

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

SGA conference cancelled

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— SGA President
Kate Morgan

Association forced to pay \$9,000 for rooms.

BY BEN SWEET
HUSTLER NEWS EDITOR

Last week, the Vanderbilt Student Government Association paid out \$9,000 to the Marriott hotel for rooms that were never used.

According to SGA president Kate Morgan, Andrew Maxwell, former SGA president, volunteered Vanderbilt as the host of this year’s SEC-SGA Exchange, a conference of all the student government associations of SEC

schools.

The conference was originally scheduled for September, though hurricane Katrina pushed the date forward to Jan. 27 and 28 of this year.

In order to get the best rates for the conference, the SGA had already signed a contract with the Marriott hotel for twenty rooms. However, according to Morgan, as of Jan. 5, only five people had confirmed their attendance at the conference.

“We had already had to make a contract with the Marriott, but we couldn’t host a conference with five people, so we had to cancel it,” Morgan said.

Morgan stressed that the Vanderbilt legal team as well as the SGA advisors all looked over the contract before any money was paid to the hotel.

Of the \$9,000, \$6,000 had already been allotted by the SGA to cover the conference; the balance came from the general budget.

Mona Hicks, Vice Chancellor
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MEDIA



SCREEN CAPTURE PROVIDED BY DOAN PHUONG NGUYEN

Sophomore Weatherly Parker gives a weather report on VTV’s new news program. Though only two episodes are currently running, the show hopes to become weekly.

RESIDENTIAL LIFE

Commons creates new questions for Greeks

Impact of new housing on residential life scrutinized.

BY RYAN FARHA
HUSTLER REPORTER

As the Freshmen College Halls project progresses with the construction of The Commons, many students are concerned with its potential effect on the Greek community.

The College Halls will create living-learning communities for upperclassmen and will place all first-year students together in The Commons on Peabody.

The Commons is currently under construction and is scheduled to be operational in the fall of 2008.

Students on Peabody will have access to seminar rooms and kitchens in their halls.
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College Halls
A series
• Look forward to Will Reiter’s review of security issues related to the Commons next.

Students cheer as Steelers top Seahawks in Super Bowl



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TOP: Students watch last night’s Super Bowl XL at the Baptist Campus Ministry. BOTTOM: Bill Weimar, Nathan Starke and Andrew Robinson cheer on their team early in the game from Kappa Alpha fraternity. Dozens of organizations and groups around campus held Super Bowl watching parties as the Steelers topped the Seahawks 21-10.

News show launches first two episodes

VTV-6 features news, weather, sports and in-depth reporting.

BY MONIKA BLACKWELL
HUSTLER REPORTER

Vanderbilt Television now has a new addition to its programming line-up. “VTV-6 News” is a student run program that offers news, entertainment, sports and weather.

So far, “VTV-6” has two thirty-minute episodes rotating on VTV. Soon, however, new episodes will be aired, and eventually “VTV-6” will be on at a scheduled time each week.

Junior DoanPhuong Nguyen is the show’s creator and executive producer as well as an anchor, writer and editor.

After several internships with news media in Nashville and after working on the VTV program “The Bubble,” Nguyen had the idea to create a news based program. She met with Jim Hayes, assistant director of student media, about her plan and was approved.

After recruiting students to help with the program as well as contributing some of her own funds to the process, Nguyen’s dream came to life. Currently, fourteen students work for “VTV-6 News.” The tasks of these students include everything from writing, filming, editing, interviewing and reporting.

Allison Erwin, a freshman and a reporter for “VTV-6,” said that she is currently working on a piece about Vanderbilt Off

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— Allison Erwin, freshman reporter for VTV-6

Broadway and their production of “Brigadoon.” Erwin also said that she and Nguyen will soon begin projects in investigative journalism, though she did not disclose what they would be investigating.

“I think it’s important for the campus to know what VTV is doing right now with its programming,” Erwin said, “And a lot of what [DoanPhuong] is doing is raising the level of VTV.” She added, “Our news show is really worthwhile if you want to know what’s going on on campus.”

