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THE WALL

compiled by ADAM WEINSTEIN

THIS WEEK 'A Time to Heal'

Amnesty International is selling flags on the Wall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. 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 Founders' Day celebration

Vanderbilt will celebrate the 135th anniversary of its founding with wreath-placing ceremonies and birthday cake. Participants should meet in the second-floor lobby of Kirkland at 10 a.m. There will be a brief ceremony at the statue of Cornelius Vanderbilt.

TODAY Nightcap Series

Blair String Quartet and Blakemore Trio cellist Felix Wong will be joined by his colleague Amy Jorman and student cellists to perform solo and collaborative works at 7 p.m. in the Steve and Judy Turner Recital Hall at the Blair School of Music.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18 McGill Project Expo

Students are invited to come to the McGill Project from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Ben Schulman Center for Jewish Life to preview presentation research related to McGill Hall's theme: "Unmentionables." Attendees will receive a free Grins food buffet.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18 Global Justice Series: David Reidy

The Responsibility and Global Justice Lecture Series, for which Reidy will speak, is sponsored by the philosophy department and held in the Moore Room of Vanderbilt Law School from 12:10 to 1:30 p.m.

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

Teaching by learning



HUNTER GILPIN/Photo provided

Alumna tries out the "real world" and finds that she learns as almost as much as she teaches her students.

by SARA GAST
News Editor

Hunter Gilpin saw the need for teachers in low-income communities and wanted — maybe even needed — to fill it.

So the Class of 2007 grad applied for Teach for America, and after being accepted, packed her bags and moved to Houston, Texas, to work at a Yes Prep public school, which serves low-income, minority students in sixth to 12th grade.

"I joined Teach for America because I wanted to teach," Gilpin said. "I felt compelled to share all the knowledge I had gained at Vanderbilt with the underserved youth of America, and I knew Teach For America could help me do this."

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Opening Doors

A series of profiles on seniors and recent alumni who are preparing for — or experiencing — life beyond the bubble.

—To see a slideshow and read more of Gilpin's stories about Teach for America, go to:



CAMPUS NEWS BRIEF

Senate confirms Vanderbilt professor Swain's appointment to NEH Council on the Humanities

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The U.S. Senate early Friday morning confirmed the nomination of Carol Swain, Vanderbilt professor of political science and law, to the National Council on the Humanities, Vanderbilt News Service reported. The appointment is for a six-year term.



SWAIN

The 26-member council is the advisory board of the National Endowment for the Humanities. NEH is an independent, grant-making agency of the United States government dedicated to supporting research, education, preservation and public programs in the humanities.

Swain, whose area of academic interest centers on race relations and representation, immigration, and black leadership, was appointed in 2007 to the Tennessee Advisory Committee of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission.

The former high school dropout told The Vanderbilt Hustler in a previous article that it was the encouragement from people she met on her path that took her from a 16-year-old newlywed to a college professor.

"It is a combination of factors (that helped me achieve all I have)," she said. "Some hard work, an element of luck and an element of providence. God has ordered my footsteps and been in control by creating opportunities by opening and closing doors."

—For previous stories on Swain's appointment, go to:



Where will you live next year?

by NORAH SCANLAN
Staff Reporter

Everywhere you go, everybody's talking about it. In the tortellini line at Rand, on the stairs of Buttrick Hall, in Branscomb lobby — talk of housing is inescapable.

No wonder everyone gets stressed about it.

This topic of discussion always evokes anxiety and curiosity as to where students will finally reside, but the concern seems greater this year with the emergence of The Commons and the placement of the freshmen on Peabody campus.

To further clarify the process and address student concerns, Vanderbilt Student Government and the Office of Housing and Residential Education composed "A Guide to the Housing Assignment Process," a yellow booklet that was placed in student mailboxes after spring break. Housing director Jason Jakubowski said the best advice he could give students would be to take the time to read through the guide and familiarize themselves with the deadlines.

He emphasized that the process is time-sensitive, and no ballots will be accepted after the deadlines.

Jakubowski also encouraged students with questions or concerns to visit the housing office.

"Our doors are always open, and it is our main responsibility to educate students on this process," he said.

Jakubowski also stressed that students should compete regardless of point value because with the user-friendly process, competing for each type of housing is easier than it has been in the past.

"Even though seniority still determines the assignment order," he said, "rising sophomores who compete have a chance of getting their preferred accommodation." He also noted the stigma some of the dorms carry will take some time to go away.

"A few years may need to pass before students stop thinking of Kissam Quad, Vanderbilt/Barnard and Branscomb Quad as 'freshman' residence halls," Jakubowski said. "Despite that, we expect to see interest

in these areas from seniors and juniors who are thinking outside the box of old patterns."

By the deadline, the housing office received 646 requests for off-campus housing, 522 of which were granted.

While all students are concerned about their housing, anxiety and dissatisfactions seem to be especially high in the freshman class, whose housing future is uncertain.

"I'm very disappointed about the housing situation," said freshman Julianne McGee. "I wish there were more options for the Class of 2011."

Some freshmen, like James Zack, escaped the anxiety with Mayfield assignments.

"I think the sophomore class got screwed over for housing," Zack said, "so living in a Mayfield will be cool because I get to live with a group of 10 people I picked in a house, and I can avoid the housing process altogether."

All ballots are only accepted on the due dates in 4113 Branscomb Quadrangle, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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—To read more stories on this year's housing changes, go to:



