



The defense stepped it up against the Eagles this weekend ...

For more, see **Sports**, page 6

Ben and Jerry's appearance on campus should encourage students to be environmentally responsible ...

For more, see **Opinion**, page 4



Miss the Salman Rushdie speech? Listen to a podcast online at:



TODAY'S WEATHER



Partly Cloudy, 83/60  
Extended forecast, page 2

# The Vanderbilt Hustler

THE VOICE OF VANDERBILT SINCE 1888

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2007 • 119<sup>TH</sup> YEAR, NO. 56

## THE WALL

compiled by REBECCA TYRRELL

### THIS WEEK Intramural Golf Tournament

Sign up for the tournament this week at the Office of Campus Recreation located on the second floor of the Student Recreation Center. There is a \$16 greens fee due at the time of registration. The tournament will be held Oct. 20.

### TODAY McGill Hour

Interim Chancellor Nick Zeppos will address the disappearing center of the U.S. Supreme Court at 5 p.m. in McGill Hall.

### TODAY Robin Becker poetry reading

Acclaimed poet Robin Becker, poetry editor and contributing editor of *The Women's Review of Books* will read from her work at 8 p.m. in Buttrick Hall, Room 102.

### TUESDAY, OCT. 2 Accelerator information session

Students interested in learning more about Accelerator, Vanderbilt's Summer Business Institute at the Owen Graduate School of Management, should attend an informational session from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Averbuch Auditorium at Owen.

### TUESDAY, OCT. 2 Ben and Jerry's lecture

Vanderbilt University Speakers Committee presents "An Evening of Social Responsibility, Radical Business Philosophy and Free Dessert for All" with Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield in the Student Life Center Ballroom from 7 to 9 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 3 Maymester information session

Students interested in the Churchill in London Maymester program should attend the information session at 7 p.m. in Buttrick Hall, Room 206.

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

# Women dominate Outstanding Senior lineup

Students begin final round of online voting today.

by LISA GUO  
News Editor

Few men applied for the Outstanding Senior honor this year, and only three men made the cut for the top 20 finalists.

"We put the applications out there for everyone to see, and it just turned out that not a lot of men applied," said junior Allison Ford, Homecoming Committee co-chair. "Substantially more women applied. It wasn't like it was just 20 (men and) 20 (women) and substantially fewer men came out."

Either 50 individuals or a campus group nominates a student for Outstanding Senior. The student must then fill out an application and meet the minimum 3.0 GPA requirement. Students vote for the top 10 candidates as well as for the Outstanding Senior.

Jay Salato, the 2006 Outstanding Senior and one of this year's judges, said the judging process did not focus unfairly on women.

"The question isn't, 'Why did so many men not make it?' but, 'Why did so few men apply?'" Salato said. "I'd say 75 percent (of the applicants) were female, if not 80 percent."

Three staff members, a faculty member, Salato and the 2005

Outstanding Senior, Meredith Schweitzer, served as judges.

Salato said better publicity might encourage more men to apply.

"I don't necessarily know what the reason for (the high number of female applicants) is," he said. "I know that there are a lot of involved men on campus. Maybe sororities and other organizations like that do a better job of publicizing the competition."

Senior Daniel Chavenson agreed. Asked why he did not apply, he said, "I didn't even know about it."

To narrow the field to 20 candidates, each judge was given a scorecard to rate applicants that included categories such as enthusiasm, articulation, poise and personality, student involvement, academic excellence, the application essay and their responses to two interview answers.

Ford emphasized the interview component of the selection process.

"(The judges) don't rate the participants' extracurricular activities. That's not a big thing," Ford said. ■

—Samantha Orovitz contributed reporting to this article.

—For more, see "Our View," page 4

<b>ELIZABETH BENNETT</b>
<b>Hometown:</b> Franklin, Tenn.
<b>Majors:</b> Human and organizational development; economics
<b>Organizations:</b> Alpha Delta Pi (executive vice president, membership education vice president); Vanderbilt Visions (VUceptor); Net Impact (president and co-founder)

<b>MARK MASON</b>
<b>Hometown:</b> Severna Park, Md.
<b>Majors:</b> Human and organizational development; history
<b>Organizations:</b> Vanderbilt Programming Board (president, president-elect); Vanderbilt Visions (VUceptor); Sigma Phi Epsilon (founding father, vice president/programming chair, new member educator)

<b>FATMATA DARAMY</b>
<b>Hometown:</b> Clarksburg, Md.
<b>Major:</b> Medicine, health and society
<b>Minor:</b> Chemistry and biology
<b>Organizations:</b> Alternative Summer Break (founder and chair); Medicine, Health and Society Student Advisory Board; Multicultural Leadership Council

<b>MALLORY MICIEK</b>
<b>Hometown:</b> Roswell, Ga.
<b>Major:</b> Sociology
<b>Organizations:</b> Chi Omega (Recruitment Committee, November rounds chair); DoreWays Squirrel Camp leader/Summer Academic Orientation leader; Vanderbilt Harp Ensemble

<b>AUSTIN DIRKS</b>
<b>Hometown:</b> Lincoln, Neb.
<b>Major:</b> Biomedical engineering
<b>Organizations:</b> Vanderbilt Visions (VUceptor); Sigma Chi (philanthropy chair); Vanderbilt AmbassaDore

<b>BRITTANY PERKINS</b>
<b>Hometown:</b> Parkland, Fla.
<b>Majors:</b> Public policy; Spanish
<b>Organizations:</b> Alternative Winter Break (co-chair, organization developer, site leader); Kappa Delta (chapter standards officer); Campus Crusade for Christ (leadership team, freshman student leader)

<b>PALMER HARSTON</b>
<b>Hometown:</b> Whites Creek, Tenn.
<b>Majors:</b> Political science; human and organizational development
<b>Organizations:</b> Alternative Spring Break (site and service development chair, site leader); Delta Delta Delta (philanthropy chair, Kickoff Cookoff co-founder); Campus Crusade for Christ (leadership team, Bible study leader)

<b>NATALIE ROEBUCK</b>
<b>Hometown:</b> Fairhope, Ala.
<b>Major:</b> Mathematics
<b>Minor:</b> Chemistry
<b>Organizations:</b> Dance Marathon (assistant director, morale captain); Alpha Delta Pi (new member coordinator); Lwala Project

<b>NATALIE KING</b>
<b>Hometown:</b> Jackson, Miss.
<b>Major:</b> English
<b>Minor:</b> Theatre
<b>Organizations:</b> Black Student Alliance (corresponding secretary, academic affairs chair); Cultivating Collegians (project coordinator); Resident Adviser

<b>ROY STONE</b>
<b>Hometown:</b> Crossville, Tenn.
<b>Major:</b> Civil engineering
<b>Organizations:</b> Air Force ROTC (cadet wing commander, field training commander, flight commander, special projects officer); Beta Upsilon Chi (president, pledge trainer); Campus Crusade for Christ (Bible study leader)

photos by: FRANCIS SIMPSON / The Vanderbilt Hustler



DANIEL DUBOIS / VU Media Relations  
Novelist Salman Rushdie spoke Friday on the "Role of the Writer," imploring novelists to address controversial issues.

## Salman Rushdie speaks about 'Role of the Writer'

by EVE ATTERMANN  
Asst News Editor

Acclaimed and controversial novelist Salman Rushdie spoke about the "Role of the Writer" Friday night to a packed house in the Memorial Practice Gymnasium.

Rushdie, recently knighted by the Queen of England for his service to literature, concluded a writer's role was to inform, provide pleasure, impart truth, illuminate foreign ideas or places, celebrate the unexpected, inspire dreams and deal with international issues on the human scale.

"However unimportant literature may seem, in the end it is literature that writes the history of our lives," Rushdie said.

The humorous speech recounted his personal experiences, including the much publicized Fatwa from the Ayatollah Khomeini that forced him to go into hiding in the late 1980s, and discussed the many roles and obligations that writers have in society.

Rushdie implored writers to bring truth to their readers even in fiction and even if it leads them to become targets for people in power who may disagree.

"Don't stay in the safe middle ground," Rushdie said. "There are interest groups in the world who do not wish us to increase the size of the universe."

Rushdie also discussed the difficulty novelists face writing in the current age of contention because character does not always determine destiny.

"It becomes more important than ever for art to become that space where human intimacy is preserved," Rushdie said. "The writer's role is not to answer the questions of the world but to frame the issues in interesting ways." ■

—Hear his lecture on:



# VSS stands on its own as non-profit corporation

by TAYLOR DAVIS  
Staff Reporter

Vanderbilt Students for Students, now officially a non-profit organization, has obtained incorporated status after 10 months of work.

VSS began in October 2006 to provide scholarships, tutoring and college preparation for underprivileged local high school students.

After one year the group raised over \$2,000 and was able put the leftover funds toward becoming non-profit, which exempts the group from some federal income taxes.

