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Lambda puts on hit show

by LILY CHEN
Leadership Specialist

In a flurry of lights, fashion and performances, Vanderbilt's Lambda Association held its 14th annual drag show Saturday night at the Student Life Center.

"This show is the biggest event we do as of now," said Lambda president Klint Peebles, a senior. "What we do is try to cultivate a sense of respect and awareness within the community and a sense of fellowship within the Association. This is much more than entertainment. The value of it is to show that there are people who are not afraid to cross gender boundaries."

According to Peebles, drag is a legitimate art form that spans an array of artistic expression, including singing and dancing.

"Drag is a rejection of the cultural appeal for assimilation and demonstrates the courage and immense talent of each participant," Peebles said.

The show drew a large crowd of students as well as people from the Nashville community who came to see performances

by Momentum, Spoken Word, Veronika Elektronica, Champagne Starr and Chyna, among others.

"We recruit student amateurs and we also go around to Nashville bars and clubs to seek out professionals that perform regularly. That's how we managed to get the participation here," Peebles said.

Junior Erica Santiago, who serves as Community Outreach Chair, has been a part of Lambda since her freshman year.

"I think Lambda is an amazing group that supports all kind of people and some of our straight allies are our best friends. It's a necessary group on campus," said Santiago.

Sophomore Jody Kittle, secretary of Lambda, has also been in the organization since his freshman year.

"I'm very excited. This show is a cultural celebration, it's one of the cultural elements of the gay community and it's a way of us celebrating it and raising awareness," said Kittle.

The Lambda Association was founded in 1987 by K.C. Potter. ■



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Saturday night students filled the Student Life Center ballroom to watch the annual Lambda Association Drag Show where students and professional performers took the stage.

SCIENCE & MEDICINE

Medical Center adds new technology for teaching

by NIKITA RODRIGUES
News Contributor

The \$5.5 million construction on Vanderbilt University's Medical Center's (VUMC) Center for Experiential Learning and Assessment's (CELA) new 12,000-square-foot lab has just been completed and is composed of two programs — the Program in Human Simulation and the Simulation Technologies Program.

The Program in Human Simulation sets up clinical practices for learners to improve their interpersonal skills using mannequins to serve as patients.

Mannequins are used at the CELA when a standardized patient can't effectively carry out patient symptoms.

The mannequins are computer-based and capable of doing things physiologically just like humans.

The program uses actors to accurately portray patients, family members, clinicians or others the student would come across in real-life situations

"The Center for Experiential Learning and Assessment provides a safe and controlled environment where medical education can be enhanced by allowing the practice of a wide range of clinical scenarios without the consequences of real world learning," said Lisa Rawn, M.A., director of the Program in Human Simulation.

The Simulation Technologies Program uses technology to provide a way to safely practice routine physical and behavioral skills through the use of computer-based training, partial task training, virtual reality training and realistic mannequin-based simulation.

Several medical schools across the nation have incorporated an idea similar to CELA into their educational programs. Vanderbilt's center is unique due to its comprehensive single center for simulation.

"A lot of schools have both programs, but they are run as separate entities," said John Shatzer, Ph. D. "We can bring assessment experts in to create the whole situation."

According to Shatzer, CELA is "a world-class facility that provides an educationally rich environment for training health care professionals to practice safe, effective and compassionate clinical care." ■

LEADERSHIP

Vanderbilt Undergraduate Chinese Association teaches culture through dumpling party

by JANE ZHAO
News Contributor

The line seemed endless. The student cooks could not keep the food coming out quickly enough. Before long, the room was packed.

Saturday, the 1-year-old Vanderbilt Undergraduate Chinese Association (VUCA) hosted its first major event of the year — the Dumpling Making Party.

"The goal of the party was so that students could not only taste a part of Chinese culture, but also learn about the food culture through first-hand experience by learning to make dumplings," said sophomore and Vice President of VUCA Ariel Liang.

The event began with

students eating store-bought dumplings first and then being led through the dumpling-making process by Liang.

"I think students were excited to be able to actually make the dumplings themselves instead of just being fed," said Social Outreach Chair sophomore Michelle See. "This type of participation is what makes this Dumpling Party different from those hosted by other organizations."

Student-made dumplings were then cooked and students were able to sample what they had made.

"The party proved to be a success, and the aim was reached," said VUCA President junior Cindy Lin. "The general consensus

afterwards was that, while store-bought dumplings were good, self-made dumplings were far better."

Throughout the party, Chinese trivia and popular Chinese songs were played.

Founded just a year ago, VUCA started when some Chinese students realized they needed extra help on their schoolwork and exams. The former president, Rebecca Lin, decided it would be a great idea to invite Chinese graduate students to volunteer their time, and what began as a few free tutoring sessions has expanded into VUCA. VUCA now boasts of more than just free Chinese tutoring, such as upcoming lecture events, movie nights, ping-pong tournaments and selling bubble tea on the wall. ■



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Students spent Saturday night tasting homemade and store-bought dumplings, playing trivia games, and listening to popular Chinese music with VUCA.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Maine preps as hurricane races toward Nova Scotia, evacuation unnecessary

MACHIAS, Maine (AP)—Fishermen moved boats to shelter from a rare burst of tropical weather along Maine’s rugged Down East coast Sunday as Hurricane Kyle plowed past on its way to Canada, threatening a glancing blow equivalent to a classic nor’easter storm without the snow.

A hurricane watch for Maine was discontinued Sunday but a tropical storm warning remained in effect. There were no immediate plans for evacuations in Maine, although residents were warned of potential power outages and interruptions in ferry services to islands.

