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Homecoming fun gets started



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Freshman Scott Floam casts his vote for Outstanding Senior on Wednesday, Oct. 22, in Sarratt Student Center. Free T-shirts and cozies were available for students celebrating Homecoming Week.



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Rapper Lil Wayne pumps up the crowd during his set on Thursday, Oct. 23. Lil Wayne performed with Lupe Fiasco and Free Sol for Commodore Quake, Vanderbilt's annual Homecoming Week concert.



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Chicago Bears rookie wide receiver Earl Bennett participates in workouts during training camp. The former Commodore and all-time SEC leader in career receptions, Bennett returns to grand marshal the Homecoming parade.

GREEK SCENE

Court rules on Sigma Chi charges

by JANELLE STOKES
Greek Specialist

Both members and non-members of Sigma Chi international fraternity arrested at an off-campus event on Sept. 21 appeared in court Wednesday morning.

The students, arrested for disorderly conduct and underage consumption of alcohol at a campground in Polk County, Tenn., will pay \$50 in fines and \$200 in court fees. Vanderbilt has yet to decide a proper course of disciplinary action, if any.

The charges will be expunged from their records after 30 days but these terms are contingent on good behavior.

Interim Director of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity Daniel Swinton explained that the matter will be heard by the Interfraternity Council (IFC) formal conduct board after the investigation is completed, despite the court's ruling.

"What happens with the court system and the Vanderbilt disciplinary system are really independent of each other because they have different aims, goals, and purposes," said Swinton. "Our (focus) deals with the educational community where we live and work. We are aware of what happened in court and we will move forward."

Students involved in the incident have not been formally charged on campus and will have a chance to tell their side of the story during the formal hearing that will seat faculty, students and members of the IFC council.

The students were arrested in the early morning hours on Sunday, Sept. 21 at the High River Campground, where they'd gone for a weekend outing. The arrests came after they began celebrating the Commodores' football victory over Ole Miss.

The disturbance included the lighting of firecrackers in the campground at 2:30 a.m., which apparently led to the complaints that brought lawmen to the site. ■

Green tips for heating and cooling



1. Set thermostat controls at reasonable temperatures. Suggested temperatures are 75 degrees in the summer and 70 degrees in the winter.

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3. Don't block air vents with books, plants or other items.

Sustain VU continues to provide these tips every week. Check out InsideVandy.com for more tips on living green on campus.

ADMINISTRATION

Bain: Secretary brings business knowledge to Board

by CHRYSTEL MARINCICH
News Contributor

This ongoing project profiling members of the Board of Trust continues with its secretary William W. Bain, Jr.

Bain has been on the board since 1989 and has been at Vanderbilt since he graduated in 1959 with a major in history.

Bain was elected as a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest honor society in the undergraduate College of Arts and Science. Phi Beta Kappa is known for accepting only 10

percent of its applicants.

Bain is mainly known for founding the worldwide consulting firm Bain and Company in 1973, which according to the company's Web site, specializes in the development of tactics and producing financial outcomes for businesses.

According to The New York Times, Bain's company had some financial problems in the beginning of the '90s, and he relinquished ownership along with the other six founders. Mitt Romney, former governor

of Massachusetts and former candidate for the Republican Party in the 2008 U.S. presidential election, became chairman of the company in 1991 and revived the company.

In 1999, Bain was named the Boston Business Journal as one of "Greater Boston's 100 most influential business people of the 20th century."

"Currently, (Bain) serves as secretary of the board, chair of the Investment Committee, member of the Budget Committee, member of the Academic Programs Committee,

member of the Executive Committee, and vice chairman of the Governance and Board Affairs Committee," said Maribeth Geraciotti, assistant university secretary. "He is a past member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, the Compensation Committee and the Student Life Committee. He is also a very generous financial donor to Vanderbilt."

According to The New York Times, Bain is married to Ann Bain and has four children: Samantha, Alexander, Adam and William III. ■

Giving blood to those who need it most

Senior Allison Erwin donates blood at the blood drive sponsored by the American Red Cross in Branscomb Recreation Room on Wednesday Oct. 22. The blood drive provides a chance for students and faculty to donate their blood, which is in high demand.



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BOYLE: Voter apathy is nothing but good, old-fashioned laziness, and there's no excuse for it. SEE PAGE 6

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NEWS BRIEFS

Stevens jury reports chaos; Judge urges calm to avoid mistrial

WASHINGTON (AP)—Jurors described a hectic atmosphere and violent outbursts in the jury room at Sen. Ted Stevens' corruption trial Thursday, chaos that threatened to derail the month-long trial of the powerful Alaska lawmaker.

