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## Price pays off



CHRIS O'MEARA / AP Photo

Closer Tampa Bay Rays pitcher David Price reacts after defeating the Boston Red Sox 3-1 to win the American League baseball championship series in Game 7 in St. Petersburg, Fla., Sunday, Oct. 19. The former Vanderbilt starter has impressed analysts and fans since his major league debut in September.

by **DAVID RUTZ**  
*Sports Specialist*

If you want something done right, get a Commodore to do it.

Former Vanderbilt star David Price, the first overall pick in the 2007 Major League Baseball draft by the Tampa Bay Rays, closed out Game 7 of the American League Championship Series by recording the final four outs to defeat the Boston Red Sox, 3-1.

"There was no reason to be nervous, because this is what I've prepared myself for," Price said.

The Rays, a perennial doormat of the American League, advanced to the World Series for the first time in their brief history, where they

will face the National League champion Philadelphia Phillies starting tonight.

The Rays had a 3-1 lead in the series and were seven outs from clinching in Boston with a 7-0 lead in Game 5. The Red Sox staged an amazing comeback, scoring eight runs to win and followed up with a Game 6 victory in Tampa to force the series to seven games.

With that all in mind, Price's save was a nail-biter, with every fan at Tropicana Field on edge with every pitch.

There was no need to worry.

The 6-foot-6-inch lefty entered the game and struck out Boston right fielder J.D. Drew with the bases loaded to end the eighth inning and then shrugged off a leadoff walk to strike out Mark Kotsay and Jason Varitek before

getting pinch hitter Jed Lowrie to ground out for the victory.

"His approach to that moment was impeccable," said Vanderbilt head baseball coach Tim Corbin. "To watch him and (the Rays) win was a real thrill."

After the win was secured, Price threw down his glove and was bear-hugged by catcher Dioner Navarro before being wrestled to the ground by a mob of teammates.

"I want the ball in those types of situations when the game's on the line," Price told the Nashville media during a teleconference on Monday. "I want that spotlight on me."

"He's that type of kid," Corbin said. "He expects to win, and he has high expectations of his performance."

Price, who recorded his first

career major league save, got the win in Game 2 of the ALCS by recording two outs in the 11th inning and watching his team win it in the bottom of the inning on a sacrifice fly.

For the series, Price worked 2 1/3 innings of scoreless relief and allowed no hits and two walks, while striking out four.

Corbin feels Price's greatest asset on the mound is his competitive nature.

"He's a rare guy," Corbin said. "He can concentrate very, very well at key moments. That's what separates him from others."

"That's just the way I was raised," Price said. "I expect to win every time I touch the ball." ■

*The Associated Press contributed to this article.*

## LEADERSHIP

### Vanderbilt hosts Tennessee high school media workshop



LAUREN KOENIG / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Tennessee High School Press Association participants work with journalist-in-residence Tim Ghianni on journalism skills on Tuesday, Oct. 21.

by **LAUREN KOENIG**  
*News Contributor*

While most undergraduates were enjoying the last day of fall break on Tuesday, 604 aspiring journalists, broadcasters and photographers invaded the empty campus as part of the second fall Tennessee High School Press Association student media workshop.

THSPA, a service division of Vanderbilt Student Communications, seeks to provide a forum for high school students interested in journalistic writing and coverage in student publications.

The workshop hosted 40 schools mainly from middle Tennessee. Students had the opportunity to attend three seminars from a choice of 42 speakers. Seminars were held at Sarratt Student Center and the Student Life Center.

Topics ranged from "Think More, Shoot Less," offered by AP photographer Mark Humphrey, to "Who, When, Where, Why, How and What is News?" offered by Vanderbilt's own journalist-in-residence Tim Ghianni.

High school senior Mariah

Sellitch is a news anchor at Blackman High School's news station. "It was interesting to learn about the not so glamorous life of what goes on in media," said Sellitch. "I appreciated learning about it from a first hand account."

Abby Smith, a sophomore at Harpeth Hall School, is part of a creative writing class at her school and attended "Breaking Through Writer's Block."

"I found it to be helpful for any type of writing, whether it's creative, essay writing or journalism," said Smith. "All of the people were very good at relating to personal experience."

Nineteen vendors, among them "Yearbooks Your Way" and "Walsworth Books," publicized their products and services. Eager to recruit today's upcoming media persons, Vanderbilt, Lipscomb and Western Kentucky Universities also had advertisement tables.

High school senior Nastrin Salimi said the conference "has helped me with new ideas about articles and gave me a better understanding of what it takes to be in media."

Smith agreed. "It's been quite a success this year," she said. ■

## CAMPUS LIVING



NIKKY OKORO / AP Photo

Ning Foncham buys a ticket at the Sarratt ticket office from employee Ben Quigley. Tickets for the Commodore Quake sold out last Friday, Sept. 17.

### Commodore Quake sells out

by **NORAH SCANLAN**  
*Campus Living Specialist*

Time is out for those students who have not yet purchased their Commodore Quake tickets, according to Campus Student Events. As of Friday night, there are no tickets available.

Lil Wayne sales were ahead of last year's Kanye West sales by one week, according to Director of Campus Student Events Dwayne Elliott. In contrast,

Kanye West tickets did not sell out until 3:20 p.m. on the day of the concert.

"(This year) we sold almost 2,500 tickets the first day tickets were on sale. We had more people waiting in line this year than (for) Kanye West. Two tickets are being sold on Craig's List for \$225, so these are the hottest tickets in town right now," said Elliott.

