

FACULTY

Vanderbilt professor garners Ig Nobel Prize for humorous research

Study reports on annoying sound of nails on a chalkboard.

By Ryan Farha
STAFF REPORTER

Vanderbilt psychologist Randolph Blake's research on the chilling sound of fingernails scraping a chalkboard has earned him the highly sought after Ig Nobel Prize.

The Society for Improbable Research receives six to seven thousand nominations each year for the Ig Nobel Prize, giving out just 10 awards in 2006.

The ceremony, which was held at Harvard University, drew a crowd of over 1,200 people, including actual Nobel Laureates, and featured a live demonstration of people scraping their fingernails on a chalkboard.



BLAKE

Give n out every year since 1991, the prize rewards those whose achievements "first make people laugh, and then make them think."

Blake said that he was caught by surprise upon learning that he won the award for research he completed in 1986.

"I was astounded," he said. "I had pretty much, but not completely, forgotten about it, and I'm not even working in that area anymore."

Blake said that while the award does not carry the same significance as an actual Nobel Prize, it is still important.

"It's certainly not important in the sense that the Nobel Prize is important," he said. "I think it's

highly useful though because what it demonstrates is that meaningful, legitimate science can also be fun."

Blake's research was originally published in the journal Perception & Psychophysics while he was a professor at Northwestern University. The study, entitled "Psychoacoustics of a chilling sound," aimed to shed light on why the sound of fingernails on a chalkboard is so disconcerting for most people.

"There's no reason in the world why fingernails on a chalkboard should make you cringe, just like there's no reason why watching somebody else yawn should make you want to yawn," Blake said.

He and his colleagues, Lynn Halpern and James Hillenbrand, found that the middle frequencies of the noise were more unpleasant to subjects than the high frequencies were.

The study speculated that, since these middle frequencies resembled macaque monkeys' warning cries, the noise could be so repulsive because it causes an automatic reaction, triggered by the imminent approach of a predator.

Nevertheless, Blake said that the question ultimately remains unanswered.

Blake said that he was initially somewhat skeptical of the prize, whose name is derived from the word "ignoble."

"My concern was that it would end up being kind of an award that would mock the scientific discoveries, but the intention is to have fun, but it's not to belittle them," he said. "I think it's a play on words." ■

VANDERBILT VISIONS

Fulfilling the Vision?



JONATHAN DIETZ / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Grant Lyons and his VUcept group met Tuesday for their weekly Vanderbilt Visions meeting with a faculty adviser.

Faculty and student participants in the new Vanderbilt Visions extended orientation program evaluate the success of the project at mid-semester.

By Harish Krishnamoorthi
STAFF REPORTER

Faculty members and first-year students have expressed mixed opinions on the Vanderbilt Visions program after two months of participation.

Vanderbilt Visions is a new, extended freshman orientation program that brings VUcept groups together once per week to discuss assigned readings and topics that relate to college life.

Sharon Shields, assistant provost for service learning in Peabody College, said that it has been difficult to bring students from different campus groups together in a meaningful discussion, especially when the groups are so large.

"I think it's really hard to build community with people from

different groups around campus," she said. "There are only two other students in my group that see each other outside of this meeting. I was hoping for a program that could develop better relationships."

Shields also said, "In a perfect world, it would be nice to see the groups smaller. It would make for a more engaging, intimate situation between the co-facilitators and their groups."

One criticism put forth by freshman Jim Wiggington is that the topics covered in Visions sessions are irrelevant to college life.

"Sometimes we stay on topic, but most of the time we stray far off topic," he said. "Sometimes the topics are like, who cares?"

Shields agreed and said she sometimes found the discussion disengaging.

"I think that for some of the students, some of the feedback I have received is that there are other topics they would be much rather engaged in, that they have certain viewpoints on certain issues," she said.

Philosophy professor John Lachs said that the nature of the session topics makes it easier for the program to become "Mickey Mouse."

"When you put on a program like this, you want to be careful not to make it a 'Mickey Mouse' program," he said. "It's not all that clear to me how much more you can say about these topics."

However, Lachs did see Visions as a forum for successful student-faculty interaction.

"You meet with the freshmen and talk about things that are related to topics of the week for them to see that older adults take an interest in

them," he said. "It's just possible that some of these people have never had a genuine adult take an active interest in them, and the idea that they have someone to turn to in a somewhat hostile environment is important to them."

Lachs also said that Visions may need to be modified before the Class of 2011 enters Vanderbilt next August, but in his view, the effectiveness of the program will be hard to evaluate.

"I think that everything we do in life is experimental," he said. "We have to come back next year and see if there is any significant improvement in the statistics, but even then in assessing the change in statistics, we don't know if the change is due to Vanderbilt Visions or something else." ■

RANKINGS

Vanderbilt jumps 61 places in Times of London ranking

Increase puts Vanderbilt in top 55 universities in the world.

By Eve Attermann
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Vanderbilt climbed 61 places this year, to number 53, in the Times of London's ranking of world universities.

The ranking takes into account student to faculty ratio, peer review scores, graduate recruiter reviews, citations of academic papers and percentage of international students and faculty.

Vanderbilt was also ranked the number 26 university in North America and the number nine university in the world for student-to-faculty ratio.

Vanderbilt's improved student-to-faculty ratio is most responsible for its 61-spot rise, said Associate Provost for Enrollment and Dean of Admissions Douglas Christiansen. As of last fall, Vanderbilt had a nine-to-one ratio of students to faculty.

Christiansen also said that the relatively recent creation of this particular rankings system contributed to Vanderbilt's drastic climb.

"With US News, you wouldn't see a jump like this at all," he said. "The Times is a newer survey, and I think that each year they continue to do it, you'll see less volatility and jumping around."

Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs Michael Schoenfeld said the rankings did not surprise him.

"A lot has been happening in the way of new faculty and changes in student body, and we are being recognized by the rest of higher education," he said.

As for how important these rankings are to the university, both Schoenfeld and Christiansen agreed that they greatly influence how other institutions and prospective students regard Vanderbilt.

Both also said that a ranking system, however influential, is far from the ideal way to judge a university.

"Rankings are an imperfect measure of the quality of an institution, but if there are going to be rankings, we want to be on them," Schoenfeld said.

Christiansen said prospective students should value their happiness more than rankings.

"I hope that people, when they do their college selection process, are more interested in where they will be happy and where they can contribute as opposed to where this ranking was 30, or this ranking was 35," he said. ■



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Obinna Ubabukoh shaved his beard in the shape of a lightning bolt to raise money for Red Cross, Red Crescent and Magen David Adom.

