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### THE WALL

compiled by EVE ATTERMANN

#### **TODAY Athenian Sing**

The student talent competition will start at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Life Center Ballroom. Refreshments will be served during intermission. Tickets are \$8 at the Sarratt Box Office, on the Wall and at the door. All proceeds will go to charity.

#### **TODAY AND SATURDAY, SEPT. 29**

'Keely and Du' A finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, "Keely and Du" explores the need for human compassion in conflict with personal convictions. Undergraduates have free admission with a Vanderbilt ID.

#### **THIS WEEKEND** Family weekend

Many events are planned for parents, grandparents and siblings, including meeting the interim chancellor, deans and faculty; lectures; student performances; campus tours; and a pregame tailgate.

#### **SATURDAY, SEPT. 29 Dance Marathon**

Miracle Game

The game will be held on Dudley Field from 6 to 7 p.m. Proceeds go to Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital.

### **SATURDAY, SEPT. 29**

Vanderbilt vs. **Eastern Michigan** 

The game will begin at 6 p.m. Awards will be presented at a recognition ceremony during halftime as part of Tailgate 2007.

#### **SUNDAY, SEPT. 30 Junior class** networking brunch

The junior Student Alumni Board invites students to an informal brunch catered by Loveless Cafe. It is for juniors interested in meeting and networking with alumni in a variety of career fields. An RSVP is required.

See http://calendar.vanderbilt.edu

### Student researchers face difficult future WANTED: The brightest scientific researchers in the nation. Must be in the top of your class, seeking a doctorate, able to tolerate tedium, need little sleep and can live on low pay.

by ALEX DALY Contributing Reporter

ambitious scientific researchers now have the opportunity to utilize the newest, most powerful forms of technology in order to advance scientific innovation. But some find practical difficulties holding

Graduate students face long periods of intense training and schooling and high competition for post-doctoral positions, all in an attempt to secure a future after graduate school.

"The number of years (it takes to finish the program) is really intimidating, but at the same time I'll still be doing what I want to do during that time," said senior Bethany Cartwright, who is applying for a joint medical degree and doctorate.

Samuel Dagogo-Jack, professor of medicine at the University of Tennessee and grant reviewer for the National Institute of Health, considers

researchers' difficult future a very serious matter.

Our system is "fooling itself," he said, by giving possible job spots to foreign students instead of offering opportunities to graduate students in the United States.

"The future in science and for our country depends upon building a base of enthusiastic, creative minds so that the power of innovation can grow," Dagogo-Jack said.

Major sponsors of science, such as NIH, work to address the issue by developing a mentor-based research scientist development program to encourage young researchers. For three to five years, young researchers receive salary and equipment and train under supervision so they enter the career world prepared.

"When our youth is given the right tools and support, the influence of science in our lives has the chance to blossom. Innovation is what keeps our society evolving," said Dagogo-Jack.

Kenneth Holroyd, assistant vice chancellor in the School of Medicine,

"These issues are not new," Holroyd said. "In the 1990s, the scientific research world experienced a period of financial difficulties, but it passed. We are living in a knowledge-based economy, (and) careers will be produced."

Dagogo-Jack said a scientific career can be rewarding but is not for everyone.

"In the beginning it can be a thankless job that requires a lot of commitment and persistence," he said. "Search your minds and find the true reason for why you are doing this. Is it out of desire to be a part of something larger than oneself?"

For Cartwright, this is just something she enjoys.

"I'm doing it because I've had such great research experiences as an undergraduate that have told me this is what I really want to do." ■

### Chi Omega struts its stuff for charity in annual show

Members of Chi Omega sorority and other guests worked the runway Thursday night in the Student Life Center to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Boutique Bella, two elle and Habit loaned outfits for the show.



### Vanderbilt 'Girl of the SEC' would recommend **Playboy**

by LISA GUO News Editor

Sophomore Alejandra Palomo said she has "no regrets" about her decision to pose for the "Girls of the SEC" Playboy feature.

"I'm not just the girl who posed for Playboy," she said. "People are quick to assume I live that kind of a lifestyle, craziness and whatever. And sure, I like to go out and have a good time, but I feel that people have to really get to know me to judge why I did it."

Palomo, identified as "Ally Ramirez" in the Sept. 7 issue, said she originally applied as a joke but now recommends the experience to others.

"I come from a place where you literally live in your bathing suit, and it just wasn't a big deal," the California native said. "It was so much fun."



Playboy representatives came to campus in March to recruit students, causing controversy when several of their advertisements appeared in The Vanderbilt

More than 45 Vanderbilt women turned out to audition, but Palomo was the only one chosen for the "I know a lot of girls have a problem with it here and

stuff," said Palomo, who posed topless in the magazine. "A lot of people don't want to talk about it and think it's the weirdest thing ever." She understands why they judge her, she said.

"I get where they're coming from because they

might have been really sheltered where they grew up," she said. "They have their morals, and I have my Her friends were surprised the shoot did not focus

on a stereotypical Southern image, Palomo said.

"Even when I went to the interview, my friends were like, 'Girls of the SEC'? Really? You're from California, and you're Mexican, and you don't fit the country belle theme well," she said. "I was surprised because there were so many girls and so many ethnicities — it wasn't just me amongst all blondes."

Palomo said she wants to focus on school for now but might work for Playboy again after graduation. She does not think her choice will impact her future negatively, she said.

"I don't really think it will affect me because I've met a lot of girls through Playboy, and they've all gone on with life and done whatever they wanted to do," she said. "There are all sorts of people — girls who are lawyers, businesswomen, teachers." ■

-Nikki Bogopolskaya contributed reporting to this

### Alternative Winter Break interest up despite shorter break

by TIARA HODGES

Contributing Reporter

Despite a shortened winter break this year, interest in Alternative Winter Break may have risen.

"The interest and number has surpassed what we were expecting," said Taylor Sewell, co-chair of AWB.

Sewell offered a number explanations for phenomenon.

"The type of people that apply for AWB don't mind giving up their New Year's or break," he

Although Alternative Winter Break was successful last year — about half of its applicants were previous Alternative Spring Break participants — its leaders did not know if the short break this year would decrease interest in the program.

Some uncertainty

"We're really not sure what to expect," Sewell said. "But last year we didn't know what to expect since it was a new program, but we received nearly three times more applicants than we had anticipated."

The anticipation of lower interest in the program led Sewell, along with other board members, to rework some logistics of the program.

"We narrowed the sites down from five to two. We wanted sites 110 that would be kid-focused and communities with interesting disparities, as well as exotic and different locations," Sewell said. "We added one international site for this reason."

But now "there seems to be so much interest that we're thinking of adding another site,"

Still, it cannot be determined how much interest has changed until the day the applications are due.

"Last year we received applications. applications were received within an hour of the time they were due. People tend to wait until the last minute," Sewell said.

### ALTERNATIVE **WINTER BREAK APPLICATIONS DUE**

Deadline:

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### **CORRECTION**

A Dyer Hall resident adviser was misidentified in the "Our View" editorial in the Wednesday issue of The Hustler. Taylor Phillips is an RA in Dyer.

#### WEATHER

compiled by EVE ATTERMANN



Sunny, 82/57



Sunny, 83/58



Partly Cloudy, 83/58

#### **VUPD CRIME LOG** compiled by EVE ATTERMANN

Monday, Sept. 24, 3:05 p.m. Person was receiving suspicious e-mails from someone pretending to be herself in the future.

Tuesday, Sept. 25,1:30 a.m. Person was arrested and charged with illegal consumption and public intoxication after trying to force his way into the Pi Beta Phi house at 24th Avenue South.

Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2:56 a.m. Person was arrested and charged with illegal consumption and public intoxication after passing out in the stairwell of the 25th Avenue Garage.

Tuesday, Sept. 25, 7:46 a.m. Person was found sleeping in stairwell on 21st and Edgehill avenues. After being asked to leave, the person began yelling and was then arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

Wednesday, Sept. 26, 6 a.m. A person was charged with illegal consumption and public intoxication after passing out and going to sleep in someone else's room in Stambaugh Hall. Check out http://police.vanderbilt.edu/ crimelog.htm for complete listings.

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### IN THE KNOW

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compiled by EVE ATTERMANN

#### WORLD

### Pakistan judge again crosses Musharraf

Pakistan's top judge on Thursday ordered the release of opposition leaders arrested for trying to derail President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's re-election plan.

The surprise intervention again pits Chief Justice Iftikhar Mohammed Chaudhry against the military leader who tried to fire him and underlines the court's power as Musharraf seeks to extend his eight-year rule in the face of political opposition and Islamic militancy.

Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz and other loyalists on Thursday filed Musharraf's nomination papers for the Oct. 6 presidential election, confidently predicting his victory and portraying it as a landmark for democracy in Pakistan.

Musharraf, who seized power in a 1999 coup, has promised to restore civilian rule if he is given a new five-year term in the vote by provincial and federal lawmakers.

SOURCE: AP

### Sri Lanka military says clashes kill 29

Artillery fire, gunbattles and a bombing killed 25 rebels. three civilians and a soldier in northern Sri Lanka, the military said Thursday, stoking fears of a further escalation in the island nation's more than two-decade civil war.