In a note to the judge, jurors asked that one of their panel be sent home. The note described the female juror as rude, disrespectful and unreasonable.

"She has had violent outbursts with other jurors, and that's not helping anyone," the note read, according to U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan.

Sullivan refused to excuse the juror, fearing it would interfere with the deliberations.

The note arrived on the second day of deliberations in the senator's trial. Hours after receiving the case Wednesday, jurors told the judge that things had become stressful and asked to go home. The latest note said "jurors are getting off course."

Stevens, the longest-serving Senate Republican, is charged with lying for years on Senate financial disclosure documents to conceal \$250,000 in home renovations and other gifts from his friend, millionaire oil contractor Bill Allen.

Tension in the jury room is normally viewed as good for a defendant. It increases the likelihood that jurors won't reach the unanimous decision needed for a verdict. Without a unanimous vote, a trial ends in a mistrial and prosecutors must decide whether to start over.

US turns over control of 12th Iraqi province; one province in SW left

BABYLON, Iraq (AP)—The U.S. relinquished control of a southern province that includes Sunni areas once known as the "triangle of death," handing security responsibility to the Iraqi government on Thursday. In the capital, where insurgent attacks continue nearly daily, a car bomber targeted a government minister's convoy, killing at least 13 people.

Babil is the 12th of 18 Iraqi provinces to be placed under Iraqi control and a sign of the improving security. U.S. forces will remain in the area to assist the Iraqis when needed.

At a transfer ceremony held near the ruins of the ancient city of Babylon, Lt. Gen. Lloyd Austin, the No. 2 U.S. commander in Iraq, said security gains have been remarkable — with the number of attacks falling about 80 percent from an average of 20 per week a year ago.

But he cautioned that "while the enemies of Iraq are down, they are not necessarily defeated."

With Babil's handover to the Iraqi government, the only province left under U.S. control in southern Iraq is Wasit, a rural desert region that borders Iran and has been a conduit for the smuggling of Iranian-backed Shiite militants and weapons into Iraq.

White House: Next week's GDP rate will not be rosy, yet still no recession

WASHINGTON (AP)—The White House said Thursday the economy will remain gloomy through at least the end of the year, inching closer toward a recognition the United States is in a recession.

"We expect our GDP (gross domestic product) number next week not to be a good one and the next quarter to be tough as well," White House press secretary Dana Perino said.

Many analysts predict the economy could contract over the final three months of this year and in the first 90 days of 2009. That would meet the classic definition of a recession — two consecutive quarters of economic contraction. Some financial analysts say the sagging economy already is in recession.

The White House has been loath to use the word "recession" — both because the technical definition has not been met and because it carries such negative fallout.

Perino said she's not forecasting a recession, but that given the time that will be needed for the economy to turn around, it's realistic to assume that the next two reports on the nation's economic health will not be good.

"I don't forecast from here, but just looking at reality and how long it's going to take the people to return this country to job growth, it could be awhile," she told reporters. "I don't forecast recessions. I don't make those determinations. ... But I can tell you that the president knows that we're in for a rough ride."

EU honors Chinese dissident; Beijing furious over controversial award

STRASBOURG, France (AP)—A jailed Chinese activist won the European Union's top human rights prize on Thursday despite strong pressure from Beijing, which scorned the honor and said it would cause serious harm to China's relations with the 27-nation bloc.

Ignoring repeated warnings from China, the European Parliament chose Hu Jia over two other nominees for the Sakharov Prize.

