



ALCOHOL

AlcoholEdu aims to break the habit



Administration hopes to decrease amount of high-risk drinking on campus.

By Tanya Alvarez
SENIOR REPORTER

Vanderbilt has launched a new program this year, AlcoholEdu, to help educate freshmen about alcohol.

According to AlcoholEdu's Web site, the program is a science-based online course that aims to "educate students about the impact of alcohol on the mind and body."

AlcoholEdu, which was developed by a Duke student, is also used at the University of Arizona and Montana State.

According to Jeanine Atkinson, director of the Office of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Prevention, it seems to be "pretty helpful."

"I watched it at first, but then it got really tedious," said freshman Trip Conrad.

"I liked the one on how to drink safely and take care of drunk people. I also liked

the one on the social aspects of drinking. I've heard a bunch of times that alcohol in the past has been a problem. That's why they're cracking down on us," he said.

Even though Atkinson said she believes that underage students who drink have a higher chance of getting caught, she said, "It will not come down to parties being searched for underage drinkers unless there is a safety and security issue."

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STUDENT MEDIA

VSC approves new student publication

Talented Tenth to publish first issue in September.

By Nicole Floyd
ASST NEWS EDITOR

In a board meeting held yesterday afternoon, the Vanderbilt Student Communications Board voted unanimously to grant probationary status to a new publication entitled Talented Tenth.

Talented Tenth will remain as a probationary division, per VSC bylaws, until it is evaluated by the board at the end of the spring semester. At that time, the publication will be considered for full division status.

Gavin Fletcher, who will serve as advertising director for the newspaper,

led the proposal to create a publication featuring the experiences of black students. He sees this new publication as a response to current Vanderbilt media, which he said lacks coverage of such diverse experiences.

"Many of the current Vanderbilt media seem to gloss over the issues," Fletcher said.

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GREEK LIFE

IFC rounds continue tonight

Prospective fraternity members visit Greek houses.

By Caroline Scali
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

The Interfraternity Council began its second year of informal recruitment rounds yesterday.

Vanderbilt participates in a deferred joining program that officially begins in January instead of during the first few months of the fall semester.

According to literature distributed by the Greek Life office, Vanderbilt practices deferred joining because "it is important for first-year students to focus on academic achievement, make friends, get settled into college life and to begin making decisions

about what types of student organizations [they] want to become involved in while at Vanderbilt."

Tanner Marcantel, assistant director of Greek life, said, "The purpose of informal rounds is to give new students to Vanderbilt, a lot of those being freshmen, a chance to visit all the fraternities so that they can gain a better understanding of the fraternities that are available to them rather than focusing on the few they knew of before coming to campus."

During the two days of informal recruitment rounds, freshmen interested in joining a fraternity visit the 17

fraternity chapters, according to Marcantel.

Visiting each house for 15-minute periods allows freshmen to acclimate to the recruitment process, meet and talk to brothers and learn more about the national fraternities.

"It helps them realize that there are lots of different opportunities in each chapter," he said. "The men are obviously different in each chapter, and the freshmen can find the ones where they would fit in best."

Thomas Fitzgerald, the IFC recruitment chair, agreed that "rounds are a good way to introduce students to the

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KATRINA

Tulane engineers transfer to Vanderbilt

Program cuts force students to decide between staying and going.

By Monika Blackwell
LIFE EDITOR

A year has passed since Hurricane Katrina ravaged the Gulf Coast, forcing people to abandon their communities. While many are gradually getting back on their feet, the feeling of displacement means something different to students at Tulane University.

According to a January 2006 article in The New York Times, Katrina caused \$250 million in property damage on Tulane's campus and more than \$90 million in operational losses.

As part of a renewal plan, Tulane University President Scott Cowen announced on Dec. 8, 2005, that the School of Engineering would cut a number of its majors. While biomedical and chemical engineering were preserved, the school eliminated its civil, environmental, computer, electrical and mechanical engineering programs. Within engineering, 30 tenured and tenure-track professors were dismissed.

Since only juniors and seniors were permitted to complete their degree program, freshmen and sophomores were forced to choose between transferring to another university or changing majors.

Several of the students who chose to pursue engineering elsewhere came to Vanderbilt.

Junior Zev Rudberg

now majors in mechanical engineering in the School of Engineering. Rudberg first learned of the renewal plan and the cuts in the program while in Tel Aviv, Israel.

"I was devastated," he said, "I actually broke down."

Danny Weinstein was only able to attend Tulane for the second semester of his freshman year. Now he, too, attends Vanderbilt for mechanical engineering.

"I felt totally betrayed and lied to," Weinstein said.

The announcement incited a number of rallies and petitions and even brought a group called SaveTulaneEngineering.org into existence. The engineering students involved with the organization said that they thought they would help in the rebuilding process of New Orleans but ultimately felt that the rug had been pulled out underneath them.

In his own form of protest, Rudberg refused to wear his Tulane shirts and sent e-mails to anyone in a position of power at Tulane. He received several responses, but the decision remained final.

Like Rudberg, Weinstein met with certain members of the administration at Tulane to discuss the changes.

However, as Dean of Science and Engineering Nicholas

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CRIME

Second rape victim chooses not to prosecute

Decision not uncommon.

By Nicole Floyd
ASST NEWS EDITOR

The victim who reported to the Vanderbilt University Police Department that she was raped on Aug. 25 has decided not to press rape charges against suspects Richard Simmons and William Arnell.

"The victim has decided not to pursue prosecution on the rape charge," said Assistant Chief of Police Marlon Lynch. "She will pursue the theft charges."

According to Kacy Silverstein, associate director of Project Safe, it is not unusual for rape victims to ultimately decide not to carry through with prosecution.

"The majority of rape victims do not end up prosecuting," Silverstein said. "Less than five percent of college women even report to police, and an even smaller percent prosecute."

While Lynch did not cite a reason as to why the victim chose

not to prosecute, Silverstein said that from her experience working with victims of sexual assault, women may report a rape but not prosecute for a number of reasons.

One reason, Silverstein said, is due to the nature of our laws.

"In terms of how the laws are currently written, a woman must prove that sex was forced to establish that a crime occurred," Silverstein said. "Also, while we do have rape shield laws that exist to protect a victim's sexual history from appearing in a trial, lawyers often find ways to circumvent these laws."

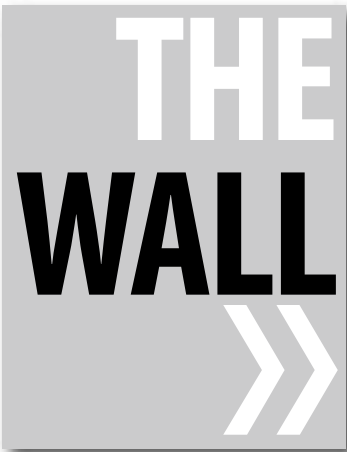
Silverstein also noted that the prospect of a courtroom trial deters many women from following through with rape charges.

"Often, women who are raped fear having to relive the rape experience in front of a courtroom full of friends, family and strangers," Silverstein said. ■



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Prospective members wait to enter Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity house during last night's rounds.



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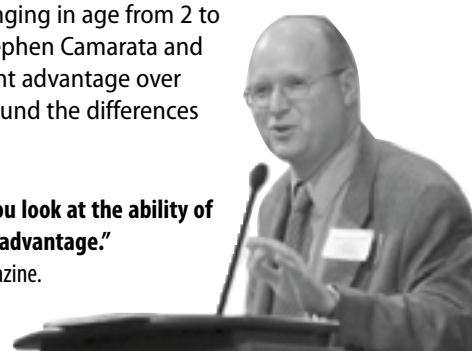
of Americans disapprove of Bush's handling of the Katrina disaster, according to an AP-Ipsos poll earlier this month

Source: AP

NOTABLE VANDERBILT RESEARCH

In a study involving more than 8,000 males and females ranging in age from 2 to 90 from across the United States, Vanderbilt researchers Stephen Camarata and Richard Woodcock discovered that females have a significant advantage over males on timed tests and tasks. Camarata and Woodcock found the differences were particularly significant among pre-teens and teens.