HOUSING DEADLINES

March 17: Carmichael Towers Suite (lime) ballots due by 4:30 p.m.
March 17: Deadline to decline off-campus authorization without penalty
March 19: Check OHARE Web site (www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd) for Carmichael Towers suite order and selection times
March 20: Four-person Chaffin Place, Scales and Vaughn houses suite/apartment (blue) ballots due by 4:30 p.m.
March 20: Local hall selections: Tolman Hall (Tolman TV Lounge, 6 p.m.), Carmichael Towers East (Mr. Hebs, 6 p.m.), Cole Hall (Cole TV Lounge, 7 p.m.)
March 21: Carmichael Towers suite selections (Mr. Hebs, beginning at 1 p.m.)
March 22: Check OHARE Web site for four-person suite/apartment selection order and times
March 24: Room selections: McGill Hall (Branscomb Rec Room, 7 p.m.) and McTyeire Hall (McTyeire Fireplace Lounge, 7 p.m.)
March 25: Two-person Morgan and Lewis houses apartment (pink) ballots due by 4:30 p.m.
March 25: Four-person Chaffin Place, Scales and Vaughn houses selections in Carmichael Towers East (Mr. Hebs, beginning at 5:30 p.m.)
March 27: Check OHARE Web site for two-person Morgan and Lewis houses apartment selection order and times
March 28: Three-person Morgan and Lewis houses apartment (gold) ballots due by 4:30 p.m.
March 28: Two-person Morgan and Lewis houses apartment selections (Mr. Hebs, beginning at 5:30 p.m.)
March 31: Check OHARE Website for three-person Morgan and Lewis houses apartment selection order and times
April 1: Three-person Morgan and Lewis houses apartment selection (Branscomb Rec Room, beginning at 5:30 p.m.)
April 2: Rising sophomore ballots available
April 3: Rising seniors/juniors women's and men's random selection for singles and doubles (Branscomb Rec Room, women 5:30-7:30 p.m., men 7:30-9:30 p.m.)
April 4: Rising sophomore singles/doubles ballots due by 4:30 p.m.
April 6: Check OHARE Website for rising sophomore singles and doubles building assignments and selection times and order
April 8-10: Rising sophomore singles/doubles random selection (Branscomb Rec Room 6-10 p.m.)



To sign up for Vanderbilt's new emergency notification system, go to www.vanderbilt.edu/alertvu

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WEATHER

compiled by ADAM WEINSTEIN

TUESDAY



71/56, Isolated T-Storms/
Wind

WEDNESDAY



61/40, Isolated T-Storms

THURSDAY



Showers, 64/56

VUPD CRIME LOG

compiled by ADAM WEINSTEIN

Friday, March 7, 10:56 a.m.:

Subject has repeatedly made unwanted contact with his ex-girlfriend and was suspected for stalking at the Blair School of Music.

Wednesday, March 12, 11:10 p.m.:

Person was operating a motor vehicle without his license at 21st Avenue and Children's Way.

Thursday, March 13, 1:03 a.m.:

An intoxicated subject refused to pay his cab fare. The driver wanted him out of the back of his cab.

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

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compiled by ADAM WEINSTEIN

1 Dalai Lama calls for probe into China's Tibet crackdown; exiles say 80 killed

BEIJING — The Associated Press reports the Dalai Lama called Sunday for an international investigation into China's crackdown against protesters in Tibet, which he said is facing a "cultural genocide" and where his exiled government said 80 people were killed in the violence.

The demonstrations were the fiercest challenge to Beijing's rule in the region in nearly two decades, leading to sympathy protests elsewhere and embarrassing China ahead of the Olympic Games.

2 McCain visits Baghdad to meet Iraq, US military leaders

BAGHDAD — Sen. John McCain, the presumptive Republican Party nominee for president, arrived in Baghdad on Sunday for an unexpected visit with Iraqi and American leaders, a U.S. official told The Associated Press.

The details of McCain's visit were kept secret for security reasons.

3 Paulson says Fed made the right decision to help Bear Stearns

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson on Sunday defended the Federal Reserve's decision to help rescue Bear Stearns Co., the teetering Wall Street investment bank, according to The Associated Press.

"The right decision here, I am convinced, was the decision that the Fed made, which was to do things, work with market participants to minimize the disruptions," Paulson said.

4 Crews search rubble of Manhattan construction crane collapse that killed 4, injured 17

NEW YORK — Crews with search dogs and heat-sensing cameras sought survivors — or more victims — Sunday in the rubble of an apartment building crushed in a giant crane collapse that killed four people and injured at least 17, The Associated Press reported.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg called the collapse one of the city's worst construction accidents.

5 Pope issues strong appeal for peace in Iraq after archbishop death: 'Enough with the slaughters!'

VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI issued one of his strongest appeals for peace in Iraq on Sunday, days after the body of kidnapped Chaldean Catholic Archbishop Paulos Faraj Rahno was found near the northern city of Mosul.

The pope also denounced the 5-year-long Iraq war, saying it had provoked the complete breakup of Iraqi civilian life, The Associated Press reports.

6 Cheney begins 10-day trip to Mideast with Iran high on the agenda

WASHINGTON — High gasoline prices and prospects for an Israeli-Palestinian peace deal headline Vice President Dick Cheney's trip to the Mideast, but fears about Iran's rising influence will be a key topic of his private talks at each stop.

The Associated Press reports that Cheney left Sunday on a 10-day trip that includes visits to Oman, Saudi Arabia, Israel, the Palestinian territories and Turkey. His trip coincides with the fifth anniversary of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, which has tainted the U.S. image in the Mideast and changed the balance of power in the region.

7 Free concert series 'Nashville in Our Living Room' offers sneak preview of Vanderbilt's new undergraduate experience The Commons

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Student concert committee Nashville in Our Living Room will host its first concert Wednesday, March 26, from 8 to 10 p.m. in the atrium, or "the living room," in the university's new Commons Center.

The free event is open to the public and will feature Nashville-based singer/songwriters Sara Beck and Audrey Spillman. NIOLR plans to host several concerts each semester.

8 National Parks in Northwest assess damage, seek volunteers for repairs after winter storms

YAKIMA, Wash. — The Associated Press reports hundreds of trees blown down by wind exceeding 100 mph. Roads and campgrounds were washed away by swollen rivers. Damages still unknown need to be repaired on backcountry trails.