Beard auction raises money for victims of Israel-Lebanon conflict as part of Interfaith dinner Tuesday

CULTURE

"Still Black at Yale" documentary shown Thursday in Black Cultural Center

Event organizers hope for diverse turnout, spirited discussion.

By Kay Robinson
STAFF REPORTER

"Still Black at Yale," a short student-produced documentary, will be shown Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center.

The film, produced by recent Yale University graduates, discusses the pressures and prejudices facing black students at primarily white universities such as Yale.

Filmmakers Andia Winslow and Monique Walton produced the film in order to update the stories and experiences highlighted in the 1974 documentary "Black at Yale."

While the individual stories are different, the 2004 film addresses similar themes: the experience of being black at a predominately white, elite university and the obstacles faced on campus and in the community.

Both Winslow and Walton will be available to lead a dialogue on the issues addressed in the film after the screening.

Graduate student Steven Chambers viewed the documentary this summer and was instrumental in bringing it to Vanderbilt.

Chambers said that because parallels can be drawn between the experiences of black students at Yale to the experiences of Vanderbilt students, he hopes to spark a discussion that will lead to a similar project on Vanderbilt's campus.

"We were talking about some of the racial issues on campus, and we

thought we could definitely relate to some of the things in the documentary," Chambers said.

Likewise, Frank Dobson, director of the BCC, pointed to some of the similarities between Vanderbilt and Yale as part of the reason the film is so relevant here.

"In terms of whether or not the experiences are the same, I don't know, but I'm hoping we don't get a room just full of blacks here so we can actually get a dialogue going," he said.

Chambers also said that since he has heard black students complain about instances of racism and stereotyping on campus, he hopes the screening will serve to motivate people.

"I've heard other students ask black students they haven't seen around if they go to Tennessee State University and ask black males what sports they play, as if the only reason they could be here was on an athletic scholarship," he said.

Chambers also mentioned an instance last year when a fight at Alpha Phi Alpha, a traditionally black fraternity, was covered in a front-page story in The Vanderbilt Hustler. He said the same night a white fraternity pulled a prank that insulted the Schulman Center for Jewish Life but received no immediate publicity.

"When you see the issues are real, it sort of opens your eyes," he said. ■



QUOTABLE

"All of us in this country want our classrooms to be gentle places of learning — places where people not only learn the basics — basic skills necessary to become productive citizens — but learn to relate to one another. Our parents, I know, want to be able to send their child or children to schools that are safe places."

—President George Bush

Bush called experts together Tuesday for a conference on school safety after shootings at schools in Wisconsin, Colorado and Pennsylvania.

Source: THE TENNESSEAN

NOTABLE

Chancellor Gordon Gee's daughter, Dr. Rebekah Gee, was married Saturday to Dr. Allan Frederick Moore at Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral in Nashville.

Dr. Gee, 30, an obstetrician and gynecologist, is keeping her name. She is a Robert Wood Johnson clinical scholar at the University of Pennsylvania and sees patients at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Philadelphia. She graduated from Columbia, where she also received a master's degree. She received her medical degree from Cornell.

Dr. Moore, 29, is a fellow in endocrinology at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, where the couple met as medical residents. He graduated from the University of Virginia and received his medical degree from Vanderbilt.

Source: THE NEW YORK TIMES

WEATHER FORECAST

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TODAY IN THE BUBBLE

Compiled by Allison Smith

Check out the VandyRides board to find carpool home

Find a ride home for Fall, Thanksgiving or Winter breaks this year by accessing the SGA-sponsored VandyRides board at www.vanderbilt.edu/sga.

SGA to run Fall Break airport shuttles

Shuttles to the airport will run Friday, Oct. 13 between 12 and 6 p.m. Shuttles will leave from Branscomb Circle every hour on the hour, with additional buses leaving at 3:30, 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. On Tuesday, Oct. 17, shuttles will leave from the ground transportation level of the airport every hour on the hour between 2 and 8 p.m. to come back to campus. On both days, continuous shuttles will run between North Hall and Branscomb for students living on Peabody. Shuttles cost \$2 to ride, payable in cash or CabCash.

New Africa Speaker Series opens Thursday

Guest Lecturer Clifton Crais, professor of African history at Emory University, will address students in a speech entitled "Reflections of Colonial Violence and Economic Chance: The South African Peasantry Revisited." The event will take place Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center Auditorium.

Kensington Avenue towing to commence Tuesday, Oct. 17

Due to Homecoming activities, Kensington Avenue will be closed off from Tuesday, Oct. 17 to Saturday, Oct. 21. Cars must be moved from this street at the beginning of Fall Break. Any cars left on Kensington will be ticketed and towed on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 7 a.m. Be prepared to park in another F permit lot throughout Fall Break and Homecoming week.

African Students Union sponsors lunch today

ASU will hold a free lunch today from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Sarratt 116 in order to educate students about upcoming campus events and community involvement opportunities. For more information, visit the ASU Web site at www.vanderbilt.edu/Students/Organizations/asu.

Fall Film Series shows "The Motorcycle Diaries"

The Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies will show "The Motorcycle Diaries" tonight at 7 p.m. in Wilson Hall, room 103. Based on a true life story, "The Motorcycle Diaries" is an inspiring and thrilling adventure that traces the youthful origins of a revolutionary spirit. The film follows two daring friends, Ernesto "Che" Guevara and Alberto Granado, who hop on the back of a beat-up motorcycle for a road trip across Latin America.

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

VUPD CRIME LOG

Compiled by Allison Smith

Oct. 8, 12:51 a.m.—An incident of disorderly conduct occurred at Morgan House in Highland Quad. The suspect has been identified, and the investigation is currently inactive.

Oct. 8, 11 p.m.—A laptop computer, an iPod and iPod speakers were stolen from Branscomb Quad. The suspect is unknown, and the investigation remains active.

Oct. 9, 7:20 a.m.—Money was stolen in the Bill Wilkerson Center, a part of the Vanderbilt University Medical Center. The suspect is unknown, and the investigation remains active.

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

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SAFETY

VUPD releases crime statistics for last three years, offers campus safety tips

Crime statistics show an increase in assault and drug violations.

By Harish Krishnamoorthi
STAFF REPORTER

Vanderbilt University Police Department recently published "Security at Vanderbilt," which details annual statistics of various crimes, including assault offenses and liquor law violations, for the past three years.

The booklet provides information on security-related services in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. Its aim is to enhance students' personal safety while at Vanderbilt.

Also included in the booklet are risk reduction tips to maintain personal safety, campus emergency contact information, VUPD response times, and policies on drugs and weapons.

One of the most drastic statistical increases contained in the report is the rapid increase in liquor law violations. In 2003, there were 20 reported liquor law violations. This increased to 317 in 2004 and 322 in 2005.

