

## HOUSING

## Sprinkler accident causes Towers evacuation

9th floor hallway baseball game could be to blame.

BY SEAN SEELINGER  
HUSTLER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Investigators are determining whether students playing baseball in a hallway caused sprinklers to go off necessitating the second evacuation of Towers in less than a week.

At 11:21 p.m. a sprinkler head on the

9th floor of Tower I began discharging water, sending the entire Carmichael Towers East complex into "general alarm," according to a report released by the Office of Housing and Residential Education.

"I was in my bed taking a nap," said junior Graham Gordon, a 9th floor resident. "I got out of bed and opened the door and

there was water coming from under our suite door in waves. It was brown sediment filled water. We went into the hall and one sprinkler head in the hallway was going off. The hallway was filled with water."

The buildings were immediately evacuated following the alarm.

OHARE staff, Plant Operations and contracted services subsequently cleaned up the water.

Tower II residents were permitted to return to their rooms at 1 a.m. Thursday morning. Tower I residents were able to return at 2:20 a.m.

Residents of the 9th floor of Tower I were offered alternative accommodations in "vacant spaces" on campus last night.

Gordon said that he slept in Highland Quad.

He did praise the speed with which of-

ficials worked.

"The crew came remarkably fast cleaning up and vacuuming up the water," Gordon said.

He said that residents of the 9th floor were asked to tag their belongings.

"They were not allowed (to sleep there) last night because carpets were saturated," said Tina Smith, director of residential life

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## ADMISSIONS

## More than 12,000 apply for class of '10

BY BEN SWEET  
HUSTLER NEWS EDITOR

The number of applications to Vanderbilt rose again this year, with the total number of applications for undergraduates just passing 12,100.

That number represents a total increase of 4.3 percent over last year, with early decision numbers up 17.3 percent for the first round and 8.4 percent for the second round.

Another notable change is the 17 percent increase in minority applications. African-American applications are up 16 percent while Asian applications are up 22 percent.

"I see this as a sign of our increasing momentum as a community that clearly values diversity," said Dean of Admissions William Shain.

With an even larger applicant pool this year than last, Shain said that Vanderbilt can expect incoming classes to continue to be more qualified than the ones before them.

"I'm finding that our average applicant is just stronger every year," Shain said. "We're not able to take people now whose records are just phenomenal. Now, part of that is cool, and part of

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## ACTIVITIES

## Idealists to convene over spring break

BY KRISTEN CHIEMELEWSKI  
HUSTLER REPORTER

Staying on campus this Spring Break may actually be the "C.O.O.L." thing to do.

Vanderbilt's Office of Active Citizenship and Service and The Division of Student Life, with support from the College of Engineering, is hosting the 22nd annual C.O.O.L. Idealist Conference this weekend, March 3-5.

"College students, campus administrators and non-profit professionals from across the country will converge at Vanderbilt University for discussions, networking and workshops on how to improve the quality of life on their campuses and in their communities through community service, activism and socially responsible work," said Priscine Lewis, Vanderbilt Public Relations Officer.

Sponsored by Idealist.org, the 22nd annual C.O.O.L. conference is expected to have 1500 participants and offers over 150 workshops, two-thirds of which are student-led and 70 non-profit organizations at the Opportunities Fair.

In addition, a variety of speakers will share

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## SERVICE

## ASB kicks off a week of service

PHOTOS BY ELISE ALFORD  
/The Vanderbilt Hustler

**ABOVE:** Marvin Figueroa & Ashley Phillips, ASB site leaders step up the standards for this year's service at Thursday's ASB kickoff. Today, the majority of ASB participants will embark on their journeys to 31 sites across the globe.

**RIGHT:** Site Leaders from various ASB groups comically enact the long van ride to the service site. Although each ASB group spends months getting to know one another before, many participants agree that the close-quartered traveling is often a milestone for group bonding.



## ENVIRONMENT

## SPEAR proposes new recycling program for campus

BY DARCY NEWELL  
HUSTLER REPORTER

Students Promoting Environmental Awareness and Recycling presented a new recycling proposal to the University administration last Monday that calls for a more unified recycling program across campus.

During the meeting, SPEAR presented its ideas for the future, various goals, a budget plan, a timeline and examples of other university programs that have installed similar systems.

SPEAR is a student-organization that strives to raise environmental awareness and institute new programs to aid the Vanderbilt community in recycling. The group was formed originally in 2003 as Vanderbilt Recycles, but was re-created in 2004 as SPEAR, as the group's focus broadened from simply recycling to various issues of environmental awareness and protection.

Both Interhall and the Student Government Association have formally endorsed

the plan, entitled the Proposal for Inquiry into the Institution of a Comprehensive Recycling Department at Vanderbilt University.

Students Star Wallin, Erin Feeney and Jenny Magill pitched the proposal to a group of students and administrators.

"The presentation went very well," said Vice Chancellor of Operations Jon Gullette. "It was evident that the committee spent much time and effort with the proposal."

SPEAR members said they believe

that although Vanderbilt currently has a functioning recycling system, the university would greatly benefit from a program that is larger in scope and more unified throughout campus.

"Our current program is disjointed and uncoordinated," said SPEAR President Jenny Magill. "There are so many different programs and individuals on campus that handle issues of recycling—we would really benefit from one, unified, comprehensive

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Read columnist Chirstopher McGeady's thoughts on why the Mohammed cartoon controversy shows that the right to free speech is taken for granted in America.  
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## NOTABLE



Percentage of college students who will drink until they vomit or pass out during spring break this year.

BRYAN ALLEN

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## COLUMN

Read columnist Daniel Kasbohn's column on why the stigma associated with living in the Kissam Quad as a freshman is unjustified.  
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Today is Friday, March 3, 2006

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day of classes	class days until exams	class days until Spring Break	calendar days to commencement

## WORD OF THE DAY

RAR-A A-VIS

adj. rare or unique person or thing

Source: Webster's Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary of the English Language

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

- 1845 Florida became the 27th state.
- 1849 The U.S. Department of the Interior was established.
- 1879 Belva Ann Bennett Lockwood became the first woman to be admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.
- 1931 "The Star-Spangled Banner" officially became the national anthem of the United States.
- 1969 Apollo 9 blasted off from Cape Kennedy on a mission to test the lunar module.
- 1991 In a case that sparked a national outcry, motorist Rodney King was severely beaten by Los Angeles police officers in a scene captured on amateur video.

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## FORECAST

- SATURDAY  
Sunny  
High: 54  
Low: 30
- SUNDAY  
Showers  
High: 51  
Low: 40
- MONDAY  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 59  
Low: 35

## TODAY IN THE BUBBLE

Compiled by Rachel Stevens

### Spring Break Shuttles

Shuttles will pick up students in front of Branscomb every hour on the hour today from 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Peabody residents can meet in front of North and ride the shuttle to Branscomb. Shuttles will pick-up residents on Sunday March 12 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the ground transportation level below baggage claim. The shuttles are \$2 and can be paid in cash or Cab Cash. The busses will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Students should leave in enough time to catch their flight, as the later afternoon shuttles can take the full hour to get to the airport due to rush hour traffic. Students with other questions can e-mail sga-shuttles@vanderbilt.edu.

### Ingram Scholarship Program

The Ingram Scholarship Program is now accepting applications for freshman and sophomores. The Scholarship provides half-tuition, stipends of \$5,000 for summer projects, seminars regarding the implications and effects of community service, workshops providing practical knowledge applicable to academic as well as service work, and facilitation groups lead by a community service advisor providing a supportive environment for reflection and feedback. The deadline is March 20. For more information and to download the application students can visit <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/ingram>.

Compiled by staff from various sources. Check out <http://calendar.vanderbilt.edu> for more events.

## CORRECTION

The *Vanderbilt Hustler* omitted the fact that The Speakers Committee was the sponsor of the Maya Angelou speech in Wednesday's article "Angelou gives advice through life stories." The *Vanderbilt Hustler* regrets the error.

## C.O.O.L.: Students plan event

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their experiences of social reform throughout the weekend.

