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RITES OF SPRING

Rites of Spring Committee hopes for more success

Students mixed on shorter length, band quality.

BY SEAN SEELINGER

Rites of Spring committee members are looking forward to building on last year's success during this coming weekend's concerts.

Despite complaints from some students last year, committee members decided to keep the \$10 fee for

students and the requirement to wear a wristband after students enter the festival for the first time.

"I hope (students) are getting used to the idea (of a charge)," said Kevin Bielke, Rites of Spring Committee co-chair. "It is kind of necessary because of the rising costs of bands and production costs. We

Coming Wednesday

» Read the Life section's music expert's coverage of this year's Rites of Spring line-up.

are trying to keep the cost down to a minimum but I think it will be a few years before it comes a norm. This year is more accepted than last year. I anticipate some criticisms and complaints."

Many students said the fee doesn't bother them.

"The bands that we've got coming are pretty good," said freshman Elizabeth Claydon. "I have no problem paying the fee, \$10 for two days of music and fun."

Bielke said they were able to spend more money on each band this year by decreasing the length

of the event from three days to two thus attracting "better talent."

Some students said that they were disappointed by the change.

"I knew they decreased the number of days, " said sophomore Lisa Cohen. "I am kind of upset about not having it Thursday."

Cohen's friend senior Jordan French added that this year's band's are "not particularly exceptional."

Some students felt differently.

"I would rather have two days of good bands than three days of bands I haven't heard of" said freshman Catherine Hambleton who said she was particularly looking forward to Ben Folds and Blue Morrow.

The group received \$135,000 from AcFee, \$15,000 more than Please see RITES, page 5

Students bike 5,000 miles for charity

Four-month trip to cover eastern seaboard, Chicago

BY BYRON DUBOW

While most recent college graduates are job hunting or traveling this summer, Austin Bauman and Tom Reardon, two Vanderbilt University students, will be biking 5,000 miles across America to raise money for childhood cancer research.

It's all part of a plan that started when friends asked Bauman to accompany them on a cycling tour of Europe.

"Financially, I couldn't really do anything like [touring Europe], so I started trying to be creative about it and decided to do a charity bike ride in America," Bauman said.

A Georgia native, Bauman returned home in December where he heard about Rally Foundation, a non-profit organization based in Atlanta that raises money and awareness for childhood cancer research through grass-roots initiatives. With them in mind, Bauman wrote a proposal and met with Dean Crowe, the foundation's founder.

"Dean and everyone at the foundation took our idea and showed us how to make it work. Ever since then, we've been planning," Bauman said.

Back at Vanderbilt for the spring semester, Bauman started Rally Across America and began assembling a team of students and volunteers to get the project off the ground. They organized the Vanderbilt Rally Team to help plan the tour and hold fundraisers at Vanderbilt.

"Everyone on the Rally Team has been awesome. We have a really strong group of underclassmen that are excited about promoting Rally Foundation at Vanderbilt and in Nashville," Bauman said.

Last Friday, the Rally Team held their first group fundraiser, raising over \$1000 and earning the right to pie Jim Kramka, Vanderbilt's Director of Housing Assignments.

Bauman and his roommate, Tom Reardon, mapped out the Please see BIKES, page 4



Seniors Austin Bauman and Tom Reardon stand with one of the bikes that will be taking them 5,000 miles up the



Vandy recognizes Bill Shain's record

Dean of Admissions heads to Bowdoin.

BY ROBERT PROUDFOOT

William Shain, dean of admissions since 1998, has frequently been referenced as strong force behind Vanderbilt's becoming a "hot" school throughout the nation.

Shain brought his eight year tenure at Vanderbilt to a close this February by announcing that he would be taking the position of Dean of Admission at Bowdoin

Last semester Chancellor Gordon Gee verbalized at the fall faculty assembly a feeling of change on campus in his first five

"These past five years have been a positive and powerful time for our university," Gee said. "They have been an exhilarating leap up into the ether. We are soaring right now. We are soaring with everything we set

out to do, and we are handling it all true to our intentions and our mission."

Shain, with the help of the Office of

Admissions, has been generally acknowledged as a strong force in this soaring leap forward. His departure

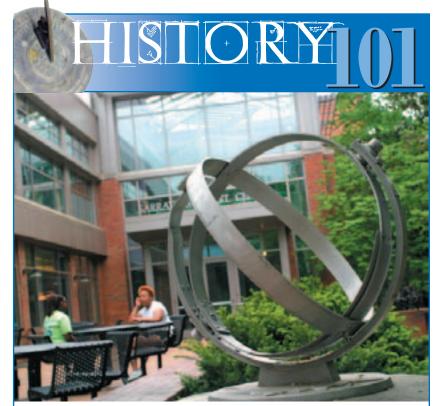
to Bowdoin marks

Shain

an end to a chapter of rapid growth for Vanderbilt, hopefully opening a new chapter of matu-

rity and steady growth for years to come. John Gaines, who has been in partnership with Shain for four years as Associate Dean, will become acting dean of undergraduate admissions when Shain leaves

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A small monument stands outside Rand to memorialize the school's first observatory and Edward Barnard, who was instrumental in the early days of Vanderbilt astronomy.

Barnard more than Vanderbilt astronomer

BY BEN SWEET HUSTLER NEWS EDITOR

Should you find yourself wandering aimlessly around the physics and astronomy building late one night, you may realize that the elevator stops at the ninth floor, when in fact, the stairs continue to a 10th floor.

If you walk up, you will find yourself facing a blue sign directing visitors up a very narrow, very short set

POLL

of stairs toward the Vanderbilt University Observatory.

The door into the room is usually locked, so unless you can convince a janitor you have a reason to be in the observatory, or can find an astronomy professor who feels like giving you a tour, you may have to be content to stare through the window at one of Vanderbilt's true relics.

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OUR VIEW

Read why we feel that due to the increasing cost of talented bands, it may be necessary to further increase ticket prices or AcFee funding for the Rites of Spring music festival. See Page 6



BASEBALL

Behind good hitting, the Commodores were able to claim two out of three victories over the Georgia Bulldogs. The team is now 10-5 in the SEC. See Page 8

LETTER

Read graduate students Tim Boyd and Jason Aleksander's response to David Ellison's recent column on why "nerds" are destroying the Vanderbilt experience. See Page 6

QUOTABLE

"After 9/11, I was a witness and therefore a party to the actions that led us to the invasion of Iraq--an unnecessary war. ... Until now, I have resisted speaking out in public. I've been silent long enough." —Marine Lieut. General Greg

Newbold, the Pentagon's top

operations officer before retiring

Percentage of

Americans who feel the U.S. income tax system is unjust, a number that is virtually unchanged from two decades ago.

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Scattered Storms

High: 79

Low: 62

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Scattered Showers

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WORD OF THE DAY

GLA·BROUS

adj. 1. smooth

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1964

Martin Luther went before the Diet of Worms to face charges stemming from his religious writings

American statesman Benjamin Franklin died in Philadelphia at

1941 Yugoslavia surrendered to Germany in World War II. 1961

About 1,500 CIA-trained Cuban exiles launched the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in a failed attempt to overthrow the government of Fidel Castro

Ford Motor Co. unveiled its new Mustang model at the New York

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TODAY IN THE BUBBLE

Compiled by Lisa Guo

Earth Day celebration - "Ride Green Day"

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Hybrid car display

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Latin America Week: Indigenous Access to Justice

Professor Yoli Redero will discuss an investigation she is involved with of how domestic violence among Ecuador's Quichua-speaking population is dealt with. The study seeks to determine how Quichua-speaking indigenous communities perceive the impact of constitutional changes aimed at increasing access to the justice system on the part of indigenous peoples, and how those who form part of the justice system perceive the impact. The lecture will be held today from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. today in the Ray Room at Vanderbilt University Law School.

