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THE WALL

compiled by SARA GAST

THIS WEEK 'A Time to Heal'

Amnesty International is selling flags on the Wall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. as a way to raise awareness for the rape epidemic in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in their campaign "A Time to Heal: Fundraising Campaign for Victims of Sexual Violence in the DRC." Each flag represents 100 of the 27,000 reported victims in one province of the DRC in 2006. Students can purchase a flag for \$1 and plant it on the lawn next to the Wall.

TODAY McGill Hour

Are you getting your \$40,000's worth at Vanderbilt? Students are invited to come to McGill Hall's TV lounge from 5 to 6 p.m. to hear Malcolm Getz, economics professor and author of "Investing in College: A Guide for the Perplexed," speak on "Why Does College Cost So Much?" Attendees will be provided milk and cookies.

TODAY Impact Symposium

The final night of the series will feature Gen. John Abizaid at 7 p.m. in the Student Life Center. Tickets, which are free for students, can be picked up at the Sarratt Box Office.

TODAY Open mic night

Open mic night is an opportunity for students to present original works in an informal environment. All performances are welcome from 8 to 9:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall, Room 117.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20 Middle Eastern night

The Middle Eastern Students Association will host their annual celebration, themed "See no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil. Dinner is at 6 p.m. in the Board of Trust Room in the Student Life Center, with the performance following at 7. Both are free.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20 Jazz in The Commons

Students are encouraged to "Support the Music" in The Commons Initiative, a project to bring more live performances to Peabody campus. Jazz trumpeter Jon Lijoi and the Blair Jazz Trio will serenade The Commons Dining Room from 6 to 8 p.m.

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

Caring for Kenya



The Ochieng brothers' clinic in Lwala, Kenya, allows them to serve their inspiration — the people of their village — while still at Vanderbilt.

by NIKKI BOGOPOLSKAYA
Staff Reporter

They made their dream — to help those who inspired him to go into medicine — a reality.

And on Thursday, students at Vanderbilt have a chance to hear and see what Frederick Ochieng and his brother Milton are doing halfway around the world in Lwala, Kenya.

School of Medicine students Frederick and Milton Ochieng opened the Lwala Community Clinic in Lwala, a small rural village in Kenya, almost one year ago. In that period, the clinic's quality, affordable care has brought in over 12,000 patients, many of whom had to walk hours or even days to the isolated clinic, which is located five and a half miles from the nearest paved road.

The Kenyan natives look back on the clinic's beginnings with great awe. Frederick Ochieng said they started plans for the clinic, the first one in Lwala, over 10 years ago when "after having seen so many people in my village die due to various diseases, I knew I wanted to go into medicine."

In 2000, the Ochiengs were accepted to Dartmouth College, and with fundraising from the villagers of Lwala, relocated from Lwala to New Hampshire.

At the clinic, patients have been tested and/or treated for malaria, intestinal disorders, tuberculosis, pregnancy complications, HIV and AIDS. In addition to providing health care,

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—To see more photos from the clinic, go to:



LWALA GALA

Who:
Students for Kenya

What:
The second annual Lwala Gala, which benefits the Ochieng brothers' Lwala Community Clinic in rural Lwala, Kenya

When:
Thursday, March 20 at 8 p.m.

Where:
Lot 7, located at 125 12th Avenue North



VANDERBILT STUDENTS FOR KENYA / Photos provided

Ali addresses issues of Islam

by NORAH SCANLAN
Staff Reporter

As a child, former Dutch Parliament member and filmmaker Ayaan Hirsi Ali fervently embraced Islam.

The controversial best-selling author told members of the Vanderbilt community gathered in the Student Life Center on Monday night that when she wore traditional dress, she felt powerful; however, as Ali aged, she said, "a deep part of me rebelled."

During her presentation on "Islam and the West," the first of the three-part IMPACT Symposium series, Ali told the audience, "My desire to be obedient was in war with me and my desire to be independent." What had initially provided her with strength, she later challenged with questioning. She said she believed this was not disrespectful but constructive for the progression of any religion.

"It is silence," she said, "that leads to large masses of people who can't think for themselves."

She fled to Holland to escape an arranged marriage, and there she

was openly critical of Islam, particularly her belief in its mistreatment of women and the human rights violations that stem from it.

Because of Islam, Ali argued, "women are kept ignorant and dependent,"



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Filmmaker Ayaan Hirsi Ali spoke Monday evening in the Student Life Center about why Islam and democracy are not compatible.

IMPACT SYMPOSIUM

Gen. John Abizaid, who served as commander of the U.S. Central Command for four years, will speak tonight about "Diplomacy, the Military and the Future of the Middle East" in the Student Life Center at 7 p.m. Reza Aslan, who was supposed to speak Tuesday, will also be speaking tonight.

that not all Muslims are guilty of crimes against women and stressed the difference between individual Muslims and the philosophy of Islam. Many Muslims, she noted, do not abide by all the ideologies of Islam. It is the ideology of Islam itself that she blames.

Because of her strong

anti-Islamic stance, Ali's life was threatened several times — but that did not stop her from persevering. She has continued to speak out against the incompatibility of Islam's belief system and the Western democratic philosophy even after her colleague Theo Van Gogh, with whom she teamed to produce the movie "Submission," was murdered on the streets of Amsterdam and a note threatening her life was left on Van Gogh's chest.

In democracy, she said, "we are all bound by the same laws." She does not believe this is the case in Islam since it is founded on the practice of submission to the will of Allah, and universal rights are often not extended to Muslim women and girls.

Ali now calls herself an atheist and strongly supports individual responsibility. She said she believes that a religion is worthy of respect if it provides its followers with happiness and does not infringe on human rights.

Following her speech, opportunity for several student questions arose.