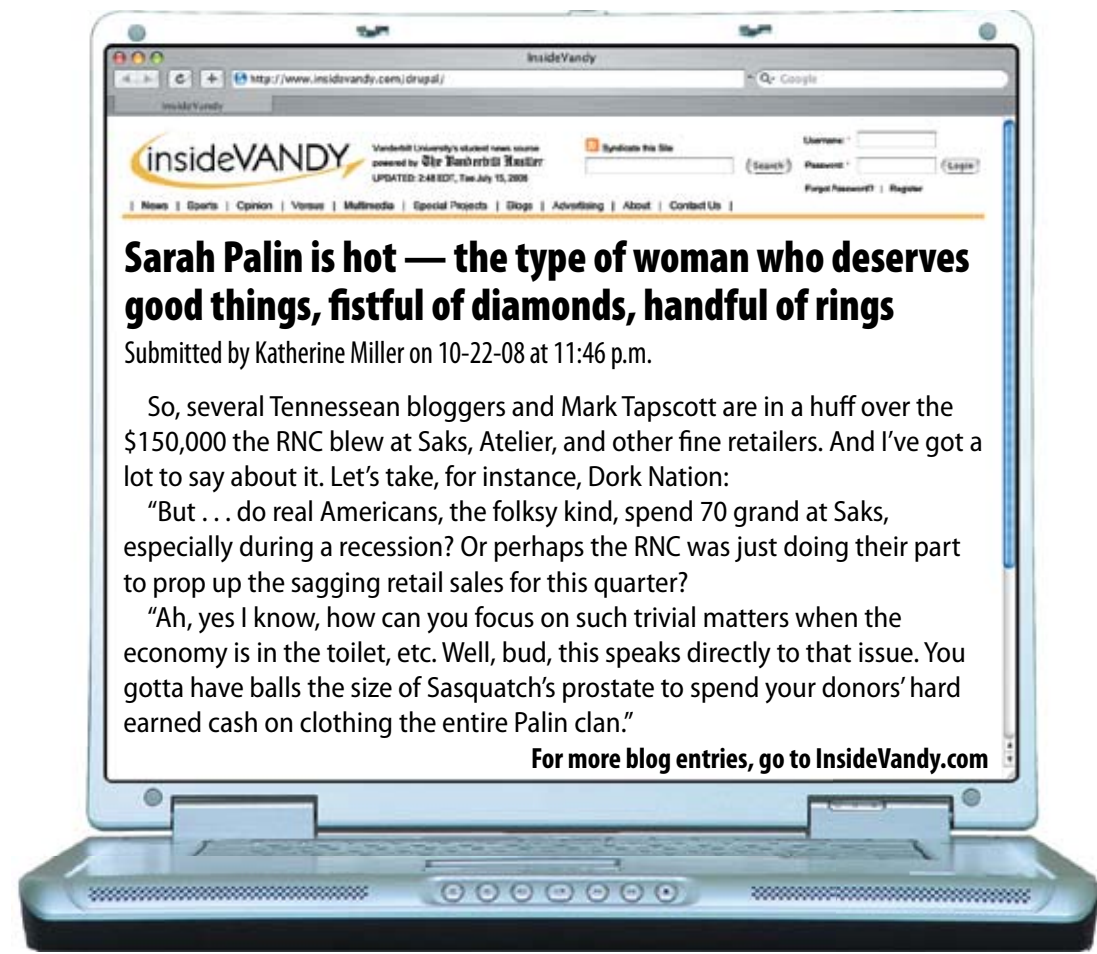
"Hu Jia is one of the real defenders of human rights in the People's Republic of China," said EU assembly's president Hans-Gert Poettering. "The European Parliament is sending out a signal of clear support to all those who support human rights in China."

Before the announcement, the Chinese Foreign Ministry said Hu Jia was a criminal and that honoring him would constitute interference in China's internal affairs. Hours later, the furious ministry said the selection of Hu violated universal rules of respect.

Hu, an outspoken advocate on human rights, the environment and social fairness, is serving a 3 1/2-year jail term for sedition. The authorities in Beijing say he planned to work with foreigners to disturb the Olympic Games that were held there in August.

China had exerted similar pressure before the announcement of this year's Nobel Peace Prize, when Hu had been suggested as a candidate. That prize went to former Finland President Martti Ahtisaari.

FROM THE BLOG



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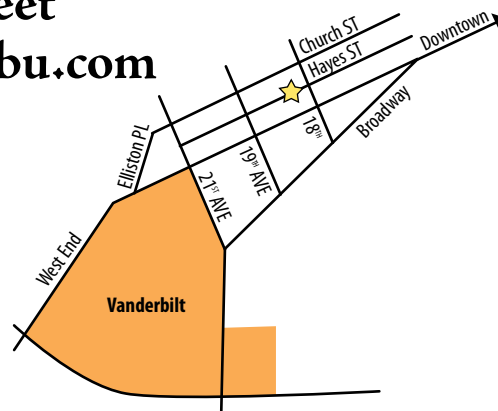
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CAMPUS LIVING

Commons meals a no-go

by **ETHEL MICKEY**
News Contributor

First-year students living on the Commons are feeling frustrated by the lack of take-out containers at the Commons Dining Center.

"I walk all the way over to Rand just to bring food back to my dorm," said first-year Brittany Hoag.

"We saw one boy walk over to Commons with his own Tupperware so he could bring food back to his room," said first-year Missy Grello.

Director of Dining Camp Howard explained that the absence of takeout containers at the Commons was intentional.

"The Commons is designed to support communal dining. A byproduct of that is social responsibility and caring for our environment," said Howard.

