to separate him from a man that played a substantial role in shaping him as a man and as a politician.




Political perspective needed
Katherine Miller, Opinion Editor

The critical aspect of the question on the table is the distinction between being a presidential candidate and just any other political candidate. At the presidential level, everything matters. Not that I'd advocate electing Satan's lady friend as a state senator or something, but the presidential office is a different ball game.

Sure, John Hagee's crazy — the gays of New Orleans caused Hurricane Katrina as much as I did — but the kicker is this: Not only does the media, sadly, expect something like that from the Republicans, I think we can all agree that this is political maneuvering and catering to social conservatives and only that from John "Agents of Intolerance" McCain.

Though it may put me in the midst of the Slytherin table, I feel like political moves like these fall under the ends justify the means umbrella. Do I agree with the beliefs? No. But it's all politics, and Jeremiah "God Damn America" Wright was bad politics.

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Answer to politics and faith is ambiguous
Thomas Shattuck, Columnist

This is a question to which Barack Obama, above all people, would like the answer to be "no." And while I generally despise political expediency, I unfortunately have to agree to some extent. In other words, a candidate is not necessarily responsible for his religious minister simply because he or she is a separate entity (presumably, though, not entirely true for Mike Huckabee). Personal responsibility hinges on the word "personal," and therefore Obama merely fails in the lesser-used category of "extra-personal responsibility."


That being said, I do think it rather presumptuous for any candidate, Obama included, to let anyone affiliated with him spout damaging monologues on national TV. It's just impractical and frankly depressing to watch. So I guess the short answer would be "no" and the longer "kind of, but not really, try not to do it again." The latter, of course, is not really an answer to the question at hand, but merely advice. At this point in this election year, any attempt at a definitive answer to faith and politics is an empty pursuit.

QUICK SHOTS
One Issue,
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Should presidential candidates be held accountable for their religious leaders?

COLUMN

What happened to the party of conservative America?



JUSTIN POYTHRESS
Columnist

This week I was brainstorming ideas for my next article in the same old way I always do, by throwing darts at a picture of Andrew Solomon I've hung on the wall. Then it dawned on me: There are more serious issues besides where to find the best ice machines on campus (Stonehenge and The Commons) or which celebrity pairs could make great reality shows (Lindsay Lohan and Malcolm X).

Many students have been so caught up in all of the excitement and drama generated by the day-to-day activities of the Vanderbilt Student Government that they've forgotten there is a general

election going on. Of the three national elections I can remember, this is definitely the most entertaining one. No matter which candidate suits you, you are cornered into supporting a minority group with which many people would be uncomfortable ruling our nation: black, female or the decrepit elderly.

We also have religion making an entrance as the candidates are tripping over themselves to recruit support of wild extremists from both sides. And why not? Who wouldn't want the country governed by someone who receives counsel from a racist supporter of terrorism who probably hates apple pie?

The question then arises: Are any of these presidential hopefuls actually any

good? The answer, resoundingly, is no. Ron Paul been marginalized in the race, becoming a bizarre, fringe, forgettable figure or a national politics version of Reid Simon. And with his departure, the competition has been stripped of all reason, vision and hope, causing the Republican side of things to become about as exciting as women's golf.

I know the types of things that many of you are thinking: "Here goes Justin again with another pitiful attempt at political humor as his thought process wanders like an aimless circus gypsy." Or, "Wasn't Ron Paul a senile weirdo who flew around in a blimp?" Or, "I thought Siena was a type of pain medication?" Well, let me reassure you that all of these are

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COLUMN

Nuanced approach to China needed

SOO YANG
Columnist

For more than 60 years, China has imposed a brutal political control in Tibet against the will of its ethnic natives who have always desired more political autonomy. Ever since Tibet's failed rebellion in Lhasa, the capital of Tibet, against the Chinese authorities in 1959, China has been systematically subverting Tibetan culture by undermining its indigenous population, its native religion and its right to democratic self-rule. Until recently, the tension between the Han Chinese majority and the minority Tibetans has remained relatively calm and nonviolent, with both sides calling for restraint. However, the upcoming Beijing Olympics and the anniversary of the Lhasa rebellion of 1959 have seemed to fuel pro-separatist sentiments in Tibet during the last two weeks as protesters from the region and the neighboring provinces have engaged in passionate, sometimes violent, demonstrations. In response to the protests, the Chinese

government has deployed its military in highly volatile regions, and there were even reports that local police have opened fire on the activists to discourage public protests.

