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THE WALL

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TODAY

Ganndi Week

Jenan Mohajir, the Outreach Education Associate for the Interfaith Youth Core, will be the guest speaker this year. The event will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Furman Hall, Room 114. There will also be a panel discussion regarding Gandhian philosophies Thursday in Wilson Hall, Room 126 from 6 to 8 p.m.

TODAY

Maymester information session

There will be a Churchill in London Maymester information session at 7 p.m. in Buttrick Hall, Room 206. All students interested in the university-sponsored trip should attend.

TODAY

Kampala Project experience discussion

The members of Kampala Project 2007 will discuss their overseas experience as HIV/AIDS workers in Kampala, Uganda, from 12:10 to 1 p.m. in Student Life Center meeting rooms 1 and 2. Come hear stories, view pictures and learn more about students who work and live in Uganda. Pizza will be provided.

TODAY

Operation Smile meeting

Operation Smile, an international organization that provides free cleft palate surgeries to children in third-world nations, has its first general body meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Sarratt 112.

THURSDAY, OCT. 4

Bargain books on the Wall

Bargain books priced from \$4.98 to \$9.98 will be for sale in a tent on Rand Terrace from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students can choose from the 5,000 books that will be available.

THURSDAY, OCT. 4

Hunger lunch

Manna Project will sponsor a hunger lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. outside Rand. It will serve all-you-can-eat rice and beans for \$3.

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

Recruitment efforts reflect globalized world

Admissions officers aim to increase total international student population to 8 percent within five years.

by ELIZABETH MIDDLEBROOKS
Staff Reporter

Expanded recruiting efforts will include more visits to international countries in order to better reach prospective students and increase diversity, said Dean of Admissions Doug Christiansen.

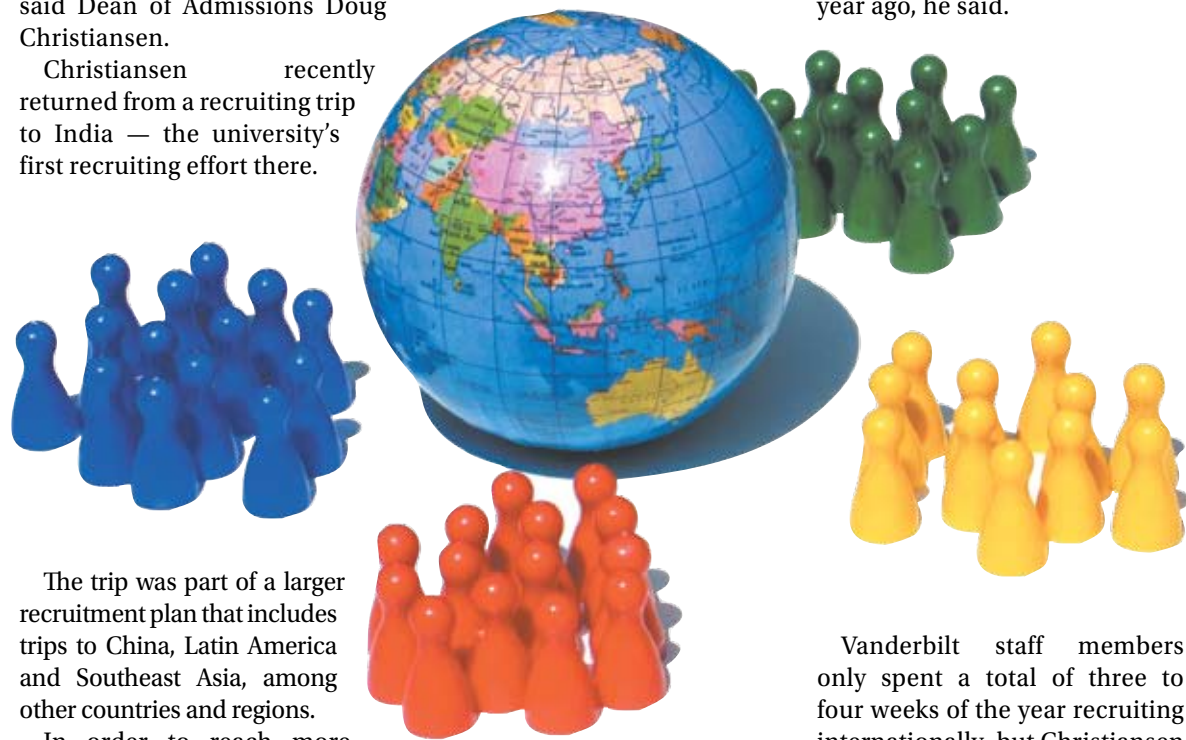
Christiansen recently returned from a recruiting trip to India — the university's first recruiting effort there.

Christiansen said the university population should reflect the growing diversity of the multinational workforce, Christiansen said.

"Currently our international population for undergraduate students is about 3 percent, and

ethnic diversity," Christiansen said. "When we're able to say 25 percent of the incoming class is (minorities), that really surprises them."