Nguyen hopes that eventually the program will cover national events as well as Vanderbilt related events.
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FINANCIAL AID

Congressional bill provides additional aid

BY BEN SWEET
HUSTLER NEWS EDITOR

Students who are eligible for a Federal Pell Grant may have even more financial aid heading their way.

A section included in the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, which has already passed both houses of Congress and is expected to be signed by President Bush, provides new funding for students who are Pell eligible and who have attended a school designated as ‘academically rigorous’ by the Secretary of Education.

At the same time, however, this bill also increases the first and second year loan limits for students, increasing the interest rate on certain loans as well.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Interhall campaign begins, two veterans run

BY BEN SWEET
HUSTLER NEWS EDITOR

Campaign season for the two candidates for Interhall president officially began at midnight last night; consequently, juniors Devin Donovan and Russell Ross have until 8 p.m. Feb. 15 to convince the student body of their qualifications.

Both candidates have served on Interhall for three years now. Donovan is the

current vice president while Ross serves as the secretary of security.

Both candidates have very different visions for Vanderbilt University and the role Interhall should play.

“I want to better represent students and give a venue for discussion with more visible leadership—to put the ‘inter’ back into Interhall,” Donovan said.

Ross agreed that visibility was some-

thing that Interhall traditionally lacks.

“Interhall fundamentally serves the student body, and as long as they (students) don’t know what we’re doing, how do we serve them?” Ross said.

Ross also stressed his record of advocacy for student organizations, such as his recent involvement in drafting the petition to reinstate the soccer team and collecting over 3,000 signatures.

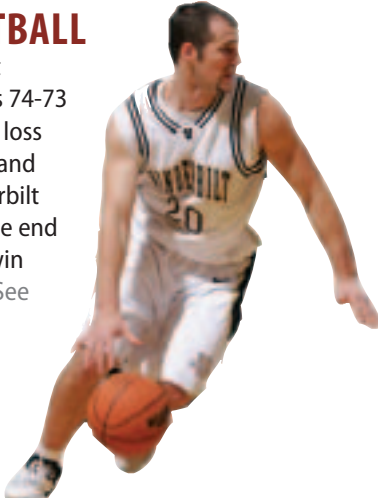
Meanwhile, Donovan looked toward the recent Interhall resolution providing compensation for residents of Memorial Hall (in wake of the construction difficulties), and said that innovation would be key to Interhall’s success in the coming year.

“My passion for Vanderbilt and passion for Interhall, I feel, are really un-
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OUR VIEW
The Hustler editorial board feels that many of the misconceptions that Greeks have about the impact of the Commons on Greek life are due to a lack of communication from administrators. See Page 4

BASKETBALL
Read about Vanderbilt’s 74-73 nail-biting loss to Georgia and how Vanderbilt rallied at the end to almost win the game. See Page 6



COLUMN
Read why columnist Tim Boyd thinks that civil rights leaders such as Coretta Scott King and Rosa Parks should be remembered but not worshiped like gods. See Page 4

QUOTABLE
“I feel duped. I don’t know what is true and I don’t know what isn’t.” — Oprah Winfrey, upon learning that James Frey, author of A Million Little Pieces (a book promoted in her book club) had fabricated huge portions of his memoir.

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Percentage of Americans who believe the Bush Administration never/hardly ever tells the truth.

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SGA: 'Unfortunate' event costs \$9,000

From SGA, page 1

for Student Activities, called the event "unfortunate," but something that was out of SGA's hands.

"This wasn't their (SGA's) fault. If there hadn't been a hurricane, we wouldn't be having this conversation," Hicks said.

SGA, however, remains optimistic that this setback will not greatly impact its performance this semester.

"There is nothing we already had planned that has to be cut," Morgan said. "We obviously won't be doling out money to every group this semester like they would hope, but I think it's a nice reminder that SGA is not an ATM."

Currently, the SGA does not expect any of the elev-

en invited schools to reimburse them for the expenses, though most had previously confirmed the January date. No one seems certain yet as to why so many of the eleven invited schools decided not to attend at the last minute.