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

Elephant Trot raises awareness for HIV

BY LISA GUO HUSTLER ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

This Saturday, nearly 50 students participated in an "Elephant Trot" to raise money for the Agape orphanage in Waterfall, South Af-

Delta Sigma Theta sponsored the event, their third annual twomile Elephant Trot Run/Walk and Delta HIV/AIDS Awareness Benefit. The chapter will donate all proceeds to Partners for Life. "Partners for Life is an international organization that links sponsors with orphans and other children at-risk in South Africa," said senior Jade Dodds, the Delta international awareness and involvement co-chair. "Most of the children (in Agape) are either infected or affected by HIV. Different extenuating circumstances related to HIV/AIDS have landed them within the center."

Students began the Elephant Trot at the National Pan-Hellenic Conference House, followed a

path around campus and returned to the NPHC house, where Delta members held a barbeque following the walk.

"We had a barbeque, games, music and a water balloon war," said senior Shantell Hilton, president of Delta Sigma Theta.

Although the exact figure raised from the Elephant Trot will not be known until next week, the chapter plans on giving more than \$1400 to Partners for Life, an amount which has been raised in increments through activities during the year, Hilton said.

"In past years, the chapter has matched the amount raised at the Elephant Trot," Hilton said.

The Elephant Trot is the culminating event of Delta Week, which took place last week.

The chapter sponsored events daily, including the Delta Man of Distinction pageant on Tuesday, which raises scholarship money for one deserving high school stu-

VUPD CRIME LOG

 $\mathbf{April}\ \mathbf{11}, \mathbf{5:29}\ \mathbf{p.m.}$ — A laptop computer and CDs were stolen from a car parked in the Terrace Place Garage. No suspects have been identified and the investi-

April 12, 11 a.m. — A CD player was stolen from a parked car at the Baker Building. No suspects have been identified and the investigation is active.

April 12, 5:40 p.m. — A bike was stolen from outside Kissam Hall. No suspects have been identified and the investigation is active.

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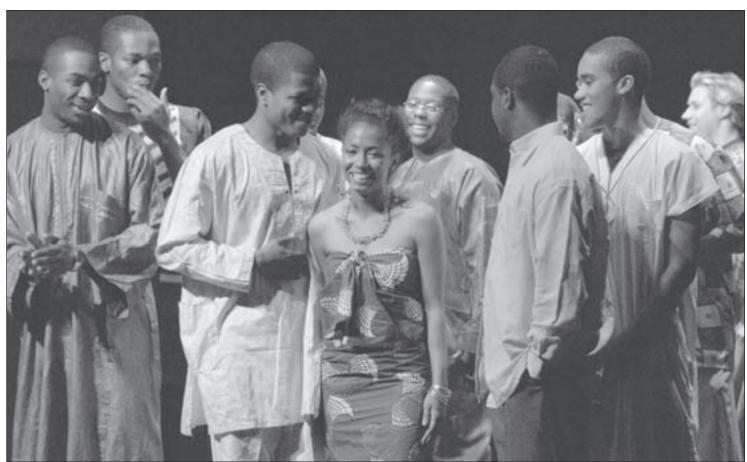
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Organization sponsors fashion show



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The African Students' Union put on a cultural fashion show at the Student Life Center on Saturday. The proceeds of the fashion fiesta will benefit the Mercy House, an orphanage in Uganda. The show was a celebration of traditional African attire.

Shain: Diversity has steadily risen

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this summer.

Gaines said that most deans do not have the same involvement to admissions that Shain has shown by working his own regional recruitment territories.

"It enables Shain to keep his finger on the pulse of the students," Gaines said.

Walking past students throwing April day, Shain can still be found meeting with prospectives from his regions of recruitment, New York City and the District of Columbia.

As he walks the attentive but quiet prospective student named Charlie to the door with his mother, he sounds more like a helpful uncle than the gatekeeper to a top tier school. He asks where they are staying the night and immediately recommends a trendy restaurant for them to con-

template their college choices. Shain, originally from New York City, said with pride that Charlie

went to his high school. "The college search process is stressful on families," Shain said. "I want us to be kind. I want us to treat visitors as guests. I think one of the distinctions we have created is to be a more personal and personable admissions office among mid-size

"The nice thing about Bill is that he is so student centered," Gaines said. "He started as a teacher and he never lost his love for students."

Before beginning his career in university admissions, Shain was a high school teacher. In working for his alma mater, Princeton, as a regional recruiter he found a new way to connect with students.

After 17 years working at Macalaster College, a small liberal arts school in St. Paul, Minn., Shain saw an underdog worth fighting for at Vanderbilt.

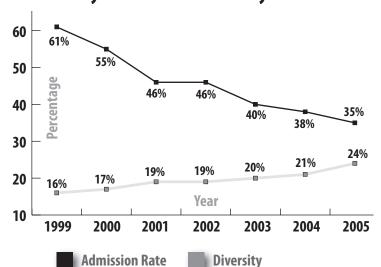
"When I came here, there was so much to build," Shain said.

Before 1998, faculty of each school selected applicants. While there was still an admissions office, it didn't have overarching power to select the incoming freshman class.

The Vanderbilt Board of Trust, in an effort reorganize the admissions process, hired Bill Shain as Dean of Admissions in January 1998. The creation of the Shain's position made the application process reside firmly within the Office of Admissions.

After his hiring, the Office of Admissions created regional recruit-

Selectivity and ethnic diversity



ers to create close relationships with high school counselors and high school students.

Before Shain, the turnover in Admissions staff was roughly 50 percent and there were few alumni on staff.

Today, seven of the regional coordinators are alumni and staff turnover is about 10 percent.

The faculty has also been able to observe students being more intellectually engaged and a greater diversity

of student opinion and values. "I do feel that our work has been

most noticed by faculty," Shain said. George Sweeney, associate dean of Arts and Science, acts as a liaison

with admissions. "Dean Shain was a major component of the engine that has driven the substantial growth in demand for a Vanderbilt education," Sweeney said. "This led to increased number of applications, and consequently increased selectivity among applicants and a more diverse and academically stronger student body."

With Vanderbilt's student body changing in terms of socioeconomic, political, geographic and ethnic diversity, Shain said he was pleased in the smooth transition over his ten-

"We've added at least 50 percent of color to our campus in eight years," Shain said. "It seems to have been embraced by the community as a very natural development. Most students find it a richer experience."

If anyone could evaluate Shain's tenure by the numbers, it would be 20 year Vanderbilt veteran Associate Provost Greg Perfetto.

As director of the Vanderbilt Institutional Research Group, Perfetto compiles, organizes, analyzes and distributes statistical data for Vanderbilt and the higher education community. Perfetto, who believes information is the lifeblood of an organization, also provides Vanderbilt's data for U.S. News & World Report and other college guides.

"Vanderbilt has just exploded in the past five years and admissions has been a key part of that, as have our investment and financial aid," Perfetto said. "It's really been huge team effort that has brought Vanderbilt up to the ranks of very best institutions in the country. As a person that looks at the numbers and studies the information, in any dimension Vanderbilt's progress shines through. Admissions is a prime example of that."

During Shain's eight-year tenure, Vanderbilt's ethnic diversity has risen to 24 percent from roughly 16 percent, submitted applications have increased 37 percent and the acceptance rate has fallen to 35 percent from 61 percent.

"The numbers speak for themselves" Gee said. "But it just isn't about numbers; it is the quality and character of our students."

For Shain, good numbers have never been a focus on recruitment. With the search for a new director of admission underway, Shain believes that Vanderbilt will be able to look past numbers to evaluate the quality of applicants.

"What I would hope for the future is that we hold on to a tradition of making admissions decisions with great care," said Shain. "While numbers matter, we look beyond them to see what else you can see about what the person is like. I have no signs that won't happen."

The new associate provost's role will be more of a coordinator with other parts of administrators on

"(Shain's) tenure is what has en-

abled Vanderbilt's transition," Gaines said. "The Admissions Office will still be making admission selections but the new person will have more strategic decisions and less in the trenches."

Gee attributes Shain's work in admissions to making Vanderbilt a 'hot' school across the nation.

"Obviously Bill has done a wonderful job," Gee said. "We have a world class student body. We are on of the 'hot' schools in the nation. I will also miss my personal relationship with him."