Medea Benjamin, founding director of Global Exchange and co-founder of CODEPINK: Women for Peace and Patrick Guerriero, president of Log Cabin Republicans are among the featured speakers.

A coalition of over 40 students representing Vanderbilt, Belmont, MTSU, Tennessee Tech, and Tusculum have been planning this event since last summer.

Stacy Tolos, one of the C.O.O.L. planners said, "I am extremely excited about the conference. The Student Planning Committee this

year was unreal — they accomplished a tremendous amount and put it a whole lot of work to make this conference possible. It was a fun and educational experience to work on this incredible event."

Tolos discussed the wide array of topics to be discussed.

"The conference will cover topics ranging from Corporate Social Responsibility to AIDS/HIV in Africa to Social Entrepreneurship to Civil Rights Activism, and more."

For additional information regarding the C.O.O.L. Idealist Conference, students can visit <http://www.idealists.org/conferences/cool/2006/>. ■

## VUPD CRIME LOG

Compiled by Rachel Stevens

**Feb. 28, 6:59 p.m.** — An incident of theft occurred at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house. A camera and money were stolen from a purse. No suspects have been identified and the case remains active.

**Feb. 28, 2:23 p.m.** — An incident of credit card fraud took place at 2800 Vanderbilt Pl. No suspects have been identified and the case remains active.

**Feb. 28, 11:58 p.m.** — An arrest was made for DUI and a violation of the implied consent law at 2400 West End Ave.

**March 1, 12:20 a.m.** — A theft occurred in Garland Hall. A credit card was stolen. The suspect is described as a black male 26-27 years old, 5 foot 7 inches, 160 pounds, black hair, brown eyes, light scraggly beard, last seen wearing a black t-shirt and baggy jeans. The investigation remains active.

For complete listings visit <http://police.vanderbilt.edu>.

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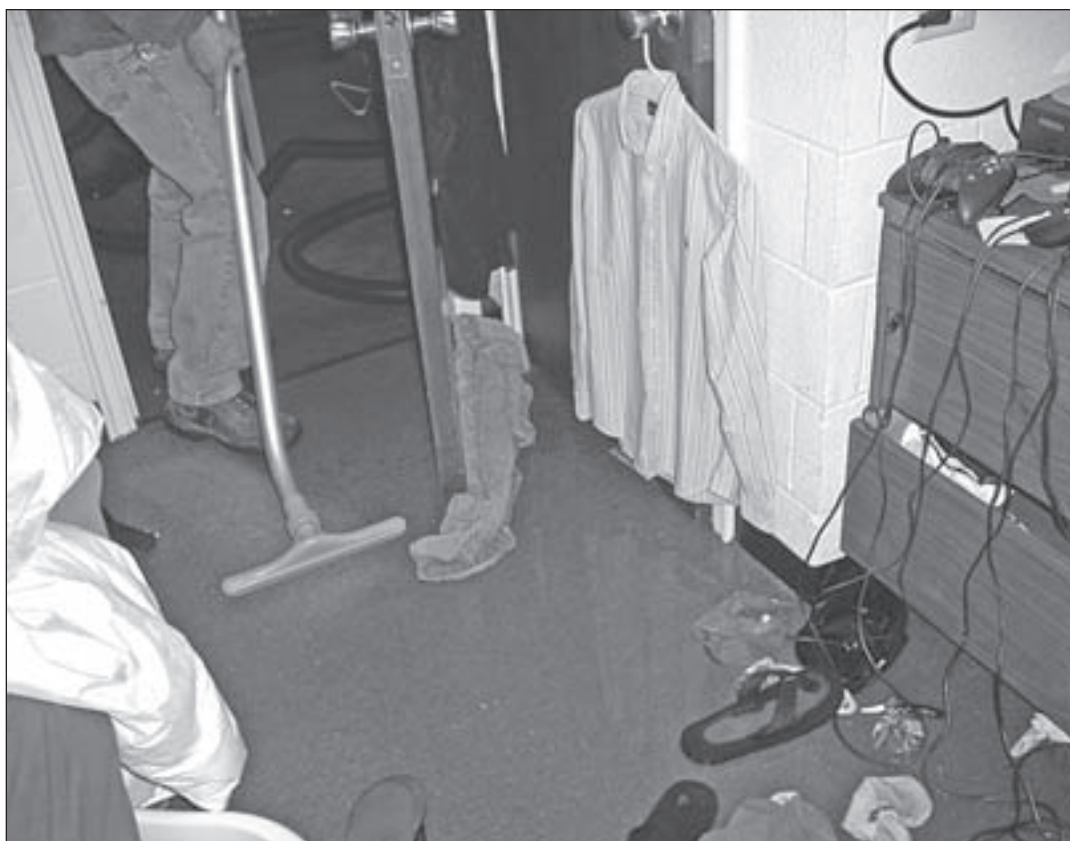


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Cleaners work to vacuum up water from the floor of a suite on the 9th floor of Towers I after a sprinkler head was broken late Wednesday evening. Investigators are working to figure out what caused the accident.

## Towers: Clues may come from cameras

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citing safety concerns because of the combination of water and electricity. "They can go back in now. They just have to keep fans running."

Some items in students' rooms were damaged by the water.

"All of the shoes in my closet were destroyed," Gordon said.

Housing officials have asked 9th floor residents to inventory damage items to submit to their home insurance companies. A complete damage total will not be able to be compiled for at least two weeks.

Smith said that carpets will be cleaned and shampooed as soon as possible.

Witnesses cited in the Housing report as well as those contacted by The *Vanderbilt Hustler* said that they observed people were playing baseball in the 9th floor hallway just before the sprinkler went off.

"I was asleep when the alarm went off and ran out of the building," said senior Drake McCrary, a resident of the third floor of Tower I. "Some idiot was playing baseball on the 9th floor and hit the sprinkler system, or at least that's the rumor."

Cameras are present in the hallways, Smith said. The incident is still under investigation and Smith said that she did not know whether the cameras would yield any details of the exact cause and who was involved.

The evacuation comes a few days after a trash chute fire in Tower IV caused the entire Towers complex to be evacuated early Saturday morning.

Broken trash chute doors allowed smoke to more easily escape into the residential areas of the buildings and was cited as a problem in the official Nashville Fire Department report.

"I know Plant Operations people went in and assessed the trash chute doors," Smith said. "If there was anything broken, they will do repairs."

Because the doors to the trash chute are inside of supply rooms off of the main hallways, Smith said that the cameras in Tower IV would not yield any information regarding the exact cause of Sunday's fire. ■

## Trash chute fire timeline

**Sunday 12:29 a.m.** — Fire detected by two spoke detectors on the 13th floor of Tower IV.

**12:31 a.m.** — Additional smoke detectors went off on the 12th, 13th and 14th floor setting off a "general alarm" in both Towers III and IV.

**12:34 a.m.** — The attendant at the Towers West desk tried to reset the system. As designed, the system would not allow itself to be reset.

**12:40 a.m.** — Vanderbilt EMS told the attendant not to reset the system and to evacuate the building.

**12:45 a.m.** — All Vanderbilt students had evacuated Towers III and IV.

**12:50 a.m.** — Metro Nashville firefighters arrive and determine that the fire had been put out by the sprinkler system. With the help of Housing personnel, all suite doors and windows from the 6th through 14th floors of Tower 4 were opened.

**1:01 a.m.** — Fire alarm system in Towers III and IV is reset.

**1:25 a.m.** — Work to repair and reset trash chute sprinkler system begins. To flush out smoke, Metro firefighters started using water to flush out trash chute. As the Towers West water system was turned off to repair the sprinkler system, the water came from the Towers East emergency water pump. Due to the design of the system, the use of the emergency water pump set off a "general alarm" in Towers I and II causing those buildings to be evacuated.

**1:54 a.m.** — The alarms were silenced in Towers I and II.

**2:45 a.m.** — Students were permitted to reenter Towers I and II

**2:57 a.m.** — An assessment of the situation in Towers III and IV showed that issues with smoke detectors as well as standing water in the stairways prevent the buildings from being safely occupied.