"We've had tons of conversations about how student organizations have been operating since the hurricane," Hicks said. "All these schools were affected."

Morgan also expressed SGA's disappointment about the conference falling through.

"I'm really frustrated," she said. "When something is a result of something not initiated by you but you still have to suffer the consequences, man that's frustrating!" ■

VTV: Nguyen realizes dream

From VTV, page 1

ed news. "I'm actually trying to work to get Vanderbilt television associated with CNN," Nguyen said, "But I don't know how long that will take or if that's even possible."

For now, the show will remain centered on Vanderbilt community life.

"VTV-6 News" is still looking for reporters and

photographers. No experience is necessary. For more information or to find out about positions, contact DoanPhuong Nguyen at vtv6news@gmail.com.

Although VTV's website is still in production, more information, including show times, can eventually be obtained at www.vanderbilt.edu/vtv. "VTV-6 News" is also working on creating a Web site containing its stories and projects. ■

Interhall: Changes on the way

From INTERHALL, page 1

matched," she said. "I spend my life trying to initiate change in everything I'm involved in—because I feel that's one of the best qualities of a leader."

Ross said he also feels that some things need to change for Interhall to be truly representative of the student body.

"Interhall needs to be more proactive, more vocal," Ross said. "I'm doing this because there is a big problem with the way the university is run."

Senior outgoing president Kyle Southern has said he was very pleased to work with both Donovan and

The campaign timeline

Feb. 14 — Candidates must submit lists of campaign benefactors, expenditures and campaign associates for the general election to the attorney general by 7 p.m.

Feb. 15 — General elections take place from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Ross this year, and has decided not to issue an endorsement for either candidate. ■



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Use of tuition dollars obscure

On Saturday night, 10 friends and I were stuck in an elevator in Towers 4 for 45 minutes. The elevator told us that we had exceeded the weight limit of the elevator. To make matters worse, the elevator, in its

GUEST COLUMNIST
TIMOTHY DEES

deranged logic, decided that the best way to correct its perceived capacity problem was to stop the elevator between floors with the doors closed. Then, as if to taunt us, it ordered us to remove excess people and "reboard."

I could write this off as an aberration in an otherwise functional elevator, except that the same thing happened last week. Also, anecdotal evidence suggests that this is a regular occurrence.

The frequency of the elevator's malfunction, however, has not increased the response time of the elevator technician, who apparently lives in Narnia. The temperature in the elevator skyrocketed toward ninety as he crossed time and space in his voyage to Vanderbilt. He finally arrived, and we were helped out of that sinister hellbox. I recommend that this elevator be destroyed and any record of its existence expunged. That is a fine solution to the issue at hand, but a malfunctioning elevator is merely symptomatic of a larger problem.

Vanderbilt is a fine institution, and we pay handsomely to attend here. Tuition is \$31,700 and room and board comes out to a scandalous \$10,286 (including a whopping \$800 a month for housing). According to Vanderbilt's website, the cost of attending Vanderbilt for a year is \$44,960, which is roughly 100 percent of the average household income for an American family. With such enormous costs,

coupled with an endowment exceeding \$2 billion, one would think that Vanderbilt could provide basic services like working elevators or stall doors in the Rand restrooms. Instead, Vanderbilt pours hundreds of thousands of dollars into its crack security force at Lewis and Morgan.

In a world of soaring tuition, it is time to call Vanderbilt to accountability. When Vanderbilt successfully raises over \$1 billion in a matter of years but tuition still rises at a rate greatly outstripping inflation, something is wrong. When we pay \$800 a month to live in meager on-campus accommodations (without functioning elevators), something is wrong. As Vanderbilt students, we do not have to tolerate the disconnect between what we get and what we pay for. To quote a 2003 congressional report on the costs of higher education, "Many academic institutions have not seriously confronted the basic issues involved with reducing their costs and...most of them have also permitted a veil of obscurity to settle over their basic financial operations."

