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## THE WALL

compiled by REBECCA TYRRELL

### THIS WEEK

**Respect the decision week**  
This week is Koala Week. Tables on the Wall will offer fuzzy koala bears and yellow ribbons to wear signifying respect for the decision not to drink. The Office of Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drug Prevention, CHEERS and GAMMA are sponsoring the event.

### THIS WEEK

**Watermelon Bust**  
Lambda Chi Alpha's annual philanthropy event, Watermelon Bust, takes place this week and benefits the American Red Cross. Events include a penny drop, food drive and field events.

### TODAY

#### Consulting career day

The Career Center will host three events: Consulting Express from 10 to 11 a.m., Consulting Industry Career Day from 12 to 3 p.m. and Consulting Total Access from 4 to 9 p.m. Consulting Express will be in the Student Life Center, Suite 220, and the other two events will be in the Student Life Center Ballroom.

### TODAY

#### Economics lecture

Carsten Kowalczyk of Tufts University will give a lecture titled "Free Trade: What are the terms of trade effects?" with Ray Riezman in Calhoun Hall, Room 204 for the International Economics Seminar.

### TUESDAY, SEPT. 25

#### MSA Fast-a-Thon

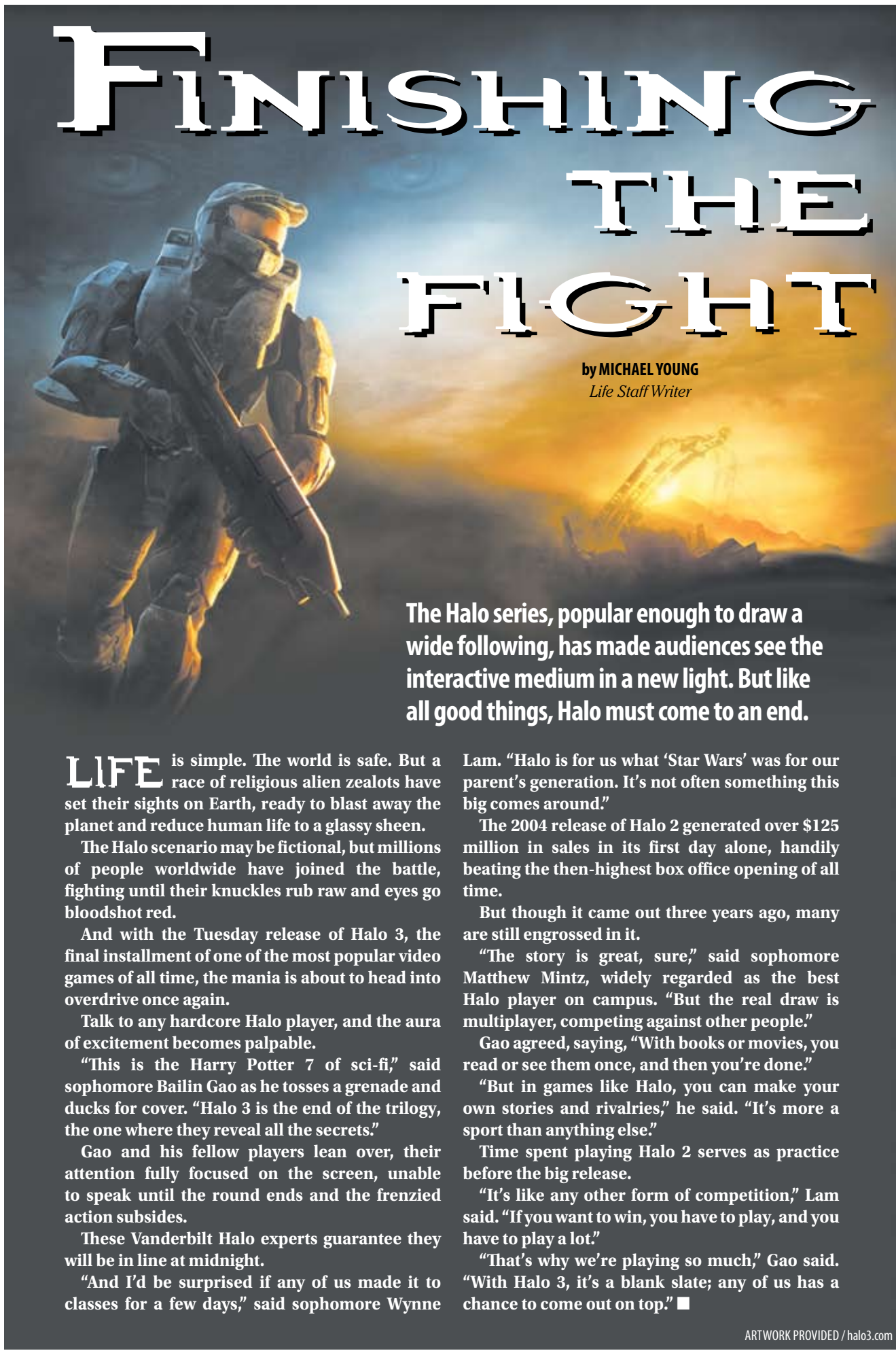
The Vanderbilt Muslim Students Association is hosting its annual Fast-a-Thon. Students are asked to register at [www.vanderbilt.edu/msa](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/msa) and fast Sept. 25 from sunrise to sunset. Sponsors will donate a set amount of money to the Second Harvest Food Bank for each participant. The event ends with a free dinner and program in the Student Life Center Ballroom at 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, SEPT. 25

#### VIEW internship session

Students interested in learning about the VIEW internship program in downtown Washington, D.C., with opportunities ranging from government to media and public service, should attend an informational session from 5 to 6 p.m. in the McTyeire Fireplace Lounge.

See <http://calendar.vanderbilt.edu> for more events.



# FINISHING THE FIGHT

by MICHAEL YOUNG  
Life Staff Writer

The Halo series, popular enough to draw a wide following, has made audiences see the interactive medium in a new light. But like all good things, Halo must come to an end.

**LIFE** is simple. The world is safe. But a race of religious alien zealots have set their sights on Earth, ready to blast away the planet and reduce human life to a glassy sheen.

The Halo scenario may be fictional, but millions of people worldwide have joined the battle, fighting until their knuckles rub raw and eyes go bloodshot red.

And with the Tuesday release of Halo 3, the final installment of one of the most popular video games of all time, the mania is about to head into overdrive once again.

Talk to any hardcore Halo player, and the aura of excitement becomes palpable.

"This is the Harry Potter 7 of sci-fi," said sophomore Bailin Gao as he tosses a grenade and ducks for cover. "Halo 3 is the end of the trilogy, the one where they reveal all the secrets."

Gao and his fellow players lean over, their attention fully focused on the screen, unable to speak until the round ends and the frenzied action subsides.

These Vanderbilt Halo experts guarantee they will be in line at midnight.

"And I'd be surprised if any of us made it to classes for a few days," said sophomore Wynne

Lam. "Halo is for us what 'Star Wars' was for our parent's generation. It's not often something this big comes around."

The 2004 release of Halo 2 generated over \$125 million in sales in its first day alone, handily beating the then-highest box office opening of all time.

But though it came out three years ago, many are still engrossed in it.

"The story is great, sure," said sophomore Matthew Mintz, widely regarded as the best Halo player on campus. "But the real draw is multiplayer, competing against other people."

Gao agreed, saying, "With books or movies, you read or see them once, and then you're done."