"The reason for that is the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation," said Andrew Atwood, captain of VUPD's Community Relations Division. "There was a clarification by universities that basically any type of discipline referral was to be shown on the crime statistics."

"The 20 were incidents that were actual liquor law violation reports we took," he said. "The bulk

of the 317 involved other departments in the university."

More gradual increases occurred with assault offenses, which rose from 134 to 162 registered crimes from 2003 to 2005. Drug and narcotic violations have also seen an increase during the same time period, increasing from 44 to 132 violations over the past three years.

Atwood said that VUPD strives to respond to any increase in crime in the most effective way possible.

"Naturally, any time we have any crime occur, especially personal crimes, we're going to look at the situation and see what actions we can take as a department," Atwood said. "With the last few security alerts, we have put the PAC team out there. We will take a look at what's going on and adjust our patrol characteristics."

However, not all of the statistics reported in "Security at Vanderbilt" represent an increase in crime.

Forcible sex offenses on campus have decreased in the past three years from 26 in 2003 to 20 offenses in 2005. Incidents of motor vehicle theft have also decreased from 30 to 18 in the same time period.

Regardless, Atwood said VUPD has not drastically changed its policies or procedures as a response to these statistics.

The booklet can be downloaded from the VUPD Web site or picked up at the police department. ■

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Source: Security at Vanderbilt

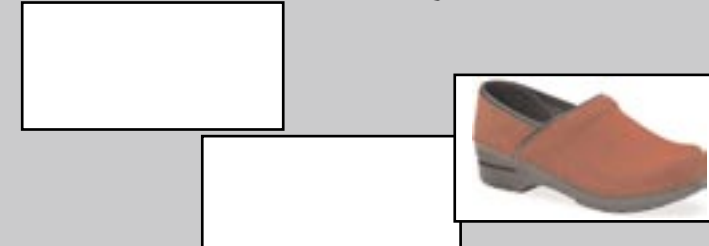
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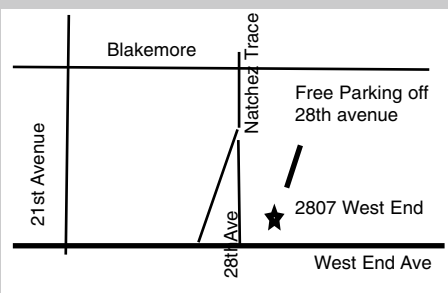
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NATION

Secretary of Education outlines comprehensive higher ed reforms

Spellings report calls for increased affordability, accessibility.

By Becky Tyrrell
STAFF REPORTER

U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings recently outlined comprehensive education reforms that are expected to redefine the college experience.

As one of the most wide-ranging education reforms in decades, the plan focuses on accountability, accessibility and affordability in higher education.

A report submitted by the Commission on the Future of Higher Education, a 19-member panel that Spellings appointed, demonstrated the need for her proposal.

The commission acknowledged that even though many aspects of U.S. higher education are the envy of the world, serious work needs to be done.

William Doyle, assistant professor of higher education at Vanderbilt, said the plan — which includes reining in tuition, improving access and graduation rates, and doing more to demonstrate the value of higher education — is just the beginning in higher education reform.

“This shows us the areas higher education needs to focus on,” Doyle, a former senior policy analyst at the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, said. “There’s no real conclusion to be drawn about exactly what kind of legislation we’re going to see or exactly what the feds are going to do to get colleges and universities to change their behavior.”

“But we do know that some of the touch-points are going to be the affordability of higher education, the ability of students to move through and complete their degrees, and ways to measure and hold colleges accountable for the quality of education they provide to students,” he said.

Vanderbilt should work on developing strategies for implementing the suggestions outlined in the report, Doyle said.

“Thinking about and developing ways to measure higher education outcomes is an important thing that Vanderbilt can do,” he said. “Most of what can be done here is leadership by example.”

Doyle said tuition spikes, which outpace even those in health care, have created widespread agreement about a need for reform, and he cited the financial aid system as a main target for change.

“One of the big problems with the loan program is that it’s so arcane, so complex, that it’s a place where a lot of money gets wasted,” he said. “Simplifying those structures is a really straightforward place to start, and I think we can expect to see some real action on that in the near future.”

In addition to simplifying the loan process, Spellings’ changes include notifying students of their estimated aid eligibility before spring of their senior year of high school and developing consistent affordability measures.

Affordability and accessibility are closely connected, Doyle said, and for low-income students, the question is not where they’re going to college, but whether they will go at all.

Students in this category, he said, are very responsive to changes in price.

In order to make higher education more accessible to all Americans, Spellings proposed a number of strategies.

These included strengthening K-12 preparation to align high school standards with college expectations, expanding successful principles of the No Child Left Behind Act to high schools, and raising awareness and mobilizing leadership to identify strategies and programs that work.

The reform plan also demands new college and university ranking standards.

Currently, no ranking system directly measures student performance and learning in a meaningful way, so comprehensive and comparative data need to be collected and made available to students, parents and policymakers, Spellings said.

Doyle said this compilation of data should not be too difficult, as most of the information currently exists in a federally sponsored database called the National Student Loan Data Clearinghouse, although not all schools comply. ■

NATION

China suggests willingness to impose sanctions on North Korea

Vanderbilt professor urges diplomacy, negotiation as solution.

By Glenna DeRoy
NEWS EDITOR

North Korea must face “some punitive actions” for testing a nuclear device, China’s U.N. ambassador said Tuesday, suggesting that Beijing may be willing to impose some form of Security Council sanctions against Pyongyang.

China’s U.N. Ambassador Wang Guangya told reporters that the council must give a “firm, constructive, appropriate but prudent response” to North Korea.

“I think there has to be some punitive actions but also I think these actions have to be appropriate,” he said.

Wang spoke before a meeting of the five permanent members of the Security Council — Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States — plus Japan, to discuss a U.S.-proposed draft Security Council resolution. It would impose an array of sanctions, including a ban on imports of military goods and luxury items, and would crack down on illegal financial dealings.

While the U.S. and its allies want a swift, tough resolution, the question has been how much punishment China would allow. Wang’s comments suggested that Beijing will at least allow some muscle in the resolution.

Vanderbilt engineering professor Frank Parker, a former head of Radioactive Waste Disposal Research for the International Atomic Energy Agency, said the United States has not dealt with North Korea properly in the past.

“It has been clear for some time that Iran and North Korea were a lot closer to developing weapons of mass destruction, particularly nuclear, than anyone else,” he said.

“We did not do the correct thing in not pressuring the Pakistanis to tell us to whom they had sent nuclear weapons materials or information.”