Despite the popularity of Lil Wayne, Elliott recognized

that students have complained about having an "urban act" for Quake over the past four years and for the last two years at Rites of Spring.

"To clarify, we actually submitted offers for rock/alternative acts for the last three years, and they always backed out at the last minute... Also, rock bands are really expensive, so it is hard to find the right headliner that is popular to the general student body," said Elliott.

A Rites of Spring survey estimates the cost of Green Day to be over \$500,000, and Taylor Swift to be over \$200,000.

In response to a student-created Facebook petition to get Coldplay to perform, Elliott said that if Coldplay were to come to Quake, student tickets would have to be at least \$90 due to budget limitations. In addition, Elliott noted that some artists do not even play college venues due to size and acoustics issues. ■

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Iraqi cabinet, prime minister says pact with US needs some changes

**BAGHDAD (AP)**—Iraq’s Cabinet decided Tuesday to ask the U.S. for changes to the draft agreement that would keep American troops here three more years, as key Shiite lawmakers warned the deal stands little chance of approval as it stands.

The decision, reached in a closed-door meeting that lasted nearly six hours, raised doubt that the agreement can be ratified before a new American president is elected next month.

Parliament must approve the draft before the current U.N. mandate expires on Dec. 31 or no legal basis will exist for the U.S.-led military mission.

Such an outcome would force hard decisions in Baghdad and Washington on the future of the unpopular war.

Critics maintain the draft falls short of Iraqi demands for full control of their own country after nearly six years of U.S. occupation. Supporters insist Iraq still needs U.S. military and political support as it builds its security forces and governmental institutions.

Opposition, however, is divided, with different parties objecting to different parts of the agreement, which could make it difficult to win broad support for the entire document before the year end deadline.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and his ministers reviewed details of the draft, hammered out in months of tortuous negotiations, and concluded that changes were needed “to raise the agreement to a nationally acceptable level,” government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said in a statement.

Cabinet members will prepare a list of proposed changes to present to the Americans, al-Dabbagh said without giving a timeframe.

### Paulson, Federal Reserve moving to help break credit logjam

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—First, it was the banks. Now the Federal Reserve has come to the aid of money market funds as the government seeks to break the credit logjam that threatens the global economy.

A week after the government announced it would spend \$250 billion to buy stakes in U.S. banks, the Fed stepped up Tuesday to help money market funds that have been squeezed by worried investors demanding to cash out their holdings. Meanwhile, the Treasury named two accounting firms to help manage the \$700 billion bailout package.

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said Tuesday night that the government would do whatever it takes to deal with the credit crisis but he cautioned that economic troubles caused by the crisis are likely to persist “for a number of months.”

“Through a multitude of powerful actions we have and will demonstrate our commitment to unlocking our credit markets and minimizing the impact of the current instability on the rest of the U.S. economy,” Paulson told a New York audience.

The government is trying to combat the worst credit crisis in seven decades, an upheaval that has destabilized Wall Street and raised fears that the country could tumble into a deep recession.

The Fed said it would provide up to \$540 billion in financing to money market mutual funds in a new program called the Money Market Investor Funding Facility.

“The government is doing everything it can to break the logjam,” said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody’s Economy.com. “If these money markets are not working properly, then the economy is significantly threatened because this is where businesses get their short-term financing for their day-to-day operations.”

### Mongol motorcycle gang from California arrested in federal sweep

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Dozens of burly, tattoo-covered members of the Mongol motorcycle gang were arrested Tuesday by federal agents in six states following a three-year investigation in which undercover agents infiltrated the group.

More than 60 members of the Southern California-based Mongol Motorcycle Club were arrested under a federal racketeering indictment that included charges of murder, attempted murder, assault, as well as gun and drug violations, said Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives spokesman Mike Hoffman.

During some arrests, sharpshooters stood guard on surrounding rooftops as motorcycles were lined up and confiscated.

“It’s going to be a large hit to their organization. We are arresting many of their top members,” Hoffman said.

U.S. Attorney Thomas O’Brien said he believed it to be the highest number of arrests of a motorcycle gang in the nation’s history.

His staff planned to ask a judge for an injunction to seize the Mongols’ trademarked name, a first for federal authorities. If the order is approved, no member would be able to wear a jacket or ride a bike bearing the gang’s name.

“It would allow law enforcement to seize the leather jackets right off their back,” O’Brien said.

Federal and local agents had 110 federal arrest warrants and 160 search warrants that were being served across Southern California and in Nevada, Oregon, Colorado, Washington and Ohio. The sweep, dubbed Operation Black Rain, was to continue throughout the day Tuesday, agents said.