“It probably won’t be much different than a Nor’easter except we don’t have to deal with the snow,” said Jesse Davis of Marshfield, who planned to ride out the wind and rain at home with his wife and two-month-old daughter. He gassed up his vehicles and generator, took in his deck furniture and filled up water jugs, but said that’s what he does for any big storm.

The deadliest storm to hit the Northeast was in 1938 when a hurricane killed 700 people and destroyed 63,000 homes on New York’s Long Island and throughout New England. Other hurricanes that have hit Maine were Carol and Edna in 1954, Donna in 1960 and Gloria in 1985.

China’s spacewalk team returns to Earth

BEIJING (AP)—Three Chinese astronauts emerged from their capsule Sunday after a milestone mission to carry out the country’s first spacewalk, showing off China’s technological know-how and cementing its status as a space power and future competitor to the United States.

A senior space official said the mission — China’s most ambitious yet — took the country one step closer in its plan to build a space station and then to land a man on the moon.

Wang Zhaoyao, deputy director of manned space flight, said the program is looking to launch a new orbiting vehicle and set up a simple space lab by 2011. There are also hopes of sending unmanned and manned space vehicles to perform docking activities with the target vehicle.

By 2020, China wants to launch a manned mission to experiment with technologies that will enable astronauts to take care of spacecraft for longer periods of time, Wang told reporters at a briefing in Beijing after a parachute brought the astronauts’ capsule back to ground.

“After we have successfully completed these three steps, we will go to even more remote areas,” Wang said. “We believe that as long as we can make further progress on the road of science and technology, China will achieve the target of putting a manned spacecraft on the moon in the near future.”

NYC museum ship Intrepid coming home

NEW YORK (AP)—Almost two years after being pried ignominiously from the mud by a phalanx of huffing tugboats and towed off to a shipyard for a major overhaul, the historic aircraft carrier Intrepid is returning home.

Freshly painted in naval “haze gray” and once again shipshape from stem to stern, the fabled survivor of Pacific war battles and five kamikaze suicide attacks will be towed up New York Harbor and slotted into its familiar Hudson River berth on Oct. 2.

The floating military and space museum will reopen to the public on Nov. 8, with a large celebration on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

“With everything else that’s going on, it may seem like a pimple on an elephant but I can’t tell you how excited we are,” said Bill White, president of the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum. He spent much of the past year lining up private benefactors to help finance the ship’s 22-month, \$120 million restoration.

Among five retired World War II aircraft carriers serving today as museums, none has a record to match Intrepid’s. Launched in 1943, it fought in six major Pacific campaigns, losing 270 crew members — mostly to Japanese kamikazes. It also served in the Korean and Vietnam wars and was twice a recovery ship for NASA astronauts before being decommissioned in 1974.

Marked for the scrap yard, the 36,000-ton relic was rescued in 1981 by real estate developer and philanthropist Zachary Fisher, who brought it to New York to be turned into the museum that in recent years has attracted 750,000 visitors annually, its officials say. In 1986 it was designated a national historic landmark.

Olmert laments ‘evil wind of extremism’ in Israel, threat to democracy

YITZHAR, West Bank (AP)—A new dynamic has emerged in the West Bank: Jewish settlers block roads, burn tires or set fire to Palestinian fields when troops try to dismantle unauthorized settlements.

Activists call the tactic “price tag.” They hope the havoc will deter Israeli security forces from removing any of the dozens of squatter camps, or outposts, dotting West Bank hills. But outgoing Prime Minister Ehud Olmert warned Sunday that an “evil wind of extremism” is threatening Israel’s democracy.

Without naming any specific group, Olmert complained that extremists are undermining “the ability of those in charge in Israel to make decisions.”

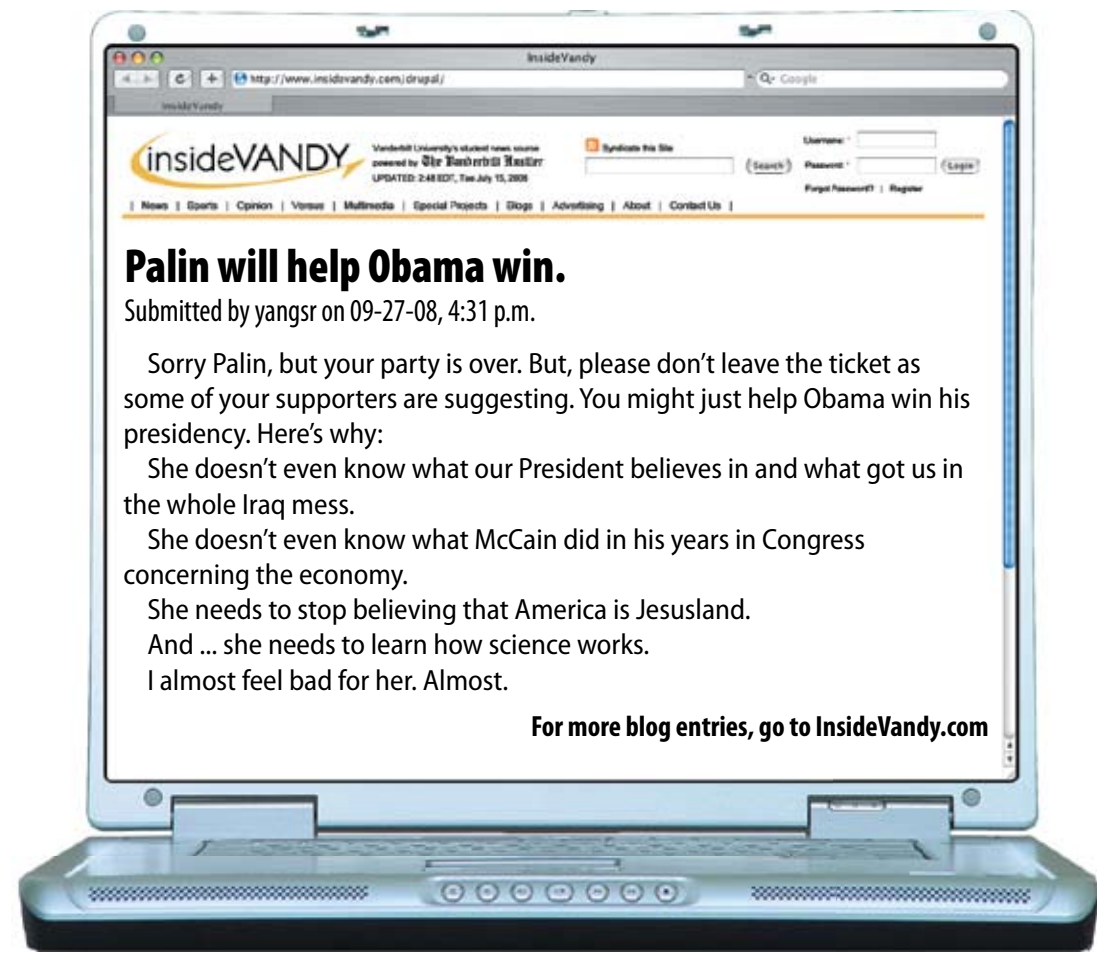
The comments to the Israeli Cabinet and a pipe bomb attack that wounded a prominent Israeli critic of the settlers added to the debate about the dangers of ultra-nationalists.