The group has now become an umbrella corporation separate from the university, allowing for expansion to other universities whose branches will work as sub-corporations

of Students for Students, said VSS president Rob Whiting, a junior.

Whiting and Vice President Michael Nordlund, also a junior, said they hope to partner other universities, such as Belmont and Lipscomb, with local high schools.

Becoming a non-profit organization also allowed them to accept a \$2,500 donation that was promised to the group if it could be tax-deductible.

The non-profit status will help attract future donors and should increase the amount of donations received, Whiting said, adding that he hopes the new status will allow them to apply for more grants.

"This opens up a lot of doors for us and gives us more growing room," Nordlund said. ■

## Food network



LAUREN FONDRIEST / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Junior Janani Balasundaram speaks with pediatrician Bill Fesmire Sunday at the Junior Networking Brunch. The brunch gave students opportunities to meet professionals in various fields.



## Sofa Seazon

Modern and Classic European Style  
Sofa Sets, coffee tables, TV stands and much more  
Comfortable and affordable for students

Take I-65 Exit 68-A, Cool Springs Galleria  
Turn left at second light, Carothers Pkwy  
Turn right on Mayfield Drive  
Bldg 330 space D-4



25% off grand opening,  
+ 5% off with brochures,  
+ 5% off for students,  
and anyone over age 60

Custom orders available in several different colors

# ODDS & ENDS

## WEATHER

compiled by REBECCA TYRRELL

### TUESDAY



Sunny, 86/63

### WEDNESDAY



Partly Cloudy, 87/62

### THURSDAY



Sunny, 88/68

## VUPD CRIME LOG

compiled by REBECCA TYRRELL

**Wednesday, Sept. 26, 6:20 p.m.:** Subject was stopped on West End and 24th avenues for speeding. It was then discovered the subject was driving on a suspended license.

**Wednesday, Sept. 26, 6:26 p.m.:** Subject was found lying in the grass in front of Jessup Hall, unresponsive. When the subject woke up, he said his medication had made him dizzy. Witnesses said he tripped on the sidewalk and wounded himself. Subject was then taken to Baptist Hospital for treatment.

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

## SERVICE GUIDE

The Vanderbilt Hustler (ISSN 0042-2517), the student newspaper of Vanderbilt University, is published every Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the academic year except for during exam periods and vacations. The paper is not printed during summer break.

The Vanderbilt Hustler allocates one issue of the newspaper to each student and is available at various points on campus for free. Additional copies are \$.50 each.

The Vanderbilt Hustler is a division of Vanderbilt Student Communications, Inc. Copyright © 2004 Vanderbilt Student Communications.

### LOCATION

The Hustler offices are in 130 Sarratt Student Center on the Vanderbilt University Campus. Address postal mail to VU Station B 351504, Nashville, Tenn. 37235-1504.

### AFFILIATIONS

The Hustler is a member of the Associated Collegiate Press, Columbia Scholastic Press Association, College Newspaper Business and Advertising Managers, Southern University Newspapers and the Southeastern Journalism Conference and is an associate member of the Associated Press.

### TO ADVERTISE

Display ads: (615) 322-4237 or e-mail [advertising@vanderbilthustler.com](mailto:advertising@vanderbilthustler.com)

Display fax: (615) 322-3762  
Office hours are 10 a.m. — 5 p.m., Monday — Friday  
Visit us online at <http://www.vscmedia.org/advertising.html>

### TO REPORT A NEWS ITEM

Campus news: Call 322-2424 or e-mail [news@vanderbilthustler.com](mailto:news@vanderbilthustler.com)  
Entertainment news: Call 343-0967 or e-mail [vibe@vanderbilthustler.com](mailto:vibe@vanderbilthustler.com)  
Sports results: Call 343-0967 or e-mail [sports@vanderbilthustler.com](mailto:sports@vanderbilthustler.com)

### CORRECTIONS

The Hustler strives for accuracy and fairness and will correct errors of substance. See our correction policy on the Opinion page for information about notifying us.

### PRINTER

The Hustler is printed at Franklin Web Printing Company in Franklin, Tenn.

### SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Call (615) 343-3064 9 a.m. — 5 p.m., Monday — Friday.  
One semester's delivery via U.S. Postal Service is available for \$125 or \$200 per year. Checks should be made payable to The Vanderbilt Hustler.

### BACK ISSUES

Back issues are available in Sarratt 130 during business hours.

## IN THE KNOW

The news you need — in brief

compiled by REBECCA TYRRELL

## WORLD

### 3 quakes strike in Pacific Ocean

Three strong earthquakes struck Sunday near New Zealand and the U.S. territory of Guam in remote parts of the Pacific Ocean, monitoring agencies said.

None of the quakes caused a tsunami, according to the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. There were also no reports of damages, as the quakes were centered far from land.

A magnitude 7.3 earthquake was registered near New Zealand's uninhabited Auckland Islands, about 300 miles southwest of its southernmost city of Invercargill, the United States Geological Survey said on its Web site.

Another quake struck four hours later in the same region with a magnitude 6.6, the USGS said.

Earlier, a magnitude 7.1 quake shook the Pacific Ocean about 215 miles southeast of the island of Guam, the Japan Meteorological Agency said. The USGS put the magnitude at 6.8.

SOURCE: AP

### Taiwan party asserts separate identity

Taiwan's ruling party passed a resolution Sunday asserting the island's separate identity and calling for a referendum on its sovereignty, but failed to put any real force behind it, apparently out of fear of provoking rival China.

The resolution — passed after a heated debate at a boisterous party congress — was the latest in a series of steps taken in the waning months of President Chen Shui-bian's final term aimed at strengthening Taiwan's de facto independence, without pushing Beijing so far that it could respond militarily.

Nearly 60 years after splitting amid civil war, China still considers the democratic island part of its territory and has threatened to attack if it moves toward formal independence.

The United States does not recognize Taiwan as a country, but Washington is obligated by law to supply it with defensive weapons.

SOURCE: AP

## NATION

### Shooting suspect expelled from college

A Delaware State University student accused of shooting two others has been expelled, university officials said.

Loyer D. Braden, 18, violated the university's zero-tolerance policy for guns on campus, spokesman Carlos Holmes said Saturday.

"Loyer Braden is going through the same judicial procedure any similarly situated student would go through if they violated university policy," Holmes said.

Braden has been charged with attempted first-degree murder, first-degree assault, reckless endangerment and possession of a firearm during a felony.

Two freshmen, Shalita Middleton and Nathaniel Pugh, were injured in the Sept. 21 shooting. The gun has not been found.

Braden's attorney, James E. Liguori, said Friday his client was being subjected to a rush to judgment despite a lack of evidence linking him to the shooting. Liguori said a test revealed no gunshot residue on Braden's hands the day of the shooting.

Braden can request a formal hearing with the university's judicial affairs office to contest the expulsion, Holmes said.

SOURCE: AP

### Ground beef recall expanded across U.S.

The Topps Meat Co. on Saturday expanded its recall of frozen hamburger patties to include 21.7 million pounds of ground beef that may be contaminated with E. coli bacteria that sickened more than a dozen people in eight states.

The recall of products distributed to retail grocery stores and food service institutions in the United States was a drastic increase from the 332,000 pounds recalled Tuesday.

The recall represents all Topps products with either a "sell by date" or a "best if used by date" between Sept. 25 this year and Sept. 25, 2008. The Elizabeth, Md.-based company said this information is found on a package's back panel.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture said Friday it had suspended the grinding of raw products at the Topps plant after inspectors found inadequate safety measures at the Topps plant.

SOURCE: AP

## CAMPUS

### Expansion of Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital takes first step

This week the Vanderbilt University Board of Trust took the first step toward the expansion of Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital, approving \$5.4 million in planning fees for the proposed addition.

This eight-story, 340,000-square-foot addition, if construction goes forward following the planning phase, would include obstetrical services, which would move from Vanderbilt University Hospital, as well as 72 to 96 pediatrics beds, 36 neonatal intensive care beds, 36 obstetrical beds, a newborn nursery, 16 to 20 labor and delivery rooms, and five to 10 operating rooms.

The total cost of the expansion is projected to be approximately \$203 million, with groundbreaking in 2009 and construction to be completed in 2012, according to a project overview presented to the Board of Trust.

Since the freestanding children's hospital opened in 2004, it has seen an increase in discharges of 37 percent, patient days of 31 percent, operative procedures of 53 percent, emergency visits of 31 percent and clinic visits of 45 percent.

SOURCE: VANDERBILT NEWS SERVICE

## Q&A MICHAEL BESS

compiled by Thomas Shattuck

Professor Michael Bess, the first Chancellor's Professor of History, takes a moment to talk to *The Vanderbilt Hustler* about his inaugural lecture, in which he will discuss the impact of rapid advances in science, medicine and technology on human identity.

**THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER:** What do you see as the most interesting or alarming fact from your research so far?

**MICHAEL BESS:** There are parts that when I look at the way it plays out on a social scale, it is scary. People will start considering a human being as a commodity that should be shaped to our wishes. This thing we call human dignity will be severely undermined. We will have fully dehumanized ourselves, and I find that worrisome.

**VH:** How do other people feel about the issues raised in your work?

**MB:** There are two camps: There are those who say it is evil to continue down this road, and there are those who say it is insane not to go down this road if we can; they say it is human nature to want more. They consider it to be the fruition of their nature. I find very compelling arguments on both sides.

**VH:** Tell us a little bit more about your lecture.

**MB:** The subject matter really is about as interdisciplinary as it gets. It has humanistic and social implications of science and technology development, so there's a little bit of everything in it.

**VH:** What fields of science does this lecture cover?

**MB:** It's (about) this observation that I have been making that there are three basic barriers in which humans have gained the capabilities to boost their performance — their physical performance and their mental performance. The three areas are pharmaceuticals, the scientific field of neuroscience, and cognitive psychology and its intersection with informatics, robotics and prosthetics, and genetics.

### MICHAEL BESS LECTURE

When: Thursday Oct. 4, at 4 p.m.

Where: Flynn Auditorium at the Vanderbilt Law School

—Hear excerpts from the interview on:

insidevandy

## SNAPSHOT

### ACE IN THE HOLE



OLIVER WOLFE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Students play a game of "Cornhole" Saturday on the lawn of Sigma Chi fraternity as students and parents alike enjoyed tailgating prior to the football game against Eastern Michigan. The Commodores defeated the Eagles 30-7.

## KAUST Discovery Scholarship

### Full scholarships for science and technology students

The King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST), a 21st century graduate-level, research university, is offering scholarships for future leaders in science, engineering, and technology.

The benefits of the KAUST Discovery Scholarship include:

- Full tuition at current institution
- Living stipend, book and computer allowance
- Upon graduation, admission and full scholarship for the KAUST master's degree program at the University's Red Sea campus

The KAUST campus opens in September 2009. Highly talented students with one to three years remaining in first university degree programs can apply now.

Visit [www.kaust.edu.sa/discovery](http://www.kaust.edu.sa/discovery), or email [scholarships@kaust.edu.sa](mailto:scholarships@kaust.edu.sa).



**CONTACT:**  
KAUST Scholarships c/o IIE  
520 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 740  
Houston, TX 77027  
Phone: 713.621.6300 x23

# Greek regulations work to promote first-year experience

by ELIZABETH MIDDLEBROOKS  
Staff Reporter

Greek life should not negatively impact the first-year experience, said leaders from The Commons and the Office of Greek Life, who together will promote a positive first year for all freshmen.

Director of Greek Life Kristin Torrey said the Greek community provides an "opportunity for involvement" in campus life, but the decision to join a fraternity or sorority should be an individual judgment.

But opportunities for involvement exist all around campus, and involvement in the Greek community is just "one conduit to campus leadership," said Dean of The Commons Frank Wcislo.

Torrey echoed those sentiments but also said members of the Greek community must follow strict rules regarding interaction with freshmen prior to formal recruitment in order to promote a positive image of Greek life.

"First-year students will be presented with a lot of choices, and ... we want to be a part of them making good choices, not

poor ones."

Members of the Interfraternity Council may not invite freshmen to events where alcohol will be served.

And women who are members of Panhellenic sororities follow a code of ethics to "promote normal interaction between first-year women and sorority women ... to make the (recruitment) process more comfortable for the first-year women," Torrey said.

Wcislo said he understood the rules as a way to ensure freshmen do not dedicate themselves solely to Greek life.

"I think the rules ... are designed in such a way to ensure that first-year students have as broad a diversity of experience as possible," Wcislo said. "(The rules) ensure that Greek organizations are aware of their place as one of many organizations ... that make up the community and produce leaders for the community as well."

Even though interaction may be limited between freshmen and Greek women, both Torrey and Wcislo said involvement in Greek life would not interfere

with Vanderbilt Visions or Commons programming.

"(The Office of Greek Life) has been cooperative in ensuring that rush activities won't contradict Visions groups," Wcislo said. "They've been very helpful in encouraging Greek officers to make it clear that this an important university program."

**Dore Dialogue**

Discuss the impact of Panhellenic and Interfraternity councils' regulations on the first-year experience on InsideVandy.com

Torrey agreed, saying the Greek community supports The Commons, Vanderbilt Visions and other initiatives directed at freshmen.

"Last year there were some bumps in the road because that was the first year, but ... the Greek community wants to be good at collaborating with The Commons," she said. "We don't want to be a distraction or hindrance to that important university initiative." ■

## Singing for others' supper

Junior Jena Carpenter, a vocal performance major, performs at Athenian Sing, an annual student talent contest, Friday night in the Student Life Center. Carpenter won the event and gets to donate all ticket proceeds to the charity of her choice.



FRANCIS SIMPSON / The Vanderbilt Hustler



Healthcare needs a makeover.  
We've got the best prescription.

Wednesday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>—6:30–8:00 p.m.  
Student Life Center, Meeting Room #3  
Food and beverage provided

**HUMANA**  
Guidance when you need it most

For late breaking news,  
check out Vanderbilt's  
online community on:



## Your Idea Could Start a Movement. And You Could Win \$75,000.

Enter Ruckus Nation — the online competition to get kids moving.

We're looking for ideas for products that will increase physical activity among middle-school-aged kids (ages 11-14). And we're awarding more than \$300,000 in cash and prizes for winning entries.

Plus your idea could become a real product. HopeLab, sponsor of Ruckus Nation, will support the development of products based on the best ideas. Visit our website for details.

**REGISTRATION IS LIMITED, DON'T DELAY**

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS NOVEMBER 20, 2007**

[www.ruckusnation.com](http://www.ruckusnation.com)



Sponsored by  
**HopeLab**

Cosponsored by  
the Pioneer Portfolio of the

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation



THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER

to work  
for the hustler,  
stop by  
sarratt 130 or  
call us  
at 322.2424

# OPINION

## THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER

Editorial Board

**GLENNa DeROY**  
Editor-in-Chief

**SARA GAST**  
Managing Editor

**LISA GUO**  
News Editor

**REEVE HAMILTON**  
Opinion Editor

**JARRED AMATO**  
Sports Editor

**DARCY NEWELL**  
Life Editor

### OUR VIEW

## Outstanding seniors should impact campus

As the last class to experience a traditional homecoming court at Vanderbilt prepares to graduate, we face what might be our last chance to compare it with its replacement.

Following a gender gaffe in the 2004 Homecoming Court, the tradition was revamped. Now, we dub a single individual the Outstanding Senior.

While the Homecoming Court was nothing more than a popularity contest, at least it made no pretense of being otherwise. Outstanding Senior, by its very name, makes a loftier claim. But its system does not back this claim up.

To be considered for the honor, an individual must either be nominated by an organization or solicit 50 signatures from their peers. Having done this, they must impress a small panel with their interview skills to advance. Afterward, the competition renews the tradition of the popularity contest.

However, in order to be worthy of having their popularity

judged, students need not necessarily have proven themselves the most outstanding but rather the most capable self-promoter. Even an individual that has made a big impact on the university may shy away from having to solicit signatures on their behalf and may not give the best interview. This does not mean they are not the most outstanding.

And not all organizations are created equal. Vanderbilt Student Government, for example, a much more vital organization than any Greek house, has no representation in the top 10, while the latter perhaps has too much.

Though it would require more work, and ignoring the participation problems the competition has struggled with, a more effective strategy might be to e-mail the student body and ask, "Which senior do you feel has made the most impact on campus?" The responses would most likely yield a very different list.

### COLUMN

## Ben and Jerry will inspire students

**CLAY GIESE**  
Guest Columnist

Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield, the founders of Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream, will be on campus on Tuesday to discuss corporate social responsibility and their company's practices. According to the World Business Council for Sustainable Development, corporate social responsibility is defined as "the continuing commitment by business to behave ethically and contribute to economic development while improving the quality of life of the work force and their families as well as of the local community and society at large." Ben and Jerry's embodies this definition and manifests one of the catchphrases of corporate social responsibility: "Doing well by doing good."

Over the past 30 years, Ben and Jerry's has developed as a company that firmly believes in acting responsibly and carrying through with its word. They measure their success not only by profits but also by their impact on the environment and on society; a triple-bottom-line that focuses on people, planet and profits. Ben and Jerry's has become one of the largest corporate advocates in tackling the man-made problem of global warming. From promoting Leonardo DiCaprio's new environmental documentary "The 11th Hour" to launching their own campaigns to fight global warming such as "Climate Change College" and "Lick Global Warming" with Dave Matthews Band and SaveOurEnvironment.org, Ben and Jerry's has been the front-runner of environmental stewardship in corporate America.