"But in games like Halo, you can make your own stories and rivalries," he said. "It's more a sport than anything else."

Time spent playing Halo 2 serves as practice before the big release.

"It's like any other form of competition," Lam said. "If you want to win, you have to play, and you have to play a lot."

"That's why we're playing so much," Gao said. "With Halo 3, it's a blank slate; any of us has a chance to come out on top." ■

ARTWORK PROVIDED / halo3.com

## New multicultural sorority awaits final approval

Eleven LOUD members started process in February.

by LAKENDRA SCOTT  
Staff Reporter

Sigma Lambda Gamma may become the first sorority to start a chapter on campus since 2001.

The national multicultural sorority, which focuses mainly on diversity, will be the first local chapter if it is approved.

"It's been a challenge, but nothing worth fighting for is ever easy," said junior Leslie Colon.

The women of Loving Others' Unique Differences started the process of becoming a recognized sorority in February.

After months of proposals and voting, Panhellenic Council recently approved the sorority, which now awaits endorsement from the Office of Greek Life and Dean of Students Mark Bandas.

"The process is a long one, and it doesn't happen often," said Tanner Marcantel, assistant director of Greek life.

Junior Dana Gangoo said they have stuck with the process because of their determination to increase diversity.

"This is a chance to open a new door for women. It is worth the wait," Gangoo said. Eleven LOUD members

said they started the process because they felt something was missing from campus.

"I looked around for an organization where I fit. I was looking for that click, something that made sense to me," Colon said.

The women, who represent a variety of cultures ranging from West Indian to Korean, believe Sigma Lambda Gamma provides the best place for them to appreciate and embrace their differences.

The women have already started planning, though their installment has not been fully approved.

"We will be starting

recruitment soon, and we will hopefully be recognized as a sorority in the spring," Gangoo said.

Freshmen Jackie Enriquez and Sarah Goodridge said the idea of Sigma Lambda Gamma appeals to them.

"As a Cuban-American student I believe that diversity is essential to campus," Enriquez said. "I think this sorority is a great opportunity to increase diversity at Vanderbilt."

Goodridge agreed, saying, "I'm biracial, and I want to represent both of me. This sorority doesn't make me choose a side." ■

## VSG releases annual budget for student review

Government hopes constructive criticism will follow transparency.

by GLENNA DeROY  
Editor-in-Chief

Student government has made its annual budget available for public scrutiny for the first time in its history.

The entire \$100,000-plus Vanderbilt Student Government budget will be posted on the VSG Web site and InsideVandy.com for all students to access, and a unanimously approved resolution passed recently will require this disclosure in future.

Both houses approved the budget unanimously Wednesday after the VSG Executive Board discussed budget requests from the chairs of each committee, council and House area.

VSG President Cara Bilotta said she hopes increased transparency will foster increased understanding.

"When it comes down to it, student organizations are based on their funding, and funding drives a large part of what we're able to do," she said. "By making how we control our budget available to students, hopefully, they will be able to understand more of what VSG is about."

Since Bilotta campaigned on a transparency platform, the release of the budget should be seen as a step toward more open government, said VSG Chief of Staff Joseph Williams.

"I think that a \$100,000-plus budget composed entirely of student monies should be released to them," he said.

A large chunk of the VSG budget — 26 percent — will return directly to the student body in the form of event co-sponsorships, capped at \$20,000 for the rest of the year.

Events will receive a maximum co-sponsorship of \$1,000 "in order to prevent overspending or a bias toward events earlier in the year," Williams said.

But the largest percentage of the budget — 29 percent — went to VSG committees, with the most money going toward the athletics and special events committees, \$6,000 and \$5,800, respectively, and the smallest going to the publicity committee.

The \$650 allocated to the publicity committee may seem small, but it can be used only for general VSG publicity, he said.

The security committee received just \$1,500 despite the importance of security on campus because Vanderbilt University Police Department directly funds many initiatives, Williams said.

Though the College of Arts and Science boasts the highest enrollment, it received the second-lowest allocation — \$2,000.

The School of Engineering received the most money, partly because Engineering Week, an event unique to that school, costs about \$1,000, Williams said.

House area allocations were easier. The number of occupants in each area was multiplied by \$2, Williams said, and the budgets were then scaled back "in order to motivate responsible, efficient, effective spending."

Williams also said all committees, councils and House areas will receive monthly budget reports that detail their expenditures and note whether scheduled events come in over budget.

"My goal is to assure that there's responsible spending," he said. ■

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### TUESDAY



Isolated T-Storms, 91/69

### WEDNESDAY



Partly Cloudy, 83/68

### THURSDAY



Isolated T-Storms, 81/60

## VUPD CRIME LOG

compiled by REBECCA TYRRELL

### Tuesday, Sept. 18, 11:59 p.m.

A cell phone was taken from the Alpha Epsilon Pi house.

### Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2 a.m.

Clothes were taken from a washing machine in Towers East.

### Wednesday, Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m.

A cell phone and a bag of clothes were taken from an unsecured vehicle at Village at Vanderbilt.

### Thursday, Sept. 20, 4:01 a.m.

Person was charged with DUI at 2613 West End Ave.

Check out <http://police.vanderbilt.edu/crimelog.htm> for complete listings.

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## IN THE KNOW

### The news you need — in brief

compiled by REBECCA TYRRELL

## WORLD

### Moderate wins Japan ruling party vote, assured of becoming next prime minister

The veteran moderate Yasuo Fukuda easily won election as Japan's ruling party president Sunday, pledging to keep a pro-United States foreign policy and improve ties with Asia after he almost certainly becomes prime minister later this week.

Fukuda, the 71-year-old son of a prime minister from the 1970s and a former right-hand man to two premiers, won 63 percent of the vote among Liberal Democratic Party lawmakers and delegates, beating his lone rival, former Foreign Minister Taro Aso.

The win essentially guarantees Fukuda's election as outgoing Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's successor in parliament on Tuesday because of the LDP's vast majority in the lower house, the more powerful of the two chambers that elects the premier.

Fukuda vowed on Sunday to rebuild the popularity of his party, which has suffered a year of scandals and policy missteps by outgoing Abe, who has been hospitalized since announcing Sept. 12 that he would resign.

SOURCE: AP

### Former leader Fujimori arrives in Peru to face trial on corruption, human rights charges

Former President Alberto Fujimori returned to Peru on Saturday to face charges of corruption and sanctioning death-squad killings, a grim homecoming for the strongman who fled the country seven years ago as his government collapsed in scandal.

The plane carrying the 69-year-old former ruler landed in a heavy mist at Lima's Las Palmas air force base, a day after Chile's Supreme Court authorized his extradition. He was then flown by helicopter to a police base, where he is to be held until a permanent facility is prepared for his detention.

Some 700 supporters who gathered outside the police air terminal across town to greet him were frustrated when his plane was diverted to the air base.

"We have come to welcome Fujimori, to tell him that we are with him and will accompany him wherever he goes so that he feels he has the support of his people," his daughter Keiko Fujimori, who was elected to Congress in 2006, told The Associated Press.

SOURCE: AP

## NATION

### Rising seas projected to overtake U.S. coastal history within a century

Ultimately, rising seas will likely swamp the first American settlement in Jamestown, Va., as well as the Florida launch pad that sent the first American into orbit, many climate scientists are predicting.

In about a century, some of the places that make America what it is may be slowly erased.