The surge in fighting, much of it in thick jungle, came after days of rising violence along the front line between governmentcontrolled territory and the heartland of ethnic Tamil rebels in the

The military blamed the fighting on Tamil Tiger rebels and denied the wave of violence marked the start of an anticipated government offensive against the rebels in the north.

"They are the people who are initiating the fighting all this time because they are probing and coming across our forward defense lines and trying to inflict casualties," said Brig. Udaya Nanayakkara, a military spokesman.

Since Monday, the military has claimed more than 60 rebels killed in fighting.

#### NATION

### 'Jena 6' prosecutor won't challenge ruling that sent Bell case to juvenile court

The prosecutor in the "Jena 6" cases said Thursday he had decided not to challenge a ruling that sent 17-year-old Mychal Bell's case to juvenile court.

LaSalle Parish District Attorney Reed Walters said he spoke with the beating victim and legal experts in the state before making the decision. He earlier had said he would appeal the state appeals court's decision to set aside Bell's second-degree battery conviction on the grounds that Bell should not have been tried as

Gov. Kathleen Blanco, with Martin Luther King III and the Rev. Al Sharpton at her side, announced on Wednesday that she had asked Walters to reconsider pushing to keep the case in the adult

"I want to thank him for this decision he has made," Blanco said. Bell, who remains behind bars, was one of six black Jena High School teens arrested after a December attack on a white student, Justin Barker. Five of the six initially were charged with attempted second-degree murder, though charges against four of them, including Bell, were later reduced.

SOURCE: AP

### Lethal injection heads to top court

The Supreme Court agreed Tuesday to take a hard look at the method of lethal injection most states use to put inmates to death in a case that could further slow the pace of executions.

The high court will hear a challenge early next year from two inmates on death row in Kentucky — Ralph Baze and Thomas Clyde Bowling Jr. — who say lethal injection as practiced by the state amounts to cruel and unusual punishment, in violation of the Eighth Amendment.

The last time the court considered a challenge to a method of execution was in 1879, when it upheld the use of a firing squad in Utah.

Lethal injections, devised as a humane alternative to electrocution and the gas chamber, have come under attack in recent years amid reports that the three-drug cocktail does not always work as quickly as intended and inmates are subjected to excruciating pain before they die.

SOURCE: AP

### <u>CAMPUS</u>

### Vanderbilt professor testifies before Congress; Tracy Sharpley-Whiting speaks out about women and popular culture

A professor from Vanderbilt told Congress on Tuesday that she found American culture "deeply gratifying and simultaneously disturbing" during a Washington hearing about stereotypes and degrading images in popular culture.

"Despite our strides in every area of American life - nearly 2 million college-educated black women out-earning their white and Latina



SHARPLEY-WHITING

counterparts; one in four of us occupies managerial positions the profits to be had at our expense are far greater than the costs of caricaturing our personhood," Tracy Sharpley-Whiting told the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. Sharpley-Whiting testified at the hearing "From Imus to

Industry: The Business of Stereotypes and Degrading Images" alongside other scholars.

"A culture of disrespect, with black women at the receiving end, packaged as entertainment permeates American popular culture," she said.

SOURCE: VANDERBILT NEWS SERVICE

### THEY CALL THIS NEWS?

Legitimate news outlets report stories every day that make the average American ask: Why should I care? News stories like these fill dead air and provide little informational value. But they're good for a laugh.

compiled by SARA GAST

A man who thought he was going to be sold a house became quite angry when he learned that was not going to be the case, power sawing laterally around the entire

A thief with an apparent bra-shortage stole about 350 of them from Victoria's Secret in broad daylight Sunday.

A federal judge invoked the powers of Dr. Seuss after receiving a hard-boiled egg in the mail from a prison inmate protesting his diet. "I do not like eggs in the file," wrote U.S. District Court Judge James Muirhead. "I do not like them in any style. I will not take them fried or boiled. I will not take them poached or broiled. I will not take them soft or scrambled, despite an argument well-rambled."

Dying is no excuse. When Elizabeth Schaper went to return her deceased mother's overdue library book, she was charged a 50-cent late fee. "I told him that maybe he didn't hear me right, that my mother had just died, otherwise I'm sure that she would have returned it on time," Schaper said. "His only reply was that, 'That will be 50 cents."

> A man arrested at the Ottawa, Canada, courthouse for impersonating a lawyer was released from custody without

charge after police confirmed he was in fact a lawyer.

Tim Brady is the fastest driver ever convicted of speeding in Britain. His speed? 277 kilometers. (That's 172 mph.)

Seminole County, Fla., officials are scrambling to fix a typo on a roadway after a motorist informed the local news that the word "school" was misspelled "scohol."

Nepal's mountaineering authorities are calling for a ban on

nudity and attempts to set obscene records on Mount Ever-

est. Last year, a Nepali climber claimed the world's highest

display of nudity when he disrobed for several minutes

Aric Egmont proposed to his girlfriend, Jennie Bass, in the

Proposal" (Jen Aric proposal). Answer: "Will you marry me?"

Boston Globe crossword puzzle Sunday. Clue: "Generic

while standing on the summit.

The 2008 Guinness World Records is out today. To save you the time, Turk Ilker Yilmaz broke his own record for milk squirting from the eye, extinguishing five candles in just over two minutes with his milk jet.

**SNAPSHOT** 



LAUREN FONDRIEST / The Vanderbilt Hustler Junior Carrie Cushman and other members of Delta Delta Delta sorority fight for the Watermelon Bust title Thursday afternoon on Alumni Lawn. Watermelon Bust, which benefits the American Red Cross and the Great American Food Drive, usually raises about \$1,000.



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Sophomore Jeremy Sandler and his buddy Wade Morton talk wrestling over a Rand dinner Wednesday evening at the first Best Buddies event of the year. The Vanderbilt Best Buddies chapter has won Most Outstanding College Chapter three years in a row.

## **Reunited with** their Best Buddies

Students pair with intellectually disabled for social activities.

by EVE ATTERMANN

Asst News Editor

Senior Lindsay Joseph didn't know she would find her second family when she joined Best Buddies as a freshman.

"I have been buddies with James for four years and have Sunday brunch with his family every week. I talk to his mom and whole family on the phone, and they have adopted me as a daughter," said Joseph, Best Buddies membership coordinator.

Best Buddies, an organization that pairs students with an intellectually disabled Nashville resident, had its first event of the year Wednesday

After contacting their buddies via telephone, students and buddies met for a night of dinner, informal socializing and board games.

The Vanderbilt chapter, composed of 800 buddy pairs, 160 members and 20 associate members, has won Most Outstanding College Chapter out of 1,400 international chapters for the last three years.

"The organization just keeps growing," Joseph

Sophomores Jeremy Sandler and C.J. Owens said they joined Best Buddies because they wanted to form bonds with people who are often

"I took a special education class last year, and learning about people with intellectual disabilities made me want to be their friend and not judge them," Sandler said. "There are no limits or boundaries between what you can really do with your buddy; it's like having another friend."

Owens agreed, saying, "I thought this program was a unique opportunity because it is dedicated to establishing friendships with people who are sometimes maybe overlooked."

Best Buddies also gives the buddies opportunities to socialize with each other.

Josh Petman and Bernadette Rescha, two veteran Best Buddies, got engaged after meeting through the program.

"I proposed to her on July 4 at her house," Petman said. "I got down on one knee. That's the girl I love." ■

### Student-led programs step up assistance to Uganda

Contributing Reporter

Students are taking their

initiatives to aid Uganda to the next level this year. Enjuba founders Henry Manice

and Wil Keenan will work toward "transforming a group of Ugandan artisans into a team to develop new high-quality products made and sold by Ugandans," said Manice, a junior, who has visited Uganda twice.

So far, Manice and his team, which includes Keenan and four other students, have developed a Web site and assembled a team of 10 to 15 artisans. They are now developing a business plan and seeking investors.

Enjuba sells Ugandan products to people around the world and aims to help Ugandans develop entrepreneurial skills and bolster the Ugandan economy.

It provides "a way for them to grapple with the problems of extreme poverty in Uganda and to find a solution," Manice said.

"(Enjuba) spun out of a desire to make a tangible difference in Uganda and something more hands on that could effect change in Uganda," he said.

Likewise, Kampala Project participants aim to involve the entire community in their efforts with a new student group, Kampala Organization.

It drew more than 70 students to its first informational meeting earlier this month.

"The goal is to bring what we learned back to Vanderbilt and to further help the people of Kampala, Uganda," said Ravi Patel, a junior involved with both Kampala Project and the new organization.

Kampala Project, sponsored by the Office of Active Citizenship and Service, uses a spring semester course and an intensive Maymester course to provide



A model shows off her Enjuba tote bag. Enjuba sells unique, fashionable clothing and accessories handcrafted in Uganda, East Africa.

students the opportunity to intern at local clinics, AIDS hospices, orphanages, hospitals and schools in Uganda.