In addition to creating awareness about environmental issues, Ben and Jerry's has created a production system that greatly reduces their ecological footprint. The company has addressed their own environmental impact by focusing on waste reduction and recycling, eco-friendly paper and packaging materials, and reducing energy consumption. The company also is investing in sustainable agriculture practices.

More than focusing on environmental issues, Ben and Jerry's also practices social responsibility. All Ben and Jerry's employees are paid a living wage, and each employee is asked annually to commit to at least one personal/social mission target as part of his or her development plan. As a matter of fact, Ben and Jerry's specifically has a statement posted on its Web site that declares its social mission is "to operate the company in a way that actively recognizes the central role that business plays in society by initiating innovative ways to improve the quality of life locally, nationally and internationally."

The small company that Cohen and Greenfield founded in Burlington, Vt., has done better than good over the years; it has done great. So great in fact, that it caught the attention of the multinational corporation Unilever, which purchased Ben and Jerry's in 2000. Ironically, Unilever is not particularly known for its commitment to Corporate social responsibility, which could be potentially damaging to the reputation of Ben and Jerry's as a "socially responsible" company. However, for the most part, Ben and Jerry's is still run autonomously, and the company approaches it as an opportunity to promote Corporate social responsibility from within Unilever. Still, it will be interesting to see Tuesday evening how Cohen and Greenfield explain their commitment to Corporate social responsibility in relation to their involvement with Unilever.

Perhaps the most exciting aspect of having Cohen and Greenfield on campus is the chance for students to get involved and make real changes in the world we live in. Student-run organizations, such as the new undergraduate organization Net Impact, which focuses specifically on the intersection of business and social change in today's world, and Students Promoting Environmental Awareness and Recycling, are especially thrilled to have Ben and Jerry coming to Vanderbilt's campus. The event provides an educational opportunity for the Vanderbilt community and functions as a spring board for students to become engaged in the organizations that are promoting these ideals here on campus. Hopefully on Tuesday we will all get a chance to taste the sweet importance of corporate social responsibility — starting with the ice cream!

—Clay Geise is a junior in the College of Arts and Science.

## SOUND BYTES

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

### Whom would you like to hear speak at Vanderbilt?

**"BILL NYE THE SCIENCE GUY or MARGARET ATWOOD."** — Allison Roe, senior, Peabody

**"The guy who started POSTSECRET."** — Liz Clayton-Scofield sophomore, A&S

**"MICHAEL ONDAATJE, the guy who wrote 'The English Patient,' or ALICE WALKER if she's still alive."** — Elise Masur, junior, A&S

**"Former Mayor of New York RUDY GIULIANI. Not only would it be an interesting take on the upcoming presidential election, but he is one of the best executives this country has seen in a while and would be an engaging and intelligent speaker."** — Amanda Iovino, senior, A&S

**"ROY WILLIAMS, UNC's basketball coach"** — Zach Hawkins, senior, Engineer-

**"MIKE ROWE, host of the Discovery Channel's 'Dirty Jobs.'" — George Jiang, senior, A&S**

### LETTER

## Ahmadinejad would not be welcome here

#### To the editor:

In response to Soo Yang's assertion that Vanderbilt should invite more controversial speakers, like Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, in order to "encourage conversation" in the student body, I would like to say, "Are you crazy?"

Since when does a university need to offend most of its student population, while giving credibility to a dangerous and repressive bigot, in order to inspire "political integrity"? Call me old fashioned, but I would rather our student body be inspired by positive examples of political and social responsibility rather than shocked with sensationalist bold-named lecturers.

In light of the recent hate crime on campus, it would be inappropriate to invite someone to speak who is steeped in an atmosphere and philosophy of hate. Why should we pollute the ears of Vanderbilt students with the rhetoric of dispassionate disapproval? Why should that be the only route to tolerance? Instead of giving voices to hate, why not invite someone who is controversial for his unyielding views on human rights?

Furthermore, Yang lampoons the school for inviting Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield to campus. Ben and Jerry, as Ceaf Lewis noted in an InsideVandy posting, are far more relevant to the students of Vanderbilt's campus, many of

whom are aspiring businessmen and professionals. Ben and Jerry set a positive example in the world of corporate social responsibility and are no less valid speakers than Ahmadinejad. But they probably won't deny the existence of homosexuality in our country, nor will they deny the Holocaust. So perhaps they will not prove controversial enough for Yang.

If controversy is desired, Vanderbilt's inviting of Salman Rushdie to our campus should be applauded. Rushdie is the perfect example of a highly explosive and controversial figure who still sets a positive example. After the Ayatollah Khomeini, the then Supreme Leader of Iran, sent out a Fatwa against Rushdie for the negative treatment of the prophet Mohammed in his book "The Satanic Verses," he was forced into hiding for nine years. Rushdie is an ideal role model for the Vanderbilt community because he had the resolve to risk his life for the sake of free speech and expression. If this is not an example of political integrity, I don't know what is. Rushdie's medium may be art and not tyranny, but I do believe his book will be relevant for a much longer period of time than Ahmadinejad.

**Eve Attermann**  
Junior, A&S

### STAFF

News Editor  
**Lisa Guo**

Asst. News Editors  
**Eve Attermann**  
**Rebecca Tyrrell**  
**Sydney Wilmer**

Opinion Editor  
**Reeve Hamilton**

Asst. Opinion Editor  
**Teresa Cambria**

Sports Editor  
**Jarred Amato**

Life Editor  
**Darcy Newell**

Asst. Life Editors  
**Katherine Miller**  
**Michael Young**

Assistant Photo Directors  
**Lauren Fondriest**  
**Brett Kaminsky**  
**Francis Simpson**

Lead Photographers  
**Sam Kim**  
**Oliver Wolfe**

Multimedia Editor  
**Ben Gotow**

Supervising Copy Editor  
**Elizabeth Middlebrooks**

Copy Editors  
**Medora Brown**  
**Taylor Davis**  
**Ashley Evans**  
**Maddy Evans**  
**Stephanie Mann**  
**Jessica Miles**  
**Spencer Montalvo**  
**Amy Roebuck**  
**David Rutz**  
**Aimee Sobhani**  
**Avery Spofford**  
**Hannah Twillman**

Senior Reporter  
**Will Gibbons**

Inside Vandy Director  
**Chris Thompson**

Marketing Director  
**George Fischer**

Advertising Manager  
**Madeleine Pulman**

Asst. Advertising Manager  
**Angela Booker**

Advertising Staff  
**Ashley Banks**  
**Killian Lamkin**

Art Director  
**Matt Radford**

Designers  
**Cassie Edwards**  
**Madeleine Evans**  
**Hunter Kinsella**  
**Elizabeth Middlebrooks**  
**Katie Quille**  
**Courtney Rogers**  
**Morgan Webb**

VSC Director  
**Chris Carroll**

Asst. VSC Director  
**Jeff Breaux**

Asst. VSC Director  
**Paige Clancy**

### OPINION POLICY

The Vanderbilt Hustler opinion section aims to stimulate discussion in the Vanderbilt community. In that spirit, columnists, guest columnists and authors of letters to the editor are expected to provide logical argument to back their views. Unreasonable arguments, arguments in bad faith or arguments in vain between columnists have no place in The Hustler and will not be published. The Hustler welcomes reader viewpoints and offers three methods of expression: letters to the editor, guest columns and feedback on our Web site.

Letters must be submitted either in person by the author to the Hustler office or via e-mail to opinion@vanderbilthustler.com. Letters via e-mail must either come from a Vanderbilt e-mail address where the identity of the sender is clear or be accompanied with a phone call to the editor-in-chief. With rare exception, all letters must be received by 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday or Sunday. The editor reserves the right to edit and condense submissions for length as well as clarity.

Lengthy letters that focus on an issue affecting students might be considered for a guest column at the editor's discretion.

All submissions become the property of The Hustler and must conform to the legal standards of Vanderbilt Student Communications, of which The Hustler is a division.

### CORRECTION POLICY

Accuracy is our profession. As the "Voice of Vanderbilt," we are committed to ensuring our work is fair and accurate. Errors of substance will be corrected. With very rare exception, these corrections will be listed on Page 2.

Bring corrections to the Hustler office in Sarratt 130 or e-mail us at editor@vanderbilthustler.com. You may also report them by telephone to the news line at (615) 322-2424 or the editor-in-chief at (615) 322-3757.

### ADDITIONAL CONTACTS

Your voice doesn't stop here. The Vanderbilt Hustler encourages its readers to voice their opinions on legislative issues. The following students and legislators represent the Vanderbilt community.