For the West and the rest of the world, this crisis is a diplomatic nightmare. For countries like Spain, Russia, Serbia and other governments currently trying to suppress their own independence movements, if they fail to unconditionally denounce even the most peaceful form of pro-separatist protest in Tibet, they will be demoralized and accused of hypocrisy. Even more interesting is where the United States stands on this issue. As a country with separatist origins and scars of a secessionist war, the U.S. cannot be extreme in its position but also cannot remain ambiguous about issues of freedom and national unity.

However, there is one thing the U.S. must do. We must clarify our position that an exchange of peace and respect between Tibet and China is really the only way in resolving this violent political showdown. It is imperative the

protesters refrain from attacking innocent, ethnic Hans as a way of expressing their frustration with the mainline Chinese government. Once they deviate from their nonviolence and civil disobedience, their violent struggle for freedom will be indistinguishable from those of ETA, Chechnya separatists and other terrorist groups that exploit violence to achieve independence. In the same spirit, the U.S. and the rest of the free world must make sure China does not react violently to the protests. If China continues its violent crackdown of peaceful demonstrations, the West must not be afraid to boycott the Olympics and must be willing to voice its concerns in the strongest way possible. In fact, the Chinese government must learn to understand the source of Tibet's anger and truly respect them as a minority culture with equal rights. Along the same lines, we must encourage China to be fully transparent in its handling of this issue by allowing foreign press coverage and an international investigation of this crisis.

On the other hand, the U.S. cannot promote the liberation of Tibet. Even His Holiness the Dalai Lama, the leader of Tibet, calls for greater autonomy of the region, not separation from China. In all fairness, this is an important national affair and an issue of national sovereignty where our voices should not destabilize a foreign country. The only help we should provide is humanitarian care and diplomatic assistance as a neutral mediator concerned with potential human rights violations, not necessarily with political secession.

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THE VERDICT

Stand and be judged by the Hustler opinion staff!
Compiled by Katherine Miller

Female chiefs of staff		If you're looking for a good time, look no further than down the hall from an elected official. Just ask David Paterson and Kwame Kirkpatrick.
Serbian snipers		First, they missed Hillary Clinton, Sheryl Crow and Sinbad. Now, they didn't even bother to show up! For shame.
Lil Jon		Rapper defined "crunk" in an interview for tomorrow's Versus but said, "You don't have to be drunk to be crunk."
Facebook's new privacy policy		Technician found loophole in security, enabling access to anyone's photos. A scene right out of "The Early Demise of Your Career: The Musical!"
Roman Police		Officers rescued Bulgarian teen sisters from circus where they were forced to swim with flesh-eating piranhas for the amusement of guests. No, really.
Luggage		A high school coach got bitten by a rattlesnake that stowed away in his luggage; presidential candidates draw parallel to illegal immigration.
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POYTHRESS: Government tactics do disservice to crucial individual liberties

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natural reactions. However, I am serious in that Ron Paul represented the voice of truth calling out in the wasteland of political fraudulence. He did have a lot of crazy ideas, like returning to the Constitution and eliminating federal waste. The fact is the true conservative has been abandoned in our two-party system. Don't get it twisted: When I say "true conservative," I am not referring to a Mike Warren model right-wing nutcase but rather to somebody who simply believes that political issues are best handled on a local or individual level.

The truly saddening thing to me, in all seriousness, is that we've bought into the world's political scare tactics; and American citizens are wetting themselves in their eagerness to hand over individual liberties right and left to big, benign Papa Government who always knows best. We've reached a mindset in this country that all of our problems, personal and communal, can and should be solved by the government. Obviously, the solution lies in Nader.

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SPORTS

Spokane just got sweeter

Wirth's 21 leads Commodores to Sweet 16.