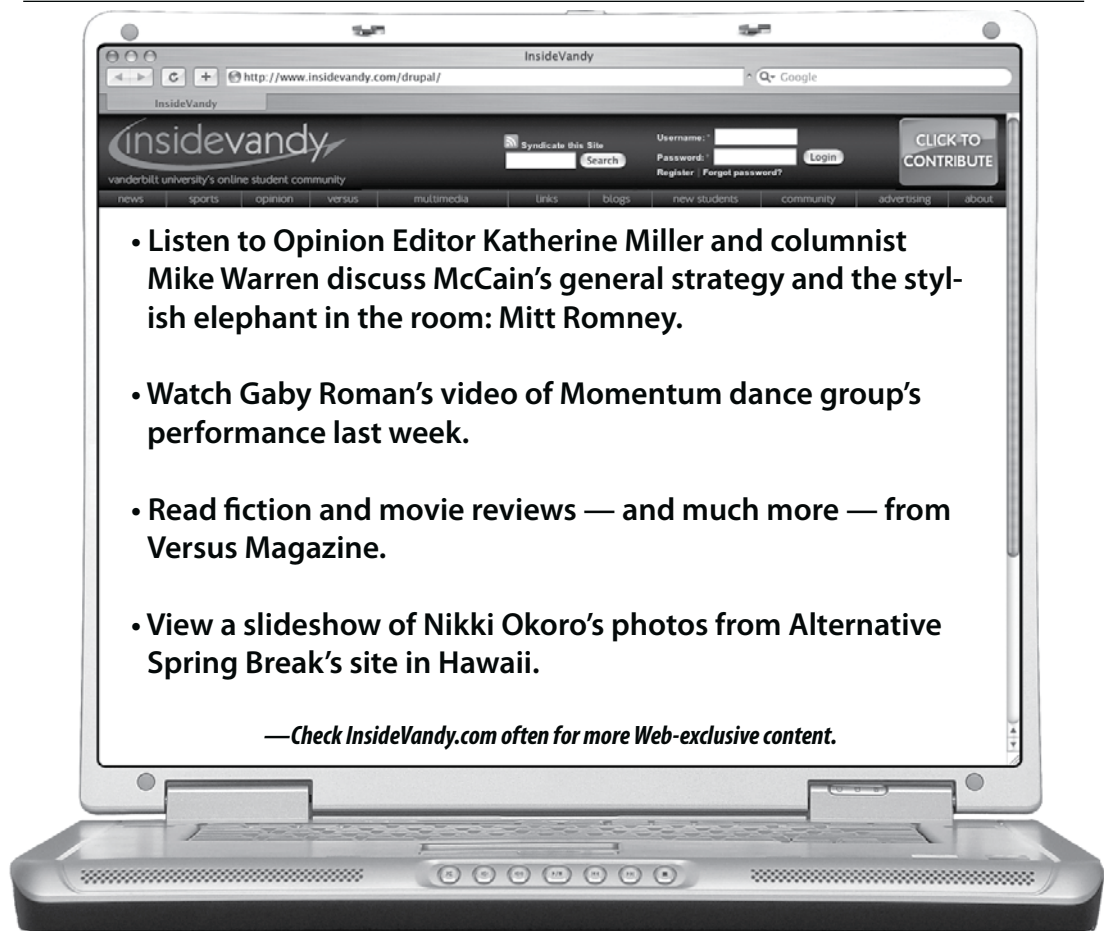
Winter storms have devastated the Pacific Northwest's popular national parks each of the past two years, causing damage that has run into the millions of dollars.

9 Dated Tennessee law not sufficient for dealing with e-mails

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — In Tennessee, the law treats government electronic communication just like any other public record. With some exceptions, e-mails dealing with public business should be open to the public — at least in theory.

But according to The Associated Press, Ann Butterworth, the state's new ombudsman for open records, says the law, which dates to 1957 and was updated in the 1970s, doesn't account for the realities of dealing with e-mail.

WHAT'S NEW ON INSIDEVANDY.COM



- Listen to Opinion Editor Katherine Miller and columnist Mike Warren discuss McCain's general strategy and the stylish elephant in the room: Mitt Romney.
- Watch Gaby Roman's video of Momentum dance group's performance last week.
- Read fiction and movie reviews — and much more — from Versus Magazine.
- View a slideshow of Nikki Okoro's photos from Alternative Spring Break's site in Hawaii.

—Check InsideVandy.com often for more Web-exclusive content.

SNAPSHOT

CLIMBING AND CLEANING



LAUREN FONDRIEST / The Vanderbilt Hustler

A group of 15 students, including senior Kay Robinson and sophomore Caroline Lewis, went climbing in Sand Rock, Ala., Friday and Saturday. The trip included camping and cleaning up the area and was sponsored by the Outdoor Recreation Center.

TO COMMENT ON STORIES,
POST BLOGS AND FIND THE
LATEST NEWS FROM AROUND
CAMPUS, CHECK OUT
InsideVandy.com
Vanderbilt's Online Community

The screenshot shows the InsideVandy website interface with a navigation bar at the top. The main content area features a large multimedia player for a video titled "iDance: Momentum Dance Group" by Gaby Roman. Below the video are sections for "Headlines" (dated Mar 16, 2008), "News" (with a "MORE news" link), "Sports" (with a "MORE sports" link), and "AP Video". There are also advertisements for "two elle" and "ALERTVU WIN an iPhone".

St. Patrick and ... paper?

In keeping with the "green" theme of the day, the Sustainability and Environmental Management Office and Plant Operations, together with several student groups like Students Promoting Environmental Awareness and Recycling, Net Impact, Peabody College, VU Biodiesel Initiative and the Vanderbilt Bookstore, are sponsoring a phone book recycling drive today from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

But it's more than just phone books: In addition to the yellow pages, white pages and Vanderbilt directories, students can bring magazines, files, soft-cover books, hard-cover books, textbooks, newspaper and any kind of paper, white and colored, to be recycled, according to Recycling Coordinator Jennifer Hackett. Paper clips and staples are OK.

There will be dumpsters in three locations to collect the paper: Peabody campus (behind The Commons Dining Center), Branscomb Quad (at the corner of 24th and Vanderbilt Place) and the Divinity School (in the parking lot in front of Divinity near the library).

If students have large amounts of paper to recycle, they can check out a wheeled cart with their student ID at any of the locations.

For questions, students are encouraged to call E.ARTH (3.2784) or e-mail recycle@vanderbilt.edu ■

TEACH FOR AMERICA: Gilpin learns about hardship

From **TEACH FOR AMERICA**, page 1

Teach for America recruits college students nationwide to serve a two-year term as a teacher in one of 26 cities. The program is fairly renowned on campus, where it is both loved as an opportunity to give back and help less-fortunate students and hated since students who have little or no formal education in teaching are entering the same workforce as those who are in Peabody College.

None of that mattered to Gilpin, who said her job as a sixth-grade teacher teaches her just as many lessons as she gives her students.

"It did not take long to realize that I had much to learn," Gilpin said. "Lesson No. 1: 'The only way to lose is to quit trying.'"

As part of her duties, Gilpin works with her students, who "historically (have been) doing really poorly on state tests," to help them achieve passing scores on many state and national exams. She wants to assist in putting them "back on track to succeeding in seventh grade and ultimately attending college."

"Even though we're doing well, to be honest, I still struggle every day to make sure that my students are living up to the potential I know they hold," Gilpin

said. "Nothing comes easy to a group of children who are, on average, three grade levels behind their peers in other, wealthier neighborhoods and by and large are still learning English."

It's the "resiliency" Gilpin sees in her students that encourages her to keep pushing them — and herself.