**President Cara Bilotta**  
Vanderbilt Student Government  
1542 Station B  
cara.bilotta@vanderbilt.edu  
Sarratt 355  
(615) 322-8742

**U.S. Sen. Lamar Alexander**  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510  
(202) 224-4944  
(615) 736-5129

**U.S. Sen. Bob Corker**  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510  
(202) 224-4311  
(615) 250-8160

**Rep. Jim Cooper**  
U.S. House of Rep.  
Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 225-4311  
(615) 736-5295

**Rep. Brenda Gilmore**  
Tenn. District 54  
35 Legislative Plaza  
Nashville, TN 37243-0154  
(615) 741-1997

**Sen. Douglas Henry Jr.**  
Tenn. District 21  
11 Legislative Plaza  
Nashville, TN 37243-0021  
(615) 741-3291

**Councilor Ginger Hausser**  
Metro District 18  
521 Chesterfield Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37212  
(615) 783-0106

# ((OVERHEARD))

on  
insidevandy

Submitted in response to:  
**"So Ahmadinejad has a different worldview..."**  
 Comment submitted by Dawud Muhammad:

**My thoughts...**

Submitted by Chris Davis on Sept. 27 - 22:16

After reading Mr. Muhammad's pro-Ahmadinejad rant, I had the notion that I should at least attempt a positive, constructive response instead of going on about how bigoted and perverted Mr. Muhammad's views are. Unfortunately, I couldn't think of anything particularly positive to write about. So, instead, I'll just tell you that it is our responsibility to ensure that Mr. Muhammad understands that his hate speech, and his endorsement of a murderer who is perhaps even worse than George Bush, is not welcome. On Wednesday, he took out a full-page ad calling homosexuals immoral and pushing the Islamic view on all of campus. In case he hasn't noticed, in America there is this little idea of separation of church and state. This means that any religion — in particular Christianity but to a lesser degree Islam — has no place in our laws. Morality is not something to be legislated, and I say this as someone raised in a Christian home myself. In fact, the Bible also says horrid things about homosexuals, but if I can be completely honest, I'd rather those verses be removed from the Bible than have them actually enacted in society so that fundamentalist elements can continue to use them to justify this sort of thing.

It is very clear that Mr. Muhammad has an agenda which he has hidden behind religion. He has repeated the same rhetoric used by the Spanish Inquisition and by the Nazis to justify his incoherent, intolerant right-wing worldview, and he is hiding not only behind the Quran but also our beloved Constitution. He is out to depressurize the frail vessel of human hopes. And by not speaking out against such hate-drenched propaganda, we become accomplices. Notice the venal tendency of his sentiments. His idiotic claim that Ahmadinejad was "democratically elected" or that he has done good things for Iran is nothing more than a statement meant to infuriate. The things Ahmadinejad has done for Iran are irrelevant and aren't an issue here. Hitler also improved the quality of life for Germans, yet he was a mass murderer. The issue is Ahmadinejad's denial of the Holocaust (the worst atrocity in all of human history), his call for the extermination of Jews, his abuse of liberal intellectuals and so many more. Ahmadinejad should not be praised, but brought to trial.

I truly contend that we should show principle, gumption, verve and nerve, and I have formalized my commitment to this high ideal by proposing that Mr. Muhammad is not given a voice any longer in the Hustler, although Mr. Muhammad might try to say he is "only debating," which is a common excuse for those who voice intolerant opinions. But the truth is, unfortunately with him, that his arguments are hardly worth a response, and people don't want to hear them. That being said, Mr. Dawud Muhammad is pretending to be a moral person and a guardian of virtue and manners. However, when it comes right down to it, what Mr. Muhammad is pushing is both self-aggrandizing and misinformed. He misses the fact that it is immoral, not to mention un-American, to deny people basic human rights on any basis. His politics and his worldview are degenerate, backward and barbaric and have no place in the 21st century and certainly no place at Vanderbilt. If there are any who really think that he acts in the name of equality and social justice, they need to only read his essays and realize that they are the same in form and substance as those who bombed abortion clinics and martyred Matthew Sheppard in the name of Christianity. If we let Mr. Muhammad make our lives miserable, all we'll have to look forward to in the future is a public realm devoid of culture and a narrow and routine professional life untouched by the highest creations of civilization. Mr. Muhammad needs to get off his soapbox of hate and take a class on reality.

Mr. Muhammad claims that liberalism is "poison," yet the very same thing could be said about religion — that it is the "opiate of the people," to quote Marx. The claim that liberals are somehow damaging society is another one of Mr. Muhammad's ultra-hostile, ethically bankrupt quips. Mr. Muhammad apparently thinks that he deserves control over everyone's lives on campus, and he's not about to let facts or reason get in his way. He wants to break down age-old institutions and customs. Is this so he can impose ideology, control thought, and punish virtually any behavior he disapproves of? I will let the readers be the response of this. In either case, his beliefs are destructive. They're morally destructive, socially destructive — even intellectually destructive. And, as if that weren't enough, he thinks that he is a tireless protector of civil rights and civil liberties for all people. The truth couldn't be farther from his lies.

~Mary Lou Edgar~

a beloved colleague and employee who served in student life at Vanderbilt University for 34 years passed away on August 26th.

Join with family & friends as we come together to honor her life with memories, music, humor and chocolate!



"A Celebration of the Life of Mary Lou Edgar"

October 2, 2007 3-4:30 pm  
 Student Life Center - Board of Trust Room

**be a dancer!  
 be a moraler!  
 be a lifesaver!**

**find out why you** *DM...*

**Register now  
 at  
[www.vudm.org](http://www.vudm.org)**

---

*Dance Marathon*

The International **Black Film Festival** of Nashville

AND

The Bishop Joseph Johnson Cultural Center  
 at Vanderbilt University

present



JULIE  
**DASH**  
 FILMMAKER

Daughters of the Dust  
 The Rosa Parks Story

**Smuggling Dreams into Reality:  
 Black Women In Filmmaking**

**OCTOBER 5, 2007/3-5pm**

International Black Film Festival of Nashville/Oct. 4-6

**Sarratt Center Cinema/Vanderbilt University**

Reception immediately following at the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center

**For more info call 615.322.2524**

For more information about the 2007 International Black Film Festival visit: [www.ibffnashville.com](http://www.ibffnashville.com)

## Chi Omega Crush Party



Friday, October 5th



- |                        |                       |                     |                  |
|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Aaron Villarreal       | Caleb Cotham          | Jay Soley           | Nick Gordon      |
| Adam Moskowitz         | Carlos Aro            | Jeff Bowen          | Nick Lee         |
| Adam Smotherman        | Chad White            | Jeff Goldstein      | Nick Williams    |
| Alex Block             | Chase Blood           | Jessica Luthy       | Oliver Wolfe     |
| Alex Helman            | Chase Houghton        | Jimmy Lane          | Pat Dienes       |
| Alex Kelly             | Chase Jones           | Joe Webster         | Patrick Frailey  |
| Alex Kimerling         | Chase Stooksbury      | Jon Anderock        | Patrick Nitch    |
| Alex McVeagh           | Chester Polson        | Jon Grushkin        | Perry Gragg      |
| Alex Meder             | Chip Robie            | Jonathan Payne      | Peter Dollahite  |
| Alexandra Tennant      | Chris Davis           | Jonny Snider        | Phil Lorio       |
| Allen Vantrease        | Clark Ramey           | Jordan Scheiman     | Phillip Brinson  |
| Alok Saini             | Cliff Longley         | Joseph Williams     | Randy Wright     |
| Amy O'Gorman           | Cole Eppstein         | Josh Levine         | Reeve Hamilton   |
| Andrew Grumney         | Collier Calandrucchio | Josh Mabasa         | Reid Bartlett    |
| Andrew Lossing         | Conyers Poole         | Josh Rouch          | Rhodes Amaker    |
| Andrew Mazey           | Corbyn Peterson       | Julie Reavie        | Rob Friedman     |
| Andrew Vernon          | Curtis Shields        | Justin Goehl        | Robert Funke     |
| Andy D'Alessandro      | Daniel Hewlette       | Justin Leventhal    | Robert Gish      |
| Andy Pulido            | Dennis Hearnberger    | Kaiti Holtermann    | Robert Neely     |
| Andy Villemez          | Deno Saclarides       | Kate Jiranek        | Ryan Baggett     |
| Annie Nayak            | Devon Klein           | Kevin Hritz         | Ryan Holcomb     |
| Austin Dirks           | Doug Brandon          | Kristen Turner      | Ryan Sturgis     |
| Austin Healy           | Drew Goodwin          | Kyle Schroeder      | Sam Vinson       |
| Banks Benitez          | Dustin Dowell         | Laura Saenger       | Sarah Osborne    |
| Ben Hartwell           | Earl Bennett          | Lauren Engelbert    | Seth Capper      |
| Ben Havrilesko         | Eli Branson           | Lisa Cohen          | Seth Harkins     |
| Ben Tacker             | Elle Turner           | Lisa Isaacs         | Shea Robin       |
| Benet Braun            | Eoin O'Driscoll       | Liz Ward            | Sloan Abernathy  |
| Billy Slater           | Eric Yetter           | Louis Mayer         | Sonny McWilliam  |
| Bjorn Hubert-Wallander | Erik Johnson          | Luke Bidikov        | Spencer Crossy   |
| Blake Carter           | Evan Leitner          | Malcolm White       | Steve Bienashski |
| Bobby Neptune          | Frank Murchison       | Marland Hobbs       | Steve Liddle     |
| Brad Ferry             | Garrett Spiegel       | Marti Chance        | Steve Spencer    |
| Brad Silverman         | Gary Clark            | Mason Hensley       | Stuart Hill      |
| Brandon Heriford       | Geoff Smith           | Matt Bigger         | Taylor Gerber    |
| Brandon Nelson         | Graham Tibbetts       | Matt Merrill        | Thomas Carroll   |
| Brendan McManus        | Greg Guthrie          | Matt Pflederer      | Tim Olson        |
| Brett Isbell           | Hugh McLaughlin       | Micah O'Hare        | Travis Vollmer   |
| Brett Johnson          | Ian Rountree          | Michael McCulloch   | Ty Williams      |
| Brian Delaney          | Jaime Matthews        | Michael Singleton   | Tyler Baldwin    |
| Brian Ernst            | Jake Massar           | Michael Wiggins     | Tyler Smith      |
| Brian Feiler           | Jake Ramsey           | Mike Hughes         | Van Gambrell     |
| Brian Flaherty         | James Hewlette        | Mike Maio           | Walter Yehl      |
| Brian Hasselfeld       | James Porter          | Mike Mayer          | Will Frew        |
| Brooks Wilhelm         | Jared Robertson       | Mike Scherer        | Will Gurney      |
| Bryan Adams            | Jared Thorne          | Miron Klimkowski    | Will Reiter      |
| Burleson Smith         | Jason Dudley          | Nathan Williams     | Zac Waldrop      |
| Buzz Lewis             | Jason Zarrow          | Nicholas Richardson |                  |

