

STUDENT LIFE

Debate team racks up victories, awards

Season comes to a close on a decade-high note.

BY DARCY NEWELL
HUSTLER REPORTER

As the end of the 2005-2006 season approaches, the Vanderbilt debate team can look back on a record of competing in more than 270 competitions and more than 50 awards.

Over spring break, juniors Courtney Gould and Russell Ros won the Novice

National Debate Tournament held at West Virginia University, beating out over 80 teams from schools across the country, marking the first National Championship for Vanderbilt since the 1980s.

In addition, Gould was presented with the fifth place Speaker Award, and Ross won 17th place in the same category.

This weekend, the varsity teams com-

peted in the Varsity National Tournament sponsored by the Cross Examination Debate in Dallas.

The team is made up of two varsity teams (each team consisting of two debaters who work together on each argument) and one novice team. The varsity debater duos are Katie Ryzoc/Phil Rappmond and Susan Mader/Matt Earnest. The novice partnership consists of Courtney Gould and Russell Ross.

This year, the team's coach and Vanderbilt's Director of Debate M.L. Sandoz was awarded the National John A. Jacobsohn Memorial Award for her career contributions in this field.

"I would say that this past season has been the most successful year Vanderbilt Debate has ever seen," said Ross. "We excel because we have a coaching staff that is completely dedicated to the students. Also, we're pretty talented, we work hard.

We're Vanderbilt kids, we're really smart. It makes sense."

Gould and Ross attribute their individual success as a partnership to their strong working relationship.

"Russell and I have a very interesting dynamic," said Gould. "What I'm weak in he is strong in, and vice versa. Where I excel in policy and philosophy oriented critiques, Russell is great at topicality argu-

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SPOTLIGHT

Award winner to return to China



ABOVE: "(Dis)comfort," second print in a series of five titled Lines that Connect by Senior Studio Art major Xin Lu. The background is Fuzhou, China, Lu's home until immigrating to the United States at age seven.

Award one of the largest in country.

BY ROBERT PROUDFOOT
HUSTLER SENIOR FEATURES REPORTER

Amongst a roaring crowd on Friday in the E. Bronson Ingram Studio Art Center, seniors Xin Lu received the \$25,000 cash Hamblet award and David Walker received a cash merit award of \$10,000.

Seconds after the announcement of \$25,000 cash award, the overwhelmed Lu said only that she was "speechless."

After 48 hours, the award had still not

set in for Lu.

"I'm still in a daze," Lu said. "It feels pretty surreal. It still doesn't feel like it actually happened."

Started in 1986, The Margaret Stonewall Wooldridge Hamblet Award or the Hamblet award is a gallery exhibition of senior studio art majors that present a collection of art pieces usually based from a theme.

"It is one of the largest cash awards for studio art students in the country," said

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RIGHT: Xin Lu receives congratulations from fellow competitors and department heads after winning the Hamblet award Friday.

ROBERT PROUDFOOT / The Vanderbilt Hustler

SPEAKERS

Sudanese refugee to speak about experience

Yahya tells story of oppression, murder in Darfur region.

BY BECKY TYRRELL
HUSTLER REPORTER

Mohamed Yahya, a refugee from the Darfur region of Sudan and chairman of the Damanga Coalition for Freedom and Democracy, will speak about his experience as a refugee at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, in the Student Life Center Ballroom.

"Yahya is the ultimate source to show why something must be done to stop the tragedy of genocide before it becomes something like the Holocaust that we look back on with horror for allowing to happen," said senior Jonathan White. Yahya experienced the brutal racism that permeates Sudanese society, both as a child in school and as an adult. He was beaten by Arab teachers for speaking his tribal language rather than Arabic, and witnessed Sudanese police and army officers forcing black men into cars and sending them to prison or to work as servants.

"I think that the student body as a whole is not aware of the situation in Darfur, and if they are, not much is being done about it," White said. "I think this event will really help enlighten everyone and give visibility to the situation."

In 1993, Yahya's village in western Sudan was completely destroyed in the first attacks of the Sudanese government's Arab militia raiders, and most of his relatives and other villagers were killed, raped or burnt alive in their huts.

He received word of his parents' safety at Al-Azhar University in Cairo where he was studying at the time of the decimation, and decided then that action must be taken to save black African Sudanese from annihilation.

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RESEARCH

External funding for Vanderbilt climbs again

BY BEN SWEET
HUSTLER NEWS EDITOR

Last year, external funding for Vanderbilt researchers increased 15 percent, putting the total amount of funding for peer-reviewed contracts and grants at \$444 million and marking the fifth straight year of growth.

Currently, Vanderbilt is 25th in the nation in external funding and fifth for external funding for faculty members. The total

amount of external funding for the university has more than doubled in the past five years.

Though most of the \$444 million awarded last year went to the medical center, \$121 million (or 25 percent) was awarded to other researchers on the campus, with Peabody receiving almost \$42 million.

"These very strong growth numbers, in the face of flattening federal research bud-

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Take a tour of Vanderbilt ITS

Securing the net not just as easy as McAfee.

BY DARCY NEWELL
HUSTLER REPORTER

Hardly a week goes by, it seems, that students don't receive an e-mail from Matt Hall, assistant vice chancellor of Information Technology Services, requesting them to change their password for security reasons.

In fact, with the recent onslaught of complaints students have been firing at ITS, Steven Weissenburger, a Professional



Student in Community Development Action in the Peabody School, was inspired to meet with Hall, to discuss exactly what the system provides for the student body and the changes being made that will affect campus security.

"After Matt last announced a possible security breach, I voiced concerns to him about the security of our wire-

less services on campus," said Weissenburger. "He acknowledged my concern and graciously offered a tour."

Hall, who came to Vanderbilt in the spring of 2004, graduated from the University of Florida, receiving his masters from Florida State. Before coming to

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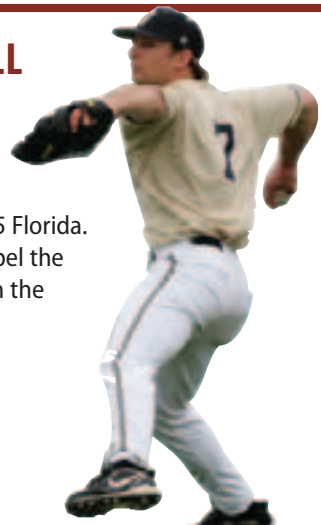


OUR VIEW

Read about why we are alarmed that world governments continue to do nothing regarding the situation in Darfur. We feel that students should educate themselves by attending the refugee's speech. See Page 6

BASEBALL

Read about the baseball team's two victories against No. 15 Florida. The wins propel the team to 7-2 in the Southeastern Conference. See Page 8



COLUMN

Opinion Editor Reeve Hamilton feels that America's wiretapping program is the first step on the road to further restrictions of Americans' constitutional rights by the government. See Page 6

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"I will not engage in polemics. But let me be clear: I abhor all who kidnap and murder civilians, and my captors are clearly guilty of both crimes."

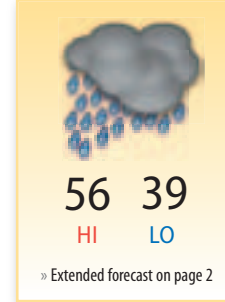
— Jill Carroll, the U.S. journalist who was held hostage for 82 days in Iraq

POLL

56%

Percent of Americans favor offering illegal immigrants a shot at some kind of legal status.

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

RE-BAR-BAT-IVE

adj. 1. serving/tending to irritate/repel

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

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

- 1860 The legendary Pony Express began service between St. Joseph, Mo., and Sacramento, Calif.
- 1882 Outlaw Jesse James was shot to death in St. Joseph, Mo., by Robert Ford, a member of James' gang.
- 1936 Bruno Hauptmann was electrocuted in Trenton, N.J., for the kidnap-murder of the Lindbergh child.
- 1948 President Truman signed the Marshall Plan, which allocated more than \$5 billion in aid for 16 European countries.
- 1968 The day before he was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn., civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous "mountaintop" speech to a rally of striking sanitation workers.

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FORECAST

- TUESDAY
Sunny
High: 64
Low: 38
- WEDNESDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 69
Low: 52
- THURSDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 77
Low: 53

TODAY IN THE BUBBLE

Compiled by Lisa Guo

The Swingin' Doers spring concert

Come hear the Swingin' Doers sing some great a capella music at their spring concert! The concert is today in the Student Life Center at 7:45 p.m.