### Va. pharmacy follows faith, no longer sells sweet foods, birth control

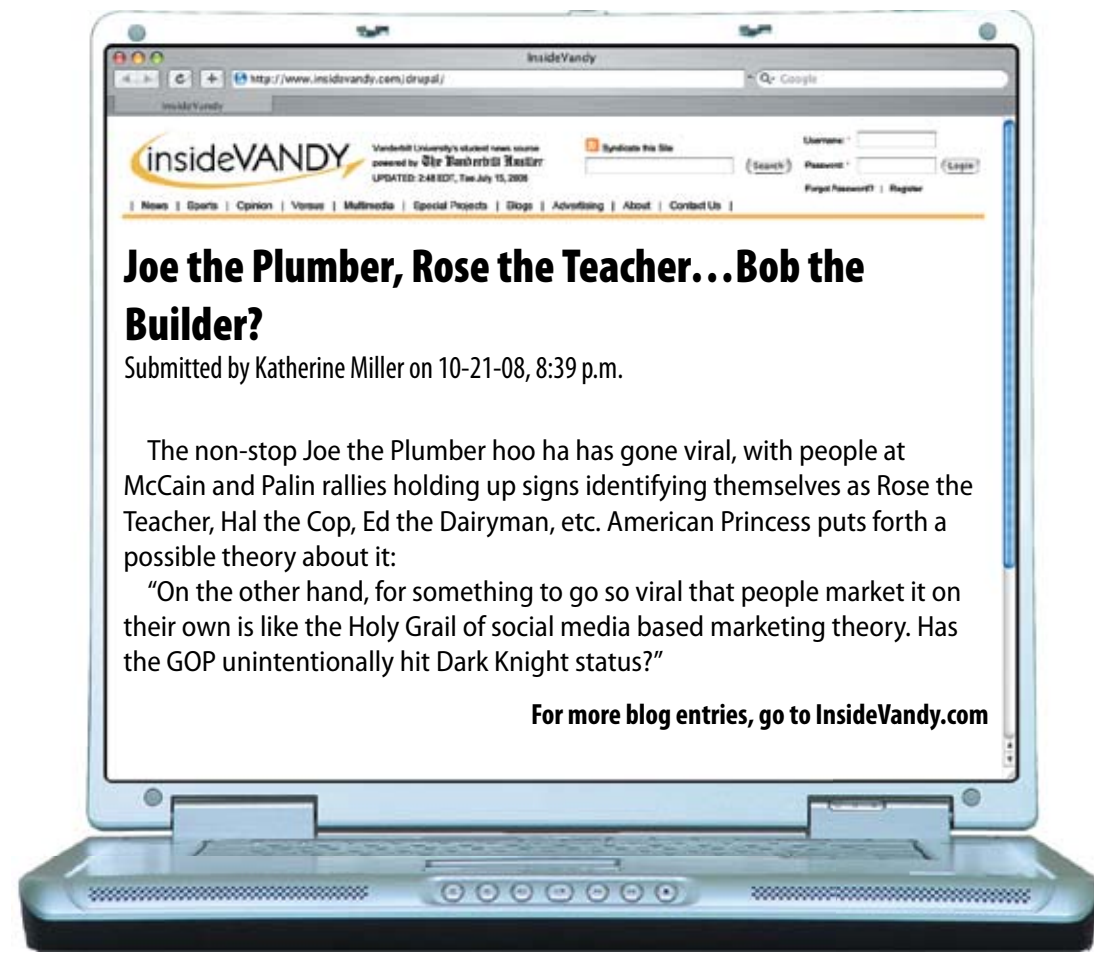
**CHANTILLY, Va. (AP)**—A new drug store at a Virginia strip mall is putting its faith in an unconventional business plan: No candy. No sodas. And no birth control.

Divine Mercy Care Pharmacy is among at least seven pharmacies across the nation that are refusing as a matter of faith to sell contraceptives of any kind, even if a person has a prescription. States across the country have been wrestling with the issue of pharmacists who refuse on religious grounds to dispense birth control or morning-after pills, and some have enacted laws requiring drug stores to fill the prescriptions.

In Virginia, though, pharmacists can turn away any prescription for any reason.

“I am grateful to be able to practice,” pharmacy manager Robert Semler said, “where my conscience will never be violated and my faith does not have to be checked at the door each morning.”

## FROM THE BLOG



### Joe the Plumber, Rose the Teacher... Bob the Builder?

Submitted by Katherine Miller on 10-21-08, 8:39 p.m.

The non-stop Joe the Plumber hoo ha has gone viral, with people at McCain and Palin rallies holding up signs identifying themselves as Rose the Teacher, Hal the Cop, Ed the Dairyman, etc. American Princess puts forth a possible theory about it:

“On the other hand, for something to go so viral that people market it on their own is like the Holy Grail of social media based marketing theory. Has the GOP unintentionally hit Dark Knight status?”

For more blog entries, go to [InsideVandy.com](http://InsideVandy.com)

## SNAPSHOT

### POOL SHARK



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Freshman Zack Sarrett blows off some steam by playing pool in the Commons Center on Thursday, October 16.

## HPV FACTS: #10

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## ADMINISTRATION

# Second woman elected to Board of Trust dies at 88

by EVE ATTERMANN  
Administration Specialist

Miriam McGaw Cowden, the second woman to be elected to the Vanderbilt Board of Trust, died Sunday night at Baptist Hospital following surgery, according to the Vanderbilt University News Service. She was 88 years old, and had served on the board for 30 years.

"(Cowden) was the best representative of Nashville and Vanderbilt women of her generation," said Susan Ford Wilshire, professor emerita of classics. "She was spunky, fun and simply not afraid of

taking risks. With charm and caniness, she helped bring lasting change to Vanderbilt, especially for women students and faculty."

Cowden was first elected to the board in 1974 as its second female member, and she served as secretary from 1980 until 1991. In 2003 she was designated a Trustee Emerita. She also chaired the Student Affairs committee, where she addressed such topics as the need for a student recreation center, minority student affairs and women's issues.

In 1991 Cowden was awarded the Mary Jane Werthan Award for outstanding contributions

to women at Vanderbilt, which is named for the first woman to serve on the board.



COWDEN

Cowden is survived by her husband, Dr. Frederic E. Cowden, two daughters, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held on Thursday at the West End United Methodist Church; visitation begins at 3 p.m. in Reed Hall. ■

## SCIENCE & MEDICINE

# Medical Center offers charity

by ALLIE MORRIS  
Science and Medicine Specialist

As the financial crisis worsens, Vanderbilt Medical Center anticipates an increase in "charity care" as citizens' access to healthcare decreases.