"One of my students' greatest successes so far has been their change in attitude toward school," Gilpin said. "My students have showed me that they will be successful no matter the hurdles they face because we have taught them the importance of always doing their very best."

Among the other lessons her students have taught her is "whatever you do, be who you are and be about something really important," Gilpin said.

"My students have already taught me so many lessons about hardship, endurance, love and faith this year that I cannot imagine what more I have left to learn," Gilpin said. "However, I have confidence that in the end it will be a lesson in the value of high expectations and hard work."

And she wants other students to look beyond the criticism of Teach for America and see the reason the organization was



HUNTER GILPIN/Photo provided

Hunter Gilpin, in her sixth-grade classroom in Houston, Texas, said she has learned much from her Teach for America experience, including that the students of today are the leaders of tomorrow.

created: for privileged students to use what they learned in college to help those who do not have access to a quality education.

"Vanderbilt students have many options when it comes to the future," Gilpin said. "I cannot help but hope that as many (students) as possible will

choose to improve the prospects of our nation through teaching the highest-need students in our country as part of Teach For America." ■

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Scrabulous may cease to exist on Facebook

by **LAKENDRA SCOTT**
Asst News Editor

Vanderbilt students might lose a time-honored procrastination tool if Hasbro and Mattel prevail in a three-month-long battle of copyrights.

The conflict centers around Scrabulous, a virtual variation of the classic board game Scrabble. The game, created by Jayant and Rajat Agarwalla of India, has become a Facebook favorite and is one of the 10 most used applications on Facebook, according to The Associated Press.

At Vanderbilt, its popularity is no different.

"I like Scrabulous because it is distracting, but I still feel

like I'm doing something productive," said freshman Brittany Norman.

The game has the same guidelines as the board game Scrabble, which requires players to create words with a certain number of randomly selected letters. The online version allows users to play with friends, and due to the lack of a time limit, allows users to challenge their competitors over long periods of time.

The application has 600,000 users and continues to grow in popularity. In light of the recent surge in users, the attempted removal of the game is not being met with much support.

"I really wouldn't want Scrabulous to be removed,"

Norman said. "I've had the application since first semester, and I enjoy using it."

Norman is not alone in her sentiments, but according to Mattel and Hasbro, the companies with the rights to Scrabble, the issue is not with the application's creation but rather with the lack of authority the Agarwalla brothers received to create the virtual version.

According to the AP, Hasbro urges consumers who contact them about Scrabulous to switch to legal Scrabble sites.

"We are not surprised that fans have thoroughly enjoyed playing Scrabulous on Facebook.com," the letter (from Hasbro) said. "What consumers

may not realize, however, is that Scrabulous is an illegally copied online version of the world's most popular word game."

While online Scrabble sites are an alternative to Scrabulous, the accessibility of the game is one of the main reasons it is so popular.

"I like Scrabulous because it's easy to access," said freshman Angela Speranza. "It's on Facebook, so all of my procrastination needs are in one place."

The battle for copyrights is under negotiation, and the two parties hope to reach an agreement, according to the AP.

However, many Scrabulous fans are not taking the legal

action of Hasbro and Mattel lightly.

Fans have started to create protest groups on Facebook, such as "Save Scrabulous" and "Please, God, I Have So Little: Don't Take Scrabulous, Too" in order to show their support for the virtual game.

"I really hope that some sort of agreement is reached," Speranza said. "Scrabulous is one of my favorite applications on Facebook." ■

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OUR VIEW

Housing plays same old song

Housing, often referred to as the most disastrous process on campus but usually in less pleasant terms, is upon us once more; except this year, the lottery is shrouded in even more unsettling ambiguity. Nobody really knows just how the following weeks are going to play out.

We cannot be too surprised by the increased intrigue, of course, with the inaugural year of The Commons fast approaching. Without the traditionally sophomore housing in play, most rising sophomores are left with what some might perceive as a grim set of choices: Branscomb, Kissam and Vandy-Barnard. For rising juniors, of course, the marked decline in living conditions after the sojourn on the Peabody campus of pristine dormitories and the convenience of The Commons Center looms large.

And rising seniors must bank on the idea that they will get the housing they are promised, unlike this past year in which 100 more freshmen than anticipated appeared. It's unclear what the administration will do if the yield rate is greater than The

Commons will accommodate.

The disorganized Office of Housing and Residence Education has done little to minimize the confusion. Numerous students have complained of incorrect amounts of housing points on contracts and a generally disoriented procedure for getting these ballots corrected.

At the same time, the order of the lotteries leaves something to be desired. For instance, why is the three-person Morgan apartment lottery the final one? This past year, rising juniors who did not receive Morgans ended up in doubles on the Peabody campus. Next year, the Peabody campus dorms are obviously unavailable as a consolation prize, so will those few unlucky upperclassmen be placed in Branscomb? Kissam? Reliving freshman year is rarely at the top of any rising junior's list.

Hopefully, this year is just an anomaly, with unavoidable confusion due to the advent of The Commons, and next year won't be filled with the same unnecessary disorder.

COLUMN

Obama's minister preaches a different message



KATHERINE MILLER
Opinion Editor

The Rev. Jeremiah Wright has something to say about America — hopefully, his congregant, Barack Obama, doesn't share the sentiment.

As has now been well reported, in 2003, Wright said the following in a sermon to a nodding, cheering congregation: "The government gives (black men) drugs, builds bigger prisons, passes a three-strike law and then wants us to sing 'God Bless America.' No, no, no. God damn America. That's in the Bible for killing innocent people. God damn America for treating our citizens as less than human. God damn America for as long as she acts like she is God and she is supreme."

The comments, however unrelated Obama wishes them to be to his own beliefs and candidacy, bear a striking similarity to a notable comment from another individual integral to his campaign: "For the first time in my adult life, I am proud of my country."

Michelle Obama's twice-repeated, jubilant denial of pride for America seems cast out of this same uncomfortably dark, cynical place Wright speaks from. I have difficulty fathoming how this distaste for America rests with Obama's message of hope and change — or perhaps it does. Perhaps the Obama campaign has the erstwhile American voter hoodwinked into believing Obama as the perpetual optimist, the kind who transcends the scars of the past and sees something wonderful about this country that can be transformed into something even greater. Comments like his wife's and Wright's, though, make me question if it isn't a little more pessimistic than that; maybe, just maybe, Obama sees something ineffably and fundamentally wrong with this country and envisions himself as uniquely able to change it.