Great African American Women Through History

A weekly documentary film series profiling African American women, this event is held in the Black Cultural Center from 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. every Monday. Today's film is Aida's Brothers and Sisters: Black Voices in Opera, directed by Jan Schmidt-Garre and Marieke Schroeder.

Darfur Lecture Series: Mohamed Yahya

Mohamed works with other refugees and speaks out against the genocide in Sudan. He will be addressing these and other related issues in his lecture at Vanderbilt University on Tuesday, April 4, from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Student Life Center Ballroom.

Blair Brass Ensembles performance

The Blair Trumpet Ensemble and the Blair Horn Ensemble will perform Tuesday from 8 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at Blair in the Steve and Judy Turner Recital Hall.

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

Funding: Peabody receives almost \$42 million in grants

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gets and very difficult pay-lines, are a tribute to our highly innovative faculty and the extraordinary competitive strength of their proposals," said Jeffrey Balser, associate vice chancellor for research at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

This healthy growth in the medical sector is due in part to increases in the U.S. Department of Defense funding, which jumped to \$4.23 million from \$1.47 million last year.

However, some warn that this trend of increasing growth cannot last forever, or even for much longer.

"Even though the (National Institute of Health) budget grew by only two percent last year, the medical center sustained a growth of rate of more than 10 percent in NIH funding alone," said Melinda Cotton, director of the Office of Grants and Contracts Management at the medical center. "But it will be difficult to maintain double-digit gains in research funding in the current year, given the reductions in overall NIH funding."

Administrators also pointed out that the 30 percent increase in campus projects aside from the medical center could be attributed to several large, multi-year contracts which received their funding in its entirety last year.

"According to our practice, we account for these projects in the year that the money is received, not when it is spent," said John Childress, director of the Division of Sponsored Research. "When you 'back out' these front-loaded projects, our annual increase is closer to a healthy 11 to 12 percent."

Also notable was the Divinity School's award of \$10 million, a 15 year grant that is to be used to create a program for producing more and more capable teachers for theological schools. ■

VUPD CRIME LOG

Compiled by Lisa Guo

March 30, 2:21 p.m. — A laptop computer and backpack were stole out of the Kappa Alpha house. No suspects have been identified and the investigation is still active.

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

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April showers bring May flowers



HENRY MANICE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Students seek shelter from the rainstorm on Sunday afternoon. Most were disappointed to see the rainclouds roll in as Vanderbilt had been enjoying several days of clear skies and fair temperatures. The forecast for this week promises much of the same, as long-awaited spring seems to have finally arrived.

Hamblet: Walker wins \$10,000 merit award

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Mark Hosford, assistant professor of studio art. The recipients of the award must study and travel during the following year after graduation.

Lu will follow the Hamblet tradition by having a solo exhibition at the Fine Arts Gallery January 2008.

Both Lu and Walker used the printmaking medium to win the Hamblet award.



Walker

"The printmaking has a sweep this year," said Ron Porter, senior lecturer of studio art. Hosford said that both winners were students of his printmaking and drawing classes as well as Marilyn Murphy, professor of studio art.

Hosford describes printmaking as a non-immediate process unlike drawing or painting, which uses matrixes, a repeatable form such as a screen or a plate, to create an image on paper. Walker created his prints in a process of layers.

"David (Walker) never touched a brush on paper," Hosford said. "He put it on the paper in a system of layers. All images are built up through matrixes one layer at a time."

Porter said he was impressed by the colors of Lu's submissions. He also thought the way the printmaking showed atmospheric space and flatness was beautiful and poetic.

Monoprint, while still printmaking, can only be created once.

"It's not a screen print," Lu said. "With each print I make, I have to remake each print and draw on top of it."

Hosford said Lu and Walker showed a continuous building of knowledge within the printmaking discipline.

"The works show a seriousness and maturity within their selected medium," Hosford said. "Also, it shows seriousness in both technique and concept."

Lu's printmaking mirrored her own personal growth and immigration from Fuzhou, China, to Tennessee at age seven in search of a better life.

Margaret Stonewall Wooldridge Hamblet Award

Annie Cardea	Contestant
Hunter Darrouzet	Contestant
Arlynn Ilgenfritz	Contestant
Kayla Jones	Contestant
Jenny Kuklenski	Contestant
Xin Lu	Hamblet award
Cathrine Stroud	Contestant
David Walker	Merit award

"We sold bean sprouts (in Fuzhou, China), you don't make any money selling that," Lu said. "We came to America to get into the restaurant business."

The prints show Lu traveling from a rural to urban world through simplified maps of China and the United States. Lu's personal growth was represented through earth tones with organic drawings to brighter colors with abstract drawings.

"My prints are like a personal journey," Lu said. "It represents a physical, intellectual and emotional growth as a person and artist. The prints have a lot of symbolism."

In the foreground, Lu uses images of herself to show her own transition from a reclusive child to a self-assured woman.

Walker also used the printmaking medium to work through his own upbringing in the Midwest. Using wheat fields, barbed wire and crows as symbols, Walker tried looking at the Midwest from a different light.

One print had the image of crows tied to barbed wire and being held down by the mid-western landscape. Reversing the roles of crows into prey and the banal farm fields into predators was a theme throughout his submitted work.

"It's just a good feeling to be at an awesome show with all these great seniors and their work," Walker said. "I am more pleased to be a part of this exhibition than the award. Having second place is just a feather in my cap."

When asked what his plans for the \$10,000

cash award, Walker was undecided.

"I haven't put much thought in it. I wasn't really expecting it. I'm so happy for Xin. I think they made the right decision."

Non-Vanderbilt art professors Barbara Yontz, Carmon Colangelo and Tom Bartel were the jurors for the Hamblet award. Studio art faculty did not judge the Hamblet award.

Each artist hung his or her works in the gallery by Tuesday at 4 p.m. Hamblet contestants also had to submit 15 slides of previous work. The jurors viewed the work and then conducted 20-minute interviews of contestants the day the award was announced.

Hosford said his heart was pounding and he got chills from the crowd's roar.

"Before (this year), the students all knew who had won the award before the show. This is the first time students learned who the winners were in the presence of students, faculty and family."

Hosford said the competing students agreed by vote to learn the winners at the exhibition last Friday. Faculty also did not have knowledge of the winners.

"If they don't know, we shouldn't either," he said.

Each artist in the Hamblet contest had to submit a five to seven page proposal on March 2.

"For my proposal, I wrote that I would go back to Fuzhou, China, to better learn about my heritage," Lu said. "I also want travel to Greece and Italy to see for myself everything I've learned in class. It's incredible to have this opportunity to travel and make art. It's crazy."

The Hamblet award presented in year old Studio Arts Center ushered in a new maturity to the Studio Art program.

"Last year some people submitted work from assignments from class," Lu said. "This year, everyone had a cohesive body of work they made for the Hamblet."

Libby Rowe, senior lecturer of studio art, summarized the Hamblet competition.

"All eight contestants really stepped it up this year," she said. "They are a really tight group." ■

Yahya: Event to raise awareness about crisis in Darfur, Sudan

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Yahya organized Damanga Coalition for Freedom and Democracy with Sudanese friends and colleagues in order to reach out to the international community about genocide in western Sudan, and

has been working towards an end to violence and genocide for over 10 years.

He speaks at rallies and conferences nationwide and demands that the people of Darfur be "protected, safe and free, so as to live like other hu-

man beings, in peace and dignity."

Sponsored by the Office of Active Citizenship and Service and various other organizations, the event is open to the public with a suggested donation of five dollars. ■

ITS: Hall says 'Vandy safer than ever'

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Vanderbilt, he served as a senior vice president of Bank of America.

"Before Vanderbilt re-did its security in 2004, our service was completely unprotected," Hall said. "We had a legal and ethical obligation to update the system."

Hall leads a staff of more than 100 individuals, committed to providing the university with network security, e-mail and web services, and information protection. ITS also offers a help desk available to all students and faculty, that can assist in almost any computer crisis.

Hall believes that the campus network is more secure than it has ever been in the history of the university.

However, ITS still receives a fair deal of criticism from the student body, and one of the complaints heard most frequently is of students' annoyance with having to change their passwords to their Vunet ID.

"With the Vunet ID and E-password, students are identified and authenticated," Hall said. "By asking them to change their password, it is simply a precautionary measure to protect their privacy when the system has been attacked."