Vanderbilt engaged in "minimal international recruitment" prior to Christiansen's arrival about a year ago, he said.



The trip was part of a larger recruitment plan that includes trips to China, Latin America and Southeast Asia, among other countries and regions.

In order to reach more international students, Christiansen and teams of Vanderbilt representatives spend time in various countries attending college fairs similar to ones held domestically.

Christiansen pointed out international students are not unlike domestic students in their college search, comparing schools' rankings and other statistics, but "some of the questions are vastly different."

"We have to have the right information for international students," he said. "They need to know about health care, banking issues, visas. ... I get questions right down to 'what is the temperature?'"

our goal is to try to move that to about 8 percent (within five years)," he said.

"Vanderbilt is new to this level" of international recruitment, Christiansen said, so its international undergraduate population is low compared to that of other top-20 schools, which average 6 to 8 percent.

He also said international students are especially concerned with diversity, racial tolerance and the international population of not just Vanderbilt, but Nashville and the South as well.

"They want to know what our international population is, but they also ask about our

Vanderbilt staff members only spent a total of three to four weeks of the year recruiting internationally, but Christiansen said he plans to increase the amount of time spent abroad to about 20 to 25 weeks of the year over the next three to four years.

"We needed to develop an international recruiting plan that is systemic and long-range and does not just look at certain regions," he said. "There are certain countries where there is a much higher likelihood of students coming to the United States ... so we spent the better part of last year building on that." ■

—To view an interactive map of cities visited this month, go to:



VSG House to weigh new AcFee system

by LILY CHEN
Staff Reporter

Cara Bilotta, president of Vanderbilt Student Government, will propose a new activity fee distribution system that aims to shorten and improve the AcFee process to the House at the VSG meeting tonight.

Research on seven other peer institutions led to the design of the proposed new allocation process.

"There are a lot of advantages to the new proposal," Bilotta said. "It encourages more student involvement, takes much less time and changes the structure of the committee."

Previously, a 14-person committee read applications and conducted interviews of the approximately 120 organizations that submit applications for AcFee money over a three-week period.

The new committee would consist of five senators, five house presidents or judicial vice presidents and the chair of the student finance committee. The committee would then be broken down into five separate divisions: programming, service, cultural interests, special interests and the arts.

"(The divisions are) the biggest change in the allocation process," Bilotta said. "This would greatly expedite the process and lessen the finance committee's workload."

Under the new proposal, each division would hold separate meetings and interviews over a week and distribute funds to each organization within their division based on percentages decided by the Student Finance Committee.

The shortened time frame has the added benefit of attracting faculty to committee positions.

"By shortening the period, we can get more faculty involved because not many faculty members can make a commitment to three weeks, but one week is reasonable," Bilotta said.

As before, the Student Finance Committee will approve all allocations in the last part of the process.

However, now the committee will focus on members "who can ask the right questions and get the best feedback," Bilotta said. ■

VSG MEETING

When:
Tonight at 7 p.m.

Where:
Board of Trust room in the Student Life Center

Professor initiates Collegium of Black Women Philosophers

by VASANTH SATHYAKUMAR
Contributing Reporter

Kathryn T. Gines wants to change the status quo.

With fewer than 30 black women philosophers in the nation today, Gines, an assistant professor of philosophy and African-American and diaspora studies, founded the Collegium of Black Women Philosophers.

The Collegium of Black Women Philosophers, a philosophical organization launched through Vanderbilt University, seeks to encourage and foster a networking

and mentoring relationship between the underrepresented black women in philosophy.

It aims to both mentor current women and recruit more black women into the discipline, she said.

According to Jeffrey Tlumak, chair of the Department of Philosophy, there are not many black philosophers because of barriers like internal pressures within their communities.

Only 1 percent of all members of the American

Philosophical Association are black.

"If you go to any field in terms of women, in terms of black women, in terms of black men, or physics versus psychology, for example, I think you will find certain trends," Tlumak said. "There is a mindset that 'these are the way things have been going,' so a little kid may be limited in what he wants to be."

The inaugural conference will meet Oct. 19-20 in the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center, and many sessions will be open to the public.

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GINES

Dancers register to 'give kids a chance'



LAUREN FONDRIEST / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Dance Marathon registration for dancers and morale captains began today on the Wall. Interested students also can register at VUDM.org for the annual Vanderbilt Children's Hospital benefit, to be held Feb. 15 to 16.

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An article in the Monday issue of The Vanderbilt Hustler misstated Interfraternity Council recruitment rules. Freshmen are not allowed at events where alcohol will be served during their first week on campus.

WEATHER

compiled by SYDNEY WILMER

THURSDAY



Few Showers, 90/69

FRIDAY



Partly Cloudy, 88/70

SATURDAY



Isolated T-Storms, 89/67

VUPD CRIME LOG

compiled by SYDNEY WILMER

There is no crime to report.