"We found very minor differences in overall intelligence, but if you look at the ability of someone to perform well in a timed situation, females have a big advantage."
— Stephen Camarata, from Exploration, Vanderbilt's online research magazine.



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TODAY IN THE BUBBLE

Compiled by Allison Smith

Bush visits Nashville

President Bush will attend a fundraiser today at the Loews Vanderbilt Plaza, across West End from Kissam Quadrangle. The lanes closest to the Loews along West End Avenue from 21st Ave. headed west to Louise Ave. will be closed until 7 p.m.

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Nation's top scientists to speak in Lecture Series

Vanderbilt University Medical Center will launch its new Discovery Lecture Series on Sept. 14, with Nobel laureate Sydney Brenner speaking on "The Next 100 Years of Biology." Brenner won the 2002 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for his discoveries concerning the genetic regulation of organ development and programmed cell death.

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

VUPD CRIME LOG

Compiled by Allison Smith

Aug. 28, 11 a.m.—Officers reported money was stolen from Medical Center North.

Aug. 28, 8:20 a.m.—There was an attempted burglary at Medical Center North.

Aug. 28, 10:30 a.m.—There was a trespass of real property reported at lot 76 on 18th Ave. South and Edgehill Ave.

Aug. 28, 11 a.m.—A laptop computer was stolen from Medical Center North.

Aug. 28, 12 p.m.—There was an attempted burglary at the Baker Building at 2007 Terrace Place.

Aug. 28, 2:30 p.m.—There was a window broken off a vehicle at 2401 West End Ave.

Aug. 28, 3:15 p.m.—A cell phone was stolen from the Stevenson Center.

Aug. 28, 5:40 p.m.—Larceny was reported at the Rand Bookstore.

Aug. 28, 5:45 p.m.—Larceny was reported at the Rand Bookstore.

Aug. 28, 10:56 p.m.—Officers cited a driver on a suspended license at 21st Ave. South and Children's Way.

Aug. 29, 3:15 a.m.—There was a simple assault at the VU Hospital.

Aug. 29, 4:30 a.m.—Officers cited a driver on a suspended license at Love Circle and Acklen Park Drive.

Aug. 29, 8:05 a.m.—Larceny was reported at Carmichael Towers West.

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ALCOHOL: High percentage binge drink

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Statistics on the numbers of freshmen who have been to the emergency room due to alcohol-related complications are not available due to HIPAA insurance confidentiality rules.

"Freshmen do experiment when they are away from home," said Director of Student Health Dr. John Greene. "The focus is on them primarily because they are underage, which makes them vulnerable."

"There are no statistics that say that freshmen in college drink more than they did the summer before they got to college," Greene said. However, according to Greene, 40 percent of freshmen report that they have, at one time or another, consumed five or more drinks in one sitting, which is the definition of binge drinking.

Senior Melinda Cole said that, because it is so early in the year, she is unsure whether drinking has increased. However, she does think that being a freshman encourages certain drinking habits.

"Freshmen are prone to pre-gaming in their rooms which is probably why they can get into trouble both by ending up at the hospital and by having disciplinary problems," she said.

"A lot of times new drinkers don't know how to handle alcohol, and sometimes they can go to the extreme," Atkinson said.

She said that freshmen suffer from social anxiety, and alcohol seems to reduce that anxiety in many cases.

She also said that alcohol provides freshmen a path to easy acceptance in the social scene,

which can be detrimental at the beginning of a school year.

In order to enforce some of the new alcohol policies, the Vanderbilt Police Department has hired new officers.

"They are called the Pro-Active Crime Team, and unlike other officers, instead of being assigned to one part of the campus, they are free to go where they are needed," Atkinson said.

Senior Jessica Chandler said that while she appreciates administrators' dedication to decreasing alcohol abuse on campus, more attention should be devoted to crime.

"The only way you find out about alcoholism on campus is if you're in the loop — on Facebook or through friends," she said. "They advertise the crime more than anything. If they were to send out crime alerts with how many [students] were cited with public intoxication, that would be another thing."

Although there have already been instances of alcohol-related crimes reported by VUPD, Atkinson remains confident that this new program can be beneficial.

"It is just a tool. It is not going to be a solution to correcting social norms," she said. "Our primary focus is on how we can reduce high-risk drinking. This is an across-the-board educational program" which should provide students with the necessary information, she said.

Atkinson said that educating students about alcohol and changing social norms "really should be an ongoing effort within the university setting." ■

ADMINISTRATION INTRODUCES STRICTER STUDENT ALCOHOL POLICY

- The minimum penalty for first-offense intoxication is disciplinary probation. Standard indicators for drinking and/or intoxication include lack of balance, loss of coordination, confusion, slurred speech, bloodshot eyes, odor of intoxicant, admissions to drinking, etc.
- The minimum penalty for driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs is probation and loss of campus driving and parking privileges.
- The penalty for a third violation of alcohol or controlled substances policies is suspension. Such offenses include—but are not limited to—underage possession or consumption of alcohol, illegal or unauthorized possession or consumption of controlled substances, intoxication, DUI, other alcohol or drug-related offenses against the community.

Source: Vanderbilt Student Handbook

FRATS: Rounds inform freshmen of options

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recruitment process."

"Each organization has its own activities, values and personality; this helps students figure out which fraternities they want to interact with," he said.

"This experience definitely has the potential to change my decision about where I rush," said freshman Alec Hildreth.

"It'll be a whole lot easier to meet the brothers without all the crowd from a party," he said.

Throughout the formal and informal recruitment process, an upperclassman fraternity member known as a Greek ambassador leads freshmen to each house during rounds and serves as a mentor and information source throughout IFC recruitment.

"Since IFC recruitment is so much less structured than Panhellenic recruitment, the Greek ambassadors give new students a resource if they're not familiar with the process,"

Mercantel said. "They are available to answer questions and to help them navigate the process. If they want to know about getting invited back, or if they're interested in attending an event and they don't know how to get in touch with the appropriate people within the house, Greek ambassadors are there to help."

"Overall," Fitzgerald said, "freshmen will be better informed in January when they are eligible to join." ■

TALENTED TENTH: To encourage diversity

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"Racial dimensions are not explored in these articles or are skewed."

According to its publication proposal, the Talented Tenth will "serve as a vehicle for black students on campus to ensure that their voices are heard without any attempts to distort, misrepresent or stifle those voices."

Board members and VSC division heads directed their questions to Fletcher and Talented Tenth editor-in-chief, senior Nathan Floyd.

The division heads' questions centered on whether or not the publication would undercut efforts to increase diversity in their own publications.

Ford said the newspaper is needed on campus and will encourage diversity in other papers rather than stifle it.

"The creation of our publication is not stopping them from attempts to diversify their publications," Ford said. "In fact, it will push them to make stronger efforts to increase diversity."

"They showed me that it wasn't necessarily their responsibility to incorporate diversity into the existing VSC divisions," said sophomore Allison Smith, a VSC board member and Hustler assistant news editor.

Fletcher also expressed interest in collaboration between Talented Tenth and other student media.

"I do not see Talented Tenth as a replacement, but simply as a supplement, to publications such as Orbis and The Vanderbilt Hustler. I still encourage people to write in those publications," Fletcher said.