According to Vice President of Finance for Clinical Enterprise Warren Beck, the increased number of layoffs has barred people's access to health insurance, which in the past would have been provided by employers. VUMC revenues are mainly generated by patient care, which is covered by insurance, and over

65 percent of payment comes from Medicaid.

"We (the medical center) are still a needed commodity, it's just a question of whether or not we get paid," said Beck.

The Vanderbilt ER is required to provide services for a patient who has a "real emergency" until the patient is considered healthy or until death. However, in the past few years the percent of charity cases has increased significantly.

"In the 2005 fiscal year, our percentage of revenues for uncompensated care was 4.6 percent; in 2008 our percentage of uncompensated revenues is

7.3 percent," Beck said.

Hospitals across the nation are also being affected by the debt crisis in terms of expansion and building.

"There is a freeze on credit, and many hospitals are engaging in building projects. They need to have access to debt markets; if there is not debt to be had, it's pretty hard to get in and complete their projects," Beck said.

Beck said VUMC is in good financial condition because the hospital has a very high credit rating, and the board is making sure the Med Center is not "over extended." ■

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**LEADERSHIP**

# Vanderbilt Red Cross to hold disaster training

by LILY CHEN  
Leadership Specialist

In light of recent natural disasters and the need for volunteers, Vanderbilt Red Cross and Nashville Red Cross will be hosting an Emergency Response Preparation mass training in order to prepare student volunteers.

“Usually when Red Cross is seeking volunteers to help out after disasters, there needs

to be a background check, information on whether or not that volunteer has had experience or if they have had training,” said Vanderbilt Red Cross Assistant Health Service Chair junior Cindy Lin. “If people are already trained, it will eliminate time wasted and more victims can be helped.”

Led by Nashville Red Cross, there will be a five-hour training session on Nov. 1 in Sarratt Student Center from

12 p.m. to 5 p.m. There will be a two-hour orientation and then students will learn how to communicate and deal with victims, provide certain health services and effectively provide food and shelter for victims.

“Victims will be living in shelters and volunteers would have to effectively communicate with them so see what their needs are whether its food, cots, etc.” Lin said. “Students would serve

as a medium between the victims and more specialized, professional volunteers.”

Currently, 47 students have already signed up for the mass training with a total of 200 slots open.

“I think the fact that students are willing to come for five hours shows that they are eager to help and care about their community,” said Vanderbilt Red Cross President junior Melissa Zhu. “The

mass training will make the Vanderbilt community more prepared for future disasters and encourage students to be active citizens.”

The training is sponsored by the Dean of Students, the Office of Active Citizenship and Service and Vanderbilt Student Government.

Lin said that the Red Cross hopes the training will change students’ lives.

“The idea behind the

training is that we can come together and hope to make someone’s life better,” Lin said. “Once you’re trained, you’re trained for life. Certification is free and Vanderbilt will have a team of students ready to help out when needed.”

Students are encouraged to sign up before the last day Oct. 29 at <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/redcross>. Food, drinks and T-shirts will be offered. ■

## Alternative Spring Break BBQ



SAM KIM / The Vanderbilt Hustler

ASB Site Leaders sophomore Callie Wade, seniors Anna Talaga and Aldenise Ewing and junior Bethany Glass talk to students about their respective sites at the Alternative Spring Break BBQ on Olin Lawn on Tuesday, Oct. 14.

## INTERNATIONAL

# Russia, Iran and Qatar discuss forming gas cartel

Associated Press

**TEHRAN, Iran (AP)**—Russia, Iran and Qatar made the first serious moves Tuesday toward forming an OPEC-style cartel on natural gas, raising concerns that Moscow could boost its influence over energy markets spanning from Europe to South Asia.

Such an alliance would have little direct impact on the United States, which imports virtually no natural gas from Russia or the other nations.

But Washington and Western allies worry that closer strategic ties between Russia and Iran could hinder efforts to isolate Tehran over its nuclear ambitions. In addition,

the United States opposes a proposed Iranian gas pipeline to Pakistan and India, key allies.

In Europe — which counts on Russia for nearly half of its natural gas imports — any cartel controlled by Moscow poses a threat to supply and pricing.

Russia, which most recently came into confrontation with the West over its five-day war with Georgia in August, has been accused of using its hold on energy supplies to bully its neighbors, particularly Ukraine.

Moscow cut natural gas exports to the former Soviet republic over a price dispute during the dead of winter in 2006 — a cutoff that caused

disruptions to European nations further down the pipeline.

The 27-nation European Union expressed strong opposition to any natural gas cartel Tuesday, with an EU spokesman, Ferran Tarradellas Espuny, saying: “The European Commission feels that energy supplies have to be sold in a free market.”