Despite Sunday’s forceful words, Olmert and his predecessors failed to live up to a 2003 promise to the U.S. to take down dozens of outposts. Critics of the government also say Israeli police and military often ignore settler violence.

“The radical extremists in the right-wing camp understand that the government is just too afraid to confront them,” said Yariv Oppenheimer, leader of the settlement watchdog group Peace Now.

The nearly 300,000 West Bank settlers are a heterogeneous group. They range from suburbanites in settlements near Israel, who moved to the West Bank for cheaper housing, to ideologues and radical “hilltop youth” who believe Israel must keep the territory for religious and security reasons.

FROM THE BLOG



Palin will help Obama win.

Submitted by yangsr on 09-27-08, 4:31 p.m.

Sorry Palin, but your party is over. But, please don’t leave the ticket as some of your supporters are suggesting. You might just help Obama win his presidency. Here’s why:

- She doesn’t even know what our President believes in and what got us in the whole Iraq mess.
- She doesn’t even know what McCain did in his years in Congress concerning the economy.
- She needs to stop believing that America is Jesusland.
- And ... she needs to learn how science works.

I almost feel bad for her. Almost.

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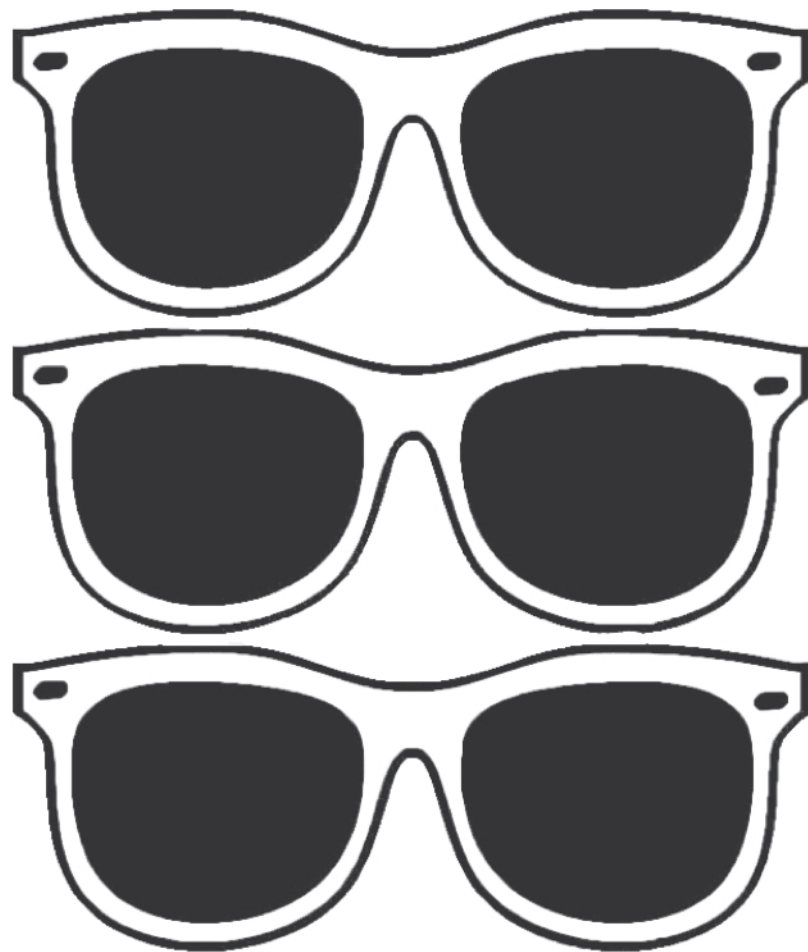
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ACADEMICS

Gandhi Week celebration begins

by ABRAHAM HANSON
News Contributor

Students of Masala-SACE (SouthAsianCulturalExchange) are celebrating the life and philosophy of global peace icon Mahatma Gandhi in a series of events called "Gandhi Week."