Bruce Barry, a faculty member and vice chairman of the board, was supportive of the proposal, saying, "I think an African American publication on this campus is long overdue." ■

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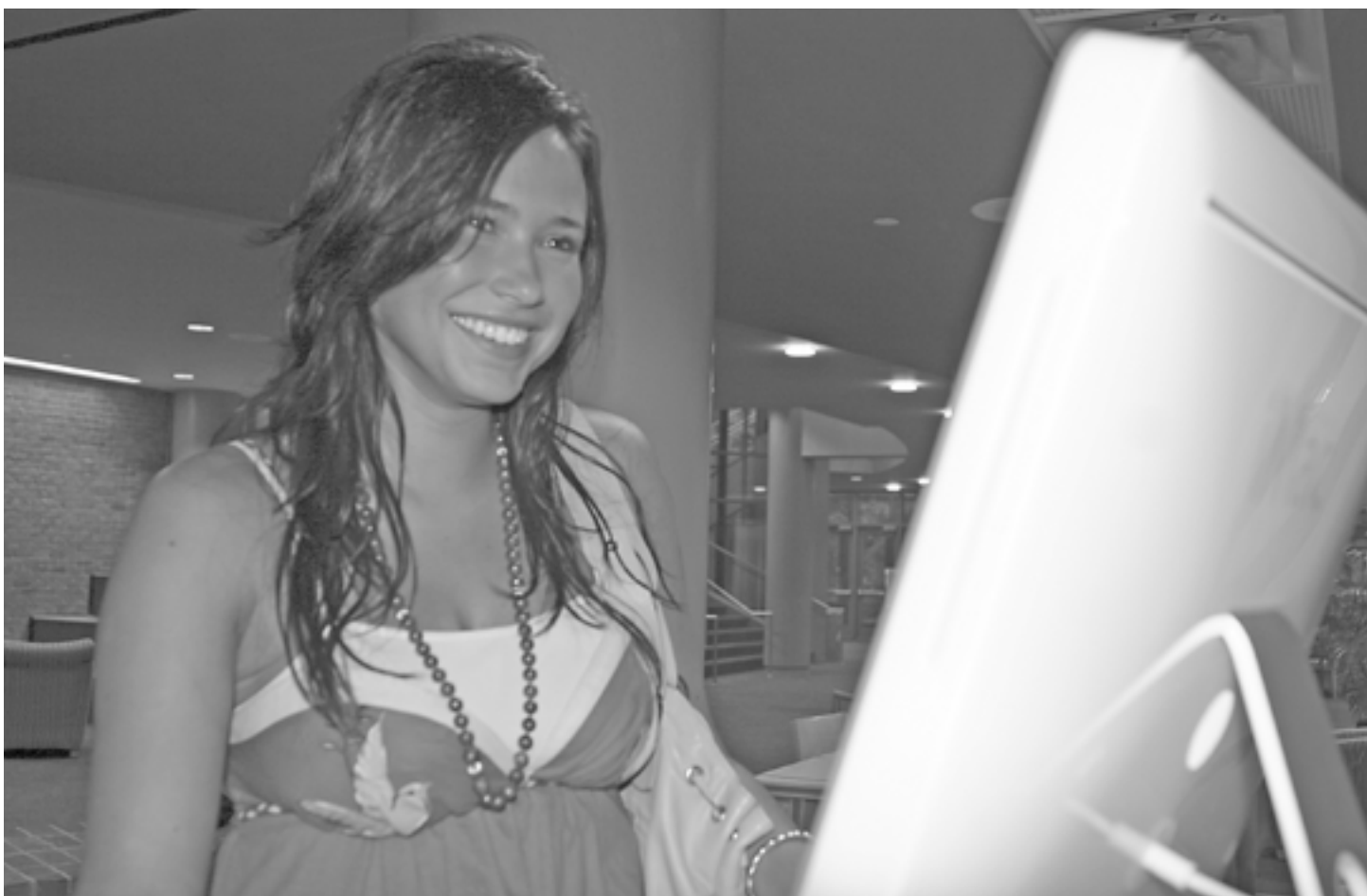
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Laura Robinson uses one of the many new Mac computers in Sarratt Student Center.

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Additional Sarratt improvements on the way

Students react favorably to student center's summer makeover.

By Meredith Casey
ASST NEWS EDITOR

Additional upgrades are set to take place in the Sarratt Student Center over the next few months.

In the near future, students can expect the addition of a public printer and a Golden Tee arcade game outside the Pub, as well as a simplified Ticketmaster system.

These modifications come in addition to the revamping Sarratt received over the summer, which included new furniture for public spaces and meeting rooms, six additional walk-up computer kiosks, flat-screen televisions, new carpet and fresh paint.

So far, students have reacted positively to the changes.

"The additional seating in

Sarratt Gallery should help the issue of students not having enough places to sit and relax, do work or meet with study groups," said junior Jessica Schwartz. "I like the changes."

"The Vanderbilt logo on the backs of the new chairs adds to the Vandy feel of the space," said junior Sam Solem.

"Sarratt is an important central building on Vanderbilt's campus...I think it needed some work, and it now looks noticeably better," said sophomore Dina Bandman. "Let's see if the makeover impacts our admissions statistics and raises our ranking."

Sarratt received the summer makeover based on the results of the College Student Center Assessment, a student survey that was administered to

approximately 1,500 randomly-selected undergraduates last spring.

"Sarratt Student Center is the hub of student life on campus," said Director of Student Centers Jack Davis. "We want to make sure students enjoy their experience in this facility, meeting both their academic and social needs."

According to Davis, the Office of the Dean of Students will be using the findings of the survey to plan for further improvements of the Student Center.

Students are encouraged to continue providing their opinions throughout the year so that services in the Student Center will consistently improve. Comments may be submitted on the Sarratt Web page: <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/sarratt>. ■

The power to improve is in your hands!

Submit your opinions on the Sarratt changes on the center's Web site, <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/sarratt>.

KATRINA: University recovers

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Altiero explained, the engineering program at Tulane had been having financial problems, and the process to make the school financially solvent was only 40 percent complete when Katrina hit.

"It's easy, I think for people in retrospect to be critical," Altiero said, "but if you put yourself in their position, the administration was working very hard to put together a plan that would not only save the university financially but would keep the university's academic quality as high as possible."

"So they had to make some tough decisions," he added.

In addition to the engineering changes, Tulane decided to combine Newcomb College, the oldest women's college in the country, with Tulane College, an all-male school, to form one undergraduate college, Newcomb-Tulane College.

Senior Yasmin Bahora, who spend her fall semester at Vanderbilt and was part of an advisory committee at Tulane that helped administrators implement the changes to the undergraduate system, sympathized with

administrators.

"I think that the administration was under a lot of stress and had to make some pretty quick decisions about restructuring," she said.

Despite the changes made to Tulane, Bahora chose to continue her education there.

"It wasn't really an option for me to stay at Vanderbilt," she said. "I've always loved New Orleans...I couldn't imagine not going back."

Both Weinstein and Rudberg, as well as numerous other Tulane engineering students scattered at colleges across the country, are adjusting to their transfer.

"This wasn't my plan for my junior year, but hey, it happens," said Rudberg. "The choice I made was to leave so I'm living with it."

"I'm excited," said Weinstein. "I love it here."

As for Tulane, Altiero believes the university is on its way to recovery.

"While people can criticize specific aspects of the plan, I firmly believe that in the long run the university is going to come out of this in a much better place even having suffered what we did in terms of the financial impact," he said. ■

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OUR VIEW

Student publications can evoke change

Every edition of The Vanderbilt Hustler boasts the words "The Voice of Vanderbilt since 1888." This is not just a catchy alliteration; it is a role we take very seriously.

As "The Voice of Vanderbilt," we are continuing a nearly 120-year tradition of representing the activities and perspectives of the Vanderbilt community. No other publication reaches Vanderbilt students as often as The Hustler, and we realize the responsibility that this position holds.

In recent years, The Hustler and other student publications have received criticism from the Vanderbilt community for ignoring diversity issues. Many Vanderbilt students feel The Hustler does not represent their interests and are uncomfortable using the newspaper to express what they believe is important. As the face of Vanderbilt becomes more diverse, so must the student newspaper.