Hall explained that the Vanderbilt system is under attack constantly. On average, the university receives about 10 major attacks a day. In fact, the system receives over a million a day, but most of these attacks (coming from both inside and outside the community) are not significant enough to cause major concern, and are blocked by the numerous security measures ITS employs.

ITS first tries to create a "speed-bump" to slow down the affect of the attack, and then detects and impedes it.

"The staff is doing a great job fielding these attacks," Hall said. "You can't stop a gunshot but you have to know how to treat it, and that's what we're doing."

Hall explained that once an attack is discovered, it can be cleaned from the system in a matter of minutes. If it is coming from within the university, ITS can locate the computer causing the problem down to the dorm room, and will remove it from the network within ten minutes. Afterward, the



ITS Director Matt Hall stands in front of a host of the servers, which come under attack on average more than 1,000,000 times each day, though only a handful of those attacks are what Hall classifies as major.

ITS Help Desk will help the student clean up the machine and get back onto the network.

"One big step we took to securing the campus was asking students to restrict the programs they were downloading," Hall said. "Popular programs like Kazaa are really easy ways to infect the system, and luckily the community was fairly supportive of this measure."

If an attack were to penetrate Vanderbilt's network, individuals could have access to information such as grades, paychecks and even student social security numbers. It is for this reason that ITS is pushing to eliminate online identification using social security numbers.

According to Hall, the biggest challenge facing ITS is to protect the campus' security without compromising student needs for research.

"We have to keep the network open, because the main reason we are at Vanderbilt is to learn, and research is a big part of the process," Hall said. "The best thing to do to protect yourself is to update your software. Old versions of Windows are very dangerous to the network. Use MacAfee or Spysweeper (both available free from the ITS website) and be careful what websites you go to."

After his tour of ITS and meeting with Hall, Weissenburger is confident in ITS' security network.

"I found his explanation of the tension between open and closed systems very compelling," he said. "Furthermore, the ability to resolve an internal network attack within 10 minutes, 24/7 provides me, as an end user, a significant amount of comfort with the level of service ITS can provide." ■

WORLD

Iran tests newest torpedo during war games Friday

BY ALI AKBAR DAREINI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran conducted its second major test of a new missile within days on Sunday, firing a high-speed torpedo it said no submarine or warship can escape at a time of increased tensions with the U.S. over its nuclear program.

The tests came during war games that Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards have been holding in the Persian Gulf and the Arabian Sea since Friday.

On the maneuvers' first day, Iran said it successfully tested the Fajr-3 missile, which can avoid radar and hit several targets simultaneously using multiple warheads.

The new torpedo, called the "Hoot," or "whale," could raise concerns over Iran's power in the Gulf, a vital corridor for the world's oil supplies and where the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet is based. During Iran's war with Iraq in the 1980s, Iranian ships attacked oil tankers in the Gulf, and Iran and the U.S. military engaged in limited clashes.

Iran's state television stopped its normal programs to break news of the torpedo test, showing it being launched from a ship into the Gulf waters, then hitting its target, a derelict ship.

Gen. Ali Fadavi, deputy head of the Revolutionary Guards' navy, said the ships that fire the Iranian-made Hoot had radar-evading technology and that the torpedo — moving at 223 miles

per hour — was too fast to elude.

"It has a very powerful warhead designed to hit big submarines. Even if enemy warship sensors identify the missile, no warship can escape from this missile because of its high speed," Fadavi told state television.

The Hoot's speed would make it about three or four times faster than a normal torpedo and as fast as the world's fastest known underwater missile, the Russian-made VA-111 Shkval, developed in 1995. It was not immediately known if the Hoot was based on the Shkval.

The new weapon gives Iran "superiority" against any warship in the region, Fadavi said, in a veiled reference to U.S. vessels in the Gulf. It was not immediately clear whether the torpedo can carry a nuclear warhead.

Cmdr. Jeff Breslau, spokesman for the U.S. 5th Fleet based on the tiny Arab island nation of Bahrain in the Gulf, said no special measures were taken in reaction to the Iranian war games, even after the latest missile test.

He would not comment on whether the new torpedo represents a threat to American forces in the region.

"In general terms, no matter where we operate in the world, we're aware of other capabilities that exist and of other countries that aren't as friendly to the U.S., and we pay attention to those capabilities," he said. ■



Blair hosts choir events last weekend

Top left: As part of the "signature" series organized by the Blair School of Music, the Blair String Quartet performed a wide variety of pieces on Friday evening and received a standing ovation.

Top right: With Pam Schneller conducting, the Vanderbilt Concert Choir gave a remarkable performance to the community on Sunday afternoon.

At left: Sophomore Will Hedgecock belts "Take Me Home Tonight" at the Spring Dodec Concert in the Student Life Center on Friday night.

TOP RIGHT, TOP LEFT BY HENRY MANICE / The Vanderbilt Hustler; AT LEFT BY KELLY HOCUTT / The Vanderbilt Hustler

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NATION

Americans divided on immigration

BY NANCY BENAC
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) - Americans are divided about whether illegal immigrants help or hurt the country, a poll finds. More than one-half of those questioned are open to allowing undocumented workers to obtain some temporary legal status so they can stay in the United States.

At the same time, people doubt that erecting a fence along the U.S.-Mexico border could help to fix such a complex and enduring problem, an AP-Ipsos poll found. Two-thirds do not think it would work.

"You can't go and round up 11 million people and ship them out of the country," said Robert Kelly, the Chicago lawyer is among the 56 percent of Americans who favor offering some kind of legal status. "It just isn't practical," he said.

A smaller but still significant share _ 41 percent _ opposes offering any kind of legal status, giving voice to a law-and-order mind-set that bristles at the notion of officially recognizing those who did not play by the rules to get here.

"Illegal is criminal," said Louella Kelly, a 65-year-old grandmother from Round Rock, Texas.

She said her 16-year-old granddaughter has had a hard time finding part-time work because of all the jobs taken by those who are illegally in the country. "If we're going to give them amnesty, then why don't we give amnesty to all the people who break out of jail?"

Political analysts see an opening in such poll results for President Bush, who supports a temporary guest-worker program.

The Republican Party is divided. Business interests want to preserve their access to foreign workers as a cheap labor force, while many conservatives would rather get tough on illegal immigrants.

The survey found 62 percent of Democrats and 52 percent of Republicans favored temporary worker status.

"If I were in the White House, I would be pretty pleased about this," said Charles Franklin, a University of Wisconsin political science professor who studies public opinion. "It does suggest pretty strongly that the president has the opportunity to drive public opinion on this."

Arizona State University professor Bruce Merrill said immigration was the first issue he had seen in 20 years that did not clearly break along partisan lines.

"Conservative Democrats don't feel any different from conservative Republicans," he said, with both camps strongly opposing the idea of rewarding people who broke the law to enter the country.

The AP-Ipsos survey of 1,003 adults was conducted Tuesday through Thursday. Debate is swirling in Congress over a proposal that would legalize many illegal immigrants in the United States and expand guest worker programs for an estimated 400,000 immigrants each year.

Two-thirds of those surveyed think illegal immigrants fill jobs that most Americans do not want, the poll found.

But the survey found greater ambiguity on whether illegal immigrants are good or bad for American society. ■

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Students call attention to human slave trade

BY MONIKA BLACKWELL
HUSTLER REPORTER

Some reports estimate there are as many as 27 million enslaved people in the world today.

These people are slaves to the sex industry, victims of trafficking, and sufferers of exploitive child labor and extremely unjust working conditions.

As a result of these facts and because statistics reveal that as many as 15,000 people in the United States are trafficked, many organizations actively seek change in a global and in a local context.

One such group is Free the Children/Free the Slaves. Over the next few days, the group will host a variety of activities to rally support dur-

ing its awareness week.

Started three years ago by senior Ashley Rogers, the Vanderbilt chapter of Free the Children/Free the Slaves is based on two separate organizations. After reading an article in National Geographic about 21st century slavery and human trafficking, Rogers realized that she wanted to find a way to help with a problem typically kept quiet.

Rogers emphasized that an issue of this magnitude should "shake the whole campus."

"It's not talked about enough at all," Rogers said. "They deserve to have their voices heard."

To continue awareness and education, the group plans to set up a display in Sarratt Promenade today

and Tuesday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. On Wednesday the group will exhibit their display on the wall from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

They will sell Fair Trade chocolate and give away fliers with more information on trafficking and with ideas about ways to end slavery.

