

SAFETY

Walking escort program to launch tonight

SGA, VUPD collaborate with student volunteers.

BY SEAN SEELINGER
HUSTLER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

DoreWalks, a new walking escort program run by student volunteers, will debut this weekend, with the intention of providing a safer option for students walking on campus at night.

The program is a collaborative effort between VUPD and the Student Govern-



ment Association.

A two o d said that he is supportive of the program as it is "supplementing what (VUPD) does for walking escorts" during the weekends when "foot traffic has a tendency to increase."

>> DoreWalks

- **When:** 10:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights
- **Who:** SGA and VUPD will lead the program. Any student or student organization is eligible to volunteer.
- **How:** Call 615-421-SAFE for an escort.

On Friday and Saturday nights, from 10:30 p.m. to 3 a.m., eight to 10 student volunteers will provide an escort to stu-

dents who call 615-421-SAFE. A student will serve as a dispatcher in Branscomb.

Bill Weimar, SGA vice president of student affairs, is leading SGA in this effort and calls the program an "innovative solution" to security issues.

"We've had forum after forum after forum discussing security issues but sometimes you have to roll up your sleeves," Weimar said, noting that it allows students to have a direct impact on their own

security.

Weimar said that he plans to recruit volunteers by speaking to student groups as well as by e-mailing students. He said that the goal is to have volunteers scheduled two to three weeks ahead of time.

The dispatcher, the student escorts and VUPD officers will remain in constant radio contact.

Escorts will be placed into a pair of one
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SERVICE

Bachelor to host auction in Student Life Center

Event to benefit Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

BY ELLIE ATKINS
HUSTLER REPORTER

Dr. Travis Stork, former star of television's "The Bachelor", will co-host the Chef's Market Bachelor/Bachelorette Auction on April 27 in the Student Life Center.



Stork

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Tennessee chapter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Tennessee columnist Brad Schmidt, Lulu, a radio host from WQZQ, and Dana DeSilvio, a previous contestant on television's "The Biggest Loser", will be the other hosts of the event.

Lulu and DeSilvio have both been nominated for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Woman of the Year. John Marlin and Paige Moore, two local cancer survivors, will be the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Girl and Boy of the Year and will be the honorees of the night.

"It's really all about the kids—and adults too—whose lives are affected by these cancers. We are so grateful for these local and national celebrities who are giving their time for such a great cause," Lulu said.

The event will include an auction of Nashville's most eligible bachelors and bachelorettes, as well as a silent auction, food by Chef's Market, cocktails and live music. The bachelors to be auctioned include Nashville Kats players Clint Stoerner and Joe Minucci, Ludicris's producer Craig King, Stork's roommate and fellow Vanderbilt doctor Geoff Hayden and fashion designer Todd Fenf.

Bachelorettes include Apprentice contestant Charmaine Hunt, radio host Becca of KDF, radio host Trish Vogel of WQZQ, host of television shows on CMT and TLC Alicia

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HOUSING

Landlords' failure to cooperate with helping the university enforce the Good Neighbor Policy on off-campus students lands them on a blacklist.

Off limits off campus



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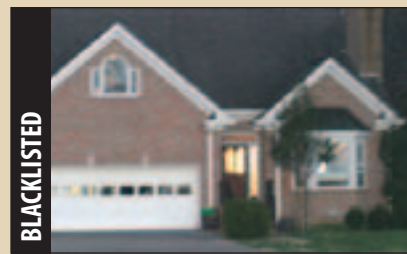
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Undergraduate students authorized to live off campus during the 2006-2007 school year may have been surprised to find that the authorization letter they received this week included a list of properties that have been "blacklisted" by the university.

According to the correspondence, Vanderbilt prohibits undergraduate students from living in several off-campus properties due to the failure of the

BY NICOLE FLOYD
HUSTLER ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

landlords of these properties to support university efforts to enforce good neighbor standards of behavior by their student tenants.

In an effort to encourage good neighborhood relations, Vanderbilt adopted a Good Neighbor Policy, to which all students must agree before being granted access to the off-campus request form.

Jim Kramka, director of housing
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CAMPUS



Candice Lightford stands above BSA members Erin Bryant, Marichelle Fields, Charles Stanley, Brandy Scott, and Shaina Johnson calling for students to sign their petition.

BSA pushes for removal of 'Confederate'

Members solicit support for petition.

BY RACHEL STEVENS
HUSTLER EXECUTIVE NEWS EDITOR

While students across campus know it as Memorial Hall, the Black Student Alliance has not forgotten that the word "Confederate" is still inscribed on the front of the building.

The BSA is collecting signatures on a petition urging the administration to revisit the issue, and ultimately to take the necessary steps to remove the word Confederate from the building.

Students can sign the petition on the Wall outside Rand until next Wednesday.

The BSA will submit the petition to Chancellor Gordon Gee and other administrators next week, along with a letter stating students' continued concerns.

The dormitory was built using \$50,000 that the United Daughters of the Confederacy donated in 1935.

The Tennessee Court of Appeals ruled this summer that Vanderbilt is contractually obligated to the UDC to keep the inscription on the build-

ing, reversing a lower court decision that sided with Vanderbilt. The university retains the right to refer to the building as Memorial Hall in all publications.

After losing the decision this summer, Vanderbilt decided not to further appeal the case.

Michael Schoenfeld, vice chancellor of public affairs, said that the university accomplished what it set out to do by focusing attention on the issue and bringing it to the forefront.

"It was an issue that clearly struck a nerve on all sides," Schoenfeld said. "To take this to a jury trial would just create a circus environment."

Continuing legal options would not be a prudent or responsible use of university funds, Schoenfeld added.

Smith said that the BSA has spent the past few months deciding how they wanted to further approach the issue and talking to the administration.

Smith said that through the petition the BSA wants to discredit the administration's stance that it is an
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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Candidates speak on platforms, promises to campus organizations

BY RACHEL STEVENS
HUSTLER EXECUTIVE NEWS EDITOR

Campaigning is underway for the Student Government Association presidential election, as candidates spoke to various campus organizations this week.

Boone Lancaster and running-mate vice-presidential candidate Cara Bilotta spoke to the Circle K service organization Wednesday night, while across Alumni

Lawn presidential and vice-presidential running mates Bill Weimar and Brennan McMahon spoke to Vandy Fems.

Lancaster and Bilotta highlighted several key elements of their platform in their presentation to Circle K.

Lancaster stressed the need for the Vandy Vans program to be re-evaluated, particularly looking forward to the opening of the Freshmen Commons in the fall

of 2009 when all freshmen will be housed on the Peabody campus.

"We don't want 21st Ave. to become something that divides the Vanderbilt community," Lancaster said, noting the need to maintain a cohesive Vanderbilt environment.

Lancaster also highlighted his goal to allow students a parking lot for tailgating during football games in the fall.

Bilotta stressed the ticket's experience, as well as pointing out her and Lancaster's past SGA accomplishments, including getting card readers put on the vending machines in Wyatt and getting an additional airport shuttle for this year's spring break.

Weimar and McMahon pledged to work closely with Vandy Fems on security and other issues important to the women

of campus if elected.

In particular, Weimar and McMahon advocated the DoreWalks program, which SGA announced will begin tonight. The program will have eight to ten student volunteers working as walking escorts for students on Friday and Saturday evening.

"Obviously there's no way that this program can prevent every sexual assault
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OUR VIEW

Read about why we criticize Housing for exerting too much control over off-campus housing selection and why we think the issue of "Confederate" Hall should be put to rest.
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NOTABLE



This year nearly three million spectators are expected to watch the spectacle and some 150,000 participants plan to march.