The Hustler played an integral role in uniting students to fight for integration of the university. In the early months of 1962, The Hustler called the school "cowardly" for not addressing integration and said it was "a blot on the university's reputation if the administration continues to avoid the subject." The newspaper argued that Vanderbilt admissions should focus on "social standards" rather than "academic standards." These arguments spurred action by student leaders, and on May 6, 1962, the Board of Trust decided that qualified African Americans would be admitted to all aspects of the university.

This is an example of the power student media has to spur change on university campuses, and there will be even more of an opportunity to address diversity issues with the new student publication that was approved yesterday, Talented Tenth. The publication will serve as a mouthpiece for black students so that their concerns can be heard by the entire community.

We believe Talented Tenth will provide a new perspective, but we also hope that The Hustler can do the same for all members of the Vanderbilt community. Our office doors are always open to anyone who wants to join the staff or provide insight about how to improve the newspaper. We hope, with the help of the entire student body, we are able to fulfill our role as "The Voice of Vanderbilt."

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hustler article misrepresents VUcept president

To the Editor:

I am sincerely humiliated by the article about Vanderbilt Visions in Monday's paper. In the third paragraph, I am identified as the "president of Vanderbilt Visions" (I am, in fact, the president of VUcept), and the article only deteriorates from there. In short, I am grossly misquoted. While the general sentiments of what I said were not completely lost, I feel as though the writer wrote what he wanted and then sprinkled quotation marks liberally throughout the article. Anyone who knows me well should immediately recognize the impossibility of those quotes being mine; I simply don't speak as the article suggests—sentences don't make sense, tenses are incorrect and most of the quotations are thoroughly

confusing. I am embarrassed to know that this article was published and distributed to the entire campus as something that I have said. While I understand the difficulty in having true word-for-word quotations, slightly changing diction can change the meaning and implications of an entire sentence. This writer, for example, referred to new students as "kids" on multiple occasions throughout the article. I guarantee I did not use the word "kids." Ask any VUceptor, and they will inform you that we covered this in training on multiple occasions. VUceptors were asked to refer to their new students as their "VUceptees," their "VUcept group," or simply "new students"—and specifically not "kids." This is not the first time I've been misquoted in The Hustler, but it is certainly the most egregious deviation

from my words. It is very important to me that this campus receives the correct information about Vanderbilt Visions, as it is a new program which upperclassmen have not experienced and this article has unfortunately not met my hopes.

I would urge my fellow Vanderbilt students, upon being approached by any reporter, to put everything in writing. I urge the editor of The Hustler as well as individual section editors to more closely train their writers on how to handle quotations. I am sincerely disappointed in The Hustler's reporting in this article and will be sure to exercise greater caution when being interviewed in the future.

Sydney Larson
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Perpetrators should be held accountable

To the Editor:

The recent events on campus involving violence against women are disturbing to all students, male and female. Before classes even started, students were reminded, and freshmen learned, that the so-called carefree college years are not immune to the unfortunate dangers of our society as a whole, in the form of ever-present violence against women. While the Vanderbilt community is fortunate to receive security alerts from VUPD for many reasons, I urge students to remember that the security alert does not contain the whole story.

The first security alert, reporting an incident

of rape, was unique in that it ended with a series of "risk reduction tips," designed to help prevent a similar incidence from occurring. I wish to respect the autonomy and decisions of the survivor and support her decision to endorse VUPD's standard set of advice. However, the seemingly commonsense list places all of the responsibility on would-be victims, mainly females, implicitly holding them accountable if they should be sexually assaulted while not following the guidelines. Therefore, I offer my own common sense list as a reminder to the Vanderbilt community that we should never lose sight of who should truly be held accountable for violence against women: the perpetrators.

- Do not rape, sexually assault, stalk, or physically assault someone.
- Do not take advantage of a drunk female or male.
- Do not drug or intoxicate someone, especially for the purpose of non-consensual sexual activity.

By following these guidelines, I guarantee that the Vanderbilt community will eliminate the occurrence of these incidences. Please join the effort to end violence against women on our campus.

Reagan Bush
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COLUMN

Airline experience yields appreciation for restrictions

I will have to ask forgiveness for my abject lack of sympathy for the sentiments expressed last Wednesday in Wynne Duong's

Guest Columnist

KEVIN McNISH

column, "On My Mind." Beside those of Duong's concerns with no grounding in truth, those with factual basis were largely petty and insipid.

I would like to offer my experience in London Heathrow Airport on Aug. 11, 2006, the day after the British government launched a series of arrests to foil the liquid explosives plot.

On that morning, I boarded American Airlines Flight 99, which took off at 7:55 a.m., bound for Chicago O'Hare. That morning, fears of losing my beloved tube of Colgate Total or of canceling my duty-free shopping plans took a back seat to making sure I returned to the United States without terrorists exploding my plane.

I first learned of the attempted Aug. 10 attack through a worried call from my girlfriend back in the United States, a call quickly followed by a call from my parents and another from Vanderbilt Studies in London director Dr. Paul Elledge. I rushed to turn on Sky News,

from which I learned the full details of the plot. Airlines were canceling flights from all four of London's airports, especially Heathrow, which serves the three airlines targeted by the plot, United, Continental, and American, the airline I would be flying. Fortunately, with the aid of Dr. Elledge, for whose assistance I am eternally grateful, I arrived at Heathrow with time to check my bags, go through three searches, and board the plane. The British Airports Authority personnel even allowed me to bring my over-the-counter Dramamine on the flight. Even more fortunate, however, is that almost every single Vanderbilt

student had safely arrived in the United States a few days prior to the incident.

American Airlines Flight 99 on the morning of Aug. 11 was largely uneventful. Before takeoff, a flight attendant remarked with stoic humor that she couldn't even remind us to turn off our cell phones and electronic devices. I found nobody decrying carrying the clear plastic bags or packing toiletries and electronics in checked baggage, nor could I find anybody complaining about the serpentine queues that engulfed the American Airlines check-in desk that morning. The other passengers and I also

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COLUMN

Pride in Greek party scene is misplaced

I have been spurred to respond to last Friday's article, "New social policies threaten party school reputation" by Sara Tabor. I have no doubt that I will be among an extreme

Guest Columnist
KYLE LARSON

minority in my views, but nonetheless, I feel compelled to put forth my view for your consideration.

I was shocked by the brazen article in which Tabor essentially chided the university for not providing the freshmen with an orientation experience that included, or at least didn't inhibit, partying since "the freshmen are not here just for the studying." Indeed, she says "most" students were drawn here by our ranking in the Princeton Review for, get this, not academic standing but our Greek scene. Apparently, the administration and the admissions office should take pride in this.

Why in the world should we take pride in being known as a party school? I would

imagine, should our beloved Cornelius Vanderbilt be looking down on us, he would take a fierce pride in how far this university has come: from a mere idea to one of the top 20 universities in the nation. However, I have no doubt that the Commodore, an industrious and hardworking man, would not hesitate to strip us of his name if he saw our so called "partying."

The notion that Tabor holds near and dear to her heart, that the "party scene" is an integral part of our school, I find no less than utterly reprehensible. We have been back at school for scarcely a week and already received e-mail notification of two tragic rapes, both involving the "party scene." Further, since when did the fact suddenly slip everyone's mind that drinking is illegal for the bulk of students. I, for one, would applaud the administration if it took greater lengths to cut down on partying on campus.

I will go ahead and attack the Greek scene head-on. These organizations were established as philanthropic organizations to better young members and the surrounding university and community. How many tens

of thousands of dollars a year do these organizations waste on alcohol and parties? I have no doubt that they do provide some service to the Nashville community, but let's face it: we hear far more about their partying than their philanthropy. The very words "frat boy" have become synonymous with a polo shirt, khakis, deck shoes and a beer. What happened to the class that used to exist within these organizations?