Possible fall semester projects include bringing computers back to Uganda to help the ailing health care infrastructure and raising AIDS awareness.

"We hope to work with the engineering department to develop software to help hospices and clinics to keep up with patients and critical treatments needed in Uganda," Patel said.

Mark Dalhouse, director of the Office of Active Citizenship and Service, expressed his support of the students' initiative in transforming a Maymester course to a long-term partnership.

"It's all indicative to me of how Vanderbilt is becoming a different school," Dalhouse said. "These international partnerships, these students becoming involved in a direct way is a real step forward for Vanderbilt. Students are helping to blaze a trail for that." ■

### **NEXT KAMPALA ORGANIZATION MEETING**

When: Oct. 4 at 7 p.m.

Where: Sarratt 189

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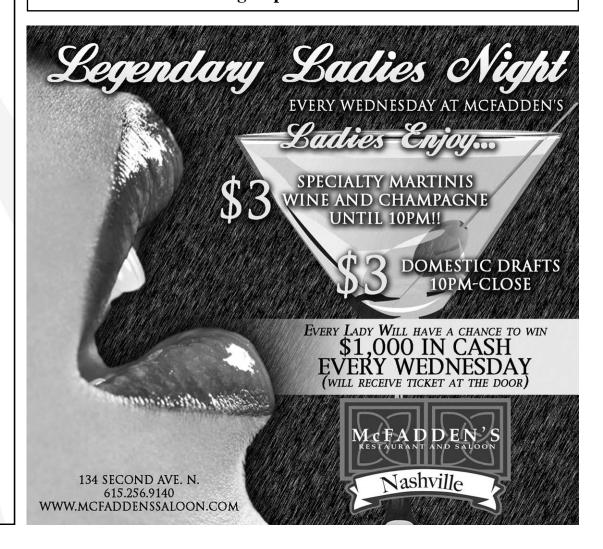
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# Researchers to study effectiveness of math intervention program

by REBECCA TYRRELL

Asst News Editor

Professors at Vanderbilt have started to examine the effectiveness of the national Math Recovery

In practice since 1992 in the United States, Great Britain and Australia, the Math Recovery program teaches first graders in the bottom 25 percent of their kindergarten class the basics of numbers through one-on-one tutoring.

Paul Cobb, professor mathematics education principal investigator of the study, received a government grant to study its effectiveness this summer.

"Being behind at the beginning of first grade is an incredibly strong predictor of math abilities in middle school and beyond," Cobb said. "If the program is successful in getting first-graders up to par, they will likely be successful in math for the rest of their time in school."

David Cordray, a professor of public policy and psychology who also works on the study, said the program needs to objectively demonstrate its effectiveness and where it works.

"We want to figure out the optimum combination of kid, teacher and place to then be able to provide guidance to teachers and administrators," Cordray said.

The instructional framework of Math Recovery requires teachers to determine a student's mathematical knowledge and strategies and then plan subsequent lessons accordingly.

Teachers may make additional observations and tailor their tutoring

based on videotapes of each session. The Vanderbilt researchers also view these videos as they study the program, track students' progress over the long term and determine teacher effectiveness. Cobb expects to receive more than 23,000 videos

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over the course of the study, which will last two years.

"We're also looking to see if Math Recovery teachers are actually doing what the Math Recovery Council tells them to do," Cordray said. "They could be doing a bang-up job or could be doing something completely irrelevant."

Cobb noted that most teachers who participate in the program are truly interested in acquiring extra skills and expertise to be more helpful in the classroom. This expertise comes at a high cost, however.

Intervention is very expensive, Cobb said, and certified teachers are only able to work with up to 16

students a year since the program requires one-on-one tutoring for four to five days a week over a 10- to 15week period.

"If it does prove successful, we'll have to think about informing policy relative to urban districts who are strapped for cash," Cobb said.

Kati Hermann, senior elementary education major, also stressed the importance of the

"If these kids end up in second or third grade without having had any extra help, the gap between the kids who get it and the kids who don't will just continue widening," Hermann said.

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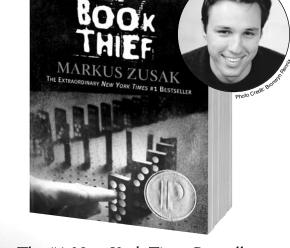
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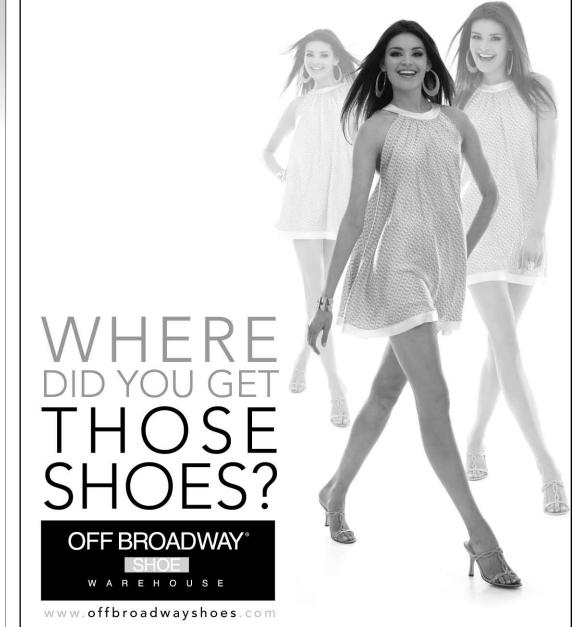




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Two Points of View

As we sit here, it is impossible to forget how it feels to be a non-drinker. Though we each traveled different paths to this decision, the end result is the same for us both. We are currently dating (almost six months) and we wouldn't be where we are without the care and support from one another as non-drinkers.

Being a teenage girl attending a small private high school where drinking was omnipresent, whether or not I drank was never an issue. I always knew it wasn't something I wanted to get involved in—that it was my personal choice, and I never felt that I was really missing out on anything.

As the son of two recovering alcoholics, it was a different story. I began drinking in high school, and by the time I reached college, a drinking problem had perpetuated. I too was an alcoholic. It seemed to me that the attitude on campus was "yes, yes, yes, everybody drinks"—nobody says no, you don't have to. Drinking felt like the 'norm.' But I didn't drink like the 'norm,' didn't drink responsibly, only drank to get shit-faced drunk. This continued until March 4, 2005, when I was caught drunk in the dorm. Ironically, I believe it to be that night which changed

my life, hopefully forever. I had a problem with alcohol. Luckily for me, I have parents who have been sober for 22 years. Talking to my dad made me realize that personal circumstances demanded that I become a non-drinker. As of that day, I am a non-drinker, and plan to remain that way.

Although I made the decision myself, the process of remaining sober is an ongoing one, and is greatly eased by the loving support of my fellow non-drinker girlfriend, one day at a time. While I do not oppose drinking in general, it did not work for me. Every time someone questioned my sobriety or offered me a beer, all I had to do was think about my amazing girlfriend and remember all the reasons I have for being a non-drinker.

I support my boyfriend, who is a non-drinker. I myself am a non-drinker. I support other non-drinkers, and want them to know that it is ok to be a non-drinker. By dating Ben, the issue of encouragement for the non-drinker has hit very close to home. He says that my continued support and love has helped him to remain sober for the past several months. After all these years, there is something close to my heart that justifies my beliefs.

Although many people do drink and do so responsibly, please remember that everybody 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. -Krista Sagan, '07 and Ben Citron, '06

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**OUR VIEW** 

### Religious preference has no place in debate

Moderator Tim Russert had two final questions he just had to ask before the Democratic debate wrapped up Wednesday night at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H. The second one, "Red Sox or Yankees?" was an embarrassing attempt at light-heartedness. The first was embarrassing in its shocking ignorance and blatant offensiveness.

"Before we go, there has been a lot of discussion about the Democrats and the issue of faith and values," Russert said. "I want to ask you a simple question ... What is your favorite

That this question actually made it to air should cause serious concern. It emphasizes knowledge of Bible verses as the only way to demonstrate values, asserting the moral superiority of Christianity. And by asking it in a presidential debate format, Russert appears to suggest adherence to and knowledge of Christian values should be used as a litmus test for the position.

In essence, the question implies both the moral superiority of Christianity as compared to all other value systems and its requirement as religion for those considering the

While the latter may be true historically, especially in recent history, this blatant use of religion as a tool to determine political legitimacy flies in the face of the Constitution. Instead of vaguely referring to the Sermon on the Mount, their concern for the Pharisees or general ideas of love, the candidates should have used the opportunity to uphold the separation of church and state that is, or was, a vital concept in this society.

This separation provides for a more democratic nation. Individuals with value systems based in Judaism, Buddhism, atheism or any other -ism, as they all have equal legal claim to the position, have just as much right to space on that stage as anyone else.

## **Top 10** Fantasy Football Players You Shouldn't Give Up On

<u>NATHANIEL HORADAM</u> Columnist

Every year there are those early-round picks that have fantasy owners kicking themselves halfway through the season. Sometimes they fail to see how the environment surrounding that elite running back has changed. Last year anyone who took Edgerrin James as the fifth overall

selection should have known he would bust behind Arizona's abysmal offensive line. The same goes this year for Larry Johnson, whose offensive line eroded over the last two off-seasons. You should take what you can get from him at this point, but don't throw these other guys to the wolves just yet.