**4:30 a.m.** — Students were permitted to reenter Towers III and IV.

**Note:** This timeline serves as an update to the simpler version that was published in Monday's issue. The Office of Housing and Residential Education and the Metro Nashville Fire Department provided information.

## Admissions: About 1600 expected for '10 class

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that, I absolutely hate."

Though Shain said that numbers, such as GPA and SAT scores still play a crucial role in the process, he stressed that they are by no means everything.

"We are turning down some people with extraordinary records to take people who seem like a better fit," Shain said. "It really isn't all about the numbers."

As application numbers seem to be on the rise for all top-level universities, Shain said that it's likely the same students are just applying to more schools.

The best chance of getting accepted, according to Shain, is still early decision.

"We are trying to hold early decision acceptance to about 30 percent of the class and we are failing," Shain said. "You hate to look at those kids and say no."

Though it is impossible to say exactly how many of the accepted students will eventually decide to come to Vanderbilt, Shain said that he intends for the class of 2010 to contain approximately 1600 students. ■

## ADMISSIONS

## Dean Shain to leave admissions for Bowdoin

BY BEN SWEET  
HUSTLER NEWS EDITOR

After serving as the Dean of Admissions for eight years, William Shain will be leaving Vanderbilt this summer to take up the position of Director of Admissions and Financial Aid at Bowdoin College in Maine.

Shain, who was not looking for a new job, says he feels like the right opportunity just came along.

"I love it here; I love this community; I love this office--I wasn't looking to leave," he said. "I thought I would finish my career here, but a terrific school wanted me."

Shain will begin his new job on July 1, and will have oversight of both admissions and financial aid decisions.

"Bill Shain is very much the talented and dynamic individual we have sought for this position, and is a person capable in every measure of advancing the tremendously successful admissions program," said Bowdoin President Barry Mills to the Bowdoin Orient last week.

Among other things, Shain said he was excited about working with a different admissions program, one that many consider untraditional. Currently, Bowdoin does not require students to take the SAT, and 20 percent of last year's freshman class did not.

"This feels like a chance to live out some exciting new admissions stuff," Shain said. "I didn't know I would have one more chance to grow and contribute."

Shain also says he and his wife look forward to adjusting to the new environment.

"Change is fun and people my age aren't supposed to want to do this--I feel that when you stop growing, well, you're dead."

The University Provost has not yet named a successor for Shain. ■

## Students get supplied for safe break



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Senior Katie Cochran stops to sign a Safe Spring Break Pledge in exchange for a free beachball from ATOD, CHEERS, GAMMA, and VSMAC.



COMMUNITY

# Coach Bobby Johnson flies with Navy Blue Angels

BY TANYA ALAVEREZ  
HUSTLER REPORTER

Vanderbilt Football coach Bobby Johnson took a ride in one of the Navy's Blue Angels F/A-18 jets last Thursday.

"The Navy Blue Angels is a demonstration team, that travel all over the country and take up VIP riders. They train in El Centro California, which is where this flight took place," said Captain Chris Clark, a Vanderbilt Navy ROTC instructor.

Clark, who used to fly with one of the Blue Angels before coming to Vanderbilt, was able to make this opportunity possible.

"Coach Johnson has been a supporter and friend to our NROTC unit here at Vanderbilt, and so we recommended him to fly with the Blue Angels and it was approved," Clark said.

"I have been a big fan of aviation for a long time," said Johnson. "I had no idea that I would ever get to do something like this — it was an unexpected pleasure."

Even as he signed the liability contract be-

fore being allowed to get on the jet, Johnson said that he "had all if the confidence in the world" noting the extensive training that Blue Angels endure.

"They know what they are doing," he said.

In order to ride in the jets, Johnson had to get a physical from the Department of the Navy. He also had to sit through a thorough briefing where the Blue Angels taught him what he had to do during the flight to deal with the G-forces.

"It was really unexpected that the force is so strong, but they strap you in really tight and you just don't ever feel like you might fall out," Johnson said. "Overall this was a delightful experience and very educational."

Vanderbilt Navy ROTC trains about 80 midshipmen, some of whom may end up flying with the Blue Angels.

"Most people end up serving on ships or on submarines, but a lot of them want to go to Aviation," said senior Joe Goodell. "Flying is not for everybody, but it must have been really cool experience for Coach Johnson." ■

# It's Dance, Dance Revolution



ELISE ALFORD / The Vanderbilt Hustler  
Students Will Lisska and Scott Simontacchi concentrate on their footwork during Rand's Game Night on Thursday.

# Recycling: Budget may restrict plan

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recycling system."

The first step in that direction, Magill said, is hiring a recycling coordinator.

In Vanderbilt's current program, there is no one person who is responsible for recycling on campus. However, SPEAR hopes that this position, if created, would not only deal with recycling issues but also with broad issues of environmental protection.

"We'd love the Recycling Coordinator to also oversee resource management," Magill said. "We're looking to decrease energy usage across campus, as well as greater preservation in general. Having a coordinator would really simplify the process."

SPEAR has suggested a \$45,000 a year salary, benefits and an operating budget to be given to the recycling coordinator.

"We created this figure by using the basic salary in Student Life positions," Magill said. "But this part of the proposal is definitely negotiable and open to change."

SPEAR members said they hope that hiring a recycling coordinator will lead to more recycling bins on campus.

The proposal said that there is a lack of locations to recycle plastic, bottles and cardboard, so these items often end up in the trash. In places where recycling bins do exist, they are often so overflowing that students mistake them for regular trashcans. SPEAR believes that distributing more bins will be a simple way to heighten recycling awareness.

SPEAR also proposes giving all students a recycling bin for their dorm room, in addition to a trashcan. The yearly cost of this proposal would be 50,000 dollars.

Despite the cost, SPEAR said that Vanderbilt could recoup some of this money as it would decrease the amount spent on depositing waste each month.

Since Monday's pitch, SPEAR continues to be in constant contact with the administrative groups.

"This process is an on-going discourse; we don't expect the proposal to be implemented in its entirety or to be installed immediately," Magill said.

SPEAR has met some resistance in moving forward with their proposal.

"We won't know the timeline for this sort of project until it is presented to the budget review committee," Gullette said. "The next budget cycle starts Oct. 6, and the process takes approximately two months. The only obstacle will be other funding priorities."

Nevertheless, members of SPEAR said they aren't discouraged by the budget concerns.

"Certainly, members of the administration have raised concerns about the funding and long term management of the proposed expansions," Magill said. "But they have been supportive of the idea in principle. We are excited to work with them to create a sound, sustainable, program that can be supported by everyone at Vanderbilt." ■

# SGA: VSC has authority over campus media due to liability

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to be present when the resolution passed.

Hemphill, along with the non-SGA member election commission, oversee any election complaints. He did not have a comment about the resolution.

The SGA election statutes define campaign materials as printed media with advocacy for a candidate. The election board and Attorney General determine what constitutes a campaign violation.

The passing of the resolution would not be considered a campaign violation, according to SGA statutes. Only actions, such as usage or distribution, are considered. Any undergraduate student can bring a compliant forward to the

Attorney General to investigate the action within 48 hours.

The election concerns about the newsletter could be abated by distribution after general elections Taylor said.

"I am open to publishing it after the elections," she said. "However, I am worried that some of the articles would be irrelevant or outdated such as sophomore housing or the VUcept application process."

The housing lottery for two person dorms starts April 11 to 13.

The newsletter may also be a violation of university policies.

The Student Handbook states that any AcFee funded publication distributed outside the membership of a student organization is

under the exclusive authority of Vanderbilt Student Communications of which The Vanderbilt Hustler is a division.

"This is the same issue I have with Vanderbilt's posting policies," Chris Carroll, director of VSC. "Student organizations, SGA, university departments, Housing and the Division of Student Life violate their own policies and then expect VSC to honor the same policies."

Taylor was not aware of the Student Handbook policies.