Vanderbilt's popularity in part has to do with the image that the Office of Admissions is sending to prospective students and the building of strong relationships with high school counselors. With eight years of generally ac-

knowledged success, Shain has decided to take on a new challenge at Bowdoin College outside Portland,

He looks forward to the new experiences that await him in a state that refers to outsiders as "from away."

Shain said that he was "imperfectly" happy at Vanderbilt until Bowdoin College made a case for

"I wasn't trying to go, I got headhunted," Shain said. "I will have a major role in the administration there that I don't have here. I'll work daily with the president of Bowdoin. The way Vanderbilt is run is you trust people to go off and do their stuff. That's fine. I love that and I really respect it. But I miss being part of central counsel that is doing the most important work of an institution. There really isn't a counsel like that here."

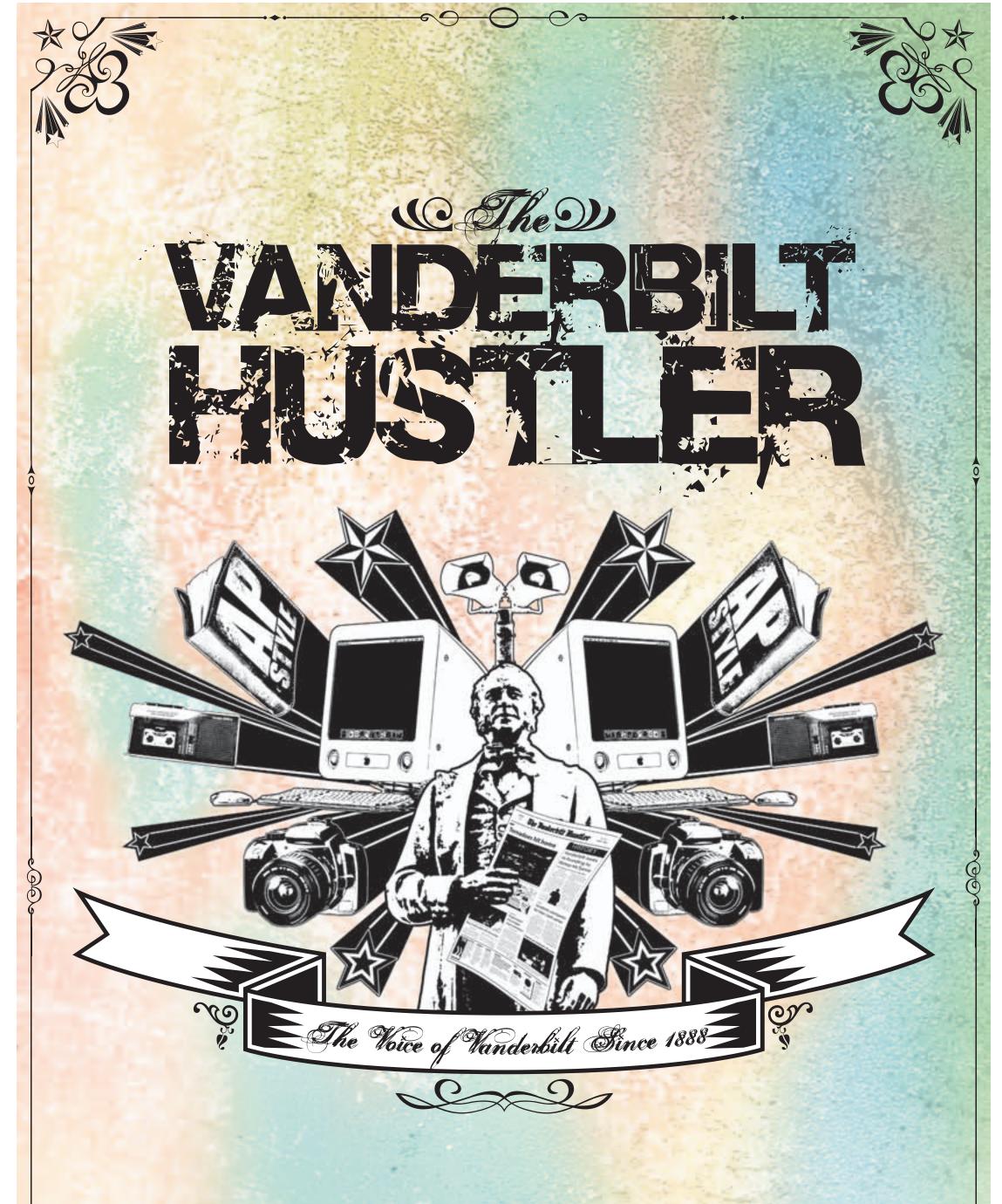
Because of Vanderbilt's top down management structure and large size, it is hard to involve everyone in the planning that will shape the future of Vanderbilt.

"The Office of Admissions is not involved in any way in setting the institution's strategic vision," Shain

He also looks forward to trying new approaches in the admission process at Bowdoin College.

"One of the things that I can have more of a role of at small liberal arts college is thinking about how admissions should be conducted and how the values of the admission process relate to the community you are creating," Shain said. "The way you select people has a lot to do with who you are."

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Bikes: Duo to visit 20 cities in four months

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route they will ride this summer. They'll begin in Atlanta and ride to Maine along the eastern seaboard. From there, they will travel west to Chicago, Illinois before heading back south.

In total, the Rally Team will visit 20 cities between June and September. They plan on cycling about 60 miles each day, which is considered a moderate pace given the length of the tour. At night, they will stay at churches or with friends and family who live en route.

Several Vanderbilt alums have also opened their houses to the Rally Team that will consist of the two

riders, Bauman and Reardon, and one or two volunteers who will follow them in a support vehicle. The 5000 mile journey will end at Vanderbilt's Children's Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Rally Team has already raised \$17,478.84, which will cover all of their expenses, and by the end of the summer, hopes to raise \$250,000 through Rally Across America. Bauman and Reardon will stop at children's hospitals in each city, where they will visit with kids fighting pediatric cancer. In each city there will be a fundraiser for Rally Foundation.

"We're trying to raise money for the foundation and

trying to get its name out there so that people know that it's a good cause, and so doctors know that they can apply for funding for childhood cancer research," Bauman said.

On each leg of their journey, Bauman and Reardon will ride in honor of local children who are recovering from cancer. Through various organizations, families have heard about Rally Across America and have contacted the Rally Team to share their stories and express their support.

"These people have just been sending us pictures and notes. It really does inspire you to keep going, and you feel this need to help," Reardon said.

In Atlanta, for example, they will be riding in honor of Alexa Rohrbach, the daughter of Robin Rohrbach, Director of Grassroots Initiatives at Rally Foundation and a former lobbyist for children's cancer research in Washington D.C.

Shortly after Alexa's first birthday, she was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma, an aggressive form of cancer. Today, Alexa's cancer is in remission, and she recently celebrated her 9th birthday. Though she still has serious side effects from the treatment,

"Alexa's pretty open about her cancer. She says that she beat cancer and she wants other kids to beat cancer too," Rohrbach said.

Bauman and Reardon will bring official Rally Across America jerseys to the fundraisers to give to the kids and their families as a way of thanking them for participating.

"We're giving them something to look forward to, something to encourage them if they're having a rough time or are still in treatment. When we start, we could be two months away from [a particular child], but they'll be able to look forward to our arrival and to taking part in the fundraiser," Bauman said.

According to statistics on Rally Foundation's website, pediatric cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children under the age of 15 in the United States, and is under funded by as much as \$30 million a year.

Researchers who would like to work on childhood cancer cannot secure the necessary funding, and Rohrbach said that although there's a lot of fundraising done for cancer research in general, the funds are not evenly distributed to childhood cancer. Oftentimes, researchers instead turn to other research.

"If you talk to the families, finding a cure to child-hood cancer is their top priority," she said.

"We really want to drive the message home that this isn't an abstract cause," said Bauman. "Childhood cancer is affecting everyone. That's really one of the coolest things about working with the kids. We want people to know that your donation is supporting your neighbors."