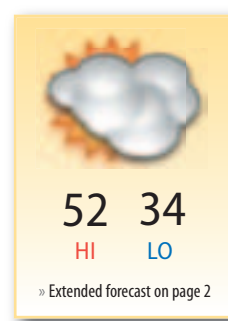
According to *National Geographic*, New York's St. Patrick's Day parade is the longest running civilian parade in the world.

POLL

50%

Percentage of Americans who favor deporting all illegal immigrants.

WEATHER



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

WORD OF THE DAY

OP·PRO·BRI·UM

adj. disgrace; infamy; reproach mingled w/ contempt

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

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

- 461 A.D. According to tradition, St. Patrick — the patron saint of Ireland — died in Saul.
- 1776 British forces evacuated Boston during the Revolutionary War.
- 1950 Scientists at the University of California at Berkeley announced they had created a new radioactive element, "californium."
- 1966 A U.S. midget submarine located a missing hydrogen bomb which had fallen from an American bomber into the Mediterranean off Spain.
- 1969 Golda Meir became prime minister of Israel.
- 1992 Twenty-eight people were killed in the truck bombing of the Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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FORECAST

- SATURDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 52
Low: 35
- SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 59
Low: 39
- MONDAY
Rain
High: 54
Low: 49

TODAY IN THE BUBBLE

Compiled by Rachel Stevens

Interhall Cabinet applications

Interhall is now accepting cabinet applications for the 2006-2007 year. Positions range from Dining Secretary to Athletic Affairs to Greek Life to Communications Director, and more. Applications are due Sunday March 19th by 6 p.m. Students can email devin.c.donovan@vanderbilt.edu for more information.

Dance Marathon Executive Board applications

Applications are available for the 2006-2007 Dance Marathon Executive board. Applications are available on-line at www.vanderbilt.edu/dance_marathon. They are due by noon on Monday in Sarratt 339.

Graduate Student Research Day

Graduate Student Research Day will be this Monday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Student Life Center. A reception will follow immediately. Students from the sciences and humanities will be presenting their work. The entire campus is invited.

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

WHAT'S YOUR GOVERNMENT DOING?

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Resolution	Vote
Allocate \$125 to the Organizational Relations Committee to help cover the cost of Breakfast with Kirkland.	Passed unanimously
Donate \$200 to the American Red Cross Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Fund.	Passed unanimously
Call for the course syllabi from previous semesters be posted on OAK during the registration period for classes beginning with the Spring 2007 semester.	Passed unanimously
Allocate \$150 to the Environmental Affairs Committee to help cover the costs of Earth Day week events.	Passed unanimously
Donate \$200 to help Dores for Israel offset the cost of their Israel Festival to promote awareness of Israeli culture on campus	Passed unanimously

INTERHALL

Resolutions must be submitted to the Interhall president 48 hours prior to voting. Amendments must be submitted 24 hours prior.	Passed unanimously
A member of the Executive Board previously dismissed shall not be allowed to later sit in on the Executive Board.	Passed unanimously

Check back often for a review of what happened during SGA and Interhall meetings.

Compiled by Rhysie Nance and Sean Seelinger

VUPD CRIME LOG

Compiled by Rachel Stevens

March 13, 2:15 p.m. — License plates were stolen from a vehicle parked at the Pi Kappa Alpha house. No suspects have been identified and the case remains active.

March 13, 5:45 p.m. — A red 2002 Subaru Impreza was stolen from 16th Ave. S. and Horton Ave. No suspects have been identified and the case remains active.

March 14, 10 p.m. — A case of simple assault occurred in the 25th Ave. garage. The victim felt threatened by at least five individuals on the roof of the garage. No suspects have been identified and the case remains active.

March 15, 4:22 a.m. — An arrest for DUI, weapons law violation and implied consent was made at 21st Ave. S. and Scarritt Pl.

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

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COMMUNITY

Peabody graduate found dead in Iraq

Fox taken hostage by terrorists months ago.

BY CHRISTINE BROWN
HUSTLER REPORTER

Peabody graduate Tom Fox was found dead in Iraq last week after being taken hostage almost four months ago by an Iraqi terrorist group called the Swords of Righteousness Brigade.

Originally from Clear Brook, Va., Fox graduated with a music degree from Peabody College in 1973 before it became part of Vanderbilt University. Fox had gone to Iraq to promote peace as a member of the Christian Peacemaker Team.

Fox was held hostage with three other members of the Christian Peacemaker Team,

James Loney, 41, Harmeet Singh Sooden, 32, from Canada and Norman Kember, 74, from England. However, Fox was the only one of the four members found dead. Since then, spokesman Noel Clay said there has been no information on the three other captives.

Interior Ministry Lt. Col. Falah al-Mohammedawi found Fox's body near a railroad in the Sunni-Shiite area in Baghdad. This area has not experienced much violence and many local residents were shocked to hear about the incident and disapproved of its brutality. Fox's body was found with a number of injuries showing that he had been tortured extensively. Gunshot wounds to his head and chest appear to have been the cause of death. He was also wearing Iraqi-made clothing. American forces in Iraq picked up Fox's body the evening of March 9th.

Before Fox's death last week, Al-Jazeera television broadcast a short silent video of the other three hostages Loney, Sooden and Kember dated Feb. 28. In this video, the three activists were allegedly appealing to their governments for their release.

Since U.S. forces have invaded Iraq, there have been around 250 foreigners kidnapped and about 40 of these have been killed.

"Most deaths resulting from political conflict and war are unspeakably tragic," said Vanderbilt political science professor Jim Ray. "But when people who intervene for the purpose of bringing about a peaceful solution, and with peaceful means, are caught up in the violence and killed, not inadvertently, not accidentally, but on purpose, this adds a painful element of senselessness to these tragic outcomes." ■

ACADEMICS

Professors complain about students' e-mail

Concerns include quantity and informality.

BY ELLIE ATKINS
HUSTLER NEWS EDITOR

Professors at universities across the nation have been outspoken about student e-mail, claiming that e-mail may be erasing the once defined boundary between students and their professors.

Professors have complained of not only the amount of e-mail they are receiving, but also about the content and tone of the messages, according to a recent *New York Times* article.

"The tone that they would take in e-mail was pretty astounding. 'I need to know this and you need to tell me right now,' with a familiarity that can sometimes border on imperative," said Michael J. Kessler, assistant dean and theology professor at Georgetown University.

Vanderbilt communications professor Kasian Kovalcheck says that the demands of the students are a result of their expectations with

one another.

"Students e-mail each other all the time during the day, and they therefore think of e-mail as a method of instant access to one another," Kovalcheck said. "The problem is that a limited number of students become aggravated when they find that the professors are not as easily accessible as their friends."

Students increasingly perceive the professor's services as a good that they are purchasing, professors said. In their minds, this legitimizes the demands that they are making in their e-mails.

"If students think of themselves as customers and the faculty as service representatives, the faculty will resent that," said Kovalcheck. "Education is supposed to be a participatory activity."

However, many also cite the benefits of e-mail. It provides a simple solution to those students who once would not have bothered to communicate with their professors.

"I'm much more likely to send an e-mail to my professor if I'm having a problem in

class than schedule an appointment," said Vanderbilt freshman Alison Kempf. "I'm sure that the professor would much rather answer my question on his own time rather than a formal meeting."

However, students may not recognize that if the e-mails are demanding, this may hurt them later.

"Students don't understand that what they say in e-mail can make them seem very unprofessional and could result in a bad recommendation," said Alexandra Lahav, an associate professor of law at the University of Connecticut.

Most students e-mail their professors to seek help with class, and most professors are willing to help them. However, some students have gone too far and become bothersome to their professors, Kessler said.

"It's a real fine balance to accommodate what they need and at the same time maintain a level of legitimacy as an instructor and someone who is institutionally authorized to make demands on them, and not the other way around," Kessler said. ■

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ASK FOR JACK

DoreWalks: Program will complement Vandy Vans service

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male and one female student.