Global warming — through a combination of melting glaciers, disappearing ice sheets and warmer waters expanding — is expected to cause oceans to rise by one meter, or about 39 inches. It will happen regardless of any future actions to curb greenhouse gases, several leading scientists say. And it will reshape the nation.

Rising waters will lap at the foundations of old money Wall Street and the new money towers of Silicon Valley. They will swamp the locations of big city airports and major interstate highways.

SOURCE: AP

### Louisiana, Mississippi dodge bullet as tropical depression moves ashore in Florida panhandle

Gulf Coast residents breathed a sigh of relief Saturday after a tropical depression came ashore in the Florida panhandle, then weakened, sparing them their first serious brush with tropical weather since two hurricanes ravaged the region in 2005.

Forecasters downgraded the threat when the storm system moved ashore Friday night near Fort Walton Beach, Fla., with top sustained winds of 35 mph.

The weather service discontinued tropical storm warnings that had stretched from Apalachicola, Fla., to the mouth of the Mississippi River, including New Orleans.

Early Saturday, the system was moving west in southwestern Alabama with maximum sustained winds near 15 mph. One to 2 inches of rain was expected.

Officials were not taking any chances Friday. The governors in Louisiana and Mississippi declared states of emergency. Authorities opened shelters and issued sandbags. But by 10 p.m., New Orleans officials were closing their shelters, a city spokeswoman said.

SOURCE: AP

## CAMPUS

### Professor studies what chimpanzees can teach us about economics

In a long-standing enigma of economics and psychology, humans tend to immediately value an item they just received more than the maximum amount they would have paid to get it to begin with. This tendency, known as the endowment effect, is something some economists consider a fluke, but new research finds that humans are not the only ones exhibiting it.

A new study co-authored by Professor Owen Jones, one of the nation's few professors of both law and biology, uncovered evidence that chimpanzees exhibit an endowment effect similar to people.

Jones said this study helps connect law and economics to biology by providing a deeper and more useful understanding of where law-relevant behavior comes from and what factors may affect it.

"To the extent that a deeper understanding of humans can aid law's efforts to pursue whatever goals society assigns it, biological perspectives are an essential part of the picture," Jones said.

SOURCE: VANDERBILT NEWS SERVICE

## Q&A DONALD HUGHES

compiled by Thomas Shattuck

*Most people do not spend much time thinking about squirrels, but Donald Hughes does — it's his job. As member of auxiliary services in Plant Operations, he is familiar with some of the inner workings of Vanderbilt — specifically, pest control. To clear up some myths, Hughes answered few questions about the furry population on campus.*

**THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER:** Freshman T-shirts this year say over 18,900 squirrels live on campus. Is that true?  
**DONALD HUGHES:** No. The real number is most likely between 900 and 1,200 squirrels. You have to take in consideration they tend to move freely, so an exact estimate is impossible.

**VH:** What kinds of squirrels live on campus? Is there more than one species?

**DH:** No. They're all just Eastern gray squirrels.

**VH:** What do squirrels eat?

**DH:** They tend to eat tree produce like acorns and walnuts.

**VH:** Is the size of the squirrel population changing at all?

**DH:** There might be an increase in the local population due to some frosts last year. This decreases the availability of the squirrel's natural food sources, and Vanderbilt has a large amount of waste that might attract those scavenging for food.

## SNAPSHOT

## CELEBRATE CHINESE CULTURE



SAM KIM / The Vanderbilt Hustler

The Vanderbilt University Chinese Students and Scholars Association hosted a Chinese Moon Festival party Sunday night in the Student Life Center. The Moon Festival, held on the 15th of the eighth lunar month, celebrates abundance and togetherness.

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## Lambda to increase student awareness of GLBT issues

by SYDNEY WILMER  
Asst News Editor

Vanderbilt Lambda Association will make GLBT initiatives more accessible to students in the wake of the recent alleged hate crime assault.

The campus gay-straight alliance will work to raise awareness about its cause, said Lambda President Klint Peebles, especially in parts of the community that might seek out the type of training their group offers.

"We have been working with faith-based organizations and the Greek community to sustain dialogue on these subjects," Peebles said.

As part of this effort, Safe Zone, an eight-hour training program to increase awareness of GLBT issues will be shortened to three hours, said GLBT office coordinator Jared Boustead.

"We want people to know that it will go beyond simply a sensitivity training," Boustead said.

And other campus offices and organizations will join Lambda in this effort.

For example, the Office of Housing and Residential Education and the Dean of Students Friday announced the creation of VANDiversity week.

The "brand new celebration" will combine programming already in place with new initiatives to foster acceptance among members of the community, said Kristen VanDenBossche, graduate adviser to the Lambda Association.

The week of Oct. 2 will encompass the monthly Closet Conversations series, interactive workshops that discuss taboo subjects, and will include a new poster campaign to raise awareness.

VanDenBossche and Vanderbilt Student Government President Cara Bilotta began preparing for much of the programming in August, but the "packaging" of the week came out of planning that took place days before the unveiling, VanDenBossche said. ■

The Office of Student Governance and Organizations and the Office of Leadership Development and Intercultural Affairs are teaming up to bring you a series of workshops that are sure to help you be successful in leading your student organization. They will be offered throughout the year and are as follows:

# THE BASICS

Thursday, September 27, 5-7pm  
Sarratt 189

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- A**-dvisor relationships
- S**-elling your organization's event
- I**-nvolving your leadership team
- C**-ollaborating with other organizations
- S**-pending your funding dollars

### Event Planning

Thursday, October 18, 5-7pm  
Sarratt 189

Learn about planning and publicizing a successful event.

### Officer Transition

Tuesday, January 22, 5-7pm  
Learn about how best to teach new leaders their duties.

### Organization Survival

Tuesday, March 18, 5-7pm  
Learn how to maintain the momentum of your organization over long breaks.

Dinner will be provided, so please RSVP to [courtney.n.salters@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:courtney.n.salters@vanderbilt.edu) for The Basics by Monday, September 24 with the name of your organization and number attending in the subject line.

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## Semester in full swing



LAUREN FONDRIEST / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Juniors Arianne Reid and Heather Stone take advantage of the summer-like weather to prepare for upcoming exams outside Starbucks. Students face the first round of exams and papers as the semester gets rolling.

# Owen student returning from Darfur to speak

by DANIELLE GANTT  
Contributing Reporter

TIARA HODGES  
Contributing Reporter

While many students campaign for awareness of the problems in Darfur, Sudan, Ebenezer Aryee has seen them firsthand.

Aryee, a student in the Owen Graduate School of Management, left school in 2005 to help the United Nations with peacekeeping relations within Africa. He has returned to his studies and said he wants to share his

conflict. He also wants to aid in finding possible solutions to the problems plaguing the continent, particularly Darfur. By bringing this issue back to America via Vanderbilt, he said he hopes that "we can come up with a plan, a policy."

Junior Roberto Papi expressed excitement about Aryee's lecture.

"I don't believe that all the students know about Darfur," Papi said. "They've heard the name but don't really associate it with anything. They should be informed."

However, a few students are skeptical as to why this is a

### DARFUR SPEECH

When: 1 p.m. today

Where: Averbuch Auditorium at Owen Graduate Business School

Vanderbilt issue.

"I believe that, yes, it is an important issue because there is a genocide going on in another country," said junior Harold Frelix. "But I honestly don't think that there is a specific reason other than that to bring this issue to Vanderbilt's campus."

Aryee said he looks forward to his engagement. He said he feels he has a responsibility to bring this message to America and Vanderbilt.