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

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IN THE KNOW

The news you need — in brief

compiled by SYDNEY WILMER

WORLD

Afghan violence reaches record levels

Violence in Afghanistan has spiked to its highest level since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion, with an Associated Press count of insurgency-related deaths this year surpassing the 5,000 mark and a U.N. report finding that attacks have risen by 20 percent.

A suicide attack Tuesday on a police bus in western Kabul killed 13 officers and civilians, including a woman and her two children who boarded the vehicle seconds before the explosion.

The bombing, which ripped the roof off the bus, was the second to target a bus in Kabul in four days. It came as insurgents turned up attacks against Afghanistan's security forces during a year of record violence.

A new U.N. report found that while 76 percent of all suicide bombings in the country have targeted international and Afghan security forces, 143 civilians were killed by those bombs through August. It also found that Afghanistan has averaged 550 violent incidents per month this year, up from 425 last year.

SOURCE: AP

Korean summit opens to chilly reception

The first summit between the divided Koreas in seven years opened Tuesday to rapturous cheers from hundreds of thousands of North Koreans, but their leader gave the visiting South Korean president a chillier reception.

The words "I'm glad to meet you" were apparently the only ones North Korean leader Kim Jong Il uttered to South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun during their first encounter in North's capital Pyongyang. The two did not have substantive talks.

The three-day summit is only the second time leaders of the North and South have met since the Korean peninsula was divided after World War II.

Kim did not hold more meetings with Roh. Instead he let his deputy, the country's nominal head of state Kim Yong Nam, deal with the South Koreans for the rest of the day. They held talks and the North hosted a banquet where Roh offered a toast to Kim Jong Il's health.

SOURCE: AP

NATION

House moves on troop withdrawal plan

The House took up legislation yesterday that would require President Bush to submit a plan for a withdrawal of troops from Iraq. The bill would require the administration to report to Congress on the status of redeployment plans in 60 days. Follow up reports would be required every 90 days thereafter.

Initially, Democratic leaders considered the bill too mild and instead focused on tougher measures that ordered troops home this fall. But those measures did not pick up enough Republican support.

The latest bill does not set any timetable for a withdrawal and Republican leaders have said they will not oppose it.

Thwarted in efforts to bring troops home from Iraq, Senate Democrats on Monday helped pass a defense policy bill authorizing another \$150 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The vote was 92-3.

SOURCE: AP

O.J. Simpson ordered to surrender assets

O.J. Simpson must hand over his Rolex watch and other assets to satisfy a judgment that found him liable for the deaths of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and friend Ron Goldman, a judge ruled Tuesday.

Any future royalties from a sports video game featuring Simpson also must be delivered to Goldman's father, Fred Goldman, Superior Court Judge Gerald Rosenberg ruled.

Simpson must also surrender any of the disputed memorabilia items recently seized by Las Vegas authorities that are found to be legally his.

Simpson attorney Yale Galanter was in trial and not immediately available for comment, a Florida office receptionist said.

Goldman was not in court, and there was no immediate comment from his representatives.

SOURCE: AP

CAMPUS

Vanderbilt medical center announces new patient communication system

Vanderbilt University Medical Center selected Skylight Healthcare Systems, the premier provider of interactive patient communication technology, to equip over 500 patient rooms with the Skylight ACCESS Interactive Patient System.

Installation is slated for completion this fall.

The Skylight ACCESS Interactive Patient System will enable patient-centered communication at the bedside as part of VUMC's dedication to patient care.

With Skylight, VUMC patients will have direct access to disease- and condition-specific health information. It will be offered both on-demand and when integrated with other hospital systems. It aims to match patient clinical needs with targeted interventions.

Patients will also have connection to patient support departments and a real-time feedback forum which will allow VUMC to solicit patient feedback and then provide immediate service recovery to address any patient issues.

SOURCE: VANDERBILT NEWS SERVICE

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Have a campus problem? We'll solve it (or do our best to try). Send an e-mail to news@vanderbilthustler.com.

