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THE WALL

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TODAY VIEW information session

Learn about the Vanderbilt Internship Experience in Washington at 6 p.m. in the Community Partnership House. The information session will take place in the Fireplace Lounge.

TODAY Learning about money

Carlos Lara will host "Brown Bag — How Money Really Works" in Sarratt 189 from 12 to 1 p.m. The event will cover how money has become the most powerful financial and political source in the world.

TODAY Sign-ups for intramural dodgeball

Sign up for intramural dodgeball from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Office of Campus Recreation located on the second floor of the Student Recreation Center. There is no entry fee.

TODAY Margaret Cuningham Women's Center student group mixer

A mix-and-mingle for the student groups of the Women's Center and Project Safe will be held at the Women's Center from 7 to 8 p.m. These groups include: L.I.F.E. Project, MPAS, Peer Educators and Vanderbilt Feminists.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 27 On Writing

On Writing, a series of conversations with faculty and other advanced writers, will feature Professor Brooke Ackerly. She will discuss human rights and feminism from 4:10 to 5:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall, Room 117. A reception will follow.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 27 Chi Omega Fashion Show

Doors will open at 5 p.m. in the Student Life Center, and the show will start at 5:30. The show will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 27 Theology debate

Ellen T. Armour, a professor of feminist theology, will present "Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve? Theology, Theory and the Debate over Homosexuality" Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. in Benton Chapel.

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



The Solo cup runneth over?

VUPD reports of freshman drinking reach new high, but student conduct violations stay steady.

by ALLISON MORRIS
Contributing Reporter

Koala Week this year comes after a historic number of VUPD reports were filed for freshman drinking.

A number of events, including discussion groups and a mocktail competition, take place during the annual celebration of the decision not to drink.

Jeanine Atkinson, director of the Office of Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drug Prevention, said 25 percent of freshmen called themselves non-drinkers in a summer survey, though she said students might not believe that statistic after a month of exposure to the college social scene.

Senior Taylor Phillips, a resident adviser in Dyer Hall, said the behavior on her hall has improved since last year.

"This year people on my hall seem to be drinking responsibly," she said. "Last year, I had a handful of girls who would get very drunk, and my biggest difficulty was deciding when to send them to (the emergency room)."

Information about how many students are sent to the emergency room is not available due to privacy concerns, said Dr. Ian Jones, director of the adult

emergency department. Still, freshmen historically make up 40 to 50 percent of the drinking violations in the first month of school, said Daniel Swinton, interim director of the Office of Student Conduct.

Violations have not gone up this year, he said, despite the increased number of reports filed with the Vanderbilt University Police Department.

Students receive amnesty from student conduct when they or a friend seek help from an RA or authority figure because of the Emergency Treatment Exception, commonly known as the immunity or amnesty rule.

Swinton said there are a few student amnesty cases per week depending on the time of year.

Students found drinking or drunk by an RA do not receive amnesty.

Freshman Stephen Passiak said his RA sent him to the emergency room two weekends ago.

"My RA found me nearly passed out and called the cops," he said. "I thought since I went to the (emergency room) I automatically got amnesty, but instead I am on probation for three months, and my parents were notified." ■

—For more, see *Our View*, page 4

KOALA WEEK EVENTS

Today:
Mocktail Competition, 5 to 6 p.m.

Every day:
Tables on the Wall with koala bears and yellow ribbons

Dore Dialogue

Discuss the implications of the increase in freshman drinking reports on InsideVandy.com

Oscar-winning director to visit screenwriting class

McKinnon to attend his film opening at Green Hills.

by ALLISON MORRIS
Contributing Reporter

Professor William Akers said it must have been the "Vanderbilt tractor beam" that caused Academy Award-winning director and actor Ray McKinnon to schedule a visit to his screenwriting class.

"His publicist contacted me to see if he could speak to my class, and I jumped on the opportunity. It's a great opportunity to hear about

screenwriting from a guy who won an Academy Award," said Akers, who shows "The Accountant," McKinnon's Oscar-winning film, in his class every semester.

Some students said they were excited about his visit.

"I enjoyed his former movies and am always excited to meet the creator of a project," said freshman Elizabeth Eiland.

Akers met McKinnon for the first time last year at the Nashville Film Festival

where his latest movie, "Randy and the Mob," was playing.

"He's a very witty guy," Akers said.

McKinnon also has starred in "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" and the HBO series "Deadwood."

He is returning to Nashville this week to attend the opening of "Randy and the Mob" in theaters. He will be at Regal Green Hills Friday as part of the Nashville Film Festival. ■

'THE ACCOUNTANT' VIEWING AND Q&A WITH RAY MCKINNON

Where:
Buttrick Hall, Room 103

When:
Thursday, Oct. 27, 2:30 p.m.

This event is open to the general student body.

Visions requires attendance at controversial abortion play

Student groups will discuss issues after performance.

by JANELLE STOKES
Staff Reporter

Campus theater productions don't usually cause much controversy.

But this year Vanderbilt University Theatre will kick off its season with a production of "Keely and Du," a controversial play centered on the abortion debate.

The concept of the play is to "ask people to question their own views," said junior Angie Fontaine, who plays Keely.

"Not necessarily change them but question them," she said. "I think the content is jarring, but I don't think it's anything that people at this school can't handle."

The play starts with the kidnapping of a pregnant woman outside an abortion clinic. Then the kidnappers chain the woman to a bed to force her to deliver her baby.

The freshman class will be required to attend as part of Vanderbilt Visions. Afterward, they will participate in a discussion with the actors, Vanderbilt Students for Life and Vanderbilt Feminists.

Nina Warnke, Vanderbilt Visions administrator, said she feels confident the evening will produce an insightful dialogue. "I can't speak for 1,700 students, but I hope after discussing their reactions to the play and answering questions, it will add to the framework of the discussion they'll have," Warnke said. "With divisive issues like this, it's hard to have constructive and productive discussions about this, but that is what I have in my mind."

Students said they are not worried about conflict that might arise due to the controversial subject matter.

"We have all kinds of people here so I'm pretty sure that one play isn't going to cause complete discord between students. It will show both sides of the spectrum," said junior Shaina Johnson.

Students from both groups will combat the perceived opposition between feminists and pro-lifers.