To improve future policy, Parker said the United States should sit down to negotiate with North Korea.

“You can’t get anything done if you don’t negotiate,” he said. “If you don’t talk to them,

you don’t know what they really want. In lots of other places and situations, the opening discussion is put in diplomatic terms.”

At this point, Parker said he did not see what the United States had to lose in talking with them.

“In the past, we’ve offered them things, as we have Iran, to get them to back off, and it hasn’t worked in Iran so far, and it certainly hasn’t worked in North Korea,” he said.

Parker also said the United States does not have to agree with North Korea to negotiate with them.

“Whether we agree with them or not, their demands will be on the table,” he said. “As Ronald Reagan said, ‘Trust but verify.’ Negotiating with them doesn’t mean we have to agree with them.”

The Security Council meeting ended without any decision. Experts from the 15 Security Council nations said they planned to convene again to discuss the American draft and continue working toward progress. ■



RON EDMONDS / AP

White House Press Secretary Tony Snow responds to reporters’ questions, on Tuesday, Oct. 10, about the reported nuclear test in North Korea. President Bush said Tuesday that simply claiming to have conducted a nuclear test poses a threat to global peace and security.

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OUR VIEW

More can be done to address problems with school safety

When President Bush and members of his cabinet gathered on Tuesday to lead panel discussions on how to deal with school violence, the resulting conclusions were less than revelatory.

In the last two weeks, fatal shootings have occurred in Wisconsin, Colorado and Pennsylvania. Speakers on the panel concurred that the best response to this issue was to get parents, school leaders, students and police to work together. Well, if these groups are not already working together, especially seven years after the deadliest school shooting in our nation's history occurred at Columbine High School, then there are some serious problems, indeed.

Communication between schools, parents and police should be the assumed base we are building off of as we tackle greater problems. For example, how are these shooters getting guns?

On Monday morning, a 13-year-old boy walked into his Missouri middle school and pointed a Mac-90, a replica of an AK-47, at two fellow students. While he did not shoot them, he did manage to fire into the ceiling.

According to CNN.com, "[Lt. Geoff] Jones said the gun belonged to the boy's parents, who kept the weapon in a safe at home. The parents told police their son apparently knew the combination to the gun safe. [Officer Curtis] Farmer said it is not uncommon for people in the area to own assault weapons." The problem here was clearly not a lack of parent-child communication. If anything, there was a bit too much of that.

When the sentence, "It is not uncommon for people in the area to own assault weapons," can be applied to parts of the nation, then we have a problem. We live in a violent culture. On Tuesday, four California teenagers were sentenced to various punishments for their roles in the videotaped beating of a 14-year-old girl. Similar videos from across the country are available all over the Internet. It should be impossible for kids, already exposed to excessive amounts of violence, to get their hands on guns, let alone AK-47s.

Gun control laws are fairly controversial issues, though it seems obvious that an American is capable of exercising their right to bear arms without having access to assault rifles. With an increasingly violence-saturated culture, it seems necessary to look to these laws to make it more difficult for anyone that is not a qualified law enforcer to acquire these weapons.

In the meantime, getting experts together to address the issue of school safety definitely does not hurt. Though, doing it out of necessity after a wave of school violence isn't exactly commendable either.

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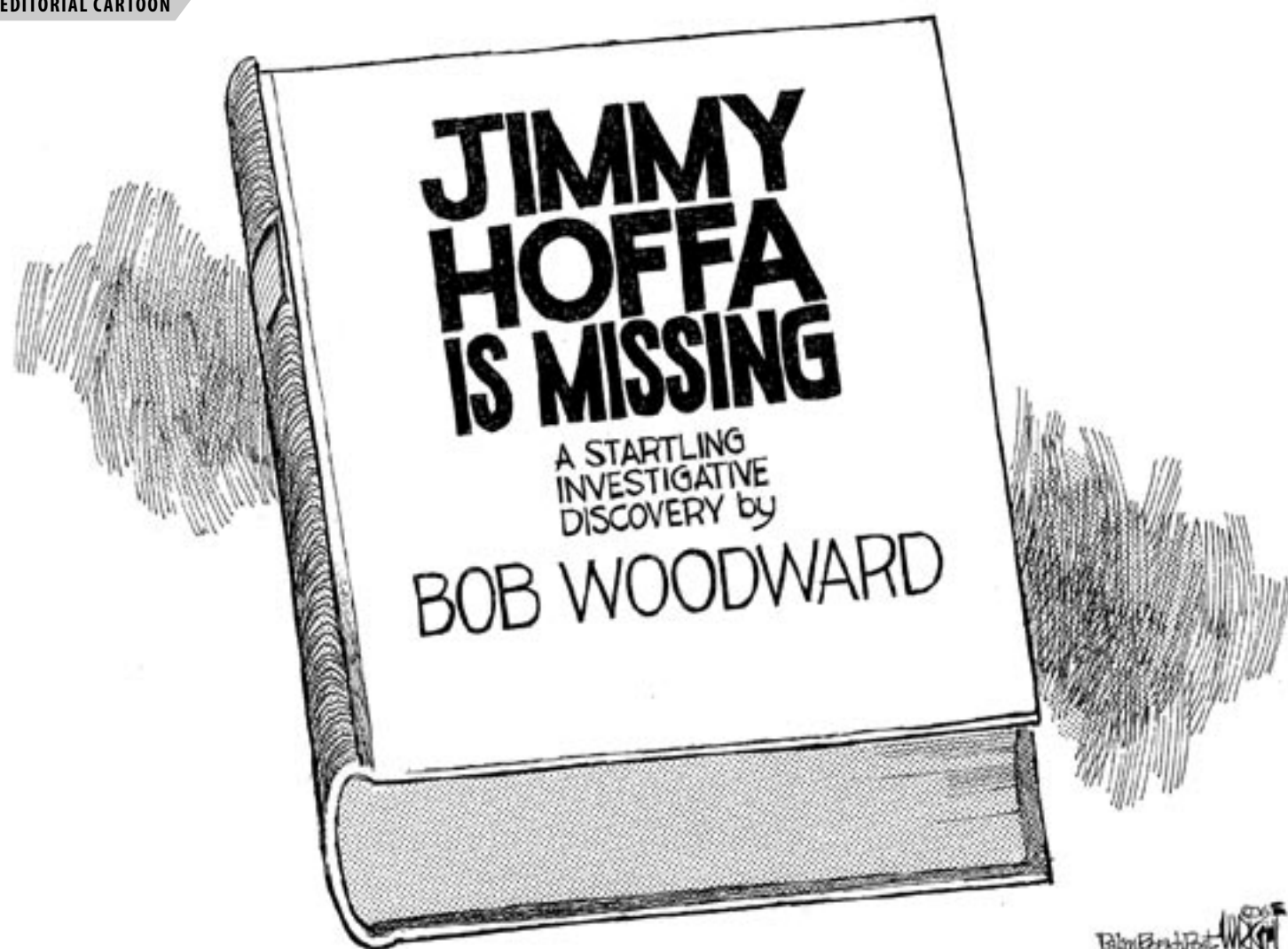
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Don Wright —MCT

COLUMN

Students are encouraged to take advantage of Dinner Discussions

One of the things that attracted me to the colleges that I applied to was the bond between professors and students. While looking at universities, I heard different stories from students who had personal experiences with professors, and this strongly influenced

my decisions. With a 95 percent retention rate, we rank among the best universities, thanks in large part to our professor and student relationships.