It is true that many Vanderbilt students do great things after graduation, but why wait until then? Why waste your time and money existing in a haze? Should Thomas Jefferson have decided that instead of studying, he would rather be out at a pub, we would have never had an accomplished wordsmith draft one of the most beautiful and important documents ever put down on paper.

Tabor closes with the statement that we should be careful "not to sacrifice our party scene." I feel I must ask, "What exactly would we lose if we did?"

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THE VERDICT

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

Federal Aviation Administration		Admits control tower was understaffed when a jet took off from short, dark runway, causing it to crash, killing 49 people.
John Mark Karr		Confession doesn't hold up when DNA results come in. The creepiest man of the year's 15 minutes are up.
Barack Obama		Greeted like a rock star in Kenya. He takes a public AIDS test to help reduce stigma and, in true rock star form, sticks it to the corrupt government.
Campus Safety		Two security alerts in the first week of school have everyone wondering what the heck is going on.
Conan O'Brien		Rocks the Emmys with some of the best awards show hosting in years. How much longer until he finally takes over for Leno?
Solar System		Apparently even the cosmos have to deal with downsizing, as Pluto finds its role redefined, and the planet count is reduced to eight.
Alternative Winter Break		Popular community service trips offered in winter for the first time. If ASB is any indication, this could really catch on.

COLUMN

U.N. Ambassador deserves confirmation

Within the next couple of weeks, the Senate Foreign Relations committee will convene to decide the fate of U.N. Ambassador John Bolton, who has been on the job for a year

The Right Angle
CHRIS DONNELLY

now after an August 2005 recess appointment by President Bush. In early 2005, Bolton had difficulty getting confirmed by the Senate due to some past criticism of the United Nations and reports that he verbally abused past employees.

However, much of his criticism of the United Nations has been legitimate. He outspokenly called for a more credible U.N. Human Rights Commission, currently chaired by Libya, a country with a spotty record on human rights to say the least. For this, even The New York Times editorial gave Bolton credit, stating flatly, "John Bolton is right, Secretary General

Kofi Annan is wrong," and adding that some members of the Human Rights Commission are "some of the world's most abusive regimes."

In the past couple months, Bolton has represented the United States as the conflict in the Middle East escalates. This administration supports Israel's right to defend itself, and Bolton has stood up for that right in various meetings with U.N. officials. At the same time, it is important that our ambassador to the U.N. isn't a "go-along, get-along" type of person when there are so many problems ignored by Annan. For example, the Oil for Food scandal allowed Saddam Hussein's regime to receive U.N. money. In an interview with the Wall Street Journal, Ambassador Bolton said, "The Oil for Food program is, for many Americans, a tangible symbol of what's wrong with management at the United Nations, and I think the most troubling lesson is that that kind of activity didn't spring up overnight. It comes from a culture that already exists here at the U.N." That type of culture will never be

rooted out by someone who simply bows down to Annan and other corrupt U.N. officials.

With all the events going on today in North Korea, Iran and Lebanon, just to name a few countries that the United States needs to deal with, we should retain Bolton's steady leadership in New York. Most telling is what Senator George Voinovich (R-Ohio), who opposed Bolton when Bush first nominated him, wrote in a July 2005 Washington Post editorial: "Should the president choose to renominate him, I cannot imagine a worse message to send to the terrorists ... than to drag out a possible renomination process or even replace the person our president has entrusted to lead our nation at the United Nations at a time when we are working on these historic objectives." Clearly, Bolton has used his recess appointment wisely, winning over even some who initially opposed him, and because of that I believe he deserves to be confirmed, finally, by the U.S. Senate.

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AIRLINE: Dehydration not an issue on flights

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received beverage service three times during the flight, so any concerns of dehydration, which lay at the far back of my mind anyway, disappeared with some haste. I somehow found the peace of mind to fall asleep on the plane — fortuitously having an empty aisle seat next to my window seat helped — and woke up from the long 48 hours of nightmare somewhere over Lake Michigan, secure in the knowledge that I would land safely in O'Hare before making one last, short journey to Nashville.

More than two weeks have passed since Scotland Yard made the arrests that captured the conspirators in this murderous plot; more than

two weeks have passed since my safe arrival in Nashville. However, I still find myself reeling from a number of ideas: that I might owe my life to some surveillance program that I would find politically distasteful; that certain persons have become so sickened by hate that they would go to unthinkable lengths to kill innocents; and that, again through the machinations of hate-sickened minds, I might forever lose those dear to me.

Having to put my MP3 player in my checked luggage, on the other hand, failed to capture my thoughts so powerfully.

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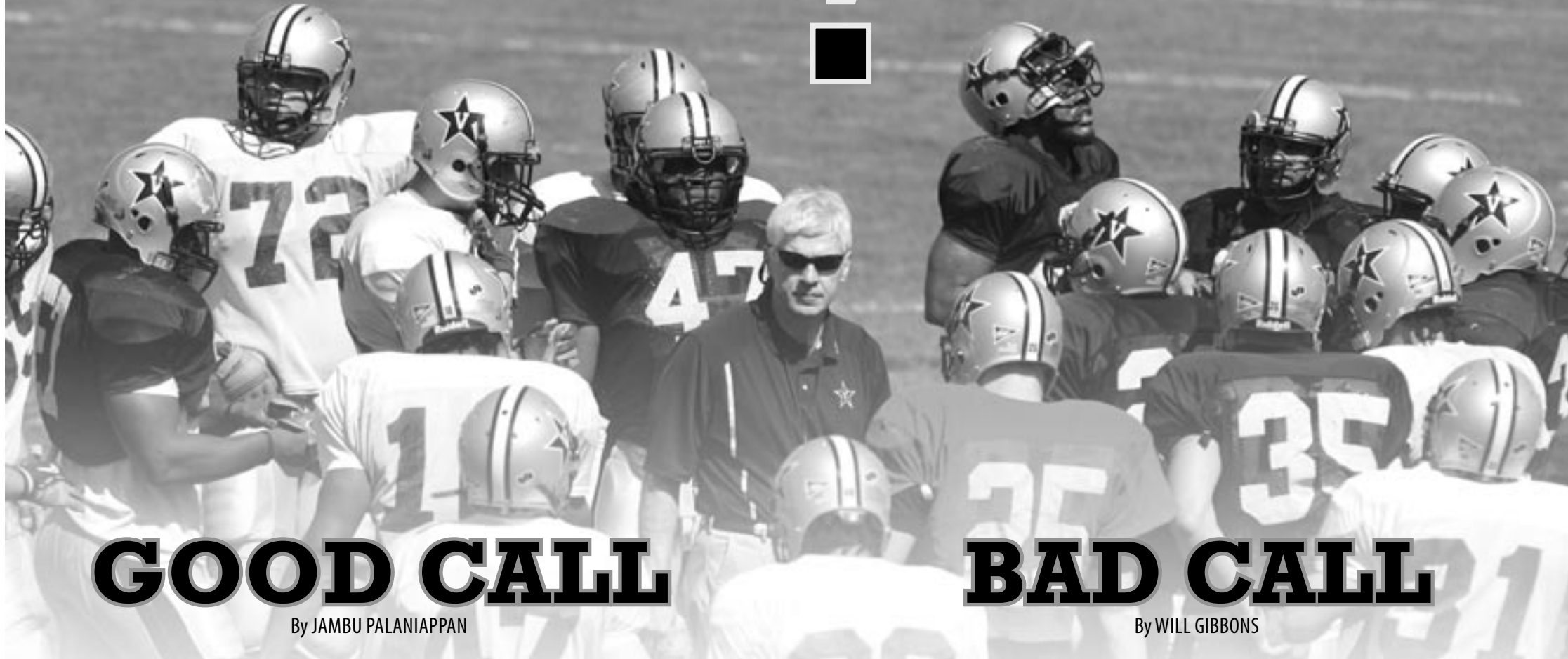
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SPORTS

FEATURE

IS IT WORTH IT?