The effects of such a veil are disastrous: "According to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, cost factors prevent 48 percent of college-qualified high school graduates from attending a four-year institution, and 22 percent from attending any college at all. The statistics are similarly bleak for middle-income students and families. At this rate, by the end of the decade, more than 2 million college-qualified students will be completely denied the opportunity for a postsecondary education." What now? Should the malfunctioning elevators and meager accommodations that accompany a Vanderbilt education become the sole possession of a wealthy aristocracy? Vanderbilt must be held accountable.

—Timothy Dees is a senior in the College of Arts and Science.

Donnelly: Republicans should return to '94

From DONNELLY, page 4

my view. House Republicans need to stick to their message of 1994 by standing up to wasteful spending no matter which party the president is - even if he is one of their own.

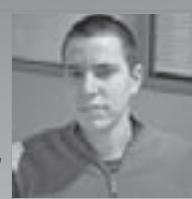
The environment in 1994 for Republicans to win back the House was perfect - you had a Democratic Congress plagued with scandal, a fairly unpopular president of that same party (although Clinton turned out to be popular overall in his eight years in the White

House - his first two were among the most rocky), and a Congress that was spending way out of control and cozying up to lobbyists. This sounds a lot like today, except there's one problem. It's the Republicans in this position. If Democrats manage to take back the House in November, it will be nobody's fault but the Republicans' who have started acting like them.

—Chris Donnelly is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Science.

AROUND THE LOOP

Who would you like to see come for Rites of Spring?



"I don't know if I have a favorite band that's still around."

TYLER TRUE
Junior



"O.A.R."

LIZZY STROM
Sophomore



"Kelly Clarkson."

ALLISON FORD
Freshman



"Guster."

MEGHAN KEHOE
Sophomore



"Journey."

KYLE SOUTHERN
Junior

Compiled by Reeve Hamilton

Boyd: Remember Kings, Parks for who they are

From BOYD, page 4

His fundamental critique of the way American society operated, not just in terms of race, but also how it led to poverty, war and violence, has been forgotten in favor of a few lines from his "I have a Dream" speech. This process of simplifying King, who was a deeply controversial and unpopular figure for many Americans during his lifetime, into an unambiguous national icon has been going on for some time. The alarm bells should have been ringing from the moment Strom Thurmond announced he was going to support a federal holiday honoring Dr. King's memory.

Rosa Parks was not a knight in shining armor who arrived from nowhere to inspire an army of followers and lead them to victory by her moral example alone. She was part of a well-developed, long-established and highly complex network of people determined to mount a challenge to the Jim Crow system. To lose sight of that is to lose sight of the actual dynamics and complexity of the Civil Rights Movement.

The way Dr. King is remembered is also problematic. In his case, his posthumous anointment as the leader of the Civil Rights Movement has come at the expense of downplaying the full extent of his beliefs. King, like Parks, is remembered as a saintly figure whose simple call for racial brotherhood has now become so mainstream that he is venerated across the political spectrum.

The point here is not that we should not respect and admire the Kings or Rosa Parks. But we should remember them for who they were, not for what we would like them to be. To do otherwise risks turning a complex and far-reaching movement into the simplified stories of a few great men and women. What is more, their canonization also gives the false impression that the issues they raised have been settled, that the impact of the Civil Rights Movement has run its course and that as long as we pay lip service to its heroes, we never have to worry ourselves about the unresolved issues of race and equality that still affect us today.

—Tim Boyd is a Graduate Student in the Department of History.

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MEN'S TENNIS

First road match proves too much for tennis team

BY ALEKSEY DUBROVSKY
HUSTLER SPORTS REPORTER

Home certainly has been sweet to the Vanderbilt men's tennis team thus far in the season, but the Commodores found out how the other half lives as they dropped a tough road-opener 6-1 to the No. 32 Louisville Saturday at the Bass-Rudd Tennis Center.

The Cardinals dominated most of the match, which marked the first loss of the season for the Commodores. They entered the match having won their first two contests over the University of Tennessee-Martin and Tennessee Tech.

"They played better than we did. Sometimes that's just the outcome," Head Coach Ian Duvenhage said. "They showed us some things we could do better so now we're going home to work hard on it."