Some of my best relationships with teachers have been from my freshman year, and I think that this made my transition to Vanderbilt all that much easier. Being in Peabody College, getting to know your professors seems easier because of a more open class format, and this made all the difference freshman year.

Instead of feeling lost in my political science class of over 200, I got to know my small group leader, as well as the 12 people in my small group, well. However, I was not intimidated to go into my political science professor's office hours, and I made close friends in a room that held almost as many people as my graduating class.

During your years at Vanderbilt, I hope that all students will make many lasting friendships and that some of them are with professors. These are people that we have the amazing opportunity to meet, and through the programs being implemented by the Commons, we will get to know them even better.

As the Dinner Discussions continue, I urge everyone to sign up for discussions that interest you or talk to your own professors about their interests. Professors know details about many unusual topics, and as a student, I am glad that we are getting the opportunity to find out more about their knowledge.

—Sara Tabor is a junior in Peabody College.

Columnist

SARA TABOR

my decisions.

Vanderbilt was one of those universities, and I can say that immediately after starting school here, I knew I had made the right decision. Involvement with Vanderbilt's professors has always been a focus of our university, and now, thanks to the Commons, this is becoming a reality. Interhall's program, Dinner Discussions, is just an example of some of the many programs that will be offered through the Commons and shows a great way for students and professors to come together.

Vanderbilt boasts one of the highest student faculty ratios with a North Carolina State University 2003-2004 study placing us tied for 7th. A ratio of 9 to 1 provides students with the opportunity to get to know their professors, and this can enhance the college experience so much.

Another impressive statistic for Vanderbilt is the retention rate.

COLUMN

Political careers given priority over honesty in GOP-controlled Congress

There is a poetic quality to the physical resemblance of Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert and Cardinal Bernard Law, former Archbishop of Boston. Hastert seems to have

leaders knew about Foley's behavior at least as early as 2000.

Ultimately, Hastert's resignation is of no great consequence, as the problem is more structural than it is personal. The problem is the nature of the political world in which Hastert operates and, more specifically, the GOP platform that gives him few options in dealing with a situation of this sort.

carefully studied Cardinal Law's preferred method of crisis management, employing willful ignorance and quiet suppression.

Law resigned his position in 2002 after documents indicated that he ignored and covered up the pedophilic acts of priests in his diocese. Republican Rep. Mark Foley, who resigned two weeks ago, did not do anything as heinous as the crimes of former priest John Geoghan and, in fact, claims to be a victim of similar abuse by a clergyman. Still, his overtly sexual communications with young pages was an unquestionable breach of ethics, and especially ironic considering his position as co-chair of the House Caucus on Missing and Exploited Children. Unlike Law, however, Hastert has said he will not resign, despite evidence that Republican

If anything, the scandal surrounding Foley serves as a reminder to remain wary of career politicians. Just as Cardinal Law's career depended on church patrons trusting the priests under his control, the careers of House Republicans such as Hastert depend on Republican voters having a certain perception of Republicans as a whole.

Since gay marriage and "family values" have become such rallying issues of the Republican Party, if it were revealed that the homophobic "values-based" language of the GOP did not actually reflect the behavior of their representatives, voters could start to turn away. Thus, a Republican exhibiting behavior that could be construed as predatory toward minors is most troubling to Hastert in that it jeopardizes his job, not that it puts children at risk. A gay Republican is, somehow,

similarly worrisome, as Foley demonstrated three years ago, when he called some media speculation that he might not be straight "revolting and unforgivable."

The "don't ask, don't tell" policy that the religious right advocates for the military seems to be no less alive in the Republican Congress. Instead of living as an openly gay representative as Democratic Reps. Barney Frank and Tammy Baldwin do, gay Republican lawmakers like Mark Foley are, by the nature of this culture of intolerance, encouraged to adopt a more secretive lifestyle, pushing them toward the margins of society, in an effort to preserve their job as well as those around them. The only openly gay Republican in the House of Representatives, Jim Kolbe, who will retire at the end of this term, is considered to be one of the first GOP lawmakers to know of Foley's actions. It is not surprising, even though it should be, that six years ago, when he was still vying for voters, Kolbe may have chosen not to run the risk of exposing the scandalous behavior of Foley. It is entirely likely that given the homophobic public discourse of his part, Kolbe could have feared that such behavior

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Bloggers raise issues on InsideVandy.com

USER: DAVID FOTOUHI

Important things happened last week, and you've never heard of any of them.

Leftist Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva is leading in early reports from Brazil's first round of elections, though he may not be able to fend off enough competition for his re-election to avoid a run-off.

Six reported deaths from Thailand have been blamed on the torrential rains and wind brought on by Typhoon Xangsane. Coastal cities have lost over 6,000 structures according to reports. Xangsane wrecked havoc in the Philippines earlier in the week.

Austria's Social Democrats, led by Alfred Gusenbauer, have upset the incumbent People's Party to win that nation's electoral contest with just under 36 percent of the vote. A grand coalition of the two parties appears likely.

Protesters swelled into the streets of Lusaka in Zambia, challenging an Electoral Commission ruling that President Levy Mwanawasa had taken a commanding lead in the vote count of recent nation-wide elections. Concerns about education, unemployment and a lagging copper market sparked strong opposition to Mwanawasa's policies during the campaign.

All of these events are quite significant regionally and globally, yet you likely have not heard about any of them. Did you even know Austria and Brazil were holding elections? Did you even know a massive typhoon threatened Southeast Asia? What about armed conflict in Zambia? Doubt it.

And it's not your fault; it's the fault of American media, local and national.

Too often, important global stories which garner coverage from European and other international sources are overlooked by the American media, replaced with endless drabble about inappropriate Congressional e-mails and the death of Anna-Nicole Smith's son. You probably know all about these last two, but thanks (or no thanks) to the U.S. media, you know very little about the previous world events.