On Wednesday there will also be a showing of the PBS "Frontline" documentary "Sex Slaves" at 7 p.m. in Furman 114.

On Thursday a Fair Trade forum will take place in conjunction with Manna Project International and the Ecuador ASB site "I Can" at 7 p.m. in Sarratt 189. At this forum, the group plans to give away Fair Trade bananas and samples of Fair Trade chocolate for a minimal fee.

"Our hope is to educate Vanderbilt students that slavery still does exist in the world and that slavery still exists even in our own country," said freshman Anna Simon, a member of the group and the rising publicity chair.

Simon pointed out that the group focuses on Fair Trade purchases because many children are put into labor camps when their parents are unable to take care of them. This typically happens when the parents themselves are paid insufficient wages.

"By buying Fair Trade products we're able to fund the organizations and fund the farmers to pay the workers a wage so that their children aren't forced to work on a farm

anymore," Simon said.

While another aspect of the program focuses on child soldiers, Free the Children/Free the Slaves will dedicate this week to awareness about buying Fair Trade and about stopping sex slavery.

Simon added that the group hopes to get people asking questions about what counts as slavery and where it exists.

"People just assume that because of the Civil War, there's no more slavery," Simon said.

For more information or to join Free the Children/Free the Slaves, contact Ashley Rogers at ashley.n.rogers@vanderbilt.edu and visit www.freetheslaves.net. ■

Slavery Awareness Week

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Debate: Novice team looks ahead to promising senior season

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ments. He's a very technical debater."

The duo has also won the Northeast Tournament, and the Southeastern Conference Regionals competition, where Gould and Ross placed first and second in Speaker Awards, respectively.

Also at Regionals, Vanderbilt students won Debater of the Year in all three divisions; Katie Ryzoc won Varsity, Bri Primozic won Junior Varsity, and Katie Palmer won the Novice distinction. Also at this competition, first year Vanderbilt debate coach Bryan Grayson was awarded the SEC Coach of the Year.

In intercollegiate debate, one resolution is chosen for the entire year. This year, students from all over the country discussed whether or not the United States should pressure China on the issues of the economy, trade and diplomacy. Although the topic remains the same the entire year, the students have to approach the argument from numerous different perspectives, both in opposition to and in favor of the proposed resolution.

"There are so many different ways to attack

the resolution," said Gould. "You learn something new every single round."

This year's resolution, however, proved to be especially meaningful for Gould, who, in addition to a Political Science and Human and Organizational Development double major, minors in Chinese. Gould, who is traveling to China to study this summer, said that this topic has enhanced her interest in the country even more.

"It's been great to look at the country in an academic perspective, debating how the nation feels about these various issues, and then go there this summer and see how the people really are and how they really feel," said Gould.

Because of an internship in Washington, D.C., next semester, Gould will have to take a hiatus from her debate career until the spring. Upon her graduation, she plans to go to law school, and eventually would like to do international law or constitutional law.

Ross, who is a Political Science and Communications double major, similarly plans to go to law school, but would like to go into the field of athlete representation. ■



Members of the Debate Team pose with their coaches and trophy after taking first place in the Novice National Debate Tournament at West Virginia University. From left, they are (top row) Chad Lykins, Keith Moore, Katie Palmer, Phil Rappmund, (bottom row) Russell Ross and Courtney Gould.

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OUR VIEW

Ignorance on Darfur is no excuse

As you read this editorial, there is a genocide occurring in Sudan that few Vanderbilt students know about. However, in this instance, Vanderbilt students are not alone in their ignorance. The entire country and our leaders have for the most part stood by and watched as 180,000 have died and two million have been displaced as a result of this genocide.

We believe that it is obscure that this country has allowed thousands upon thousands of people to perish in Sudan, and we applaud Vanderbilt for bringing Mohamed Yahya, a refugee from the Darfur region of Sudan, to campus to speak about this humanitarian crisis.

Since 2003, the Janjaweed, a militia group of Arab descent, has been systematically wiping out black Sudanese citizens, and the world has done little to stop the violence.

Actions should have been taken to suppress these killings three years ago, and it is disgraceful that the international community has continued to allow such heinous crimes to occur.

However, the crisis in Sudan is not just about the people that are dying or the people that are killing. In the 21 century, the strong can no longer afford to stand back and allow the weak to perish.

The United Nations and governments around the world have done little to stop this crisis. So now the burden lies with the rest of us to become active and educated.

We encourage every student to go hear what this man has to say. If more people knew the truth about the situation in Sudan, perhaps we would now be on the road to resolution.

If this world is truly going to move beyond the hate and destruction that has always been such an ingrained part of its history, that movement is not going to come from the top down. As the genocide in Darfur has taught us, we will not be able to look to our leaders for cues.

No, we must look to ourselves. We must challenge ourselves to be people who think globally, who care about more than just our own plot of land, who are unwilling to sit quietly by as the voices of the slain cry out in anguish.

We must be a people of action, and we believe that the first step toward action is education. That's why we urge all Vanderbilt students to take advantage of the opportunity to hear Mohamed Yahya speak, educate themselves and realize that the time to act is now.

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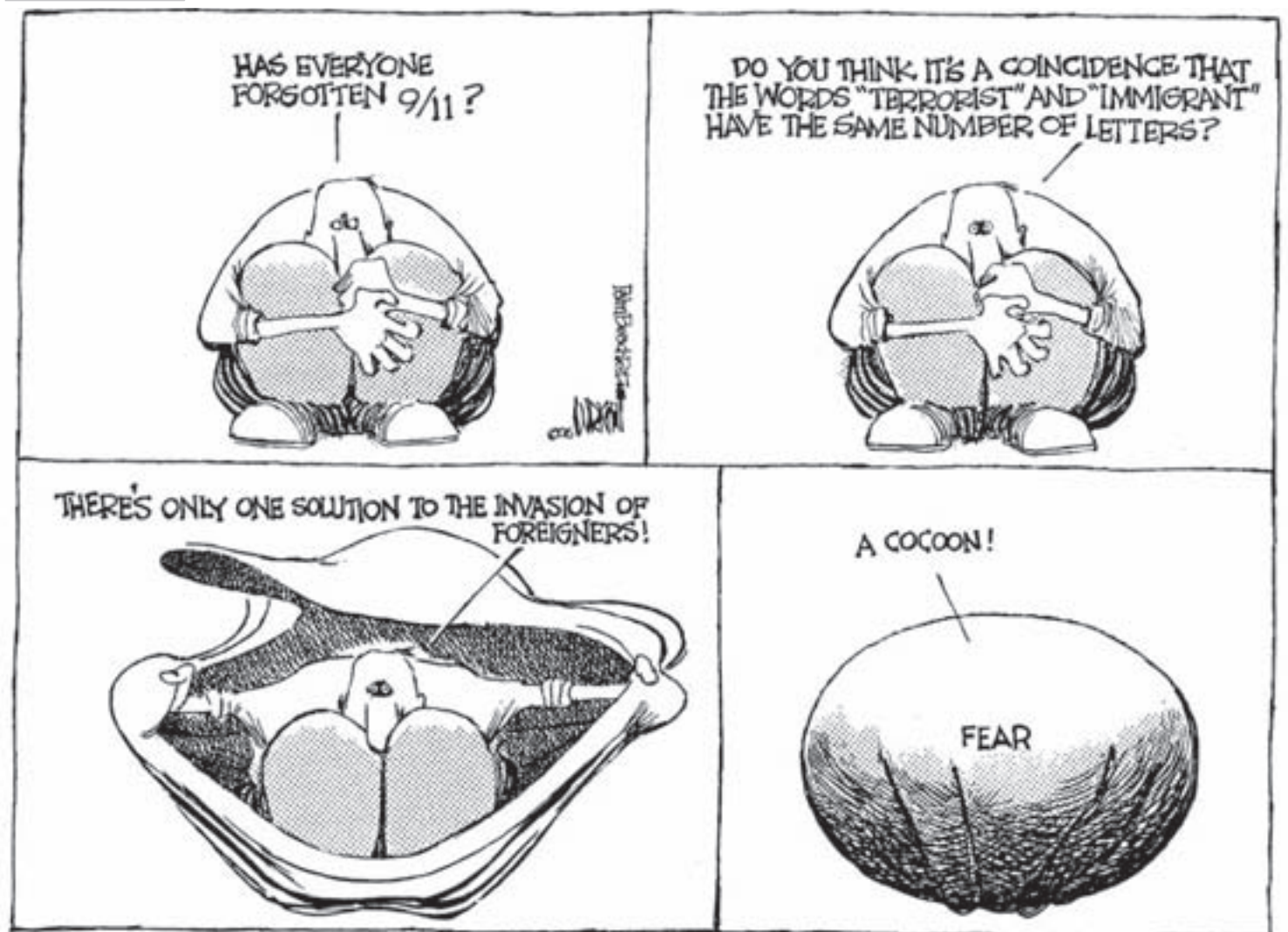
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Student apologizes for misinformed critique of bookstore