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For Vanderbilt head coach Melanie Balcomb, it was all about body language in the second half.

Junior Christina Wirth scored 21 points, and sophomore reserve Jessica Mooney added 11 to help Vanderbilt beat West Virginia 64-46 on Monday night in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

The fourth-seeded Commodores (25-8) advanced to the regional semifinals in Spokane, Wash.

"We're already anxious and ready to play Saturday," Mooney said. "We've practiced so well lately, and we had a good shoot-around today. We were ready."

Vanderbilt also looked fresher than the Mountaineers (25-8), who ran out of gas in Albuquerque's mile-high altitude two nights after pulling out a stirring 61-60 win over New Mexico.

"We could sense they hit a wall," Balcomb said. "There was a timeout around the 8-minute mark where they had lost momentum. They were all putting their heads down. They were walking. They were looking over to the coach for timeouts."

On Vanderbilt's bench, Balcomb knew her players had seen the Mountaineers wearing down, and she could sense their excitement.

"We talk about mental toughness and having each other's back, having each other's eyes and carrying ourselves with confidence," Balcomb said. "Mentally, that puts other teams away. Show them how fresh you are."

Olayinka Sanni led fifth-seeded West Virginia (25-8) with 14 points, while Meg Bulger scored 13, and LaQuita Owens had 10.

Vanderbilt has won 11 of its last 12

games, and this time the Commodores got a big lift from their bench. Mooney, one of six sophomores on the roster, led the way as Vandy outscored West Virginia's reserves 20-2.

"It happens a lot for us," Mooney said. "We always try to bring a spark off the bench. Coach always talks about that — make sure you're a spark."

The Commodores recovered from a sloppy first half where they committed 15 turnovers.

"We were trying to go really fast," Wirth said. "They were in a zone, and we were just forcing too many things."

Two big runs midway through the second half put Vanderbilt back in the regional semifinals for the first time since 2005.

West Virginia led 35-33 after Sanni got free for a layup but Vanderbilt's Jennifer Risper drove for two baskets in an 8-0 burst. The Commodores led 41-35, forcing Mountaineers coach Mike Carey to call timeout at the 13-minute mark.

Owens came out of that break by hitting a 3-pointer, trimming the margin to 41-38, but Mooney scored twice off turnovers, and Wirth made a long 3-pointer as Vandy used a 10-2 run to pull away.

"We let Wirth sit out there and shoot 3s," Carey said. "That got them going, and offensively we didn't reverse the ball. We took more bad shots tonight than we probably did in five or six games."

The Mountaineers simply ran out of gas — on one possession near the 5-minute mark, they took six shots but couldn't find the basket.

They looked tired, even if they wouldn't admit it later.

"You can always use fatigue as an excuse, but it should never be a factor," Bulger said. "They just made a run and made some 3s. We hit a slump offensively, didn't move the ball as well as we should have. They capitalized on it."

The Commodores, on the other hand, looked lively in the second half, and it's easy to see why. Balcomb was able to rest her starters during a lopsided opening-



JAKE SCHOELLKOPF / AP Photo

Jennifer Risper pushes off of West Virginia's Sparkle Davis in the first half of a second-round women's NCAA tournament basketball game on Monday night at The Pit in Albuquerque, N.M. The Commodores advance to the Sweet 16 to play the winner of Tuesday's game between Maryland and Nebraska.

round win over Montana.

"We talk about coming together when we're tired, when there's adversity," Balcomb said. In fact, Wirth broke into a big smile after making a 3-pointer, her fourth of the game, to push Vanderbilt's lead to 62-45 with 1:58 remaining. Moments later, Liz Sherwood added a flip in the lane, and it was party time back in Music City.

The Commodores, in the NCAA Tournament for the ninth straight year, committed seven turnovers in the second half, though two came in the closing minute.

The Mountaineers led 29-27 at the break despite Vanderbilt's 21-8 rebounding edge. But it was just a matter of time before the Commodores got going.

"Coach told us that wasn't acceptable at all for us to have 15 (turnovers) at halftime. Not acceptable," Mooney said. "We just needed to take care of the ball. I think we were just overanxious, making stupid passes."