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CAMPUS NEWS BRIEF

Honor Council announces new members

The Honor Council has released their list of new members for the coming school year. They are as follows:

College of Arts and Science: Freshmen

Joya Hampton
Kenny James
Steve Menendez
Christopher Climo
Cramer McCullen
Lauren Gilley
Catherine Parker
Joseph Crivelli
Caroline Tredway
Tommy Obenchain
Christopher Flanagan
Alyssa Fesmire

College of Arts and Science: Sophomore

Alex Barry

College of Arts and Science: Junior

Caroline Fabacher

School of Engineering: Freshmen

Mohammed Rahman
Jennifer Greene

School of Engineering: Sophomore

Jessica Haley

Peabody College: Freshmen

Megan Millard
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Peabody College: Sophomores

Leslie Davidson
Amy Thannisch
Tyler Godoff

Blair School of Music: Freshman

Maria Hibbard

Blair School of Music: Sophomore

Hannah Hickerson

Founders' Day festivities



SAM KIM / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Community members gathered Monday to remember Cornelius Vanderbilt's gift to Bishop Holland McEyre to found the university. After a ceremony, participants enjoyed cake and punch in Kirkland Hall.

'That Takes Ovaries'

Since March is women's history month, student group Gender Matters at Vanderbilt will sponsor "That Takes Ovaries," on Thursday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center.

According to the women's center newsletter, "That Takes Ovaries" is an open-mike movement, a play and a best-selling book focusing on real-life stories from women.

At the event, some students and faculty members will read stories, and others are invited to participate as well. Everyone who shares his or her story gets a chocolate egg wrapped in gold foil — a Golden Ovary award.



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FRIDAY



Mostly Sunny, 69/48

SATURDAY



Partly Cloudy, 60/39

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There is no crime to report.

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compiled by SARA GAST

1 Fed aggressively cuts funds rate by three-fourths of a percentage point

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve on Tuesday slashed a key interest rate by three-fourths of a percentage point, moving aggressively to contain a credit crisis threatening to push the country into a severe recession, The Associated Press reported. The latest action brought the federal funds rate — the interest that banks charge each other — down to 2.25 percent, the lowest point since late 2004.

2 Obama tries to halt damage from pastor's comments, encourages US to break "racial stalemate"

PHILADELPHIA — Barack Obama confronted the nation's racial divide head-on Tuesday, tackling both black grievance and white resentment in a bold effort to quiet a campaign uproar over race and his former pastor's incendiary statements. Standing before a row of eight American flags near the building where the Declaration of Independence was adopted, Obama urged the nation to break "a racial stalemate we've been stuck in for years," The Associated Press reported.

3 Supreme Court justices seem favorable to Second Amendment gun right

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court appeared ready Tuesday to endorse the view that the Second Amendment gives individuals the right to own guns, but was less clear about whether to retain the District of Columbia's ban on handguns, according to The Associated Press. The justices were aware of the historic nature of their undertaking, engaging in an extended 98-minute session of questions and answers that could yield the first definition of the meaning of the Second Amendment in its 216 years.

4 Delta to offer voluntary severance payouts to 30,000 employees; further cut US capacity

ATLANTA — Delta Air Lines, faced with a weak economy, dimmer hopes of a combination with Northwest Airlines and record fuel prices that are eating up profits, told The Associated Press Tuesday it will offer voluntary severance payouts to roughly 30,000 employees — more than half its work force — and cut U.S. capacity by an extra 5 percent. Executives at Atlanta-based Delta said in a memo to employees that the airline's goal is to cut 2,000 jobs.

5 Oscar-winning 'English Patient' director Anthony Minghella dies of hemorrhage at 54

LONDON — Oscar-winning director Anthony Minghella, who turned such literary works as "The English Patient," "The Talented Mr. Ripley" and "Cold Mountain" into acclaimed movies, died Tuesday of a hemorrhage following surgery, The Associated Press reported. He was 54. Minghella's publicist, Jonathan Rutter, said the filmmaker was operated on last week for a growth in his neck.

6 CVS Caremark agrees to settle Medicaid fraud claims for \$37 million

CHICAGO — CVS Caremark Corp. agreed to pay almost \$37 million to nearly two dozen states and the federal government to settle claims that the nation's largest pharmacy chain billed Medicaid programs for a more expensive formulation of an antacid, authorities said Tuesday. According to The Associated Press, Tennessee's TennCare expanded Medicaid program will get \$886,624 to settle the allegations of improper billing.

7 Nissan's Smyrna plant to stop production for 2 days this month

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Nissan Motor Corp. plans to stop production at its Smyrna assembly plant for two days this month to balance inventory levels, company officials said. Workers of the Nashville-based Nissan North America will be able to take vacation or personal days on March 28 and 31 if they have them, The Associated Press reported. Otherwise, their paychecks will reflect two lost days of pay.