To the Editor:

In Friday's edition of *The Vanderbilt Hustler*, I wrote a letter to the editor that I should not have written. I criticized Elder's Bookstore unfairly, and for that I want to apologize. I brought up an allegation that had been reported by *The Nashville Scene* two years ago. I also attributed a statement to a bookstore in Franklin that said

it would not do business with Mr. Elder. The attribution was made to the wrong bookstore. At no point did I contact the Franklin bookstore nor did they contact me to express such thoughts. While I quoted from an earlier piece from *The Scene* that questioned where Elder's may have obtained some of its books, it was wrong of me to draw a conclusion from that *Scene* piece that

Mr. Elder or his bookstore had any knowledge of such matters. Elder's Bookstore has many fine rare and "one of a kind" books, and for me to have inferred otherwise was unfair. I hope that Mr. Elder will accept this public apology.

Allen Callison
Senior, A&S

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Turner's conclusions on homelessness ignore research

To the Editor:

In the March 29 issue of *The Vanderbilt Hustler*, I was saddened to see Jeff Turner reach the following conclusion upon finishing his two day plunge into homelessness: "Most homeless people lack either the drive or desire to handle responsibility." His brief stint allowed him to see the plenitude of handouts and "help wanted" signs offered to homeless people. He then implied that homelessness is due to a lack

of either "drive or desire."

Unfortunately, this type of thinking blames the victims for their circumstances while missing the economic context of homelessness. With the decline in real wages under today's service economy, homeless individuals could pursue the numerous help wanted signs with all the drive or desire in the world and still end up homeless due to the lack of a living wage.

This line of thinking

also mischaracterizes homelessness. According to research done by University of Pennsylvania's Professor Dennis Culhane in Philadelphia during the late 1990s, 80 percent of homeless people are homeless for one day. These people quickly find that homelessness is quite undesirable and promptly take action to remedy the situation.

The vast majority of the chronically homeless, about 10 percent of the homeless population

according to Kulhane's research, suffer from some disability (mental illness, physical ailment, etc.) that impedes their ability to participate in the mainstream economy, which Turner rightly notes. I commend Turner for his social activism, but I urge him to think beyond his biographical experiences before indicting any social population.

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COLUMN

Wiretapping program leads to restriction of Americans' constitutional rights

Republicans shape the language of most debates in America. The most obvious example is the language

This is not an issue of whether or not we should be investigating terrorists. It is not even an issue of whether or not we should be listening to terrorists' calls. Of course we should. Nobody has said that we should not. This issue is not one of whether or not we should be worried about national security. The debate around wiretapping is, quite simply, whether or not the president can ignore the Constitution and break the law. The answer, of course, is that he cannot. The fact that Feingold has received so little support from the Democrats in the Senate, let alone that Republicans refuse to speak out against the policy, is appalling.

around the issue of abortion, in which the term "pro-life" would lead you to believe that anyone with an opposing view is, according to logic, "anti-life." This is clearly misleading. Since Sept. 11, 2001, Republicans have utilized or, rather, exploited the idea of terrorism to hijack intelligent debate whenever it gets away from them. This is especially true with their response regarding Senator Russ Feingold's recent motion to censor the President for his illegal wiretapping program, which Republicans defend in the name of national security.

On March 31, a man with experience in the field of presidential law breaking, John W. Dean, former White House Counsel to President Richard M. Nixon, testified

before the Senate Judiciary Committee on the issue. "Never before have I felt the slightest reason to fear our government. Nor do I frighten easily," Dean said. "But I do fear the Bush-Cheney government and the precedents they are creating because this administration is caught up in the rectitude of its own self-righteousness, and for all practical purposes this presidency has remained largely unchecked by its constitutional coequals."

Dean hits on a bigger issue here — that of the check-less and balance-less government we have today. The Democrats in the Republican-controlled Congress have begun referring to that body as the "Republican Rubber Stamp Congress," as they approve anything and everything the president puts before them. The Republican-controlled Senate is no better. This

is, as Dean points out, frightening. It brings to mind the expression, "Give him an inch and he will take a mile."

A friend of mine said he does not care if the government is listening to his phone calls without a warrant in the name of national security. Well, if he does not have a problem with that, maybe he has a problem with having his home searched or his property seized without a warrant. Then again, maybe, in the name of national security, he would be willing to be detained for an indefinite amount of time without being informed of the charges against him. These are all tactics that have been used and argued for by the Bush administration, all in the name of national security.

The whole point of the Please see HAMILTON, page 7

By choosing to engage in illegal action and taking advantage of the legislative branch's acquiescence to this impeachable offense, the president has done away with the fourth amendment. I wonder which part of the Constitution will be the next to fall.

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COLUMN

Amnesty should not be granted to illegal aliens

The late Congressman Sonny Bono was once asked by a reporter what he thought about illegal immigration, and he gave an answer that to me and many others sounded like quite a simple, yet



THE RIGHT ANGLE
CHRIS DONNELLY

reasonable, one: "What's there to talk about? It's illegal," he said. Unfortunately, it seems that too few politicians in Washington, whether that be President George W. Bush or Senator Ted Kennedy, fail to understand this. Recently, immigration legislation in Washington has made its way into the headlines as Congress has started to take up the issue.

Unfortunately, there is a vast difference between the security-focused legislation passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate's amnesty guest-worker program, whose main proponents include Senators John McCain and Kennedy, as well as President Bush. The House version that was passed in December takes steps that polls show a majority of Americans favor: a 750-mile security fence across the southwestern border, a greater number of personnel at what is now a clearly understaffed border and harsh penalties for employers who hire and employ people here illegally. It also gets rid of the government's current "catch-and-release policy," in which people who cross the border illegally are simply sent back without any consequences. Of course, if this happens, people will simply try it again. What the House bill attempts to do is better enforce and add some more teeth to our current immigration laws.

Of course, the pro-immigration lobby, which consists of a wide array of interests across the political spectrum, from the left-wing "multicultural" groups to the more right-leaning editorial board of the *Wall Street Journal*, wants desperately to award amnesty to the approximately 12 million undocumented aliens currently residing within the United States. However, any immigration bill passed by Congress should not contain any type of guest-worker amnesty program. We shouldn't reform the problem of illegal immigration until we fix it, and that is what the House bill does and the Senate bill fails to do.

Also, I believe that the arguments given for why

amnesty is a good idea are offensive. To say that these people will do jobs Americans won't do is arrogant; Americans need to face the fact that some of us will be washing dishes, cleaning hotel sheets or bussing tables. However, for Americans, these are jobs people can work up from, whereas for illegal aliens, this type of work becomes a way of life.

Proponents of a guest-worker plan, including many business conservatives, say that these illegal immigrants' doing menial jobs for cheap wages keep our economy stable. However, that argument sounds eerily similar to the one for slavery: we need certain types of people to do menial work for us so that our economy can thrive. That's not the direction America should be headed.

Amnesty would also be a slap in the face to every immigrant, including my grandfather, who came here using all of the legal mechanisms to get a green card. They waited their turn, but now politicians in Washington want to grant amnesty to people here illegally who have done nothing through the legal system to try and attain citizenship.

The other problem with a guest-worker plan, especially if it is passed by our current Republican Congress, is that it will infuriate the very conservatives who put them into power. We are at a dangerous point where both parties are looking very much the same on the issue of immigration. Of course, there are at least some Republicans, including Senator Tom Coburn of Oklahoma and Congresswoman Marsha Blackburn from right here in Tennessee, who are standing up to the moderates in their party on this.

However, when Republicans have well-known leaders in their parties like President Bush, Senator McCain and Majority Leader Bill Frist pushing this amnesty plan, it's going to be hard to convince voters that they're any tougher on illegal immigration than their Democratic counterparts, and that's certainly going to hurt them in future elections.