You can follow the Rally Team's progress on their website at www.rallyacrossamerica.org

Byron Dubow is a senior at Vanderbilt University. He will graduate in May with a degree in English and Spanish. He plans to spend his summer cheering on Austin and Tom and looking for a job.



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Jeffrey Sachs speaks with students



Students for Kenya hosted a live videoconference with Jeffrey Sachs on Friday afternoon in the Student Life Center. Sachs is director of the U.N. Millennium Project and special adviser to United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan on the Millennium Development Goals, the internationally agreed-upon goals to reduce extreme poverty, disease and hunger by the year 2015. Sachs discussed the goals and sustainability of his Millenium Development Villages in Africa and encouraged university students to get involved with his initiative.



Commodore pies Kramka

After the Vanderbilt Rally Team raised more than \$1,000 for the 5,000 mile bike ride this summer, students got to see Jim Kramka, director of housing assignments, get pied on the Rand Terrace. The Rally Team, which hopes to raise \$250,000 by the end of the bike ride this september, has already been able to gather more than \$17,000, which is more than enough to completely pay for the cross-country ride itself.

To address that issue a third entry point will be

Sarratt and Cole. The committee has also made a stronger push with

cert through different mediums including billboards.

History: Observatories now used for education

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Inside the never-used observatory rests Edward Emerson Barnard's original telescope.

Barnard, who was one of Vanderbilt's first students, was born in Nashville in 1857 and began working for the university at age 26 as an assistant in the new observatory (not the one on top of the astronomy building today) and a special student. He was here for four years.

Barnard seems to have gone where the telescopes led him, that is to say, he always continued looking for the latest and best telescope from which to conduct his work. He left Vanderbilt for the Lick Observatory in California, and then headed to the University of Chicago's Yerkes Observatory.

His instrumentality in the early days of Vanderbilt Astronomy would have probably assured his name a place of high regard on this campus, but his discovery of 16 comets and one of Jupiter's moons secured him a place in astronomy

As for the observatory on top

of Stevenson, it mostly just collects dust. Until a few years ago it was being used for public nights, but not even that anymore.

Vanderbilt, unbeknownst to many, actually owns another much larger, much more practical observatory a few miles away.

Dedicated in 1953, the Dyer Observatory is named for Arthur J. Dyer of the Nashville Bridge Company who volunteered to build the five-ton dome that houses the tele-

Nestled on a quiet hilltop in Brentwood, the observatory looks like it belongs to Vanderbilt. The red brick and white stone construction match perfectly with the dozens of buildings on campus, but it's impossible to build a research observatory in the middle of a big

Though its early days saw a good deal of research and scientific exploration, today the observatory mostly caters to the Nashville community as a learning tool. There are numerous public functions every month, including 'exploration nights' for children, which are usu-

ally led by Vanderbilt professors.

The observatory actually houses several telescopes, including a remote-operated telescope built by TSU, but the main scope is the 24 inch Seyfert telescope, named for Dr. Carl Seyfert who directed the effort to build the observatory and gathered donations from more than 80 sources to make the project

Astronomy at Vanderbilt has come a long way since Barnard first stared at the heavens through his five-inch refractor.

Now, astronomers use national observatories for their research, and occasionally even request images from the Hubble Space Tele-

Among the most popular observatories is the Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory in Chile, which houses telescopes as large as 4.1 meters.

However, should you be unable to make the trip to Chile, a short drive to Brentwood on a night when Dyer is open to the public should allow you at least a decent glimpse of the Nashville sky.

Rites: Extra entrance will be added

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last year.

Last year, concertgoers faced long lines on the first as security personnel had to place wristbands on every

added between McGill and Tolman. Entry points will also be present next to Alumni Hall and between

external public relations efforts, advertising the con-

"We are trying to make this more of an event for the

general public to build community between Nashville and Vanderbilt," Bielke said. He went on to say that he feels their efforts have been successful in increasing community awareness.

Bielke also said encouraged students to buy their tickets early at the Sarratt Box Office to avoid the lines on Friday evening.

He also encouraged students to go and hear some of the lesser-known bands.

"I think its going to be a great festival and I encourage people to go out and see bands they haven't heard of because we've done a great deal of research," Bielke said. "Trust us, it's going to be great music"

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Bird flu action plan established

BY NEDRA PICKLER

WASHINGTON — In the event of a bird flu outbreak, U.S. money could be produced overseas and Americans checked in drive-

through medical exams for signs of

infection, according to government ed to approve a national response plans being finalized.

Federal officials say the first case of bird flu could show up in the United States in the coming weeks or months as birds migrate from overseas. President Bush is expect-

Student,

plan in the next week or two laying out how agencies should respond if it were transmitted to humans.

The plan assumes a worst-case scenario that as many as 90 million people in the U.S. would become sick and 2 million would die during a worldwide flu pandemic.

It envisions people may need to avoid human contact and stay home from work, school and other large gathering places, according to officials familiar with draft. Some details of the draft, first in Sunday's Washington Post, were confirmed by officials at the White House who spoke anonymously because the plan has not been finalized.

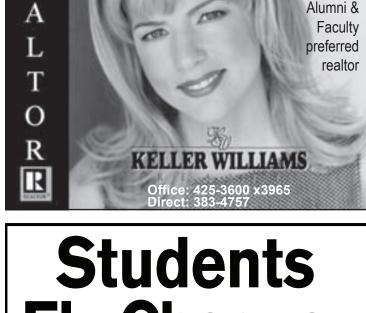
Dr. Bruce Gellin, director of the National Vaccine Program Office at the Health and Human Services Department, said the report builds on the strategy that Bush outlined six months ago _ new flu-vaccine technology and greater stockpiles of vaccines and antivirals.

The government had focused on health issues in that earlier report, but a pandemic would affect every aspect of government, Gellin said.

The response plan, assembled by the president's Homeland Security Council, lays out who should be the first vaccinated, proposes that other countries make U.S. money if domestic locations cannot operate. The plan anticipates that employees could strain Internet capacity while working from home computers.

The U.S. has had such money agreements with allies in the past in case of emergency, a White House official said, but there is no current arrangement. Congress approval would be needed for a new deal.

The Veterans Affairs Department has developed a medical exam that could be conducted in VA hospital parking lots, with those who suspect they may be infected able to get a quick exam. The program is modeled after a drivethrough flu vaccination program conducted last year. ■



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OUR VIEW

Rites of Spring lacks luster of earlier years

This week Vanderbilt will welcome its students and the greater Nashville community to its annual Rites of Spring concert series. But unlike years past, there is little buzz on campus about the event.

Booking Ben Folds as the headliner for this year's concerts can certainly be seen as a triumph for the Vanderbilt Programming Board. Folds, a Nashville resident, is an upcoming artist who is widely known and listened to among the student body.

However, most of the other artists, apart from Bone Thugs n Harmony, who had their last major hit ten years ago, are unknown to the student body.

Indeed, we recognize that Rites of Spring serves to bring lesserknown acts to Vanderbilt to showcase new material students would otherwise not have heard. This benefits both the bands and the student body and has been a formula for success in recent years.

But at the cost students are expected to pay, which is \$10 apiece after the \$135,000 assigned by AcFee, it seems there could be a few more bands with recognizable names and sounds.

The Vanderbilt Programming Board is surely not to blame. Concert acts have gotten more expensive annually as the music business continues to battle illegal downloading. With a finite budget it is undoubtably difficult to bring in the bands that are in high demand among the Vanderbilt student body.

In order to remedy this problem the Programming Board decided to make this year's concert series a two-day event. While the hope was to bring better quality of bands, there still is little name recognition on this year's concert bill and with the exception of Ben Folds, student response to the slate of performers has been apathetic

There are literally hundreds of new bands out there with one or two hits that are just about to make it big. These artists are played often, yet don't demand the dollars that big name acts do.

Certainly, we hope to be surprised at this weekend's Rites of Spring by acts that we may not have heard before. The problem is, surprise is all that is left to look forward to.

While easier said than done, perhaps the current dynamics of the music industry will require us to either raise ticket prices further or allocate more AcFee funding towards the event.