**Brandon Jacobs (NYG - RB)** — Most experts expected this guy to have a big breakout season before he suffered a knee injury in week one. He could be back this weekend, but will likely split carries with Derrick Ward. Still, the guy is huge, and by midseason he should be bowling through linebackers. If he doesn't, Tiki Barber will probably have something to say

**Lawrence Maroney (NE - RB)** — He's racking up rushing yards but still doesn't have a score to show for it. Worse, he hasn't caught a single pass in three games. That's what happens when you have five legitimate receivers in the mix and what has all of a sudden become a pass-happy offense. I guess Randy Moss has that effect on teams. Play him next week against the Bengals because if Jamal Lewis can run for 200 yards against them, anybody can.

Larry Fitzgerald (ARI - WR) — Forget Matt Leinart; Kurt Warner is back. Now it is time for this air attack to take off.

**Drew Brees (NO - QB)** — The defense is bad, and the 0-3 'Aints will be playing a lot of catch-up this season. He won't play like a league MVP again, but he will play more like a starting fantasy quarterback than anyone you'll be able to find on the waiver wire.

**The Rams' Offense** — Orlando Pace is done for the year, and the rest of the line is hurting. Steven Jackson has 6. struggled and will miss at least a week with a torn groin muscle. No unit (other than maybe the Saints) has been more disappointing thus far. Expect Marc Bulger and the "Greatest Show on Turf" to recover and return to fantasy greatness. If not, they might be challenging the Falcons for the worst record in the NFC.

Lee Evans (BUF - WR) — Even if Rex Grossman were his quarterback (and he is nobody's quarterback), I still think this guy would be a good fantasy option. With five catches for 29 yards after three games, I know it is very tempting to cut him loose. But look whom he matched up against in those games: Champ Bailey, Ike Taylor and Asante Samuel. If Kevin Curtis can break out for nearly 230 yards and three scores, then Evans can, too. Too bad nobody played Curtis for that game.

**Vernon Davis (SF - TE)** — The often-described "physical freak of nature" has not put up freakish numbers to say the least. After spraining his MCL during last week's game, he'll miss a few weeks of action. But before that, he was on pace to have a good game, as Alex Smith finally started throwing to him. When he comes back, he will prove why the Niners spent a top draft pick on him.

Maurice Jones-Drew (JAX - RB) — Bench him; I did in the two leagues I own him. He has been the biggest bust of the young season, but don't cut or trade him yet. He was a scoring machine last year and has the potential to do it again, 3. so it's worth waiting on this first round pick. After all, Fragile Fred is bound to go down sometime this year and give MJD more carries . . . right?

Every WR you expected to break out — Reggie Brown, Mark Clayton, D.J. Hackett, Devery Henderson and Matt Jones. It is only week four; give them a couple more weeks, then make a decision.

**Ladanian Tomlinson (SD - RB)** — Despite a serious drop in production from last year, LT isn't half the bust Steven Jackson and Larry Johnson have been. Just wait; don't be rash and trade him for inferior value. Other than drawing the ire of other team owners for giving up such a player so cheaply, when he is regularly catching five passes, scoring two TDs and putting up 150 total yards of offense a game, you will regret it.

### LETTER

### VSG requires student participation

To the Editor: With the election of house presidents

and judicial vice presidents, the membership of Vanderbilt Studnet Government is complete for the first time. The values that define our inaugural year are the values that will define VSG for generations to come. While transparency is an important goal, responsiveness to student concerns is another important value for VSG. Student government's primary goal will always be to represent the student voice in university affairs. We can only

accomplish this goal if you exercise now be reserved for members of the your right to voice your opinion to your elected senators, presidents and judicial vice presidents.

VSG meetings in their entirety are and have always been open to all members of the public. But previously, only VSG members have been entitled to speak. As the presiding officers of the VSG House and Senate, we have a responsibility to encourage interaction between students and their elected officials. With this task in mind, the first ten minutes of every VSG House and Senate meeting will

student body to voice their opinions and concerns on any relevant university issue. These meetings are held every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Board of Trust Room in the Student Life Center.

> **Reid Simon VSG Speaker of the House**

**Jared Anderson** VSG Speaker of the Senate LETTER

### **Online** comments unfairly represent homosexuals

To the Editor:

I will not argue with InsideVandy user "Dawud Muhammad's" religious reasoning for disagreeing with homosexuality. That is his personal belief, and I have no right or reason to try and dispute it.

However, some of his factual reasoning is not only wrong, but also absolutely slanderous and misleading. He says homosexuality is "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." Homosexuals are perfectly capable of having families, and, though they are not traditional, homosexual couples do have healthy and happy families, sometimes choosing to adopt or naturally have children.

This brings me to my next point. There is no evidence of homosexuality "adversely" affecting the birthrate. As I said above, many homosexual couples choose to have children. The issue of declining birthrate probably needs to be taken up with the heterosexual couples who are choosing not to have children rather than with homosexuals. I'm pretty sure the human population on earth is in no danger of being wiped out at this moment; people the world over are looking for solutions to

Speaking of solutions throughout the world, the largest population with killer diseases (I assume he is mostly referring to AIDS) is in Africa, where the disease is prevalent not because of homosexuality, but because people have no knowledge of protection. The issue with the spread of AIDS in the United States is not due to homosexuality, but to a lack of common sense about protection from STDs.

None of these, however, is the biggest bone I have to pick with "Dawud Mohammad." His claim that homosexuals are chiefly responsible for the rape of young children is blatantly wrong. A very large majority of child molesters (95 percent according to the FBI) identify as heterosexual men. Most of these men either know the child or are related to the child (fathers, brothers,

You cannot call for something as essential to a personal identity as sexual orientation to be "stamped out." It is these attitudes that I fear may regress our society back to the beginning of the 20th century. You cannot blame everything going wrong in society on a single minority group based on misconceptions.

Please look at the facts before you judge another person. Have we not learned through the events of the past, and even recent events and discussions on campus, that acceptance and tolerance must be practiced in order for a society as diverse as ours to thrive?

I am not asking anyone to give up their religious beliefs, but whatever your religion may be, know that the ideas of acceptance, tolerance and love must be followed.

> **Andrea Weiand** Sophomore, College of Arts and Science

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#### COLUMN

### Bias poses serious challenge for universities

MICHAEL MAIO Columnist

It is often said celebrity deaths come in groups of three, but in the past week, we've been finding out that the same is apparently true of hate incidents on campus.

On the heels of the allegedly homophobic assault of two Vanderbilt students two weeks ago, an black letter-writer to The Hustler reported being the victim of racial harassment while studying in a library on campus. Then, on Sept. 21, The Hustler reported that a car full of Ku Klux Klan members drove past and tossed their business cards at a group of mostly black student demonstrators protesting the treatment of the "Jena 6."

To judge from online discussions about the assault — whether on InsideVandy.com or Facebook — there appears to be a contingent of students who think the subsequent calls for a hard look at the attitudes prevalent on campus are an overreaction. They argue instead that the alleged assault was an isolated incident that in no way reflects on the campus as a whole. In a representative remark, one commenter on InsideVandy wrote, "(T)here wasn't a problem with homophobia until certain people decided there was, based on one incident where a non-student assaulted and used slurs against a gay person."

That position has become less convincing as new hate incidents continue to crop up, but it's understandable because most of us know very few, if any, students who are openly hostile toward people of different races, religions or sexual orientations. However, that might be the case just because it is widely considered gauche to discuss one's deep-seated hatred of minorities in polite conversation. I don't personally know anyone who, in my estimation, would scrawl a swastika in a public place, but I also think everyone I know could identify Harry Truman as the president who ordered the atomic Arts and Science.

But lo and behold, a 1995 Gallup poll showed 60 percent of the American public is unable to do just that. I could interview all of the people I know and would probably find a significant portion whose knowledge of World War II is seriously deficient, but rarely do my conversations with acquaintances turn to Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Unfortunately, there are no exact statistics on how many hate crimes take place on college campuses each year. Federal law requires colleges to report hate crimes to the Department of Education, but the vast majority of hate crimes go unreported.

The Southern Poverty Law Center estimates 10,000 hate crimes occur on campuses each year, and the Review of Higher Education has estimated one million bias incidents take place annually at colleges. Bias incidents, unlike hate crimes, are not necessarily criminal in nature. The infamous "blackface" Halloween party that took place at Auburn University in 2001 is a good example.

There are about 17 million college students in the United States, and about 6,000 of those are undergraduates at Vanderbilt. So, to do a quick and dirty estimate, if Vanderbilt is an average school, then about one bias incident occurs every day among the undergraduate

Even if that estimate is somewhat inflated, it is clear that bias poses a serious challenge for our university, though it's worth noting the same is true of virtually every other major university as well. While the assault of two gay students was anomalous (although not a unique occurrence at Vanderbilt over the last several years), it is a mistake to suppose it is not the case that certain elements of the culture in our community are conducive to such attacks.