Furthermore, "if the teams see anybody walking out by themselves, then they will offer to walk that person to wherever they want to go," Atwood said.

SGA members along with members of the Delta Gamma sorority and the Beta Upsilon Chi fraternity will be volunteering as escorts this weekend.

"All volunteers will go through a brief orientation before they go out on radio procedures and things to be on the lookout for and 'what if' situations," Atwood said.

Morgan said that the campus has a "fantastic program in the form of Vandy Vans but that doesn't help all students. (DoreWalks) will complement that."

Assistant Chief of Police

Marlon Lynch brought the idea to SGA according to Director of Crime Prevention Andrew Atwood after seeing successful programs at other universities such as Duke and Georgetown.

Lynch was unavailable for comment.

SGA President Kate Morgan said that when Lynch approached SGA, members of that organization had also been discussing the idea of a new walking escort program.

Since then, Morgan said members of SGA, led by Bill Weimar, hashed out details with Lynch.

Weimar is running for SGA president alongside vice presidential candidate Brennan McMahon. Their platform calls for ensuring the success of the DoreWalks program. ■

Map-making time



ELISE ALFORD / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Engineering students David Duvoisin and James Danko take their surveying class to the next level on Library Lawn by setting benchmarks for a contour map.

Housing: Persistent pattern causes ban

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assignments, said that the relationship Vanderbilt has with the Nashville community is extremely important and is greatly affected by the behavior of students living off-campus.

"Nashville generally welcomes Vanderbilt students into its neighborhoods," Kramka said. "But when student actions off campus disrupt families in the neighborhoods, their behavior can damage Vanderbilt's relationship with Nashville."

This situation has consistently been the case at six properties in the area: 3700 Benham Ave., 3706 Benham Ave., 3608 Benham Ave., 1805 Graybar Lane, 1809 Graybar Lane and 2527 Blair Blvd.

Kramka said that properties are prohibited only after a persistent pattern of disruptive behavior has been displayed and Vanderbilt has worked unsuccessfully with students and the students' landlords to bring student conduct into compliance with community standards and Vanderbilt's Good Neighbor Pledge.

"Properties that are prohibited to undergraduates have had significant histories of disruptive and destructive conduct by their Vanderbilt tenants," Kramka said.

"The types of conduct leading to prohibition include disturbance of the peace, excessive trash in yards and in neighbors' yards, harassment of neighbors, occupancy exceeding building codes and other activities."

Students found in violation of the Good Neighbor Pledge are subject to university disciplinary measures, which could result in the revocation of their off-campus authorization and assignment to an on-campus location.

Students who live in any of the prohibited properties are subject to the same action.

Despite the lack of cooperation by students and landlords at the proscribed properties, the majority of Vanderbilt students and their landlords abide by the guidelines of the university.

"Our experience is that most landlords support Vanderbilt's efforts to educate students about their obligations of good citizenship," Kramka said. ■

Protest: Minority applicants should be aware, Smith says

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issue of money and prove that the university should take all possible steps to create an inclusive community.

"Our community creed is committed to caring about each other," Smith said. "The petition will show the administration that students still care, and this issue isn't just a concern for black students."

The petition comes as minority applicants from around the nation arrived on campus yesterday for MOSAIC weekend.

Smith said that the BSA did not deliberately plan the petition

to coincide with MOSAIC week, but that minority applicants to Vanderbilt do need to hear about the issue.

"The administration should be concerned about their image when they are trying to attract minority applicants," Smith said.

Schoenfeld said the University is instead choosing to focus on the positive things that are happening at Vanderbilt that have led to record minority applications and enrollment.

"Our goal has always been to make a campus where everyone feels welcome," Schoenfeld said. ■

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

SGA candidate serves, campaigns from abroad

Opponent says students better served by locals.

BY BECKY TYRELL
HUSTLER FEATURES REPORTER

Junior Elisabeth Galle, vice president of Peabody Council, is running for Peabody Council president while abroad for an internship in London this semester.

Candidates abroad may run for office since they are current undergraduates, but must communicate directly with Student Government Association Attorney General Gabriel Hemphill who oversees elections for each school. Candidates who are abroad must also have a proxy to solicit signatures

and run a campaign that adheres to the elections statutes, Hemphill said.

"They have the same exact rules and deadlines as a regular candidate, but are represented by a proxy," Hemphill said.

Prior to leaving the country, Galle selected Katie Freeman, a Peabody junior, to serve as her proxy.

Freeman collected the required 50 signatures from Peabody students for Galle to run and has a \$75 campaign budget. Freeman is responsible for relaying information from meetings and campus happenings.

"I feel really confident about my ability to be president next year. I have been the acting vice president for two years and have had an active role on the council since

freshman year," Galle said.

Galle is running against junior Warren Langevin, who is currently residing on campus.

"I view the college experience as an opportunity to expand on academic pursuits both here and abroad, but I feel that students will be best served by officers in direct connection with the school and students," Langevin said.

This isn't the first time a student has run for Peabody Council present from abroad.

"During my freshman year when I was a representative, I acted as proxy for running the campaign for president of a candidate who was at that time studying abroad," Galle said.

Elected officers that go abroad are still official members of SGA. All resolutions and pertinent SGA information are communicated to all senators or other respective officials in advance so that they are informed, have the option to debate via e-mail and can submit a vote on a particular resolution to the attorney general, Hemphill said.

Galle believes she is able to balance her internship abroad and her duties as vice president because of the ease with which information has been relayed to her.

"This semester I have stayed in contact with the Peabody Council members while broadening my education through my internship and I look forward to contribut-

ing to the Vanderbilt community upon my return in the fall," Galle said.

DeAnna Woodson, Peabody Council president, did not respond to e-mails requesting comment.

Peabody Council functions as an institution to bridge the gap between students and faculty and thereby create a sense of community. The major fall and spring events, respectively, are the Hanging of the Green ceremony and the celebration of George Peabody's birthday.

Other traditions and events include Peabody Day of Service, a Chili Cook-off, a faculty/student bagel lunch, clothing drives and participation in Vanderbuddies Playday. ■

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Marine ROTC competes during Spring Break



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Vanderbilt Colorguard stands at attention as a Marine gunnery sergeant inspects them at the SUNY Maritime Academy Drill Competition during Spring Break.

SGA: Primary elections will take place next Tuesday

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that happens on campus," Weimar said. "But if it is able to prevent one assault it will be worthwhile."

Members of Vandy Fems were supportive of the new program, applauding the way it promotes a community atmosphere of students looking out for students.

Presidential candidate Joseph Hills and running mate Michael Slanovits did not respond to several Hustler requests for times and locations of campaign appearances.

Primary elections will be held Tuesday. Two candidates will advance to the general elections, which will be held on March 28. ■

Bachelor: Tickets for April event are \$75

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Davis and Nashville plastic surgeon Stephanie Stover.

"We figured who wouldn't want to see Travis—beyond 'The Bachelor'! But seriously, we want to be sure that no one misses the true purpose of the entire evening, so on the event T-shirts we have our slogan, 'Make a Bid: Save a Kid!'" DeSilvio said.

Tickets must be purchased ahead of time and are \$75 per person. For further information, students can e-mail thebachelorevent@chefsmarket.com. ■

HEALTH

Melanoma rates triple among women causing sun exposure concerns

BY MORGAN RATCLIFFE
DAILY UTAH CHRONICLE (U-WIRE)

SALT LAKE CITY — In the past 30 years, melanoma, a severe type of skin cancer, has more than tripled in women.

It's also the most common cancer in women ages 25-29, said Sunny Gibson, committee coordinator for women's week and manager at the University of Utah School of

Medicine.