The Commons Center, being a gold-certified LEED building



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Students eat in the Commons Dining Center on Wednesday, Oct. 22. Take-out containers have never been available at the Commons in order to foster community. Director of Dining Camp Howard says the dine-in policy is about "caring for our environment."

for its "green" construction design and sustainable practices, tries to use as little paper goods as possible.

If students are limited on time, Common Grounds offers packaged sandwiches, salads and microwavable meals,

as well as frozen entrees. By contrast, Rand Dining Hall accommodates diners on the go with take-out containers. ■

ACADEMICS

Author addresses state of Israel

by **AIMEE SOBHANI**
News Contributor

Bernard Avishai, political economist and author of "The Hebrew Republic," spoke at Vanderbilt this Wednesday.

The former editor for Harvard Business Review and a Guggenheim Fellow, Avishai's lecture focused on changes Israel must make to strengthen itself in the future, highlighting the need for integration of its Arab minority.

"Where we're going now is Bosnia. The status quo cannot be sustained," said Avishai, referencing the ongoing conflict between Israelis and Palestinians.

Avishai argued Israel has had great success in globalization but cannot continue the trend unless the Palestinians and Israelis live in a peaceful country.

"Most people understood that globalization would be enabled by peace," Avishai said.

However, according to him, Israel cannot achieve peace with the Palestinians until it integrates its own Arab minority, which makes up one-fifth of the population.

"(The peace process does not) acknowledge the other conflict that's simmering under the surface," Avishai said.

Some students felt Avishai's lecture added a different dimension to arguments concerning the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"It opened my eyes to a situation I had not previously seen," said first-year student Cherie Fathy.

Senior Avital Kranz disagreed with some of Avishai's ideas.

"(As someone who has visited Israel), I could identify with some of the things he said though I do see how it could be controversial," said Kranz.

Avishai's lecture was sponsored by the Program for Jewish Studies. ■

ECONOMY

Investors search for bargains

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP)—Wall Street spent another session buffeted by volatility Thursday, this time closing mixed after investors wrestled with their fears about the economy but also looked for bargains after two days of selling. While the Dow Jones industrials and Standard & Poor's 500 index rose sharply, a downdraft in tech stocks left the Nasdaq composite index with a loss.

Buying came in spurts and then tended to quickly evaporate as investors fretted that the economy is either in a recession or headed for one. They showed little confidence, gravitating toward big-name stocks seen as safer bets after a two-day selloff sliced nearly 750 points from the Dow.

"I think that people feel that it's got to stop sliding someplace and they're looking basically for bargains," said Scott Fullman, director of derivatives investment strategy

for WJB Capital Group in New York. "The analogy I'm using right now is that you can buy a BMW at Toyota prices. But there is still concern that better bargains can be had."

With its gyrations, Wall Street is living up to predictions that trading will remain volatile as investors try to test whether the market has formed a bottom.

Manny Weintraub, president of Integre Advisors in New York, said several of the market's attempts to rally have been short-circuited by sellers who

had awaiting an opportunity to cash out and that some investors looking to snap up inexpensive stocks are worried about getting burned by further declines.

"A lot of bargain hunters came in last week and now that money has been spent and they can't hunt twice," he said.

Investors spent the session trying to extract clues about where the economy is headed from a mix of corporate news.

Goldman Sachs Group Inc. is preparing to cut about 10



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ELECTION 2008

Black turnout is strong in early voting in South

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)— Blacks are already surging to the polls in parts of the South, according to initial figures from states that encourage early voting — a striking though still preliminary sign of how strongly they will turn out nationwide for Barack Obama in his campaign to become the first African-American president.

There have been predictions all year of a record black turnout for Obama. The first actual figures suggest that

wasn't just talk:

— In North Carolina, blacks make up 31 percent of early voters so far, even though they're just 21 percent of the population and made up only 19 percent of state's overall 2004 vote.

— Roughly 36 percent of the early voters are black in Georgia, outpacing their 30 percent proportion of the state's population and their 25 percent share of the 2004 vote.

No one but the voters can be

sure how they voted. And John McCain's campaign officials note that the Obama camp has put much more effort than they have into early voting. But the numbers are still notable.

Democrats are outvoting the GOP by a margin of 2.5-to-1 in North Carolina, where early voting has been under way for a week. That's roughly double the margin from 2004.

More than 210,000 blacks who are registered as Democrats have cast early ballots in the Tar Heel

State — compared with roughly 174,000 registered Republicans overall. Four years ago, the number of GOP early and absentee voters was more than double that of black Democrats.