"I would definitely go through Student Life and VSC, anything to do this correctly," Taylor said.

The SGA newsletter could also be classified as an organization newsletter, which allows its publishing. To do so, the recipients

would have to be members of SGA and have Student Life approval.

"Are all students members of SGA?" Carroll said. "I tend to think not. If you are sending a newsletter to all of the freshmen, it is hard to say that it is particular organization."

Carroll said the reason for VSC authority over student media was an issue of liability. The publication of the SGA newsletter would open Vanderbilt University to the possibility of litigation. VSC is liable for all student publication content.

Carroll said that he didn't want to discourage the freshman senators but rather said it was part of an ongoing problem. He also suggested creating a website for such content.

"I think the intention is perfectly noble," he said. "I am not opposed to it but just think it needs to be reconciled with existing policies."

Senior Andrew Dunbar, president of Blair Council, was the only SGA senator to vote no to the resolution.

"While I applaud the freshman senators for trying to make access to student information more accessible for freshmen, in particular regards to the housing process, I just didn't feel like it was that necessary."

After the passing of the freshman newsletter resolution, SGA Treasurer Junior Caroline Holland said the unassigned fund was reduced \$160 to \$1599.62 for the rest of the year. ■

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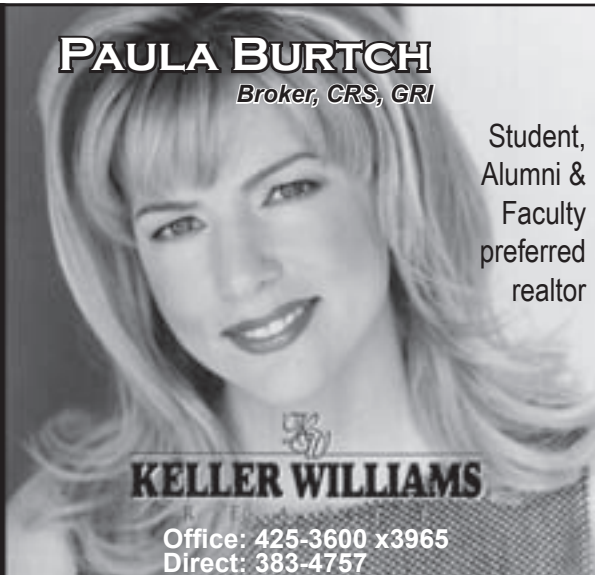
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SGA will supply \$160 to the freshmen senators to write, publish and distribute a newsletter to be sent to the freshmen class. Read the article entitled "SGA policies may violate policies" on page 1.	Passed with one vote against

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## OUR VIEW

### We will miss you Dean Shain

Dean Shain's departure from Vanderbilt is a surprise and an absence that will surely be missed in years to come. Eight years ago when Shain came to Vanderbilt, the school had a regional reputation.

Seen as solely a Southern gentlemen's school, Vanderbilt needed to gain mass appeal—and eight years later the school has done just that.

In his time as Dean of Admissions, Vanderbilt has perennially welcomed stronger, more diverse classes than ever before. Indeed, this year is a clear example.

The University had 12,100 students apply, the highest amount in history. Perhaps most noteworthy was the 17 percent increase in minority applicants — African American applicants are up 16 percent and Asian applicants are up 22 percent. This tremendous raise in diversity in only a year indicates Shain's brilliance as an Admissions officer.

Only last year, Vanderbilt was proclaiming that it had the most diverse in the schools history. This year it will be doing the same.

Dean Shain played a large role in these great strides Vanderbilt is making towards admitting only the most elite and diverse applicants in the nation—this would not take place if it were not for Bill Shain.

Shain revolutionized admission into Vanderbilt and has no doubt helped catapult the school into the ranks of the top 20.

Beyond the admission numbers, Dean Shain has always shown an uncanny commitment to Vanderbilt students. In fact, instead of choosing students based on mere numbers, Shain has based his decisions on how good of a "fit" they would be here at Vanderbilt.

The Admissions officer usually admits approximately 1600 students each year but rarely forgets a face and a name. It is this personal touch that students relish. Throughout his tenure at Vanderbilt it has not been uncommon to see the Dean of Admissions lunching with students or simply checking up on how they are doing.

For eight years Dean Shain was the face of the university all across the country. At Bowdoin, there is no doubt that Shain will be equally successful.

However, at Vanderbilt he will be sorely missed. Thank you Dean Shain for what you have given us. Good luck!

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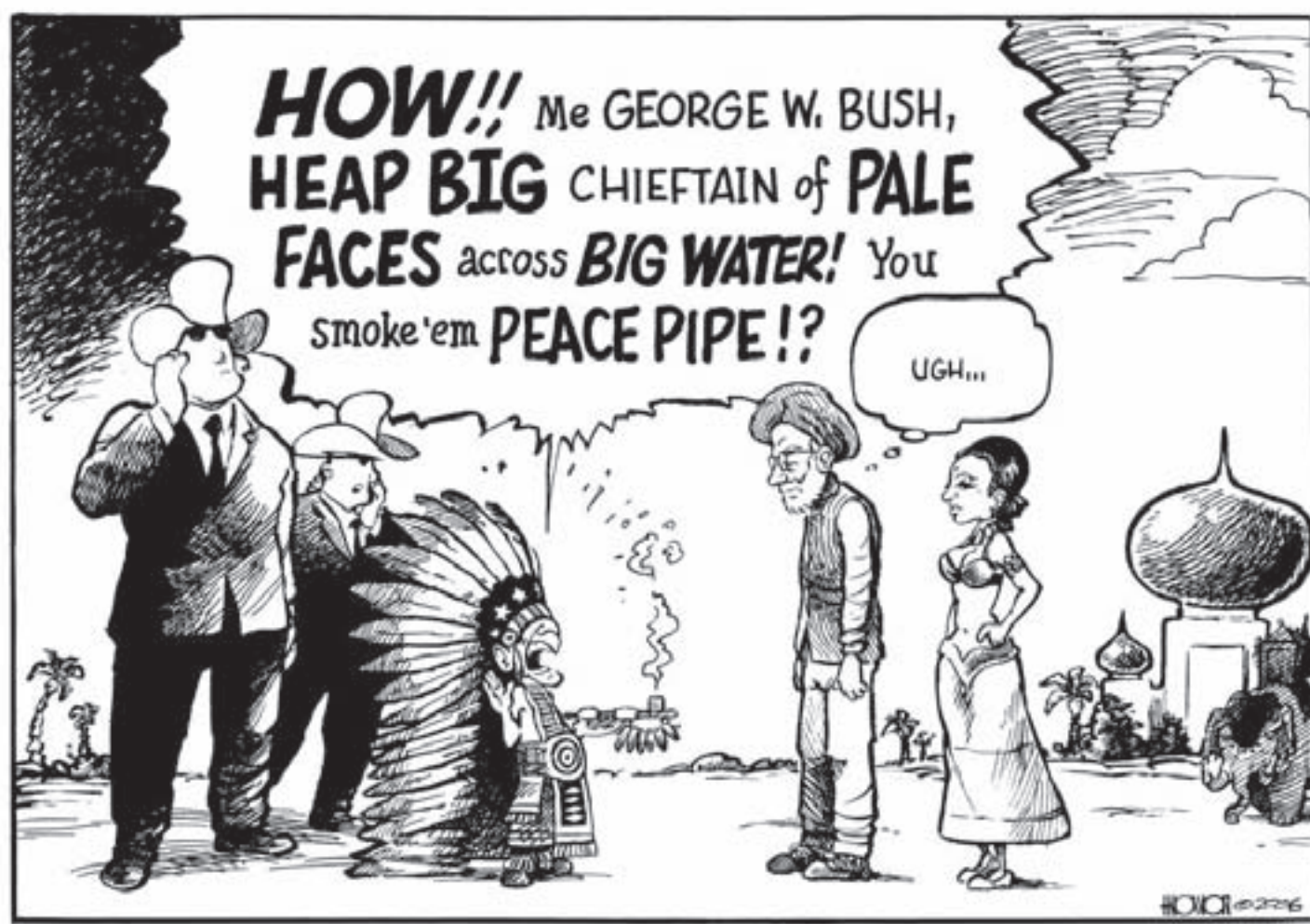
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## COLUMN

### The social stigma associated with Kissam is without justification

Does anyone like Kissam? As soon as I moved onto the Vanderbilt campus, I began receiving looks of horror whenever I told anyone

ONE SMALL VOICE

DANIEL KASBOHM

that I lived in Kissam Quad. "Oh," people would say, "Sucks for you!"