Because of these statistics and the risk college-aged students face against skin cancer, Gibson and others will be promoting skin cancer education with an interactive display in the Union as part of Women's Week and its "appearance of choice" theme.

"Women are often told they should use sunscreen for aesthetic reasons like wrin-

kles, but they need to think about health instead of vanity," she said.

Approximately 90 percent of skin cancer is caused by sun exposure, "so 90 percent is potentially preventable," Gibson said.

Scott Thompson, a spokesman for the American Cancer Society, said any type of sun exposure can increase the likelihood of developing skin cancer, but there are many

precautions that can help reduce the risk.

"Listen to the things your mother told you," he said. "Simple things like wearing a hat or sunglasses, sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher and staying out of the sun all can reduce your risk."

Many people don't realize the seriousness of skin cancer, Gibson said, adding that about one in five Americans will get skin

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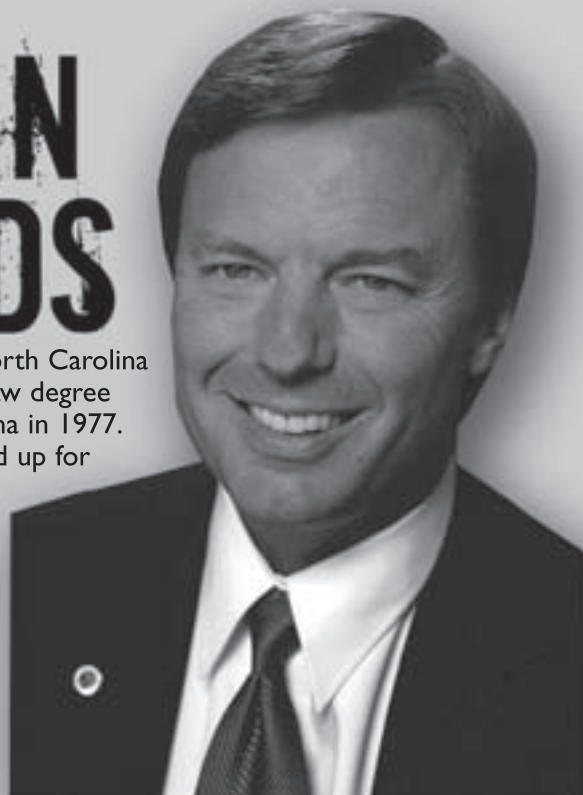
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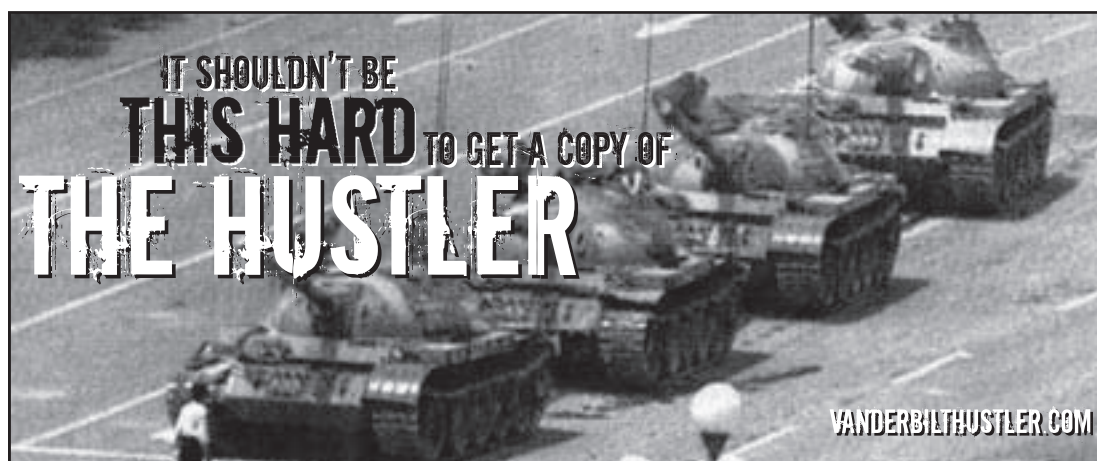
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OUR VIEW

Housing oversteps its bounds

We feel that members of the Office of Housing and Residential Education are overstepping their authority by prohibiting students from living in certain off-campus properties.

Students who are granted off-campus authorization should have just that, the right to live off-campus.

Almost all students living off-campus are seniors, adults.

If administrators feel that students aren't responsible enough by the time they are seniors, then the university has failed in its mission.

And when students aren't being responsible, then it's between the students, their landlords and if necessary the police.

If Housing officials analyze students' disciplinary records when making decisions to grant off-campus housing authorization.

But once students are granted off-campus authorization, the administration has no right to regulate where students choose to live.

They should spend their time working to increase the quality of living for students on-campus rather than pestering those who live off-campus. What next, is The Grove going to be blacklisted?

It's time to move past 'Confederate'

The Black Student Alliance is circulating a petition calling for the revitalization of efforts to remove "Confederate" from Memorial Hall.

The word "Confederate" means different things to different people. For some it recalls the abominable legacy of slavery in our country, while for others it is a symbol of Southern heritage and culture. No matter how one views the controversial term, we feel that it is in the best interest of the University and its students to let the issue rest.

Administrators took a courageous step when they decided to change the name. They faced criticism from the community and the United Daughters of the Confederacy, but the University pressed on.

Now it is time to move forward. The court of appeals ruled that we are obligated to keep the inscription. Repaying the UDC would be a large sum in 2006 dollars, money that could be used elsewhere.

In addition, Vice Chancellor Mike Schoenfeld cited the numerous threats that were made to the University and to several individuals during the court proceedings. Bringing the issue to a jury trial would cause even more frenzy in the community, an unnecessary distraction.

While we support the University's attempts to remove the inscription, we must accept the decision that the courts reached. With every new class, the controversy of the name will slowly fade away.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Founder's Day an opportunity for school progress

To the editor:

We are writing to reflect on today's celebration of Founder's Day, which marks the start of Vanderbilt University more than 133 years ago. Today provides us with a special opportunity for both faculty and students to discuss our historic development from a small religious institution in the green pastures of middle Tennessee to a large research institution ranked among the nation's best in higher education. We believe history defines our present condition and that revisiting the past will help us better understand our future as a community and a university. Founder's Day encourages us to consider the traditions that have shaped our proud institution and the mistakes that have slowed our progress.

A retrospective view of past decades makes it clear why Vanderbilt consistently recruits the best and brightest students and teachers. Our broader community and social life provide a comfortable balance of academic and social engagement and a vibrant foundation for the education of capable and knowledgeable leaders in the world. We have traditionally followed the course of entrepreneurship and innovation to find the best direction for Vanderbilt, not

the simple replication of peer universities with more precarious standards for academic excellence and community strength. Our rise as one of the nation's best universities was driven not by the desire to win respect by copying the current trends in higher education, but the consistent presence of decisive leadership, shared values and the collaboration of faculty, students and administrators. The history of Vanderbilt reinforces the principle that student voice is crucial to major university decisions. We cannot succeed if administrators fail to see this lesson.

Our school has built upon the past by learning from mistakes and reconciling poor decisions. Vanderbilt, like every other university, has made countless mistakes — some that we have corrected, others that we have not. When public sentiment rejected the racial discrimination toward former basketball player Perry Wallace and former ministry student Rev. James Lawson, the Board of Trust recognized their poor judgment and sought forgiveness from both distinguished men. Wallace witnessed his jersey retired in Memorial Gym, while Rev. Lawson was recently presented a special faculty appointment for next year. We can proactively avoid future mistakes by remembering that our

shared commitment to Vanderbilt's future will protect against reactionary actions if faculty members and students are consulted before important decisions are made.