-Michael Maio is a senior in the College of

THE RANT



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Compiled by Teresa Cambria

"Why are half of the dryers and washers in Towers 3 and 4 cash only? It is infuriating, inconvenient and pisses people off. Do you know how difficult it is to find \$^ in quarters? I do. If they're going to make us use our card to go up the elevators in Towers, the washing machines should at least be card-accessible, too."

"Someone tell the freshmen to suck it up. It only gets worse."

"Why can't I swipe to get through the tunnel? If I can get into both Towers, why can't I go between them?!"

"The baklava in Rand tastes like a bee peed in my mouth."

"The apathy of Vanderbilt students disgusts me. If people don't think it was a hate crime, at least be passionate about that stance!"

"The card readers on this campus don't work! It takes me six or seven swipes to get into my suite, and the bookstore stopped accepting the card for hours yesterday."

### Sufficient residential parking exists on campus

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to last Friday's column entitled "Office of Traffic and Parking needs to fix problematic campus parking" claiming an insufficient supply of F parking spaces for residential students.

Traffic and Parking monitors all of the lots and zones on a daily basis, and F spaces have been averaging no fewer than 50 available at any given time this semester. Although the open spaces might not be located directly adjacent to your residence hall, there are always F-spaces available.

I encourage you to review the 2007-08 parking map that was enclosed with your parking permit. The map shows the locations of all available F lots highlighted in green. The map is also available on the Traffic and Parking Web site at www.vanderbilt.edu/parking.

Our university is a walking campus, and the bulk of parking for faculty, students and staff is intentionally located along the perimeter of campus. This system protects the beauty of the campus, as well as the quality of our campus life.

We monitor the supply and demand closely in order to both protect the integrity of the parking system and to plan for future needs. An example of this is the new F lot currently under construction at the corner of Natchez Trace and Blakemore Avenue. This new lot is being constructed in anticipation of the increase in residential students that will occur once The Commons officially opens next fall.

We do our best to manage a limited resource as efficiently and effectively as possible. I encourage anyone to call our office at 322-2554 if you have questions about our parking system or about where to park. I also encourage those who prefer to park their vehicles for long periods of time to consider helping out their fellow students by relinquishing the prime spots and parking in the lots slightly farther away from the residence halls.

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Beer-pong. Pre-gaming. Beirut. Pre-gaming. Chasers. Pre-gaming. All standard, if not trite, words of speech for the collegiate lexicon. If I go to a party, the typical first liner I get is, "What are you having to drink?" Yet while others end the conversation with a plush name of a mixed drink or the basic beer, I find myself faced with, "Are you sure you don't want anything? Why?"

A tough question, and one that cannot be answered on the spot. Nor, really, is the answer often wanted. I am passed off as an inferior "party-goer" in the first five minutes, made an outsider in the rituals of drinking games and contests of who can surpass their inhibitions furthest, looked at as the true underclassman that, until recently, I was. I am not a martyr for the cause of abstinence, I haven't had a horrific experience involving a drunk driver, I don't have a rare liver disease. I am a teetotaler for more even more

Growing up in a house without alcohol, I never became attune to its popularity. On the off chance that I would taste champagne, wine, or beer, I simply did not like the flavor. As a teen, my thoughts were, Why drink something gross when I could have something delicious (synonymous for sugary in my case) like Capri Sun or Iced tea? In high school, the people who partied and drank were the "cool" kids, but also the ones who got arrested, the ones who hit others with baseball bats and pig feces one drunken Sunday in the forest, or the ones who patted themselves on the back for a C-. I was different, I was me, and I did not want to force myself to drink to get into a higher social group. At the same time, while others experimented with substance abuse, I experimented with an eating disorder and the psychological pressures I put on myself basically left alcohol, Coke, or any other caloric drink offlimits. By graduation I had academic accolades, a healthier look at life, and still no experience with drinking.

Thus I entered college, an unassuming freshman. High school gave me rather negative connotations with alcohol, but in college alcohol seemed to cross all social boundaries and went from "cool" and "risque" to "normal." Still, I do not drink. Some students here love getting "smashed' and gossiping about the amazingly scandalous affairs they had while under the influence, or playing drinking games where everyone wins because everyone feels a buzz. While I'll admit I can be rather shy on the nighttime scene, I don't like the idea of using alcohol as a means of artificially becoming entertaining. I am an interesting person if you get to know me, and I'll open up when I feel comfortable enough.

My respect for the health of my body and my appreciation of my talents and endearing attributes 'sans alcohol,' gives me no problem saying no. So far, abstinence has helped me in ethically challenging situations much more than hurt me. When I reach that magic age of twenty-one or move to Europe, whichever comes first, then I'll find myself in situations where alcohol becomes just another choice of beverage for a meal with friends or a pool night at the pub, and I may order a vodka martini and sip with pinky poised. Or, who knows, I may just stick with a Diet Coke. -Leslie, '10

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Update: These two students are now married!

## **SPORTS**

### GAME KEYS

**by JONATHAN FELDMAN**Sports Reporter

When Vanderbilt is on offense...

#### 1. Stay aggressive

Vanderbilt must not come out flat on Saturday. The Eastern Michigan defense is allowing an average of 390.5 yards per game. Especially after an off week, rather than playing complacently, the offense needs to utilize both the ground and air attack to establish balance.

### 2. Be aware of Holtzclaw

Eastern Michigan linebacker Holtzclaw comes into Nashville with experience and success. He is on the 2007 Rotary Lombardi watch list and had 13 tackles and an interception against Northern Illinois. The Vanderbilt offensive line must always know where this game-changing linebacker is on the field. If the Vanderbilt offense is able to minimize Holtzclaw's impact, Vandy has a great chance of starting the season 3-1.

### 3. Start early

Eastern Michigan has struggled in the first quarter. Opponents this year have scored 31 points in the first quarter compared to the Eagle's 13. Vanderbilt must start early and strike often in order to put their MAC opponent away.

### When Vanderbilt is on defense...

### 1. Pressure Schmitt

Eastern Michigan quarterback Andy Schmitt passed for 214 yards and four touchdowns last week against Howard. While Howard is not an SEC opponent, the Vanderbilt defensive line must pressure Schmitt in order to keep him from finding any type of rhythm.

### 2. Force turnovers

Vanderbilt does not want to give the Eagles a chance to stay in the game and try to steal a victory at the end. The defense needs to attack and create turnovers in order to keep the Vandy offense on the field. If Vanderbilt wins the turnover battle on Saturday they should easily win the game.

#### 3. Control Walker

Senior tailback Pierre Walker has had strong performances in his last three games. In fact, the last three games have been Walker's best as a collegiate athlete. Vanderbilt must contain the veteran running back if it wants to head into Auburn on a high note.

### SEC EAST STANDINGS

Florida	4-0
Kentucky	4-0
South Carolina	3-1
Georgia	3-1
Vanderbilt	2-1
Tennessee	2-2

### Doster seeks to make own mark



BRETT KAMINKSY / The Vanderbit Hustler The comparisons to his older brother Kwane Doster may be endless, but Vanderbilt freshman Jermaine Doster intends to create

by JARRED AMATO

Sports Editor

Asked to compare freshman running back Jermaine Doster to his big brother Kwane, Marcus Buggs can't help but smile.

"It's kind of funny," the senior linebacker said, "because when you see him, you see Kwane. A lot of the things he does, the things he says, how he acts, mannerisms and everything — just like how Kwane used to be. It's almost like having him back."

Kwane "Dot" Doster was not supposed to go so soon. The loveable running back and 2002 Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Year was tragically shot and killed while sitting in the back seat of his friend's car early Dec. 26, 2004, in his hometown of Tampa, Fla. He left behind his mother Kelly, sister Chakana, and his baby brother and best friend, Jermaine.

"Jermaine and his brother were so close growing up," Kelly Doster said. "Everything Kwane did, he did too."

It is only fitting, then, that Jermaine Doster finds himself back on the same campus he had visited so many times before, attempting to honor his brother and create his own legacy at the same time.

"I always tell him, 'Just be you,'" Kelly Doster said. "Just be the best that you can be do what it is you want to do in your life. You don't have to be like your brother."

That hasn't always been easy.

#### **BLAZING HIS OWN TRAIL**

From the "KD1" patch on senior captain Jonathan Goff's jersey to the preserved locker to the retired No. 1 uniform in the football offices, Vanderbilt has kept Kwane Doster's legacy alive. Its effort hasn't gone unappreciated.

"My brother had a special place here at Vanderbilt, and it feels good to know that he's still in everyone's mind and heart," Jermaine Doster said. Kelly Doster added, "In a way, Jermaine was still grieving, so to see Vanderbilt recognize his brother the way they have, it gives him more energy and focus to do what he wants to do."

Jermaine Doster wants to blaze his own trail here at Vanderbilt — to become someone more than just "Kwane's little brother." And his mother is confident that he will.

"It hink he's gonna be a great player," she said. "He wants to prove to himself that he can be his own man."