Obama has disavowed Wright's statements, naturally, and gone as far to say that he had no idea Wright had ever said such things. Never mind that Wright introduced Obama to Christianity, married the Obamas, baptized the Obamas' children and inspired the title of Obama's book, "The Audacity of Hope." Admittedly, in this situation, feigning ignorance remains the only tried and true method of somewhat dodging the collective tidal wave of ire from the mainstream media.

But this disavowal masks a larger issue. I am concerned less about the startling, incendiary words from Obama's spiritual advisor, than I am how prepared Obama and his advisers truly are to very potentially be in the White House in less than 12 months.

Despite Obama's condemnation for the remarks he was supposedly unaware of, he has faintly defended Wright himself as a crazy uncle type figure. Anderson Cooper hit precisely on why that defense fails: "Uncles are blood relatives who you're kind of stuck with at family gatherings, even when they say outrageous things. You can't get rid of them. You can walk out of a church. You can walk up to a pastor and say, this is wrong." But, of course, Obama didn't know and "probably" would have done just that, if he had.

Predictably, just as Hillary Clinton doused her Web site with Tide wherever it contained any bit of Eliot Spitzer, Obama has removed any mention of Wright from his website —

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Michigan and Florida will predate the eventual super-delegate fiasco
Andrew Solomon, Columnist

Barack Obama wasn't even on the ballot in Michigan, but I can't really blame him. Having to campaign in Flint is like taking a field trip to a sewage treatment plant. The only reason Hillary is making such a big deal about all this is that after communing with Lucifer, her campaign manager, she was made aware that she might actually have a shot at winning the race.

Not that any of this really matters anyway; I'm just waiting for that wet and wild super-delegate convention to get underway so we can see who's really willing to bare it all for the nomination. The only sad part is that the thought of seeing Hillary naked causes me to convulse uncontrollably, so I hope she's got some smokin' hot aides to replace her in the KY Jelly wrestling competition.

Convenience matters in this case
Thomas Shattuck, Columnist

While I have nothing personal against Florida or Michigan (just Paul Newman), I don't think their delegates should count in the primaries. They were stripped of their delegates for a reason: They moved up without any kind of permission. This isn't exactly inexcusable, but it's not something I feel should be encouraged. It might be harsh, but if the Democratic Party does not take some punitive measures then other states might take an interest into manipulating the calendar. That'd just be a pain in the ass.

It's not a moral issue in any sense. I do not feel that either Michigan or Florida did me wrong in any way. In other circumstances, I'd forget, forgive and let slide, but in this situation in particular, it's not happening. It's a matter of expedience, or pragmatism even. It's just I'd rather not have to deal with this next year. So let's just do something now, and let the people deal with it.

States failed to follow the appropriate rules
Aimee Sobhani, Columnist

As much as the American people would like to uphold the notion that every person has a voice in elections, the fact is that our political system doesn't work like this. There are certain rules that have to be followed, and Michigan and Florida did not follow these rules. Thus, they deserved to lose their delegates in the primary. Neither state should be rewarded for circumventing the political process. If Michigan and Florida get away with their actions, then what will prevent other states from doing whatever they want?

I'm not suggesting that people should follow rules all the time. Obviously, standing up to the establishment is an excellent way to instigate reform. However, there are institutions in place to allow for reform. If Michigan and Florida want to amend the process, they can suggest improvements instead of making their own decisions and depriving their delegates of votes.

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Michigan and Florida represent too much of the electorate
Katherine Miller, Opinion Editor

If history teaches us anything, monumental events will always be tied back to the epic conflict between the Big Ten and the Southeastern Conference.

The Democratic Party is no different in this regard.

Michigan and Florida must be included. I say this not in deference to the special, glowing spot in my Republican heart where Michigan and Florida hold primaries in June thus dragging the nomination out until the Second Coming, but from witnessing the ways of the most litigious people on this planet: Bill and Hillary Clinton. I would wager an ear and a corresponding eyebrow that she sues if her two hollow victories are not included.

Besides, Michigan and Florida are critical, populous states, both of which reflect on the major economic problems and social tensions of the day. If this were California and Ohio, you'd think the apocalypse were upon us the way Nancy Pelosi would moan about it.

QUICK SHOTS

One Issue,
Four Responses

Should Michigan's and Florida's delegates count?

LETTER

Pettiness detracts from efficacy of student leaders

To the Editor:

In light of the recent Vanderbilt Student Government elections, first for president and vice president and then later for senators, an important question has been brought to the forefront: Why doesn't anyone care? With total voter turnout consistently below 35 percent, and oftentimes far worse, VSG representatives and other actively involved students are left to ponder what has gone wrong. Certainly the process could not be made any easier for students — responding to an emailed link from the comfort of their personal computers anytime between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. does not seem like too much to ask. So why doesn't anyone care?

I have had the privilege of recently

being able to obtain an insider's view of VSG from an outsider's perspective. Having a personal relationship with the majority of both the candidates and elected officers has exposed me to the internal politics that consume this student organization. Over the past few months, a number of disputes within the organization — in no way pertaining to or affecting the broader student body — have consumed both the time and attention of our elected leaders. We elected these leaders because we believed in their promises. We supported their goals. Instead what we have been shown is a daily play-by-play of who has angered whom and which side each officer is taking. The news heard from VSG meetings pertains to impeachments,

not improvements.

Yet, unlike a vast majority of our campus, I do not believe our student government sits by aimlessly fighting and getting nothing done. In fact, I know quite the opposite. We have elected groups of students to serve our campus who care deeply about the university and the student experience. So show us. I challenge the members of VSG to keep their fights behind closed doors. They do not affect us. Instead, show us the work you are doing for us each day. Brag. Give the student body a reason to be proud of you, as certainly it is there, and inevitably they will discover they now have a reason to care.

Neily Todd Junior, A&S

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COLUMN

Corporate America avoids all permanence



THOMAS SHATTUCK
Columnist

Walk in, close the door, check my mail, flip the light switch and climb into bed.

This is my usual routine when I decide to go back to my dorm room for the last time for the night. It's monotonous, simple, boring and perfect. That's the way I want it. I have a habit so that in case I accidentally down a bottle of grain alcohol and inhale a vast amount of ether I could still finish my nighttime protocol blindfolded. With all its problems, tradition has its benefits.

Tradition allows people to make decisions without actually considering any factors. It's generally the most expedient route and generally can be done with little opposition. For example, a plethora of trials rely at least partially on precedence set by a previous case. This being said, tradition falls into the class of logical fallacies. Just because an action was performed and worked relatively well in an earlier incident does not imply it is necessarily the right choice in a current situation. There is a necessity to prove the congruities (or incongruities) between the two scenarios and how the differences are trivial enough for both to utilize the solution.