At first, I did not understand what anyone was talking about. The quad had bike racks and charcoal grills, a gently sloping central quad area in which I could see friends sunbathing and studying and easy access to academic buildings like Wilson and Furman.

Our rooms have cable, Ethernet, phone lines, overhead lights and carpet just like everyone else's. And unlike my friends who live in Lupton, we have individual thermostats for every room. When I moved here in August, my room was always the way I liked it, while my friends had to buy fans to combat a dysfunctional air-conditioning system.

In fact, Kissam was one of the reasons that I chose Vanderbilt over other institutions. At Northwestern, pale students hurried past my tour group, traveling to the library to study. When my group walked through Kissam Quad at Vanderbilt, however, I found social, laughing,

beautiful people, playing Frisbee on green grass or using a laptop on a blanket under a large tree. Of all the images I took in while looking at colleges my junior and senior years of high school, *Kissam* stood out in my mind.

Obviously, my place of residence is not perfect. When I did laundry for the first time, discovering that the four washers for the quad were already full (go figure), I made the trek to Vandy/Barnard. The missing munchie mart is another frequent complaint of Kissamers. But are we really so lazy that we cannot walk a few minutes to buy another box of Easy Mac or another pound of Swedish fish?

But by far the greatest problem with Kissam seems to be its social stigma. I could respond to the frequent "Do the people in Kissam ever come out of their rooms?" with the equally truthful "Do the people in Branscomb ever suffocate on their own throw-up?" The stereotypes that plague these dorm areas are more ridiculous than our ruthless attacks on SGA president Kate Morgan. Some people in Kissam are extremely socially deviant, but most are great, social students who like to hang out and party. Incredibly, most undergrads forget that about 600 people live here! With a statement like, "I suffered y'all's fate when I was a freshman living in Mims," no wonder that Russell Ross recently lost his election for Interhall president.

Obviously, this entire conflict will be somewhat mitigated with the completion of the Freshman Commons in 2008. With the entire freshman class consolidated in one area, students will not argue over who has the most liver damage or who has strange hall-mates with large porn collections. But for now, the general attitude of students on campus should change. When Kissam, Branscomb and Vandy/Barnard presumably open to upperclassmen for the 2008 — 2009 school year, students should make informed choices about where they want to live without yielding to illogical stereotypes. Who knows, in three years, many of us may be living close to our freshman rooms. ■

*Daniel Kasbohm is a freshman in the College of Arts and Sciences.*

## COLUMN

### Laundry room thief reveals the truth of human nature

You know it's time to do laundry when you get out of the shower and dry off with a bed sheet because you have nothing else you can

CASUAL

TAYLOR SEWELL

use. Yes, drying off with a bed sheet is indeed a sign that the laundry room beckons. This is often the point I must get to before I resign myself to walking across the quad with my four loads of laundry in tow. I got to this point a couple nights ago, though, so I made my all-too-infrequent journey down to the basement of Lewis. I loaded my clothes into the washers and thirty minutes later into the dryers. When I returned an hour later to pick everything up, imagine my dismay when I realized that someone had stolen the laundry basket I had left in the laundry room.

Who the hell steals a laundry basket?! Not that I condone theft but I could better understand someone stealing a pack of gum from the munchie mart or confiscating a roommate's bag of Oreos than someone setting his sights on my laundry basket. I mean, taking a dryer sheet out

of a box that was just left in the laundry room or using a cap-full of detergent out of a bottle that happens to be sitting on the washing machine in the corner is one thing. But stealing someone's entire laundry basket so that he has no way of picking up his clothes? That's pathetic.

Granted I was irked that I had to go out and buy another \$9 basket but even more than that, I was sad to personally face the fact that some people really are so disrespectful that they will resort to petty theft. Again, not that I condone stealing of any kind, but it's a bit more understandable if one steals out of life necessity; stealing out of convenience and laziness I can't comprehend.

Now I don't live in a naive bubble where I kid myself that everyone is selfless. I fully understand that everyone is disrespectful and rude in certain ways at certain times. But I guess I just think there's a fundamental difference between being snippy with someone because you're in a bad mood and explicitly stealing something that you know full well will leave someone else in a predicament. The former is a natural product of being human and having vacillating human emotions. The latter is explicit, flippant disregard for another person.

I don't expect utopia and I don't expect to never be disappointed, but I've never had anyone just take something that belonged to me. As simple as a laundry basket is and as easy to replace as it is, the flagrant disrespect associated with its theft reminds me that I'm far too much an optimist for my own good. You know, though, maybe it's good to experience something that grounds you like this every once in a while. Maybe it's good to be reminded of the adage that sh\*t happens. All the same, however, that doesn't mean I want my laundry basket to disappear again. ■

*Taylor Sewell is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences.*

As simple as a laundry basket is and as easy to replace as it is, the flagrant disrespect associated with its theft reminds me that I'm far too much an optimist for my own good.



COLUMN

# The right to free speech is taken for granted in America

If I had been born in Copenhagen instead of Illinois, more than 1.7 billion people might hate me right now. A few months ago, in the name of free



THE DISSIDENTING VU  
**CHRISTOPHER MCGEADY**

speech – not hatred, though it's been perceived that way – the editor of a Danish newspaper commissioned some cartoonists to caricature the Prophet Mohammed, which is blasphemous according to Sharia – Islamic law. The veritable firestorm of protest worldwide has killed dozens, caused millions of dollars of damage and has showcased the conflict between the West's love of freedom and the religious world's dogma.

It's unfortunate that the only things many Westerners are exposed to when it comes to Muslims abroad are pictures of the people out in the streets chanting anti-Western slogans, burning Western countries' flags and effigies of Western leaders and just generally being violent, intolerant, and hateful. Someone somewhere has to appreciate the irony of thousands of people rioting to try to preserve the good name of a peaceful religion.

The problem is that protests in Middle Eastern countries deriding the exercise of free speech through caricature of Mohammed lack any real integrity when those same countries regularly publish cartoons of Jews being equated with Satan. Go to the Anti-Defamation League's Web site and you can see a list of anti-Semitic cartoons published mostly within the last year in countries like Qatar, Iran, Syria, and the U.A.E. I guess it only matters when the people being hated are your people.

But how stupid does that sound? Why should someone feel righteous for protesting religious intolerance when they're perfectly happy with it as long as they're not the ones being persecuted?

That Danish newspaper and every other paper that published those cartoons had every right to do so. But – and this is important – that doesn't mean that they should have. There are better ways for a newspaper to exercise free speech than to make a joke out of the holiest man in Islam.

But why, please tell me, should a Danish cartoon have any impact on Muslims in Syria, or Jordan, or Pakistan? Denmark does not follow Sharia. Denmark is not an Islamic country. The government of Denmark exercises no control over its media. That's the definition of a free press: they can publish whatever they want. But follow this to its logical conclusion and all you really have is a shouting match: "I can do it!" "No you can't!" "Yes I can!" "No you can't!"

What, are we five years old again? That's the best we've got?

We can't resolve a fundamental difference in

thinking just by expressing what it is we think. It's like any argument – you have to show your opponent why they are wrong, not just tell them your stance. You also sometimes have to do it in such a way that your opponent understands you, and they're a lot less liable to understand you when they're busy hating you for blasphemy. Take out emotion, take out passion and any other measure of subjectivity and just reason through the facts. We have a 3,000 year history of logical argument and we can't figure out how to show the laity of the Muslim world why they should love freedom and despise oppression? Maybe that woman Bush appointed as our go-to PR girl for the Muslim world can tell us what we're doing wrong.