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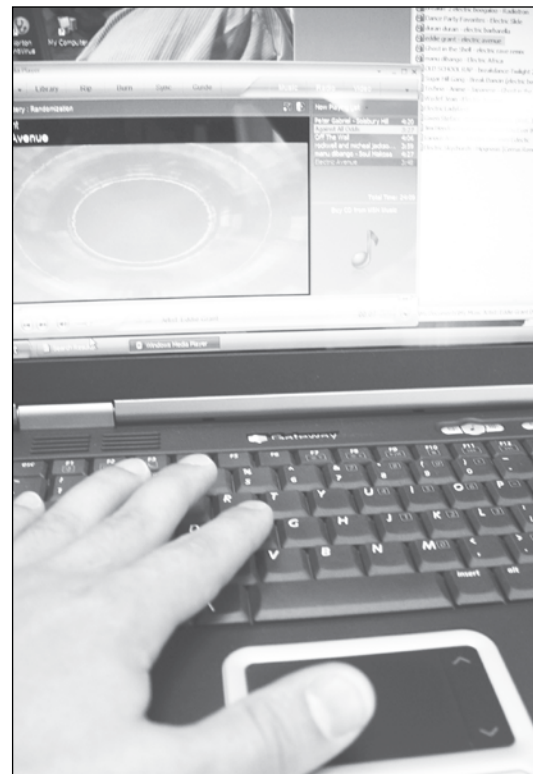
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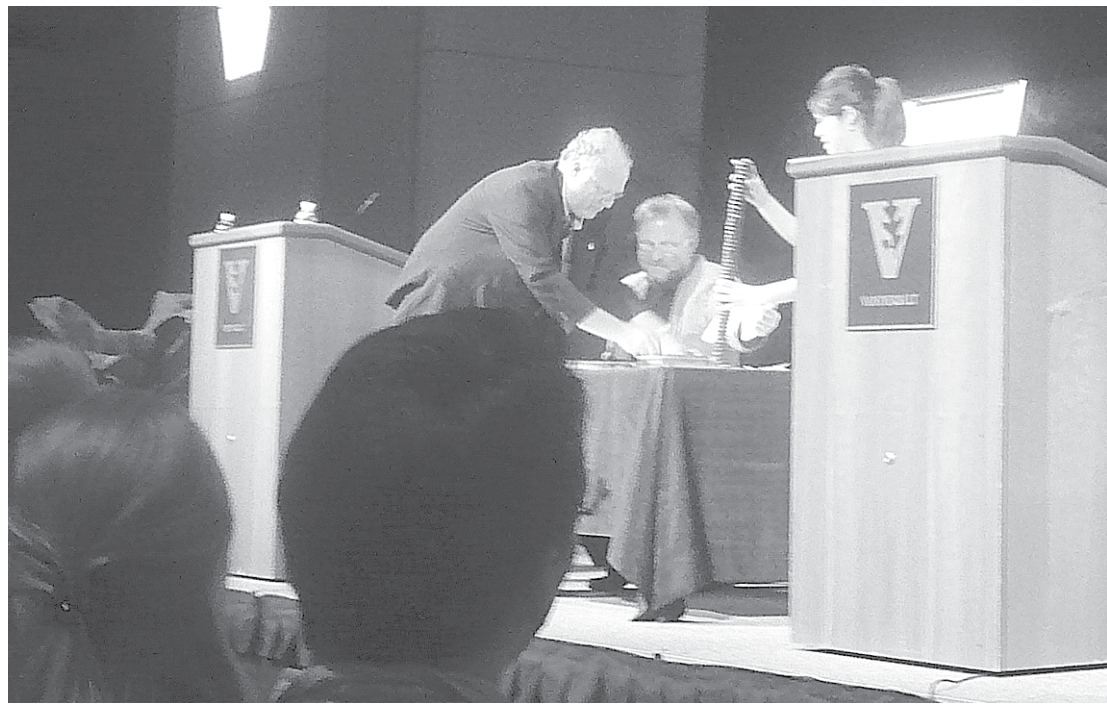
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SNAPSHOT

OREOS, ICE CREAM AND RESPONSIBILITY



Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield, founders of Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream, demonstrate how the United States should revise its spending practices with the help of Oreos and an assistant, junior Nina Wall.

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Student-professor team discovers music impacts HIV, AIDS rates

Team optimistic about Ugandan communities' future.

by ADAM WEINSTEIN
Staff Reporter

Add music to the list of miracle drugs.

The professor-student duo of Gregory Barz and Stefan Bumol spent their summer documenting, analyzing and understanding the role music plays in a pandemic-stricken community in Uganda that has seen a decline in HIV and AIDS rates.

Most notably, they discovered music expresses the dangers of the ongoing epidemic in a way that makes sense to everyone.

"There's no access to electricity, the women are illiterate, there's no economic power," said Barz, associate professor of musicology, anthropology, and music and religion. "So why is the HIV rate going down? The answer is right in front of our faces: Music is the way information is spread in and throughout African countries."

Through the Vanderbilt Undergraduate Summer Research Program, Barz and Bumol, a senior, interviewed HIV-positive Ugandans who used music, dance and drama as medical intervention in their communities and spoke with traditional healers and witch

doctors to explore how their practices have changed with music therapy.

Communities with the most successful decline of HIV and AIDS rates had "doctors that were directly involved with people who lived there and worked together to fight this," Bumol said. "Seeing that gives us hope for the future."

So in consideration of that, Barz used his expertise to help found the Kampala Project, a Maymester service-learning course in Kampala, Uganda.

"The graduates of this program will be transformed and enlightened," Barz said, "and they're the ones that are going to go out and fight this pandemic."

Through their time together, the student-professor team worked in ways they would not have been able to manage alone.

"We didn't know each other that well going into it, but during the trip I think we got to connect in a lot of cool ways, and we came up with some really interesting ideas," Bumol said. ■

— Listen to Barz discuss his work in Uganda on:



Professor Gregory Barz poses with residents and traditional instruments of a village in which he conducted research.

GREGORY BARZ / Photo provided

GINES: Vanderbilt active in support of project

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The keynote address by Anita Allen, professor of law at the University of Pennsylvania, will address the controversial violence that erupted in Jena, La.