"I think my experience will be able to tell people what I've seen," he said. "I think as an African, I have a responsibility to pick up and (provide) knowledge for the world at large." ■

# Talented Tenth missed in community dialogue

by KELLY SWOPE  
Staff Reporter

With the celebration of Vanderbilt Student Communications' 40th anniversary this past week, Talented Tenth remained absent from the list of student media groups.

Talented Tenth, a student-led newspaper that focuses on race and diversity issues at Vanderbilt, received a one-year probationary extension from the VSC board in spring 2007 because no student interviewed to lead the publication.

"Talented Tenth still exists on paper," said Director of Student Media Chris Carroll. "It's just dormant."

Talented Tenth launched during the 2006-07 school year with the idea of focusing more attention on black issues, issues the founders felt The Vanderbilt Hustler ignored.

Talented Tenth Founder Gavin Fletcher and former Editor-in-Chief Nathan Ford, both 2007 graduates, led the effort.

The VSC board awarded probationary

status to Talented Tenth last fall so the board could monitor its progress during its first year of publication, which is the process all new media groups must follow.

"We are all about encouraging free expression," Carroll said. "If students feel passionately about this, they are not going to be turned away."

VSC provided a computer with layout software and a camera, and the staff set up a preliminary office in the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center.

The first two issues of Talented Tenth appeared in fall 2006, and a third was printed in the spring. Copies were distributed throughout the campuses of Vanderbilt, Fisk University, Tennessee State University and Belmont University, hoping to spread awareness beyond the scope of the typical campus audience.

Carroll said the perspective of an issue-centered newspaper is as resonant with its readership as the issues themselves, asserting that there is a place for racial

dialogue at Vanderbilt.

"I'd love to see more analysis of race on campus," he said.

Sean Tierney, editor-in-chief of the campus satire newspaper, The Slant, who also worked as a staff writer for Talented Tenth, agreed.

A publication that discusses issues of race "has the potential to be a force in the years to come," he said.

"There is a need for more dialogue and for the exposure of minority communities on campus," Tierney said. "We need to find a way to increase the visibility of these issues in a way that the Vanderbilt community would respond to." ■

—For more information, visit [www.vscmedia.org/talentedtenth.html](http://www.vscmedia.org/talentedtenth.html) or click the Talented Tenth link on:



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### OUR VIEW

## VSG transparency beneficial to students

Vanderbilt Student Government has finally accomplished something the Student Government Association never did, something The Vanderbilt Hustler has demanded for years. Though a seemingly easy goal, it has taken years for the transparency of student government finances to become a reality.

Transparency has historically been an issue dear to The Hustler editorial board. In the last two semesters alone there have been at least four editorials dealing with this issue. When former Interhall President Devin Donovan and former SGA President Boone Lancaster proposed VSG, they told The Hustler

transparency would be a central value of the organization. We are glad to see this indeed is the case.

Now, VSG finances are available for review on their Web site as well as on our very own InsideVandy.com. Students are strongly recommended to take advantage of this service. The student government exists for the benefit of the students. If, for some reason, students find themselves displeased with their government's use of finances, it is up to the students to express them. If, alternatively, they are satisfied, then they can count themselves lucky they go to an institution with such functional student leadership. If they

do not bother reviewing, then they are choosing not to engage in the system despite the opportunity and will have no footing should they begin to complain.

Hopefully, this new level of transparency will foster dialogue that instigates improvement in university operations. This is an empowering move by VSG. It demonstrates a heightened level of respect and appreciation for the student body. Perhaps the upper level administrators in Kirkland Hall will take notice and finally see fit to increase their own transparency. We could use some respect and appreciation from them, too, after all.

### COLUMN

## Organizations must respond thoughtfully

**CHRIS SKENE**  
InsideVandy Blogger

Why do student organizations insist on giving irrelevant responses to legitimate questions raised by students?

Carolyn Phippen wrote a letter about the lack of student participation at Commodore Quake. The Music Group was courteous enough to give her a response, but instead of directly addressing the issue of student performance, hyped Quake as an event catered to the student body. They equated student participation with attendance and then let everyone know what a great idea a \$15 grandstand seat would be. And by the way, some Blair students are performing, so check your facts, concerned letter-writers.

I would have been much more impressed by an up-front answer such as this: "After careful consideration, The Music Group decided it could provide a better entertainment experience by dedicating the Quake stage solely to professional performers with a wide range of appeal. Our goal is to make Quake into more of a concert, like a fall equivalent to Rites of Spring. If you'd like to see student organizations perform, perhaps you should check out our other Homecoming events." Question answered, problem solved.

The Music Group is not the only culprit, though. The Hustler editorial board recently made note of the partisan rhetoric used to promote the All-American Block Party. In response, we got two nice, formulaic letters from the College Democrats and Republicans spouting off meaningless drivel like "It is up to us to unify our country once again and allow our love for what this country represents to shine through for the world to see." (I thought this was a university newspaper, not a Miss Teen America pageant.) Both letters ignored the politically slanted rhetoric and instead shamelessly plugged their event.

Readers of The Hustler can identify BS when they see it. If you're going to respond to someone's opinion, do so in a meaningful way. Nurture public discourse instead of crushing it under the boot heel of public relations nonsense and cautious avoidance.

—Chris Skene is a junior in the College of Arts and Science.

## SOUND BYTES

Members of the community sound off on different issues pertaining to life both in and out of the bubble.

### Does Vanderbilt have a tolerant culture?

"I'd say we have a tolerant culture, but tolerance isn't enough. We need to be accepting of others."  
—Lisa Schmitt, senior, A&S

"The question would be, 'Tolerant of what?' I think the Vandy culture is tolerant of certain choices, ideas and actions but chooses to ignore or not acknowledge others, as long as they do not interfere with the students' lives. I think many straight students are 'tolerant' of gay and lesbian students. It's not their preference, so it doesn't have an effect on them until they see 'PDA.' An example is the hate crime that recently happened. I think most students don't even want to see a straight couple making out in public or being very 'couple-y' in public. I know I don't."  
—Alyssa Smith, junior, Peabody

"I go back and forth."  
—Laura Kaufman, junior, Peabody



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### COLUMN

## Freshmen face sleepless nights in order to survive Vanderbilt

**NIKITA RODRIGUES & STEPHANIE WELLS**  
Columnists

As stress levels skyrocket and tension tightens, frenzy abounds in the freshman halls. This past week, freshmen faced their first tests and paper assignments. The frantic flipping of textbooks could be heard until 4 a.m.

The hype over the unknown spread among freshmen. Upperclassmen only fed the anxiety with stories about past classes: "Calculus tests are as thick as books" or "The first chem exam has a class average of 40 percent."

As the week drew to an end, freshmen streamed out of Kissam and Branscomb dorms in a fateful trek toward their respective testing areas. From the beginning of the week, panicked faces were immersed in formulas. As they repeated the memorized ions for the 12th time in the past hour, we had to wonder: Are freshmen over-studying?

Sima Baalbaki, who studied for seven hours, said, "I felt like I needed to study because I thought the test was going to be very hard. I didn't feel like I knew anything since I hadn't had chemistry in a long time. Some of the upperclassmen told me that I needed to do well on this test because it was the easiest one of the semester, and if I didn't do well on it then my grade was basically history. This definitely added to my stress."

Stress is as contagious as the head colds circulating the freshman residence halls. Competition drives the snowball stress effect because the Class of 2011 is

accustomed to standing at the top of their high school class.