Either way, we feel that for students to get truly excited about Rites, there must be more than one performer with a recognizable sound. If the only way to accomplish this goal is to allocate more money to the concert, then that's where we stand.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Recycling program needs improvement

To The Editor:

I am writing today to express my opinion that Vanderbilt is, once again, doing a deficient job in its gen-

I attended a cookout in the patio outside Featheringill held by one of the Engineering departments. I chatted with a friend, had a Diet Coke, declined the burger and headed to the class that I was now late for. After stepping out of my class, I thought I might be able to go back and get another Diet Coke. The only thing left of the cookout, however, was a fair amount of trash. What did disturb me was the fact that a large amount of the waste was made up of aluminum cans. I looked around and realized that there were no recycling bins outside, so I brushed the trash off as people being too lazy to walk inside and find a recycling bin.

I still had my Diet Coke can from class, so I set off to find a bin inside. I saw one paper recycling bin directly inside from the patio, but no aluminum. So, I checked the atrium: strike two. I looked down a couple of hallways: no bins. I was getting a bit perturbed and frustrated that I saw a plethora of trashcans but only one receptacle devoted to recycling. I decided to spend a few more minutes checking, but much to my avail, I could not find an easily accessible aluminum bin (or one for plastic, for that matter) after walking down several hallways.

This is just one symptom of a defunct system of recycling here at Vanderbilt. Right now, students handle recycling from the dorms (and occasionally forget to do so) and one (yes, one) Vanderbilt employee takes out all of the bins from the educational, administrative and operational buildings. Vandy employees often throw dorm recycling in dumpsters with the rest of the trash, and the bins in the classroom buildings are seemingly continually

We don't even pretend to recycle glass, which is quite a shame considering just how man liquor, wine and beer bottles come flowing out of the dorms on campus. Vanderbilt lacks leadership in its recycling initiatives, which is something we, as a community must change.

We pay quite a sum in return for the privilege to attend classes here, and we deserve better. Vanderbilt needs a recycling coordinator and department now. When we accomplish that, these issues can be resolved, and I won't have to walk to Sarratt to recycle my can.

> **Casey Perry** Freshman, School of Engineering

Graduate students express gratitude to columnist David Ellison

To The Editor:

As two people who have taught several classes of Vanderbilt undergraduates and on behalf of our academic colleagues of all ranks, we want to express our gratitude to David Ellison for exposing the reign of terror we have had to endure at the hands of engaged, intellectually curious and academically motivated students. His courage in daring to mock the all-powerful "nerd" has prompted us to break our own silence on this issue and join him in his campaign for a more apathetic, disinterested and ignorant student body. Let the call ring out from the highest spire of Vanderbilt's Ivory Tower - enough with the learning!

We only hope that soon every Vanderbilt undergraduate will experience the same epiphany that Ellison has. It astonishes us that there remains a determined core of students who feel that just because they are paying \$40,000 a year to have highly-qualified scholars teach them a wide range of stimulating subjects, that somehow their main purpose at Vanderbilt is to expose themselves to new and challenging ideas.

Those of you who have never taught a class probably cannot conceive of the horror we feel when during a discussion on philosophy, history or politics some students actually show evidence that they read the material we have given them in our futile attempts to shut them up.

Worse still, sometimes they feel the need to question new ideas or old preconceptions, or even critically analyze the evidence that we present to them. Such attitudes should be confined to institutions dedicated to "nerdy" pursuits like education. They have no place in a

We suppose that we are partly to blame for the many obstacles that face some of our more obstinate students in realizing their own "personal utopia(s)." We had not realized that courses consisting of "mindless class discussions punctuated by arbitrary exams" were failing so miserably in enriching our students' abilities to acknowledge their entitlement to a more fulfilling life. Indeed, we would like to thank Ellison (as well as the editors of The Vanderbilt Hustler) for allowing us to see what we have probably - though unwittingly - contributed to a moral complacency regarding the duties of women to remain "girls" as they passively accept the sun's warm caress and of "dudes" never to cross the "Brokeback Line" lest they fail to pick up "chicks" at Sportsman's. But, to be fair, perhaps we too, despite our training in academic artifices, have been blinded by that "audacious vanity" of the nerds in our classrooms.

As a possible corrective, then, we urge those few students still mindless enough to be persuaded by the voices of our arbitrary authority to heed Ellison's call. When you sign up for a class, don't do the reading, don't try and participate, and, if it's not asking too much, please show up late with a hangover and a halfempty bottle of Corona in your hand and then just slouch groggily in the back of the classroom. It will save us all a lot of

Finally, to those few obdurate and highly self-indulgent "nerds" who would persist with taking what they are studying seriously: we can only hope that, as the tide turns and the masses inevitably rise up against your tyranny, you will find the wisdom to cease your questioning. Just shut down your critical faculties and concentrate on getting drunk and hooking up. That way, you won't even feel the pain as we subliminally indoctrinate you into the one true faith of communism/ fascism/scientology (delete according to conspiracy of choice).

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COLUMN

Duke players should not be judged prematurely

other hate-crime hoax that has been politicized

Over the past few weeks, the story about the

THE RIGHT ANGLE

CHRIS DONNELLY

lacrosse team at Duke has obviously been grabbing a lot of headlines. However, it is unfortunate that this looks like it is going to be yet anin various ways. For those who don't know the facts of the case, stripper whose name has not been revealed has claimed that at a party for the school's lacrosse team held at a private residence, that she was raped by three white players from the team and called all different kinds of racial slurs. Let me say at the beginning, if this is true than this is abhorrent and anybody involved in this rape should be punished. That

not simply a game of monopoly. However, it is clear that this whole event has been blown out of proportion. Please see DONNELLY, page 7

said, the facts are not on the woman's side; every

player on the team has submitted DNA samples,

except the one black man, who, interestingly

enough, was not required to give a sample, and

all of them tested negative for the rape. Grant-

ed, what probably occurred at that house was

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OPINION 7

Disinterested students destroy Vanderbilt's reputation

Perhaps the only thing more annoying than the kid who asks too many questions is the pretentious trust fund baby who views Vanderbilt as a four-year, all expenses paid vacation. You know, the guy who sits in

GUEST COLUMNIST

BOBBY GIBBONS

the back of the class crooning in self-absorbed elitism about how he is destined to step into daddy's company after graduation. This type of guy thinks that he is the coolest guy in the room, but doesn't' realize that, for many, grades represent the potential to define the rest

You know the type: they guy who shows up to class half drunk from the night before, half snoring in a vain attempt to stay awake. The loser who can't pass the exam because he only studied for an hour and who crosses the line asking for extra credit by shamelessly reminding the professor that his daddy donated a building. He unites a divided room by his sheer arrogance and forces complete strangers to contemplate group therapy. Indeed, when he passes classmates on campus, in the brief moment of eye contact, they laugh at him in the understanding that they will never soil a class with the stench of last night's bar.

He carries on an odd relationship with the rest of his classmates. While they will probably never talk in a social situation, perhaps they should, because after so many raised eyebrows and rolled eyes, he's still not getting the hint. We chuckle because as he sits there in

his audacious vanity with his collar popped for all to see, he doesn't realize that there is a beer stain on his khakis. I wonder what he does after class. Does this pseudo-student actually have hours scheduled for doing work? How can he exist without an infrastructure of pledges and frat parties? How can he survive a reality that doesn't revolve around him?

Darwin needs to speed up natural selection for an increasing amount of Vanderbilt students. When I walk across campus, too many girls are wrinkled beyond their years by the sun and far too many dudes feel more comfortable picking up chicks with their car and their wallet than by actually carrying on a conversation. Finals weather has arrived, and sometimes delaying the party till after studying serves more practical purposes than a weeklong drinking binge.

When I look back on college, I won't remember all of the parties I attended, or how many beers I drank that one Thursday night. I'll retain the fine education that I received amidst all the random mindless parties. I'll remember pulling all-nighters, the arduous problem sets and all the other things that made college a lot of hard work. I'll also remember all the time that I enjoyed going out once the studying was done; all the friends who shared with me the long nights of work as well as the long nights of pleasure. I'll remember all the great times and hard work of the past four years, but, unfortunately, I will always remember that slacker who I'm ashamed to share alumni status with.