The Does will clash with No. 1-seeded Maryland in the Sweet 16 on March 29. Maryland downed Nebraska 76-64 on Tuesday night in Albuquerque. ■

COLUMN

The State of Tennessee: a basketball powerhouse?

BILLY SHERK
Sports Editor

Throughout the men's basketball season, Tennessee teams have challenged traditional hatcheries of basketball talent like Texas and Indiana. Memphis and the University of Tennessee have both shared time as No. 1, and both Belmont and Vanderbilt finished the regular season with very respectable records (25-9 and 26-8, respectively). The Tennessee teams have continued to perform well at the NCAA Tournament, excepting the debacle last Friday night in Tampa.

Belmont and Austin Peay each received the lowest seed (No. 15) of the five Tennessee schools with an invite to the tournament.

Belmont would have pulled a gigantic upset of Duke had it not been for a temporary defensive breakdown in the final seconds of their first-round game. The Austin Peay Governors stole an at-large bid from perennial powers like Ohio State and Florida to reach the tournament for the first time since 2003.

Memphis (No. 1 seed, South region) and Tennessee (No. 2 seed, East region) both eked out second-round matchups to make it to the Sweet 16. UT faces a difficult test in Rick Pitino and Louisville

this Thursday with hopes that sophomore J.P. Prince will act as a catalyst at the weak point-guard position and propel them into a match-up with the winner of the UNC/Washington State game.

Memphis will try to overcome miserable free-throw shooting and take care of another tournament-tested program in Tom Izzo and Michigan State. And then there is Vandy (No. 4 seed, Midwest region), who will join neighbor and rival Belmont in watching the completion of the tournament from faraway Nashville.

But the future looks bright for the Commodores, as it does for the other Tennessee schools. Yes, Memorial Magic may not be the same next year, but Vanderbilt returns a squad with several promising freshmen with game experience and the efficient Jermaine Beal at point. Tennessee and Memphis, unless robbed by the NBA Draft, will return young stalwarts in Tyler Smith and Derrick Rose, respectively.

Some may have been surprised to see three Tennessee teams in the top 20 for much of the season. However, judging by the new, young talent and the continued excellent coaching of these teams, a Tennessee-heavy top 25 may become a regular occurrence. ■

Cielak named ALC Player of the Week

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Vanderbilt senior Sasha Cielak was named the American Lacrosse Conference's Player of the Week, the conference office announced today. Cielak helped the Commodores to a pair of wins last week, including a 10-7 victory over league rival Penn State.

"I have been saying for four years how dominant Sasha is as a defender," remarked coach Cathy Swezey. "With her performance in our last two games and the honor of earning ALC Player of the Week, I am hopeful that she is only beginning to receive the recognition she deserves. She is truly a game-changing performer."

The Commodores opened the week with a 15-6 win over Cornell; Cielak notched six ground balls and three draw controls and added two caused turnovers to the effort. She also held her mark to just one goal while playing a critical role in the transition.

In the ALC win over Penn State, Cielak played a crucial role in helping Vanderbilt hold Penn State to only seven goals, including holding an All-American scoreless in the contest. Cielak also picked up three ground

FRANCIS SIMPSON/The Vanderbilt Hustler
Senior lacrosse player Sasha Cielak was named American Lacrosse Conference's Player of the Week, after helping the Commodores to a pair of wins last week.

balls, a draw control and one caused turnover.

No. 17 Vanderbilt (7-3, 1-0 ALC) continues conference play this weekend, traveling to face top-ranked Northwestern (7-0) in Evanston, Ill., on Sunday at 1 p.m. ■

Ramirez lifts Sox, Wild Dice-K over A's

Associated Press

Boston, Japan, it doesn't matter: Manny Ramirez strikes a winning pose for the Boston Red Sox. In the earliest major league opener, the Red Sox started their World Series title defense with a signature Manny moment.

Ramirez stood frozen in the batter's box, admiring his 10th-inning drive to center field off Huston Street, thinking it would be a three-run homer. Instead, the ball bounced off the wall for his second two-run double, good enough to lift the

Red Sox over the Oakland Athletics 6-5 on Tuesday night.