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



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AROUND THE LOOP

How in touch are Vanderbilt students with national events?



KRISTINA THURIN
Freshman

"I definitely think there are two sides of it. There are the people that really care about it, but for the most part, people are into their own lives and what's going on around campus."



SUZI BRYCE
Junior

"Not at all. I have no idea what's going on until I go home and read the paper or talk to my parents."



KEVIN SONN
Freshman

"33.2 percent."



ELIZABETH CLAYDON
Freshman

"I really agree with the whole Vanderbubble thing. People have so many other things to do that they don't pick up a newspaper, pay attention and read it."



MEAGHAN PATTEN
Sophomore

"More than the average college student. It depends on who you ask or what you care about."

Compiled by Glenna DeBoy

Hamilton: Which rights will be next to go?

From HAMILTON, page 6

fourth amendment is to protect us from programs like Bush's warrantless wiretapping. Illegal action conducted by the government is not permissible just because it is being done in the name of national security. If it were, then the government could do whatever it wanted and use national security as an excuse. Of course, by supporting the wiretapping, the Republicans in the legislative branch are permitting the president to do something illegal, and, of course, the Bush administration is taking full advantage.

There are simple ways to wiretap and investigate suspected terrorists legally, and we should take full advantage of them. However, by choosing to engage in illegal action and take advantage of the legislative branch's acquiescence to this impeachable offense, the president has done away with the fourth amendment. I wonder which part of the Constitution will be the next to fall. That is the issue at hand.

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

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Now that I'm almost a Vanderbilt alumna, I feel a calling to give back to the programs that helped make my life at Vanderbilt so wonderful. The Vanderbilt Dance Team and my coach, Jessica Hill, have enriched my life. I will pledge my \$20.06—and more—to the dance team to ensure that women in the future can have the same experience I was able to enjoy. I want to return in 10, 20 or even 50 years and see girls smiling like I have been the past four years. As an alumna I want to help support students who are willing to work hard performing for the Vanderbilt community and achieving a national title.

Seniors, as you consider your choice as a soon-to-be alumnus or alumna, think back to the programs, people and places at Vanderbilt that impacted your lives most significantly. Consider which parts of campus life you want to be preserved for students of coming generations. Pledge your \$20.06 as you feel called so that our memories here will never be forgotten.

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SPORTS

BASEBALL

Baseball takes two from Gators

Sixteen-run outburst clinches series victory over Florida.

BY JARRED AMATO
HUSTLER ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Vanderbilt baseball team left Gainesville yesterday on a high note after beating Florida 16-2 in the rubber game of the three-game series.

With the victory, the No. 17 Commodores improved to 19-9 overall and 7-2 in the Southeastern Conference, while the No. 15 Gators dropped to 19-13 and 3-6 in the SEC.

"It was a good win for us today," said Vanderbilt head coach Tim Corbin. "We were able to jump on them early and it is great anytime you can take a conference series on the road against a team like Florida."

Collecting 16 runs on 18 hits, both season highs, Vanderbilt earned its first series win in Gainesville since 1996 and handed Florida its worst home loss since 1990.

Sophomore Dominic de la Osa hit a two-run homer in the first inning to give the Commodores a 2-0 lead that they would not surrender. Junior Matt Meingasner and sophomore Alex Feinberg had RBI singles in the second and third innings to put the guests up by four.

After scoring five runs in the fourth, Vanderbilt batted around in the fifth as it scored seven more to take a 16-0 lead.

Senior Brian Hernandez had a RBI single and sophomore Shea Robin followed with a two-run single. Then, Feinberg added a two-run double, Meingasner notched a RBI double and sophomore Parker Hanks capped the scoring with a RBI single.

Freshman Pedro Alvarez was 4-for-5 on the day and finished 8-for-12 with eight runs scored in the series, while Feinberg was 3-for-5 with four RBI.

"I am seeing the ball pretty well," Alvarez said. "We came into the game fired up, knowing we had to win to take the series. The hitting was like a chemical reaction, once one guy hit, the rest followed."

Lost in the offensive explosion was the performance of sophomore starting pitcher Cody Crowell, who improved to 4-0 on the year. He pitched seven innings and gave up two runs, one earned, and struck out a career-high nine batters while issuing just one walk.

In game two of the series Saturday, the Gators jumped out to a 6-0 lead and held on for a 6-4 victory.

Hernandez had a two-run triple and scored on a RBI single by freshman Ryan Flaherty to cut the lead to three. Alvarez added a solo homer in the seventh but the Commodores could get no closer.

"It was a frustrating effort, but we buckled

down after the fifth and started coming back," said de la Osa, who was 3-for-4 on the day. "We had a big inning in the sixth and Pedro had a big homer in the seventh that gave us more life, but we weren't able to get it done in the end."

The series got off to a good start for Vanderbilt as sophomore ace David Price showed why he has won SEC Pitcher of the Week two of the last three weeks. He threw eight scoreless innings, surrendered just five hits and struck out 13 in the team's 6-0 victory.

Price (4-2) recorded double-digit strikeouts for the fifth straight outing and has not given up a run in his last 19.1 innings.

"Having coach (Derek) Johnson calling the pitches and a catcher like Brian Hernandez receiving them makes it easier for me," Price said. "I mainly tried to spot my fastball in and out and throw my slider. The offense did a good job of getting a lead early and that took the pressure off of me."

Florida head coach Pat McMahon had high praise for the lefthander, as well.

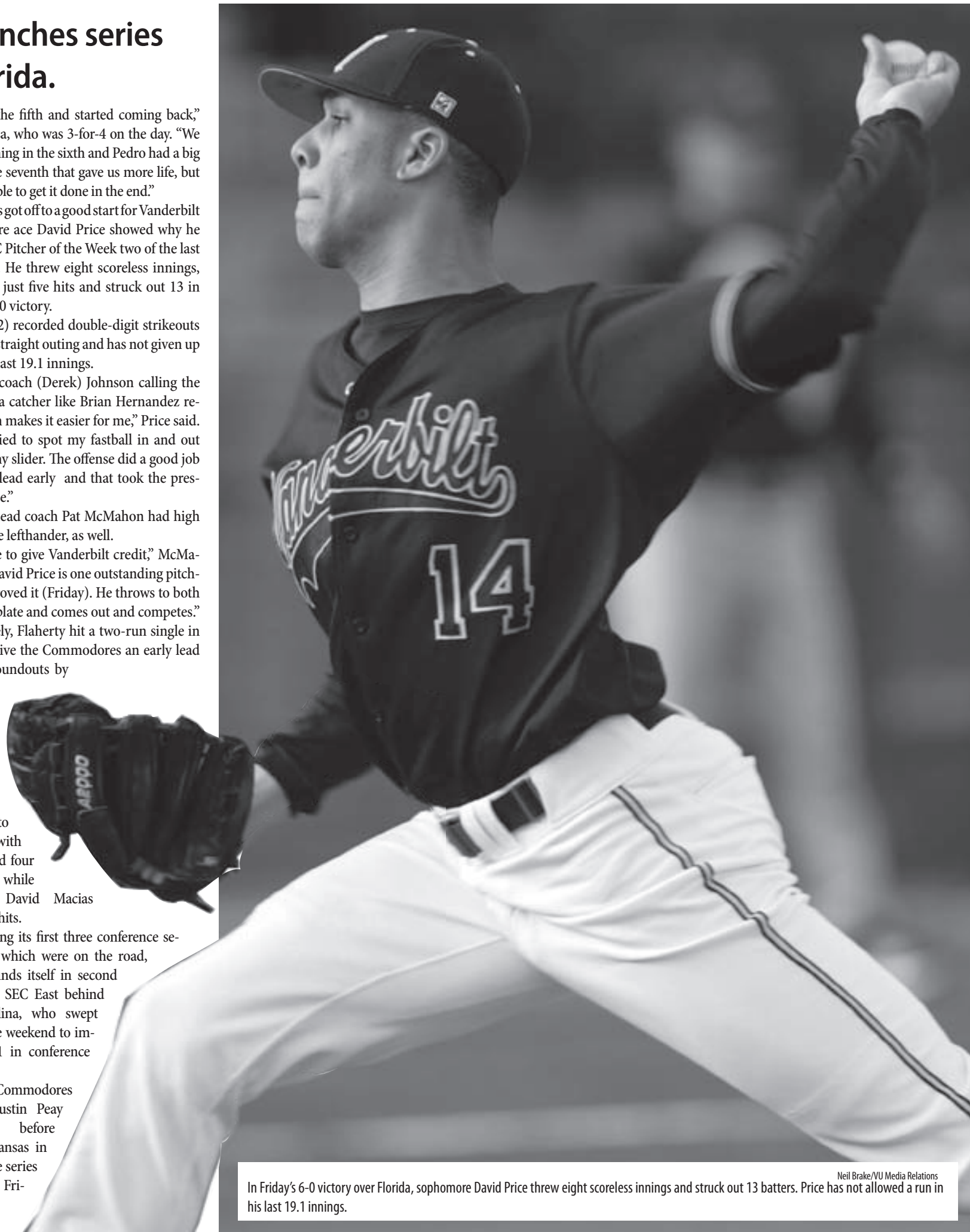
"We have to give Vanderbilt credit," McMahon said. "David Price is one outstanding pitcher, and he proved it (Friday). He throws to both sides of the plate and comes out and competes."