-Bobby Gibbons is a senior in the School of En-



Lack of communication causes confusion among students

Things were pretty normal yesterday morning as I went to my 10:00 a.m.. Late, tired, and groggy as usual, I started my trek from Highland Quad just like every other morning. The banality of my routine,

TAYLOR SEWELL

however, was abruptly challenged when I walked past the Community Partnership House behind Branscomb. There, at the front entrance, I saw a man sweeping the pollen off the steps.

Now I know that Vanderbilt is a national arboretum and therefore spends a lot of money keeping up its grounds. And I know that the university—as well as its students—takes great pride in the aesthetically pleasing and intimate nature of this campus. After all, if you have to drag yourself out of bed to walk to your 8:00 a.m. class, at least it's nice to be able to walk through what more or less amounts to a big garden. Despite all this, I still find it a bit absurd that we pay people to sweep pollen off outdoor steps.

I mean, I suppose I can understand the point of the huge outdoor vacuums that suck up the innumerable leaves that fall in autumn; all those leaves legitimately get in the way—especially when it rains and they get all soggy and stick to the bottom of your shoes. But some pollen grains on the steps of the

You know, I've been here at Vanderbilt almost two years now, but I still don't understand why things happen here the way they do. For example, as a tour guide, I have card access to Vandy-Barnard, and I know the code on the stairwell so I can take my tour groups to see the model room on the first floor. My card access, though, is restricted to the side entrance; the front entrance is still off limits. Why? It's beyond me, since my side entrance access and my knowledge of the stairwell code let me go anywhere in the building I want anyway. My point is simply that even after two years, I sometimes still feel like I live in the Land of the Arbitrary. Watching someone sweep the steps

of the CPH was one of those

With that said, I'll also mention that I'm sure that the higher-ups have reasons for nearly everything they do; I'm sure this arbitrariness isn't arbitrary at all. They are, after all, professionals, and I doubt they would have risen to their positions at a prestigious university like ours without displaying their gifts of logic and reasoning. If that's the case, though, maybe there should be more explanations, for instance, an explanation for

the university's dismissal of a living wage. Maybe a monthly administrative newsletter could be distributed or the university budget could be published in The Hustler. Whatever the medium, dialogue could definitely stand to be more open between students and the powers that be.

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I know this is an argument often mentioned in The Hustler and is often touted as a shortcoming of this university, but this regularity should say something. Student concern over why our lives our run the way they are, student desire to understand where our \$43,000 a year goes, student disapproval of administrative decisions, student anxiety over the Commons—why aren't they enough to at least secure adequate discussion and explanation? I love this place and wouldn't trade my experience for anything, and I think Chancellor Gee is basically the coolest person alive, but I still sense overwhelming arbitrariness in the system. And while this is probably just what I gather from my limited perspective as a student on campus, I question the very appropriateness of such

So why do we sweep the outdoor steps of the CPH? I have no idea. But I'll let you know when I

—Taylor Sewell is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Science.



Donnelly: Nation politicizing rape allegation

From **DONNELLY**, page 6

This woman's accusation is being politicized by nearly every kind of politically-correct group on the Duke campus and worst of all by the school officials as well as the local district attorney who is facing the pressure of a local election coming up. The "progressive student alliance" posted mugs of all the players across campus asking them to come forward, and the president of Duke, himself, cancelled the rest of the team's games, making them forfeit. Prominent black individuals on campus, as well as campus feminist groups, have been using this incident to paint a broader picture of "privileged white boys" that play an "elite boarding school sport". Now, instead of being indicted on evidence, since there really is none, many people are thinking they can simply put these boys on trial for who they are. As columnist Kathleen Parker pointed out in The Orlando Sentinel earlier this week: "About the only thing to emerge with any clarity since a black exotic dancer claimed that three white lacrosse players raped her last month is our willingness to believe the worst about males". There is an idea that is promoted in our society that males are out of control and women are neverunder any circumstances- responsible for their own actions. The feminist left has capitalized on this case to perpetuate this idea further. Also, Durham District Attorney Mike Norfig who has vowed that "there will be indictments" has few qualms about pursuing a case where this is little evidence but one woman's word. He is a likely candidate for mayor of Durham, a heavily black city, and is an example of yet another politician doing what he takes to win- whether right or wrong.

Interestingly, phony hate

crimes are nothing new in society, as we saw with the Tawana Brawley incident. In addition, The Los Angeles Times reported last week that there are at least 20 proven incidents of staged hate crimes on college campuses between 1997 and 2005. With all the red flags that have been raised in this case, it seems that this is yet another example of such an incident. The swift reaction and cries of racism that erupted from this incident before any of the facts were known, and then firestorm that continued even after the DNA tests came back say a lot about the state of racism in America. The players will have their lives totally disrupted and their reputations tarnished, and D.A. Norfig may very well be Durham's next mayor. Good for him.

-Chris Donnelly is a sophomore in the College of Arts and



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SPORTS

Offense on fire against Georgia



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Dominic de la Osa and the rest of his teammates congratulate Pedro Alvarez after hitting a home run against Georgia. After dropping game one of the series, Alvarez had the game-winning single Saturday and de la Osa hit a grand slam during yesterday's 11-3 victory.

Commodores score 25 runs en route to taking two of three from Bulldogs.

BY MAX FRANKLIN

with Georgia in emphatic fashion yesterday, beating the Bulldogs 11-3 the rubber game of three-game se-

The Commodores improved their record to 25-12 and 10-5 in the Southeastern Conference.

Sophomore shortstop Dominic de la Osa hit a grand slam and had seven RBI as Vanderbilt pounded out 10 hits and walked five times to put an exclamation point on an already-exciting weekend of baseball in Nashville.

"I thought we had a great week offensively," said head coach Tim Corbin. "Friday was disappointing, but we came back and had good confidence going into Saturday's game. It was a tough game, a good win, and we passed the momentum on to Sunday."

Senior starting pitcher Matt Buschmann set the tone for the Commodores, pitching six and onethird innings in his first start since returning from an oblique strain.

"I felt alright," Buschmann said. "I realized I was not going to be 100 percent with my fastball, so I let my movement work and I kept fighting. The first part of the game didn't go as planned, but what the team

did late was great."

The Vanderbilt baseball team finished its series pitches through the first three innings, but gritted it out and gave up only two runs on eight hits and three walks, while striking out eight. Junior reliever Casey Weathers had two big strikeouts with the bases loaded to end the seventh inning and end Georgia's last real threat of the day.

> "Buschmann was okay, his stuff (wasn't great)," Corbin said. "He wanted to go back out there in the late innings so I let him. It was a gutty performance."

> Vanderbilt scored in the first on a double play. In the fifth, after sophomore Ryan Davis reached on an error and advanced to third on a hit-and-run single by sophomore Alex Feinberg, junior Matt Meingasner hit a two-run double to give the Commodores the lead for

> Joey Side had a leadoff home run and went 4-for-4 for Georgia and Josh Morris had his sixth RBI of the weekend, but it wasn't enough to keep the Bulldogs from losing the series.

"It's a good feeling, and it builds the kids' confidence," Corbin said. "We didn't make an error and had 31 hits in three games, and we're growing every day, but we've still got a long way to go. We're not a proven commodity yet by any standard."

Buschmann struggled early and threw nearly 70 show over the weekend, finishing the series 5-12 with two homers, nine RBI, three runs and three walks. He also seemed to be a part of every big Vanderbilt rally.

> "Overall, we had a pretty good weekend," Alvarez said. "It was big to win the series, and finish it off the way we did after Friday's tough battle that could have gone either way."

Saturday afternoon's game proved to be the most exciting of the series, a 5-4 win for the Commodores. Georgia scored early and held Vanderbilt scoreless for

Trailing 2-0 in the fifth with two runners on base, Alvarez stroked a three-run homer just inside of the right field foul pole.