Freshman Kyle McCollom attributed the increasing tension to his peers. He said, "Among different majors there are different amounts of studying required. One

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freshman will see another freshman studying a lot, and they will stress thinking they too have to study a lot more."

Furthermore, striving for excellence definitely drives up the stress levels.

"I am not really sure how I measure up to other freshmen, so I don't know how much I need to study in comparison to other people. I am going all out the first two tests in hope that I can relax more later," McCollom said. "I am trying to be a little bit more leery these first

two tests in order to explore and figure out what the teacher wants."

The freshmen recuperated Saturday morning after a night of "weekend" celebrations. Most freshmen seemed to feel the hours of excessive studying paid off.

"It was a little bit harder than I expected, but I think I studied about the right amount," said freshman Abby Barnes about her economics test. "The test was only five problems that covered five different sections we've studied. We've learned more than five sections so I had to prepare for all of them."

The general consensus among the freshman class is that while most people did push their limits and studied past the point they were used to, that seems to be the way to succeed at Vanderbilt.

Most freshmen seemed happy that while they will still stress over the range of course material on their next tests, they no longer have the anxiety of the unknown. Horror stories definitely took freshman emotions by storm, but now that the initial tests have been faced and overcome, freshmen are prepared to face the long road ahead.

Freshman Lizzie Young said, "I definitely thought the tests were harder than my high school tests, but not as hard as I was expecting. I'll probably study more because now I know what to expect and what I should study."

—Nikita Rodrigues is a freshman in the College of Arts and Science, and Stephanie Wells is a freshman in Peabody College.

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COLUMN

# Iraq needs domestic solution

**NIKHIL TRISTAN SEKARAN**  
Columnist

These past few weeks have marked a new stage in the Iraqi war.

First, the Independent Commission on Iraqi Security Forces published its report. Chaired by retired Gen. James Jones, the panel offered a bleak view of the readiness of Iraq's army and police in taking over security obligations. The commission's American-led forces will not be able to scale back their critical leadership role for at least a year.

The more significant developments are the testimonies given last week by Ambassador Ryan Crocker and Gen. David Petraeus. While not surprising to anyone involved, their speeches nevertheless let all Americans know our military presence in Iraq will continue far after the departure of President George W. Bush, but our military's cemented role remains very unclear.

"Our experience in Iraq has repeatedly shown that projecting too far into the future is not just difficult, it can be misleading and even hazardous," Petraeus said. The existence of this ambivalence is a testament to just how chaotic this conflict has become.

There has been minimal success forming a functional Iraqi government. Expedient political and military solutions are not mutually exclusive. If anything, strengthening this loose coalition of militias, led by a seemingly disorganized Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki, will breathe fresh air into achieving sectarian reconciliation and political progress.

Maliki, once heralded by Bush as "the right guy for Iraq," has been consistently disappointing. Recent cabinet defections and internal factionalism have dimmed any prospects for compromise.

Former Prime Minister Ayad Allawi is now working to establish a civil opposition force, telling Wolf Blitzer he has "lost faith in the capability of the current government in salvaging the country and moving forward."

Maliki's work in Iraq should not come with a blank check. Only when he realizes his expendability will we see a reduction in ethnic factionalism amongst his countrymen and his dislocated cabinet. Bush must start making smart moves very quickly.

Deposing Maliki would inch the United States closer to establishing a stable political solution. Regardless of Maliki's misgivings, Bush's open criticism of the current Iraqi regime may just be

a strategic maneuver to push the White House firmly back into the center of the Iraq debate.

With Maliki's removal unlikely, we need to focus on other options at hand. The prospect for an American military solution in the region is possible but will only occur with Sunni reconciliation.

It's time to give the Iraqis back their land, their freedom and their ideals. This goal can still be accomplished with U.S. ground forces playing auxiliary roles wherever possible. Petraeus and his subordinates must start finding ways to prop up tribal leaders and make them responsive to their own people. Re-engaging strong provincial leadership within the periphery will strengthen Iraqi confidence in the democratic process.

To give the Iraqi security forces the ability to command security obligations, the coalition must address two overriding factors: the sectarian power struggle within the Iraqi security forces, and the lack of a cohesive U.S. plan for equipping the Iraqi military with the vision to pursue its work independently.

The U.S. must strategically look beyond counterinsurgency operations to create forces capable of defending the country without the aid of coalition forces. One of the most pronounced flaws in current military strategy is the lack of foresight in creating an affordable and realistic plan for replacing U.S. military capabilities, intelligence and sustainability.

The U.S. has strong ethical and moral obligations to the Iraqi people. This responsibility includes adequately getting its government and citizens on their feet and giving them the ability to autonomously rule as a sovereign nation-state. The failure to enact contingency plans for nation-building and stability operations following Saddam's removal coupled with the ineffective organization of Iraqi security forces are only two badly incurred mistakes.

Looking to the future, the U.S. must first continue its efforts to push Iraq's leaders toward political compromise and conciliation and force United Nations-sanctioned talks that bring all of the regional powers to the negotiating table. Iraq is but a reflection of the wider Middle East dilemma we face today.

While Bush and Petraeus may see "bottom-up progress," there is no illusion as to how far away we actually are from leaving Iraq with dignity.

—Nikhil Tristan Sekaran is a junior in the College of Arts and Science.

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Submitted in response to:

**"Accurate picture of Gutierrez not getting adequate representation"**  
by Kristen Tsalkis

**My own two cents**

Submitted by Uomo E Le Rovine on Sun, 09/23/2007 - 02:11.

I will agree with Ms. Tsalkis here; I do not know Mr. Gutierrez, nor was I at the scene of this incident when it occurred. Still, The Hustler at least owes it to its readers to report both sides of the story. It seems that little has been said about Gutierrez, and The Hustler has made little effort to make known his side of the story. What would have otherwise been an ordinary fight which would have received no notice whatsoever, it seems, has been blown out of proportion by the politically correct cliques because of a few careless words.

Perhaps it is all too easy to empathize with a victim and to believe everything he says. Just because one victim is of a different sexual orientation does not make this a hate crime.

**To and for us all**

Submitted by stasia on Fri, 09/21/2007 - 14:49.

A reminder to us all: this is a sensitive case and socially imperative issues are at hand. Let us remember that we are not only dealing with one socially ostracized community. Both sides of this argument represent members of stereotyped, persecuted and vulnerable minority groups. All of us with open minds and good hearts sympathize with the plight of homosexuals on American campuses and throughout the country. They are repeatedly the victims of violent hate crimes, and sadly, communities such as Vanderbilt are among the guiltiest for detestable prejudices. If I were not familiar with the parties involved, I would be inclined, based on historical evidence and sickening social standards, to assume the couple to be victims and the two friends to be antagonists. Many of us are inclined to think this way and, in a way, we should. We should know by now that these crimes are too frequent to be tolerated any longer or passively punished. As a member of the Lambda community, I speak for the persecuted.

But please, let us not ignore the fact that in blindly accusing, we are also adhering to an equally tragic social stereotype: intrinsic violence in the Latino community. This case is all too easy to put into a box. It seems we have a socially intolerant Hispanic kid from the Bronx, NY unleashing his violent tendencies on homosexuals on a predominantly white, Republican campus. That's what it looks like from the outside, doesn't it? Well, scholars, think inside that box and you are adhering to one of the most unacknowledged stereotypes plaguing American culture today. Yes, we have marginalized those of opposite sexual orientation. But we have and are equally marginalizing our ethnic minorities. Why?