Joyce Mitchell Cook, the first black woman in the nation to receive a doctorate in philosophy, also will attend.

Tlumak said he applauds the Collegium and hopes it will meet with success.

Gines shares those hopes as well.

"I hope that conference attendees will learn that there are black women philosophers in the academy and that we are very diverse in terms of our backgrounds and our research areas within the discipline," Gines said.

The philosophy department actively supports Gines' initiatives in finding and organizing the event by giving monetary support and co-sponsoring the project.

"We are very enthusiastic about the Collegium, and I intend on attending it myself," Tlumak said.

And Vanderbilt is currently taking steps in order to hire more black philosophers, Tlumak said.

"We offer undergraduate fellowships, opportunity appointments for minority students and are keen in recruiting underrepresented philosophers," Tlumak said. "I, myself, believe that it is important that we have not just black philosophers but minority ones as well because one of their important contributions is being different culturally."

Students also support Gines' efforts.

"I think the Collegium is a good first step," said Jinsu Sohn, a philosophy major. "It's important to increase diversity (at Vanderbilt) not only in the student body but also in the faculty." ■

Engineering a future through campus networking



LAUREN FONDRIEST / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Senior Lindsay Matthews attended the Engineering and Technology Industry Career Day in the Student Life Center Tuesday. More than 50 companies attended, including Google, Microsoft, NASA, Nissan and Shell.

Talented Tenth absence leaves gap in conversation

Critics cite university's apathy toward diversity.

by KELLY SWOPE
Staff Reporter

Students and faculty feel the absence of Talented Tenth, a campus newspaper for black student issues, beyond the empty newsstand.

Many believe there is still a need for more dialogue between the majority and minorities on campus.

"The publication is very necessary, very essential," said junior Charles Stanley Jr., former director of photography for Talented Tenth. "There are so many national issues like the 'Jena 6' that need to be covered."

He added there is "only so much" The Vanderbilt Hustler can cover in its limited space.

Frank Dobson, director of the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center, also believes the campus body has the potential to mobilize and discuss current issues.

"We need to work for true integration (where) our views are able to be put on the table, and we can begin to discuss some really tough issues outside of the classroom," he said.

Dobson suggested that should Talented Tenth be revived, it could serve as an "effective vehicle" for communication.

"I think there's a lot of dialogue around, but I wonder how much the dialogue is guided by political correctness," Dobson said. "I feel that to really have genuine dialogue, people really have to feel free enough to express their heartfelt opinions and sentiments, and I'm not sure that person won't be censored or criticized for articulating an opinion that isn't PC."

Dore Dialogue

Discuss on InsideVandy.com whether the absence of Talented Tenth this year negatively impacts campus discourse.

Critics often have cited apathy toward diversity, rather than censorship, as the university's problem, but Lucius Outlaw Jr., associate provost of undergraduate education and professor of philosophy, disagrees with that assessment.

Outlaw noted the number of service organizations on campus and the breadth of student participation in events like Alternative Spring Break.

"Apathy is not a characteristic of Vanderbilt," he said. "Any attempt to describe it (in that way) would be disrespectful and erroneous." ■

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OUR VIEW

VSG makes positive AcFee changes

Activity fee funding and Student Finance Committee transparency qualify as two of the most relevant issues controlled by student government. They represent the distribution of more than \$1 million of student money to about 120 organizations.

The Hustler editorial board has repeatedly demanded more logic and transparency in the process, and this most recent reorganization of the system should be seen as a small step in that direction.

The new structure shortens the process to one week and divides student organizations into five specialized categories. This promises more involvement from professors with experience in a particular area of campus life.

The inclusion of professors and staff members will hopefully yield more intelligent funding decisions. Student Finance Committee funds are finite. More logical decisions as to who does and does not merit the allocation of student funds would benefit the community. Former Student Finance Chair Leigh

Taylor suggested the committee simply ask Student Life for more money, but increased faculty involvement in these decisions would encourage fiscal responsibility and ensure community benefit.

The Student Finance Committee ran its own show under the Student Government Association, promoting exclusivity and discouraging accountability. But the system now will be wholly integrated into the Vanderbilt Student Government constitution. Though it was nearly impossible to change the rules under the old system, policy changes can now be accomplished according to VSG statute, making it easier to reform the system in future.

Student government has shown incremental gains toward greater transparency in recent years, first making AcFee allocations public and now releasing the entire VSG budget. While the changes proposed today will not give the community open deliberations or a fully transparent process, they inspire hope these steps will be taken in the near future.

COLUMN

Conversational mistakes ruin first dates

ANDREW SOLOMON
Columnist

I hate first dates. In fact, I'll go so far as to say that I hate dates period. You get dressed up, go to a restaurant you can't afford, order wine she can't pronounce and waste several hours until you drop her off at her place because she doesn't "do that" on the first date. Then I have to go home and turn off the hidden camera. Life sucks.