There's another aspect of the argument, though, and that is that if you claim to love freedom, you have to accept the consequences – in a certain way, freedom becomes infallible. It has guidelines, sure, but as long as those guidelines are observed one must tolerate whatever comes out of it, even if it's offensive. You have to value your freedom and everyone else's; otherwise you're just selfish. It's that Golden Rule again: do unto others as you would have them do unto you. They want to do X? That's fine, but we're going to do Y and they can't say anything about it.

In all honesty, though, we'd still be right back to the shouting match, except now we'd feel justified. That's stupid too. So what's the end of it all? In a word, understanding: if we tolerate and understand people, we can find ways to point them in the right direction without offense; if they tolerate and understand us, they'll appreciate that we're only trying to do something good for them. Then not only do they see it our way, but nobody gets killed. It's a nice arrangement.

Free speech is one of those things we Americans take for granted. We're taught since we're young that it doesn't cover things like yelling "Fire!" in a movie theater or calling someone by a derogatory slur, but other than that most everything else is fair game. However, as Uncle Ben from Spider-Man said, "With great power comes great responsibility." The trick is knowing how to use the power responsibly. ■

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“Why should someone feel righteous for protesting religious intolerance when they're perfectly happy with it as long as they're not the ones being persecuted?”

## AROUND THE LOOP

If you were Chancellor Gee how would you spend your Spring Break?



MICHAEL WARD Junior

"Reinstating the men's soccer team."



ERIC SMITH Junior

"Drinking underage in Utah!"



ASHLEY WALKER Freshman

"I'd sunbathe on the French Riviera in my bowtie only"



SARAH JACKSON Freshman

"MTV Spring Break!"



JOHN SULLIVAN Sophomore

"I would buy a car that better fits my salary."

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## SPORTS

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Sharp shooting keeps postseason aspirations alive

Commodores win sixth road game for the first time since 1992-1993.

BY ALEKSEY DUBROVSKY  
HUSTLER SPORTS REPORTER

The men's basketball team held off several late charges by the host Ole Miss Rebels to secure their sixth road victory of the season, 77-62 on Wednesday night in Tad Smith Coliseum in Oxford, Miss. The Commodores put on a shooting clinic of sorts, as they shot 62.8 percent from the field and knocked down nine of their 16 three-point attempts.

"I felt like we controlled the game throughout," said Vanderbilt head coach Kevin Stallings. "It was hard to get any real flow, but we were getting really high quality shots throughout the game."

The victory moved the Commodores to 16-10, 7-8 in the Southeastern Conference and kept alive their hopes of reaching the NCAA tournament. The win also secured a winning road record for the first time in Stallings' tenure as coach.

"It feels good to win on the road," Stallings said. "To think of who we played on the road in this league and our three non-conference road games being at Georgetown, Dayton and Georgia Tech, to end up with an above-.500 record is pretty good."

Vanderbilt jumped out to a 13-2 lead as Derrick Byars made his first four shots, three of them three-pointers. Senior point guard Mario Moore also gave the Commodores a boost off the bench, scoring five quick points to extend Vanderbilt's lead to 14, at 25-11.

The Commodores turned the ball over multiple times later in the half, however, and the Rebels charged back into the game, slashing a 17 point Vanderbilt lead down to four at 32-28. Sophomore guard Shan Foster responded on the next possession with a three-pointer, and the Commodores played even with the Rebels for the remainder of the half. Vanderbilt took a 41-33 lead into the locker room at the half.

The fouls began to mount in the second half as Dan Cage picked up three quickly, but the Commodores continued to play hard-nosed defense that thwarted the Rebels' offensive game plan.

"Our aggression really put us in a good position in the second half," Stallings said. "We just executed well."

Offensively, the Commodores attacked the low post relentlessly and sophomore forward DeMarre Carroll converted on several three-point plays to keep Vanderbilt comfortably ahead of Ole Miss throughout the second half.

Foster keyed a run late in the second half with an acrobatic three-point play off a fast break to extend the Commodore lead to at 66-41 with eight minutes left.

The Rebels did not finish quietly, as they put together a run at the end of the game. They cut the lead to 70-55 with 3:53 left after the Commodores turned the ball over on successive possessions. However, Vanderbilt closed out the game by knocking down several free throw attempts and a late three pointer by Foster sealed the outcome.

"We're an immature team," Stallings said. "We're playing four sophomores and a junior, though. Hopefully, as we get more experienced, and grow these guys

Vanderbilt 77, Ole Miss 62							
Vanderbilt	Min	FG-FGA	3P-3PA	FT-FTA	O-D-R	A	PTS
D. Byars	34	6-9	4-6	0-1	0-1-1	8	16
D. Carroll	35	7-10	0-1	5-6	2-6-8	5	19
J. Terrell	16	2-2	0-0	0-0	1-7-8	0	4
A. Gordon	21	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-1-1	2	2
S. Foster	32	6-11	3-4	3-4	1-2-3	0	18
M. Moore	17	3-6	1-3	0-0	0-0-0	0	7
A. Metcalfe	15	3-3	1-1	2-2	0-3-3	1	9
A. Hammond	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0
D. Cage	16	0-2	0-1	2-2	1-0-1	4	2
D. Nwankwo	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0
T. Skudhas	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0
TEAM					0-2-2		
Totals	200	27-43	9-16	14-17	5-23-28	20	77
Turnovers: 20 (Carroll 4; Byars, Terrell 3; Cage, Foster, Metcalfe 2; Gordon, Moore, Skudhas, TEAM 1)							
Steals: 4 (Byars, Carroll, Foster, Moore 1)							
Blocks: 3 (Metcalfe 2; Carroll 1)							

Ole Miss	Min	FG-FGA	3P-3PA	FT-FTA	O-D-R	A	PTS
L. Nolen	32	4-10	0-3	0-0	3-3-6	3	8
J. Parnell	19	4-5	0-0	6-10	2-1-3	0	14
D. Curtis	22	7-10	0-0	1-3	3-1-4	0	15
T. Abernethy	28	1-5	1-3	0-0	0-2-2	3	3
B. Doyne	21	1-5	0-2	3-4	1-1-2	3	5
B. Smith	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0
C. Sanders	30	3-15	1-7	2-2	0-1-1	3	9
B. Patterson	6	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0-0	0	3
X. Hansbro	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0
P. Spach	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0
T. Hampton	24	1-4	0-1	1-2	3-1-4	1	3
M. Smith	13	1-3	3-17	0-0	0-2-2	0	2
TEAM					1-1-2		
Totals	200	23-58	5-23	13-21	13-13-26	14	62
Turnovers: 10 (Curtis, Nolen, Smith 2; Doyne, Parnell, Patterson, Sanders 1)							
Steals: 12 (Curtis 5; Nolen 4; Abernethy, Doyne, Sanders 1)							
Blocks: 2 (Nolen, Sanders 1)							

	1st	2nd	Total
Vanderbilt Commodores	41	36	77
Ole Miss Rebels	33	29	62

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Technical: Ole Miss-none; Vanderbilt-none. Ejections: none  
Attendance: 2,788  
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up a little bit, we'll do a better job of playing with big leads."

Carroll led the team with 19 points, eight rebounds and five assists. Foster added 18 points, as he connected on three of his four three point attempts. Byars also had a solid performance, contributing 16 points and knocking down four of his five three-pointers.