Together Russia, Qatar and Iran account for nearly a third of world natural gas exports — the vast majority supplied by Russia — according to U.S. government statistics. The three hold some 60 percent of world gas reserves, according to Russia’s state-controlled energy company Gazprom. ■



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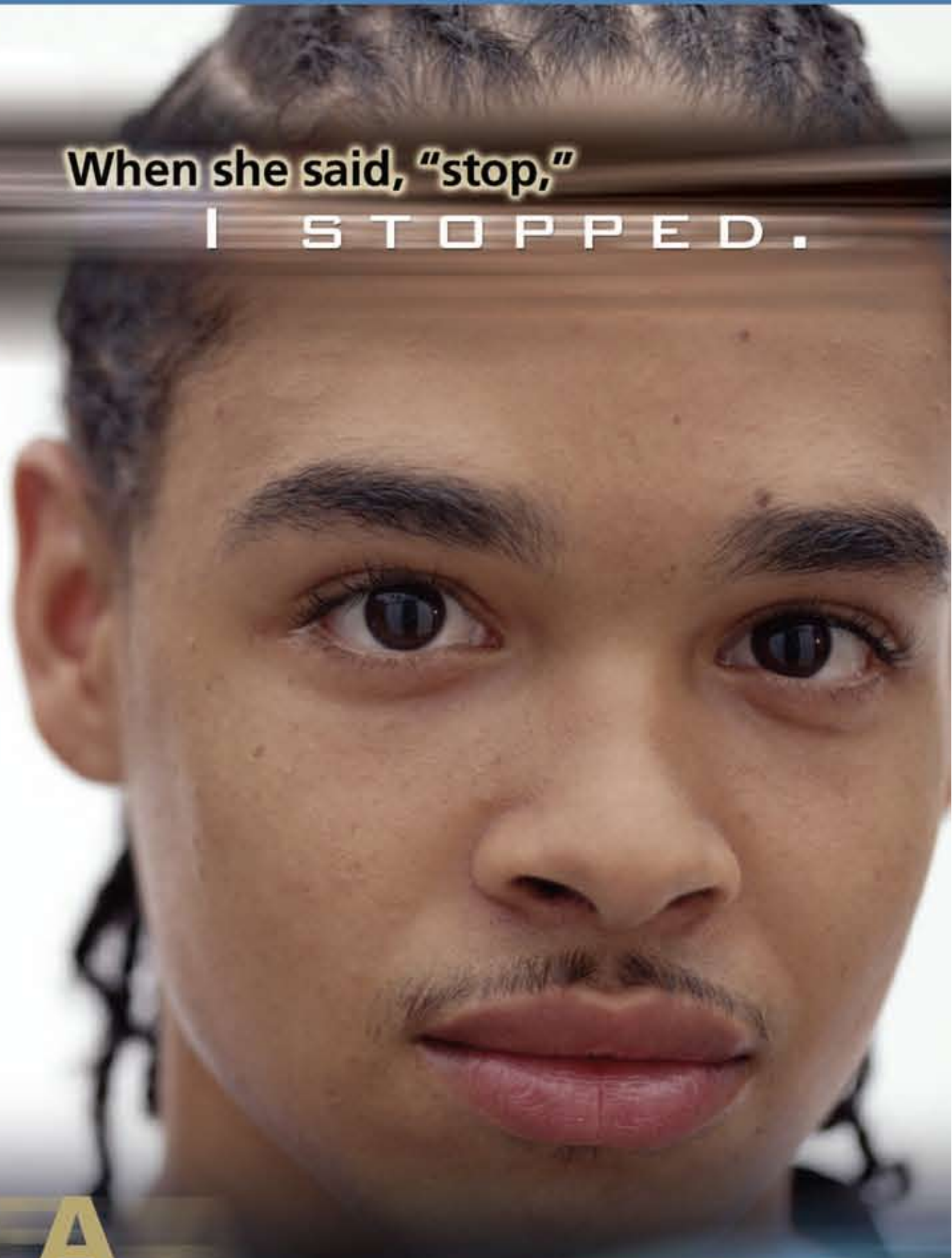
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## Now's the time for political apathy



**JUSTIN POYTHRESS**  
Columnist

Stop telling me I need to vote: I don't care. Look, I love democracy as much as the rebels in Somalia, but that doesn't mean I have to reserve a chair and some popcorn for three hours of post-debate analysis on who wore a more presidential tie. Heck, I don't even have to know the names of the candidates, and that doesn't mean I don't love baseball, apple pie and miniature flags attached to my car on the Fourth of July.

I don't want you to write this off merely as me being facetious and sarcastic. I seriously don't think we should care about this election. And has anybody mentioned how much effort it is to register to vote, fill out a ballot and send it in? Especially if we're talking about absentee votes. There is no spectacle in the world comparable to an American presidential election. This has been building up for over a year now, and neither the Superbowl, the Olympics or Plush Animal Lover's Day (Oct. 28) can compete.

What irks me the most is the total obsession we have with politics, particularly in "sophisticated" schools such as ours. I would be OK with it if it weren't for the crusader-like aggression with which the politically minded try to preach their agenda. You compile this with MTV's "Rock The Vote" and CMT's "Tractor The Vote," and it's become socially taboo not to vote. Yet this is our chance to exercise one of our tremendous privileges of political indifference.

From a more practical approach, your vote doesn't matter, and if anyone tells you it does, I encourage you to slap him in the face with the Electoral College and call him a liar. These two

candidates are basically the same, minus some social issues: Weigh this with fact that McCain often looks confused, robotic and bald, and the win goes to Obama — we all know it's coming. If you live in Tennessee, there are enough people who hate welfare for it to still go to McCain.

So stop feeling guilty for not caring about government. There are enough people on both ends of the spectrum who like to think their loud, opinionated crying will really make a difference in the world that it all balances out in the end. There are much more valuable things to do with your time, such as cooking pumpkin seeds (yes, they are edible). So while other people are freaking out and stressing about the future of our world without actually having any hand in what happens, you can be playing Scrabble drinking games and watching ESPN replays of '80s bowling.