Unfortunately for me, in some situations dates are unavoidable: You really like her, you're married, etc. This summer, I dated the strangest and most dysfunctional group of women I've ever encountered. Wondering what crazy, unhinged bag of issues I'd bring by the apartment next became a running joke among my friends.

As I should have foreseen, the dates with these girls were quite the circus. On these little outings, I heard some of the craziest things I'd ever heard on first dates, bar none. Although I'm not going to share them all with you, the experience inspired me to create what I call "A Woman's Guide to What Not to Say on the First Date." It's my personal list of what a guy absolutely doesn't want to hear when first getting to know a lady. After polling a group of experts (my drunk friends) on the subject, the following all-stars made the list:

1. "Are you married?"

I don't know what's more disturbing about this: the fact you think I'm married or the fact you'd go out on a date with someone you think is. Chances are she's dated a married man before and is understandably paranoid about it happening to her again.

2. "How many people have you slept with?"

It is equally stupid for a guy to ask a girl this question. First, you're never going to get an honest answer. Second, you really don't want to know the truth to begin with. Save your breath and just imagine it's whatever number would make you happiest.

3. "What are you thinking about?"

I'm thinking about how much more of this I have to endure before we hook up. Seriously girls, you really want to know what we're thinking about? Nothing. For the most part, men are simple creatures. In social situations, the majority of us are thinking about nothing else other than what is happening right at that moment. We're not scheming. We're not masking our true feelings with the facade of geniality. If I'm on a date with an attractive girl, the only two things in the back of my mind are how smoking hot she is and how delicious my steak is going to be. That's it.

4. "My ex-boyfriend and I used to (insert anything here ... at this point, I'm not listening anyway)."

I know you may just be out of a long-term relationship. I know you probably really loved each other. I get that you're still broken up about it. I also don't care. I'm not trying to be mean — all I'm saying is the last thing a guy wants to hear about on a date is who was there before he was. I would personally rather get to know you and possibly consider dating you without hearing about how someone else screwed it up. Plus, I'm much better than your last boyfriend.

5. "My boyfriend and I like to (insert anything, you're a tramp)."

At this point, things just got interesting.

6. "So what's (insert best friend's name here) up to tonight?"

Ouch. Good effort though.

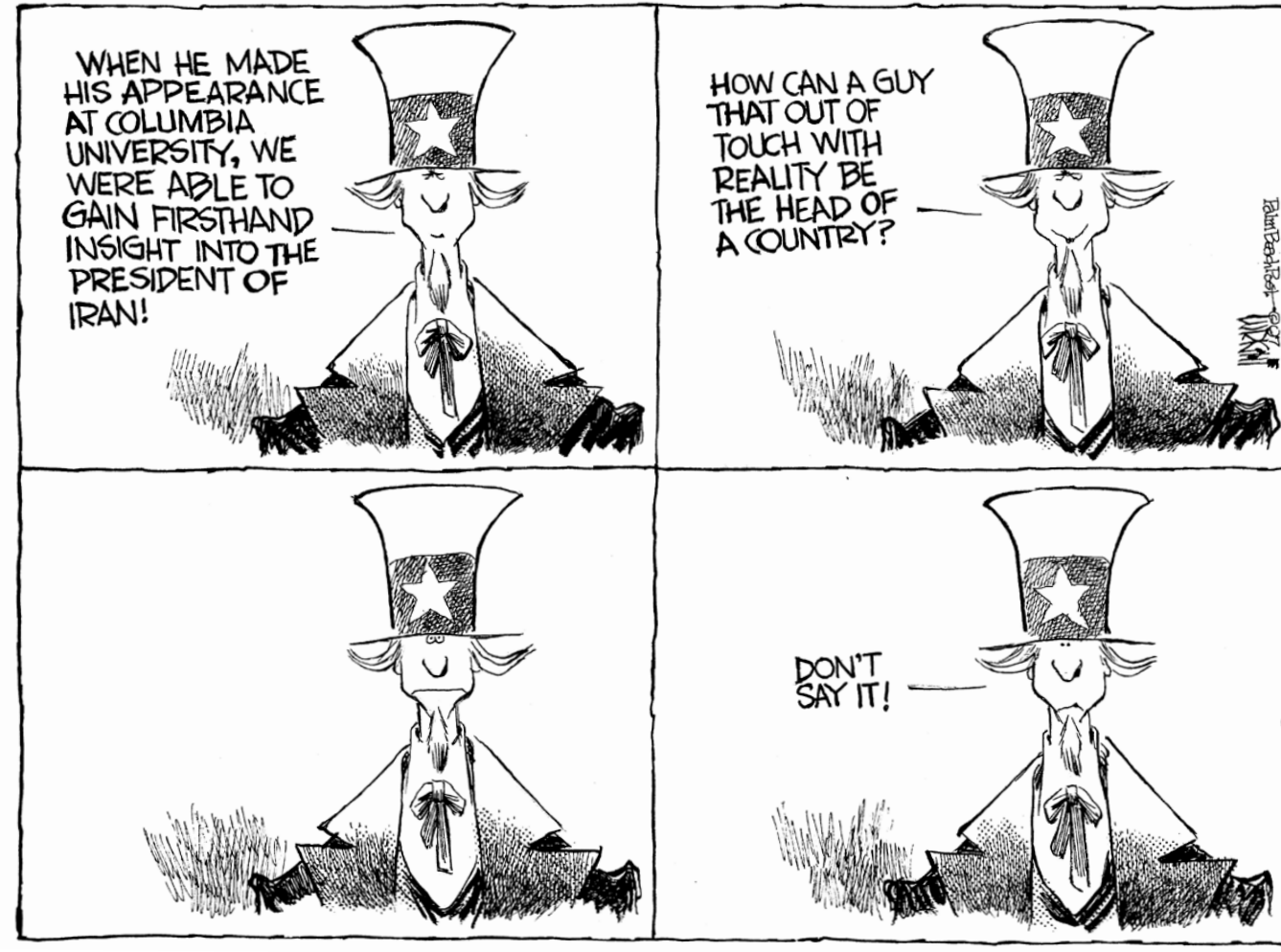
7. "I have to get back home to feed my Yorkie. Don't worry; I'll get someone to come pick me up."