'KEELY AND DU' SHOWING

Where:
Neely Auditorium

When:
8 p.m. Sept. 28, Sept. 29, Oct. 6 and Oct. 13

Price:
Free for undergraduates

A person "doesn't have to be one or the other," said senior Courtney Twitty, president of Students For Life. "I consider myself to be a feminist (who is) for life."

Sarah Allen, a member of Vanderbilt Feminists, said she hopes the presence of the two groups can combat the stereotypes that might arise in the audience's mind.

"We are going to try to bring it back down and talk about it the way we want to. Not all pro-life people are like this, and not all feminists believe in coat-hanger abortions. We need to make (the distinctions) clear," she said. ■

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THURSDAY



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FRIDAY



Sunny, 80/55

SATURDAY



Sunny, 85/64

VUPD CRIME LOG

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There is no crime to report.

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IN THE KNOW

The news you need — in brief

compiled by SYDNEY WILMER

WORLD

Iranians decry harsh words for president



AARON CLARK / AP

Iranians expressed dismay Tuesday at the tough reception given to their president in New York, saying his host was only fueled the image of the United States as a bully.

The scenes at Monday's question-and-answer session at Columbia University and the outpouring of venom toward President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad by protesters during his U.S. visit could bolster the hard-line leader at a time of high tensions with Washington.

Columbia President Lee Bollinger's statement — including telling Ahmadinejad he resembles a "petty and cruel dictator" — offended many Iranians.

Ahmadinejad's popularity at home has been suffering, with many Iranians blaming him for failing to fix the faltering economy and for heightening the confrontation with the West with his inflammatory rhetoric.

SOURCE: AP

Suicide attack hits Iraqi city of Basra

A suicide car bomber Tuesday attacked a police headquarters in Basra, killing at least three policemen, wounding 20 people and raising fears about security in the oil-rich city now that British forces have withdrawn.

It was the second major suicide attack to kill Iraqi police in as many days. The police chief of Baqouba was killed and the head of security for the surrounding province was wounded when a suicide bomber attacked a Sunni-Shiite reconciliation meeting late Monday in the city 35 miles northeast of Baghdad.

Maj. Gen. Abdul-Jalil Khalaf, Basra's police chief, said the suicide bomber's legs were found tied to the steering wheel — clearly an attempt by the attack's planners to prevent the driver from running away.

Khalaf blamed al-Qaida in Iraq for the attack, even though the terror movement was believed to have virtually no presence in the Basra area.

SOURCE: AP

NATION

Polygamist leader convicted in Utah

The leader of a polygamous Mormon splinter group was convicted Tuesday of being an accomplice to rape for performing a wedding between a 19-year-old man and a 14-year-old girl.

Warren Jeffs, 51, could get life in prison after a trial that threw a spotlight on a renegade community along the Arizona-Utah line where as many as 10,000 of Jeffs' followers practice plural marriage and revere him as a mighty prophet with dominion over their salvation.

Jeffs, like his 15 followers in the courtroom, stood stoically as the verdict was read.

Prosecutors said Jeffs forced the girl into marriage and sex against her will.

The jury deliberated about 16 hours over three days. On Tuesday morning, the judge replaced a juror with an alternate for undisclosed reasons.

While polygamy itself was not on trial — the couple were monogamous — the case focused attention on the practice of polygamy in Utah, where it has generally been tolerated.

SOURCE: AP

Congress denounces Iranian president

Congress signaled its disapproval of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad with a vote Tuesday to tighten sanctions against his government and a call to designate his Revolutionary Guard a terrorist group.

The swift rebuke was a rare display of bipartisan cooperation in a Congress bitterly divided on the Iraq war. It reflected lawmakers' long-standing nervousness about Tehran's intentions in the region, particularly toward Israel — a sentiment fueled by the pro-Israeli lobby whose influence reaches across party lines in Congress.

In the Senate, Joseph Lieberman, I-Conn., and Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., proposed a nonbinding resolution urging the State Department to label Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps a terrorist organization.

Kyl and Lieberman said the proposal does not authorize military force against Iran, but it encourages the U.S. to cut off its financial support.

SOURCE: AP

CAMPUS

Rascal Flatts breaks fundraising record for Vanderbilt Children's Hospital

Rascal Flatts donated \$829,581 to the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt with proceeds from their Nashville concert on Sept. 21.

The donation is the largest solo fundraising event ever for the Nashville hospital.

Prior to the concert at the Sommet Center, the band presented a check to the hospital's CEO, Kevin Churchwell.

Rascal Flatts released a new album, "Still Feels Good," Tuesday.



SOURCE: COUNTRY MUSIC TELEVISION NEWS

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compiled by LISA GUO

QUESTION:

Does the library have anything fun?

ANSWER:

Yes. Leisure reading, magazines and films are a few of the entertainment options at the Jean and Alexander Heard Library.

The library has a leisure reading collection called Books4Fun, which was established in response to requests for books that could be read primarily for entertainment. The collection reflects a wide variety of reading interests and includes

works by Danielle Steel, Salman Rushdie, Amy Tan, Kurt Vonnegut and Alice Walker.

The library also has a large collection of films, from popular titles such as "The Godfather," "Independence Day" and "Reservoir Dogs" to Hitchcock classics and foreign language films. The complete list can be found at <http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/central/VideoPage2.html>

Students have access to thousands of journals and magazines, including Time and People, most of which are available online through the E-Journal Locator.



Central Library can be used for more than research. NEIL BRAKE / VU Media Relations

SNAPSHOT

CAREER CONSULTING



MICHAEL SCHOPP / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Juniors Mike DiBenigno and Brian Flaherty discuss their potential in the consulting industry with Kristin Doem from Towers Perrin at the Total Access: Consulting event Monday sponsored by the Career Center. Total Access programs provide the opportunity to learn from industry experts.

KOALA Week, September 24-30

Respect the Decision Week

Twenty One

About six and a half years ago, I made a deal with my dad that changed my life. As opposed to having the "normal" social life most high school and college students lead, mine has been different. Different in one regard. I promised my dad that I would not drink until I was twenty-one. To me it was not about the reward I would receive. It was about proving everyone wrong. To show that I could stand up to peer pressure and still have a social life. And that is exactly what I have done.