Scheduled for Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, Gandhi Week will feature both lecture and film along with traditional Indian cuisine. Co-sponsored by the Office of Active Citizenship and Service, the week ends with a day of service where students will engage in projects throughout the Nashville community.

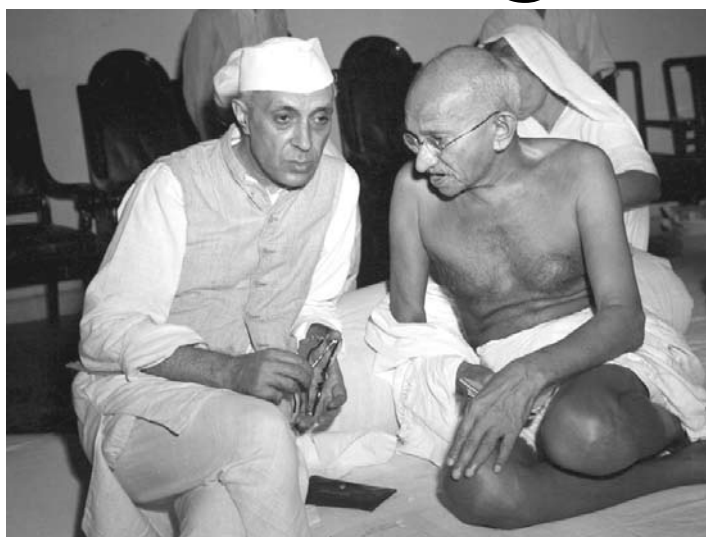
As the leading face of the Indian independence movement, the week is set to honor Gandhi as a prominent

figure of change.

"The single-most important thing we hope to remind students through this week is: 'Be the change you wish to see in the world,'" said senior Aniket Shitalkumar Rali of SACE.

"There are several Gandhian philosophies that are particularly important: perseverance, a lifetime of learning, humility and, most importantly, non-violence," said Rali. "Non-violence is often perceived as a sign of weakness or inability, but the fact is that practice of non-violence requires a tremendous amount of self-restraint, determination and tolerance."

While celebrating Gandhian philosophy, SACE also reinforces the multicultural presence on campus. SACE sponsors



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multiple events throughout the year that represent an aspect of South Asian culture.

"The purpose of SACE is to share South Asian culture with the Vanderbilt community as

we continue to learn from other cultures on campus," Rali said.

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Mansfield, Hudnut-Beumler to discuss 'Race, Religion and Politics'

Vanderbilt News Service

The New York Times best-selling author Stephen Mansfield and Vanderbilt Divinity School Dean James Hudnut-Beumler will bring a discussion, "Race, Religion and Politics: Evangelicals, Conservatives and Liberals Look for Common Ground," to Vanderbilt University Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 6 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public and will be held at The Commons Center.

"Our purpose for The Commons is to bring together students, faculty and the community in our effort to 'live

and learn,'" said Dean of The Commons Frank Wcislo.

"There is nothing more dynamic than the current conversation about the role that religion and race will play in the presidential election and we want to invite the community to share the conversation with us."

Mansfield's most recent work, "The Faith of Barack Obama," has placed him in the national media spotlight. He has been published widely in the areas of church history, ethics and philanthropy.

For the Oct. 1 event, Hudnut-Beumler will frame the historical aspects of the

discussion and highlight issues from a liberal viewpoint and Mansfield will present the current religious aspects of the McCain-Palin and Obama-Biden tickets, as well as trends and issues for conservative evangelicals.

"Race and religion are sometimes difficult topics to be open about but topics we need to discuss," said Frank Dobson, director of Vanderbilt's Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center and faculty head of house for Gillette House in The Commons. "Next Wednesday, we will start a dialogue that we hope continues past the election." ■

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KOALA Week

Respect the Decision Week

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September 28: Not one but two discussion groups: Vandy-Barnard at 7pm and Memorial at 8:30pm. Both will have some yummy desserts as well as "Koalie" so come join us for a discussion on what it's like to be a non-drinker on our campus. All are welcomed!

September 29: Stop by the Wall everyday this week to show respect for the decision to not drink. Get your picture taken with Koalie. Sign the poster and get a cute fuzzy koala bear of your very own!

Discussion group Carmichael Towers West III at 7pm. Everyone welcomed! Free goodies! And Koalie will join us too.

September 30: GAMMA sponsors a group discussion for all Greeks on respecting the decision; 5:30-6:30pm at the Chi Omega House. Free tee shirts and yummy desserts.

Stambaugh Hall program on Sex Under the Influence starts at 8pm. See if Koalie has sober sex.

October 1: Read the essays in the Hustler written by your peers about why they choose not to drink or why we should respect the decision. Keep an open mind, and respect the decision.

October 2: Koalie will be visiting The Commons during dinner hour this week. Go ahead and give him a hug. You know you want to! Send the pix home to Mom and Dad!

October 3: Koalie welcomes parents and siblings! Stop by the Wall, 11 am - 1 pm, for a koala hug and tee shirt!

October 4: Family and Parents Weekend, Student Life Center. Koalie will visit the Information Fair from 3-5. Come get your pix taken with him!

Koalie is cheering for the Dores to beat Auburn! Go Dores!!!