Good thing I decided to spend \$150 on that bottle of Bordeaux. Now while you're feeding your dog, I can go home and balance my checkbook.

8. "Where do you see this going?"

Other than back to my place at the end of the night, I honestly can't say I've thought much

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Don Wright—MCT

COLUMN

Bush conference on climate change impedes real progress

NIKHIL TRISTAN SEKARAN
Columnist

The stubbornness of the Bush administration to take an assertive leadership role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions is very disconcerting. Three monumental conferences occurred last week that have brought major international players to the table for negotiation, but our government's rejection of firm caps on its emissions leave little room for compromise and leadership.

On Sept. 24, the United Nations General Assembly convened a unique high-level session in which dozens of heads of state addressed the topic. On Sept. 26, the Clinton Global Initiative brought together governments, non-governmental organizations, intellectuals and media outlets to focus attention on issues of climate change from the bottom up. In effect, it was meant to create the kind of pressure that comes from civil society and industry to achieve many technological changes and keep us — and our government

— honest. The final event had the Bush administration host leaders from 15 major economies for an unprecedented meeting.

For a week, all attention was focused on the most potent global emergency human civilization has ever faced. I commend President George W. Bush for his forward-looking vision on at least realizing the bitter reality of climate change. What I cannot understand is why he would convene such an event among the major economies principally responsible for the vast majority of emissions if the United States itself is unwilling to solidify progress on the issue's most crucial aspect: carbon caps.

The Kyoto Protocol sets environmental goals and obligations for its signatories to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide and five other greenhouse gases. Even Russia signed the Kyoto Protocol in 1999, although there was some debate over its stipulations, and it did not ratify the protocol until September 2004. Regardless, the refusal of Bush and the Australians to sign the agreement

in 2001 handicaps this initiative. Kyoto expires in 2012, and numerous conferences have moved many of the world's powerful industrial economies, including the 171 signatories, to find ways to create a more pragmatic, feasible solution. We are lucky Kyoto is bound for expiration in the near future; the agreement was paralyzed from the start because its provisions did not require major emitters, most notably China and India, to reduce their emissions activities.

Both the U.S. and China are the world's largest emitters, with the U.S. producing almost 6 billion metric tons of carbon dioxide per year according to the Energy Information Administration's most recent estimate. It seems only logical these states should lead the crusade for survival. As such, they should commit to prompt, binding, enforceable greenhouse gas reductions, instead of making promises about aspirational goals. Anything less will fail to seriously address global warming, and all nations will suffer the

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SEKARAN: U.S. must reach out to solve pressing environmental issues

From SEKARAN, page 4 consequences.

While the U.N. conference focused on how to replace its existing treaty, Bush's conference took a different approach. Under the U.S. plan, there would be no minimum requirements or penalties for failing to meet goals. According to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, a "pledge and review" approach would be pursued whereby any state could create its own policy, and present it at international meetings.

In his speech at the State Department, Bush noted, "Our guiding principle is clear: We must lead the world to produce fewer greenhouse gas emissions, and we must do it in a way that does not undermine economic growth or prevent nations from delivering greater prosperity for their people."

Unfortunately, without mandatory cuts in these greenhouse gases, no state will transparently abide by the quota if they know full well the U.S. is not following these same restrictions. The lack of third-party enforcement on this issue is a highly debilitating factor. Effectively getting nations to set their own emissions limits is not the answer — interstate bargaining in this fashion is no longer an option. A comprehensive, enforceable alternative to Kyoto is the only

way to get every industrialized nation to set binding targets.

Bush has effectively put the U.S. at the center of the global warming debate but has done so in the most arrogant of ways: challenging the legitimacy of the U.N. yet again. By refusing to attend the U.N. proceedings on the Sept. 24 and instead opting to focus on his conference of leaders the following Friday, he has only served to impede progress on this pandemic. History shows competing initiatives between the world's hegemonic power and trusted international institutions lead to grave discord.