For people who know me, they know that I go out all the time to bars, clubs and fraternity parties. Regardless of the fact that I am the only sober person, I have so much fun with all my friends. I never judge anyone and I am not against drinking. I'm an active member of my sorority and former president of GAMMA- Greek Advocating the Mature Management of Alcohol. Most people don't even know that I don't drink simply because I never feel the need to make an issue about it. At the end of the day, who cares? As long as you are having fun, it doesn't matter who is or isn't drinking. I find it humorous when people can't comprehend that I go out sober to fraternities or bars. It kills me because I promise I have just as much fun listening to Ronny Raygun or hanging out at Lonnie's as the drunk person standing next to me.

On the other hand, people also respond in way I never would have imagined. They are usually floored by my strength and integrity. Or shocked that I don't drink simply because I am so outgoing and social. They even tell me that I am their inspiration. One of my friends, in all seriousness, started going out sober just because she was amazed that I do.

Unfortunately, shortly after I had made the deal with my dad, he died.

Koala week, dedicated to respecting the decision to not drink, coincides with the anniversary my father's death. I kept the promise because my dad meant the world to me, and I am glad I did. Not drinking has taught me a lot about myself. I have never held back from going anywhere or doing anything because I don't drink. I don't feel as though I have missed out. I party; I just do it sober. When people ask if I think I will ever drink or get drunk, I don't really know what to say. For my twenty-first birthday, I was abroad in Florence celebrating with family and friends. Did I take shots, do keg stands, and chug beers? Much to the dismay of some friends and peers, no I did not. However, I toasted a glass of champagne in memory of my dad and the completion of the deal! —Kallie, '07

Although many people do drink and do so responsibly, please remember that everyone has a different story to tell. Whether they abstain completely or are merely "taking a night off", it is only fair that we treat them as human beings by respecting and supporting that decision.

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Future of Gee-centered traditions uncertain

Leadership seeks to 'run Vanderbilt smoothly' for now.

by VASANTH SATHIVAKUMAR
Contributing Reporter

Students first noticed a change on Move-In Day. The familiar bowtie cookies were not there to greet them.

"I thought it was a nice welcoming gesture by (former Chancellor Gordon Gee)," said sophomore Dexter Kern. "The cookies were good, too."

Now, the cookies are just one of many traditions Gee started that may no longer take place.

Other traditions included presenting students with Dr. Seuss books and hosting

Tie-One-On with the Chancellor during Homecoming weekend, where students learned how to tie a bowtie and competed for prizes.

The future of the Roads Scholars Tour, which Gee created to connect Vanderbilt to the surrounding Nashville area, is also uncertain.

Christy Passmore, associate vice chancellor of development and alumni relations, said that Interim Chancellor Nick Zeppos' main goal has been to run Vanderbilt smoothly.

Gee, who was known for his social presence on campus, made an effort to make personal

relationships with both students and faculty.

"He would meet with various staff and faculty once a year for breakfast," said Melissa Woche, assistant to the dean of the College of Arts and Science. "It was nice of him, and I appreciated it."

In addition, he was well known for making appearances on Greek Row.

"After we went to Quake, he said to me, 'Let's go over to fraternity row and see how the students are doing,'" Passmore said. "It was 12:30 in the morning so I told him he was on his own." ■

RAD participants fight against rape aggression



ALEX HOLMES / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Senior Alex Holmes recently participated in a Rape Aggression Defense System program to learn realistic self-defense tactics and techniques. The next RAD Women's Basic Physical Defense class will be Oct. 3 from 5 to 9:30 p.m. in the Branscomb Rec Room. The program costs \$20, and reservations are required, as space is limited. Go to www.police.vanderbilt.edu/RADclass.htm for more information and to make a reservation.

Alumni continue to serve Nashville community long after graduation

Council president: Vanderbilt, surrounding area engaged in important symbiotic relationship.

by LAUREN REDMOND
Contributing Reporter

Some alumni take pride in giving back to Nashville beyond their college years.

Nine of the 40 members of the Nashville Metro Council, which met earlier this week for the first time since the election, are Vanderbilt graduates.

Vice Mayor Diane Neighbors, who graduated with a doctorate from Peabody College and currently leads the Child Care

Center on campus, serves as president of the council.

"The partnerships that Vanderbilt has created with Metro schools and other Metro departments have provided tremendous resources to the community," Neighbors said.

She has been involved for 30 years and has "worked as an advocate on the local, state and national levels," she said.

Other graduates on the council include Megan Barry of the Owen Graduate School of

Management, Carl Burch from the School of Engineering and Carter Todd of the Vanderbilt Law School.

The council monitors activities such as the city budget, the wiring of telecommunications networks, construction and land use, all of which impact Vanderbilt, said Michael Schoenfeld, vice chancellor for public affairs.

"Because Vanderbilt is a major institution in Nashville, a lot of the things the council is responsible for affect Vanderbilt," Schoenfeld said. "Just like the state legislature, (the

council has) an influence on everything that Vanderbilt does."

Vanderbilt also plays an important role in the Nashville community.

"As a major institution, (Vanderbilt) provides jobs, different kinds of care services and opportunities for higher learning," said freshman Lauren Bates.

Neighbors agreed, adding, "Vanderbilt is one of the leading providers of health care, especially to those who cannot afford to pay." ■

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This event is free and open to the public, however, seating is limited and tickets are required. Vanderbilt students, faculty, and staff may obtain tickets from the Ticketmaster desk from September 10 to September 28.

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OUR VIEW

VUPD forces freshman responsibility

It seems that as the quality of the freshman class increases, so do its problems. A record number of reports of freshman drinking have been filed with Vanderbilt University Police Department so far this semester. Luckily for most of them, the amnesty rule exists, so the number of students getting in trouble with the university has not gone up significantly. That said, should this concern us?