While Greta Van Susteren is busy working on the perfect cinnamon tan in Aruba for months on end, Americans who do not choose to go elsewhere for their news coverage are force-fed the notion that Natalee Holloway is real news.

But who needs real news, anyway? "Pretend" news like the three last examples is far more exciting; like a soap opera unfolding in front of us. Unfortunately, unlike "pretend" news, real news has many more real consequences and far fewer missing co-eds.

Though this cycle of covering the make-believe in lieu of the significant is likely to continue, everyday consumers can choose to break the habit by visiting alternative sources. Each of the first four stories mentioned were found on the homepage of BBC News. Imagine: a click of the mouse can transform you from gossip-fiend to a knowledgeable member of society.

USER: MIKE MAIO

In Monday's Hustler, Tim Boyd offers a witty and compelling argument that there is no far left in American politics. While conservative politicians and commentators rail against "extreme leftists" from Nancy Pelosi to David Brock, founder of Media Matters for America (www.mediamatters.org), the subjects of their attacks do not actually endorse a leftist ideology. Nor does hardly anyone else in this country, in fact. Right-wingers, in reality, have erroneously labeled as "extreme leftists" those who oppose the war in Iraq, favor a woman's right to choose, or support a host of other positions associated with mainstream Democrats (which polls find are popular among a majority of Americans more often than not).

Boyd writes, "If there is a far left in American politics, it should be out there demanding an increase in income taxes, a redistribution of wealth, public ownership of industry, greater rights for trade unions, shorter working hours and a state-funded health care system. Again, whatever your thoughts on the merits of such policies, I haven't found any candidate with a chance of winning a seat in Congress running on this platform (with the exception of some who support universal health care)."

Boyd's column is dead-on until the last line. "To someone who grew up in a country where the far left still exists, albeit with less influence than it once had, the obsession with a phantom far left in this country is therefore as inexplicable as it is intriguing."

I don't find anything at all inexplicable about the right's obsession with paranoid conspiracy theories about the far left. Ginning up anxiety about the threat to America posed by the phantom far left is pure propaganda designed to help Republicans maintain their control of government. It helps keep together the Republican coalition of socially moderate libertarians and socially conservative evangelicals by giving them common ground. The specter of socialism rankles libertarians who view it as antithetical to their economic ideology, just as the associations of communism with atheism put conservative Christians on guard. Additionally, it helps unite those who feel persecuted by the left, who believe their values are constantly under attack.

This analysis is admittedly not very thorough, but it's only intended as a general outline of how the myth of the far left serves as a propaganda tool (the same analysis can be applied to the related myth of the liberal media). A more complete argument is made by Thomas Frank in his book "What's the Matter with Kansas?"

USER: CHRIS SKENE

For years, Americans have complained about "stolen" jobs. Some gripe about excessive outsourcing to countries such as India; others complain that illegal immigrants from Latin America are competing unfairly against American workers by ignoring minimum wage laws. Very few people seem to appreciate the benefits of cheap labor, despite the fact that lower production costs translate directly into lower prices for consumers.

If Americans were truly losing their jobs due to foreign or illegally imported competition, then there might be cause for concern. However, the unemployment rate is currently hovering at 4.6 percent for the month of September, down from 5.1 percent in 2005. This number clearly indicates that almost all of the Americans who want a job have one. In fact, if the unemployment rate goes much lower, inflation rates are likely to increase. Illegal immigrants and foreigners don't seem to be doing a very good job of putting Americans out of work, do they?

As things stand now, Americans can have their cake and eat it too: just remember, the cake's not free. Minimum wage laws guarantee that Americans who have jobs make an ostensibly decent amount of money, while the presence of illegal immigrants and foreign workers allows us to also reap the many benefits of cheap labor. Since almost every American who wants a job has a job, it seems that things are working out quite nicely for legal residents of the USA.

Why, then, is America so concerned about illegal immigration? Numbers don't lie, but they also don't pack much emotional punch; people will respond more intensely to the news story about the hard-working American who lost his job to a foreigner than they will to the dry analyst who rattles off this month's unemployment data without betraying so much as a flicker of emotion. Perhaps this concern also has something to do with the combative, self-righteous, better-than-everyone-else attitude that America has adopted toward the rest of the world. But that's just idle speculation.

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THE VERDICT

The opinion staff passes judgement on everything inside the bubble and out.

Rebekah Gee		Ties the knot, meaning congratulations are in order. It also means the Gees threw yet another party.
Nuclear Weapons		North Korea claims they conducted test. U.S. says, if they did, they messed up. Things are not quiet on the nuclear front.
Brangelina		Seem to have skipped out on a promised donation to a Namibian school. Who are the do-gooders now, Brangelina?
MySpace		Uses its overwhelming, somewhat creepy, influence for good, raising money and awareness for Darfur.
Midterms		Freshmen are now realizing that these are really just no fun at all. Get used to it. Fall break is just two days away.
Paris and Nicole		Make up and agree to make a fifth "Simple Life." What a relief! Everyone will sleep a little better tonight.
America		Currently sweeping the Nobel prizes with four down and only two left to go. U.S.A.! U.S.A.!
Yeast Infections		The running of the infamous ad beneath the sudoku has stopped. Hopefully, now all the complaints about it will, too.

Hamilton: Congress weakened by a culture of intolerance

From HAMILTON, page 4

by another gay Republican would have hurt him by association. Instead, the whole affair was kept quiet, and Foley's behavior was allowed to continue for several more years.

Thus, priorities, such as upholding ethical standards or focusing on real issues that pertain to matters outside of people's bedrooms continually fall by the wayside as the higher-ups figure out ways to keep themselves in office and their parties in control. Questionable behavior, like Foley's, gets swept under the rug. This behavior is what allows a potential predator to remain the co-chair of a committee dedicated to protecting children.

The GOP's false claim to a moral high ground based on selective intolerance has created a culture in the Republican-controlled Congress, as it did in the Catholic Church, antithetical to honest and ethical behavior. As demonstrated by the latest Republican ethics scandal, which do not seem to be in short supply these days, this is doing a clear disservice to all American voters.

—Reeve Hamilton is a junior in the College of Arts and Science.



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VANDERBILT FOOTBALL

The Commodores are 2-4 and at the half-way point of their season. The Vanderbilt Hustler sports staff took the opportunity to assess their performance. The defense earned the best grade and the special teams needs the most improvement, while individuals such as Jonathan Goff and Earl Bennett earned special recognition.