If the propagators of this scandal cannot wake up and see that this is not a one-sided issue of persecution, but clearly a battle of the persecuted against the persecuted, WHICH WE, AS THE STATUS QUO AMERICANS, HAVE ALLOWED TO REMAIN SO CATEGORIZED, then this entire charade will amount to nothing but another step backwards in the fight for social progress.

Lambda, prosecutors, privileged Vanderbilt scholars: please consider your positions without bias. Consider the consequences of reacting emotionally based on your own experiences and orientations.

**I'm a little sickened that**


Submitted by Skeptic on Fri, 09/21/2007 - 13:24.

I'm a little sickened that this opinion article actually appeared in The Hustler today. How did "Stop picking on my friend and don't call him a gay basher" become worthy of a space in a paper that is only a few pages in length? If you knew the victims, you would realize how wrong you are, Ms. Tsalkis. It isn't a case of pulling the gay card anymore than the "Jena 6" case is simply a case of those six African-American teens pulling the race card. The situation is what it is. It is a legitimate issue and a legitimate hate crime. Homophobic remarks were made and your friend and his buddy brutally beat those two boys and, sadly for your friend, ... it was all caught on tape.

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# SPORTS

## Coaches, players respond to Gee's resignation, reflect on the future

“I was very surprised that Chancellor Gee was leaving. I thought the fact that he just implemented this huge \$150 million project to make Vanderbilt a residential college and then not even see the very first class through was strange.”

—Senior Ross Neltner, men's basketball

“I don't anticipate any changes, certainly not in the negative, at least. Vanderbilt athletics has shown that it can flourish athletically, academically and financially.”

—Men's golf coach Tom Shaw

“As a senior I naturally feel a certain anxiety over the amount of care and attention that athletics will receive as the university moves forward. I hope that recent athletic accomplishments and the great staff on board now will help to cultivate enough fans, funding and enthusiasm for our programs that will allow them to thrive with each passing season.”

—Senior Amanda Taylor, women's tennis

“Athletics has its place on a campus, but it certainly is not the most important thing that occurs here. I don't think it is close to the top priority. However, sports have a big impact on our society; sports offers academic, leadership and competitive opportunities to participants, and for many years athletics has been labeled the 'front porch' on a college campus.”

—Bowling coach John Williamson

“While athletics is an important component of the university, it is only one component of a school known primarily for its academic prowess. We are getting a new chancellor, not a new athletic director, and we as athletes can understand that in the decision-making process.”

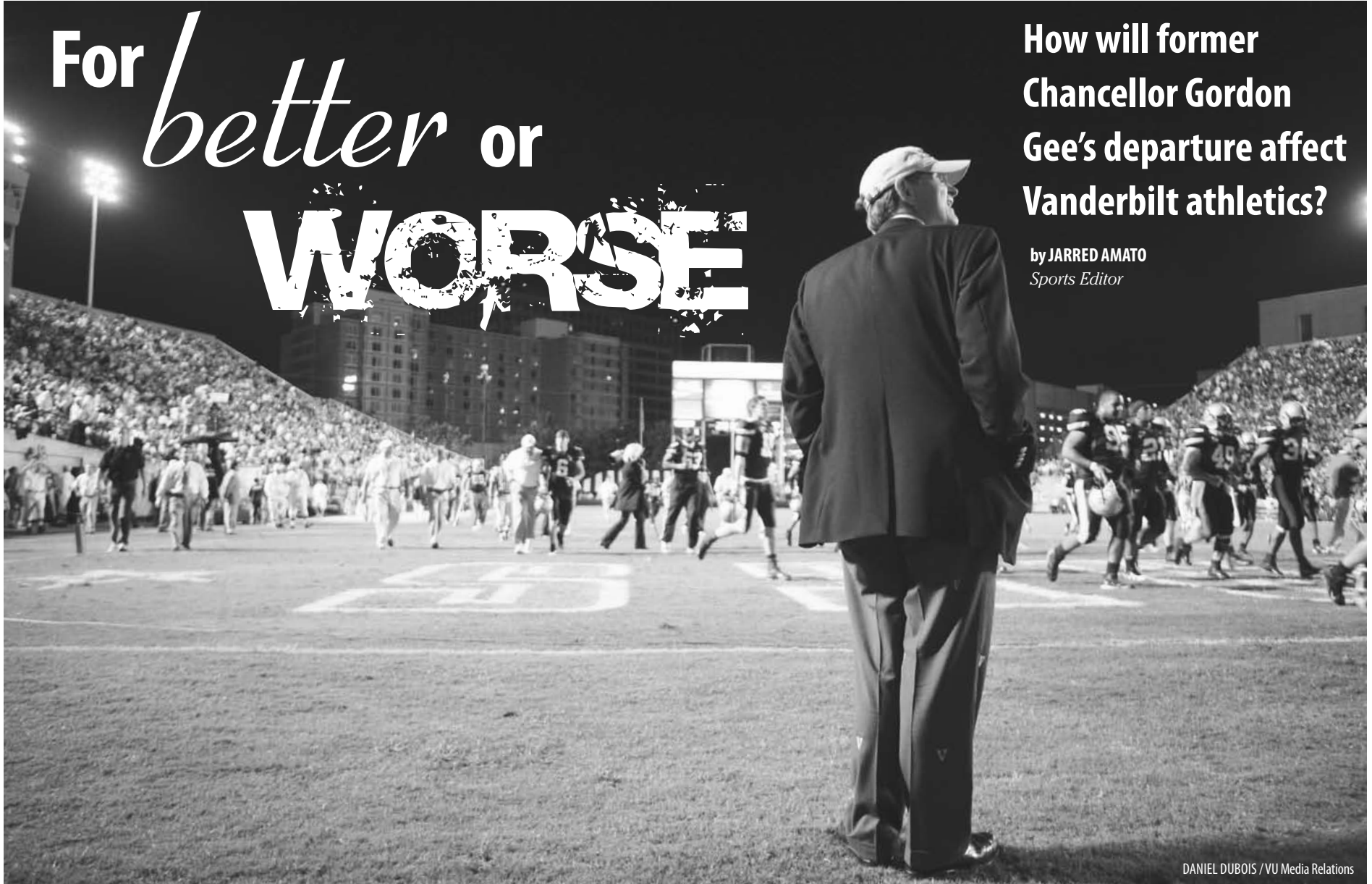
—Senior Val Kazmer, women's cross country

“Personally, I didn't think Gee did anything to improve the athletic program at Vanderbilt. I'm sure he did do some things behind the scenes, but I, as a golfer, never saw firsthand these things. I'm sure our program will continue to thrive because of each individual athlete's commitment to their sport.”

—Junior Jon Curran, men's golf

“The athletic culture of a university is often a big factor in a prospective student's decision-making process, and the Board of Trust has to ensure the Chancellor they choose will make athletics a priority if Vanderbilt is to continue to attract the highest caliber students.”

—Senior Austin Williamson, men's cross country



## How will former Chancellor Gordon Gee's departure affect Vanderbilt athletics?

by JARRED AMATO  
Sports Editor

DANIEL DUBOIS / VU Media Relations

When the spectacle-wearing, bow-tie-loving Gordon Gee announced he would trade in his black and gold jersey for the scarlet and silver of The Ohio State University on July 11, coaches and players were undoubtedly surprised.