"Pedro's a good player who keeps improving," Corbin said. "You don't see those offensive numbers very often."

The Commodores trailed by one heading into the bottom of the ninth. Facing Georgia's closer Joshua Fields, Feinberg lead off with a single, advanced to second on Davis's bunt, and then scored on Meingasner's double to right-center to tie the game. After a walk, with the entire crowd on its feet, Alvarez came to bat.

"Anytime I'm up there, I want to get back at the other team," Alvarez said. "I was ready for anything,

Freshman third baseman Pedro Alvarez stole the because the one instance where you think they'll do one thing, the opposite happens."

> Instead of walking the red-hot hitter, Fields pitched to Alvarez, and he roped a single to right field to score pinch-runner Buschmann as the team rushed the

"It was awesome, I've been trying to pinch run for a couple years and I was really excited to be in there in that situation," Buschmann said. "I don't even remember the run from second to home, but it was a great way to win."

Friday night, in front of a Hawkins Field record crowd of 2,533, the Commodores received solo home runs by Alvarez and Davis to give starting pitcher sophomore David Price an early lead. But with two outs and the bases loaded in the third inning, Georgia's Morris hit a grand slam to left field to put the Bulldogs

Although Alvarez hit a bases-clearing double to put the Commodores ahead 7-4, the pitching failed to protect the lead as Price and three relievers gave up five more runs as Georgia came back to win 9-7.

The Commodores will play at MTSU on Tuesday before heading down to face Alabama in a three-game series next weekend.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Giordano's game-winner lifts lacrosse

BY ALEKSEY DUBROVENSKY

Freshman Cara Giordano ripped a shot past Ohio State goalkeeper Kristen Gilwee on a free-position shot as time expired to give the Vanderbilt women's lacrosse team a 9-8 victory in its final home game of the season.

"It's great to go out with a win," senior Kate Hickman said. "This was a big step for us because we're either winning by a lot or losing by a little. We haven't won any close games, so this is a real character builder."

Hickman was aggressive around the Buckeye net the entire game and finished with two goals on six shots. As the defense focused more of its attention on her, other players stepped up and performed well down the stretch.

No one deserves more credit than Giordano, who led the team with three goals on three shots. She entered the game as one of the team's most accurate shooters, and head coach Cathy Swezey called the final play so that she could get the shot.

"I called an isolation for Cara," Swezey said. "It was a gut feeling, and a risky one. But for a freshman to accomplish that she'll never go backwards, that's for

The final series was chaotic and began when sophomore Sasha Cielak caused her fourth turnover of the

The Commodores set up their offense and Margie Curran slashed toward the net, placing a shot that was saved by Gilwee. Giordano picked up the loose ball, was isolated by a screen, and ran into the zone. She was fouled with two seconds remaining and drilled a shot into the back of net just as the final horn sounded, sending the Vanderbilt bench and the crowd at the Vanderbilt Soccer/Lacrosse Complex into a frenzy.

The Commodores had led the entire game, but two Buckeye goals within a minute of each other made the finale necessary.

The Ohio State game was a clear contrast to the easy victory the Commodores earned on Friday, defeating the Ohio Bobcats 13-3 and snapping a four-game losing streak.

"Our goal was to go out and have fun," Hickman said. "We knew that everything would work if we did that. We've been playing well but we've been losing to top-ten and top-five teams and that was dishearten-

Hickman starred in the victory over the Bobcats as

she earned six points on five goals and an assist. She frustrated the Bobcat defense as she took perfectly-delivered passes from junior Kendall Thrift and scored point-blank on three occasions. Thrift finished with four points on a goal and her three assists to Hickman.

Perhaps even more impressive than the acrobatic goal-scoring display was the solid defensive effort that kept the Bobcats off the board for nearly the entire first

"It was a team defense (Friday)," Thrift said. "Normally we have to put our best defenders on some of the other team's players. But today we just said, 'whoever you get, you can hold them out.' So it was a great team

The Commodores dominated the first half and took an 8-1 lead into the intermission. Vanderbilt won both hustle categories for the game as it had a 21-16 advantage in ground balls and an 11-7 advantage in draw controls.

The Commodores' final three games are on the road. They travel to Long Island, New York Sunday to take on Hofstra and then have two weeks off before playing at Indiana and Notre Dame to finish the regular season.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Auburn wins SEC tourney on Vandy's home course

BY FRANKLIN PETR HUSTLER SPORTS REPORTER

With the Southeastern Conference's best coming to Tennessee, Vanderbilt was looking to make a statement at its home course over the weekend.

Though not quite the statement it wanted to make, the women's golf team played three great rounds of golf to take fourth place in the SEC Tournament, while Auburn took its second consecutive championship with an 11-over par team total.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Men fall just short against Kentucky



Jordan Magarik's scored a straight sets win on Saturday, but it wasn't enough for Vanderbilt, as they lost to Kentucky 4-3.

Despite the loss, Commodores optimistic heading into SEC tourney.

BY JAMBU PALAPPAN

The Vanderbilt men's tennis team just hasn't been able to catch a break all season. Its streak of heartbreaking defeats continued Saturday in Lexington in a 4-3 loss to the University of Kentucky.

"We got tentative when we were on the road to winning," said Vanderbilt head coach Ian Duvenhage. "This happens to us often. We get to a point where we almost take the match, but when the victory is within our grasp, we become tentative."

The match came down to the No. 1 singles duel between Vanderbilt's Ryan Preston and UK's Alex Hume. Preston won the first set handily 6-3, but dropped the second 7-5. With all eyes on center court, Hume broke Preston's serve with the third set at 5-5 and went on to a 7-5 victory.

"The fact that Ryan wasn't able to break after being up 30-0 really hurt him," Duvenhage said. "If he had gotten that point, he would have been well on the way to winning the match."

The Commodores started the match well, taking two of three doubles matches. Preston and Jordan Magarik made quick work of the opposition at the number two doubles slot, 8-2.

"The fact that Jordan and Ryan played so well in doubles is a testament to their work ethic," Duvenhage said. "They played the same two UK players earlier in the year and didn't play well at all. This time

Magarik played some of his best tennis of the season, disposing his opponent Greg Anderson (6-2, 6-4) for Vanderbilt's only straight sets singles victory

"Jordan rolled through his match," Duvenhage said. "There was nothing standing in his way and he completely dominated his opponent. We definitely needed that big win early on to gain some momen-

Duvenhage was also extremely impressed with the performance of Evan Dafaux, even though the sophomore dropped his match (6-3, 3-6, 6-3).

"This was definitely a breakthrough match for Evan," Duvenhage said. "He played extremely well and kept battling back."

Although Vanderbilt dropped the match, Duvenhage was impressed with his team's resilience as postseason play approaches.

"Overall, it really was a great match," Duvenhage said. "It was a heartbreaker to lose, because we had

Seeded 11th, Vanderbilt plays Arkansas, the sixth seed, in the first round of the SEC tournament Thursday in Tuscaloosa, Ala. The Razorbacks defeated the Commodores 7-0 March 10 in Nashville.

If Vanderbilt wins, it will play Ole Miss, the third seed, on Friday.

MEN'S TENNIS

Bertrand goes unbeaten as Commodores top Cats

BY FRANKLIN PETR
HUSTLER SPORTS REPORTER

In their final match of the regular season, the No. 7 Commodores were able to hold off a tough University of Kentucky squad to secure the number two spot in the Southeastern Conference tournament.

With the 5-2 victory, Vanderbilt finished the regular season with an impressive 20-3 record overall and 10-1 in the SEC.

Despite falling behind early in doubles play, the Commodores rallied to win at No. 1 and No. 3 and clinch the opening point in the match. The freshman tandem of Liberty Sveke and Courtney Ulery played second doubles for only the second time all season. The pair fought back from an initial three-game deficit to force a tiebreaker but was unable to capture the victory. It was the first doubles loss in conference play for either Commodore.

Vanderbilt ended the conference season with a team record of 20-13 in doubles play.

In singles play, the Commodores needed just the first three matches to clinch the victory. Junior Amanda Fish defeated Kim Coventry at the top spot with a 6-0, 6-2 victory.