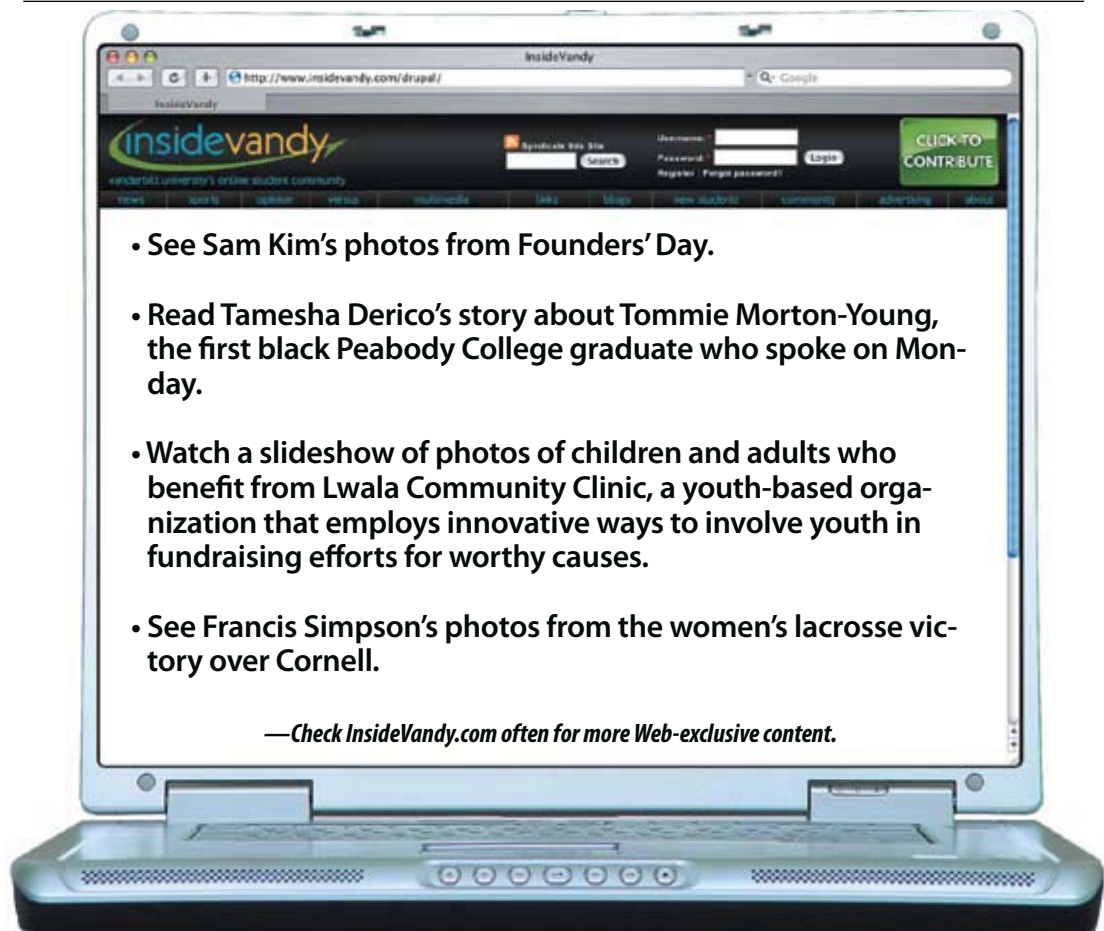
8 NY governor admits affairs with several women; says no laws broken

ALBANY, N.Y. — The state's new governor revealed Tuesday that he had affairs with several women, including a state employee. The confession came a day after he took over from former Gov. Eliot Spitzer, who was driven from office amid a prostitution scandal. Gov. David Paterson said the affairs happened during a rough patch in his marriage, and that the employee did not work for him, according to The Associated Press.

9 Student health alerts students to possible case of meningitis

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — An e-mail sent to the undergraduate student population on Tuesday evening warned students that a "student has been treated for possible meningococcal bacterial disease after being admitted to Vanderbilt University Hospital on Friday." Anyone who had been in recent close contact with Christopher Phare, who lives in Charmichael Tower II was "urged to come to the Student Health Center in a timely fashion to obtain preventive medication free of charge." Meningococcal infection, often referred to as meningitis, is a relatively rare but life-threatening condition that is spread by close contact with an infected person. The Centers for Disease Control defines "contact" as intimate contact or prolonged, close face-to-face contact, as in the case of a roommate or teammate, the e-mail read. "Casual" contacts in the classroom setting or as a spectator at an athletic event would not be considered high-risk contacts.

WHAT'S NEW ON INSIDEVANDY.COM



- See Sam Kim's photos from Founders' Day.
- Read Tamesha Derico's story about Tommie Morton-Young, the first black Peabody College graduate who spoke on Monday.
- Watch a slideshow of photos of children and adults who benefit from Lwala Community Clinic, a youth-based organization that employs innovative ways to involve youth in fundraising efforts for worthy causes.
- See Francis Simpson's photos from the women's lacrosse victory over Cornell.

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LWALA: Locals sponsor clinic

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Ochieng established the Lwala Community Alliance, which provides not only medical services but also educational programs. A project whose purpose is providing clean drinking water for the villagers of Lwala is in the works.

In 2006, 529 villagers were tested for HIV/AIDS, and 32 percent of those were found infected. Along with efforts to prevent the spreading of HIV/AIDS, the Lwala Community Clinic has taken steps to provide care specific to women and children, including vaccinations, family planning, bed net distribution for malaria prevention and prenatal care, and the clinic is planning a maternity ward and health care education for the Lwala villagers.

Frederick Ochieng, however, does not take full credit for his work.

"The effort and sacrifices made by students here (at Vanderbilt) are making a great difference in the lives of many people back

at home," Frederick Ochieng said, referring to the Vanderbilt Students for Kenya alliance, a group that has spent the past two years attempting to raise money for the Lwala Community Clinic. The clinic requires \$50,000 per year to sustain necessary staff, services and supplies.

Last March, SFK held the Lwala Gala as an effort to raise money for the clinic's first year, and with over 500 attendees, succeeded in raising \$25,000. This year, SFK president Lee Karlsson hopes to top that sum.

"We are having the event off-campus (this year) and hope that students will come out with record attendance," Karlsson said.

The second annual Lwala Gala will be held tomorrow, March 20 at Lot 7, a new 12th Avenue club. The event will have live music by the band Moon Taxi, a speech from Milton Ochieng, drink specials for attendees, free appetizers and desserts, a silent auction, and a Vanderbilt student athlete date auction. A clip from "Sons of Lwala," a documentary premiering March 27, will also

be shown. Free transportation will be provided by Friends Against Drunk Driving trolleys, which will run in shifts from Branscomb Quad from 7:45 to 9 p.m.

Karlsson encourages everyone to attend.

"It's a great way to celebrate on a Thursday night, and at the same time (it) benefits Lwala villagers in need of health care," Karlsson said.

Greek organizations receive Derby Days points for attendance, she added as further incentive.

Tickets to the event are \$17 in advance on the Card or \$20 cash at the door.

Frederick Ochieng said he hopes students will continue to support the clinic in its efforts to expand.

"We have seen the power of students in making a difference in the development of the clinic," Ochieng said. ■

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ALI: Several challenge her views on Islam

From ALI, page 1

During this time, Ali was challenged by several Muslim students who indicated disagreement with her speech. It was this portion of the presentation freshman Chelsea Mayo enjoyed the most.