#### **COMING HOME**

Despite receiving interest from other big-time schools such as Alabama and Georgia Tech, Jermaine Doster was set on playing for Vanderbilt — the coaching staff, players and top-20 education were too impressive to pass

In fact, the day he signed his letter of intent was the happiest his mother had seen him since his brother's death. Still, Kelly Doster admits she was worried following in his brother's footsteps would be too painful for her son.

"I thought it would be an issue seeing all the reminders of Kwane, but I'm so proud of him," she said. "It doesn't seem to bother him because he's home."

That's something the Commodores hope isn't lost on Jermaine.

"I just want him to know that we're a family; and if he ever needs a brother, he's got a hundred of them here," Buggs said. "I'm sure this weekend will probably be hard for him and he'll be thinking about his brother but we're all here for him if he needs us."

Coach Bobby Johnson also put football in perspective.

"It will be real soon when everybody forgets about this season, the previous season, the season before that," he said. "When all is said and done, it's just an activity and you always have to rely on your family, and I hope Jermaine knows that he's got a family here, as well as his one back in Tampa."

### **SEC Statistics**

### **Leaders after Week 4**

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SCORING OFFENSE	TEAM	PTS/GAME
1.	Florida	49.2
2.	Kentucky	47.0
9.	Vanderbilt	27.3
Scoring Defense	Team	Pts Allowed/ Game
1.	LSU	5.8
2.	South Carolina	14.2
4.	Vanderbilt	19.3
Receptions	Player	Total
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### **WEEK 5 SCHEDULE**

Eastern Michigan at Vanderbilt: Saturday (6 p.m.)

LSU at Tulane: Saturday (11 a.m.)

Mississippi State at South Carolina: Saturday (11:30 a.m.)

Ole Miss at Georgia: Saturday (Noon)

Florida Atlantic at Kentucky: Saturday (Noon)

Alabama vs. Florida State: Saturday (4 p.m.)

North Texas at Arkansas: Saturday (6 p.m.)

Auburn at Florida: Saturday (7 p.m.)

### friday conversation RESHARD LANGFORD

Junior safety Reshard Langford, the leader of the Vanderbilt secondary, talked to The Vanderbilt Hustler about a number of topics, including the hardest hit of his career.

**VANDERBILT HUSTLER:** How was the bye week for you guys? Did it help rejuvenate the team? **RESHARD LANGFORD:** Yeah, it was good for us. A couple of guys were banged up from the previous weeks. I think it came at a good time because a lot of the

starters were dealing with a couple of injuries, and it was good for them to rest.

VH: How have you prepared for Eastern Michigan? What are their strong

RL: They have No. 18 (sophomore wide receiver DeAnthony White); they have a real good guy on their team who is their go-to guy we've been watching on film. As far as preparing, we've been preparing like we have the last three weeks.

VH: What's the hardest hit you've had in your career at any level?

RL: I'd say the LSU game my freshman year. I think (the guy I hit) was No. 8, but I'm not sure.

VH: How do you feel about where your team stands right now as far as how your expectations were coming into the season?

RL: I had high expectations coming into the year. We worked

hard all summer. We're doing good. We could have been doing better, like the second week against Alabama, but that's the past game. We'll do good as long as we continue to work hard and stay focused.

**VH**: Speaking of Alabama, what's the overall psyche and attitude of the team right now? You guys have gotten over that game, I'm sure.

**RL:** It's like a lost play. You get bad plays throughout the game, and you just have to forget about it and move on.

**VH:** Thus far, is there anyone that has come in as a surprise contributor for the team, someone opponents and fans should watch out for on Saturday?

**RL:** I'd say anybody on the defense. We have a lot of good guys on the team, but on defense, so far we've been showing up every Saturday, playing and going hard. Gabe Hall, the defensive tackle, he's been doing real good, playing hard. Overall, it's the same guys still giving the same great effort.

**VH:** What have you done personally, and how do you feel like you have improved your game this season? What were you looking to work on?

**RL:** My weaknesses. I had a couple of weaknesses that I worked on all summer. I mean, they're getting better, but still, just basically playing the game fast, playing and reading keys like I'm supposed to, being disciplined.

**VH:** Now that we're three games in, does it still feel like this is "the year" this program is taking its game to the next level?

**RL**: Yeah, it is. I feel like it's still the year. Like I said, keep focusing and preparing like we have been, and our team believing we can be a winning team.

VH: Halle Berry or Beyonce?

**RL**: Man, I can't answer that question. I got a girlfriend.



Junior Amy Wilcox and the rest of the Commodores hope to begin Southeastern Conference play on a high note this weekend.

### Dores start second season

Open conference play at Alabama, Auburn.

> **by JARRED AMATO** Sports Editor

For the Vanderbilt soccer team, the second season begins today as it travels to Tuscaloosa to take on Alabama in the Southeastern Conference opener.

While the Commodores (3-4-1) have had their ups and downs thus far, coach Ronnie Coveleskie has reason to be optimistic after her team's 3-0 victory over the College of Charleston last Sunday.

"I think we took a really big step to becoming a better team," she said.

One of the encouraging signs was the fact that the Commodores scored all three goals in the first half.

been one of Coveleskie's main points of emphasis recently.

"One of the things we used to talk about is weathering the storm against other teams early," Coveleskie said. "The thing we changed (last) weekend was we're not only going to weather the storm, we're going to be the storm."

As a result, rather than sitting back and letting the opponent control the tempo, the Commodores plan to be the aggressor from the get-go.

"The key will be to come out strong and set the tone in the first 10 to 15 minutes and put one away early," said junior midfielder Katie Schulz.

Tonight's matchup will be particularly interesting since Alabama and Vanderbilt play drastically different styles.

Meanwhile, Coveleskie said the Commodores are much more similar to Sunday's opponent, Auburn.

"It's the beginning of the SEC, and everyone knows

Getting off to a fast start has you need to start off with a bang, so I expect two really competitive games," Coveleskie said.

"They're both very good teams, and when you look at the national rankings, the SEC is doing great," she said. "We're really well respected across the country, and we need to understand that every game matters."

Coveleskie has said the Commodores will begin playing their best soccer by October. This weekend will be a good test to see if she is

"Our team is getting better and better, and our enthusiasm and intensity is still there," Coveleskie said "This team still believes there is a lot of soccer left to be played. I do believe that October is going to hit with a bang, and I do believe that the SEC is going to produce some challenges but some good results at the same

### Vandy ready for Eagles

by ADAM WEINSTEIN Sports Reporter

Coming off of a bye week, Vanderbilt (2-1, 1-1 Southeastern Conference) heads into Saturday's matchup with Eastern Michigan well rested and ready to go.

"The bye week is great," said senior defensive tackle Theo Horrocks. "We had a chance to get together and practice and get a head start on the team we're playing this week."

That's good news for the Commodores, as this marks their first-ever meeting with the Eagles. Despite the unfamiliarity, however, coach Bobby Johnson has not changed his team's approach.

"Just like we do with everybody else, we look at as much film as we can, and try to anticipate what they may try to do against our offense and defense," Johnson said. "The main thing you've got to do is prepare your own team, and then let them react to us. We'll run our offense and our defense, and we'll have to take our chances."

With their 31-17 victory over Ole Miss two weeks ago, there is a sense of optimism brewing among the players.

"We're trying to start something special here, and we took one step last week beating Ole Miss the way we did," Horrocks said. "It's a big game this weekend, and we got to come out and win it, and just keep doing it one step

That next step will be to shoot down the Eagles, who come in having beaten Howard last weekend 38-15. Quarterback Andy Schmitt threw for four touchdowns and 214 yards in the victory, while Pierre Walker ran for 52 yards and a touchdown.

The Commodores have faired well against Mid-American Conference historically, possessing an 8-3 record. Their most recent victory came last season against Temple, 43-14.

Regardless of the opponent, Johnson said he has been pleased with his team's recent performance.

"We've done well (over the bye week); there's no way to measure that, it's just a feeling," Johnson said. "They've done everything we've asked them to do in practice, and they've practiced with pretty good concentration."

Eastern Michigan comes into the game 2-2, having played SEC opponents on just two other occasions. Vanderbilt seems to be ready to make sure the third time is not the charm.

"The bye week went great; some guys that were banged up got well," Horrocks said. "Everybody's ready to go. We're excited." ■



FRANCIS SIMPSON / The Vanderbilt Hustler The Vanderbilt offense, led by wide receiver Earl Bennett, looks to have a strong showing Saturday against Eastern Michigan.