\* Please check your mailbox for more information

## SPORTS

GAME  
BREAK  
DOWNGAME BALL:  
Vanderbilt  
defense

It's too hard to single out one player so we'll just give the game ball to the entire Vanderbilt defense, which held the Eagles to 173 yards of total offense. The seven points given up were the fewest since beating Eastern Kentucky 19-7 in 2004. The Commodores had five interceptions — the most since 1993 against Navy — and a fumble recovery. With the offense struggling, the defense stepped it up big time. Another solid performance will be necessary next Saturday at Auburn.

PLAY OF THE  
GAME

Sophomore Greg Billinger is not known for his pass-catching abilities, but the defensive tackle looked pretty smooth in batting down a pass and then coming down with the interception on the Eagles' first series of the game. The turnover set up Bryant Hahnfeldt's 22-yard field goal, and the Commodores never looked back.

STAT OF THE  
GAME: 48

That's Vanderbilt's average starting field position. Credit the defense for putting the offense in great positions to score all night.

QUOTE OF  
THE GAME

"We feel good about ourselves, but we have some work to do. We know we have to execute better, but we're 3-1. We had a quality win against Mississippi and followed that game up by winning a game we should have won tonight."

—Coach Bobby Johnson on the team's 30-7 victory

INJURY  
UPDATE

Junior running back Jeff Jennings sat out for the second straight week with an ankle injury. Sophomore linebacker Patrick Benoist made his first appearance of the season.

SEC EAST  
STANDINGS

Kentucky	5-0
Florida	4-1
South Carolina	4-1
Georgia	4-1
Vanderbilt	3-1
Tennessee	2-2

WEEK 3  
SCHEDULE

Vanderbilt at Auburn

Florida at LSU

Georgia at Tennessee

## Vandy defense flexes muscle

by ANDREW HARD  
Sports Reporter

It happened on Eastern Michigan's third offensive play of the game. On third-and-9, quarterback Andy Schmitt was flushed out of the pocket before throwing up a desperate pass that was tipped, went up what seemed like 50 feet in the air and came down in the massive arms of defensive end Greg Billinger for an interception.

It was that kind of day for the Eagles, and with quarterback Chris Nickson's inconsistent play, the Vanderbilt defense stepped up in a big way, forcing six turnovers as the Commodores (3-1, 1-1 Southeastern Conference) trounced Eastern Michigan 30-7 in front of a Vanderbilt Stadium crowd of 37,220 Saturday night.

"That play was really exciting. It's the second interception we've had from a lineman this year," said senior linebacker Marcus Buggs. "I don't know too many places where that's happening, but I'm glad it's happening here."

It was clear from the start Eastern Michigan would have severe trouble moving the ball against a Vanderbilt defense that gave up just 54 yards rushing in its last performance against Ole Miss. The Eagles went three-and-out on their first four drives and gained only 9 yards of offense in the first quarter. Their initial first down came with 8:30 remaining in the second quarter, and they did not cross midfield until 10 minutes remained in the third.

So even when Chris Nickson followed up a stellar first quarter with a red zone interception in the second quarter, a mere 10-point lead for the Commodores was more than enough.

And when Darlon Spead intercepted Schmitt's first pass of the second half to set up a Vanderbilt touchdown, they knew it didn't matter how inconsistent the running or passing game



Cornerback D.J. Moore and safety Reshard Langford (33) helped lead the Commodores to a 30-7 victory over Eastern Michigan Saturday night.

was Saturday night. Vanderbilt's average starting field position was its own 48-yard line, a short enough field for any offense to eventually overcome a sub-par effort.

"We played the run and the pass extremely well most of the game," said coach Bobby Johnson. "They only had the ball for 27 minutes. We substituted smarter on defense, and we were able to get off the field."

On the verge of their pivotal showdown with the Auburn Tigers next Saturday, several key members of Vanderbilt's defense had outstanding games that may not show up on the highlight reel. Linebacker Brandon Bryant had

seven tackles, including one for a loss. Steven Stone had six tackles, including one sack. Broderick Stewart and Curtis Gatewood each continued their outstanding work, contributing to the sack total as well.

D.J. Moore did make it to the highlight reel, however, with his 24-yard interception return and subsequent barrel roll into the end zone that gave the Commodores a 27-7 lead.

"D.J. is a ball hog," Buggs said. "He brings a dimension that I don't think we've had in a while, as far as the ability to get interceptions. You think twice about throwing out there."

Following their victory over

Ole Miss and with next week's Auburn game looming, the Commodores made sure to start strong and avoid a letdown in a game they, on paper, were supposed to win.

Vanderbilt talked all week about preparing for this game as they would for any other, but to see that mindset fully executed was a satisfying sight on so-called "Insanity Saturday," when five of the top 10 teams in the country suffered upsets.

When asked how important it was for Vanderbilt to keep up this defensive effort going into the bulk of the SEC schedule, Johnson said simply, "More than you can possibly know." ■

## Rushing attack propels Dores

Nickson enjoys  
success through  
the ground.

by TIM ROBINSON  
Sports Reporter

Much like the game itself, the Vanderbilt rushing attack was not pretty but was nonetheless effective during the Commodores' 30-7 victory over Eastern Michigan Saturday night.

Concluding their four-game home stand at 3-1, the Commodores head into their Southeastern Conference showdown with Auburn next Saturday cautiously optimistic.

"We feel good about ourselves, but we have some work to do," said coach Bobby Johnson. "We know we have to execute better, but we're 3-1."

While Johnson said he was not particularly pleased with the ground game, the numbers were respectable.

The Commodores gained 173 yards on 44 carries, good for a 3.9 average, and had 23 first downs compared to the Eagles' 10. As a result, they were able to control the clock, particularly in the first half when they had the ball for nearly 18 minutes.

With junior Jeff Jennings out of action for a second straight game due to an ankle injury, senior Cassen Jackson-Garrison rushed for 76 yards on 23 carries in the featured role.

"I just run what's called," he said. "Whatever they call we do, but it worked well. It was tough yards."

Sophomore Jared Hawkins



Senior Cassen Jackson-Garrison rushed for 76 yards on 23 carries in the Commodores' 30-7 victory over Eastern Michigan Saturday night at Vanderbilt Stadium.

was also part of the mix, gaining 16 yards on five carries.

It was Nickson, however, who came up big for Vanderbilt when it mattered most.

While the quarterback threw four interceptions, he was a force on the ground, keeping drives alive with his feet. He had five first downs in the first half alone, including two crucial third-down conversions.

"He did make some big plays with his legs and pulled us out

of some third-down situations with some good runs, and that's part of the package you get with Chris," Johnson said. "We don't always want him to pull it down, but if it's there, it's certainly an option for us, and he's made some very good plays the past two games doing it."