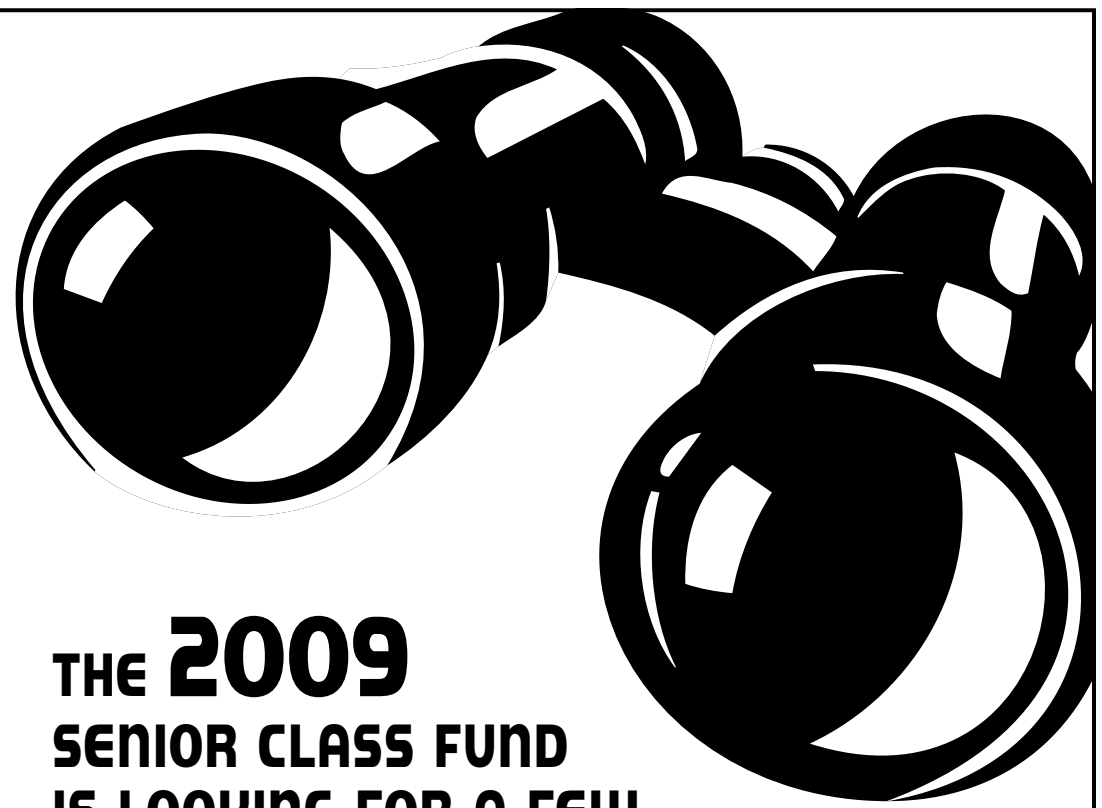
"I thought the debate with Ali and the students asking questions ... was interesting and a key point in her message," Mayo said. ■

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This lecture begins at 6 p.m. and is preceded by a complimentary reception at 5 p.m. in Ingram Hall, Blair School of Music. Parking is available in South Garage (24th Avenue South at Children's Way).

This event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-seated basis.

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OUR VIEW

Ali offers message of liberty

Any speaker who can spark topical, impassioned discussion by means of a controversial and well-articulated perspective will anger some. That type of fervent reaction is the hallmark of a quality speaker. Though not known to many on this campus, Ayaan Hirsi Ali provided an insightful, reasoned argument that carried an important commentary on the nature of disagreement in society.

The controversial Ali alarmed and angered some in attendance, particularly Muslim students, and understandably so as she is such a vociferous critic of Islam. The vehement response of these students was a welcome departure from the apathy typically associated with speakers on campus.

Critically, though, much of what Ali argued hinged on the idea that a constant discourse that respects the individual is the cornerstone of a free society. In speaking on the American Enterprise Institute, what many would term a conservative think tank of which she is a resident fellow, Ali remarked

on her interest in the group for its lively debate and the lack of a uniform platform or agenda. Her commentary on the need for a society in which disagreement and dissension are permitted, rather than forced restriction to the beliefs of the collective, holds a particular relevance in this era of the so-called political polarization.

Ali herself stands at the head of several contradictions, reinforcing her call to rationally examine things for what they are, and not as part of a group mentality. Though a radical critic of Islam and an atheist, she's a fellow at AEI along with deeply religious figures like Newt Gingrich and Fred Thompson. She presents her uniqueness as an individual as the defining characteristic of her identity.

In many ways, the need for the respect of that sanctity of the fellow individual's rights holds up our way of life as Americans. The message to take away is this: We should not shy away from respectful, and at times vehement, disagreement.

COLUMN

Imbalance between authority and public apathy



THOMAS SHATTUCK
Columnist

I've mentioned from time to time my personal insecurities over the omnipresent government surveillance that is slowly becoming the norm. This ranges from the wiretap scandal to the "enemy combatant" status, all alarming (maybe charming?) in their own peculiar way. Each week something new comes up. For example, this week in history brings us a FBI report on tapping VoIP communication systems (like Skype). All things considered, this should be generating some interest in the vast majority of the populace for social and civil reforms — except that it simply hasn't.

I find the situation perplexing. As the government becomes increasingly daring, we, the people, become substantially more docile. It's as if America just wants to be used and manipulated. I understand people are scared and they want safety. I also know the Department of Homeland Security was created and the Patriot Act passed with the promises of a more secure future. What I don't know, however, is why after both of them have generally failed to produce anything more than insubstantial returns, we as citizens still support them. I can understand trading in civil liberties for something, but not for nothing.

Obviously Time reads my articles (or more likely, follows the news, being a news magazine and all) and seems to have picked up on this. Recently, Massimo Calabresi published an article discussing the surprising lack of response to the current erosion of civil liberties. Among many subjects covered in his article, Calabresi brings up a good question: How do we know what is being accomplished with our loss of liberties?