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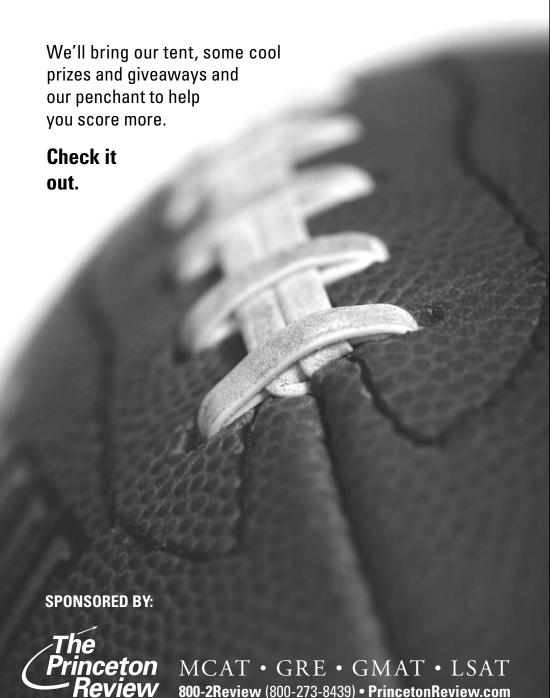
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The Week Ahead

8 a.m. lectures can create a vicious cycle of boredom, but lucky for you, Nashville never burns out. Rejuvenate your personal drive by spending a weekend in the flame of Music City.

#### **FRIDAY 9/28**



Tyler James, an up-andcoming indie-pop artist, headlines tonight at Exit/ In. He won't hit the stage until 11 p.m., but the night's other attractions, including rock band The Nobility, are sure to keep you entertained. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

#### SATURDAY 9/29

Today marks the debut of a dark art exhibit at the Plowhaus Artists' Cooperative on 17th Street, appropriately entitled "Shadowland." The exhibit will be open all day, with an artists' reception from 7 to 11

### **SUNDAY 9/30**



Head over to the Belcourt Theatre to see Steve Buscemi's latest directorial effort, "Interview." The movie follows a jaded journalist and a high-flying pop diva who spend an entire night discussing media, truth and celebrity.

### **MONDAY 10/1**

**Exquisite banners** from Master Chinese Calligrapher, Huang Xiang, line the walls at the Nashville Library. Attendance is free and open to all!

### **TUESDAY 10/2**

It might be a weeknight, but Exit/In is worth visiting every day of the week. Go by today at 8 p.m. for Miller's "Rock the Block," featuring a \$2 cover charge, \$2 beers and a host of the best new local bands.

#### WEDNESDAY 10/3

The Vanderbilt Fashion Show will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Student Life Center Ballroom. The show will feature styles from from Ann Taylor Loft and Joseph Bank Men's Clothier Come for great designs, appetizers and door prizes!

#### **THURSDAY 10/4**

"The Crucible" opens today at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center. The debut show starts at 6:30 p.m. and tickets are \$10 for college students.



Life staff writer Elizabeth Robie chatted with Dave Carew, author and Nashvillian, who is currently promoting his second novel "Everything Means Nothing to Me," the follow-up to 2001's "Voice from the Gutter." "Everything," described by The Tennessean's Roy E. Perry as "a haunting novel of obsessive love, abuse and violence" centers around "Paul," a Vanderbilt student. Carew discussed the book, what he thinks about Vanderbilt and his love for Nashville.

VH: Why did you decide to move to **NASHVILLE**?

DC: I was very, very enamored with the fact that it was a city that had a passion for music and the arts because that is what I do myself. I just thought it was sensational that Nashville is a city where pretty much everybody literally knows someone who writes music or has a passion for music and the arts.

VH: What were your inspirations for "EVERYTHING MEANS NOTHING TO ME"?

DC: I have always loved the Martin Scorsese film "Taxi Driver." And I remember I was watching the film about six, seven years ago, and this really intriguing thought hit me. I said to myself, 'What if there was a story about a very profound, lonely, alienated down- and-out character set in Nashville?' I had even met a couple of prostitutes, drug addicts — people that were very, very down and out in life and I just thought, I just don't think there was any art giving them voice, and the fact that I might be able to give them voice through both of my novels, actually, was a very intriguing and artistic challenge for me.

VH: What, exactly, does your title mean?

DC: The title is actually from an **ELLIOTT SMITH** song, although we need to be very clear that the book has absolutely nothing to do with Elliot Smith. I am a huge Elliot Smith fan, and I think that he was the genius pop-rock singer-songwriter of the last decade. Elliot Smith said in a YouTube interview that the title "Everything Means Nothing To Me" is not bleak and nihilistic. It is actually a sort of existential statement that forces us to draw back and say, well, obviously everything means nothing to me is not the truth, so therefore what does have meaning for me in my life and what I should do in my life to create meaning.

VH: Your protagonist, Paul, is a Vanderbilt student. How did you make that decision?

DC: Paul is a **VANDERBILT** student that basically narrates the book. The book is actually a story within a story, because Paul the Vanderbilt student is narrating how he met this down-and-out writer, John Werrick, in his aunt's boarding house. And Paul's aunt's boarding house is set right by Music Row, and he and Werrick develop this sort of mystic brotherhood and go bar-hopping at places that students at Vanderbilt would actually recognize like the Gold Rush and 3rd and Lindsley and places like that. Werrick is telling Paul the story, so Paul is kind of relating the story of their bar-hopping, but through John Werrick we hear the story within the story of Werrick's passion for the female singer-song writer, Eva Downing.









-To hear the interview with Dave Carew, go to:





### ...FOR A BURGER THAT **WOULD IMPRESS EVEN GEORGE FOREMAN**

by BEN HARTWELL and BRANDON HERIFORD, Life Staff Writers

For someone who has eaten more red meat in his life than George Foreman, hamburgers are rarely impressive. But Fat Mo's gives hamburger lovers something to look forward

Along with Commodore favorite Rotier's, it sits atop Cityseach.com's Best Hamburger, Best Cheap Eats and Best Fast Food lists.

There are 13 Fat Mo's in the Metro Nashville area, six of which are located within the city's limits. Situated in view of Interstate 40,  $sandwiched \, between \, arun-down \, McDonalds$ and a do-it-yourself car wash, stands one such establishment. The restaurant itself cannot be larger than 100 square feet, sitting on a sea of cracked cement. Not an ideal view. But luckily, the partially lit Fat Mo's sign compels all the insects to flock to the CVS sign across the street.

Despite its size, location and atmosphere,

the seemingly familial staff of four offers a variety of delicious, albeit greasy, food. Their specialty is, obviously, the hamburger. It comes in all shapes and sizes, cooked with real beef, never frozen, topped with bacon, mushrooms and cheese at the customer's request. The Fat Mo's regular is the halfpounder, but if the customer does not have that much of an appetite he, or more likely she, can opt for the Little Mo's burger.

However, Fat Mo's Super Deluxe Burger challenges the truly daring, soon to be obese individual. Weighing in at a healthy 27 ounces, it could cure a Kodiak bear's hunger. Complimenting the meat are a few side options, including French fries, onion rings and fried jalapenos.

If hamburgers aren't your thing, Fat Mo's offers a wide variety of other entrees, ranging from corn dogs to catfish. And don't forget their famous shakes. To top it off, your eating experience may be enhanced by the music playing from a homeless man's stereo at one of the picnic tables (the only seating available outside your car).

Don't let its physical appearance or location discourage you: This eatery will exceed any burger lover's expectations. Although not on the card, Fat Mo's prices fit nicely into any student's budget. Consequently, this is not the best place for your parents to take you this weekend (go to the Stockyard instead). Nonetheless, it is a true diamond in the rough and a great destination for anyone who appreciates the finer aspects of the all-American meal. ■

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### **VUT PREVIEW**

### 'Keely and Du' gives new context to abortion debate

**'KEELY AND DU'** 

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by KATHERINE MILLER Asst Life Editor

Vanderbilt University Theatre's production of "Keely and Du" is exactly what a college production should be — a hard, objective look at two sides of an intense debate.

Prize in 1994, and concerns abortion in the context of the very unique relationship between the two titular

The play opens with a group of masked men part of the organization "Operation Retrieval" kidnapping and handcuffing Keely (portrayed by senior Angie Fontaine), a pregnant woman scheduled to have an abortion. As Keely is being handcuffed to her bed, her guard and guardian, Du (junior Julina Clare Fernandez), an older woman who seems genuinely concerned about Keely's welfare, is introduced.

As time passes, a tumultuous, confrontational yet ever-closer relationship between Keely and her grandmotherly captor develops. Meanwhile, Walter (played by sophomore Brett Bolton), the leader of the fundamentalist group attempts to forcibly persuade Keely of the moral wrongness of abortion, even in the case of Keely's rape.

After Walter brings Cole (senior Alex Kane), Keely's ex-husband and rapist, to beg forgiveness from Keely, the play culminates in Keely bending a piece a wire to perform her own abortion, nearly dying in the process. The roles reverse, however, in the ambiguous ending, as an emotional Keely visits an abused, stoic Du in prison.

After last year's controversial "The Shape of Things," the plot of "Keely and Du" is sure to raise questions about an agenda in the Vanderbilt Visions program. Unlike "The Shape of Things," however, which fostered all the discussion of "... That artist girl was a whore," this year's production "Keely and Du," penned by Jane Martin, was nominated for a Pulitzer may spark some actual conversation. "Keely and Du" is much more direct

> in the nature of the questions it poses: How do we as a society value life? What is the nature of forgiveness? Can two people, despite intense philosophical disagreement, become friends?