With no sign of pain, however, the bye week seemed to do Nickson well.

"The holes opened up for us," Nickson said. "There were

just big holes, and I was able to make good decisions running the football."

Despite the fact the Commodores did not play their best offensively, Nickson said he is excited about the team's chances of moving forward.

"We came out and were able to make plays when it counted," he said. "That's the relationship we have. That's our identity. If we maintain that, we'll be all right." ■

STRAIGHT FROM THE TAP

Loss of  
men's  
soccer  
still  
stings

CRAIG TAPPER

Columnist

The men's soccer team finished the 2005 season with a 9-7 record and just missed an NCAA Tournament berth. Anchored by head coach Tim McClements, the former coach at soccer powerhouse Southern Methodist University, the squad was on its way to establishing itself as one of the premier programs in the nation when, without warning, they were expelled from their home.

In January 2006, an article appeared on the athletics Web site announcing the formation of a women's swimming team. Hidden at the bottom of the article was the declaration men's soccer would concurrently be removed from the athletic docket. Student athletes, who decided to attend Vanderbilt both to play soccer and receive a first-rate education, suddenly had one integral component of their collegiate experience stolen.

Nearly two years have passed since the men's varsity soccer team made its exit from Vanderbilt; half percent of the undergraduate population never had the opportunity to experience a Friday evening showdown in the Missouri Valley Conference.

University publications and national media outlets chronicled the removal of the men's soccer program; for weeks it dominated The Vanderbilt Hustler and the banter between students. In the aftermath, the Commodore community lost a handful of athletes to transfer. Could anyone blame them for abandoning the school that cast them off?

Now, 19 months later, in the heart of what would be the 2007 season, it is time to remember what could have been if not for a shortsighted administrative decision:

Josh Fallin is a starting defender for the University of Denver. He was a second team All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation selection last season.

Joe Germanese, a senior midfielder at Duke, was named to the ACC All-Tournament team last season and is currently third in total points for the No. 7-ranked team in the land.

Jamie Gilbert transferred to Memphis for his senior season in 2006. The Oklahoma native started every regular-season game for the Tigers last season. He is currently playing professionally in Ireland.

Joshua Medcalf, who graduated from Vanderbilt last year, has opted to use his extra year of eligibility to play alongside Germanese in Durham. He is third on the Blue Devils in goals scored.

Nader Jarun (Michigan), Tim Lonergan (Georgia State), Conor Neusel (Georgetown) and Brian Mascarenhas (Pennsylvania) are all contributing to their new schools.

These student-athletes have found new opportunities. They are finding success in education and athletics. They left their Vanderbilt deserters in their wake and have demonstrated just how much this university lost. These former Commodores have moved on.

Vanderbilt can never forget. The elimination of the men's soccer program will sting

# Paul ready for more in year two

by **CHIP ROBBIE**  
Sports Reporter

There probably has not been this much anticipation or excitement for the men's tennis team since 2003, when the Commodores reached the finals of the NCAA tournament.

One of the main reasons is sophomore Vijay Paul.

The New Jersey native came to Vanderbilt as the star recruit in coach Ian Duvenhage's first class.

Unsurprisingly, Paul, ranked by Tennisrecruiting.net as the nation's 12th best recruit of his class, quickly adjusted to Southeastern Conference play by going a team-best 8-3.

Now a sophomore, Paul has the game and experience to lead the Commodores to a higher finish in the SEC.

"As a freshman, it is hard to lead because you're always like a fish in the water, and plus it's your first year, and you don't have much experience to talk about," Paul said. "But sophomore year, I definitely have higher expectations. I know what to expect. I've seen SEC players, and I can help the freshmen out."

Paul certainly has enough experience to draw on. In addition to practicing with team members daily, he has played doubles against former Georgia star John Isner and beat Louisiana State's Kevin Dessauer, ranked No. 86 at the time.

Paul's game consists of a blend of strong offense and superb defense.

"He's very fast on the court, and he's capable of generating enormous racket-head speed," Duvenhage said.

Senior Ryan Preston, captain of the tennis team and ranked No. 29 in the preseason ITA singles ranking, had high praise for his doubles partner.

"(He is) mentally tough, fast and is one of the more talented ball strikers I've seen," Preston said. "He could definitely be one of the best players in the country."

While Paul may be laid-back off the court, he is assertive on it. The ultimate competitor, Paul is also professional: You will never find him in an argument with an opposing player or referee over a questionable call.

"Mentally, he doesn't give



VU Media Relations  
Sophomore Vijay Paul has high expectations for both himself and the team this season.

much away," Duvenhage said. "He has a very stoic attitude on the court, and I think opponents find him very hard to read."

Stoic himself, Duvenhage speculated Paul could play anywhere between the No. 1 and No. 6 positions, but he will likely be in the top four, perhaps as high as the No. 3 position.

"Vijay is smart, funny... and a terrific young man," Duvenhage said. "We're very happy he's a Commodore." ■

# Women's tennis starts strong

HUSTLE STAFF REPORT

The women's tennis team began its fall season on a high note as senior Taka Bertrand and junior Courtney Ulery claimed singles championships in their respective flights at the Furman Fall Classic.

"Overall, I'm very pleased with how this weekend went," said coach Geoff Macdonald. "We didn't win every match, but I think everyone learned something, and that is what you are looking for in fall tournaments like this."

Bertrand, ranked No. 73 in singles, beat Clemson's Laurianne Henry in straight sets to take the title. She played the entire weekend

without losing a set en route to her flight-three championship.

"Taka's been working really hard in practice," Macdonald said. "It was great for her to get some victories heading into the Riviera All-Americans next week."

Ulery defeated North Carolina's Alex Jurewitz in the championship of flight five. After losing the opening set in a tiebreaker, Ulery rebounded with decisive victories in the next two sets, winning 6-0, 6-1.

"It was a breakthrough weekend for Courtney," Macdonald said. "Both days were against pretty tough players. To win the match after losing the first set is a good character builder." ■

## WEEKLY REPORT CARD

Compiled by  
Jonathan Kurzner

### C- QUARTERBACKS

Chris Nickson (14-28, 168 yards, two TDs and four INTs) made some terrible decisions, including a pick in the end zone. He did run through an overmatched Eastern Michigan defense with 67 yards on the ground.

### B RUNNING BACKS

Cassen Jackson-Garrison (23 carries for 76 yards) was not spectacular but killed the clock effectively.

### A WIDE RECEIVERS

Earl Bennett (nine catches for 93 yards, one TD) continued his rise in the Southeastern Conference record books and Sean Walker (four catches for 60 yards, one TD) had his best career performance.

### B+ OFFENSIVE LINE

No sacks allowed but the rushing attack was mediocre.

### A DEFENSIVE LINE

Defensive ends Curtis Gatewood, Steven Stone and Broderick Stewart each recorded a

sack. Greg Billinger's first quarter interception showed remarkable athleticism.

### A LINEBACKERS

Eastern Michigan was held to 62 yards on the ground (2.1 yards per rush). Brandon Bryant had seven tackles, Jonathan Goff contributed six tackles and Marcus Buggs added five tackles.

### A DEFENSIVE BACKS

D.J. Moore, Alan Strong, Josh Allen and Darlron Spead each had interceptions. The secondary held Eastern Michigan to a mere 111 yards in the air.

### B SPECIAL TEAMS

Bryant Hahnfeldt connected on three of four attempts. After badly missing a 51-yard try, an Eastern Michigan penalty allowed him to retry the kick from 46 yards, which he made. Not many attempts for the kick return team.

### B+ COACHING

No glaring mistakes for the coaching staff. On a crazy Saturday in college football, the Dores did a good job not overlooking their opponent.

*Legendary Ladies Night*  
EVERY WEDNESDAY AT MCFADDEN'S  
*Ladies Enjoy...*  
\$3 SPECIALTY MARTINIS  
WINE AND CHAMPAGNE  
UNTIL 10PM!!  
\$3 DOMESTIC DRAFTS  
10PM-CLOSE  
EVERY LADY WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN  
**\$1,000 IN CASH**  
EVERY WEDNESDAY  
(WILL RECEIVE TICKET AT THE DOOR)  
McFADDEN'S  
RESTAURANT AND SALOON  
Nashville  
134 SECOND AVE. N.  
615.256.9140  
WWW.MCFADDENSSALOON.COM

# THERE'S A TRICK TO IT.

**There are tricks to bending the LSAT to your favor, too.**

How you got your mind-bending score will be our little secret. No one teaches you how to outsmart the LSAT better than The Princeton Review.

**Enroll by 12/31/07 and save \$100** at [PrincetonReview.com/100](http://PrincetonReview.com/100)  
Enter discount code: NAMLSATF07

**800-2REVIEW**

800-273-8439

For LSAT tips, text GOLSAT to 22122

Standard text messaging rates apply.