This fact is generally ignored. It's completely overlooked in many areas from politics to consumerism. I know the latter seems a bit of stretch, but consider Motorola. They achieved a measure of success with the RAZR and decided to beat the proverbial dead horse by creating the ROKR, SLVR and RIZR. These latter-day products had little in common with the original with the exception of rather gauche names. The idea seemed to be if you used the same naming system, the customers of the original would be inexplicably compelled to purchase the bastard

stepchild. Looking at the ROKR's sales, this was just straight out wrong. Seriously, as a phone, the ROKR was just not particularly useful — or desirable for that matter.

I lodged a similar complaint against the news-media industry a few weeks ago, so this seems repetitive. This wasn't intentional; it's just that corporate stagnation can be at times rather alarming. Instead of designing new products, companies just love to create nice-sounding taskforces who make slight alterations to a preexisting product and rename it. Not only does this seem to work, they even win awards. Is manipulation of mass consumerism using perceived obsolescence something that should be encouraged? I'd say no, but America seems to say yes.

“Instead of designing new products, companies just love to create nice-sounding taskforces who make slight alterations to a preexisting product and rename it.”

I wish I could stand up and rail against it, but I'm pretty guilty myself. I spend obscene money on clothes that look like regular stuff, just made with exotic blends (like cashmere-silk blended collared shirts). Do I need it? Not really. Do I even want it? That's a little more debatable. We all seem to have this desire to be constantly up-to-date. As if it really mattered if your iPod is a few years old, it still works. We get thrown around by corporations who need a way to avoid products with any lasting effects (hence pop as a music genre). As long as producers make slight derivations of already existing products, we'll just keep buying to keep up with the Joneses. Sinclair Lewis was right — we're pretty much screwed.

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THE RANT



What is on your mind? The Rant is your place to anonymously sound off on any issue you want. Send in your rants with the subject "Rant" to: opinion@vanderbilthustler.com

"Are Vanderbilt men's teams incapable of beating any team from Arkansas? How can we lose to the same lower-seeded team two years in a row? Thank God we got a four-seed."

"Dear NPHC: I am one of the dumb people who paid an appalling \$15 for the step show on Saturday night. I attended last year and thought it was amazing, though starting your event almost an hour late for two years in a row doesn't do much to dispel stereotypes about minorities (myself included in this). Regardless of this, my real problem is with the gross lack of content in your show this year. After paying that much for a campus event, I would at least like to see all of your Greek organizations performing, not just four of them. Where were the Kappas and the AKAs? Also, your host was not funny and quite annoying. I'm glad I wasted three hours of my life to see this crap. And one more thing ... Vanderbilt Staff Steppers? Are you kidding me? Sub-par, at best."

"Hey Dodecs, your flyering is about as wasteful as buying a book written by Oprah. Tone it down to just 1,000 or 2,000 per wall and maybe someone will check it out."

"The NPHC step show's host was horrible. He wasn't funny, he rambled for like 20 minutes and his name was Willie Lynch. Really? Willie Lynch?"

"Like the Ranter on Friday, Housing sent me a letter about previously sending me an incorrect housing ballot and how I needed to go to Branscomb to get another one. I'm going abroad for the entire year next year. It took the Housing people 45 minutes to understand that fact and why it meant that I didn't need a new ballot. Thanks for wasting my time, Housing!"

"Why can't the whole ASB group show up to reorientation? You know, including the site leaders. You'd think they might be able to clear up their schedule for a little while."

Compiled by Katherine Miller

MILLER: Obama team needs political guidance

From MILLER, page 4

formerly, Wright was featured prominently, particularly in the section on Obama and faith. Clinton maneuvered in reaction to a bizarre, unexpected prostitution scandal; her competitor, however, was belatedly responding to comments made more than five years ago. This isn't Geraldine Ferraro, Samantha Power or Bob Cunningham making a stupid, off-the-cuff remark — this is something that's been simmering for decades.

So no one in the Obama campaign knew this material existed? Seriously? They weren't prepared for the off chance that somebody might take offense to Obama's preacher proclaiming, "God damn America" or suggesting America incited the Sept. 11 attacks five days after Sept. 11? They weren't concerned

at all about how the Malcolm X-esque rhetoric might sit with well-educated whites and middle-of-the-road independents? Apparently, this, like the borrowed speeches from Deval Patrick or the Tony Rezko relationship, never seemed to be worthy of a sure-fire political defense plan.

Obama and his advisers are either woefully unprepared for the political demands of the White House or else believe themselves above scrutiny. Neither is all that appealing. They better correct that before November or else, well, maybe Wright's words will resonate a little more with me.

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SPORTS

Baseball claims USC series with 10-4 win

Commodores capture series against Gamecocks for fourth straight year.

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Caleb Cotham struck out nine in 5.2 innings, and Vanderbilt scored 10 runs, keyed by a grand-slam homer by Andrew Giobbi, to defeat South Carolina 10-4 Sunday afternoon at Hawkins Field.

The Commodores (12-4, 2-1 SEC) claimed the Southeastern Conference opening series over the Gamecocks (11-5, 1-2 SEC) and captured the season series over USC for the fourth straight year.

Cotham, making his first start in SEC play, allowed just two runs, one earned on five hits in 5.2 innings with nine strikeouts and two walks to move to 3-0 on the year.

"Caleb did a nice job," said Vanderbilt head coach Tim Corbin. "I thought he was aggressive. He got himself out of trouble in the fourth inning, (and) that was huge. He got those two strikeouts, which I thought was the turning point in the ball game."

Both teams scored a run on a

wild pitch in the first inning and went into the fourth tied at 1-1. SC had a scoring threat when James Darnell doubled and Harley Lail was hit by a pitch, before Andrew Crisp bunted them into scoring position. Cotham then struck out Phil Disher and Scott Wingo to end the threat.

VU carried the momentum into the bottom half, plating four runs to take a 5-1 lead. Shea Robin had a RBI single, and Brian Harris added a two-run single to lead the way.

The Dores added a run in the fifth on a RBI single by Ryan Flaherty. SC got on the board in the top of the sixth on a RBI single by Crisp to make it 6-2.

Giobbi put the game away with his grand slam homer in the seventh, his first homer of the year, to make it 10-2.