At present, Vanderbilt faces a period of tremendous change. The emergence of College Halls and new orientation programs show that we are at a point where key decisions with serious consequences are made on a daily basis. It has never been more important for Vanderbilt students to have strong leaders willing to stand up on behalf of student concerns with the best interests of our school in mind and not simply the desire to emulate peer institutions. Now is the time to ensure that when Founder's Day is celebrated in 20 years, we — as alumni — can look back and be proud of the school we helped to define and the progress we helped to achieve.

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COLUMN

Ireland's example should encourage America

Let me be the first to wish you a happy St. Patrick's Day. Since 1737, Americans have celebrated the man who converted Ireland to Chris-

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DAVID ELLISON

tianity.

At the end of the Cold War, Ireland adopted a business-friendly policy that resulted in an economic explosion often dubbed the "Celtic Tiger." Ireland has the lowest corporate tax scheme in Europe, minimal capital gains taxes, a highly-educated, English-speaking workforce and open immigration policies. Such policies make Ireland attractive for United States companies looking to squeeze past the restrictive external tariff of the common European market. By investing in an export-oriented economy, the Irish have managed to steer clear of the agricultural controversies of the continent while attracting technology-driven firms such as Dell, Pfizer, Google and Apple. Much of the economy's current growth comes from expansion of the service sector, as newfound wealth has necessitated the presence of accountants and lawyers. While vaulting to a position as the fourth-highest per capita income in the world, the government has reduced spending and maintained low inflation. In short, the Emerald Isle is a quick study on the success of a free-market economy.

There was a time when America could boast

a free-market economy. In the aftermath of Hiroshima, the United States institutionalized liberalism on a global scale while managing to contain Communism on the trot. While the Marxist way of thought has been largely discredited, the entire world has rallied behind capitalism in the form of free trade agreements and marginal tariff barriers. But with the Cold War won, the United States must dodge competition from developing countries debuting on the open market while addressing global economic disparity. Neo-isolationism and protectionism betray the very principles on which we risked nuclear holocaust with the Soviet Union. After preaching the gospel of open markets and free elections, how can we now turn our back on the world?

With the West drowning in the clash of civilizations, Dubai offered our fair republic a lifeline. This Arab country consistently shares our markets instincts, embraces Western technology and carries ambitions more in tune with Wall Street than the often hostile "Arab Street." With free-market Singapore as a model, Dubai has become the fastest-growing transportation and shipping hub, financial center and tourist destination in the world. Opposition to America's port deal with Dubai suggests subtle ignorance if not outward racism. How can we encourage foreign investment if every issue becomes a matter of national security? If the current plight of Detroit is any indication, America is fast losing its competitiveness on the global market. With high wages, high taxes and restrictions on capital, what rational corporation wouldn't

outsource to Ireland? The United Arab Emirates ranks highest amongst Muslim countries on the index of economic liberty and represents the closest thing we have to an ally in the Persian Gulf. Granted, some of the 9/11 terrorists had ties to the Emirate, but the United States hasn't scuppered a deal with the United Kingdom as a result of Richard Reid's shoe bomb.

While the media tempts the masses with histrionics about the War in Iraq, the economic war has largely been ignored. The American economy has grown despite an internet bubble, a terrorist attack, a war, numerous hurricanes and endless amounts of government pork. When comparing an uncompetitive America to the world, one desperately wonders if the next oil shock will send the house of cards tumbling. To bring America back to the forefront of economic development, we first need to invest in more oil refineries. The mere fact

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COLUMN

Glamorous ideals of the Old South are replaced with mullets and Blue Collar Comedy

I recently went to see the Blue Collar Comedy Tour at the Gaylord Entertainment Center downtown. When I told my friend from Massachusetts, he responded, "What

ONE SMALL VOICE
DANIEL KASBOHM

a hick-fest!" Nonsense, I thought, remembering one of the videos of the four comedians I had seen at a friend's house. These guys didn't cater to a specific audience; they just combined southern charm with quick wit for an outstanding performance.

When I arrived at the venue, I was astonished to see that my friend had been right. Mulletts, on men and women, passed in front of me to get in line. Confederate flags on torn baseball caps littered the crowd. The missing teeth, plaid shirts and chewing tobacco polished off an already gruesome image.

The show consisted mostly of jokes about dogs eating their own poop, discussions on how to clothe a fat person correctly and why drinking nasty beer made loose women look more attractive. I looked at the audience around me in astonishment, wondering what had happened to my heavenly idea of the South.

In my limited experience with the North, I noticed some distinct differences from my hometown in the suburbs of Atlanta. Northerners were pale, they didn't make eye contact and their houses were old, small and close together. They drove ugly cars and shopped at places with weird names.

My friends at home, however, had huge houses that were nicely furnished. They drove shiny, clean cars and shopped at chain stores in the mall. People loved to be outside, even if it was humid, taking a walk in the park or swimming in a pool. My friends' moms would make me some iced tea and offer to bake cookies while we studied for tests.

My experience with the Blue Collar Comedy Tour, then, was an eye-opening distinction between the Old South and the New South, and I discovered that what I supposedly loved about my region was really related to class and status rather than the foundational characteristics of my neighbors. Glimmering, high-growth cities like Atlanta and Houston stood out in my mind as banners of Southern Pride, representing everything that I imagined the South stood for.

When I asked my northern friend where he shopped and ate, I was astounded at the results. "You have only been to a Target once in your life?" I gaped. He hadn't really heard of Chick-Fil-A or Waffle House, and when I

started rambling off lists of chains my family frequented, he simply gave me a distant look: Chili's, TGIFriday's, Steak and Shake, Ruby Tuesdays and O'Charleys were all relatively new to him. "Where did you eat?" I found myself asking. When he said smaller restaurants that were original to his area, I smirked that globalization would someday reach his hometown.

My narrow experience, however, is far from a typical southerner's. In a recent discussion, my friend from rural Tennessee began telling me about a part of her property called the 'holla.' After a few minutes of smiling blankly, I had to ask her what on earth she was talking about. "Oh!" I remember saying, "You mean the hollow!" A few minutes later in the conversation I discovered that I was rudely asking her if she had an outhouse, rotary phones and a clothes line.

Actually, now that I think of it, my hometown of Atlanta is the largest and arguably the best city for 500 miles in every direction, from Orlando in the South, to Dallas and Houston in the West, to Washington D.C. in the North. The "poor states" of Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky and South Carolina largely consist of rural uneducated farmers, living off the land, shopping at Wal-Mart and eating at IHOP. Was my over-romanticized view of the South's beauty and hyper-consumerism limited to a few distinct pockets that were lucky enough to snag some rich, educated, migrant northerners?

Surely, the answer is no. The New South is still making progress towards a reinvigorated, sophisticated region known for its class and diligence. Boomtowns all over the South have illustrated that with the right priorities, a community can rise from the vicious cycle of poor education, low incomes and failing infrastructure to become models of well-managed growth and upward mobility. Ultimately, no one can escape the fact that the Sun Belt grows every year, while the Rust Belt continues to diminish into obscurity. ■

—Daniel Kasbohm is a freshman in the College of Arts & Science.

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AROUND THE LOOP

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Compiled by Allison Malone

Ellison: American economy could benefit from economic liberation

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that we haven't built a new refinery since the 1970s leaves us vulnerable to the market run by a sinister oil cartel; it also ensures that we subsidize despots like Hugo Chavez out of economic necessity. The Central American Free Trade Agreement squeaked by Congress despite the fact that such an agreement would dilute Chavez's power in the region for America's favor. Congressional opposition to the Unocal deal sacrificed leverage to China on the far greater issues of human rights and intellectual property.