Our writers discuss whether or not making the trip to the "Big House" this weekend is beneficial to the Vanderbilt football program.



GOOD CALL

By JAMBU PALANIAPPAN

BAD CALL

By WILL GIBBONS

When David Williams announced in January that Vanderbilt's first game of the season would be at the University of Michigan, I cringed. I thought the vice chancellor for university affairs had lost his mind.

Michigan? As in the same Michigan with 11 national championships and three Heisman trophy winners? I'm pretty sure that's eleven more national titles than we've won.

But, what if your Vanderbilt Commodores go into the Big House this Saturday against an All-American running back, 100,000 hostile fans and a 25 1/2 point spread and play their hearts out?

What if they play the game of their lives? What if Earl Bennett, Chris Nickson or Bryant Hahnfeldt join the ranks of the Four Horsemen, Doug Flutie and Kordell Stewart in the annals of college football lore? What if we go to Ann Arbor and win?

If we lose, so what? No one expects us to even have a pulse against this juggernaut of a team; no one even expects us to compete. The national media and many on this campus have set the bar so low for this game that not tripping over ourselves on the opening kickoff should suffice to satisfy their expectations.

This summer, much of the talk that surrounded Jay Cutler's draft status was that he put up solid numbers while playing at a no-talent, academic cupcake of a school with little ambition and few fans. Our team now has a chance to prove everyone wrong, and it just so happens to come on the first day of the season.

In addition to going up against a perennial

power with the possibility of bringing immense credibility to our program, the focus of the entire college football world will be on the Commodores this weekend.

Last year, we played on national television four times and our profile rose immensely. Our most successful season in recent memory, coupled with a top-15 draft pick and a miraculous upset in Knoxville sent us on the arduous journey to developing into a respectable football school.

By playing Michigan in the first game this season on ESPN, we will carry that momentum into a new season. Regardless of the outcome, prospective recruits and potential signees will be drawn to a program that can draw an audience outside of Jefferson Pilot (now Lincoln Financial) sports and the Nashville metropolitan area.

I can understand the argument that we need to compete for six wins in order to make a bowl game, but look at the rest of our non-league schedule. We have set ourselves up with an easy non-conference schedule year after year. Duke, Temple and TSU, our other non-conference opponents this season, are certainly not college football powerhouses.

It isn't as if we dropped those three schools from our schedule and added Notre Dame, USC and Ohio State. We did add one extremely strong team, are getting a high, six-figure appearance fee and will be on national TV. This game represents the chance for us to turn the corner and legitimize ourselves as something other than the SEC's doormat.

Call me an idealist, but we should be playing Michigan this Saturday. We have nothing to lose.

With one of its most successful teams in years, Vanderbilt, led by gunslinger Jay Cutler, wowed fans and made some noise in the SEC. At the end of the day, though, the record was 5-6, a game short of a bowl appearance. The program now needs to turn its attention to winning six or more games in a season.

It's been since 1982, probably before any undergraduate student at Vanderbilt was born, that the team has made a bowl. Since 1975, we've had one winning season. While last season saw its share of success, the team still didn't break through. It was in a lot of ways a bittersweet experience as a fan of the team.

Since the daunting SEC schedule is almost like playing eight bowl games a year, this means avoiding non-conference encounters with powers like Michigan. And while Middle Tennessee, which the school ditched for the trip to Ann Arbor, has been a thorn in Vanderbilt's side over the years, the on-paper odds have to figure that Vanderbilt is due for a win.

With a team like last year's and a quarterback like Jay Cutler, there's a huge opportunity to win. And while the team did take advantage of that opportunity to some extent, it still missed a bowl bid. For each incredible win, there's a heartbreaking loss.

Beating Wake Forest, Arkansas, Ole Miss and Tennessee all in the final minutes of each game blew us students away. Fans will recount those games for years to come. Still, it's almost as if the more things change, the more they stay the same. There were two shocking and painful losses to Middle Tennessee and Kentucky, which the Dores were favored to win, along with two near misses for upsets at Florida and South Carolina. Let me remind you this was all with a senior quarterback

who now plays for the Denver Broncos.

In college basketball, schedules are made in the summer and early fall, allowing coaches and athletic directors to schedule according to the experience of their team. While football schedules are usually made years in advance, Vanderbilt had a choice in January of this year: it could break in a youthful quarterback and several new defensive starters in the Big House in front of 108,000 hostile fans, or it could break them in at the friendly confines of Dudley Field against Middle Tennessee. The choice should have been simple, but perhaps money clouded sound judgment.

The plan should be to get wins, change a culture that celebrates a five-win season, and then take on bigger and better foes outside of the conference slate.

As a fan, I hope I am wrong. As a fan, I hope for a win reminiscent of Northwestern's 17-15 win over Notre Dame in 1995, which propelled the Wildcats to a Rose Bowl season. A perennial loser before, they've been putting out winners ever since that season-opening win eleven years ago. With so much inexperience, however, it's difficult to say what the chances are for the Dores to mimic Northwestern on Saturday.

In the Bowl Championship Series era, more teams are improving their non-conference schedules in hopes of increasing their computer ratings and overall respectability, with an end goal of a BCS bowl. In Vanderbilt's situation, however, an appearance at the Music City Bowl or Independence Bowl would please every member of the Commodore nation, even with cupcake wins out of SEC play padding the win total. Twenty-three straight losing seasons is an embarrassing streak, and Vanderbilt needs to do everything it can to fix it.

FEATURE

Athletes careful with Facebook

Other schools ban use of popular online network.

By Katie Titus
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Colleges and universities across the country are limiting student-athletes from displaying certain information on facebook.com.

In fact, "some schools have demanded that their student-athletes not be a part of it," said Vice Chancellor for University Affairs David Williams. "We haven't gone that far."

Sophomore Meghan Higgins, a member of the women's soccer team, is glad that Vanderbilt has not taken away athletes' Facebook privileges.

"Athletes should be granted the same opportunities as non-student-athletes," she said. "I would be really angry if they took it away from us. It is something that all students should have access to and athletes should not be excluded from the rest of the student body."

Sophomore Jessica Demorest, a women's lacrosse player, agreed, saying that "although athletes might receive more pressure to ensure that their profiles are not 'incriminating' because they are direct representatives of the university's athletic program, it is discriminatory to take away their

use of the Web site entirely, because they are foremost students."

For coaches, the key is to make sure that student-athletes are being responsible and representing their respective programs with class.

Football coach Bobby Johnson's policy for his players "to use common sense and do the right thing. We don't go around checking it all the time."

Baseball coach Tim Corbin said he spent some time on the site last year and warned his players about the problems that could occur.

Although women's soccer coach Ronnie Coveleskie does not personally check the site, she did assign certain players to do so.

"I do have several designated players on our team that are responsible for the monitoring of their teammates' sites," Coveleskie said. "Once again, our team does understand that there will be consequences for inappropriate actions, words or pictures found on page. In addition, it is imperative that they carry themselves in a mature manner, so their picture does not appear on anyone else's Web site exhibiting a lack of judgment."

Coveleskie stressed that whether student-athletes like it or not, people can make judgments about them based on what they put on their Facebook profiles.

"It is a public forum, which means that anyone can access their personal information," she said. "In turn, I expect them to understand that whatever they put on the Facebook site represents who they are and what they stand for."

Higgins took this into consideration when deciding what to have on her profile.

"Our coach has requested that we not have any form of alcohol or items suggesting alcohol in any of our pictures," she said. "I have gone through my profile and made sure that none of these things are visible in my pictures."

While Vanderbilt has not posed as a serious threat to student-athlete Facebooking, other colleges have begun to.

At Louisiana State University, two athletes were kicked off of the swim team for posting negative comments about their coaches on Facebook.