If you find yourself inescapably stuck with some friends trying to sound politically savvy, make sure you try to throw in some rehearsed political statements such as, "I really support Palin's plan for congressional plumbing liquidation using international oil lubricants." It seems every four years, people are saying this is the most important election in our lives so we need to watch every moment, read all the news stories, start rallies, wear political pins and construct shrines to Obama in our houses. I'll let you in on a secret: It's not the apocalypse, America's going to keep going even without you voting.

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### EDITORIAL

## Homecoming provides time for learning

As alumni descend onto campus this week, students will get a taste of what life at Vanderbilt was like for students of past generations. Alumni will be celebrating their class reunions, from their fifth to their 50th, at an interesting time in Vanderbilt history.

There is little doubt many of these former students will be impressed or amazed by the development of the Commons, the new financial aid plan and, of course, the recent success of the football team. As much as these new aspects of Vanderbilt life are exciting and revolutionary, current students may have a lot to learn from past generations.

Most of these alumni studied at Vanderbilt long before the advent of the iPod, wireless Internet (or any Internet, for that matter) and even co-ed dorms. There were times when Peabody and Blair were not yet part of the university and administration officials lived in the West Side Row cottages. Even young alumni will remember when the Commodores operated under an athletic department and Rand was the only dining hall on campus.

Vanderbilt has certainly seen changes over the years, from technological to societal to

operational. Some have made the university better (like racial integration), some have made it worse (the removal of the men's soccer team) and the jury is still out on some of the more recent changes (like the Commons).

This homecoming weekend should provide an opportunity for students and alumni alike to speak to one another about the past, present and future of Vanderbilt University. How has the culture changed? Were professors always so challenging? Will Vanderbilt still be Vanderbilt in 10, 20, 50 years? How do the Commons and other campus developments continue the Vanderbilt tradition? These are the types of questions both parts of the university community will be asking of each other.

While the community thrives when students, administrators and professors work together, alumni are an important part of that conversation that are, by default, left out. As this weekend approaches, students should engage with alumni, voice their concerns about the future and learn about the traditions of Vanderbilt's past and present that can help us better understand our identity.

## An uncomfortable subject



**SOO YANG**  
Columnist

A few weeks ago, Cindy McCain, the wife of Republican presidential nominee John McCain, visited our campus before the debate and had some not-so-kind words to say on her tour of the Children's Hospital. She managed to say, with a straight face, "Obama has waged the dirtiest campaign in American history."

Interestingly, she made these claims the day after the vice-presidential nominee, Sarah Palin, was throwing around words like Ayers, Chicago, terrorist and higher taxes to convince her supporters Obama is conspiring with terrorists from big-city Chicago to raise taxes for the small-town Joe Six-Pack. The same day, a McCain enthusiast, during another energetic, passion-filled rally, called Obama a terrorist, a remark which McCain immediately and unambiguously countered.

A few days later, after Mrs. McCain's insightful commentary on American presidential campaign history, John McCain basically proved her wrong when he corrected an old granny, who believed that Obama is an Arab, by saying that Obama is a decent, family-oriented citizen.

Yes, Obama is a Christian, and McCain could have finished his comment there. But, why did McCain feel the need to go and say that he is decent family man? What if the woman told McCain she thought Obama was Catholic or Jewish? Would McCain have responded the same way? Most likely not. To make things worse, John McCain, who is neither a racist nor a xenophobe, has not yet retracted his confusing remark.

This is the sad reality of our political culture. In some parts of this country, calling someone a Muslim has become a serious political insult and an effective smear tactic. For those who are more susceptible to Rove-Limbaugh propaganda, being an active Muslim means that you are not only anti-American but a shameless,

Allah-screaming terrorist sympathizer. Sadly, these extreme groups are not the only ones; according to a 2006 poll from LA Times and Bloomberg, about 54 percent of Americans would not vote for a Muslim presidential candidate. Now, if the candidate was running to become the president of a Christian organization, the poll would make more sense. But since when did the United States become a religious interest group?

This country is a secular institution founded on secular values of equality, free market and democracy for people of all walks of life. The heart of our government is the Constitution of the United States, not the Bible or the Quran. In theory, all Americans, including Muslims, should be able to run for office or just simply live in a country without having their religion constantly mocked and humiliated.

Currently, there is one Muslim Congressman, representing a district in Minnesota. There are more than 4,100 Muslim-American soldiers bravely serving our country. There are millions more working as teachers, public servants, research scientists and professionals. They do not have to prove their patriotism just because some rogue extremists exploit their religion to spread hate. Likewise, they should not tell their children that aspiring to become president is a hopeless endeavor just because the kid's name is Mohammed or Hussein. This is America. We have a secular government that respects and protects faiths of all traditions. Religious cronyism has no place in American politics.

So what if Obama or McCain were a Christian or a Muslim? What if one of them could recite the Muslim morning call to prayer or the Lord's Prayer? This should not be a serious concern in any political campaign, especially this presidential election, where the issues and policies are just too important to ignore.