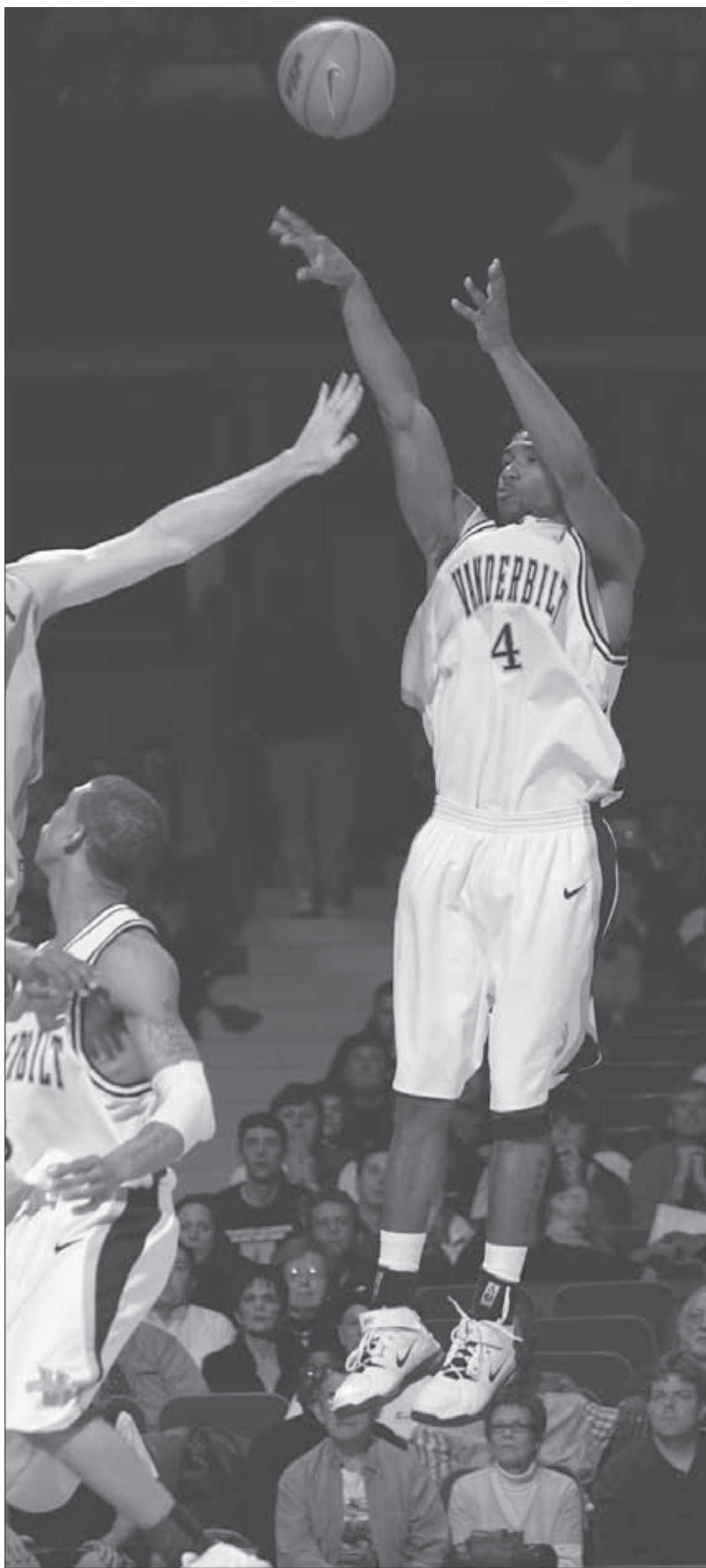
The team's hot shooting made up for the 21 turnovers they committed, along with another poor performance on the offensive glass. Vanderbilt out-rebounded Ole Miss 28-26 for the game, but the Rebels held a 14-6 edge in offensive boards.

Dwayne Curtis led Ole Miss with 15 points and Jeremy Parnell contributed 14. The loss dropped the Rebels to 14-14, 4-11 in conference play.

The Commodores finish up their regular season at home on Saturday, as they are slated to take on in-state rival Tennessee.

"Saturday will be a lot of fun, and there is a lot to play for," Stallings said.

Saturday's game will mark the final time Mario Moore and Julian Terrell will play a regular season game in Memorial Gymnasium. ■



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Junior forward Derrick Byars had the hot hand in the opening minutes of Vanderbilt's road victory against Ole Miss. He scored eight points in the first two minutes of the contest and finished the game with 16 points and eight assists.

## BASEBALL

# Bats awaken in victory over Murray State

BY JARRED AMATO  
HUSTLER ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Perhaps it was the arrival of spring-like temperatures or maybe it was just a matter of time. But, regardless of the reason, Vanderbilt's offense finally came to life in its 7-1 victory over Murray State at Hawkins Field Tuesday.

After scoring just six runs in their last three games, the Commodores tied a season high with 10 hits, half of them coming from Matt Meingasner, Dominic de la Osa and Pedro Alvarez, and improved their record to 4-4.

"I thought the offense way better today," said Vanderbilt head coach Tim Corbin. "They still have a ways to go, but it's good to see some hard hit balls."

In the bottom of the second, de la Osa drove an 0-1 pitch over Murray State centerfielder Tyler Pittman's head for an RBI double. After de la Osa stole third, Parker Hanks drove him home with a base hit to left field, giving the Commodores a 2-0 lead.

The Thoroughbreds, winless through five games, managed to score one in the top of the fourth off of Vanderbilt starter Ty Davis, but could never get closer. Although it was

not his best performance, Davis earned the win, allowing four hits, two walks and no earned runs while striking out six in four innings of work.

"I thought Ty was just okay," Corbin said. "I thought he got away with some pitches that he doesn't get away with against (Southeastern Conference) teams and he understands that."

Sophomore Cameron Betourne was a different story. In his first appearance of the year, the lefty kept Murray State off balance the rest of the way en route to recording the save.

Betourne's only tough spot came in the fifth when he balked to move runners over to second and third. However, the southpaw struck out Jason Payton looking on an inside fastball to end the inning.

Despite pitching just three innings as a red shirt freshman, Betourne showed why he is ready to take on a bigger role this year. He retired 15 of the last 16 batters, with the lone base runner reaching on an error in the ninth.

"It felt good just from the standpoint that it was my longest outing yet," said Betourne. "I wanted to prove to the

coaches that I could do it."

In five scoreless innings, the sophomore gave up two hits and struck out eight, without issuing a walk.

"Establishing my fastball was the biggest thing - getting that first strike," Betourne said. "After that, my slider was okay and the confidence in my defense out there was big."

The offense, which came into the ballgame hitting a collective .191 with an on-base percentage of .275, gave Betourne some breathing room by tallying five runs in the sixth and seventh innings.

"It is just something we knew was going to pick up eventually," Alvarez said of the Commodores' offense. "Hopefully we keep on hitting the ball the way we did today."

Meingasner walked to lead off the sixth, stole second and scored on an Alvarez single. Alvarez advanced to the third after the ball went under the glove of right fielder Brett Mullins.

Hanks was hit by a pitch in the next at-bat, putting runners on second and third for pinch-hitter Diallo Fon, who plated Alvarez with a sacrifice fly.

In the seventh, Alvarez came up with the bases load. A wild pitch left runners on second and third for the freshman third baseman when he blasted a change-up that reached the right field fence on one hop, good enough for a two-run triple and 7-1 Commodore lead.

"Hitting is a lot different than high school and I knew it was going to be tough," Alvarez said. "But I'm willing to work hard and know that it's just a matter of time (before everything clicks)."

Alvarez's two hits and three RBIs along with Meingasner's pair of singles and walks, along with three runs scored is a good sign for the Vanderbilt offense, but Corbin knows Tuesday's victory was just the first step.

"When the offense has been scarce, you can't jump for joy (today)," Corbin said.

"But it's certainly better than the alternative and the alternative is not hitting."

The Commodores begin a three-game series against Ball State this afternoon and although the weather will be slightly cooler, coaches and players alike hope that the bats will remain hot. ■



## COLUMN

# Commodores capable of conference tourney run

Regardless whether Vanderbilt wins or loses Saturday against the orange-clad Bruce Pearl and his clan of Volunteers, the Commodores will open the Southeastern

Winning four games in four days is a daunting task, even for the Dukes and UConn's of college basketball. A team needs to be gelling as the regular season concludes, have superb depth, and be delivered a bouquet of lucky breaks. The Commodores fit this model.