The idea is if we surrender certain rights, most importantly the ability to know whether we are under surveillance, then how can we know if the measures are effective? If the FBI can perpetrate several offenses without having to put forward any records, then the end can hardly justify the means can it? What would you do if you found out phones had been tapped and people detained merely because of a supervisor's professional jealousy? The whole situation starts to eerily parallel the German film "The Lives of Others."

The list of atrocities committed in the name of "Homeland Security" (such an insubstantial phrase), but what can we do? A heck of a lot more. The fact of the matter is that we as citizens implicitly permit the actions of our government through our own personal lack of response. You can claim you didn't know, or weren't sure of what to do, but, to put it simply, you can never shirk personal responsibility. At this point I feel compelled Mario Savio's words from his 1964 speech at Berkeley:

"There is a time when the operation of the machine becomes so odious, makes you so sick at heart, that you can't take part; you can't even passively take part, and you've got to put your bodies upon the gears and upon the wheels, upon the levers, upon all the apparatus, and you've got to make it stop. And you've got to indicate to the people who run it, to the people who own it, that unless you're free, the machine will be prevented from working at all!"

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The 1967 IMPACT
Medora Brown, Guest Columnist

Flipping through the "IMPACT Through the Years" section of the program for this year's series, I ooooo and aaah at pretty much every name I come across. However, by far the best lineup throughout the years was the 1967 symposium "Individual in American Society," featuring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Allen Ginsberg, Strom Thurmond and Stokely Carmichael. This set of men best epitomizes the goals of the Impact symposium: to invite relevant, iconic speakers to treat a contemporarily salient issue from a variety of perspectives. The topic was broad enough that each man could focus his remarks on his particular passion, be that desegregation (violent and nonviolent), segregation at all costs or the power of words (and drugs) to move people. The ideal Impact symposium would be a recreation of this seminal year: either by resurrecting each of these men and having them talk again, or by returning to the star power, relevance and diversity embodied by that collection of speakers.

Mohammad Khatami
Aimee Sobhani, Columnist

My ideal IMPACT speaker would have been Mohammad Khatami, the former president of Iran. Unlike the current — and disturbing — Iranian president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, Khatami attempted (albeit unsuccessfully) to steer his country away from the radically conservative ideas that have governed Iran for the past 30 years and toward reform and innovation. Because of his history as a "reformer," Khatami probably could provide an insightful, informed perspective on the numerous issues that plague Iran and the Middle East as a whole.

By Iran's standards, Khatami was a rebel. He moved away from the typical, confrontational rhetoric expected from Iran and instead acted more conciliatorily. Supposedly, he shook hands with an Israeli and two women — pretty scandalous. Had a more liberal president been elected in Iran, Khatami's small, "liberal" steps probably could have led to friendlier American-Iranian relations.

QUICK SHOTS
One Issue, Four Responses

Who would have been your ideal IMPACT speaker?

Jack Bauer
Justin Poythress, Columnist

The IMPACT program failed to live up to its title, and this is solely the fault of the speaker selection. We need somebody who sees our international quagmire for what it really is. We need somebody who has a fair, unbiased opinion on the way our countries should behave and who always stands by the truth. We need Jack Bauer. Biased? Maybe, but let's look at how many terrorist bombings Jack Bauer has committed versus how many he's stopped. Here is someone with unquestionable credentials. The man has single-handedly saved our country from destruction for six years, and is scheduled to do it for a seventh year next January. Bauer is a man who intimately understands the mindsets behind our cultural division and who always gets results, no matter the cost. Only by following his wise and uncompromising leadership can we better understand our socially backward neighbors to the East.

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COLUMN

Apathy should not be tolerated for widespread human rights violations

AMY SOBHANI
Columnist

I think we are all pretty lucky to be living in the United States. This country can provide us with more opportunities for success than any other in the world. Since most of us live such comfortable lives, we forget that the U.S. is an anomaly, an exception to the rules that govern most of the world.

Many countries, especially African countries, have serious internal problems: civil war, genocide and populations debilitated by AIDS, just to name a few. European colonists left a power vacuum in Africa in the '50s and '60s, and since then strong,

effective governments have failed to materialize. Instability in the region is so pronounced that territorial boundaries and even the names of countries change so quickly it's not unusual to find inaccuracies on a map.

Most countries in Africa are rather unpleasant places to live, and millions are suffering because the prosperous nations of the world see no point in becoming involved financially and militarily. The United Nations, though it attempts to alleviate bad situations every so often, is neither effective nor meaningful at this point, and it is up to individual countries to lead humanitarian efforts.

I'd like to believe the rampant

apathy around the globe stems from unawareness and not from the decision that the problems aren't serious enough to warrant any attention. True, the whole world knows about the horrible situation in Darfur (which still remains a big problem, despite the media coverage), but there are plenty of other crises screaming for attention from the international community.

For example, consider the current situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Instances of sexual violence in this country are simply astounding; in 2006, people reported 27,000 sexual crimes in one DRC province. The sad part of the crisis, other than its sheer magnitude, is that only a

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SOBHANI: Small contributions to various causes, despite government failings, can cause change

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little assistance from the international community is needed to solve the problem. A small donation of either money or supplies could eradicate the problem, but it is unlikely that many governments will care enough to actively pursue a solution.

This is where the general population becomes important. People forget they possess the ability to influence

the government. This is the great thing about democracy; we can (theoretically) have a say in our country's policies.

People can still make a difference even if their governments choose not to wave a magic wand to cure the world's ills. Since when do citizens need to wait for their governments to act? After all, bureaucratic red tape and general impotency are huge barriers in the realm of world

saving. Ordinary people can often raise awareness and funds for worthy causes more efficiently than governments can anyway. Look at Bono. Yes, he is a superstar with a bank account worthy of jealousy, but his money is not responsible for the dedication he shows to solving the world's problems. Anyone with enough drive and motivation can make an impact.

Point of the story: Start

caring, be vocal and be active. Even if you are just purchasing cookies at a bake sale or casually mentioning an issue to your friends, it can make some sort of difference, and your actions can inspire others to help a worthy cause.