**The Princeton Review**

**BRING YOUR "A" GAME**  
LSAT • MCAT • GMAT • GRE

# FUN & GAMES

two elle

2309 12th Avenue South  
615.269.9954  
www.twoelle.com

**WE CARRY:** Converse by John Varvatos, Le Tigre, Chip & Pepper, Paper Denim & Cloth, C&C California, Project E, Orla Kiely, and much more...

10% Student Discount

Bring in today's completed puzzle for a 15% discount!

A LIFESTYLE BOUTIQUE FOR WOMEN, MEN, AND HOME



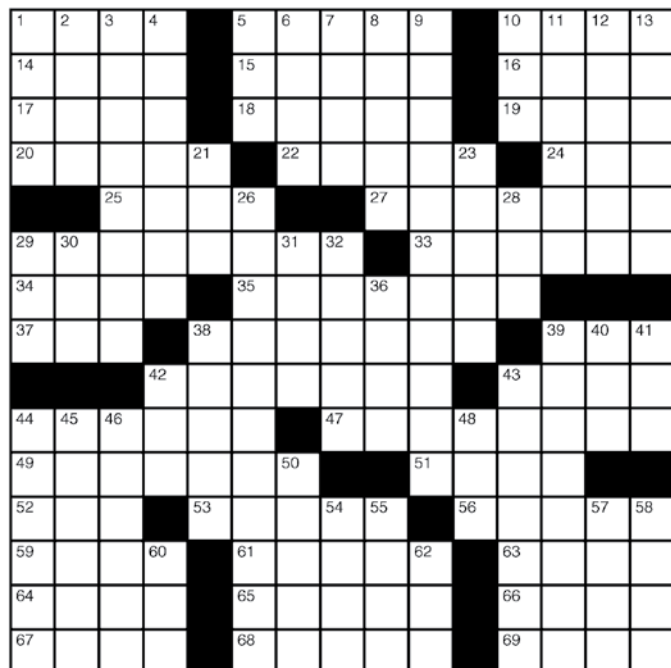
10 companies. 4 weeks.  
1 life-changing experience.

Information Session: Tuesday, October 2 (6:30pm)  
Owen Graduate School of Management - Averbuch Auditorium

RSVP to  
accelerator@owen.vanderbilt.edu



## CROSSWORD



© 2007 Tribune Media Services, Inc.  
All rights reserved.

10/1/07

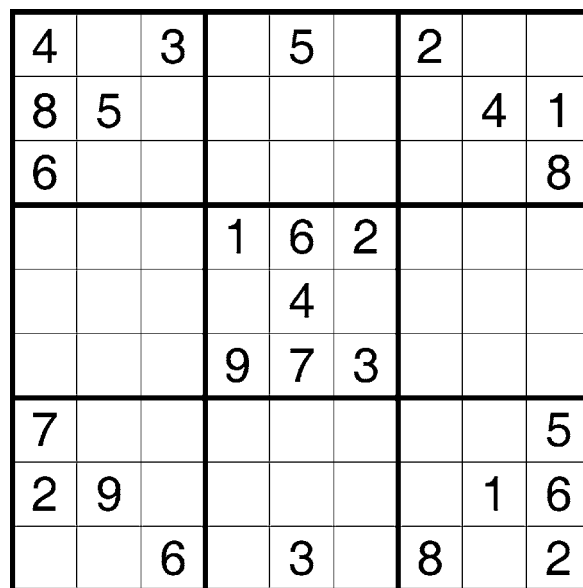
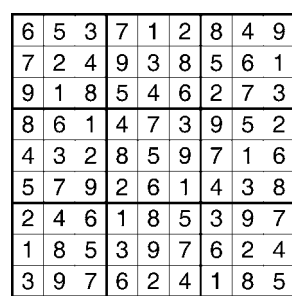
- ACROSS**
- 1 Queens ballpark
  - 5 Bald raptor
  - 10 Piercing tools
  - 14 Tediouly protracted
  - 15 Plains people
  - 16 Certain tide
  - 17 Texas crock
  - 18 Point of view
  - 19 Actress Moore
  - 20 Gives off
  - 22 Stop, look and look?
  - 24 French wine
  - 25 Persian ruler
  - 27 Iceberg rival
  - 29 Precipitator
  - 33 Luxurious country houses
  - 34 Vigoda and Lincoln
  - 35 Wading birds
  - 37 Wicked
  - 38 Supporting fans
  - 39 Little one
- DOWN**
- 1 \_\_\_ gin fizz
  - 2 Celeste or Ian
  - 3 Joined up
  - 4 Christie and others
  - 5 Double curve
  - 6 Feels unwell
  - 7 Billy or nanny
  - 8 LEM word
  - 9 Gregarious and outgoing
  - 10 Up-coming connector
  - 11 Destructive beetle
  - 12 Thin layer
  - 13 Urchin's defense
  - 21 Actor Mineo
  - 23 U.A.E. rulers
  - 26 Sides of right triangles
  - 28 Molinaro and Michaels
  - 29 Taxi
  - 30 Lawyers' grp.
  - 31 Coin opening
  - 32 Schleps
  - 36 Part three of a three-piece suit
  - 38 Irked
  - 39 Tool in a trunk
  - 40 Mel of the Giants
  - 41 Herndon and Cobb
  - 42 In favor of
  - 43 Floor coverings
  - 44 Little hooters
  - 45 Taiwan's capital
  - 46 Tough trial
  - 48 Once existed
  - 50 Audible expression of contempt
  - 54 "Giant" and "So Big" writer Ferber
  - 55 Spanker or spinmaker
  - 57 Singer Turner
  - 58 Ooze
  - 60 Caribou cousin
  - 62 Told you so!

## 9/28/07 SOLUTIONS



**SUDOKU:** To solve, fill in the blanks so the numbers 1-9 appear just once in each horizontal row, vertical column and 3x3 box.

## 9/28/07 SOLUTIONS



## HOT YOGA

Coollest Thing in Fitness  
One Block for Campus

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
AM	6		6		6	9:30	
	9:30		9:30		9:30	9:30	
PM	12		12		12		
	4:30	4:30	4:30	4:30	4:30	4:30	4:30
	6	6	6	6			6:15
	7:45	7:45	7:45				

www.HotYogaNashville.com

2214 Elliston Place • (615) 321.8828

TO COMMENT ON STORIES,  
POST BLOGS AND FIND THE  
LATEST NEWS FROM AROUND  
CAMPUS, CHECK OUT

InsideVandy.com

Vanderbilt's Online Community



## Endless entertainment for never-ending lectures.

### Introducing Unlimited

Navigation • Messaging • Video • Email

With a 1- or 2-yr. Agmt. on America's Choice® Premium Calling Plans \$79.99 or higher. (Activation fees, taxes & other charges apply.)\*

## All on one plan!

**America's Choice® Premium Plan:**  
Unlimited messaging to anyone on any network in the U.S., Navigation, Mobile Email, Basic Video Clips and more, all in one great plan.

Available on select phones only.  
Services not everywhere in America's Choice® Area.

LG VX8550

Also available in Blue Mint & Black Cherry

**Vanderbilt Students and Employees are eligible for discounts from Verizon Wireless, including:**

- Students receive 10% off and employees receive 17% off Monthly Access on Verizon Wireless Calling Plans. For an existing customer or new activation on plans of \$34.99 or higher.
- Plus, ask us about special equipment discounts!

**Official Wireless Provider of the Vanderbilt Commodores.**

**FREE SHIPPING**

SHOP FROM HOME

**615.333.5276**

OR BUY ONLINE

**its.vanderbilt.edu/cellphone/Verizon/**

**VERIZON WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS STORES**  
Open Sundays. Technicians available at select locations.

**BRENTWOOD**  
Maryland Farms  
18 Cadillac Dr.  
615-832-2355

**GOODLETTSVILLE**  
Rivergate Mall  
1000 Rivergate Pkwy.  
615-859-2355

**NASHVILLE**  
4044 Hillsboro Pike  
One half mile from the Mall at Green Hills  
615-385-1910

\*Our Surcharges (incl. Fed. Univ. Svc. of 11.3% of interstate & int'l telecom charges (varies quarterly), 4¢ Regulatory & 70¢ Administrative/line/mo., & others by area) are not taxes (details: 1-888-684-1888); gov't taxes & our surcharges could add 6% - 28% to your bill. Activation fee/line: \$35.  
**IMPORTANT CONSUMER INFORMATION:** Subject to Customer Agmt., Calling Plan & credit approval. Up to \$175 early termination fee/line. Mobile emails are text only. V CAST & VZ Navigator: Add'l charges apply. Offers & coverage, varying by service, not available everywhere. Network details & coverage maps at vzw.com. Limited time offer. ©2007 Verizon Wireless.