"It's a sign about how energized African-Americans are about this election," says David Bositis, who tracks black voting trends at the Washington-based Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. ■

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FRANNIE BOYLE
Columnist

When election season rolls around, it is hard to take everything seriously. When it comes to politics, personality plays a big role, and so, of course, there is a lot to make fun of. Political apathy is another case and it is one that should never be taken lightly. American citizens have been given the gift of freedom and the gift to decide who will lead our country, and it should be an honor to practice this right.

Beginning with the Revolutionary War, American soldiers have given up their lives in order to bring this nation together and to secure our freedom. We have the right to stand in line at the polls and fill out those ballots because of them. There are people and nations all over the world fighting for what we have handed to us every four years. Statistically, most college students do not care that much, and everyone has the choice to play into that apathetic stereotype. Eventually these disinterested students will come to understand the importance of the vote they chose to throw away because of their false sense of entitlement. Political indifference is an abuse of power and an act of sheer laziness.

It is absolutely ridiculous for people to claim the voting process is too complicated. Registering can be done in less than five minutes online, and if that does not work, there are Vanderbilt students all over campus willing to help with the process. Groups at Vanderbilt have made transportation to the polls much easier. They will have buses taking students back and forth all throughout Election Day. If the day is inconvenient, there is always the option of voting early. Voting absentee is even easier: Request a ballot, fill it out and send it back in without having to go anywhere. Voting has never been easier for a college student, so inconvenience simply cannot be an excuse.

Those not voting because they are "disillusioned" by the current political system need to open their eyes. First of all, this race could possibly be the most important one of our lifetimes. There is a black presidential candidate and a woman vice-presidential candidate. Barack Obama and John McCain aren't merely politicians going after the same thing, but there are vital differences in the issues and policies they believe in. The whole world is watching because the next four to eight years will be crucial in defining where our country will go next, and that is why every vote is important. And yes, every vote counts. Any doubters should actually look up how their state's electors have represented their voters in the Electoral College in past elections.

Voting is tough; there is no doubt about it. Perhaps the hardest part to the whole process is keeping track of current events and understanding the views of the different candidates. With a campaign that has been so well tracked and monitored, it would be the least we could do to spend a little time understanding what is at stake. The right to vote has been given to us as a gift, and we owe our founding fathers and all of those before us who have put their lives on the line in order to give it to us.

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EDITORIAL

K.C. Potter Center may not serve its purpose

The new K.C. Potter LGBTQI Center officially opens today. The center is certainly greeted with a great deal of excitement and praise from the LGBTQI community and its allies, but how does the Vanderbilt community as a whole benefit?

The K.C. Potter Center, led by director Nora Spencer, was able to secure the Euclid Cottage next the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center near Alumni Lawn. This facility will serve as a meeting and gathering place for members and supporters of the gay community. Lambda will also find a home in the center.

As the Hustler reported in August, one of the goals of the center is to "solidify and unite" the LGBTQI community by offering a safe environment for students. The center, despite its best intentions, may be undoing this larger goal.

By sequestering the community in an identifiable space, Vanderbilt has taken measures to ensure that the community's members are even more separated and less integrated into the overall

Vanderbilt community. The K.C. Potter Center may be a way of uniting the LGBTQI community, but how does it unite that community with Vanderbilt?

In the most cynical of interpretations, the creation of the center seems to reflect an effort by Vanderbilt to deflect criticism that it does not foster an open environment for members of the gay community. This sort of special treatment for identity groups is done in the name of tolerance and acceptance, but instead it creates small echo chambers and fails to integrate.

Instead, perhaps the university could have invested in creating a center for all students — gay, straight, black, white, freshman, upperclassman, male, female, Peabody, Engineer, Blair, Arts and Science — to come together for meals, studying, meetings and interaction with each other. They could call it the Student Center, and it would be driven by the largest and most important identity group — students. — *Michael Warren* ■

Test score incentives are ill-advised and short sighted

CARL HOFF
Guest Columnist

School districts in at least eight different states are "experimenting with teacher-pay packages that front-load higher salaries and offer bonuses ... if student test scores improve or if teachers work in hard-to-staff schools," according to USA Today. This idea, while well intentioned, will only serve to further damage the educational system in the future as teachers, students and test scores become increasingly intertwined with one another. I, like many others, find it difficult to argue against increasing pay for teachers working in hard-to-staff schools, as I believe they genuinely earn such a pay increase for increased job stress, time commitment and a generally sub-standard work environment.