Gee, after all, made the unprecedented decision to dissolve the athletic department and integrate athletics and student life in 2003. While many initially questioned the move, Gee had the final laugh, as a school-record 10 teams advanced to the NCAA tournament last year.

Furthermore, over the past two years, six players were taken in the first two rounds of their respective professional sports, including Denver Broncos quarterback Jay Cutler and David Price, the No. 1 pick in the 2007 Major League Draft. At the same time, student-athletes' grade point average recently passed 3.0 for the first time.

So, beyond initial shock laid concern. After its most successful year in school history, coaches and student-athletes had to wonder: Would Vanderbilt athletics be better or worse without the chancellor at the heart of it all?

But when Corbin came back from a similar trip to the University of Oregon this August, Gee was cleaning out his office in Kirkland Hall. With one of his biggest supporters moving on to Columbus, Ohio, it was only natural for Corbin to doubt the future of his program and athletics as a whole.

Therefore, before recommitting to the Commodores, Corbin needed assurance that the university was still heading in the right direction.

“It would've been a concern of mine had not people stepped in and said, 'Listen, things aren't going to change. It's going to move forward like it has been,’” Corbin said.

One of those people was Williams, the de facto

athletic director since the integration of student life and athletics. Another was Interim Chancellor Nick Zeppos, the man responsible for linking the university's past and future.

Both individuals expect this year to be even better than last, which says quite a lot, considering that seven teams were ranked in the top 25 nationally.



Interim Chancellor Nick Zeppos continued the tradition of leading the freshman class onto Dudley Field prior to the Commodores' first home football game. Zeppos said he expects another successful year for Vanderbilt athletics despite Gordon Gee's departure.

“Interim Chancellor Zeppos has made a lot of indications that he wants to not only keep the momentum going but actually escalate it,” Williams said. “Right now, I think we'll have another very positive growth year in a lot of areas.”

Zeppos agreed, saying, “It should be a great year. The coaches, the kids are energized. The chancellor isn't the one playing the sports — it's the coaches and students.”

“I think it would be a disservice to all the other people involved with Vanderbilt athletics to give all of the credit to Chancellor Gee,” said junior bowler Michelle Peloquin, referring to not only coaches, but also trainers, academic counselors and directors of sport operations that have been integral to recent success.

Still, as easy as it may be to discredit Gee's importance now that he is gone, his accomplishments are

indisputable. “I've talked to alumni and Vanderbilt supporters, and the thing they said about Gordon was the fact that he helped put athletics back on the map,” Corbin said.

“Gee had a vision for Vanderbilt athletics,” added soccer coach Ronnie Coveleskie. “He took a risk. ... The coaches, athletes and administration remained focused and loyal through the transition stages, and in return, the success of the athletic department is beginning to shine through in all sports.”

mainly because they have been able to retain an impressive cadre of coaches, who have, in turn, recruited talented student-athletes. Corbin, for example, has been courted by several teams over the past three seasons. The same can be said for basketball coaches Melanie Balcomb and Kevin Stallings.

And student-athletes agree.

Senior cross country runner Austin Williamson perhaps summed it up best.

“Gee excelled at attracting the highest quality faculty to Vanderbilt,” he said. “Not just any replacement will be able to match his energy and enthusiasm for improving Vanderbilt athletics and the university in general.”

### ATHLETICS NEEDS ATTENTION

As the Board of Trust searches for its next chancellor, the sentiment from coaches, players and administrators is unanimous — athletics, or what Gee called the “window of the university” — must be taken into consideration.

“Schools that get national publicity from their sports teams only benefit the school as a whole,” said senior Ross Neltner, a member of the men's basketball team.

“Athletics, if given the proper care and attention, can foster community and enthusiasm for our university unlike any other conduit,” said senior tennis player Amanda Taylor. “It is important that the

incoming chancellor realize the potential a successful sports foundation could hold for Vanderbilt — to make it the premier university in academics and athletics alike.”

It is precisely that balance that drew men's tennis coach Ian Duvenhage to West End.

“What we do is entirely relevant to the overall mission of Vanderbilt,” he said. “Our individual sports are the vehicles through which we teach about so much more than just Xs and Os. I can unequivocally say that this is the only place I've coached where academics and athletics are in balance.”

From the discussions he has had with board members, Williams said he has no reason to believe athletics will regress in the coming years. In fact, he said he is already thinking of ways to move the Commodores up in the Director's Cup standings. While they finished a respectable 33rd last year, Williams said he expects to compete for the top spot within 10 years.

“(The Board) seems to be pretty happy with what we're doing,” he said. “I think that the philosophy we have won't change and being that that won't change, I don't see any reason why anything else would change.”

If it's not broken, why fix it? “That's exactly right.” ■

## WHAT A YEAR



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SAM KIM / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Senior left tackle Chris Williams weighed 240 pounds when he arrived at Vanderbilt as a freshman. Now, 80 pounds heavier, the anchor of the offensive line is a potential first-round pick.

# Williams works way to top

by DAVID NAMM  
Sports Reporter

Too small, they used to tell him, pessimism echoing from their words. Too weak, they used to think, skepticism dominating their opinions. Too unlikely, they used to believe, that senior offensive tackle Chris Williams would turn into a presence to be reckoned with on the offensive line.

However, Williams did to these beliefs what he routinely does to opposing defensive linemen: He shoved them out of the way.

"It's tough to put on this much weight and stay pretty athletic," Williams said of adding about 80 pounds since his freshman year. "I've been here every summer developing my strength and keeping my quickness at the same time."

One of the catalysts to Williams' development has been offensive line coach Robbie Caldwell, who has seen his pupil's determination turn into strong results.

"Everything we've asked of him, he's done," Caldwell said. "He knew

that during the recruiting process to play in this league you have to be bigger, stronger (and) faster, and he's accomplished all that."

Not only has Williams done extremely well in his college career — as evidenced by receiving the honor of Southeastern Conference Lineman of the Week in recognition of his outstanding performance against Ole Miss — but also he has put himself in a position to play professional football.

"I'm focused on the season," Williams said. "I mean, you never know. Everyone's talking and stuff, about where I could fall and things like that. Me, I'm just worried about the season. I'll take care of all that stuff later."

One person who has no doubt Williams can one day have a successful NFL career is Caldwell, who sees in his preseason All-American a player who has all the tools to continue to the next level.

"I think he's got, first of all, a God-given talent that none of us had anything to do with and that's his size from his parents," Caldwell said. "He's big, and he can run. He has

a great work ethic. He'll get in the weight room, get bigger or slimmer. Whatever they need, he will do, and he will understand the game."

For now, though, Williams anchors an offensive line that had a breakout performance against Ole Miss and figures to form a steady foundation for the offense as the year progresses.

"He was part of a solid overall offensive line effort against Mississippi," said coach Bobby Johnson. "He and Josh (Eames, senior guard) both did an excellent job on the left side of our line."

Williams was pleased with the effort, as well.

"(The Ole Miss win) was great because I think some people were questioning our offense's running ability, especially after the Alabama game," Williams said. "To be able to come out and dominate up front ... was great."

Too strong, his opponents say as he pancakes blocker after blocker. Too smart, other coaches say when trying to scheme around him. Too unlikely, they all believe, that Williams will ever be stopped. ■

# Soccer shuts out Cougars

## Dores conclude non-conference play on high note.

HUSTLER STAFF REPORT

With Southeastern Conference play on the horizon, the soccer team got exactly what it needed — a 3-0 victory over host College of Charleston on Sunday afternoon.