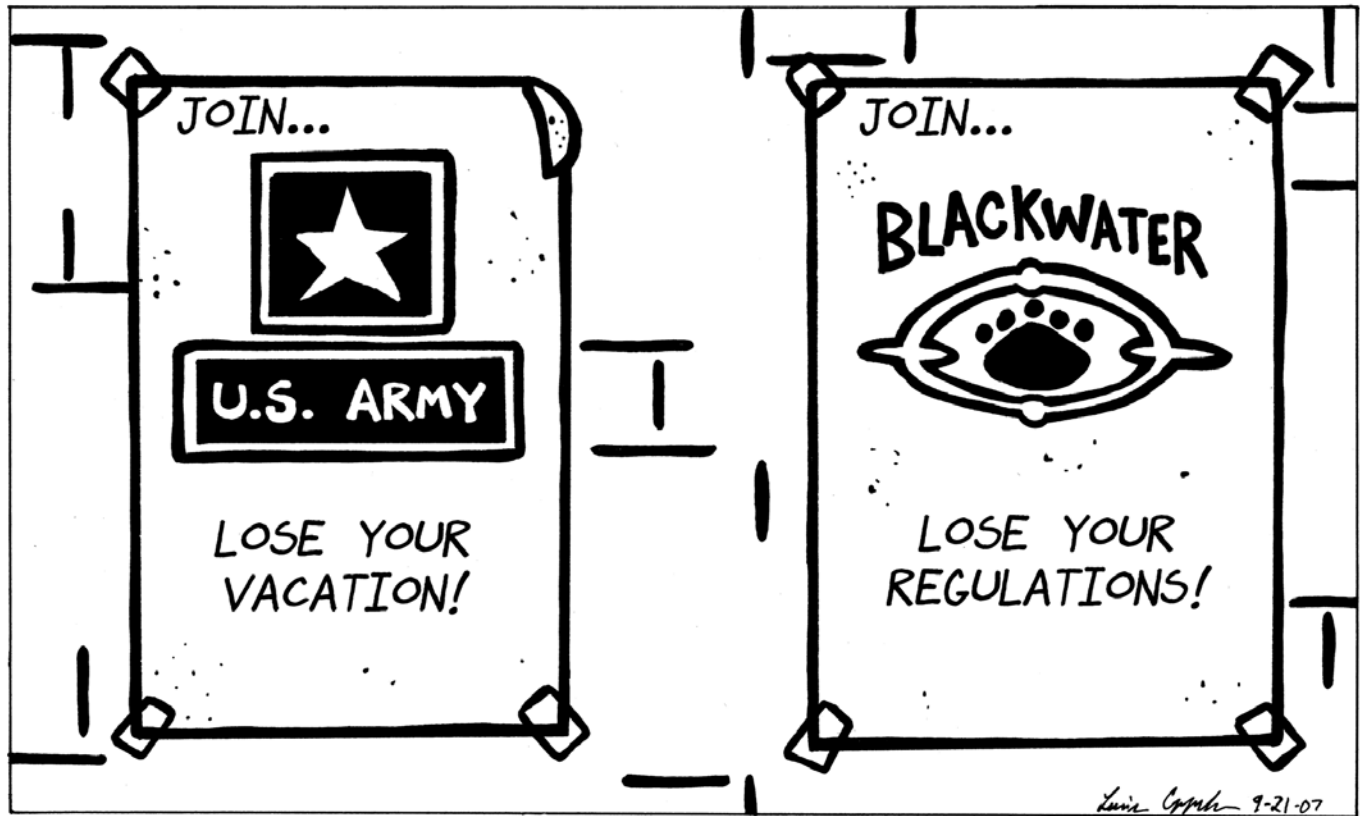
Freshmen at college will drink. This is not revelatory. When looking at this information, it is important to remember the number of reports filed does not necessarily have any correlation with the number of

freshmen drinking. It simply shows more students are on the VUPD radar screen, which could be a good thing. Also, it seems a great number of them are falling under the protection of the immunity law, which means the freshmen are comfortable seeking help, which could also be a good thing.

But the attitude with which different sectors of the university should approach freshman drinking should be evaluated and addressed. Dyer Hall Resident Adviser Allison Morris said to The Vanderbilt Hustler, "This year, people on my hall seem to be drinking responsibly." However, since

all of the individuals on her hall are freshmen, they are clearly all drinking illegally. As an upstanding institution of learning, is it important that we associate obeying the law with our concept of responsibility?

The obvious answer to this question is, "Yes." But perhaps not all laws are created equal. This certainly seems to be the case with the United States minimum drinking age, absurdly high relative to other rites of passage. Nevertheless, those who choose to ignore it must be prepared to suffer the consequences, and kudos to VUPD because they see to be prepared to enforce those consequences.



Louis Coppola—MCT

LETTER

Ahmadinejad lecture shames Vanderbilt

To the Editor:

The world was watching Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the president of Iran, as he delivered his controversial speech to Columbia University students and faculty Monday. Through his usual ambiguity, contradiction and, quite simply, lies, he paid lip service to tolerance, free speech, peace and other buzzwords he believes will magically erase his criminal history of intolerance, repression and violence. His circuitous discourse into science, academia and religion seemed as confusing and meaningless as his explanation for the right of the Jewish state to exist.

However, there is something to learn from this forum more than Ahmadinejad's senseless rationale. Universities must encourage conversation. When governments are placing political correctness over political integrity, universities remain the last hope for true exchange of ideas — even those that run against the free world. For that matter, Columbia should be commended, not criticized, for reminding the world American freedoms are nobler than those who use them.

Meanwhile, it is laughable that while Columbia invites the president of Iran, Vanderbilt invites Ben and Jerry to our

campus. I understand there are logistical considerations. However, while the Vanderbilt administration complains of political apathy among undergraduates, there is simply no catalyst for sustainable political dialogue. In this age, where global issues become local, we must think outside the bubble. In light of the recent hate crime on our campus, Ahmadinejad's denial of homosexuality in Iran exposes the global reach of homophobia and bigotry. Thus, we must continue to intensify our efforts to confront problems that intersect across cultures, oceans and history. Understanding the rationale for hate and confronting this issue with words, not wars, are the only ways to defeat it.

So I challenge you, Vanderbilt, to uphold the institution of free speech and to invite a speaker whose thoughts are at least controversial, not to merely imitate Columbia's example or to generate publicity, but to make this a university where exchange of ideas binds us as a free-thinking, intellectual enterprise.

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((OVERHEARD))

on
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Even tolerance has consequences.
Submitted by **Vardan Mamikonian** on Monday, Sept. 24 - 21:46.

Thinking about tolerance is perhaps not unpopular for a college campus, but this begs the question 'Tolerant of what?' If we are tolerant of one group, it is possible to make the mistake of being intolerant of those that oppose them. It is easy to call Christians intolerant (and, in the words of the Hustler, "not tolerate their intolerance") because they hold certain beliefs, even if they were to keep those beliefs to themselves, for example. I think we'd be hard pressed, in our secular-centered society to find any educated person, myself-included, that would agree with such vile beliefs such as racism, anti-Semitism or homophobia, but at the same time, it's important to keep in mind that disagreement with the black lobby or the Jewish lobby or with the gay lobby does not make an intolerant person.