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KOALA Week, September 28-October 3
Respect the Decision WeekA Good Time Redefined as Better Time in Competition

As the youngest of five kids, I was very accustomed to being picked on and teased for being little, wearing crazy outfits & making outlandish comments such as, "I'm never getting married" or "I'm never going to drink alcohol in my life." My marriage beliefs quickly changed in middle school when I discovered boys were not so gross & mean. However, my view on alcohol has gone through a different journey.

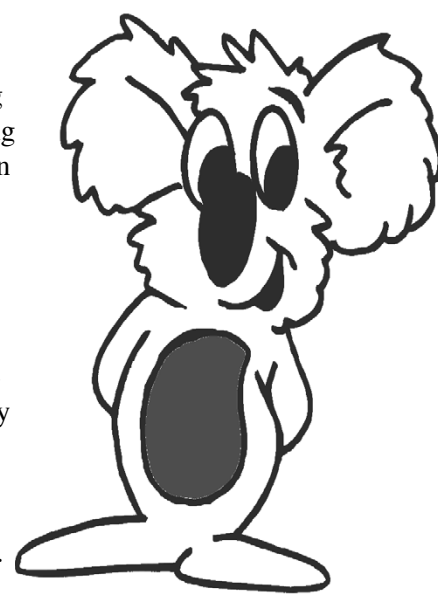
In high school, my life revolved around becoming the best runner that I could be, committing myself whole-heartedly to the cross country & track teams. I brought my lunch everyday because I could bring healthier options than the cafeteria food. I went to bed early because I had practice at 5:45 AM four mornings a week. I never went to Friday night football games because I almost always had a meet on Saturday morning. I made these decisions knowing that running would be my ticket to college, & I never once felt sorry for myself. My closest friends were my teammates & were always supportive. I never felt any pressure to drink or go to parties until my senior year.

During the second semester of my senior year, some friends started attending parties and getting into a lot of trouble on the weekends. They always invited me knowing the answer would be no. At times, I thought I might be missing out on something, but I stayed true to my youthful comment to never drink alcohol.

My first year at Vanderbilt, I was very scared that the pressure to drink would be significantly greater than what it was in high school and feared people would make fun of me for my decision to abstain from alcohol. As a Vanderbilt athlete, my teammates & other athletes completely understood my decision to stay away from drinking. At parties, I never felt pressure to drink to have a good time. As long as I was holding water or Gatorade, alcohol was never offered.

As my twenty-first birthday approached, I rethought my personal beliefs about alcohol. Even though as a young girl, I vowed to never drink; I began to realize that I was no longer a little girl. I understood that moderation was acceptable & that an occasional drink would not inhibit my running in any way. I still do not drink much & often agree to be the designated driver. I don't feel that I am missing out on anything. My friends know that

I am not anti-alcohol and don't judge people based on their decision to drink and I am available if they need help. Many people on this campus drink & some drink responsibly; while others do not drink. No matter the reason, it is important to respect & support a persons' decision to stay away from alcohol. —Julie, Class of '08



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OPINION

In search of a new path

NELLY TODD
Columnist

Quite the buzz has centered on the Ole Miss campus in recent days. First, two Saturdays ago Ole Miss was the site of Vanderbilt's winning football game, allowing Vanderbilt football to be ranked for the first time in 24 years. Then, this past Friday night, Ole Miss hosted the two presidential candidates for the first debate of this election. While on different scales, both events are historical — though perhaps the scales are tipped in football's favor amongst loyal Vanderbilt fans. The common location of the two events led me to wonder what, if anything, do they have in common?

Many may be unaware that in 2003 Vanderbilt completely did away with its athletic department, shocking the campus, the athletic community and the media. Everyone laughed. This was certainly the end of any hope Vanderbilt ever had of becoming a real competitor in the Southeastern Conference. But the administration at the time had a vision — a vision of athletes who did not live in an athletic world separate from the rest of campus and of an athletic program that was not a faction of the campus but instead tied directly to student life. The administration had a vision of a stronger, more cohesive Vanderbilt, and pursued that goal, staying true to course when others thought they'd lost their minds. It's never easy to make a difficult decision without support.

Today, five years later, they have all the support they could hope for, as the move has met the deepest hopes of the decision-makers and left the naysayers hiding in the corner. Vanderbilt is winning, and it's winning a lot. In 2007 the bowling team won the national championship and the baseball team was ranked No. 1. Former football quarterback Jay Cutler now starts for the Denver Broncos, while baseball stars David Price and Pedro Alvarez were top picks in the last two MLB drafts. Both men's and women's basketball were seeded No. 4 in last season's NCAA tournament. The football team started both the 2005 and 2008 seasons with a 4-0 record, with the Ole Miss game earning them the long-dreamed-of ranking. To top it off, they're all pretty smart, too. According to an article earlier this month in the New York Times, Vanderbilt's average student athlete GPA is 3.1 and the athlete graduation rate is a conference-best at 94 percent.

The presidential candidates were most likely unaware of the momentous event that had taken place at their debate site just a few days earlier. If they had known, however, they might find a lesson for themselves in Vanderbilt's win. Vanderbilt athletics were losing, and so is our country — our failing financial institutions, wars, deteriorating public education and partisan bickering are taking their toll. Vanderbilt made a bold move and chartered an unknown path. The old way wasn't working and it was time for a new one. People like to stay on an old path, even if it's broken, because it's familiar. We fear the unknown. Vanderbilt was mocked, but steadily stayed its course. Our country needs a new path — our old one is broken — and we need a leader. We need a leader with a vision for a way out and who will have the confidence to stay steady in the face of opposition. Bold moves and big decisions don't always pan out, that is part of the risk in taking a new path. The unforeseen is always an obstacle. We do know, with fair certainty however, that today's path is quickly leading nowhere. Vanderbilt is reaping the rewards of breaking from the pack, and I hope the next president will have the confidence to do the same.