Offensively, Flaherty hit a two-run single in the first to give the Commodores an early lead and RBI groundouts by Robin and Feinberg in the fourth doubled the lead.

Alvarez and Flaherty combined to go 5-for-6 with two RBIs and four runs scored, while sophomore David Macias added three hits.

By winning its first three conference series, two of which were on the road, Vanderbilt finds itself in second place in the SEC East behind South Carolina, who swept LSU over the weekend to improve to 8-1 in conference play.

The Commodores travel to Austin Peay Wednesday before hosting Arkansas in a three-game series beginning Friday. ■



In Friday's 6-0 victory over Florida, sophomore David Price threw eight scoreless innings and struck out 13 batters. Price has not allowed a run in his last 19.1 innings. Neil Brake/VU Media Relations

FOOTBALL

Defense shines in annual scrimmage

BY ANDY LUTZKY
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In the 1960's, assistant coaches for the Nebraska Cornhuskers began to refer to the team's starting defense as the "Blackshirts," referring to the black practice jerseys that the defense would wear to help distinguish between players on different sides of the ball. To be given a black practice jersey was considered an honor; it meant that you were one of the top performing players on one of the top defensive units in the country.

On Saturday, if you witnessed Vanderbilt's annual Black and Gold Scrimmage, you might have thought you were watching a Blackshirt revival. That's because the Vanderbilt defense, clad in black practice jerseys, largely dominated the offense, on a picturesque, sunny early spring morning.

This was the first public showing of the Commodores squad, looking to replace key performers on both sides of the ball. In the coming season they will be without 10 players who started games in 2005: two starting offensive linemen in Trey Holloway and Ryan King, defensive end Herdley Harrison and tackle Ralph McKenzie, wide receiver Erik Davis and tight end Dustin Dunning; cornerback Andrew Pace and safety Kelechi Ohanaja, All-SEC linebacker Moses Osemwegie,

and Southeastern Conference Offensive Player of the Year, four-year starting quarterback Jay Cutler.

From the outset, all eyes were on the two men in the race to replace Cutler: Chris Nickson, the red-shirt freshman who played sparingly last season, and Mackenzi Adams, a freshman who red-shirted this past season.

Those looking forward to seeing Nickson show his abilities, however, came away without seeing the quarterback, as he sat out the scrimmage with a hamstring injury.

"Chris is disappointed," said head coach Bobby Johnson. "Hamstrings are well when they're well."

Several other Commodores expected to play large roles next season didn't play because of various injuries, such as running back Jeff Jennings, guard Mac Pyle, defensive end Theo Horrocks, wide receiver Marlon White, safety Ben Koger and kicker Bryant Hahnfeldt.

In Nickson's absence, Adams, the only quarterback left on the roster, took every snap of the day. At times, he looked very sharp, while other times, he looked like an inexperienced, true freshman taking snaps against a speedy, talented defense.

For the day, Adams finished 21-44 for 145 yards, two touchdowns, and three

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Vandy victorious over Bulldogs and Vols to remain undefeated in SEC

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The Vanderbilt women's tennis team kept its hopes of a Southeastern Conference Championship alive by defeating both the University of Georgia and the University of Tennessee over the weekend. The Commodores are 8-0 with three matches left in conference play.

On Sunday, the Commodores improved to 18-2 overall with a 5-2 victory over No. 25 Georgia. Facing some of its toughest conference opposition, Vanderbilt was able to rely on strong singles play to down the Bulldogs after it lost the doubles point for the second time in its last three matches.

Singles play was delayed early in the first set as thunderstorms forced the match inside.

After play resumed, the Commodores evened the match at 1-1 when Bertrand defeated Evgenia Subbontia 6-2, 6-2. Bertrand remains undefeated in conference play and is 17-1 overall.

The Bulldogs retook the lead at No. 4 when Ulery fell to No. 82 Basu in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4. The loss was Ulery's first in conference play. Freshman Maggie Yahner breezed through her match at No. 6 losing only one game in a 6-1, 6-0, straight set victory.

The last three matches were all forced to a third set. After losing a tough first set 5-7, Ferrell bounced back, limiting her op-

ponent to only two games the rest of the match. The 5-7, 6-1, 6-1 victory gave the sophomore her seventh SEC win.

"Caroline's win was so big for us," said Vanderbilt head coach Geoff Macdonald. "It really shifted the pressure off of us and forced Georgia to win two more matches."

With Vanderbilt up 3-2, all attention turned to the center courts where the No. 1 and No. 3 matches had yet to be decided. Amanda Taylor took the first set 6-4 but lost the second against Georgia's Kelley Hyndman. The sophomore took control in the third set and clinched the match for the Commodores with a 6-1 victory. It was Taylor's second match-clinching victory in her past three matches.

With the match officially in hand for the Commodores, Amanda Fish defeated Georgia's Natalie Frazier 4-6, 6-0, 7-6 in a battle of unbeatens.

"It was a great match today," Macdonald said. "Every player out there for us was able to win a match and that's impressive."

In Friday's action, the Commodores defeated the No. 22 University of Tennessee 7-0. It was the fourth time this year Vanderbilt has held a conference rival scoreless in match play.

After an impressive 8-1 victory by Commodore tandem Sveke and Yahner at the third doubles position, Vanderbilt looked to take an easy sweep of the two remaining matches. But Tennessee surged back eras-

ing four game deficits at the top two spots to put pressure on the Commodores. The rally proved too much for Fish and Taylor at the top spot and the Volunteers evened doubles play at a match apiece with an 8-6 victory. The Commodores were finally able to clinch the doubles point at No. 2 when Bertrand and Ferrell broke Tennessee's service point to take 8-6 win.

The Commodores began singles play up 2-0 in the match after a Tennessee forfeit in the No. 6 spot. Vanderbilt took a tremendous lead in singles by taking all five first sets with only one Volunteer able to notch more than a game.

Fish finished first easily defeating her opponent 6-1, 6-0. Overcoming second-set surges from their opponents, both Ferrell and Bertrand came away with 7-5 victories in their second sets, clinching the match for the Commodores.

When Taylor and Ulery each won their respective matches, the sweep of the Volunteers was complete.

"Tennessee always competes really well and we have the utmost respect for them," Macdonald said. "It's always good when we can get any points on them."

Vanderbilt returns to action this weekend with two SEC road matches. The Commodores will face No. 7 Florida on Friday in Gainesville and then travel to Columbia for Sunday's match against South Carolina. ■

MEN'S TENNIS

Tennis upsets Tennessee before falling to top-ranked Georgia

BY WILL GIBBONS
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The Vanderbilt men's tennis team split a pair of road contests over the weekend, upsetting No. 42 Tennessee 4-3 on Friday and falling to No. 1 Georgia 7-0 Sunday.

Facing the top-ranked Bulldogs on their Senior Day, Vanderbilt played against the odds from the start. Georgia claimed the doubles point, Antonio Ruiz was able to handle junior Andy Mack 6-0, 6-1. Then Luis Flores defeated junior Evan Dufaux 6-3, 6-3 to give the Bulldogs a 3-0 advantage. Ryan Preston put up a fight against nationally No. 1 John Isner, but fell 6-2, 7-5, clinching the win for Georgia.

Assured of the match victory, Georgia's Ricardo Gonzalez scored his third consecutive win by downing junior Jordan Magarik, and Colin Purcell got his 12th straight singles victory over junior Nathan Sachs. The sweep was complete Strahinja Bobusic, one of three seniors playing in their final home match, prevailed over freshman Nick Cromydas.