OFFENSE

C+

QUARTERBACKS **C+**

The Good

Chris Nickson has shown significant improvement as the season progresses. He leads all SEC quarterbacks in rushing yards with 285, and his completion percentage has improved significantly in week one. Nickson's three touchdown performance against Arkansas single-handedly kept the 'Dores in the game and nearly put them on the victorious side. Mackenzi Adams showed signs of promise against Ole Miss after replacing Nickson midway through the first half.

The Bad

Turnovers have plagued Commodore quarterbacks this season. While managing to limit interceptions, both Nickson and Adams have fumbled in critical situations and been off the mark when passes have needed completion.

Passing	Efficiency	Cmp-Att-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Long
Nickson, C.	119.38	67-120-4	55.8	728	7	38
Adams, M.	114.78	13-24-1	54.2	197	0	44
Kovalcheck, R.	86.27	2-3-0	66.7	7	0	8

RUNNING GAME **B**

The Good

The running game has far exceeded expectations. The Dores rushed for 115.1 yards per game last season and are averaging 158.2 yards per game this year. They rank second in the SEC in three major rushing categories: rushing yards per game, average yards per carry (4.9), and total yards rushing (949), trailing only Arkansas in all three.

The Bad

For starters, the Commodores have lost nine fumbles, two in the red zone, the most of any team in the SEC. Much of the running game's early season success can be attributed to its schedule. With far tougher defenses such as Florida, Georgia and Tennessee coming up, one would assume that the Dores' rushing numbers will take a hit.

Rushing	Att	Yards	Avg	TD	Long
Jackson-Garrison, J.	83	392	4.7	2	43
Nickson, C.	68	285	4.2	3	27
Hawkins, J.	20	180	9.0	3	41

DEFENSE

A-

DEFENSIVE LINE **B+**

The Good

Chris Booker, Curtis Gatewood, Theo Horrocks and Broderick Stewart have combined for 7.5 sacks in just six games. Along with tackle Ray Brown, the line is consistently able to put pressure on opposing quarterbacks. Once a weak link in the chain, coach Rick Logo has transformed the front four.

The Bad

Statistically, the run defense ranks eighth in the SEC at a lofty 148.5 yards per game. However, opponents have also had more rushing attempts against Vandy (244) than any other SEC team. The defensive line has bent but not broken in the rushing game, allowing minimal gains while avoiding game-breakers in critical situations.



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WIDE RECEIVERS **C+**

The Good

Earl Bennett ranks sixth in the conference with 77.3 receiving yards per game, and his 179-yard effort at Ole Miss is the second-highest total in the SEC in 2006, while Steven Bright has become one of Chris Nickson's favorite targets.

The Bad

Despite the depth in the passing game, only Earl Bennett has emerged as a legitimate playmaker. In Vandy's four losses, Bennett has four of the team's five 20+ yard receptions (and he threw for the other). Marlon White and Sean Walker have the ability to break big gains, but any semblance of consistency in the vertical passing game has yet to truly emerge. They've also had their share of dropped passes, which can't happen.

OFFENSIVE LINE **B+**

The Good

Much of the offensive success can be attributed to the play of the offensive line. Thanks to this unit, the Dores are averaging 4.9 yards per carry as opposed to last year's 3.5. In addition, the line has given quarterback Chris Nickson time to stand in the pocket and make accurate throws. Unlike past years, there's depth at the position and it shows.

The Bad

The only knock on the offensive line is the fact that since Michigan, the Dores haven't faced a defensive unit that strikes fear in the hearts of offensive coaches. Their play against talented defense in the upcoming games could make or break the season. Also, Brian Stamper's health is a concern.

LINEBACKERS **A-**

The Good

The most consistent and reliable of our defensive units. Captain Jonathan Goff continues to make his case for All-SEC recognition. While injuries have set the unit back recently, solid play from junior Marcus Buggs and true freshman Patrick Benoist (14 total tackles in past two games) indicates that the position is in good hands for years to come.

The Bad

Not many bad things to say about this bunch. Let's just hope the Dores don't suffer any more injuries.

Linebackers	Solo-Ast-Total	Tackles for Loss	Sacks	QB Hurries
Goff, J.	36-14-50	2	1.5	4
Joyce, K.	16-9-25	3	1	0
Buggs, M.	17-5-22	7.5	1	2

SECONDARY **B**

The Good

Going into the season, the secondary was one of the team's biggest question marks. However, the Commodores' passing defense ranks tied for 12th in the nation giving up 154.3 yards per game; nearly 70 yards per game better than last year. Considering that there is not a single upperclassman starter in the unit, the future is bright for Vanderbilt's pass defense. Safety Reshard Langford and nickel back Darlron Speed rank among the SEC leaders in interceptions with three and two, respectively.

The Bad

While the cornerbacks have played well, there is some concern at safety where Ryan Hamilton takes over for injured Ben Koger. While Reshard Langford has three picks, a fourth would have given Vandy a victory against Arkansas.

MIDSEASON REPORT CARD

OFFENSE MVP EARL BENNETT

After posting ridiculous numbers as freshman, everyone knew Bennett wasn't going to catch anyone by surprise this year. Despite facing constant double teams, No. 10 has still found ways to make plays and has been a reliable option for the young quarterbacks. He has caught 33 balls for 464 yards to go along with two touchdowns. Oh, yeah, he also threw a 30-yard touchdown in the season opener at Michigan.

BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE

EARL BENNETT AT OLE MISS
(10 CATCHES FOR 179 YARDS)



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DEFENSE MVP JONATHAN GOFF

This award goes without saying. After putting up monster numbers against Michigan and Alabama, teams got the message and began running away from the defensive captain. Nonetheless, the junior linebacker leads the team with 50 tackles, four quarterback hurries, two forced fumbles and a blocked field goal. It's clear that No. 47 is the main reason for the success of the Commodore defense.

BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE

GOFF AT MICHIGAN/ALABAMA
(27 TACKLES, 2 FF, 1 BLOCKED KICK)

EDITOR'S NOTES



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PLEASANT SURPRISES

1. Joel Caldwell, DJ Moore and Darlron Speed: Secondary may be young, but it sure looks promising.
2. Marcus Buggs: Athletic linebacker has filled in nicely for the departed Moses Osemwegie.
3. Jared Hawkins: Back-up tailback has made the most of every carry.

SECOND-HALF QUESTIONS

1. How will the Commodore "D" hold up against the best offenses?
2. Can the team learn to win close games?
3. Who is the quarterback of the future?

IMPROVEMENTS

1. Vertical passing game: Let's try stretching the field, finally.
2. Special teams: Nothing special about it lately.
3. Mistakes: We're not good enough to keep turning the ball over and still win.

THEY SAID IT...