Louisville entered the match at 3-2 on the season,

with the two defeats being road losses to the No. 3 Georgia Bulldogs and the No. 6 Mississippi Rebels. The Cardinals also carried a 42-match regular season home winning streak into the dual match with the Commodores, which they extended to 43 matches as the Cardinals' older line-up wore down the less-experienced Commodores.

At the No. 1 spot, Vanderbilt sophomore Ryan Preston lost two grueling matches to Cardinal Slavko Radman, both of which ended in tie-breakers. In the No. 2 spot, sophomore Evan Dufaux had to take on formerly-ranked Louisville junior Damar Johnson, and took a 6-2, 6-2 defeat.

There were flashes of hope for the Commodores throughout the match. The No. 3 spot match between Vanderbilt junior Andy Mack and Louisville senior Jakob Gustafsson was a very competitive match. Mack dropped the first set 6-2, but then led for most

of the second set before Gustafsson made a rally, tied it at 5-5, and eventually won it by a score of 7-5.

Junior Nathan Sachs, the No. 4 spot, lost his singles match to Louisville senior Jeremy Clark 6-2, 6-0, and when junior Jordan Magarik lost to Louisville junior Stefan Naughton 6-3, 6-4, the match was sealed in favor of the host Cardinals.

The Commodores' lone singles victory came when freshman Nik Cromydas defeated Cardinal senior Nicolas Houard in straight sets, 2-6, 2-6.

"Nik did a great job," Duvenhage said. "He's made a commitment to play aggressively and he really carried that out today."

The Louisville team came out motivated against the Commodores, and Louisville head coach Rex Ecarma kept his team humble throughout the match.

"I told our team that a few years ago, Vanderbilt was one shot away from winning the national

championship," Ecarma said. He also called Vanderbilt, "a team with national championship potential."

In doubles play, the Commodores competed well, though they lost the doubles point as well to the Cardinals. The Cardinals' No. 47-ranked duo of Jeremy Clark and Gustafsson defeated Preston and Magarik 8-2. The Commodores responded as the No. 30-ranked combination of Dufaux and Mack defeated the Cardinals Jhonny Berrido and Johnson 8-6. The exciting match ended on a service ace by Dufaux. The Cardinals, however, took the doubles point when the Cardinal pairing of Tony Teufel and Radman beat the Commodores' combo of Cromydas and Sachs 8-3.

The Commodores return home to the Brownlee O. Curry Tennis Center in Nashville as they host the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga on February 10. ■

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Vandy holds own among national powers

BY JARRED AMATO
HUSTLER ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Despite losing its first round match in the ITA National Tournament in Madison, Vanderbilt earned victories in its two consolation matches.

"We did a better job playing the third day of this competition," assistant coach Meike Babel said. "Every match you play is just as tough, but by the third day it's really easy to get in the swing."

The Commodores, ranked No. 7, swept No. 52 Wisconsin 7-0 Saturday and defeated No. 22 BYU 5-2 Friday.

Against the Badgers, Vanderbilt won the doubles point for the first time in the tournament, along with all six singles matches. Junior Amanda Fish defeated Wisconsin's Caitlin Burke, ranked No. 32, 6-3, 6-2 at No. 1 singles. In addition, Commodore freshman Courtney Ulery won her third match of the tournament at No.

4 singles, defeating Chelsea Nusslock 6-3, 7-5.

"Courtney is getting better by the day," Babel said. "She's really thriving on the competition. When she was down in the second set it was like she just turned on a switch and took care of it."

Vanderbilt struggled in doubles play against Cougars, losing two of the three matches, but won five of the six singles contests.

At No. 2 singles, Sophomore Taka Bertrand beat BYU's Lauren Jones 7-5, 6-4. Ulery won her match 6-1, 6-3.

The doubles point was the deciding factor in the Commodores opening round loss to No. 16 TCU Wednesday. Splitting the six singles matches, the Horned Frogs won two of the three doubles matches to earn the point and the 4-3 victory.