This team is improving and gelling at the right time. Since losing to Georgia on February 4, the Commodores have only lost to Alabama, Florida, and LSU, three teams which appear to have sealed their trips to the NCAA Tournament. Even in these defeats, the Commodores played their best basketball of the season.

Not only are the Commodores improving, other SEC teams have slipped their way through February. Florida started the season 17-0, but they have gone 6-6 since and are fading as Selection Sunday approaches. Tennessee is not playing with the same swagger they exhibited only a few weeks ago. The Volunteers lead the SEC in scoring offense, but their offensive production has been limited the past few weeks.

At different points throughout the season, ten Commodores have contributed significant minutes. In the

frontcourt, Ted Skuchas excelled during the out-of-conference campaign. Davis Nwankwo consistently improved throughout the season and provided key minutes during the middle of the SEC schedule. Of late, Alan Metcalfe has made impressive strides. The presence of these three big men is essential as the Commodores matchup against the conference's top teams. With consistent DeMarre Carroll and Julian Terrell, the Commodores have five seasoned options to fill the frontcourt.

Energy from the point position will be necessary. Derrick Byars excels when either Alex Gordon or Mario Moore runs the offense, and the entire offense flows more efficiently when one of the two true point guards is leading the attack. Moore's five game hiatus from the team enabled Gordon to gain valuable experience as a sophomore, similar to Moore two years ago. If the Commodores can rely on at least ten quality minutes from Moore, the team's outstanding energy should last forty minutes.

For the most part, other SEC teams lack depth. Sure, Tennessee receives contributions from Jajuan Smith and Eric Ferguson is an important asset for Arkansas off the

bench. But, LSU and Auburn play eight deep, and Alabama only rotates seven – a disaster for these teams if they are fortunate enough to play deep into the weekend.

The Gaylord Entertainment Center provides the Commodores with as close to a home-court advantage as possible. Last season the tournament was held in Atlanta, over an hour from Athens, Georgia's home venue. The Commodores have the opportunity to sleep in their own beds and, since the tourney coincides with spring break, the players are free from the distractions of student life.

Vanderbilt has also played some of their best basketball games away from Memorial Gymnasium. This season, the Commodores won four SEC road games and defeated No. 20 Georgetown at the MCI Center. The team's six road wins are the most for a Commodore squad since 1992-1993.

Can Vanderbilt imitate Arkansas' magical 2000 SEC Tournament run and catapult into The Dance? Though the task is difficult, this squad is more than capable of creating madness well before the NCAA Tournament commences. ■



STRAIGHT FROM THE TAP

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Conference Tournament on Thursday. The Commodores first round opponent will not be determined until the weekend. Yet, regardless of which western division foe Vanderbilt plays in its first tournament tilt, these Commodores are built for an SEC Tournament run.

With Wednesday night's victory over Ole Miss, the Commodores secured the number four seed in the East. It would take an improbable run of four victories in four days in order to win the SEC tournament. It is already determined that if the Commodores win Thursday, their second round game would be rematch with Glen Davis, Tyrus Thomas and the LSU Tigers.

## CLUB SPORTS

# Squash team makes presence felt in nationals

 BY FRANKLIN PETR  
HUSTLER SPORTS REPORTER

Unbeknownst to many, the Commodores sent the club squash team to the National Championships less than three weeks ago. Surprisingly enough, the same was unknown to the team until not long before the event.

"I found out about an Emerging Teams division at Nationals only a few days before the entry deadline," said Max Franklin, Captain and founder of the team.

Though traditionally composed of nine members, Franklin was able to form a five-man team to compete in the entry division along with the help of fellow squash enthusiasts. The team is comprised of senior Willie Wade, juniors Franklin and Hamilton Clark, sophomore Carlos Aro, and freshman Skylar Washburn.

The team traveled to Nationals for their first intercollegiate play. The experience was not only new for Vanderbilt's club squash team, but also for its players. Only Clark and Wade had competed much in high school, so the team was at a distinct disadvantage in experience.

"After two frustrating years of not being able to get a team together, to actually be able to compete was really satisfying," Franklin said. "It was really just an exciting experience to be at Nationals."

In their opening match, Vanderbilt swept Bard College, a varsity program that was sponsoring a 5-man team in the Emerging division. With the win the Commodores defeated a nationally ranked program in their first ever intercollegiate match.

"I was really pleased with the way everyone played against Bard," Franklin said. "Anytime you don't drop a single game in a team match it says something about the mindset of the team."

Vanderbilt's next match came against a more experienced and better-coached University of Southern California team. The Trojans were able to outlast the Commodores taking the match 4-1. Despite the score, Vanderbilt played a tough match.

"The USC match was more frustrating than anything else," Franklin said. "On another day, we could have beaten them."

The Commodores took their defeat and used it to gain momentum for their final match of the weekend against Rutgers University. After taking an early 2-0 lead, Vanderbilt dropped the next two sets to even the match. Then, No. 1 Hamilton Clark dominated his opponent in the tie-break set to give the Commodores a 3-2 victory.

"I think it says something about our team that we came out after a disappointing loss and fought hard against a solid Rutgers team," Franklin said.

The team ended the tournament placing third in the Emerging Teams division. Their strong play against tough opponents was enough to land Vanderbilt a No. 42 overall national ranking.

The team was happy just for the chance to compete and thought the opportunity was very beneficial.

"It was a real bonus for everyone on the team to win at least one match in the tournament," said Clark, who is also a co-captain. "Hopefully this will be a building block for future Vanderbilt teams to come."

The team does have high hopes for a promising future. With such short notice for the tournament, many quality players were not able to fit Nationals into their schedule. The team believes that come next year, when the program has been solidified, they'll have a much more successful outing.

"I feel with our returning class and the rest of the talent at Vanderbilt, we will have a really solid nine-man team next year, with a real chance at being a top 25 team," Franklin said.

Intercollegiate squash is played much like tennis. Teams of five compete against each other, and the first team to win three individual sets wins the match. The individual sets are also first to three games.



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Willie Wade, a senior on the club squash team, executes a drop shot. The club squash team competed in nationals a few weeks ago. They are currently ranked No. 42 in the nation.

The team is hosting an Open Squash 17 at the Student Recreation Center from 5-8:00 pm. The team plans to follow this up with an open squash tournament in Monday, March 13 through Friday, March April. ■

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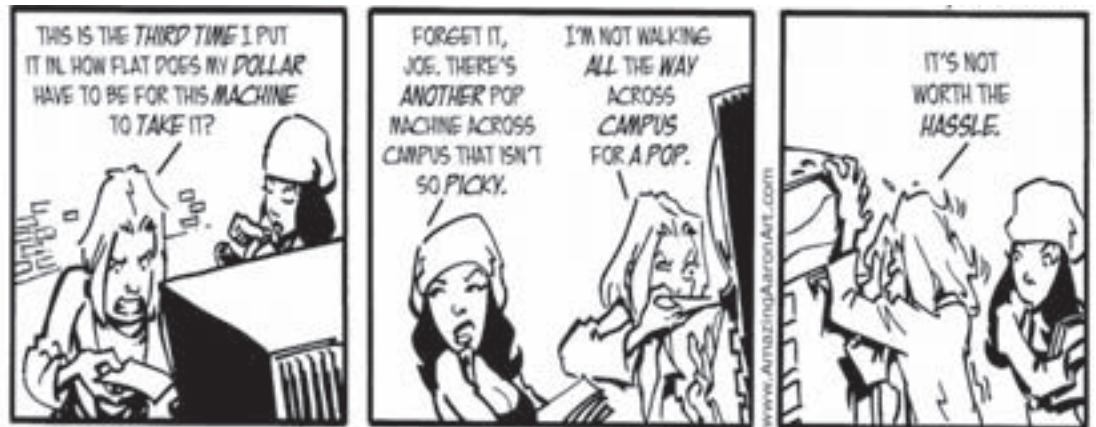
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## A COLLEGE GIRL NAMED JOE

By Aaron Warner — KRT



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