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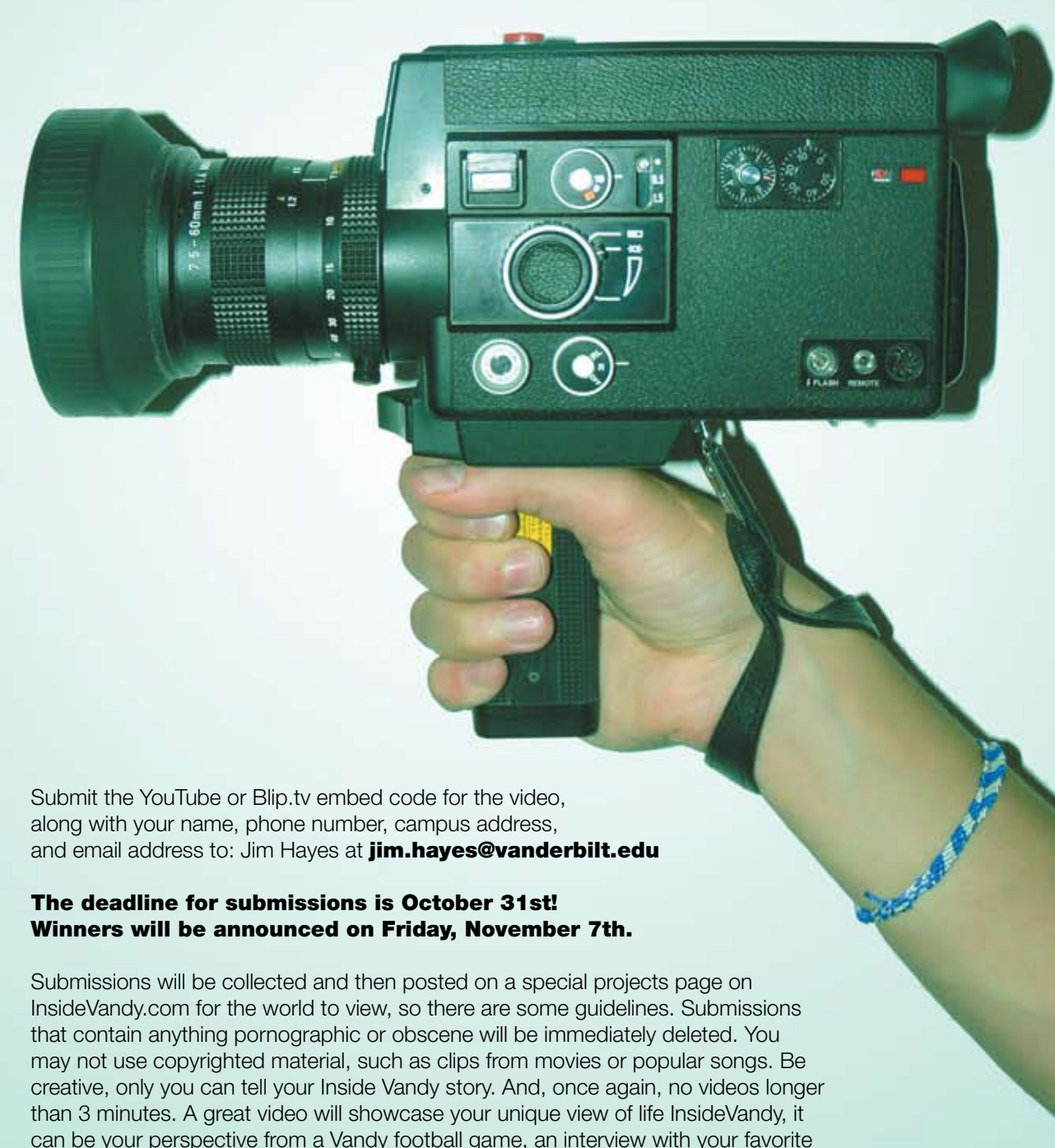
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# SPORTS

## GEORGIA REPORT CARD

The Hustler Sports Staff grades Vanderbilt on all aspects of its 24-14 loss to Georgia. Compiled by Hustler SportsStaff

### B- QUARTERBACK

Mackenzi Adams threw two touchdown passes to Jamie Graham and threw for the most yards (131) by a starting Vanderbilt quarterback this season. The redshirt junior also rushed for 26 yards on four carries. However, he also threw two interceptions that were both converted into Georgia scores, and two more of his passes could have been easily picked.

### C RUNNING BACKS

Redshirt junior Jared Hawkins had a solid game, rushing for 63 yards on 13 carries and getting several important first downs. He also caught three passes for 23 yards. Redshirt senior Jeff Jennings, however, had another poor outing, managing just three yards on four carries that stalled key Vanderbilt drives.

### B WIDE RECEIVERS

Jamie Graham made two highlight-reel touchdown grabs for his first career scores and finished with four receptions for 36 yards. Redshirt seniors George Smith and Sean Walker made several fine catches, but this unit also again had some costly drops, including on Vanderbilt's pivotal final drive.

### A- OFFENSIVE LINE

Against one of the best rush defenses in the country and with first-time starters redshirt junior Eric Hensley and redshirt junior Kyle Fischer, the line played much more physically and opened up some wide running lanes for Hawkins and Adams. Vanderbilt rushed for 114 yards, more than twice the average Georgia (6-1, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) had been giving up, and the line also didn't allow a sack.

### D+ DEFENSIVE LINE

It was a very disappointing performance by this group that was facing a young and heavily depleted Georgia front four. Knowshon Moreno ran wild on the Commodores (5-2, 3-2 SEC), gaining 172 yards, and Vanderbilt never got consistent pressure on quarterback Matt Stafford.

### B- LINEBACKERS

The unit had difficult tackling again, as Moreno was able to have his highest rushing output of the season. Junior Patrick Benoist's injured hand cost him in this one; a sure interception slipped through his hands at one point. Redshirt freshman Chris Marve led the team with eight tackles.

### B SECONDARY

It was hit-or-miss for the group that allowed nearly 15 yards per completion but also forced two turnovers. Junior cornerback D.J. Moore was burned by freshman standout A.J. Green for several long completions and a touchdown but also managed an acrobatic interception. Fellow junior corner Myron Lewis had another pick that set up a Vanderbilt touchdown.