"It was a heartbreaker for us," Babel said. "I think we had our

chances but they came up with a couple of big plays when they needed to."

Ulery and freshman Liberty Sveke won the match at No. 3 doubles, but the Commodores lost at No. 1 and No. 2. In singles, Fish defeated Helena Besovic 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 and Bertrand defeated Anna Sydorska 6-4, 6-4 at No. 1 and No. 2, respectively. In addition, Ulery won her match 7-5, 6-3 against TCU's Karine Ionesco.

Despite the opening round loss, Vanderbilt gained valuable experience in a deep field. With three freshmen and three sophomores, the Commodores can expect to improve every match.

"Overall I thought we did a great job with some really tough competition," Babel said.

Vanderbilt next hosts MTSU at the Curry Tennis Center February 14. ■

Gibbons: Team has 3-game win streak

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won the past 10 meetings with Auburn, with five of those victories being by 5 points or less. The Tigers are now 12-10, 3-6 in the SEC.

"It's like a script that's been written; it always comes down to the last shot," Vanderbilt Coach Melanie Balcomb said. "That's how it always is with Auburn."

This comes after a victory on Thursday night at Alabama. In a close game throughout, Vanderbilt eliminated a four point deficit and scored the game's final 16 points to take a 65-53 victory.

Sophomore Liz Sherwood led all scorers with 23 points. The nation's leader in field goal percentage made 9-of-12 from the floor and 5-of-6 from the free throw line. Junior Caroline Williams hit 4-of-7 three-pointers to score 14 points, and junior Carla Thomas added 13 points.

"I thought it was a hard-fought basketball game," Alabama Head Coach Stephany Smith said. "I thought in the first half we played extremely well defensively. We made some shots throughout the game except in the last five minutes when we really needed them." ■

Vanderbilt 57, Auburn 53								
Vanderbilt	Min	FG-FGA	3P-3PA	FT-FTA	O-D-R	A	PTS	
Thomas	31	6-12	0-0	4-4	0-4-4	2	16	
Jules	26	4-8	0-0	0-0	3-2-5	0	8	
Rogers	12	1-2	1-1	0-0	2-0-2	0	3	
Davis	35	1-5	0-1	1-2	1-2-3	10	3	
Williams	40	5-11	4-8	3-3	1-3-4	1	17	
Risper	11	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	2	0	
Stringfield	23	3-10	2-4	0-0	1-3-4	1	8	
Brockman	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	
Wirth	10	0-4	0-2	0-0	1-1-2	0	0	
Sherwood	11	1-5	0-0	0-0	1-1-2	0	2	
Totals	200	21-58	7-16	8-9	11-15-26	16	57	

Turnovers: 14 (Jules 3, Sherwood 1, Williams 1, Thomas 3, Davis 5, Wirth 1)
Steals: 5 (Williams 2, Davis 2, Wirth 1); Blocks: 1 (Jules 1)

Auburn								
Auburn	Min	FG-FGA	3P-3PA	FT-FTA	O-D-R	A	PTS	
Payne	40	3-5	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	3	6	
Bonner	24	5-8	0-0	4-4	2-3-5	3	14	
Carrier	37	3-6	0-0	2-8	3-7-10	0	8	
Brown	37	7-15	4-9	1-1	1-2-3	5	19	
Boddie	35	1-5	0-0	3-3	1-6-7	4	5	
Blakely	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	
Hobbs	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3-3	3	0	
Clayden	10	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	
Ogubie	2	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0-0	0	1	
Totals	200	19-40	4-10	11-18	8-21-29	15	53	

Turnovers: 23 (Brown 7, Payne 2, Hobbs 3, Bonner 2, Boddie 2, Clayden 1, Carrier 6); Steals: 8 (Brown 2, Payne 2, Bonner 1, Boddie 2, Carrier 1)
Blocks: 11 (Payne 7, Bonner 1, Carrier 3)

	1st	2nd	Total
Vanderbilt Commodores	24	33	57
Auburn Tigers	27	26	53

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Technical: none
Ejections: none
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