Congress has failed the American people once again. Democrats rationalized their objection to the port deal on grounds of nipping a potential threat in the bud. However, the sensible observer will see the hypocrisy in such a position, as congressional jackasses have lambasted a National Security Administration program that seeks to achieve the same objective. The hypocrisy continues as Hillary Clinton denounced the ports deal, despite the fact that her husband advised Dubai in the acquisition. Democratic opposition to the ports deal represents a juicy issue as it allows them to be "tough" on national security while playing to the party's protectionist wing.

More disturbing, however, are the congressional Republicans who are willing to sacrifice free-market principles on the cheap altar of midterm elections. Potential presidential candidates are all too willing to fiddle for the amusement of the religious right and war hawks, but all too eager to abandon a central tenet of the Reagan platform. With mounting government deficits, a massive expansion of Medicare and this latest blow for economic liberalism, the current majority party's representatives are mere ghosts of Repub-

licans.

This Congress has been the most unproductive, misleading, time-wasting Congress in recent memory and makes me question the merits of Democracy. If task forces at Vanderbilt are any indication of success, a skeptic looks at the endless committees on Capitol Hill as nothing more than platforms for sound bites if not redundant layers of bureaucracy. At least George Bush is accountable to the nation; congressmen that determine our national policy only have to answer to local districts that have been greased with pork. In short, foreign and domestic policy have been held hostage by a two-year election cycle.

Congress has consistently failed America, and now it is up to George W. to drive out the snakes of protectionism, subsidization and isolation. Job-seeking students have a compelling interest to wish W success in the quest to liberate markets, as foreign investment may be the quickest way to a career. So tonight, when you toast the memory of Roy Keane, James Joyce and dear ole St. Paddy, contemplate a future where one wouldn't need to collect a few shamrocks to thrive with old-school economic liberalism. ■

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SPORTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Luck not with Commodores in loss to Irish

First round defeat ends tumultuous season.

BY JAMBU PALANIAPPAN
HUSTLER SPORTS REPORTER

A disappointing season came to a crashing end for the Vanderbilt basketball team Wednesday night in the first round of the NIT.

The Commodores struggled to find their offensive form and were shattered by excellent outside shooting in a 79-69 loss to Notre Dame.

"I thought the game really came down to the fact Notre Dame shot the ball better than we did," Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings said. "I'm not sure from my perspective that it had anything to do with either defense."

Notre Dame senior forward Torin Francis dominated in the paint, scoring 23 points on 10-14 shooting and bringing down an impressive 11 rebounds.

Conversely, Vanderbilt's leading scorer all season, swingman Shan Foster, struggled to get going, going 1-9 from the field, and 0-7 from 3-point range. Foster had averaged 16.3 points per game.

"It kind of came down to the fact our leading scorer was nowhere what we needed him to be in order to give us a chance to win on either end," Stallings said. "He wasn't very good on offense and he was less than that on defense, unfortunately. He's carried us a lot this season, but tonight he just didn't have it."

Derrick Byars led Vanderbilt with 18 points. Senior forward Julian Terrell, in his last game for the Commodores, added 16 and seven rebounds, but was extremely frustrated by the unsinkable Irish offense.

"They have three very good guards, and they can shoot the ball really well," Terrell said. "They showed that tonight, they pretty much hit lights out in the first half, and that put us in a hole. We also just got lost inside and couldn't stay with them."

Chris Quinn and Colin Falls added 15 points each as the Fighting Irish, who shot an impressive 56 percent from the field and broke open a close game after halftime with an 11-4 run.

Senior guard Mario Moore played 22 minutes for the Commodores, scoring two points and contribut-

ing seven assists to the Vanderbilt cause.

Stallings emphasized defending Notre Dame's strong outside shooting in practice, but the Commodores simply could not match their opponent's intensity and tenacity.

"They do have a very good shooting team and that's something you know going in," Stallings said. "It was an uphill climb all night, and very frustrating to be on our bench and have open shots and miss, and have rebounds secured and knock them out of our own hands. And then have a couple of guys play as poor defensively as they played. It was a frustrating night."

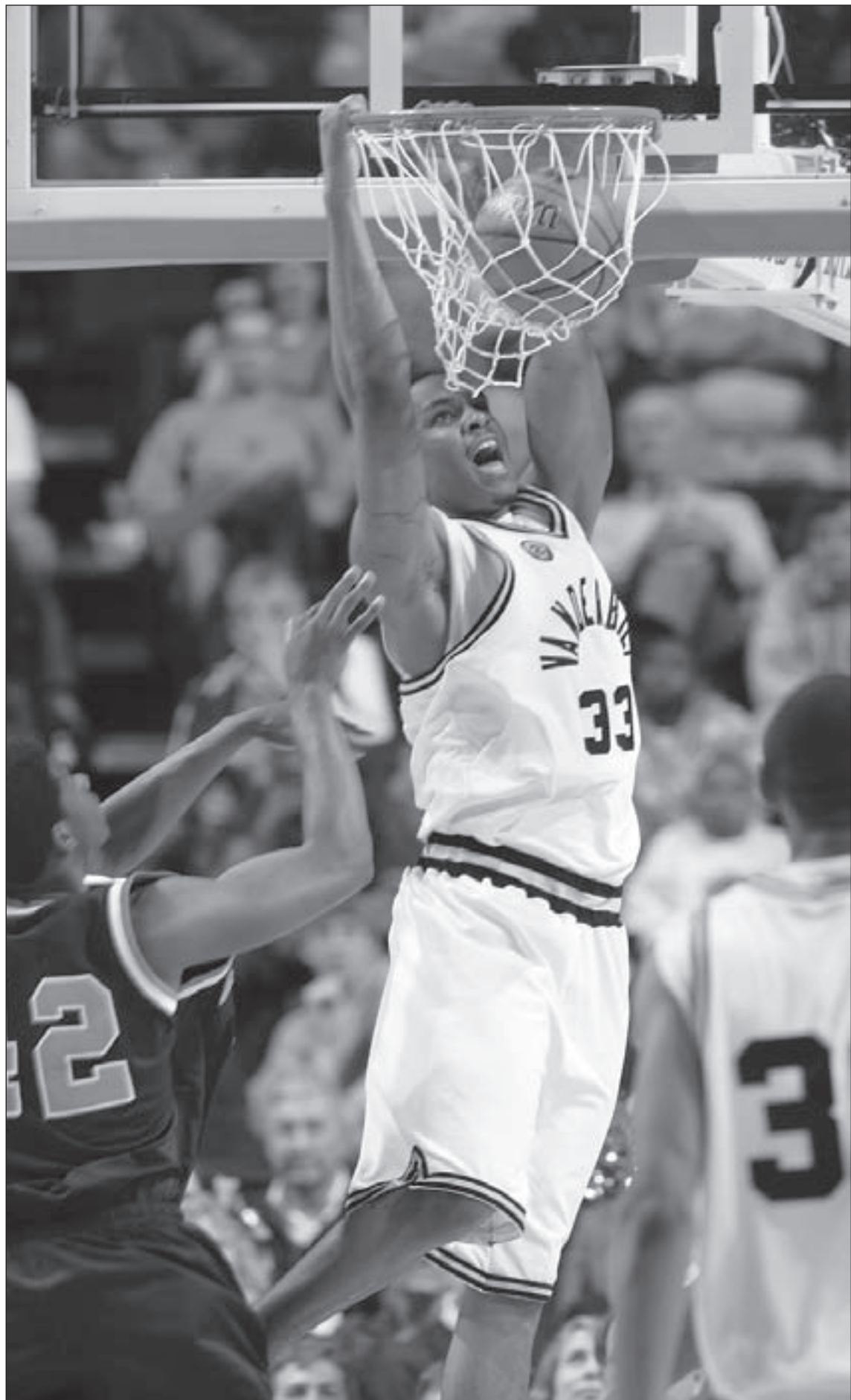
The loss caps a frustrating season for the Commodores that started with five straight wins and an impressive 9-1 early record. However, a seven game midseason losing streak and inconsistent conference play preceded a sub-par performance in the SEC tournament that led to an NIT birth. Stallings put much of the blame for Vanderbilt's rocky season on his own shoulders. Earlier in the year, he had said that this was the most athletic team he had coached in his six years in Nashville.