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THE VERDICT

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

Cheating the system		High school drop-out, Harold J. Stewart, successfully defended himself in murder trial, despite sister testifying against him.
Tyler Hansbrough		Saturday, the UNC forward earned with distinction the honor of "Worst Post-Game-Winning Shot Celebration Ever." Ever.
VU Speaker's Committee		Ayaan Hirsi Ali brought some awesome with her Monday night to IMPACT and distributed it accordingly.
Interest rates		The Fed cut rates, next thing you know, shawty got low low low low low. Too bad inflation is not interested in grinding.
South Carolina		The state's new Hard Rock amusement park will feature a roller coaster called "Life in the Fast Lane." Will cocaine be involved?
New York Yankees		Entire team attended the Virginia Tech baseball team's season opener as a tribute to the victims of last year's shooting.
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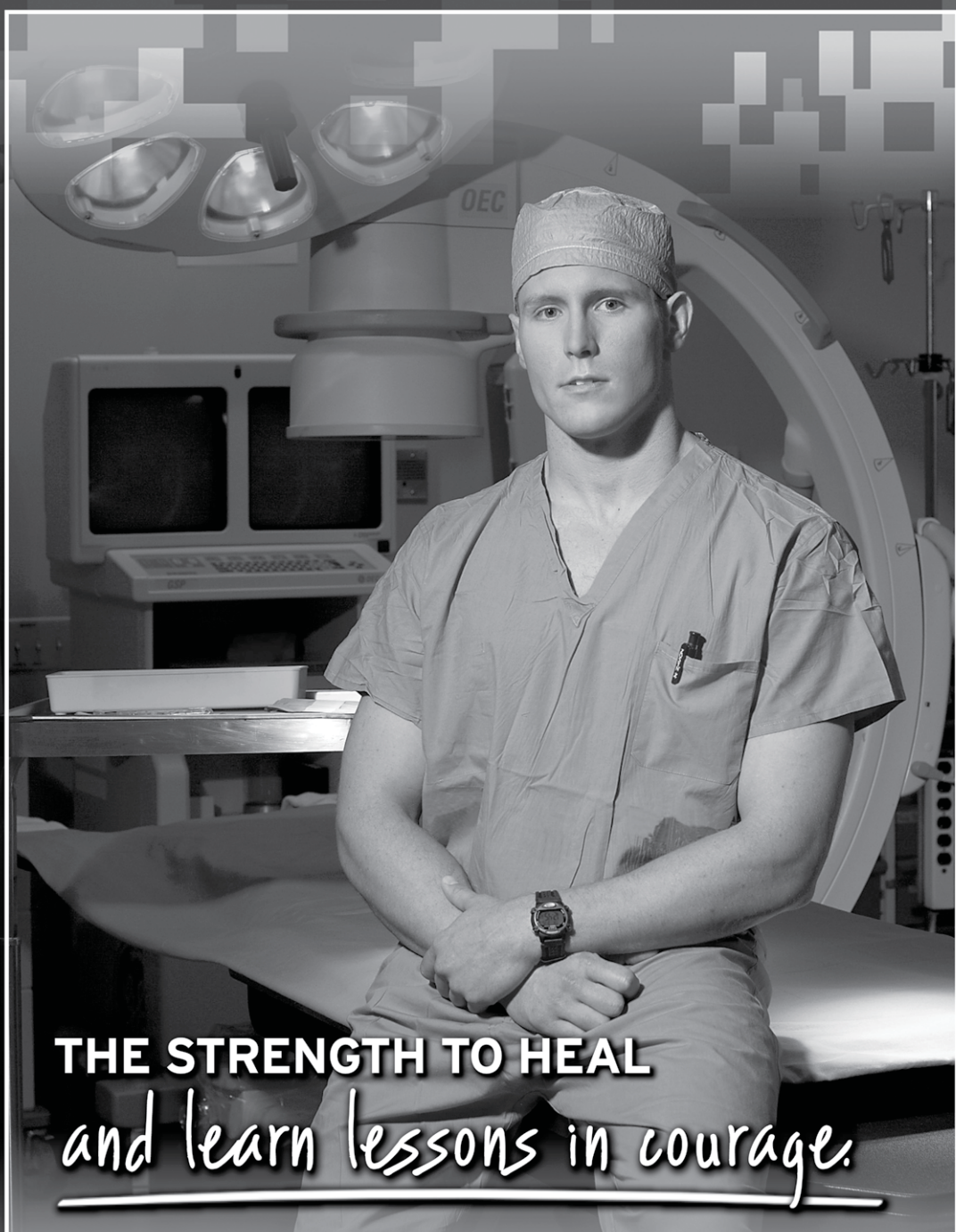
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SPORTS

Foster named Associated Press SEC Player of the Year

Senior sweeps honors after capturing coaches' vote last week.

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Senior wing Shan Foster was named as the Associated Press Player of the Year for the Southeastern Conference in 2007-08, an award Foster also won from the league's coaches last week. Foster joins former Commodore great Dan Langhi as the only Vanderbilt player to win the award from both the media and the coaches.

Foster, along with Langhi, are the only two Vanderbilt players to win Player of the Year honors from the SEC media.

Foster leads the SEC in scoring, 3-point field goals made and 3-point field goal percentage and was recently named as a U.S. Basketball Writers Association Second Team All-American. He was named to the Sporting News Second Team last week, and was honored on the Scout.com First Team before the SEC Tournament.

The AP Player of the Year award caps off a remarkable season by the 6-foot-6 senior from Kenner, La. Earlier this year, he became Vanderbilt's all-time leading scorer, surpassing

former Commodore great Matt Freije, and became the school's leader in 3-point field goals made and attempted. Foster also set the single-season Vanderbilt record for 3-pointers en route to Vanderbilt's best start in school history at 16-0 and a tie with the 1992-93 team for the highest regular season win total (25) since Vanderbilt began playing basketball in 1900-01. He is also two points shy of becoming only the 22nd player to reach the 2,000-point barrier in SEC history.