### B+ SPECIAL TEAMS

Junior punter Brett Upson continued his outstanding play, booting seven punts for a 44.6 yard average and allowing no returns to receive Special Teams Player of the Week honors from the SEC. Coverage units kept Georgia in check, but Vanderbilt did not have any big returns on its end.

### B COACHING

Bobby Johnson's idea to beef up the offensive line with Fischer and Hensley paid off as Vanderbilt was effective on the ground against a tough defense, and putting Adams in at starting quarterback also was the right decision. The staff needs to find a better way to convert on short 3rd downs though, because Jennings is not getting the job done.



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D.J. Moore (17) intercepts Georgia's Matt Stafford at the goal line Saturday. Vanderbilt's 13 interceptions are second-best in the SEC.

## Cross country still has work to do

by DAVID RUTZ  
Sports Specialist

Despite a strong showing at the Pre-Nationals over the weekend in Terre Haute, Ind., senior cross country runner Rob Whiting and the Commodores believe they still have things to work on with the Southeastern Conference championships looming in early November.

Whiting led the team with a personal best time of 25:55.4 in the 8K race, while senior Michael Nordlund (26:27.2), freshman Kyle Rewick (26:30.1) and juniors Thomas Davis (26:39.3) and James Kasten (26:53.5) rounded out the top five finishers for Vanderbilt. Davis managed to finish the race despite breathing difficulties stemming from a lung problem.

Still, Whiting and his teammates felt they could have performed better.

"We had a few good races on the team, but on the whole, the team was not too happy with its performance," Whiting said. "It was a new course to us, and I think some of the team lost focus midway through."

Whiting broke his personal goal of 26:00 in the 8K race but

still was not totally satisfied with his race time.

"I think the 26:00 barrier was mostly mental," Whiting said.



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Rob Whiting (in headband) and the Vanderbilt men's cross country team ran at the Pre-Nationals over the weekend. Whiting set a personal best in the 8K race but feels he is capable of even faster times.

"Now that I am broken through that barrier, I am ready to run faster. I would like to go under 25:30 at the SECs, so we'll see what happens."

The women's team, meanwhile, was again led by sophomore Rita Jorgensen, running a personal best 21:12 in the 6K race in Terre Haute.

Kristabel Doebel-Hickok (22:01), Amanda Scott (22:31), Alexa Rogers (22:32) and

Adrienne DiRaddo (22:33) followed behind Jorgensen to help the Commodores to a 27th-place finish in the Pre-Nationals.

Jorgensen said the team did not finish as high as they had hoped for but added there were still positives that came out of it.

"It was still a really positive step for the team," Jorgensen said. "We did better as a team than we have in previous years. It was a high-level national field, and it was a good experience for our young team."

Both the men's and women's teams will be training hard, concentrating especially on pack running, with the SEC Championships approaching in Starkville, Miss. on Nov. 3.

"We have bigger challenges ahead with the SEC and NCAA Regional meets," Jorgensen said. "We would like to finish in the top half in the SEC. We're still a young team, mostly freshmen and sophomores, but we would like to earn some respect in the SEC."

"We have to stay focused because the SECs are a smaller field," Whiting said. "Mental toughness will be key in the postseason." ■

## Trio of Commodores take home June Stewart titles

Hustler Staff Report

The Vanderbilt women's tennis team hosted the June Stewart Invitational over the weekend at Currey Tennis Center and notched three championship wins from Chelsea Preeg, Catherine Newman and Courtney Ulery. The Commodores finished the three-day tournament with an impressive 18-6 combined singles record.

"I thought our team improved and got better each day of the tournament," said head coach Geoff Macdonald. "We picked up some good wins in both singles and doubles this weekend against good quality opponents. We were blessed to play in nice tennis weather all weekend."

Preeg had one of the many highlights of this year's invitational as she defeated Kentucky's 55th ranked Megan Broderick in a three-hour three

set final. After winning the first set 6-4, Preeg dropped the second set 3-6 to force a third set. After countless rallies and volleys the freshman from Naples, Fla., outlasted Broderick 7-5 in the third set to claim the title in the Tom Black Draw. With the win, Preeg pushed her fall season record to 8-1.

Two courts over from Preeg's match the Commodore showdown of Newman and Jackie Wu was creating excitement of its own. The two teammates entertained the Vanderbilt crowd as they competed for an undefeated 3-0 weekend. In the end, Newman was victorious 6-3, 6-3. The win gives Newman her eighth win of the fall, tying for first on the team with Wu (8-1).

Courtney Ulery recorded her third win of the weekend by dispatching Christine Johnston of Kentucky in straight sets, 7-5, 6-3.


Keilly Ulery closed out the June Stewart Invite by winning

her second straight singles match as she defeated Middle Tennessee State's Marietta Bigus in consecutive sets, 6-2, 6-1. Earlier in the day, the younger Ulery teamed up with Hannah Blatt to top the MTSU duo of Bigus and Alexandra Dachos. Following doubles action Blatt picked up her second singles win of the tournament as she cruised through Indiana's Maria Guerreiro in straight sets.

HeatherSteinbauerimproved her fall mark to 5-1 Sunday by defeating William and Mary's Lauren Sabacinski, 6-2, 6-1.

The Vanderbilt women's tennis team will return to the courts next week Newman, Preeg, Wu and Keilly Ulery will travel to Winston-Salem, N.C. to play in the ITA Southeast Regionals Oct. 22-27. The six-day tournament will begin Wednesday morning at Wake Forest University.

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