At Northwestern, some women's

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COLUMN

Dores okay without Jay

By Andrew Barge
SPORTS REPORTER

Vanderbilt enters this season coming off its biggest win in 20 years. And for the first time in four years, Jay Cutler will not be under center.

His monster year last season was historic for Vanderbilt football, but his hype also overshadowed young talent and the significant growth that helped make last year special. With Cutler gone and last year's unheralded stars in leadership roles, the 2006 season is a perfect opportunity for the Vanderbilt football team to play with a chip on its shoulder and prove that the inevitable two-win seasons are buried in the past.

Cutler helped elevate Vanderbilt's program from inevitable SEC failure to double overtime in the "Swamp" on national television. The team was one blocked field goal away from a bowl under his stellar play and leadership. But, in a way, Cutler's success was ultimately at the expense of the football program.

Vanderbilt's inferior team was a constant topic of conversation among draft analysts when comparing Cutler to the rest of the standout quarterbacks. Questions such as "What could Jay Cutler have done for a National powerhouse?" and "Could Matt Leinart have won five games for Vandy last year?" helped lift Cutler's draft hype

even higher at the cost of the team.

Since April, Cutler has shined in Denver's system, and Vanderbilt has enjoyed a successful summer with new leadership. Coach Johnson has picked a worthy successor at quarterback while putting together a solid recruiting class for next season. But with the best player in the history of the program gone, the team has something to prove.

Fortunately for Vanderbilt, a bigger stage couldn't have been set. Vanderbilt will open the season against a national powerhouse with 100,000 fans in the stands and millions more watching at home watching, many of whom are thinking, "Wait, didn't Cutler play for these guys?"

This Saturday is a golden opportunity for our football team to give everyone a reason to remember Vanderbilt even though Cutler is gone. A solid performance against Michigan would show the nation that our team has progressed, just as Cutler has, after the big win against Tennessee. It would show the nation that the inevitable 2-9 seasons in Nashville are gone forever.



CUTLER

FACEBOOK: Coaches tell players to use more caution

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soccer players posted pictures of themselves in their underwear giving lap dances and were soon suspended, followed by coach Jenny Haigh's resignation.

Duke does not even allow student-athletes to have Facebook profiles anymore, because after the accusation of rape by lacrosse players, they feel some things on the athletes' profiles may be misconstrued.

Some students at University of California got basketball player Gabe Pruitts' screename through Facebook and pretended to be a girl, Victoria, looking for a date. At the USC vs. Cal game, the posers held up a sign with Pruitts' phone number and chanted, "VIC-TOR-IA" every time he went to the free-throw line. Normally shooting 79 percent from the free-throw line, Pruitts only made three of the 13 attempts that night.

Student-athletes have a fine line to keep with regards to Facebook, according to Coveleskie.

"I believe it can be a dangerous tool if not used in the correct way," she said. "However, the right to connect and express with other students from across the nation as well as their university is important to our students."

Vanderbilt student-athletes seem to understand what is expected of them.

"I think that there is a bit more emphasis on student-athletes to monitor what they include on their profiles because not only do we represent our teammates and our sport at Vanderbilt, but we are responsible for representing all collegiate athletes," Demorest said.

Vanderbilt has not taken away athletes' Facebook rights as of now, and its student-athletes are happy with the way the situation is being handled.

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—Ronnie Coveleskie,
women's soccer coach

Griffin nominated for prestigious award



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Senior goalkeeper Tyler Griffin was one of 25 student-athletes named to the initial Missouri Athletic Club Hermann Trophy Watch List, which honors the nation's best soccer player, by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. A Preseason All-American, Griffin was one of three goalkeepers on the Watch List and one of three players from the Southeastern Conference. Not only was Griffin named to the Hermann Trophy Watch List, she was also named a Preseason All-American by the NSCAA, Soccer Buzz and Soccer America. Last Friday, Griffin recorded her 24th career shutout in Vanderbilt's season opening 0-0 draw against Colorado and needs just five more to become the school's all-time leader. The Commodores return to action this weekend at the Auburn Classic, where they will play William and Mary Friday and Dartmouth Sunday.

CROSS COUNTRY

Experienced coach to lead both cross country programs

By Peter Madden
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Vice Chancellor for University Affairs David Williams consolidated the Commodore cross country program over the summer, naming Steven Keith, former women's cross country and track coach at Alabama University, as the head coach of both the men's and women's teams here at Vanderbilt.

Keith has accumulated over 20 years of experience, having served the last five years as the head women's cross country coach at Alabama. Throughout his career, Keith has honed the skills of 28 All-American runners, including finalists at the Olympics, World Championships, Pan American Games, European Championships and World University Games.

Williams hopes that the recent acquisition of Keith will elevate the Commodore cross country program to a higher level of competition, not only

within the Southeastern Conference, but on the national scale.

"Vanderbilt has the potential to rise to an elite level on the national stage in cross country," Williams said, "and we believe that Steven Keith is the right person to lead us in that direction."

Keith is equally committed to forwarding this extraordinary standard of excellence initiated by the vice chancellor, believing that dominance in the SEC will correspond with an increase in national recognition.

"Having been a Division I coach for 20 years, and being in the SEC for the past five years, I'm very familiar with the level of competition and caliber of what it takes to be number one in the Conference," Keith said. "If you can be at the top of the SEC, you can be at the top on a national level, and that is our goal."

Keith, a graduate of Vanderbilt and a four-year letter-winner in cross country and track from 1977 to 1981, Keith believes that the competitive

spirit of the cross country program has remained the same even as other things have not. He seeks to adapt his team to fit the new values of the university.

"A lot has changed since I was a Commodore," Keith said. "The amount of support and the number of people and the budget have changed quite significantly since then. But runners were walk-ons for the men when I was there, and they are still walk-ons now. They do it for the love of the sport. I truly enjoyed running, and that's why I did it. I appreciate the kids that have that same feeling in the way they approach the sport."

"I am very impressed with how much the campus has grown," Keith added. "Both the academic requirements and the selectivity of the university have risen significantly. My goal is to build a program worthy of such high standards."

Keith leads the Commodores into their first action of the season on Friday at the Belmont Invitational.