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EDITORIAL

ESPN presents opportunity for Commodore fans

When ESPN descends on Nashville and Vanderbilt Stadium for the second time this season, Lee Corso, Kirk Herbstreit and Chris Fowler will be joining the crew to broadcast their popular College GameDay program.

Since 1993, the show has mostly taken place outside a college stadium with rowdy fans in school paraphernalia cheering behind the news desk. ESPN chose the Commodores' cross-division game against the Auburn Tigers as this week's venue due to its importance; the squaring off between two top 20 teams, both in the country's most competitive conference, is big news in the college football world.

GameDay may be surprised to find out that the fan fervor seen in South Bend or Gainesville is a little muted in Nashville. This does not mean Vanderbilt fans are poor or fair-weather, but some may

question ESPN's decision to host the college football show at a school where it appears games are less about watching football and more about enjoying a Saturday afternoon with friends.

This is an opportunity, then, for fans to make a statement about our Commodores. Fans should show up early and in their best game gear (body paint or pastels) to show the nation that we love football here, too. There is little doubt Lee and Kirk will discuss Vanderbilt's preppy fraternity scene and high academic standards in conjunction with an ascendant football team.

Future Vanderbilt students may be more swayed by how we present ourselves on national television than by Commons tours touting our progressive approach to the first-year experience. Let's put on our game faces.

Picnic with candidates good for democracy

The Meet the Candidates picnic on Sept. 25 provided an excellent opportunity for Vanderbilt employees and students to participate actively in local, state and national politics. Some 30 candidates and campaign representatives met with around 800 people on Olin Lawn to enjoy hot dogs, ice cream and conversations about the issues.

Interested voters were allowed to talk one-on-one with candidates, read campaign information and register to vote. This style of local and personal politicking hearkens back to the days before the 24-hour news cycle, blogging and pre-packaged campaign advertisements. In such a fast-paced, sound bite-driven climate, the uniquely American town square campaigning is refreshing.

Tip O'Neil's wise words, "all politics is local," rang true as the Vanderbilt community educated themselves about the issues and the candidates. Despite stories like the financial crisis dominating the national headlines, Nashville voters are probably more interested in the city's gas shortage or the expansion of residential and commercial development. By bringing the candidates out to the people, Vanderbilt provided a venue for voters to discuss their concerns directly with their potential leaders.

With politicians or their surrogates talking directly with these people, the questions are harder to dodge. Voters now have a better idea about which candidates have their interests in mind and which ones are just out to get a vote. It is easy for a candidate to produce red meat

for a crowd of supporters, but it is much more productive to have that candidate explain his policies and beliefs.

Representative democracy allows civic leaders to make the important decisions in government, and these leaders are held accountable by frequent elections. Contrasted with direct democracy, our representative system frees most citizens from having to make every single decision. This allows those citizens to produce, innovate and participate in the market, much nobler goals than pursuing the dull workings of government.

Nevertheless, our system requires citizens to pursue knowledge and hold elected officials accountable. Vanderbilt's picnic with the candidates did well to promote this citizen involvement.

In response to your comments



THOMAS SHATTUCK
Opinion Editor

I have to admit, I've been stumped. It is absolutely beyond me how Vanderbilt works. We're in the top 20, but then I read all sorts of rants and letters and then feel a tad empty. Some of them make little or no sense. Several actually seem to have been created for the sole purpose of wasting my time. There are many creative rants, excellent letters and insightful posts, but where's the fun in discussing them? I think it's always better to remember the mistakes. In commemoration of this, I thought we might as well go through the InsideVandy message boards — a little chat between you and me.

Commodore 321 (clever name by the way) calls for the resignation of a small, albeit, important portion of the Hustler staff. I have to admit, I'm mildly offended that no one called for my resignation. What, do I not warrant it? I feel I'm just as incompetent. Besides, if anyone should resign, it should be the sports editor, David Rutz. In fact, why doesn't the entire Hustler staff just resign? Why do we even need a paper? It's not like half this campus can even read. We might as well just spend tuition on booze. Oh wait, most of us already do.

JW Paddon writes, "I will never give a dime to Vanderbilt because Vanderbilt does not support my values," and by values, he means Vanderbilt is not a dry campus. Oddly enough, I am pretty sure Sigma Chi's little venture was not Vanderbilt sponsored. It wasn't like Zeppos gave them \$10 grand and said, "Go wild," though if I'm incorrect and he did, good job, guys. In fact, there are so many other legitimate reasons not to donate to Vanderbilt — like the football team (though they're getting better). Or the fact half this campus can't actually read. Or The Slant. Or the fact that every year, we have a "better" freshman class who somehow just makes us all look worse (over 30 visits to the ER for alcohol poisoning in a couple weeks, seriously?). Really Paddon? I mean there are so many reasons not to give money, why don't you use a real one (or I suppose you could just be an overzealous fool, whatever works for you).

I have to admit, I enjoyed Unequalequality's post (another clever name, and I originally thought he was a blithering idiot). I haven't laughed that hard since the Crimean War. He writes so tenderly, "Why are so many people making such a huge deal about 50 plus white males that were arrested?" What a good question, why does anyone care that half an entire fraternity got arrested? It must be because they're white. I would also like to remind him, Guilty by Association is also a punk band from Las Vegas and not just "a concept that is frequently used to throw young black males into the prison systems." I'm sure it was a simple misunderstanding, not a product of sheer, incomprehensible stupidity. He ends his post by saying, "Kudos to the Hustler for serving the Vanderbilt community most effectively!" I think I can speak on behalf of the whole staff, and say thank you to him for these kind words.