Justin Smoak belted a two-run homer to right-center to close out the game scoring.

Giobbi and Flaherty led VU with two hits, while James Darnell led South Carolina with three.

Sean Bierman recorded an out in relief and was followed by Taylor Hill who pitched two innings of scoreless ball.

Vanderbilt will step out of league action with a midweek contest against Lipscomb on Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Hawkins Field. The Commodores will then hit the road next weekend for a three-game SEC series against Alabama. ■



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Junior Ryan Flaherty scored two hits to help lead the Commodores to a 10-4 victory over South Carolina on Sunday at Hawkins Field. Vanderbilt took the series 2-1, with a 4-3 win on Friday.

FRIDAY MARCH 14:

Vanderbilt 4

South Carolina 3

Junior infielder Ryan Flaherty hit a game-tying solo homer in the bottom of the ninth and then coming through with a walk-off single in the 13th to lead the Commodores to a 4-3 win over South Carolina in the Southeastern Conference opener Friday night at Hawkins Field.

The win improved the Commodores to 11-3 overall.

Sophomore infielder Brian Harris walked with one out in the 13th and moved to second on a base hit to left by senior outfielder David Macias. Senior infielder Alex Feinberg then walked to load the bases, before Flaherty roped the game-winning single to right on a full-count to win the game.

SATURDAY MARCH 15:

Vanderbilt 7

South Carolina 16

South Carolina scored five runs in the first and never looked back in a 16-7 victory over Vanderbilt on Saturday afternoon at Hawkins Field.

The Gamecocks (11-4, 1-1 SEC) evened the series up at 1-1 and snapped the Commodores' (11-4, 1-1) five game winning streak.

Ryan Flaherty added a fielder's choice RBI and sophomore Andrew Giobbi an RBI double to make it 16-5. Red-shirt freshman Jordan Wormsley came through with a RBI single in the eighth, and the Dores closed out the scoring with a run in the ninth.

THE RUN DOWN

W2W4

Friday in Tampa, Fla.—No. 4 Vanderbilt vs. No. 13 Siena

The Commodores were validated for their outstanding 2007-2008 regular season campaign with the 4-seed in the Midwest Region of the NCAA Tournament. Their first task will be to take care of an upstart Siena (22-10, 13-5) squad fresh off a MAAC Tournament title. The Saints are led by sophomore swingman Edwin Ubiles, the team's main scoring threat with an average of 17.3 points per game. In addition to containing Ubiles, the key to a Commodore victory — as seen as recently as their loss to Arkansas — will be asserting themselves on the boards. In this case, they will have to keep an eye on Alex Franklin, a sophomore forward who paces the Saints with an average of eight rebounds a game.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Amanda Taylor Women's Tennis

The 35th-ranked player in the nation proved her worth during this past week, as she sparked the Commodores to a three-match win streak and propelled them to their first Southeastern Conference victory of the season. The senior defeated LSU's 18th ranked Megan Falcon 2-6, 7-5, 6-1; Furman's 93rd ranked Laura Gioia 6-2, 6-2; and 88th ranked Liset Brito of Florida International 4-6, 7-5, 1-0 (2).

GAME OF THE WEEK

Baseball — Vanderbilt 4, South Carolina 3 (13 innings)

The Commodores' SEC opener turned into the Ryan Flaherty Show, with the junior showing why he was a first-team preseason All American this season. He blasted a game-tying homerun in the bottom of the ninth, and knocked in the game-winning run in the 13th with a single. In all, Flaherty finished with five hits.

THEY SAID IT...

"At the end of the day, it's basketball. We've just got to keep the confidence no matter what."

Senior guard ALEX GORDON on the team's chances in the NCAA Tournament

DAILY

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Difference in total number of rebounds between Arkansas (45) and Vanderbilt (24) in the Commodores' SEC Tournament quarterfinal loss.

Dores earn No. 4 seed

Vanderbilt sees highest seed since 1993, will play No. 13-seeded Siena in first round of NCAA Tournament.

by DAVID RUTZ
Asst Sports Editor

The Vanderbilt Commodores (26-7, 10-6 Southeastern Conference) received the No. 4 seed in the Midwest region on Sunday for the NCAA Tournament. The seeding is Vanderbilt's highest since receiving a No. 3 seed in 1993, when the Commodores eventually advanced to the Sweet 16.

The Commodores will play the No. 13-seeded Siena Saints in the first round on Friday in Tampa, Fla. Siena won the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference championship to earn an automatic bid. The Saints (22-10, 13-5 MAAC) won six games in a row to end their season and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2002.

Vanderbilt and Siena have had one common opponent this season in the Iona Gaels. Vanderbilt defeated Iona 97-73 at Memorial Gym back on Dec. 31. Siena beat Iona twice on the season, 81-76 on Dec. 9 and 64-51 on Jan. 27.

The top three seeds in

Vanderbilt's region are Big 12 champion Kansas, regular-season Big East champion Georgetown and Big 10 champion Wisconsin, in that order.

The SEC ended up sending six teams to the Big Dance after last-place Georgia shocked everybody by winning the conference championship and earning an automatic bid with a 66-57 win over Arkansas in the final. Despite being SEC champions, the Bulldogs are a No. 14 seed in the West region, facing No. 3 seed Xavier in the first round.

In the East region, regular-season SEC champion Tennessee is the No. 2 seed, and Arkansas earned the No. 9 seed. In the South region, Mississippi State received the No. 8 seed, and Kentucky received the No. 11 seed.

Other opponents of Vanderbilt this season that made the tournament are South Alabama, the No. 10 seed in the East region, and Austin Peay, the Ohio Valley Conference champions and a No. 15 seed in the South region.

The Commodores went 7-4 against tournament teams this season. ■

Wildcats claw the Dores 10-7



FRANCIS SIMPSON / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Vanderbilt lacrosse fell just short this Saturday to the New Hampshire Wildcats, losing 10-7. Stormy conditions prevailed during most of the game, resulting in poor field conditions.

Vanderbilt took 24 shots on net during the game while New Hampshire took only 18. Margie Curran led the Commodores with three goals and one assist; Cara Giordano scored two goals, while Sarah Downing added one goal and one assist, and Carter Foote contributed a goal.

The Commodores today will take on Cornell in the third of their four home-game series at the Vanderbilt Lacrosse Complex.

Vanderbilt upset by Arkansas in SEC play

Razorbacks advance to semifinals after 81-75 victory.

Associated Press

John Pelphrey was looking for his Arkansas team to play tough in the Southeastern Conference Tournament, and the Razorbacks responded in a big way Friday.