> Though somewhat repetitious in its continual backand-forth, the material and acting make a point of objectivity and pragmatism.

> Obviously, the pro-life religious fundamentalists are not portrayed in the most flattering light. In many ways, though, they articulate their arguments for the preservation of life with considerably more impassioned logic than the pro-choice side does in turn.

The small cast handles the subject matter and deep emotional confrontation well.

Bolton is particularly good as Walter. Though his motives are thoroughly political, his tactics horrible and ultimately his beliefs hypocritical, Walter has some of the

most piercing insights of the play. Though not exactly enjoyable, "Keely and Du" forces the viewer to consider and reconsider a major issue in a completely different context

# STRAIGHT

by KATIE DEPAOLA Advice Columnist

■ I've started ■ hanging with this guy I really like, but he has a pretty long list of girls he's hooked up with. We have a lot of fun together, and I think it's about to get more serious. Should I be worried or should I go for it?

A Straight up, yes, you should be concerned. However, before you go and change his name to "man whore" in your Blackberry contacts, let me explain my rationale.

If "it's about to get more serious" means the relationship is about to go to the next (translation: dating and spending quality time together, not just hooking up and hanging out), you should definitely go for it, but proceed with caution.

Keep in mind if he has a long list of girls, at least some of them knew he was a player and gave him a chance anyways. Conclusion: He must be pretty good at sweet talking in order to win over that many ladies.

However, a new relationship is a new beginning where both individuals have the opportunity to start over. People do have the capacity to change themselves if they wish to do so. The question is whether or not he is willing to change his ways for you.

In order to find out, you should be straightforward and let him know you are well aware of his past. Tell him you're willing to move on, but only if he is too. If he says he's different now and wants to get a little more serious with you, give him the benefit of the doubt and let things progress naturally.

Still, since he does have a past, it's going to be difficult to completely forget it. Good news: You don't have to. Trust him until he gives you a reason not to, and do your best to ease into things and not fall too quickly. You don't need to play hard to get, but be sure to look out for yourself and your own needs.

Oh, and by the way, if "it's about to get more serious" meant you think you're ready to do more physically, you still need to be careful about how quickly you move forward. If you're thinking about having sex, you might want to find out exactly how long his list really is. Then, if you're still comfortable with taking the next step, you should probably talk about methods of protection, and perhaps even the possibility of getting tested for STDs.

If that's too personal, think carefully about whether or not you're really ready. Sex and relationship talks require maturity, but if you're going to be doing it, it's important to be able to talk about it. Deal with the tough stuff as you go, and you (and your relationship) will be stronger in the long run.

Need advice? E-mail vide@vanderbilthustler. com with your questions, and you may see them in the next "Straight Up."

### QUAKE PREVIEW

## Who is Brett Dennen?

by LAKENDRA SCOTT

Life Staff Writer

The Commodore Quake brings high profile acts to Vanderbilt each year, and this year proves to be no exception. With acts as notorious and popular as Kanye West and Guster, opening act and



singer-songwriter Brett Dennen could be overlooked in the mayhem of seeing well-known and beloved bands perform. However, to overlook Dennen's charm and crooning vocals would be a major folly, and he is sure to give the Vanderbilt community a third memorable performance Oct. 12.

Dennen mixes relaxed acoustic riffs with melodic vocals to create a raw folk rock, which mirrors

artists such as Bob Dylan and Jack Johnson. His simplistic chord progressions provide a template for the thought provoking lyrics present on most tracks.

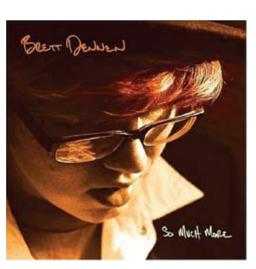
The California native started playing music at an early age and broke onto the scene as a contributor to the soundtracks of shows

like "Roadtrip Nation" and more recently "Grey's Anatomy." Dennen's music is also featured in commercials for companies such as the Hilton Hotels. While television gave his music a boost, Dennen focuses mainly on live performances and has joined Guster on the nation-wide "Next Step Campus Tour."

The singer comes in high regard and is slowly gaining a larger fan base. Artists such as John Mayer and Dave Matthews are strong supporters of Dennen and have added him to their respective tour lineups.

Dennen's debut self-titled album, introduced him to mainstream music fans and "So Much More," Dennen's sophomore album, solidified his standing. The singer, influenced by artists like Paul Simon, shows his progression with songs of political advocacy such as "Ain't No Reason," which questions the reasoning behind hate and violence. "So Much More" takes a more political and socially conscious approach to music as opposed to his more free spirited debut.

Dennen's debut album, which featured his original artwork as cover art, contained hits such as "Desert Sunrise" — a light and fun song about love and life. Dennen's songs show two distinct sides of music. While some songs have a light and romantic feel, many others focus on political change, and have a darker tone. The pro-peace singer attempts to convince his listeners to take action through his



peculiar and slightly raspy voice.

D e n n e n expresses his political viewpoints through other channels as well. The Mosaic Project, an organization that strives to bring children of diverse b a c k g r o u n d s together, boasts Dennen as one of its chief supporters. Dennen uses his

musical talent to evoke change and released an album for the program entitled, "Children's Songs for Peace and a Better World."

Although most of Dennen's songs sound rather similar, his lyrical variety makes him a standout artist. His political and spiritual lyrics mixed with his light guitar styling make him an artist on the rise and definitely make it worth seeing him at Commodore Quake.

**MOVIE REVIEW** 

### This film keeps its 'Promises'

by CHRIS GEARING
Life Staff Writer

"Eastern Promises" is one of those movies that asks, "How far down does the rabbit hole go?"

In this tale, Viggo Mortenson stars in the most powerful film of the year. Mortenson reunites with visionary director David Cronenberg, of 2005's whirlwind "History of Violence."

The film begins with Anna (Naomi Watts) delivering a baby at a London hospital from a barely living 14-year-old girl. Anna finds the girl's diary and seeks out someone who can translate it. In her search, she meets Semyon (Armin Mueller-Stahl) and his son, Kirill (Vincent Cassel) who seem to be involved in the girl's downfall and ultimate death.

The mysterious Nikolai (Mortenson) begins to appear in Anna's life and starts to intimidate her to turn over the diary and its secrets to one of the most powerful Russian mobs, the Vory V Zakone. Anna tumbles down the rabbit hole into a world of sexslave rings, drug smuggling and torturous murder.

After this movie, you might feel like you have been punched in the stomach. The film moves

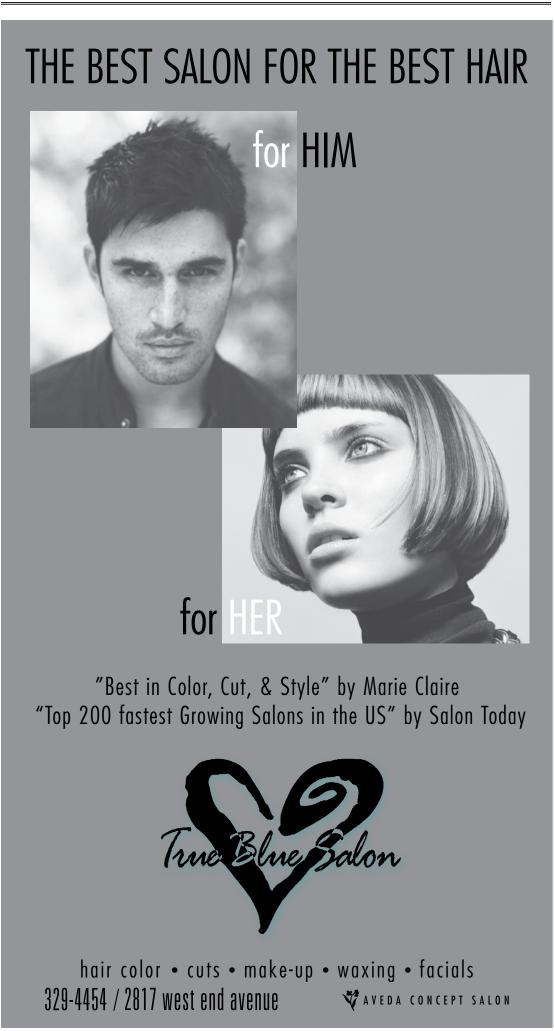
briskly, and the twisted web it weaves along the way is enough to shock even the most hardened of film aficionados. The infamous "public bath scene" will be remembered with the incredibly graphic, violent scenes of movie history.

It is no exaggeration to state that Mortenson should be nominated for, if not win, an Academy Award for his role. He plays his part with such convincing panache and ability that he may have actually been a Russian gangster in another life.

"Promises" definitely depicts the darker and more twisted sides of life, but nevertheless weaves one of the most compelling stories of recent history. Cronenberg delves into the more serious aspects of humanity such as the true nature of good and evil and the possibility and hope for redemption. Simply the inclusion and exploration of the Russian mafia and its customs serves as a fascinating basis for an incredibly gripping plot that will not only keep your eyes glued to the screen but most likely have you coming to grips with the somber details of humanity for the next few weeks.











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