"I made some mistakes this year," Stallings said. "I made some mistakes from the very outset and sometimes you have to get hit with a board over the head to see it."

The Commodores were also plagued all year by poor performances in the paint, inconsistent defense, and off court issues with Moore.

Terrell was very sentimental after the game, hoping that the team could make a run in the NIT and salvage what has been a largely disappointing season. The Nashville native became the lone senior starter for the Commodores after Moore took a leave of absence from the team midway through the season.

"I love the fans and everyone who come out and support us," Terrell said. "I'm glad that I spent the last four years of my life (at Vanderbilt), and now it's time for me to move on. My life starts new now, and I will just go on. Tomorrow I will wake up and start a new day." ■



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Senior Julian Terrell closed out his college career with 16 points and seven rebounds in the Commodores' first round NIT loss at Notre Dame.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Nwankwo puts basketball into perspective

BY JARRED AMATO
HUSTLER ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Davis Nwankwo never thought March 6 would be the last basketball practice of his life.

But, 15 minutes later, there was nothing normal about the situation, as Nwankwo suffered cardiac arrest.

"Davis always says that he walked into practice not feeling any different," Vanderbilt senior Julian Terrell said. "It was just a normal day."

"During the middle of the drill he was just walking and the next thing we know he collapsed," Terrell said. "You could tell something was wrong because of the way he landed."

At that moment, Terrell said everybody paused and when Nwankwo wasn't moving, head coach Kevin Stallings began scream-

ing for a trainer to get to him.

That trainer was Mike Meyer, who took control of the situation by instructing a student trainer to get the defibrillator and ordering Stallings to remove the players from the court.

"On the way out, (I saw that) his eyes were in the back of his head and he was just laying there motionless," Terrell said. "We came in the locker room and started praying."

On the hardwood, Meyer shocked Nwankwo with the defibrillator, an electric device designed to restore the regular heart-beat, and then gave two rescue breaths. Nwankwo began to breathe again and the paramedics arrived shortly thereafter.

Only two hours later, Terrell received a call from his teammate.

"He called me and he was like, 'tell the

guys I'm alright, don't worry about it,' and that's just Davis' personality," Terrell said. "He doesn't want to make anybody worry him."

The next day Terrell and the rest of the Commodores learned that because of Nwankwo's enlarged heart, he would never be able to play basketball or any other athletic activity again. There is always a chance that cardiac arrest could reoccur.

Terrell has been playing basketball for 17 years and said this experience was unlike any he has ever had. It certainly put everything in perspective for him.

"You always hear people say, 'go out there and play your hardest like it's your last game,' but until you actually witness something you don't really take it into consideration," Terrell said.

Forget about the loss to LSU in the South-

eastern Conference Tournament and the first-round defeat to Notre Dame in the NIT. These losses were insignificant in comparison.

"There are things that are just so much more important than winnings and losing games," Stallings said. "As much as we want to win and as hard as we try to win, when we see somebody that we love go down like that and be as close to fatal as possible, then it really changes your perspective and how you look at things."

The incident taught the Commodores how quickly life can change and that no one is invincible.

"At this point, everybody knows that at any second it can happen to you, too," Terrell said. "It can happen to anybody else in the locker room, anybody across the nation."

The Commodores are thankful not to

have lost a member of their basketball family and look forward to being part of Nwankwo's future.

"He's a great guy, a great teammate - he's just a super human being," Stallings said. "He's always been a pleasure to have in our program and a guy that we will continue to have in our program."

While the scholarship details are still being worked out, Nwankwo's education at Vanderbilt will be paid for, Stallings said.

That's really all that matters. As fun as playing (and watching) basketball may be, Terrell and his teammates have seen firsthand that it is not nearly as important as people make it seem.

"We all came here to play basketball, but at the same time, we call came here to excel at life," Terrell said. "As long as Davis is going to do that, that's the most important thing." ■

BASEBALL

Offense explodes as Commodores sweep Bulldogs

BY JARRED AMATO
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Vanderbilt head coach Tim Corbin likes the direction his baseball team is headed in as it begins Southeastern Conference play at Ole Miss today.

The Commodores (11-6) extended their win streak to five games with back-to-back victories over Butler, who fell to 5-9, at Hawkins Field Tuesday and Wednesday.

"I feel better than I did two weeks ago," Corbin said. "There would have been some concern if we had continued the trend of not being able to swing the bat but I think ever since the Creighton game, even though we lost, we've been playing better."

In the five games since the 5-4 loss to Creighton, the Commodores have scored 50 runs, which is one more than the total number they scored in their first 12.

Led by the arms of three freshman pitchers, Vanderbilt overcame an early deficit to defeat the Bulldogs 8-2

Wednesday.

Brett Jacobson gave up two runs on four hits in six innings of work. He struck out the side in the first inning and finished with nine strikeouts and just one walk.

"We always try to get ahead in the count and if you can do that, then you have two or three pitches that you can try to get them to bite," Jacobson said.

The right-hander, selected by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 11th round of last year's draft, earned his the victory in his first collegiate start and only second appearance.

"It's great to finally get a chance," Jacobson said. "I've been pretty patient thus far and I know that being a freshman you have to wait for your opportunities. Coach was giving me an opportunity and I needed to prove myself."

Jacobson, along with fellow youngsters Josh Zeid and Nick Christiani, certainly proved themselves to Corbin, who said he did not know what to expect coming into

the game.

Zeid struck out four in two scoreless innings, while Christiani sat down two Bulldog batters in the ninth.

"You've got to be happy with those guys," Corbin said. "That's well done by those three."

Butler starter Matt Sokolowski kept Vanderbilt's offense in check for the first four innings, but surrendered the lead in the fifth thanks in large part to two Bulldog errors.

Down 2-0 with two outs, Commodore Matt Meingasner reached base on an error by Butler shortstop Joe Pauley. After Ryan Flaherty singled, Shea Robin turned on a fastball that went past the out-stretched glove of third basemen Clayton Deeb for an RBI double.

Deeb overthrew first basemen Alex Rinearson on the next play, allowing both runners to score.

With two outs in the bottom of the sixth, Meingasner singled home Parker Hanks and Dominic de la Osa, who

made a great slide to avoid the tag.

After scoring one run in the next inning on an RBI double by Brian Hernandez, de la Osa hit his second home run of the season in the eighth.

"I saw a fastball up and kind of hit it good," de la Osa said of the round-tripper, which traveled an estimated 400 feet to left-center. "It felt good off the bat."

The Commodore responded to a 6-2 deficit Tuesday by scoring 11 runs in the fourth inning en route to a 14-6 victory.

Freshman Pedro Alvarez hit a three-run homer to right-center while Robin plated the final four runs of the inning with a grand-slam over the leftfield wall.

"I just wanted to come through with a base hit with the bases loaded," Robin said. "I laid off a few pitches, waiting for a good pitch to hit and he came in with a fastball and I turned it around and got a good piece of it." ■

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



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Junior guard Dee Davis leads the Commodores into the NCAA Tournament. She led the SEC with 6.9 assists per contest.

Tough tourney road begins with Louisville

BY WILL GIBBONS
HUSTLER SPORTS EDITOR

When March Madness rolls around, teams want every advantage they can get. That's why hosting the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament could be a big plus for the Vanderbilt basketball team.