I'd say the problem is we define tolerance in a way that is not congruent with its true aims. Tolerance has become a catch-all phrase for promoting certain agendas. So, in my view, it's time tolerance is applied to all, not just a few.

COLUMN

Polygamy illegality illogical

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With the recent capture and conviction of Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints leader Warren Jeffs, as well as various programs in the mainstream media regarding plural unions, the polygamist subculture in the United States has been dragged into the spotlight.

Despite laws prohibiting polygamy, the polygamist lifestyle is rampant not only in Utah, but also in Arizona and other parts of the Southwest; more and more, polygamy is not so much a secret but the elephant in the room. Although I am neither a member of the LDS, nor one of its various splinter groups, I'm inclined to believe the issue of polygamy is much more nuanced than we typically give it credit for.

Naturally, anti-polygamy laws seem useful when they prevent things like husbands with secret families, and child/spousal abuse. Additionally, many argue polygamists are a strain on society and especially on the welfare system. Here's the thing — child and domestic abuse are against the law, as is welfare fraud. If these concerns have already been taken care of by the legal system, why is polygamy still against the law?

While some might claim legalizing polygamy would just be allowing a latent form of abuse of women, I'm not sure I buy it. Is it truly impossible for a logical, mentally competent woman to decide to enter into polygamist union? How is this any different than any other religious belief? Will it, without exception, be detrimental to the wives and their children in a way significantly worse than typically family drama? It might not be a choice I agree with or fully understand, but at the same time, I don't believe I can legislate against it.

While the LDS banned polygamist unions in the 1890s, many splinter groups continue to practice the lifestyle and believe it to be an integral part of their religious life, and pivotal to their entrance into heaven. So if a woman over the age of 18 wants to legally marry a man who happens to be legally married to someone else, what's so illegal about that?

Although past prosecution of polygamists was rampant, today it is much less so. The lifestyle is lived in secret, and while there is always the threat of prosecution, very infrequently is it acted upon. In 1998, Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt said while he did not condone plural marriages, the state had more pressing issues to deal with. If this is the case, why are we forcing so many families to live in secret?

The issue is fuzzy, and the concept of plural marriages is strange to me, but in a day when we're broadening our conception of marriage to include other previously unorthodox unions, why aren't plural marriages included or even considered? It seems that all the arguments being used against plural marriage are the same ones that appeared against interracial marriage, and which are currently being used to legally ban gay marriage.

Obviously, plural families are going to exist whether there are laws against them or not, but these laws are taking up space without being critically re-examined. Like the anti-sodomy laws, these laws may have made sense to the people who passed them in that time period, but the United States has moved on and grown as a nation, and our laws should reflect that. Even beyond laws regarding marriage and sexual practices, all laws should be reconsidered so that the issues that are represented by the law are the issues that are truly important and relevant to American life today.

This is one of those times when you just have to say, "You do your thing, and I'll do mine." I'd never enter into a polygamist union, but if that's the life you freely chose to lead and you think it'll get you to Heaven, knock yourself out.

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The debate continues on...



Just shy of a year ago, InsideVandy.com user "Nicholas Snyder" posted two short paragraphs on InsideVandy issuing a challenge to the Vanderbilt community and set off one of the lengthier debates the Web site has seen. Here is what he said:

"I challenge anyone to reply with a logical reason why two people of the same sex shouldn't be able to get married, because the only argument I have heard so far is that marriage is a religious tradition between a man and a woman. Just because you don't like something doesn't mean it should be illegal. Some people find pornography offensive, but pornography isn't illegal, and do you know why? Because it isn't the government's job to regulate taste, and it certainly isn't the government's job to discriminate against same-sex couples who want to enjoy the benefits of marriage.

Marriage is a legal status for everybody and a religious union for some. In other words, you don't need to have a religious affiliation to get married in the legal sense. Isn't marriage supposed to be between two people who love each other? People who don't really love each other get married all the time and nobody seems offended by that; I wonder why?"

The debate died down until Monday, when user "Dawud Muhammed" posted his response. The perspective this user gives seems especially timely and interesting in light of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's declaration that there are no gay people in Iran, an assertion many Westerners have scoffed at. Here is "Dawud Muhammed's" contribution:

"In the name of God, the Compassionate and the Merciful:

For some time now, I have wondered if, in a secular society, can morality exist without the guiding influence of religion, whether that religion is Judaism, Christianity or Islam. It is clear that because of secularism and liberalism, many people are led astray from the correct path which Allah (swt) intended for mankind. But can this include homosexual behavior?

Obviously, for the Western secular world, it does. But as if this is not enough insult for those who are religious, the gay lobby will tell us that we are not to invoke religion. Even some, professing to be wise, have said that

we are 'not to judge,' yet they have insulted those who believe, calling us 'bigots' for their faith alone. But we cannot say one thing as members of a religious community, then turn around and betray our belief simply because the secular society wishes us to do so.

A homosexual marriage is not a marriage in the eyes of Allah (swt) because the Tawrat commands that man is to multiply and have dominion over the Earth; and thus a union of two men or two women which is incapable of performing the duty is unholy. Moreover, the perversions of homosexuality and lesbianism finds a great resort and refuge in the Western countries where it is accepted and legalized by the laws of these countries that put man in a position even worse than animals under the pretext of protecting human rights.

In such countries that credit civilization and progress to itself, those people are free to establish their own unions, clubs and forums where they can gather together to discuss their problems and work for further forms of perversion and deviation.

To accept such ignominies as a substitute for the natural human relation between males and females is no more than a big leap towards chaos and following animal instincts. The outcome of accepting such manias will be no less than more destruction, disgrace and degradation brought to the face of mankind.

This act of accepting such perversion is a fierce attack against the rights of women and deep involvement in filthiness.

There is no doubt that this act, which goes against the pure human nature created by Allah, by making men content with men and women with women, destroying families, adversely affecting the birth rate, causing the spread of killer diseases, harming the innocent when children are raped, and generally spreading corruption on earth, should be uprooted and stamped out.

Thinking of the wisdom behind prohibiting homosexuality and lesbianism, the following can be said:

First, such acts lead to the spread of passivity among the young generation and destroy their morality, since they cannot practice such perversion except after taking some drugs to create for themselves a virtual atmosphere where they feel fake joy. Sufficient unto any person to feel that his manhood is lost.