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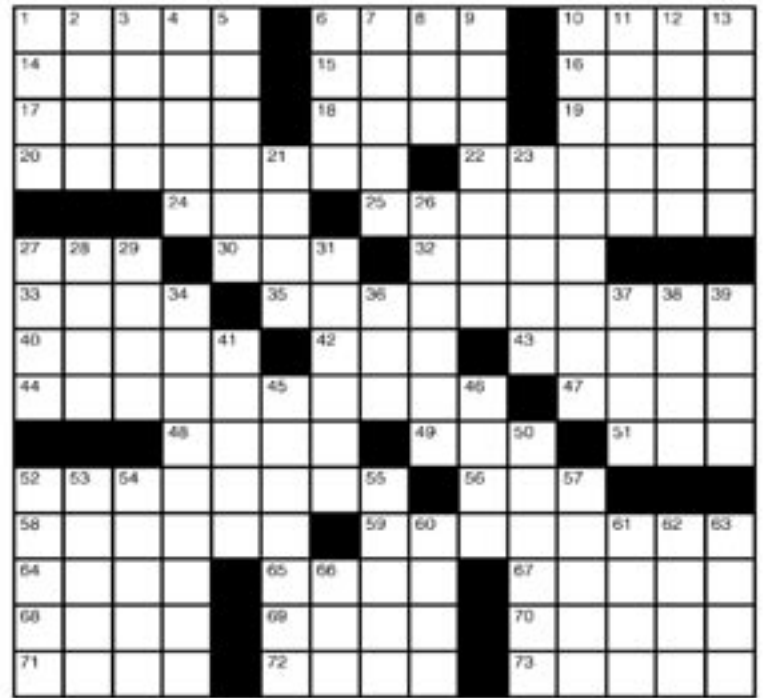
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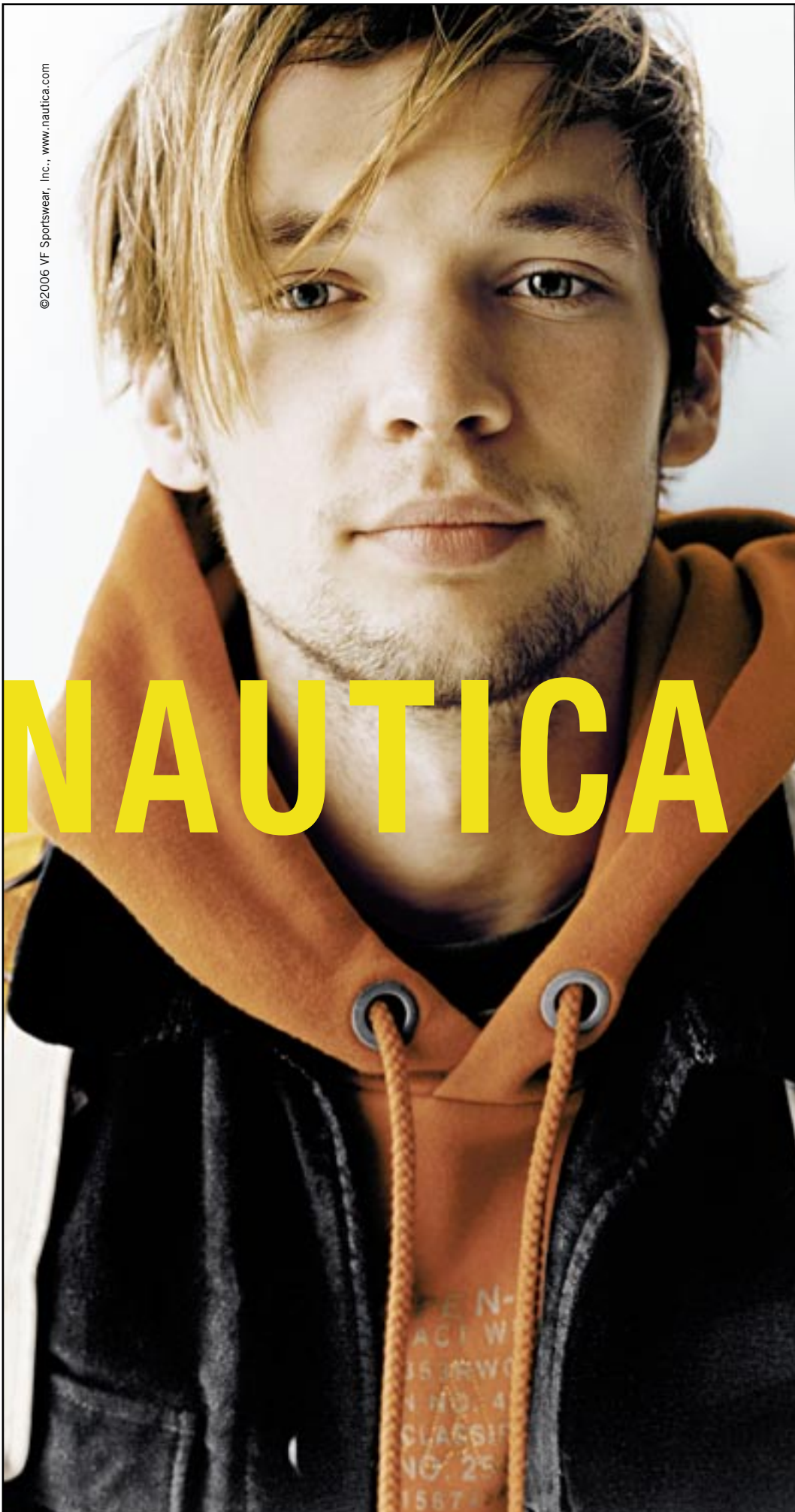
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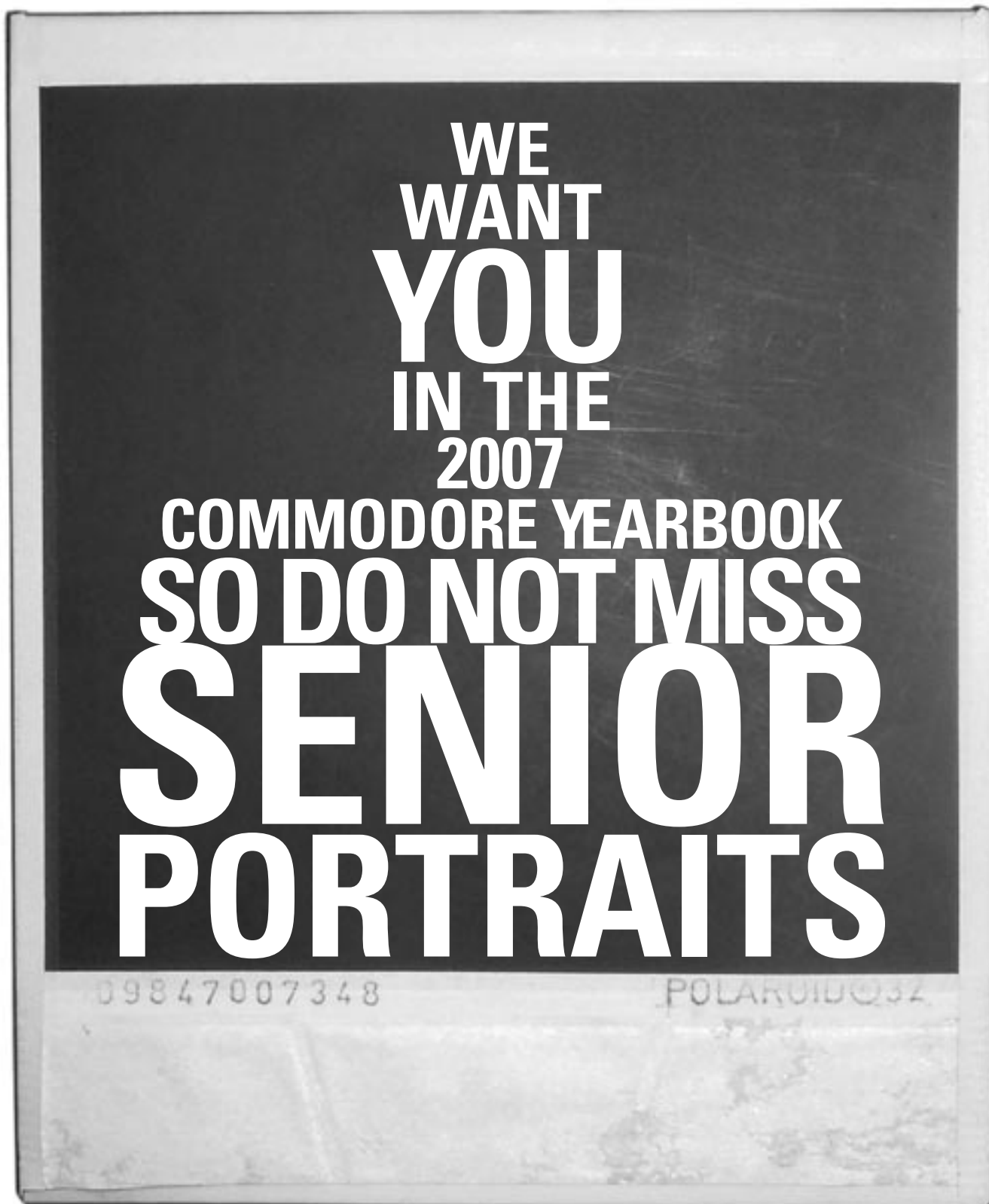
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