These comments were not alone, but it would take too long to elucidate every poorly pontificated argument. I thought I might just bring these ones to light. And remember, while I'd rather season my meal with your dead mother's ashes than respect you and that if you were FDR, I'd roll you down the stairs, I've grown fond of you. We've had some good times and some bad times, but we'll make it.

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THE VERDICT		Stand and be judged by the Hustler opinion staff! Compiled by Thomas Shattuck
Pirates		Pirates seized the Ukrainian-operated ship Faina off the coast of Somalia on Thursday as it headed to Kenya carrying 33 Russian-built T-72 tanks and a substantial amount of ammunition and spare parts. Yeah, that's right: pirates with tanks.
Scarlett Johansson		Scarlett Johansson recently married Ryan Reynolds, despite the fact she has spoken out in opposition of monogamy. I guess congratulations are in order even though she has managed to shatter men's dreams everywhere.
Pandora		The relatively well-known Internet radio station Pandora may have to close its doors soon. Unlike normal stations, Pandora regularly has to pay royalties for the songs it plays. Recently, the royalties have increased, annihilating the station's already small profit.
Nebraska		On the plus side, after years of lawmakers' attempts, Nebraska passed a law making it the last state to allow parents to legally abandon their children in hospital or police department without prosecution. Unfortunately, it's still Nebraska.
Thailand		A publicity stunt by an underdog in the race to be governor of Bangkok went very wrong when her campaign manager drowned as they bathed in a canal to highlight the plight of residents who have no access to clean water. Maybe Sarah Palin will try it next.
Brazil		Transport authorities in Brazil have caught up with a speed-loving Brazilian driver who clocked up nearly \$2 million in fines. The car, worth around \$6,500, will be auctioned if the driver does not pay the \$1.8 million in fines in 90 days.
Dan Brown		Not only can he not write, now an Italian man has stabbed a priest, while claiming he was both the Antichrist and inspired by "The Da Vinci Code."
Commodores		I know it's not a win, but its almost as good. Either way, we still didn't lose. Next week: Auburn.
Murder		A Colorado teenager hired men to kill his mother so he could use her money to get breast implants for his girlfriend. Nikita Lee Weis, 18, was arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to commit first-degree murder.
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SPORTS

Soccer edged in two SEC games

by PETER LETARTE
Sports Contributor

Vanderbilt's sun-kissed VU Soccer Complex provided a beautiful backdrop for the opening weekend of Southeastern Conference soccer on Sunday afternoon.

Both Auburn and Vanderbilt entered Sunday's match looking for their first win in SEC play, but it was a day for hope on the field as well as off of it. The theme of the day was Power in Pink as Under Armour teamed up with both Vanderbilt and Auburn's programs to promote breast cancer awareness.

Both teams started the game wearing flashy pink jerseys and socks supplied by Under Armour to show their support for all who have been affected by the disease. Donations were raised during the game to go toward Under Armour's cause. In addition, the game was broadcast on Fox Sports Net to raise further awareness.

"For us to be able to make a contribution to that awareness by playing a game and watching strong women compete was really thrilling for us," said coach Ronnie Coveleskie.

After falling to Alabama at home on Friday in their first SEC matchup, the Commodores were eager to get back into the swing of things versus the Tigers (5-4-2) on their home turf.

Just 1:19 after the opening tip, freshman midfielder Katy Frierson of Auburn bent a left-footed shot off of a free kick into the upper corner from 25 yards out. However, 16 minutes in, Vanderbilt took advantage of their opportunities when senior midfielder Katie Schulz scored her first goal of the season.

Schulz's goal came when senior Amy Wilcox's shot off of a corner kick ricocheted off of Auburn's goal keeper and Schulz sent it to the back of the net to tie the game up at one.

The Tigers went back on top after forward Stephanie Fransoso beautifully fed fellow junior Rebecca Howell downfield allowing her to break away from the Vanderbilt defense and score, putting the Tigers up 2-1 at halftime, despite Vanderbilt outshooting Auburn 12-5.

Soon after play resumed in the second half, junior Gabi Rivera took advantage of yet another Auburn break away and put her team up 3-1. Teammate Chelsea Rauch was credited with the assist after finding Rivera downfield. Vanderbilt was frustrated several times after Auburn goalkeeper Allison Whitworth made several spectacular saves.

However, the Commodores (6-3-1) lowered their heads and threatened to come back late. Vanderbilt sophomore forward Molly Kinsella helped cut Auburn's lead in half by assisting Schulz, who scored her second goal of the game. Vanderbilt seemed to feel a sense of urgency in the last five minutes of the game, but superb defense around the goal by Frierson and Whitworth put the game out of the reach of the Commodores..

"We made some mistakes," said Schulz, "... (but) next week will be a big one (versus Florida)."

One thing for sure is the Commodores certainly aren't giving up hope in SEC play just yet. Coveleskie certainly expects good things to come.

"I'm optimistic, the season is young as far as the SEC," Coveleskie said, "and I think we have a very bright future." ■



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Senior midfielder Amy Wilcox prepares to boot the ball downfield during Friday night action between Vanderbilt and Alabama.



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Vanderbilt sophomore Megan Kinsella battles an Auburn player for ball control Sunday afternoon at the VU Soccer Complex. The SEC contest was a "Power in Pink" game to raise awareness of breast cancer. Both teams wore pink jerseys supplied by Under Armour for the occasion.