Second, it destroys the lives of married women whose husbands leave them in pursuit of this perversion and they, in turn, try to find a way to satisfy their sexual needs. In such case, the whole society will be no more than chaos.

It is because of all these things that Almighty Allah prohibited homosexuality.

In the Noble Qur'an, Allah tells his followers that homosexuality is forbidden. Allah explains to us their punishment in this life. He says:

'And Lut, when he said to his tribe: 'Do you commit an obscenity not perpetrated before you by anyone in all the worlds? You come with lust to men instead of women. You are indeed a depraved tribe.' The only answer of his tribe was to say: 'Expel them from your city! They are people who keep themselves pure!' So We rescued him and his family — except for his wife. She was one of those who stayed behind. We rained down a rain upon them. See the final fate of the evildoers!' (Sura al-Araf, v. 80-84)

'Of all the creatures in the world, will ye approach males, And leave those whom Allah has created for you to be your mates? Nay, ye are a people transgressing (all limits)!' (Sura As-Su'ara, v. 165-166)

'Would ye really approach men in your lusts rather than women? Nay, ye are a people (grossly) ignorant! But his people gave no other answer but this: They said, 'Drive out the followers of Lut from your city: these are indeed men who want to be clean and pure!' But We saved him and his family, except his wife; her We destined to be of those who lagged behind. And We rained down on them a shower (of brimstone): and evil was the shower on those who were admonished (but heeded not)!' (Sura An-Naml 55-58)

I agree that perhaps in a secular society, religious views need not be heard in a court of law nor before lawmakers. But let secularism deal with the problems of secularism, and let religion deal with the problems of religion. For me, it is perfectly legitimate for religious institutions to defend their beliefs and creeds through such a manner and decree the manner of belief for followers. If the atheists and secularists can let this be, then I think that there will be more agreement between religious people and the former.

Allah knows best."

THE VERDICT

Stand and be judged by the Hustler opinion staff! Compiled by Reeve Hamilton

Iranian homosexuals		President Ahmadinejad declares they don't exist, which finally explains Iran's dearth of quality musicals.
Warren Jeffs		Religious leader found guilty of aiding rape after pushing 14-year-old into marriage. But, of course, his religion is totally crazy.
Gen. Betray Us		MoveOn.org's attack ad certainly was lame but not near as lame as all the time-wasting whining that has followed it.
Bill O'Reilly		Thinks blacks are "starting to think more and more for themselves." He should consider starting to be more off the air.
Geniuses		Recipients of MacArthur Foundation "genius grants" announced. That's \$500,000 — no strings attached. Not too shabby, geniuses.
Milton Bradley		San Diego Padres outfielder tears ACL trying to argue with umpire. Come on, that is pretty lame ... literally!
Hooked on Phonics		White House accidentally releases draft of Bush speech with phonetic spellings of foreign names. So, what's his excuse?
Sherri Shepherd		Geographically challenged "View" host discusses effectiveness of own sex dreams on air, gives audience horrible mental view.
Lethal injections		Legality of execution method to be reviewed by Supreme Court after convicts shout, "Don't inject us, bros!"
Little Rock Nine		Pivotal group celebrates 50th anniversary of integration. Let's hope the "Jena Six" doesn't do the same behind bars.
Acupuncture		Study finds it's the most effective form of therapy for back pain even if done wrong. So, you should never pay for that either.
Keifer Sutherland		Jack Bauer gets fourth DUI arrest and faces jail time — which could make for really boring seasons of that show he is in.
Jereme James		California man arrested using false leg to smuggle iguanas into the country. Finally, a Robin Hood for all those iguana lovers!
\$9.11		Guiliani supporter charges an odd amount for fundraiser. Even the campaign thinks this cheapens things a bit too much.
Illinois		Gets sued by U.S. for impeding enforcement measures. In other words, watch as Illinois tax dollars attack themselves!
Maya Rudolph		Actress reverses decision to leave SNL. It's a noble decision, really, opting to go down with the ship like that.

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Lawrence paces women's golf

Senior Liebele Lawrence shot a second-round, three-under par 70 to vault into a tie for fourth place heading into the final round of the Margaret Branch NCAA Preview at the University of New Mexico Championship Course. As a team, the Commodores are in ninth place. "Liebele had a great round," said coach Greg Allen. "Conditions were perfect today for good scoring, and I think she set herself for a run at the individual title tomorrow. She can win this thing."

Cross-country teams fare well in rankings

The women's and men's cross country teams are ranked sixth and 12th, respectively, in the latest regional rankings released by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. "I think fifth, sixth and seventh place are up for grabs," said coach Steve Keith. "It's kind of where I thought we would be, but we're not going to settle with where we are right now." The men's squad jumped one spot to No. 12 after being ranked 13th in the preseason poll.

"We're a couple of points out of being in the top 10, but I think for the most part it's an accurate placing," Keith said. "However, it's just rankings. The great thing about the sport is that at the end of the season, everyone lines up on the same line, and they rank themselves at that point."

Men's golf finishes 12th

Despite improvements each round, the men's golf team had to settle for a 12th place finish at the Shoal Creek Invitational in Birmingham, Ala. Junior Jon Curran shot a final-round 70 to finish in a tie for 18th.

Sorry, Pac-10: SEC in class of its own



ED MATTHEWS / Courtesy of The Kentucky Kernel
Running back Rafael Little is one of the main reasons Kentucky is off to a 4-0 start. The Wildcats are just one of several solid teams in the Southeastern Conference, arguably the deepest and most talented conference in the country.

GOOD CALL

by ERIC SILVER
Sports Reporter

From top to bottom, the Southeastern Conference is undoubtedly the premier league in college football. Granted, the Pacific-10 is home to the country's No. 1 team, Southern California, but its lower level teams just don't compare to the bottom-feeders of the SEC, if they can be called that.

The teams at the top of the SEC are no slouches, either. Take a look at Louisiana State and Florida, Nos. 2 and 4 respectively, who have demolished virtually every team they have played.

How about No. 14 Kentucky, who won in a shootout against highly touted Louisville and beat Arkansas on the road? The fact that Georgia, South Carolina and Alabama have each lost to another SEC school, yet still remain in The Associated Press top 25, is another testament to the strength of the conference.