"Our guys are playing well right now," said Georgia head coach Manuel Diaz. "Having said that, I think we are coming up on the toughest part of our schedule. We have three matches in a row on the

road and we need to be playing our best tennis of the year. It's going to be a major challenge, but I think we have a good deal of momentum and confidence going into it."

The outcome was more positive on Friday, as the Commodores upset their in-state rival Tennessee 4-3. The win was their second in a row in the Southeastern Conference. After forfeiting a match because Cromydas was unavailable to play, Vandy was already in a 1-0 hole to the Volunteers.

The Commodores, however, persevered and took the doubles point after Preston and Magarik overcame Tennessee's duo of Bobby Cameron and Kiril Tcherveniachki to help the Doers take the necessary two of three doubles matches to win the point.

The singles portion of the match took over three hours to complete, due to a leak in the roof, which forced the matches to stay confined to three courts. The whole contest took more than five hours.

Ryan Preston tied the match at 2-2 after a loss by Nathan Sachs at No. 4. After splitting the first two sets 6-3, 5-7, Preston won the third set 6-4 on a service break to get a singles point for Vandy.

"He played really well and he'd be on

the verge of winning," said head coach Ian Duvenhage. "But then he'd start getting result oriented and start thinking about winning and his performance drops. The same thing happened with Andy Mack. It's something we're working on."

Mack fought through a three game deficit to defeat Tennessee's David Baxendine in the first set 7-5. Mack could not maintain the momentum in the second set, falling 4-6, but his 6-0 third set tied the match at three apiece.

Magarik played the clinching match, keeping a lead through all of the first set, though Ben Rogers stayed kept it close until Magarik edged him out 7-5 in the tiebreaker. The junior sealed the Commodore upset with a 6-3 win, becoming the only Commodore of the night to take a straight set victory in the hotly contested battle.

"Jordan clinched the match and just played unbelievably," Duvenhage said.

After the weekend split, the Commodores are now 7-9, 2-6 in the SEC. They play their next three matches at home beginning Wednesday against No. 38 Middle Tennessee. Then on Friday, they play South Carolina and Sunday meet the No. 12 Florida Gators. ■

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Commodores just short against Johns Hopkins

BY WILL GIBBONS
HUSTLER SPORTS EDITOR

The Vanderbilt women's lacrosse team jumped out to an early 4-1 lead, but eventually fell 11-8 to the No. 3 Johns Hopkins Blue Jays in Baltimore.

After surrendering the first goal of the game, Vanderbilt scored three consecutive goals, starting with Jennifer Tapscott's first goal. Then, Margie Curran put two past the goalie to make it a 3-1 advantage.

Tapscott made it 4-1 with her goal with just over 14 minutes left in the half. It looked as if the Doers might pull the upset.

That's what Johns Hopkins went on to run of their own. Following a timeout, the Blue Jays scored four goals in a row, taking a 5-4 lead with 3:26 left in the half. Tapscott tied the game at five with her third goal of the game.

Goalie Brooke Shinaberry made two very good saves just before the end of the half, but a loose rebound got through before the horn sounded. Vanderbilt was down one goal at halftime.

The Commodores would strike back quickly, as Kendall Thrift netted her 18th goal of the season just 50 seconds into the half, tying the score at 6-6. The feisty Doers were not going to back down from the highly ranked Blue Jays.

Another run by Johns Hopkins, however,

made things difficult for Vanderbilt. Steph Janice of the Blue Jays scored one of her four goals to make it 7-6. Once again, the Commodores came right back. Senior goalie Lauren Riddick stopped a Tapscott shot and controlled the ball. As she stepped out to clear the ball to a teammate, Kate Hickman checked Riddick's stick, knocking the ball back into Hopkins's goal and tying the game at 7-7. The Blue Jays, ignited by the play, rattled off four straight to take an 11-7 lead with just 3:48 to play. The run was enough to give Johns Hopkins the victory.

Other goal scorers for the Commodores included Kate Hickman and Cara Giordano.

Sasha Cielak picked up four groundballs and a caused turnover on the day, and played excellent defense on Blue Jay standout Mary Key. She only scored one goal on the day.

"It may be a secret to the rest of the nation," head coach Cathy Swezey said. "But Sasha is one of the best defenders in the country."

Brooke Shinaberry also turned in a solid performance, getting 12 saves in the game.

The game was very physical, as the two teams combined for 55 fouls in the game.

The Commodores are now 4-6 on the season, 0-2 in the American Lacrosse Conference. They head to Chapel Hill to face No. 5 North Carolina on Friday. ■

Football: Nickson sidelined, Johnson says quarterback Adams has 'good day of experience'



Neil Brake/VU Media Relations

The football team warms up before Saturday's annual Black and Gold scrimmage. The defense dominated most of the affair, allowing quarterback Mackenzi Adams, the team's only available quarterback, to throw for just 145 yards.

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interceptions.

"We were a little better on the defensive side of the ball," Johnson said. "We're a little faster and able to get more people to the point of attack. Offensively, we did a lot of good things, but we had trouble sustaining drives. The fact that we were missing several guys probably had an impact."

Adams started well, completing passes to all different sides of the field and showing good scrambling ability. Over the next few drives, however, the defense started to run the offense into the ground, forcing fumbles, deflecting and intercepting passes and sacking Adams numerous times. Even though Adams had his red practice jersey on—meaning that players are not allowed to make contact with him—he often found himself on the ground, simply because he couldn't get away from the persistent defensive rush.

He found open receivers throughout the day, but they had trouble at times

holding on to the ball.

"I know Mackenzi was frustrated a little bit," Johnson said. "We had some opportunities to move the chains early, and we didn't get to because of dropped balls. But he settled down, and I think he completed eight in a row down the stretch. It was a good day of experience for him. Not a good day of statistics, but a good day of experience."

Some positions look to be filled with players ready to contribute immediately. Linebacker Jonathan Goff, a 6-foot-4 junior behemoth, showed flashes of playmaking ability at middle linebacker, making four tackles and grabbing an interception. Freshman cornerback Darlron Spead almost intercepted a pass, and played well throughout the day. Tight ends Brad Allen and Jake Bradford showed soft hands and the ability to gain yards after the catch. Safety Funtaine Hunter, playing in place of Koger, recovered a fumble and was always around the ball. Running backs Jared Hawkins and Darnell Martimus

combined for 46 yards on nine carries.

Still, Johnson knows that plenty can change between now and the season opener at Michigan.

"Every position is wide-open," Johnson said. "If somebody starts playing better than Jonathan Goff, then he'll have Jonathan Goff's job."

While that scenario doesn't seem likely, Johnson understands that there is some work to be done on offense if the Commodores want to improve on last season's five victories. He realizes that the players surrounding the quarterback—whether it will be Adams or Nickson—need to put their signal caller in a position where he can focus solely on doing his job, much like the offense did for Cutler in 2005.

"They gave Jay a chance to do better, and he ran with it," Johnson said. "Hopefully, we can continue that. That way, the quarterback doesn't worry about protections, or about guys being open. That's the point of the whole program." ■

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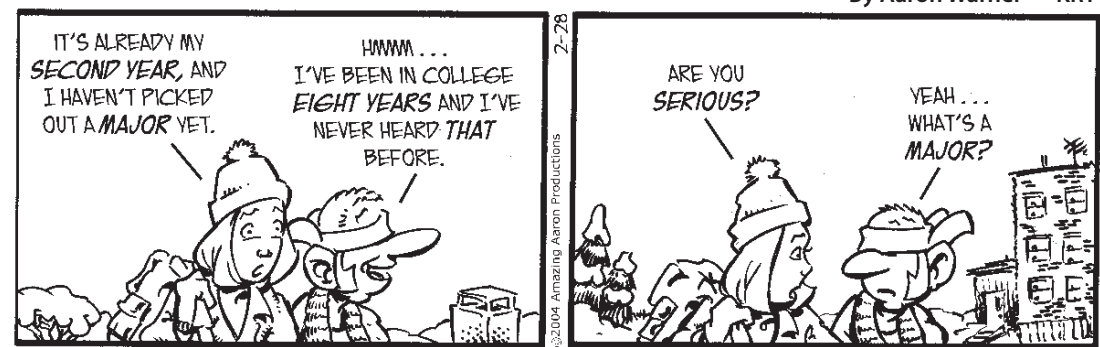
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