Around the SEC

by MIKE KRANZLER
Sports Contributor

Then-No. 8 Alabama (5-0, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) burst out of the gates to a 31-0 halftime lead over then-No. 3 Georgia in coasting to a 41-30 victory in Athens. Georgia staged a "black-out" for the game, with the team wearing black uniforms and the fans wearing black as well. But the Crimson Tide took advantage of several costly Georgia penalties to drive down the field time and time again in the first half, blacking out the Bulldogs (4-1, 1-1 SEC) early. No. 2 Alabama's standout freshman wide receiver Julio Jones had five catches for 94 yards and one touchdown which was nearly matched by No. 11 Georgia freshman A.J. Green, who had six catches for 88 yards and a touchdown of his own. The game was nowhere near as close as the score indicated, as Georgia tallied two touchdowns in the final three minutes as their comeback bid fell short.

HUGE UPSET IN THE SWAMP

Ole Miss (3-2, 1-1 SEC) upset the then-No. 4 Florida Gators 31-30 on the strength of a blocked point-after try with less than four minutes to go in the game. While it was a back-and-forth affair, Ole Miss quarterback Jevan Snead made big plays with his arm and his feet, throwing for two touchdowns and running for another. The Gators (3-1, 1-1 SEC) had one more chance to score at the end of the game, but Florida head coach Urban Meyer chose to give the ball to reigning Heisman Trophy-winner Tim Tebow on a fourth down run, rather than kick what would have been a 49-yard go-ahead field goal with 40 seconds left. Tebow was stuffed and the celebration was on in the Swamp for Ole Miss.

VOLS' FALL CONTINUES

The No. 13 Auburn Tigers continued to struggle on offense, but managed to eke out a 14-12 win over the Tennessee Volunteers (1-3, 0-2 SEC) at home. Auburn has been mired in a quarterback controversy all season, and neither Chris Todd nor Kodi Burns did much to distinguish themselves heading into next week's top 25 match-up in Nashville with the Commodores. Todd threw for 93 yards and a touchdown, but also had an interception, while Burns threw for 36 yards. The Tigers (3-1, 1-1 SEC) scored their second touchdown when Volunteers running back Arian Foster fumbled a hand-off in his own end zone, which Jake Ricks recovered for the score.

DID YOU KNOW?

Through the first five games of the season, Alabama has not trailed once, outscoring their opposition by a combined score of 185-67.

The Tennessee Volunteers are 1-3 for the first time since 1994, when Peyton Manning was a back-up as a freshman.

The Arkansas Razorbacks have lost their last two games by a combined score of 101-24.

Florida turned the ball over three times in their loss to Ole Miss after not having a single turnover in their first three games.

Through the first four weeks of the season, Vanderbilt's junior D.J. Moore was 10th in the Southeastern Conference in all-purpose yards despite being the only defensive player on the list. ■

Golf teams finish strong

by DAVID RUTZ
Sports Specialist

The Vanderbilt women's golf team finished in fourth place among an extraordinarily difficult field this weekend at the Mason Rudolph Golf Championship at the Vanderbilt Legends Club.

Vanderbilt sophomore Megan Grehan set a school record on Saturday with a 7-under-par score of 65 to put the team in third place at the end of play before Sunday.

The Commodores wound up as a team at 4-over-par, 18 strokes behind tournament champion UCLA, the No. 2 team in the nation. Top-ranked Southern California and No. 5 Oklahoma State rounded out the top three.

Vanderbilt was led in the tournament by freshman Marina Alex, who shot a 70 on the final day to put her at 4-under-par for the tournament. Grehan, buoyed by her sensational second day, finished in a tie for seventh place.

The team finished ahead of 13 other schools in a tournament featuring the top five women's golf programs in the country.

The women's team will be back in action next weekend at the Tar Heel Invitational at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

On the men's side of the Mason Rudolph, senior Jon



GREHAN

Curran led Vanderbilt with a Sunday score of 68 to leave him at 8-under-par for the tournament and help him finish in a tie for second place.

Junior Hudson Johnson fired a Sunday round of 73 to put him at 1-over-par for the championship and a 16th place finish.

As a team, Vanderbilt shot 3-over-par and came in fifth out of 17 schools.

Southeastern Conference rival South Carolina won the team championship, beating second-place finisher Kentucky by eight strokes.

The Commodores have a few weeks until their next tournament on Oct. 24 at The Ridges in Johnson City, Tenn. ■

VU Commodores contributed to this article.

ESPN's 'GameDay' coming to campus

by DAVID RUTZ
Sports Specialist

Vanderbilt has received plenty of publicity for its 4-0 start and national ranking. Add a visit from ESPN's College GameDay and the entire country will have its eyes on Nashville this Saturday.

The popular college football television show will be coming to campus on Oct. 4 for the Southeastern Conference tilt between Vanderbilt and Auburn.

The crew of Lee Corso, Kirk Herbstreit, Chris Fowler and Desmond Howard will be heading to a Vanderbilt game

for the first time in the history of the College GameDay show.

With Vanderbilt at No. 19 and Auburn at No. 13 in the Associated Press poll, the ESPN-televized game undoubtedly was going to be a top draw anyway. But with Gameday coming to town, the spectacle surrounding this Saturday's game grows even larger.

With a win, Vanderbilt (4-0, 2-0 SEC) would improve to 5-0 for the first time since 1943. Auburn (4-1, 2-1 SEC) will be looking for its second straight conference victory after a 14-12 victory over Tennessee on Saturday. ■



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