1. "It's not rocket surgery; it's football." – Coach Bobby Johnson
2. "If there's no wind, I make it. There's no doubt in my mind." – Kicker Bryant Hahnfeldt
3. "It was wide open. I mean, you probably could have run through that hole." – Cassen Jackson-Garrison

MR. RELIABLE

1. Steven Bright: Sure-handed fullback/tight end never drops a pass.
2. Brett Upson: Freshman punter hasn't made one mistake yet.
3. Jonathan Goff: We know it's obvious, but how do we leave him out?

SCAPEGOATS

1. Allison Malone: Stop picking against Vandy, and maybe we'll win the close games.
2. Jay Cutler: Forget about No. 6. Quit wearing his jersey, and go out and buy a new one.
3. Wind: Mother Nature had it in for us against Arkansas.

SPECIAL TEAMS

C-

KICKING **D**

The Good

Hahnfeldt has shown he is capable of making kicks from as far as 51 yards, which is his season long.

The Bad

Hahnfeldt has yet to show that he is capable of making a kick in the clutch. After the game against Ole Miss, and with a late miss against Arkansas, Vanderbilt's kicker has averaged 1 out of 4 when kicking field goals in important situations.

PUNTING **B**

The Good

Brett Upson has an extremely high net punt average of 38.9 yards. His kicks have not just been long, but their hang time has also allowed the coverage team to eliminate the dangerous return men.

The Bad:

The Does have had some trouble with getting kicks off. Last week against Ole Miss, Upson was forced to abort his kick as he realized the oncoming rush was too strong.

COACHING

B-

GAME MANAGEMENT **B**

The Good

The coaches have put their players in a position to win at the end in all three of the Commodores' three SEC games, losing all three by a combined score of 12 points. Giving the players an opportunity to win is all any coach can be expected to do. In addition, the decision to start two freshman cornerbacks was a wise one.

The Bad

Overall the game management has been too conservative, especially in regard to underutilizing the team's athletic ability at the wide receiver position. It took the coaches until late in the fourth quarter against Ole Miss to realize that the deep ball might actually work. Also, it wasn't wise to play freshman Gaston Miller in the Temple game and waste his redshirt.

PLAY CALLING **C**

The Good

Vandy has been able to establish the run, which has taken pressure off the young quarterbacks. Also, the trick play at Michigan took guts.

The Bad

The offense needs to extend the field more with the deep ball and run the option more often. Perhaps calling more creative plays in the red zone would increase the Does' chances of scoring.

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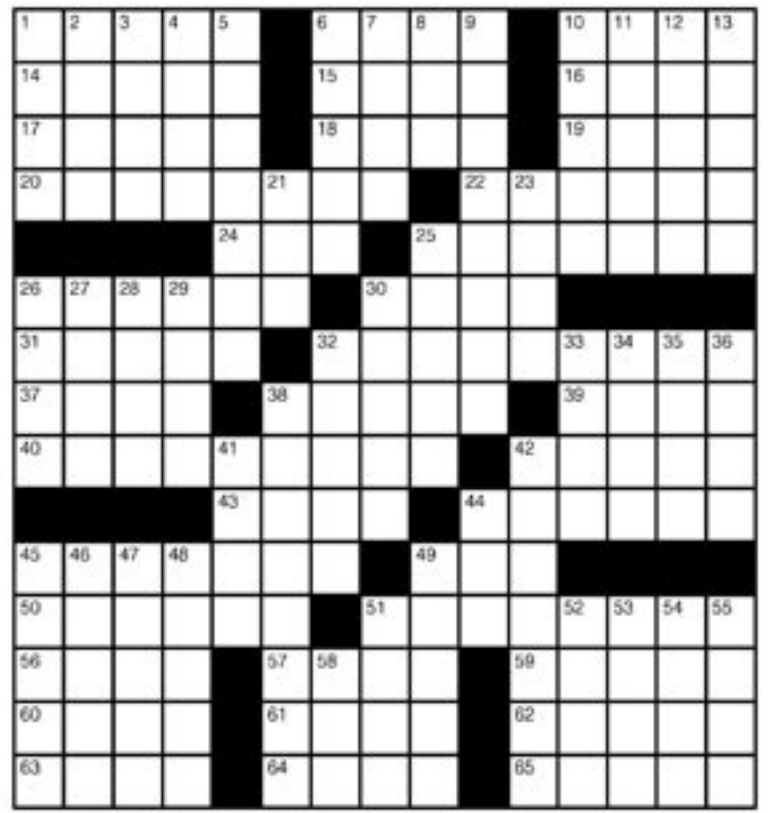
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 - Approximately
 - Treats after eats
 - Riot squad's quarry
 - Highlander's negative
 - Prevailing weather
 - Game emporium
 - Comic King
 - Thermometers' reservoirs
 - Besieged
 - Biblical twin
 - Sea dogs
 - Tipper or Al
 - Feelers
 - Smooth fabric
 - Like venison
 - Wall or Walnut
 - Pop pistols
 - Old French coin
 - Sounded stridently
 - Dressed, in a way
 - Verdi heroine
 - Uh...pardon me
 - Accustom
 - Stated
 - Fertile soil
 - Register: var.
 - Falco or McClurg
 - Agile
 - Wet thoroughly
- DOWN**
- Mr. Mertz
 - Mineral bonanza
 - Geishas' sashes
 - Mythical birds
 - Goes to
 - Ham it up
 - Staffs
 - Trojans of sports
 - Thin varnishes
 - Put forth flowers
 - Main artery
 - Portfolio plus
 - Mall unit
 - Arctic explorer John
 - Sty sound
 - Coagulates
 - Assist a crook
 - Artifice
 - Extended family
 - Lie adjacent to
 - Backstreet
 - Aromatic salves
 - Culture medium
 - Be too kind
 - Pennsylvania city
 - Fender mishap
 - Tabloid material
 - Chills and fever
 - Examined in detail



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- Male offspring
- Degrade
- Homeric epic
- Diameter halves
- Test result
- Slammin' Snead
- Paul Bryant's nickname
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Thursday, Oct. 19th

Blood Drive Branscomb Rec Room 10am - 4pm	Game U: XBOX 360 Tour Sarratt Student Center 2pm - 7pm	Service Day - Sign Up Online Check-in at Student Life Center 2:30pm - 5pm
ASB Informational BBQ Alumni Lawn 5pm - 7pm	Float Building Party Kensington Ave 8pm - 12am	

Friday, Oct. 20th

Blood Drive Branscomb Rec Room 10am - 4pm	Tie-One-On with the Chancellor Alumni Lawn 12pm	Commodore Quake -with Ludacris, Common and Shareefa Memorial Gym 8pm
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Saturday, Oct. 21st

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