The Commodores, now 3-4-1, scored three first-half goals to snap a three-game losing streak, the last two coming in overtime.

While Vanderbilt has struggled to find the back of the net at times, it took advantage of its chances in the first half on Sunday, scoring three times on four shots on goal.

The first goal came in the 32nd minute when Megan Forester tapped in a pass from Amy Wilcox into the left corner of the net. The second came on Molly Kinsella's breakaway. Wilcox capped the scoring in the final minute of the first half off feeds from Taylor Ryer and Megan Kinsella.

The Commodores controlled the second half as well, holding a 7-3 shot lead. They also had a 9-4 corner kick lead.

Freshman goalkeepers Rachel Bachtel and Devan Council combined on the shutout, the team's fourth in eight games. The defense limited the Cougars (3-4) to just one shot on goal.

After concluding the non-conference portion of its schedule, Vanderbilt opens SEC play Friday at Alabama. ■

# Sophomore ready for Friday night spotlight

by ADAM WEINSTEIN  
Sports Reporter

This baseball season will be one of returning stars and high expectations. And no one embodies that sentiment more than sophomore pitcher Mike Minor.

"Mikie's still only a sophomore," said coach Tim Corbin. "You look at Mikie and say, 'Is he a junior or senior?' but he's only been here one year. I hate to hang too much on him."

But it might be too late for that. Minor went 9-1 last year with a 3.09 ERA in 19 appearances, 14 of which were starts.

The season earned Minor

national attention, as one of the top three returning sophomores in the nation according to rivals.com. He also was selected for the USA Baseball National Team, where he shined as the winningest pitcher on the squad.

"It was awesome playing for USA," Minor said. "Having USA on your chest, playing other countries. I'd do it next year if I get invited back."

Minor has been slotted to lead the pitching staff this year, and even as a sophomore, he realizes he will be a big factor in the team's success.

"I guess it does put a little more pressure on me because I'm supposedly the Friday guy," Minor

said. "As a freshman, I wasn't really because you're not really supposed to play as a freshman, but this year I already know my role going into it. So I'm working a little harder to get ready for the season. I'll be ready."

And Minor knows good things are expected from the team this year. After last year's loss in the Regionals of the NCAA Tournament, the team wants to win big this year.

"We're going to get right back to where we were, but we're going to get farther," Minor said. "We know what we need to do this year. We're going to continue from where we left of last year, and we're not going to let anything stop us." ■



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With David Price gone, sophomore Mike Minor will be the new ace of the pitching staff. Given how he performed in 2007 and with Team USA, the Commodores should be in good hands.

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Everyone is welcomed to Branscomb at 8pm for talk about being a non-drinker in the Vandy social scene and some yummy desserts! Koalie will be there, will you?

### Tuesday, September 25

Express Yourself! Come to a discussion on what it's like being a non-drinker on our campus. Are there enough late night activities for non-drinkers?

Everyone is welcomed to Vandy-Barnard Residential Hall at 8pm for talk and some yummy desserts!

### Wednesday, September 26

Mocktail Competition, 5-6pm. Delicious mocktails to sample! Entry counts towards Watermelon Bust points!

Come to a discussion on what it's like being a non-drinker on our campus. Are there enough late night activities for non-drinkers?

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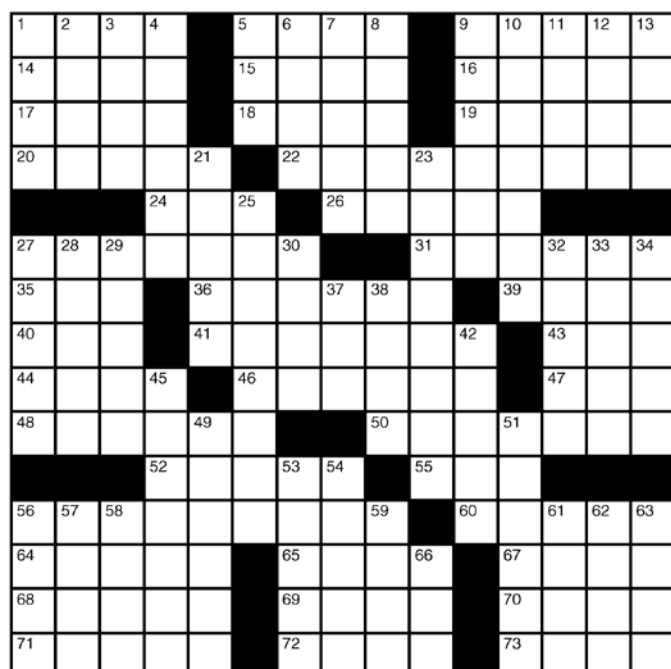


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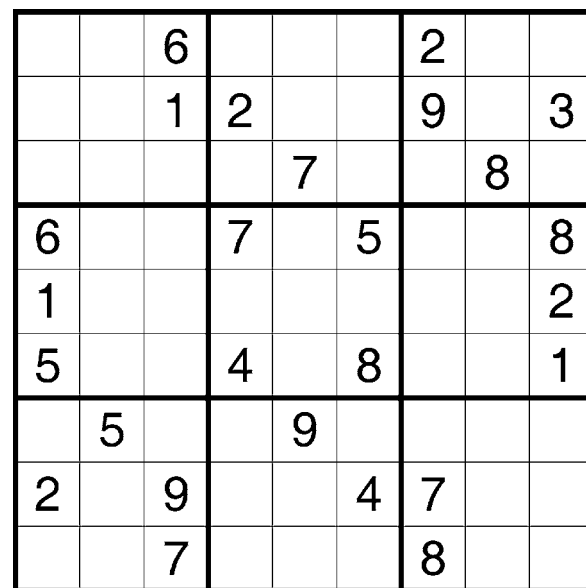
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- 1 If all \_\_\_ fails...
- 5 Harvest
- 9 Uneven haircuts
- 14 Ghostly greetings
- 15 Lovett or Talbot
- 16 \_\_\_ cotta
- 17 Boxing match
- 18 Collectors' groups
- 19 Walt Disney's middle name
- 20 Sound of a wet impact
- 22 Van Heflin film, "\_\_\_ Heroes"
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- 26 Juliet's lover
- 27 Store of weapons
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- 39 Screwdriver, e.g.
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- 41 Makes possible
- 43 John's Yoko
- 44 Immoral deeds
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- 65 Bump off
- 67 Reverberation
- 68 Followed a trajectory
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- 70 Brit's streetcar
- 71 Second decade
- 72 Assigned work
- 73 Phoenix five

### DOWN

- 1 Flows back
- 2 Aerobic stunt
- 3 "Heart and \_\_\_"
- 4 Will's contents
- 5 "Kidnapped" auth.
- 6 Looks at
- 7 Holy table
- 8 Basil concoction
- 9 Sound setup
- 10 Didn't yield
- 11 La Scala showstopper
- 12 Go-with-anything color
- 13 Give lip to
- 21 Barest hint
- 23 Bumbershoot
- 25 Liftoffs
- 27 Put to shame
- 28 Comic O'Donnell
- 29 Dry-heat bath
- 30 False witness
- 32 Hangman's knot
- 33 Germanic god
- 34 Pig's dinner
- 37 TV guide abbr.
- 38 Ray of "Battle Cry"
- 42 River of Rouen
- 45 Slow down
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- 51 Gentlemen's gentlemen
- 53 Valuable quality
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