On Saturday night, the No. 8 seeded Commodores will host Louisville. Should they prevail, they will likely face No. 1 seed and top-ranked North Carolina, who has already defeated Vanderbilt once this season.

"We're just going to focus on Louisville," said Vanderbilt head coach Melanie Balcomb. "We can never look past anyone, no less a quality program."

The Cardinals have nine players over six feet tall on their roster, and they are led by All-Big East post Jazz Covington. Covington averages 13.7 points per game, along with 7.1 rebounds. Missy Taylor also contributes 10.1 points per game from the post, but can also shoot from outside. In a 2003 battle with Vanderbilt, Covington put up 27 points and grabbed six rebounds.

"We played them here (two seasons) ago and it was an overtime game," Balcomb said. "It was a great match-up then and I'm sure it will be a great match-up on Saturday."

When Vanderbilt takes the court Saturday, it will be their first action in over two weeks, as they lost to Georgia 69-47 on March 3. While conference tournaments give some teams a chance to build momentum, for those that go out in defeat, there is a chance to refocus before the big dance.

"We didn't make much of a run in the SEC Tournament, and sometimes that burns people out," Balcomb said. "When we made our run (in 2004) and won four games in four days, I think that takes a lot out of you. I think sometimes you see teams get upset that win their conference tournament."

If the Commodores come out on top, a showdown with No. 1 seed North Carolina is probable. Hosting the top-ranked Tar Heels would be a difficult task for Vanderbilt as they have yet to defeat a ranked team this season. The team hopes that playing within the confines of Memorial Gymnasium will give them a lift.

"I think that is going to be a motivator for us," said forward Carla Thomas. "To have our home crowd there will keep us positive."

Game time for Saturday is 9:30 p.m., and student tickets can be picked up in Sarratt 339. ■

COLUMN

Nashville games boast some of nation's top teams

The NCAA Tournament heads to Nashville beginning this Saturday and continuing on Monday. Memorial Gymnasium will be the venue for four first round

out of foul trouble. Junior point guard Dee Davis is one of the SEC's top court leaders. With the aid of the friendly confines of Memorial Gymnasium, the Commodores should sneak their way into the round of 32.



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contests and two second round games. Here is what to expect:

#1 North Carolina Tar Heels (29-1) vs. #16 UC Riverside Highlanders (16-14)

Many feel that No. 1 North Carolina was dealt one of the most difficult roads to the Final Four. They were awarded the top seed in a packed bracket which includes perennial power Tennessee and a Rutgers squad anchored by one of the nation's top overall players in Cappie Pondexter. The Tar Heels are led by guard Ivory Latta, who averaged 18 points and five assists per game during the regular season. North Carolina, winners of the Atlantic Coast Conference Tourney, played one of the nation's toughest schedules and they have defeated nine top-25 squads, including two victories over No. 2 Duke. Fortunately for the Tar Heels their first round opponent is a team that finished third in their conference. Though the Highlanders have won six straight overall, and won the Big West tournament in order to earn their spot in the field, the Tar Heels should easily earn their place in the second round.

**UNC - 94
UC Riverside - 66**

#8 Vanderbilt Commodores (20-10) vs. #9 Louisville Cardinals (19-9)

Before the season began, the Commodores had aspirations of reaching the Final Four. Their run will have to begin with a win over a talented Louisville squad that boasts excellent depth and balanced scoring. Freshman Angel McCoughtry has provided the Cardinals with impressive minutes off the bench. In less than 20 minutes per contest, McCoughtry has averaged over nine points and almost eight rebounds. Louisville does not shoot the ball particularly well from the perimeter and have been prone to grind out games as opposed to putting up a ton of points. Throughout the season the Cardinals, like the Commodores have struggled against some of the nation's premier teams. The junior-heavy Commodores will look for Liz Sherwood to continue her inside dominance. A key for Vanderbilt will be keeping Sherwood

**Vanderbilt - 68
Louisville - 60**

#1 LSU Tigers (27-3) vs. #16 Florida Atlantic Owls (20-10)

Led by one of the nation's top players in Seimone Augustus, the LSU Tigers are primed for a run deep into March. Yet, the Tiger's success against some of the nation's top teams may be dependent upon the production of sophomore center Sylvia Fowles. Throughout the season Fowles has established herself as one of the country's best inside players. She averaged a double-double on the season, including almost 12 rebounds per game. The Tigers, No. 5 in the nation and SEC regular season champions, lost to Tennessee in the SEC Finals. Florida Atlantic is led by senior guard Shontavia Williams, who chipped in 26 points in the Atlantic Sun title game. Florida Atlantic should struggle against a stronger LSU squad as the Owls really lack an inside presence. Expect the Bayou Bengals to roll past Florida Atlantic.

**LSU - 82
Florida Atlantic - 58**

#8 Minnesota Golden Gophers (19-9) vs. #9 Washington Huskies (18-10)

Minnesota is a team that enters the tournament reeling. After starting the season 17-4, the Golden Gophers have dropped five of their last seven games heading into postseason play. In fact, Minnesota started their Big 10 campaign by winning nine of their first ten games, only to finish 11-5 overall in the conference. While Minnesota has struggled of late, they are fully capable of pulling off a blockbuster upset as they defeated two ranked teams during the season. Washington has also struggled recently. The Huskies have dropped three in a row and bowed out in the opening round of the Pac 10 Tournament. Late season losses are common for a team without senior leadership, and the Huskies starting lineup consists of two juniors and three sophomores. The Golden Gophers have advanced to the Sweet 16 in each of the last three seasons, so the team's experience should be enough to propel them into the second round.

**Minnesota - 65
Washington - 60**

Final Four: UNC, Georgia, LSU, Maryland

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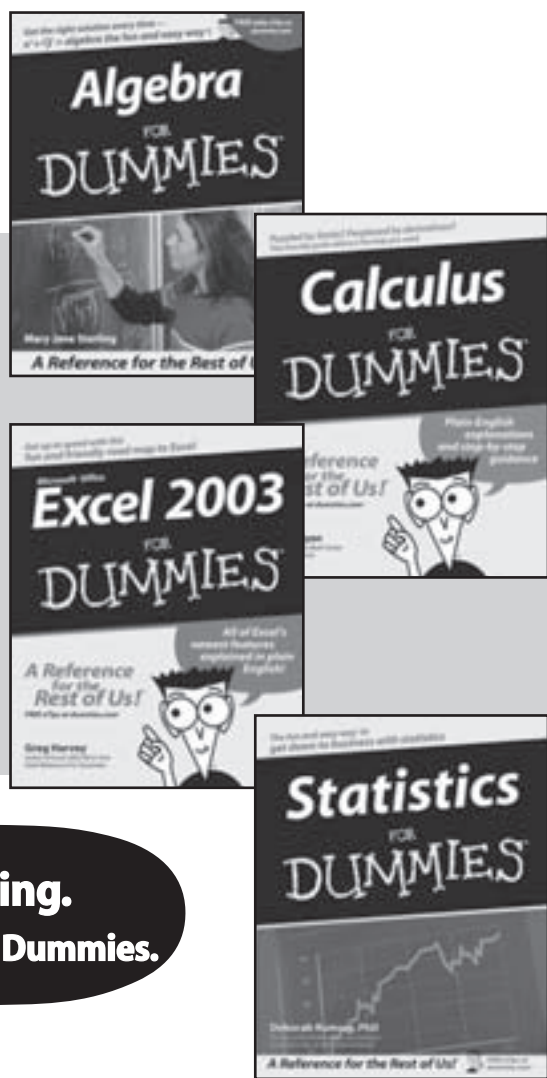
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