Daisuke Matsuzaka excited fans at the start, and Ramirez at the finish.

"Ultimately, it was a great ballgame," Matsuzaka said through a translator. "I hope people got a chance to enjoy it live."

A crowd of 44,628, including fans from Boston, cheered at the Tokyo Dome, which hosted baseball's opener for the third time in nine years. It was 6:10 a.m. back in Boston when the season began, and organizers tried to make it feel like Fenway Park by playing "Sweet Caroline" after the last out.

Ramirez, starting the final guaranteed season of his eight-year contract, hit a tying, two-run double in the sixth inning, and rookie Brandon Moss hit an RBI single that gave Boston a 3-2 lead and chased Oakland starter Joe Blanton.

Matsuzaka, pitching in Japan for the first time since joining the Red Sox last season, left after five wild innings and 95 pitches, and Jack Hannahan's two-run homer off Kyle Snyder put Oakland ahead 4-3 in the sixth. Moss, playing because J.D. Drew hurt his back in batting practice, hit a solo homer in the ninth off Street (0-1).

Then, in the 10th, Julio Lugo reached on an infield single leading off, Dustin Pedroia sacrificed, and David Ortiz was intentionally walked with two outs.

Ramirez hit a drive to deep center and was sure it would be a home run. It wasn't, and he had to hustle to make it to second. Just Manny being Manny.

He learned when he got to the ballpark that he couldn't use the red-barreled bat he planned on using because it would distract pitchers. So he got some new bats in Tokyo.

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THE RUN DOWN

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TODAY
Baseball vs. Middle Tennessee State
6 p.m.

No. 9 Vanderbilt hosts Middle Tennessee State in the second game of a five-game home-stand. The Commodores (15-6, 3-3 Southeastern Conference) won their home-stand opener against Belmont yesterday, 7-3, moving their record to 12-3 in non-conference games. Dominic de la Osa and Ryan Flaherty both homered to lead the Commodores, and Brett Jacobson picked up the win with seven strong innings.

The Blue Raiders (8-13) are mired in a slump, having lost their last four games. This is the first of two meetings that they will have with Vanderbilt this season.

GAME OF THE WEEK

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Vanderbilt 64, West Virginia 46

Christina Wirth scored 21 points to lead the fourth-seeded Commodores (25-8) to the round of 16 in the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2005 with a win over fifth-seeded West Virginia. Vanderbilt had reached the second round in each of the last two seasons, only to fall short of advancing. The Commodores trailed at the half, hampered by 15 turnovers, but they buckled down in the second half, holding the Mountaineers to just 17 points and pulling away in the final minutes. Vanderbilt is trying to reach the Elite Eight for the first time since 2002.

THEY SAID IT...

"I just think we did a great job executing the game plan, never getting flustered, never getting down, staying together as a team for 40 minutes."

MELANIE BALCOMB
on her team's victory over West Virginia

DAILY

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Vanderbilt's rebounding advantage in its win over West Virginia. The Commodores out-rebounded the Mountaineers 37-19.

SEC STANDINGS

BASEBALL

Eastern Division:

Florida 5-1, 17-4
Georgia 4-2, 12-8
Kentucky 4-2, 20-2
South Carolina 4-2, 15-5
Tennessee 4-2, 14-7
Vanderbilt 3-3, 15-6

Western Division:

Ole Miss 3-3, 15-8
Alabama 2-4, 11-11
Arkansas 2-4, 14-8
Auburn 2-4, 14-9
LSU 2-4, 14-7
Miss. State 1-5, 9-12

Dores hand neighboring Belmont 7-3 defeat



OLIVER WOLFE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Vanderbilt claimed victory over the neighboring Bruins on Tuesday night, improving to 15-6 on the season. Ryan Flaherty and Dominic de la Osa played key roles in the defeat of the Commodores' nearest neighbor, taking Belmont's overall record to 8-13.

by NICHOLAS HUDSON
Sports Editor

As soon as the Commodores took the lead against Belmont on an error in the first inning, they never looked back.