However, I could not disagree more with the decision to compensate teachers on the basis of their students' test scores. This pay-per-grade method of compensation will only lead to increased reliance on an already failing system founded on the cornerstone of standardized testing. This initiative will only lead to increasing instances of what has become known as "teaching to the test" which often forces both teachers and students to limit

their intellectual interests and practices in order to better study or memorize test material. Paying teachers based on their students' performances on standardized tests will merely serve to further tie the educational system to the floundering No Child Left Behind act, making it, and more importantly its ideal of using standardized testing as the earmark of public education, seem viable, rather than ridiculous. The fact remains that while standardized testing is certainly necessary in order to provide a common method of academic measure, it does not (and was not intended to) allow for creativity and independent thought. Standardized tests do not, and cannot, measure the entire intellectual student; as evidenced by the fact that the majority of NCLB tests have no writing section and consist entirely of multiple-choice questions. Tests like the SAT and ACT were developed as a way to measure a student's mastery of a general body of knowledge, not as an end-all-be-all measuring stick, and they should have remained that way.

Moreover, ideas like this one and similar educational initiatives over the past few years have proven to be inadequately planned and haphazardly implemented. The problem, however, is larger

than NCLB or even the ideas of better teacher compensation or school accountability. The reason why well-intentioned notions like this and NCLB fail is because they only address the symptoms, not the disease. Do schools need to be held accountable for their students' education? Does offering a higher pay-grade help to attract better-qualified teachers? Of course. Will paying teachers more and throwing more federal funding into testing systems save the education system? I highly doubt it. The problem of education is not one that can be solved by offering teacher bonuses, school funding or by threatening to close schools if students fail to fill in the right bubble on their Scantron. The problem is a social one, it extends well beyond the confines of classroom walls, beyond school districts and testing; it is interwoven into the very fabric of everyday societal living in households and apartment complexes nationwide. The failing American public education system is the severed Achilles tendon of the nation, and we are trying to cover it with a Band-Aid.

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Are there really not any black outstanding seniors?

ANNA ELLIOTT
Guest Columnist

I think it's weird that there are no black candidates for Outstanding Senior. To be clear, there weren't any black students, or students of colors other than white, who were even finalists. At first, I wondered if this was just some sort of fluke, maybe I had missed something, but I then noticed a Facebook group that revolved around this same idea: Top 10 Outstanding Senior N*gr* (as copied directly from the group). This group, with 83 members as of Wednesday night, takes the issue into its own hands and gives deserving black students some recognition. In looking at the nominees for this alternative award, I can't help but wonder how such qualified individuals were not seen as some of the most outstanding members of the senior class and why they are receiving only a Facebook award instead of the real deal.

As I sit here writing this, I wonder about how this article will be received. I don't like to believe that every aspect of life is some sort of racist, classist or sexist conspiracy, and yet history has provided too many examples of situations that have been, making it hard for me to believe this is a simple coincidence. Maybe no black seniors applied, or maybe those who did apply simply weren't qualified. Highly doubtful, but theoretically possible. Whatever the reason, I think this is something we as a community need to look into. What criteria are we using to decide what makes someone outstanding? Does everyone have an equal chance at being deemed outstanding? The Web site for voting would lead you to believe that the number of organizations and leadership positions one holds has a direct correlation with excellence, but I feel like outstanding-ness is more than that. Is this candidate actually a good person, someone who is nice to freshmen and Rand workers, doesn't cheat on tests and stands up in the face of moral ambiguity? What about involvement in causes extending beyond the Vanderbilt campus, which are, from what I hear, overlooked by the selections committee. Apparently, helping orphans in India or being a member of the NAACP does not make you the least bit outstanding for they don't help our campus directly.

Outstanding senior is an award that hoped to improve upon the idea of Homecoming King and Queen. We enlightened Vanderbilt students decided to change the award to reflect our clear evolution beyond the 1950s' obviously mistaken idea that in order for someone to be great, they must be filled with school spirit, someone you'd like to take home to meet your parents and white. Sadly, it would appear our conceptions of excellence, or outstanding-ness, have not changed much at all, or if they have, then these changes have not been reflected in the Outstanding Senior candidates. Not to say these candidates are not truly outstanding, for I know many of them personally, and trust me, they are all that and more. In fact, I thought about not writing this article for fear of belittling their accomplishments. But I also know that any of these outstanding people would hate to have this honor they may receive cheapened by the thought that the process was anything but open and fair. I think we deserve to have an improved selection process out of respect to all of our outstanding seniors, both nominated and overlooked.

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THE RANT



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Compiled by Thomas Shattuck

"Is anyone else skipping class Friday?"