Foster, who has been named the SEC Player of the Week a record four times in 2007-08, posted the most 20-point games in the league in the regular season (17) and has the highest single-game output in the SEC season after pouring in 42 points in a win over Mississippi State on March 5.

Foster, along with Mississippi State's Jamont Gordon, were the only two players named as unanimous selections to the AP First Team. Richard Hendrix of Alabama, Devan Downey of South Carolina and Chris Lofton and Tyler Smith of Tennessee join Foster and Gordon on the first team.

Vanderbilt's freshman center A.J. Ogilvy, who leads all SEC freshmen in scoring at 17.0 points per game, was named as an honorable mention selection. ■

SEC POSTSEASON AWARDS

FIRST TEAM

Shan Foster, Vanderbilt, F, 6-6, Sr.
Jamont Gordon, Mississippi State, G-F, 6-4, Jr.
Richard Hendrix, Alabama, F, 6-8, Jr.
Chris Lofton, Tennessee, G, 6-2, Sr.
Tyler Smith, Tennessee, F, 6-7, So.
Devan Downey, South Carolina, G, 5-9, So.

SECOND TEAM

Charles Rhodes, Mississippi State, F, 6-8, Sr.
Patrick Patterson, Kentucky, F, 6-9, Fr.
Ramel Bradley, Kentucky, G, 6-2, Sr.
Marcus Thornton, LSU, G, 6-4, Jr.
Nick Calathes, Florida, G-F, 6-6, Fr.
Sonny Weems, Arkansas, F, 6-6, Sr.
Dwayne Curtis, Mississippi, C, 6-8, Sr.

HONORABLE MENTION

Joe Crawford, Kentucky, G, 6-5, Sr.
Sundiata Gaines, Georgia, G, 6-1, Sr.
A.J. Ogilvy, Vanderbilt, C, 6-10, Fr.
Anthony Randolph, LSU, F, 6-10, Fr.
JaJuan Smith, Tennessee, G, 6-2, Sr.
Jarvis Varnado, Mississippi State, C, 6-9, So.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

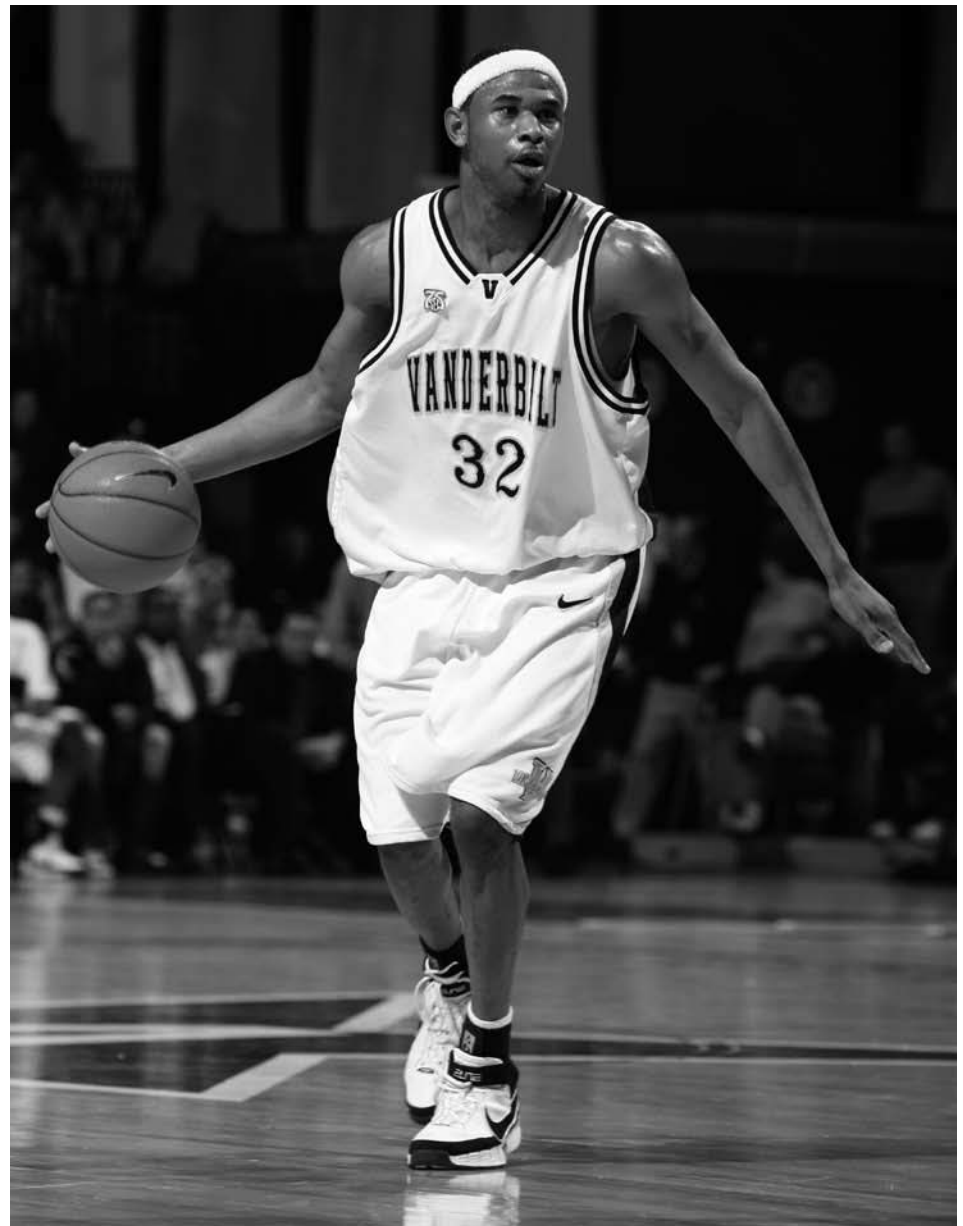
Shan Foster, Vanderbilt

COACH OF THE YEAR

Bruce Pearl, Tennessee

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Nick Calathes, Florida



Shan Foster swept Associated Press SEC Player of the Year awards after garnering the coaches' award last week. He is only the second Vanderbilt player to earn the award from both the media and the coaches.