In the SEC, every game is a dogfight. Florida can attest to that after this weekend, when it barely survived against Ole Miss, who is ranked dead last in the league. The same goes for Auburn, who finds itself No. 11 in our SEC Power Rankings after losing at home to Mississippi State.

This past weekend, USC won a nail-biter against Pac-10 foe Washington State, beating them by a mere 33 points. And don't expect their games against Stanford, Arizona or Oregon State to be much different.

The Pac-10 can make a claim to have three, maybe four teams that can compete with the best teams in the nation. Other than USC, Oregon and California have proved they are legitimate threats, each with an impressive win on their resumes.

Now, let's throw individual players into the mix. Two of the top three front runners for the prestigious Heisman Trophy ply their trade in the SEC, while no player in the Pac-10 is anything more than a long shot to take home the hardware.

The strength of the SEC over the Pac-10 from top to bottom is also demonstrated by NFL potential. Of the top 25 ranked seniors for the 2008 NFL draft, four different SEC schools are represented, while only two are represented from the Pac-10. Take away USC, and how many Pac-10 players are on that list? One.

USC may be the nation's best team as of now, but that is about the only leverage that the Pac-10 has in the argument of the nation's best conference. The SEC boasts 12 competitive teams, while the Pac-10 has five, at best.

Elite pro prospects play at a multitude of SEC schools, while virtually all of the Pac-10's highly ranked players play for the Trojans.

It's a no-brainer: The SEC is a much stronger conference than the Pac-10. And you can bet that if Florida or LSU plays USC in January for the national championship, they will prove it once and for all. ■

—What's your take on this week's "Good Call, Bad Call"? To cast your vote go to:



CHRISTIN PALAZZOLO / Courtesy of the Oregon Daily Emerald
Oregon, led by running back Jonathon Stewart, proves there is more to the Pac-10 than Southern Cal. While the SEC assumes it is the nation's best conference, the teams from out west make a strong case for the top spot.

BAD CALL

by JAMBU PALIAPPIAN
Sports Reporter

The Southeastern Conference is overrated.

The No. 1 team in the nation plays in the Pacific-10. Southern California is a juggernaut of a college football team. Their reign under Pete Carroll is unlike any modern dynasty in the SEC. Regardless of the praise that is thrown at LSU for shutting down marginal opponents, the Trojans are and will remain the No. 1 team in the nation until further notice.

The Pac-10 isn't top heavy either like the SEC propaganda machine would have you believe. California, Oregon and Arizona State are well-rounded teams with talented players that are not just one-dimensional. UCLA isn't half bad, and Washington is on the rise.

When LSU head coach Les Miles insulted the Pac-10 at the start of the season, he actually suggested Cal and Oregon were doormat teams. I don't know if anyone has told Miles yet, but the Golden Bears and the Ducks are ranked No. 6 and No. 11, respectively. SEC coaches, fans and columnists need to get off of their high horses and realize the Pac-10 is here to play. Just ask Phillip Fulmer of Tennessee and Lloyd Carr of Michigan what they think of Cal and Oregon.

The best recruits in the nation head west. Athletes know that if they make their name at USC, they are set in terms of learning an NFL system under a former NFL head coach who has the respect and admiration of the pro community.

Joe McKnight, a highly valued running back from outside New Orleans, was considered one of the top prospects in the nation. Despite the fact the Trojans already had a verbal commitment from the No. 2-ranked running back in the nation, McKnight turned down a guaranteed starting spot at LSU to go to Southern Cal and fight for playing time.

The best offenses in the nation play on the West Coast. I'm not even talking about Southern Cal. Four of the top 20 offenses in the nation are in the Pac-10. Just two are in the SEC. Cal, for example, dominated Tennessee in the opening week of the season. The Bears' offense is arguably the most potent in the nation, combining the power arm of quarterback Nate Longshore with the pure spectacle that is receiver DeSean Jackson.

Apart from LSU's victory over Virginia Tech, SEC teams have not beaten a quality out-of-conference opponent all year. Kentucky beat Louisville, and as the SEC world limbered up to jump on the Wildcats' bandwagon, Louisville lost to a paltry Syracuse team at home. In addition, the SEC encourages pathetic non-conference scheduling.

It's time for SEC football purists to realize one thing — there is an eager group of men on the West Coast that want nothing more than to show the nation that the SEC is not for real.

I'd be on the lookout for them. ■

AROUND THE SEC

Woodson's Wildcats continue to impress

DAVID RUTZ
Sports Reporter

A 4-0 record and a No. 14 national ranking for the Kentucky Wildcats? Sounds like business as usual for their heralded basketball team.

Not so fast.

It's the Kentucky football team that has blazed to national prominence, riding the right arm of quarterback Andre Woodson.

So far this season, the Wildcats are tied with Florida for most offensive touchdowns in the Southeastern Conference with 25, and they are also second in the league with 486.8 yards of offense per game.

Kentucky has scored at least 40 points in each of its wins. Coming off a dramatic come-from-behind victory over nationally ranked Louisville, most experts predicted a letdown when the Wildcats visited the tough Arkansas Razorbacks.

Kentucky had the last laugh again, coming from behind to win 42-29. This game also featured not one but two Heisman Trophy contenders: Arkansas junior running back Darren McFadden and Woodson.

Woodson won the game against Louisville with a last-minute touchdown pass and followed up the stellar performance with a solid outing against Arkansas, throwing for 265 yards and two touchdowns, while rushing for one more.

The Wildcats will be put to the test in October with

three straight games against SEC powerhouses South Carolina, Florida and Louisiana State.

BULLDOGS BITE BACK: After a disappointing loss at home to South Carolina in their SEC opener, the Georgia Bulldogs responded with a hard-fought victory over another difficult SEC foe, No. 16 Alabama.

Coming off a rout of Western Carolina, the Bulldogs visited an Alabama team riding high with its first national ranking in two years.

Despite blowing a 20-10 lead in the fourth quarter and allowing the game to go to overtime, Georgia buckled down when it counted. Georgia's defense held Alabama to a field goal and on Georgia's first play of overtime, sophomore quarterback Matthew Stafford connected with senior wide receiver Mikey Henderson for a 25-yard touchdown pass to win it.

Year in and year out, Georgia refuses to go away in the hunt for the SEC title, and this year looks to be no different.

VANDY VACATION: Vanderbilt had a bye week and added time to prepare for its upcoming home game against the Eastern Michigan Eagles of the Mid-American Conference.