"Why does Stevenson, the '24-hour library,' not open until NOON? I have a huge tests on Monday and although I'd rather not be studying on Sundays, I don't think it's unreasonable to start studying in the morning. After all the partying and procrastinating I do the week before, I need Sundays to catch up!"

"Girls on the ninth floor of Towers II who do not wash their hands after using the bathroom: That is disgusting and unfair to the people who have to use the doorknob after you. Learn some hygiene!"

"Why would anyone ever schedule a test at the same time as Quake?"

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SPORTS

Duke no longer automatic win

by GEOFF HUTCHINSON
Sports Contributor

After a brilliant 5-0 start to the season, the Commodores have hit a roadblock in their attempt for a sixth win. Duke, a traditional doormat of the Atlantic Coast Conference, will not be an easy remedy to Vanderbilt's recent struggles.

Vandy defeated Duke 45-28 in their last meeting two years ago, but these are not the same Blue Devils. Under the guidance of a familiar foe in former Tennessee offensive coordinator David Cutcliffe, Duke (3-3, 1-2 ACC) has already tripled its amount of wins from the previous two seasons. With this knowledge, the Dores (5-2, 3-2 Southeastern Conference) are not taking this game lightly.

"It's not going to be an easy game," said redshirt junior quarterback Mackenzi Adams. "Duke's definitely a program on the rise, as we are. They are a lot better than when we played them a couple years ago. So, it's going to be a tough game."

The Commodores are coming off a tough loss at Georgia in which they lost 24-14. While that loss knocked the Dores out of the top spot

of the SEC Eastern division, coach Bobby Johnson was proud of the way his team played last weekend.

"We lost to a very good football team," said Johnson. "We came out on the short end but I still think we can play better. I was proud of the way we hung in there and battled until the end."

Last week marked the first start of the season for Adams, and while the offense was unable to match Georgia's output, there were signs of life. Redshirt freshman wide receiver Jamie Graham caught two touchdown passes, and redshirt junior running back Jared Hawkins had 86 yards of total offense.

Johnson was impressed by Adams' strong play in a hostile environment.

"For the most part, it was very good, especially for his first start of the season and at a tough place to play," Johnson said. "I thought he handled the pressure real well. He ran the ball well against their defense and he threw the ball well at times."

"I think he gives us a chance to spread the field and he gives defenses trouble because he can run and throw the ball. We were not throwing the ball well earlier

HOMECOMING



Vanderbilt vs Duke

Kickoff is at 2 p.m. at Vanderbilt Stadium

From now on, students with a valid Vanderbilt ID will only be able to enter the football game at Gate 4. The entrance by the baseball stadium is no longer accessible to students.

SEC receptions leader and current Chicago Bear Earl Bennett will return for tomorrow's game and will be one of the grand marshals of the Homecoming parade prior to the game.

104.5 FM will air the game.



Receiver Jamie Graham, who caught two touchdown passes against Georgia, said the Commodores can make history tomorrow against Duke.

weapon for the Blue Devils is senior wide receiver Eron Riley, who ranks among the league leaders in catches and touchdowns this season.

While the Dores have lost their last two games, this is still a team that is very much

upbeat and understands the significance of the game that can make them bowl eligible for the first time since 1982.

"We know it's very important, because we can change history," Graham said. ■

Vandy's Price impacts World Series with Rays

by MIKE FITZPATRICK
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Squeeze plays, a wacky checked swing and a fresh face out of the bullpen. These plucky Tampa Bay Rays pulled out all their tricks at Tropicana Field to tie the World Series.

James Shields stymied the slumping Philadelphia Phillies, rookie David Price got the final seven outs and Tampa Bay

rebounded from a rare home loss with a 4-2 victory Thursday night that made it 1-1.

The Rays scored on Jason Bartlett's safety squeeze and built another rally when Rocco Baldelli walked on a checked swing that seemed to confuse players and umpires alike.

Tampa Bay never really got a huge hit, but neither did the Phillies as Jimmy Rollins & crew fell to 1-for-30 with runners in scoring position. ■

Fargo says swim team making strides

by DAVID RUTZ
Sports Specialist

The Vanderbilt swimming and diving team put up some of its best times of the season over last weekend but fell short in a Southeastern Conference meet in Knoxville against Tennessee and Arkansas.

The Commodores fell to the Razorbacks 252-48 and the Volunteers 248-48 after putting up their first two wins since 2006 on Oct. 11 against Centre and Rhodes in Nashville.

Freshman Allie Voss led the team with an eighth-place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke, posting a personal best time of 1:08.45.