Darian Townes and Gary Ervin each scored 18 points, and Arkansas dominated No. 18 Vanderbilt inside, winning 81-75 to advance to the SEC Tournament semifinals.

The Razorbacks (21-10) rolled to a 45-24 rebounding edge and outscored the Commodores 50-20 in the paint.

"We've had a tough time at times this year, especially on the road, being tough when we need to be tough," Pelphrey said. "Tonight I thought we were."

Arkansas will play No. 4 Tennessee in the next round after probably ending any question about its worthiness for the NCAA Tournament.

Townes and Sonny Weems each had five offensive rebounds; Vanderbilt had only six.

"We got beaten badly on the boards," said Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings. "We gave them way too many second chances, third chances and fourth chances. That was the difference. They pounded us on the boards. It was a total breakdown on our part."

Vanderbilt couldn't overcome the Razorbacks' advantage inside, especially with SEC scoring leader Shan Foster scoring only 14 points, six below his average.

Alex Gordon led Vanderbilt (26-7) with 22 points. He had two 3-pointers and another long jumper in the final minute.

"We obviously have some work to do, but we are a good team," Gordon said.

Foster was only 4-of-10 from the field.

"I don't think we can expect Shan Foster to be Superman every night," Stallings said.

The Commodores rallied to tie it twice in the second half, the last time at 58-58 on a 3-pointer by Gordon. But Ervin answered with back-to-back baskets, including a 3-pointer.

The Razorbacks made 10 of 12 free throws in the final minute after making only 3-of-7 in the first half. They finished 19-of-28 from the line for the game.

"I thought outside of fouling way too much in the first half we played very good basketball, and it was good team basketball," Pelphrey said.

Ervin said the Razorbacks were not thinking about their NCAA Tournament hopes.

"We wanted to come out with a sense of urgency to win a basketball game; that was the only thing that was on our minds," Ervin said. "We just wish we could have done the



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vanderbilt forward Ross Neltner and Arkansas center Michael Washington vie for a rebound in the first half of a men's Southeastern Conference basketball tournament game in the Georgia Dome in Atlanta on Friday.

same thing during the season: play smart basketball, play with that intensity and that urgency to win ballgames."

Charles Thomas finished with 13 points for Arkansas, which has won eight of the last nine in the series, including a home win over Vanderbilt on March 1. Arkansas also beat Vanderbilt in last year's quarterfinals.

Patrick Beverley and Stefan Welsh had 11 points apiece for the Razorbacks.

Pelphrey said Beverley remained in the game despite dislocating his jaw.

Vanderbilt had only nine field goals in the first half but stayed close by making 16 of 19 free throws. Arkansas led 40-36 at the break on the strength of its 28-12 advantage in the paint.

"Their presence at the basket makes everything hard," Stallings said. "It's not as easy to get things right at the basket against them as it is against lots of teams."

The Razorbacks lost 93-71 to Tennessee on Feb. 13. The Volunteers advanced to the tourney semis with an 89-87 victory over South Carolina on Friday. ■

Men's golf wins in Kauai

Johnson earn medalist honors in Hawaii tournament.

VUCommodores.com

The Vanderbilt men's golf team earned its first tournament victory under head coach Tom Shaw on Saturday, winning the 2008 Kauai Collegiate Cup at the Wailua Golf Course.

Sophomore Hudson Johnson earned medalist honors in the event, shooting a three-round total of six-under 210 on Wailua's 6,991-yards, par-72 layout. Johnson led the Commodores in Saturday's third and final round by shooting a nine-under 63. The Longview, Texas, native tied the Commodores' 18-hole record, held by former All-American Luke List, and broke Wailua's tournament course record (championship tees).

"It feels great to get the win," Shaw said. "It has been a long time since we have had the lead going into the final round, and the guys played fantastic today. It was fun to watch, especially Hudson's record-breaking performance."

The Commodores led the event wire-to-wire. Vanderbilt opened up a nine-stroke lead after the first 18 holes, adding three strokes to that advantage in Friday's second round. Saturday's nine-under 279 helped the Commodores again expand their advantage to the final 28-stroke margin over 2007

champion Oklahoma Christian. Junior All-American Jon Curran, who won his first collegiate event two weeks ago, was also under-par for the tournament. His one-over 73 on Saturday put him at two-under 214 for the 54-hole event. Curran placed in a tie for second in the 59-player field, four strokes behind his teammate Johnson.

Senior Billy Whalen shot even par for the two-day tournament. After starting at three-over for the opening 18 holes, Whalen battled back to shoot 69 and 72 over the final 36 holes and finish in a tie for fifth place. Whalen, Curran and Johnson were all named to the All-Tournament team.

Freshman Ryan Haselden also shot under par on Saturday. The Houston product carded his second one-under 71 of the weekend, finishing at plus-three 219 for the event, good enough for his first collegiate Top 10 finish. Sophomore Chris Rockwell tied for 12th place in the event with a seven-over 223.

Wailua is the oldest golf course in Hawaii outside of the island of Oahu. The premier public golf course in Hawaii, Wailua was designed by Hawaii golf legends Toyo Shirai and Francis H.I. Brown and is regularly ranked as one of the top public courses in the world. ■

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19 Insider's advice
20 Undermines
22 Bloodsucker
24 Before, before
25 Used straws
26 Big Bird's whereabouts
32 Calm intervals
33 Non-member
37 Dental exam?
38 Picks out
40 Baby's call
41 Willis movie, "The Last ___"
43 Dutch flower
44 Optimus Prime and his cohorts
47 Street market
50 Rope-a-dope pugilist
51 Bradley and Epps
52 Climbers
58 Siesta
59 Vietnam's capital
61 Eastman's camera
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4 Western alliance letters
5 Methods
6 Emblems
7 Actor Rob
8 Bauxite and galena

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- 9 City in GA
10 Calculates a score
11 Prepare to take notice?
12 Turn up
13 Recorded letters
21 Exist
23 Most favorable
25 Solidifies
26 Mess maker
27 Continental cash
28 Do in a dragon
29 Nothing but headlines
30 Sounds a horn
31 Worn track
34 Disney chipmunk
35 Abu Dhabi ruler
36 Knocks
38 Fly high
39 Play on words
42 Auto collisions
43 Bauble
45 Skin treatment
46 Bullring cheer
47 Skeleton
- 48 Gather
49 Composer of "Weasels Ripped My Flesh"
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53 Agronomist's concern
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