After dropping their first two contests, the Eagles have won consecutive games to even their record at 2-2 (1-1 MAC). Vanderbilt comes off a 31-17 triumph over Mississippi to make their record 2-1 (1-1 SEC).

The Commodores need a victory over EMU to gain momentum going into their first road game on Oct. 6 against Auburn.



SAM KIM / The Vanderbilt Hustler
Jonathan Goff (47) and the rest of the defense prepares for Mid-American Conference opponent Eastern Michigan after enjoying a bye last Saturday.

DID YOU KNOW? Vanderbilt is 0-6 since 2000 coming off bye weeks. ... Kentucky quarterback Andre Woodson has now thrown 296 straight passes without an interception, a college record. ... In beating Ole Miss 30-24, Florida scored at least 30 points for the sixth consecutive game dating to last season. ... Coach Steve Spurrier of South Carolina fell to 11-2 lifetime against LSU after the Gamecocks lost 28-16. ... Tennessee's defense is allowing an average of 439 yards per game. ■

Vandy ready to get back to work

Dores take advantage of bye week, get players healthy.

by ANDREW HARD
Sports Reporter



The offensive line gave Chris Nickson plenty of time to throw in the Commodores' 31-17 victory over Ole Miss two weeks ago. After a bye week, Vanderbilt is looking forward to its home matchup with Eastern Michigan on Saturday at 6 p.m.

Vanderbilt's game against Eastern Michigan Saturday will be its second against a team from the Mid-American Conference in as many years.

The Commodores beat up on Temple 43-14 last year and will play Miami (Ohio) both this year and next.

Despite the oddity of playing two non-conference games against the same conference, coach Bobby Johnson relishes the opportunity to play outside the region and see Eastern Michigan for the first time.

"The MAC teams have an outstanding history," Johnson said at Monday's press conference. "If you look at the years that Miami had with Roethlisberger and that Northern Illinois has had recently, they're capable of pulling upsets, if you want to call them upsets."

Regardless of what you call such games, the Commodores cannot afford one on Saturday against the 2-2 Eagles.

Preparing for Eastern Michigan will not be an easy task, as 6-foot-4 sophomore quarterback Andy Schmitt lit up Howard University for 214 yards and four touchdowns last Saturday.

The Commodores are certainly not looking ahead to next week's critical matchup with Auburn, and the

preparations are the same as if any other team was coming to town.

"We're playing a very good football team," said left guard Josh Eames. "Eastern Michigan has lots of talent on both sides of the ball, and we prepare for every game the same way."

DORES THANKFUL FOR BYE WEEK: While the Commodores have few serious injuries, the bye week came at good time for quarterback Chris Nickson (hamstring), running back Jeff Jennings (ankle) and linebacker Patrick Benoist (ankle), who has been sidelined all season.

"Sitting out (a few practices) really helped Nickson work through his injury," Johnson said. "It helped him to sit back and look at the offense as a big picture instead of focusing on a certain read."

Johnson also added that

Jennings and Benoist are not locks to return, and the two will be further evaluated during the week's practices. Jennings seems much more likely to return to starting duties after missing the victory over Ole Miss.

The Saturday off was also the first for the Commodores since Oct. 29, 2005, the week before their double-overtime loss at Florida.

Between summer practices, scrimmages and the regular season, the Commodores are roughly at the halfway point in their schedule.

LINE BEGINS TO SHOW SENIORITY: All five senior members of Vanderbilt's offensive line could tell you they underperformed in the first two games of the season, including a meager 57-yard rushing output against Alabama.

It didn't take long for them to get on track, opening huge

holes for Cassen Jackson-Garrison to rush for 119 yards against Ole Miss.

"We definitely did not play up to expectations in the first two games," Eames said. "We know that we're seniors and we have to lead this team, because ultimately our success on offense comes down to how we perform."

Ole Miss was a step in the right direction for this unit, which seems closer to playing to its full capabilities.

With 116 total starts among them, these five definitely have a lot of expectations on their shoulders in their final season to carry this Commodore offense.

"The line does their job every game, but not everyone has played up to their capabilities yet, speaking as a whole," Jackson-Garrison said. "Once everything gets clicking the way it needs to, we're going to roll." ■

SEC POWER RANKINGS Compiled by Will Gibbons



1. LSU 4-0 (2-0 SEC)

Aside from dominating opponents on the field, LSU is working to help others off it. The team will sport special uniforms to benefit Hurricane Katrina victims when it plays at Tulane on Saturday.



2. Florida 4-0 (2-0)

If this team wants its quarterback fresh down the stretch, it will need to find a running attack outside of Tim Tebow.



3. Kentucky 4-0 (1-0)

This squad was named Tostito's Fiesta Bowl Team of the Week, and the athletic site still had Midnight Madness featured at the top of its front page Tuesday.



4. South Carolina 3-1 (1-1)

The Gamecocks stay put at four — for now — but star linebacker Jasper Brinkley is out for the year, and Steve Spurrier has begun his notorious quarterback carousel.



5. Georgia 3-1 (1-1)

Offensive coordinator Mike Bobo told coach Mark Richt he wanted to go for the win on the first play of overtime, and Richt listened.



6. Alabama 3-1 (2-1)

For the fans who showered the Georgia pile-on celebration with beverages, remember that this team was supposed to be a work in progress for Nick Saban.



7. Tennessee 2-2 (0-1)

Some of Vol nation believes coach Phil Fulmer's job is in jeopardy. Fulmer, however, can't play linebacker for the Vols, who gave up 178 yards rushing to Arkansas State.



8. Arkansas 1-2 (0-2)

It's been proven that Darren McFadden and Felix Jones can only do so much.



9. Vanderbilt 2-1 (1-1)

The bye week came at a good time for the likes of Chris Nickson, Earl Bennett and Jeff Jennings.



10. Mississippi State 3-1 (1-1)

The Bulldogs moved to 3-1 for the first time since 2000, but did little to determine who would best replace the injured Michael Henig at quarterback.



11. Auburn 2-2 (0-1)

Auburn may end up looking more like Auburn as the season goes on, just don't count on it this weekend. The Tigers visit the Swamp Saturday.



12. Ole Miss 1-3 (0-1)

Give the Rebels credit for hanging with Florida on Saturday despite just 37 yards from BenJarvus Green-Ellis.

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