Freshman Zoe Cooper-Surma put up a 25.60 in the 50-yard freestyle, the best for Vanderbilt this season. Sophomore Jennifer Molchan swam a 54.95 in the 100-yard freestyle, also a personal season best.

Sophomore Anna Fargo, who swims freestyle events for the Commodores, took some time to answer questions about the team's performance against Tennessee and Arkansas, as well as what they'll be working on with the Phil Hansel Duals coming up in November in Houston, Texas.

VANDERBILT HUSTLER: Generally, despite the loss, how does the team feel they performed against Tennessee and Arkansas?

ANNA FARGO: As we get farther into the season and increase the intensity of our workouts, we get more tired and it seems so much more difficult to race. However, I think that this year, we're doing a better job of stepping up and keeping our times faster at each meet, despite how much it might hurt, and



FARGO

last Friday was no exception. Also, competing against big SEC schools with established swim teams can be discouraging, but I can already see improvement in how we compete against those teams. It starts with attitude — less negativity translates to a mentally stronger team, which generally results in better races.

VH: What will you all be working on most between now and your next meet?

AF: Our next meet isn't until Nov. 14, so we'll definitely continue upping the intensity of our workouts. Also, changing little things in our strokes and working on starts and turns will help shave some time off.

VH: How large is the difference in competition between competing against SEC teams and teams like Rhodes and Centre (whom the Commodores defeated in Nashville on Oct. 11)?

AF: Well, honestly, there is a huge difference in competition between SEC teams and schools like Rhodes and Centre. The SEC is overall probably the fastest swimming conference, and all of the other swim/diving teams (in the SEC) have had years to get to where they are. We just got started two years ago, and last year was the first season with recruits, so we know it will take some time to get to the level of the other SEC teams, but we're working in that direction. Rhodes and Centre have good D3 swim teams, and that was an exciting tri-meet because we really got to race the other teams. The difference is in division, but give our team some time, and I have confidence that we will be so much more competitive with in the SEC. We signed up to build this team, so that's what we're doing, and I love it!

VU Commodores contributed to this article.

SEC POWER RANKINGS

Compiled by David Rutz

	1. Florida 5-1 (3-1 SEC) After the smackdown they put on LSU, the Gators enter a critical four-game stretch for the SEC East title.
	2. Alabama 7-0 (4-0) Despite being the only unbeaten team left in the conference, the Tide have looked sluggish the past couple of games, and losing massive nose tackle Terrence Cody is a big blow.
	3. Georgia 6-1 (3-1) A.J. Green, Knowshon Moreno, Matt Stafford. With these offensive weapons, it's hard to believe the Bulldogs could have trouble putting teams away like they have recently.
	4. LSU 5-1 (3-1) The Tigers shrugged off their worst loss in six years, entered a hostile environment and beat a good South Carolina team. That's called getting the job done.
	5. Vanderbilt 5-2 (3-2) The Commodores were heads and shoulders better against Georgia than they were against Mississippi State. However, the Black and Gold continue to struggle consistently moving the ball.
	6. South Carolina 5-3 (2-3) Steve Spurrier's maddening quarterback carousel continues after a heartbreaking home loss to LSU. If his goal is for the Gamecocks to never get into an offensive rhythm this season, he's nailing it.
	7. Kentucky 5-2 (1-2) The Wildcats will take their conference-best scoring defense to the Swamp tomorrow and try to defeat Florida for the first time in 22 tries.
	8. Ole Miss 3-4 (1-3) Houston Nutt heads to Arkansas for what should be a rather unpleasant Homecoming for the former Razorback coach.
	9. Auburn 4-4 (2-3) The Tigers continued heading towards oblivion after losing their third straight game last night to the Mountaineers.
	10. Tennessee 3-4 (1-3) If the Volunteers like coach Phil Fulmer, they'll play their hearts out against hated Alabama, because a win could save his job.
	11. Arkansas 3-4 (1-3) Blowing a 17-point lead to Kentucky in a backbreaking loss is another highlight for Bobby Petrino's return to the collegiate coaching ranks. Meanwhile, the Atlanta Falcons are 4-2. Just saying.
	12. Mississippi State 2-5 (1-3) After the 34-3 shellacking that Tennessee put on the Bulldogs last weekend, Vanderbilt's loss to this bunch looks a lot worse.

Soccer matchup ends with no score



FRANCIS SIMPSON / The Vanderbilt Hustler

The Commodores and Ole Miss battled for 110 minutes of scoreless soccer into double overtime. The Dores (8-7-2, 2-6-1 Southeastern Conference) out shot the Rebels 22-to-21, while Vandy goalkeeper Rachel Bachtel recorded 10 saves.

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