With a solid game from starting pitcher Brett Jacobson, the Commodores took a 2-0 lead on Alex Feinberg's at-bat in the first. Belmont answered with a two-run homer in the second to tie the ballgame at Hawkins field.

Despite the quickly dropping temperature, on his first pitch, Ryan Flaherty slammed his own two-run homer in the second to regain the lead for Vanderbilt.

Each team had three scoreless innings as Vanderbilt's defense executed two double-plays in the fourth and seventh. Belmont (8-13) used a series of relievers to try and stop the Commodore offense, but Shea Robin

pounded a triple in the sixth inning, and Dominic de la Osa reinvigorated the Commodores with a one-run homer in the seventh. Jacobson pitched a good game allowing seven hits in seven innings.

"I thought Brett's ability to get through the lineup a second and third time was key for him," said Vanderbilt coach Tim Corbin. Drew Hayes came on in relief in the eighth to shut Belmont down in the last two innings.

Despite not being able to break out of the bottom of the Southeastern Conference East, the Commodores showed they are an offensive threat to anyone as they stretched their lead in the eighth. Alex Feinberg hit a line-drive single to get on base, and Steven Liddle scorched Belmont's infield with another line-drive to score Feinberg. Liddle then slid into home for his first run

of the night on a wild pitch from Belmont's reliever.

Vanderbilt turned out the lights on Belmont in the ninth with an athletic catch by third baseman Brian Harris and a strikeout from Hayes to end the game. The 7-3 win puts the Commodores at 15-6 on the season and 3-3 in league play. While this is still the bottom of our division, it is better than anyone in the SEC West.

"The hits that we got tonight counted, and I thought we pitched pretty well from innings four through nine," Corbin said. "After the weekend it is always big to come back and win a game."

As the Nashville sports fans look to the boys of summer for relief from the woes of March Madness, Vanderbilt showed tonight at Hawkins field that they are ready to steal the spotlight on campus again this season. ■

RAMIREZ: Red Sox down A's in Tokyo, beginning season abroad

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"Maybe if I used my American bat that ball maybe would have gone," he said. "I thought I hit it good. I couldn't use my bat because it wasn't legal. Thank God I got some Japanese wood that I could use."

Oakland manager Bob Geren made the key decision to walk Ortiz.

"They're both great hitters, and you have to pick one or the other," Geren said. "He got 0-2 and then got a pitch over the plate, and Ramirez took it deep."

Jonathan Papelbon took the mound to his "Wild Thing" theme in the bottom half, but was hardly intimidating. He walked Daric Barton leading off and gave up a one-out RBI double to Emil Brown, who was tagged out in a rundown between second and third.

"I made a mistake," Brown was quoted as saying by the San Francisco Chronicle. "What I was thinking didn't happen in that situation. You can't get out like that. It's not a trade-a-run situation. I thought the throw was going home, but that was a mistake. Bad baserunning on my part."

After a pair of singles, Kurt Suzuki hit a game-

ending groundout, giving Papelbon the save and sealing the win for Hideki Okajima (1-0), who used to pitch in the Tokyo Dome for the Yomiuri Giants.

Matsuzaka allowed a pair of first-inning runs, one on a homer by Mark Ellis. The right-hander struck out six and walked five in five innings but allowed only two hits.

The crowd was loud, but not nearly as loud as the regular noise level at Fenway. Fans pounded drums, flashed cameras and gawked at Dice-K's wildness.

"Given the opportunity to start on opening day, I did feel a little nervous and a little excited and that might have shown," said Matsuzaka, who signed a \$52 million, six-year contract with Boston before last season after eight years with the Seibu Lions. "I'd like to apologize to all the fans who turned out and wanted to see me go deep in the game."

The teams were set to play again Wednesday, with Oakland's Rich Harden pitching against Jon Lester. ■

—For a "Good Call/Bad Call" about starting the MLB season abroad, see Friday's issue of The Hustler.

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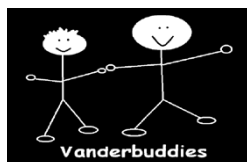
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