Taka Bertrand finished second with her own straight set victory. The sophomore improved to 21-1 overall with the 6-1, 6-2 victory. Bertrand, 11-0 in the SEC, is the only undefeated player in the conference who has competed in all matches.

Caroline Ferrell clinched the match for the Commodores at the No. 5 spot. Ferrell defeated Carolina Escamilla in a straight set victory and finished the regular season with a 14-7 record.

Despite Ulery's loss at No. 4, she collected 16 victories throughout the season, leading all Vanderbilt freshmen. Teammate and fellow freshman Maggie Yahner also lost in Saturday's match. After dropping the first set, Yahner took an early 3-0 lead in the second, but Wildcat Jessica Giuggioli fought back and took the point 6-3, 7-5.

The final point was decided at No. 3 where Amanda Taylor found herself in familiar territory. After dropping the first set in a 6-6 tiebreaker, the sophomore reversed roles and took the second set, this time winning the tiebreaker.

With the outcome of the day already decided, Taylor closed out her match with a victory in a singlegame tiebreaker. Taylor finished her second season with a 19-4 overall record. Her 9-2 record in the SEC is tied for second-best on the team with Amanda Fish.

"I'm extremely pleased with how this team as fought and how far they've come," said head coach Geoff Macdonald. "At this time in the season many teams are mentally tired, because you have to concentrate so hard for so much time. But we did a great job of hanging in there."

With the end of the regular season, the Commodores will head down to Gainesville, Florida, this week for the SEC tournament. Because of their regular season record, Vanderbilt will receive a first round bye.

The Commodores will then face the winner of the LSU-Arkansas match on Friday afternoon. Vanderbilt defeated both teams previously this year.

Future promising for bowlers after finishing fifth at nationals

BY JARRED AMATO HUSTLER ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

With the score tied and down to the last ball in the tenth frame, freshman Michelle Peloquin knocked down nine pins. When the Central Missouri State anchor left two pins standing, Vanderbilt won the game and then proceeded to take the match 4-2.

Despite the opening round upset of the number three seed Jennies, the Commodores lost their next two matches en route to earning a fifth-place finish at the National Collegiate Women's Bowling Championship at Emerald Bowl in Houston, Texas over the weekend.

"With a young lineup we showed a lot of character but it was a learning experience for us," said head coach John Williamson, whose team is in just its second year of existence.

Following the first-round victory, the sixth-seeded Commodores fell to eventual national champion Farleigh Dickinson in seven games. Trailing 3-1, Vanderbilt came back to win the next two games, but lost 237-190 in the deciding game.

"We did well but we didn't get the breaks we needed," Williamson said. "I thought we showed resiliency to force that seventh game."

In the double elimination tournament, the Commodores advanced to the loser's bracket where they were upended by New Jersey City College, the eight seed.

"After the mid-day break we never got back on track," Williamson said. "There were some nerves involved and it was the first time we were in a loser-goes-home situation."

Although the Commodores did not do as well as they may have hoped, there were plenty of positives to take away from the experi-

With the youngest team in the field, the bowlers certainly expect to be back in the years to come.

"We are already excited about getting back to work and coming back here next year," said sophomore Mandy Keily. "This was the first time for all of us and it was a learning experience."

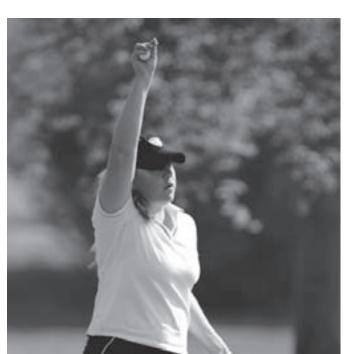
Peloquin agreed.

"We made a statement this year," Peloquin said. "It would have been a better statement if we could have finished higher than fifth but for a new program there is nothing wrong with fifth – this year." ■

What to Watch For: A look at the upcoming week of Vanderbilt sports

Baseball	Lacrosse	Men's Tennis	Women's Tennis		
Record: 25-12 (10-5 SEC)	Record: 6-7	Record: 7-13 (2-9 SEC)	Record: 20-3 (10-1 SEC)		
Next game: Plays at MTSU on Tuesday	Next game: Plays at Hofstra on Sunday	Next game: Plays Arkansas on Thursday in the first round of the SEC Tournament	Next game: Plays the winner of Arkansas-LSU on Friday in the second round of the SEC Tournament		
man Pedro Alvarez combined to go 10-for-25 with 17 RBIs and four runs scored over the weekend as the	winning goal as time expired against American La-	Who's hot: Although the Commodores lost 4-3 to Kentucky, junior Jordan Magarik teamed up with Ryan Preston to win their doubles match and then went on to defeat Greg Anderson 6-2, 6-4 in singles.	undefeated in conference play and recently defeated		

Petr: Concolino, Lawrence earn top-ten finishes as Vanderbilt places fourth



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The Tigers also took two of the top three individual places en route to their victory. The tournament was played at the 6,217-yard, Par 72, Ironhorse Course at Vanderbilt Legends Club in Franklin.

Vanderbilt featured two golfers who finished in the top 10 for the tournament. Freshman Jacqui Concolino finished fourth while sophomore Liebelei Lawrence finished in a five-way tie for seventh overall.

Concolino shot Vanderbilt's best rounds on Friday and Sunday and finished with a combined 218, 2-over par for the tournament.

"I left a lot of putts on the course today," Concolino said. "I always seem to play the back nine better. The front nine has gotten the best of me all weekend."

Concolino's performance capped a fantastic season for the freshman. She leads the team with a 73.28 stroke average.

She won her first ever collegiate tournament and became only the second Vanderbilt freshman to win an event. She also medaled at the Louisiana State-sponsored Cleveland Golf

Windy conditions over the weekend kept scores higher than expected. Friday was especially hard for the field with no golfer able to crack par.

Only six players were able to break the 72-stroke mark on Sunday.

On Saturday, Vanderbilt was able to move into fourth place thanks to improved rounds by the Commodores. Kristen Svicarovich, in particular, shaved seven strokes off her first round score of 76 to tie her career low.

Her 3-under par 69 was the second-best of the day and leap-frogged the Vanderbilt ju-

nior into third place individually through the "I started off the day making a lot of

pars," Svicarovich said. "Then as I got to No. 13, I saw Liebelei Lawrence birdie the 13th hole and Jacqui Concolino to my left birdie No. 11. I decided it was time for me to make some birdies as well."

Svicarovich would finish the tournament tied for 12th at six-over. Saturday's 69 was sandwiched between a 4-over 76 on Friday and a final round of 5-over 77.

Lawrence birdied three of her final four holes and shot even par on both Saturday and Sunday to help her crack the top ten after a five-over opening round.

Chris Brady would finish the tournament with a ten-over 226. The five-foot-nine junior was not able to post a sub-par round throughout the tournament.

Vanderbilt's second round of 287 tied Tennessee for third best of the day and allowed the Commodores to move past Louisiana State to claim the fourth spot.

Vanderbilt shot a 15-over par 303 in the opening round on Friday for fifth place after the first round.

Auburn led the tournament from start to finish, while Tennessee finished second, four shots behind Auburn.

Georgia finished the tournament in third place, while Arkansas finished behind Vanderbilt to round out the top five. lacksquare

Kristen Svicarovich tied a carrer-low 69 in Saturday's action at the SEC Women's Golf Championship. Svicarovich finished 12th overall in the tournament.

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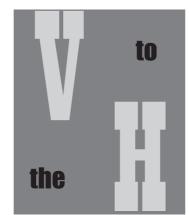
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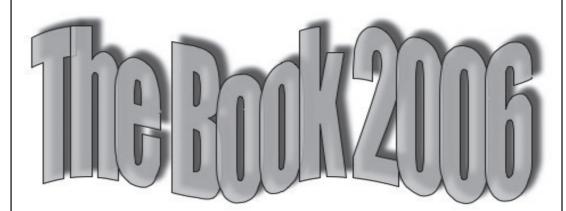
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