Dores chew up Cornell 15-6

LAX halts three-game skid with offensive explosion.

by ALEKSEY DUBROVENSKY
Sports Reporter

The Vanderbilt lacrosse team used an impressive offensive display and stifling defense to defeat the visiting Cornell Big Red 15-6 on Monday afternoon at the Vanderbilt Lacrosse Complex. Preseason All-American Margie Curran, a senior, notched her seventh hat trick of the season, scoring three goals and assisting two others, as the Commodores shot an astounding 50 percent from the field, scoring 15 goals on 30 shots.

"The Vanderbilt team I know we're capable of being is back," Vanderbilt coach Cathy Swezey said. "Our girls have taken it upon themselves to stay out here longer during practice and see that shots go in. Maybe that paid off. Our team also stuck to the game plan better than they had the last three games, too."

The offensive breakout followed three consecutive games in which the 10th-ranked Commodores failed to reach double digits in scoring and shot below 25 percent. The match-up with Cornell could not have been any different as nine Commodores tallied goals, including two each by senior Ashley Paschall, junior Cara Giordano, sophomore Sarah Downing and freshman Emily Franke. Others who scored were sophomores Carter Foote, Anastasia Adam, Megan Gibson and Laura Keenan.

"Vanderbilt had a bunch of assisted goals that were really nice," Cornell coach Jenny Graap said. "So many different players scored for Vanderbilt. Everybody was in the scoring column. That proves that they have a very balanced offense, and I give them credit for sharing the ball so well."

The Commodores (6-3) dominated possession, and picked up 21 ground balls to Cornell's 14. They used a patient and resilient offensive attack to fire shots point-blank at the Cornell goalkeeper. Renee Hughes started the game in net for the previously unbeaten Big Red (4-1), but was replaced by Kristen Reese after Hughes gave up her ninth goal 2:22 into the second half.

On the play that sent Hughes packing, Downing launched a shot on net that Hughes stopped, but rebounded out of her reach to her left. Curran scooped up the ground ball and found Giordano unguarded on the right side. Giordano's blast made the score 9-3 and effectively killed any momentum Cornell hoped to salvage during a vocal team meeting during halftime.

"We made the proper cuts to the ball," said senior Sasha Cielak. "We kept everyone on the outside busy



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Senior Margie Curran scored three goals in Monday's 15-6 victory over Cornell, improving the Commodores to 6-3 on the season. The Big Red's defense could not hold Vanderbilt, who will host Penn State on Sunday at noon.

so that we could run it up the middle of the field. Everyone did exactly what they were supposed to today."

Things didn't start well for the Dores, as they appeared lackluster in the opening minutes. A free position shot by Cornell's Kathryn Dewey a mere 37 seconds into the match opened the scoring, and Katherine Simmons scored the first of her three goals less than two minutes later.

However, five different Vanderbilt players would score the next five goals of the game as the Commodores staked out a huge lead that they would not relinquish. After Cornell's Courtney Farrell cut the lead to 5-3, the Dores responded with back-to-back goals by Curran and Foote within a minute of each other to take a 7-3 lead that they took to halftime.

"We were backing each other up all over the field. We had more confidence, we were smarter with the ball and we were looking for our shots," Curran said. "One of our teammates, Jess Demorest, told us that a good team is one that has a lot of success, while a great team is successful after failure. We took that to heart."

The Commodores complete a four game home stand as they open up American Lacrosse Conference play by hosting Penn State on Saturday, March 23 at noon. ■

Taylor named SEC Player of the Week

Commodore player receives honor for second-consecutive week.

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Senior Amanda Taylor has been named Southeastern Conference Women's Tennis Player of the Week as announced by the league office in Birmingham, Ala. The honor marks the second-consecutive week that a Vanderbilt player has received the award as fellow senior Taka Bertrand was named conference player of the week last week.

Taylor, who is currently ranked 22nd nationally in singles, went 2-0 in singles play last week to improve to 11-3 in dual matches. The Richland, Wash., native defeated two ranked opponents on the week. Against Furman, Taylor defeated No. 93 Laura Gioia in straight sets, winning 6-2, 6-2.

Taylor closed out the week with a comeback win over Florida International's No. 88 Liset Brito. After

dropping the first set 6-4 and being down 5-2 in the second set, Taylor came back to win the second set 7-5 and captured the match by winning a 10-point tiebreaker in the third set 10-2. Taylor now has an overall singles record of 18-7 on the season and a career singles record of 98-27.

Taylor becomes the third Commodore to receive weekly recognition from the league office. Junior Courtney Ulery and Bertrand have also received the award from the league this year.

Vanderbilt returns to action this weekend with a pair of conference matches. The Commodores host No. 39 Auburn on Friday at 2:30 p.m. and travel to Tuscaloosa, Ala., to face Alabama on Sunday at 1 p.m. ■



TAYLOR

Women seeded 4th in Spokane Region

Vanderbilt will face Montana on Saturday in the first round in Albuquerque.

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The 20th-ranked women's basketball team has earned a No. 4 seed in the NCAA Tournament and will open postseason play on Saturday, March 22, at Bob King Court in Albuquerque, N.M., against 13th-ranked Montana.

The Commodores (23-8, 11-3 Southeastern Conference) are making their 21st appearance in the NCAA Tournament and their ninth consecutive trip to the Big Dance.

As the No. 4 seed in the Spokane (Wash.) Region, the Commodores will face Montana in Saturday's first round. The winner of that game will

face either No. 5 West Virginia or No. 12 New Mexico in Monday's second round. The winner of Monday's game will advance out of the Albuquerque pod to the Sweet 16 in Spokane, Wash., March 29 through March 31.

Vanderbilt is 2-0 all-time against Montana. The two teams met in 2005 for an NCAA First Round in Seattle, with the Commodores winning, 67-44. Maryland, Stanford and Baylor make up the top three seeds in Spokane Region.

Vanderbilt set a school record with 11 conference wins this season, finishing third in the SEC before advancing to the semifinals of the league tournament. ■

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