Alleviating the world of the problems associated with climate change cannot be accomplished in a unilateral manner. Bush has come to believe any problem can be solved with American might. The effects of global warming are blind to race, ethnicity, creed or socioeconomic status. This is an issue that will require every invested power from every part of our globe to come to a joint consensus.

If the U.S. will not take the lead and enforce binding commitments, who will?

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

((OVERHEARD)) on insidevandy

Submitted in response to:
"Ahmadinejad would not be welcome here"
by Eve Attermann

Careful

Submitted by TheArtificer on Monday, Oct. 1 - 18:46.

In your fit of passion you rely too heavily on your feelings and as a result present false facts. If you listened to Ahmadinejad's speech at Columbia you would realize he never denied the Holocaust. Rather, he requested additional research be done into it. He compared the Holocaust to physics in that we are constantly researching physics even though we believe those principles to be true. He suggests the European researchers not be banned from studying the Holocaust (as they currently are) and be allowed to research further into what Ahmadinejad referred to as a tragedy.

What you are guilty of, Eve, is jumping on the liberal bandwagon and regurgitating what liberal news people tell you. I found it interesting you referred to the fight between gay and non-gay students as a hate crime. What proof do you have that, in fact, a hate crime occurred and it was not just a fight between a gay and non-gay persons.

The answer, of course, is leftist hearsay which is founded on quick jumps on anything which could potentially be construed as hate according to sexual preference, sex or race. I too disagree with many things Soo Yang said, including that we should invite speakers simply because they are controversial and not because they have valid opinions. However, I fully agree with Columbia's decision to let the "tyrant" speak. The truth is that most of what we hear about Ahmadinejad is second hand through the media (no doubt this is where you heard he was a Holocaust denier).

This event gave students and professors at Columbia the chance to openly question Ahmadinejad and find out what his real stances are. Although he skated around most of the questions, the truth of his beliefs on the Holocaust came out. This sort of dialogue between the future leaders of America and one of the predominant leaders of the Middle East (a region where many of our soldiers currently are) helps us to further understand the political agendas of the more controversial leaders of the world. Like it or not, Ahmadinejad is in power. Like it or not, he has influence over the Middle East. Like it or not, you must hear and understand his opinions if you ever hope to accurately criticize his stances or propose any sort of reform.

I implore you to think deeper into the subject of why this talk and talks like it may be beneficial to the United States' foreign policy/understanding of the Middle East before reacting with ignorance as a result of your own fear. The reality is that the world isn't made of Ben and Jerry's and that people like Ahmadinejad are around and the better we understand him and those like him, the better we will be able to function as a society.

Good Job Eve

Submitted by Danny Neelon on Monday, Oct. 1 - 22:06.

Kudos on the argument. It is pointless to spend student activity fees or other funds to listen to someone spit out his tyrant theory. I can read all about that on CNN or Fox or any other news source that wants to comment on Middle Eastern political agendas. Having a speaker is supposed to be an informative, potentially motivating, thought provoking experience that you can get by reading a paper. All he would create is an argumentative environment that would culminate in a few editorials by ignorant individuals then be forgotten. This is a learning institution focused on preparing people to function primarily in the American world, so funds are best spent, as you suggest, on people like Ben and Jerry who can give real motivation to real students in their real fields of study. Or maybe we should waste money funding the Holocaust investigation. Comparing the study of the holocaust to physics is the most ridiculous argument I've ever heard. This isn't a research project where we compare the speed of sound to the speed of light based on mathematical equations and theoretical assumptions. I feel we have gotten all the "research" we need on the holocaust from tattoos on people's arms and mass graves uncovered across the WWII warpath. Lets leave the tyrants to continue to ruin their respective countries and focus on improving ours.

There's a simple solution

Submitted by Vardan Mamikonian on Tuesday, Oct. 2 - 16:36.

There's a simple solution that I think will make everyone happy. If you don't like a lecturer, then don't buy a ticket for it, and don't attend. You are not being forced to attend, as in the case of the play "Keely and Du" which the freshmen are being required to watch.

I personally wouldn't have a problem with Ahmadinejad or even Pope Benedict coming to speak at Vanderbilt. I know the two aren't even comparable in terms of politics, but they are similar in one respect — according to the left here at Vanderbilt, these people shouldn't be allowed a voice because of their views. It seems that Ms. Attermann has joined this group who advocate censorship in the name of defending diversity and complacency. This behavior is indicative of Soviet or Red Chinese party officials, not of Americans.

Moreover, I agree with "TheArtificer" when he says that Ahmadinejad may be being misrepresented in the media. Even his most infamous statement, which supposedly called for Israel to be "wiped off the map", was a faulty mistranslation — he actually called for the end of the regime which occupies Jerusalem, a regime which he views as violent and unjust. We shouldn't just rely on media sensationalism to form opinions, but we should be willing to question and evaluate the validity of information that we are given. And allowing Ahmadinejad, or other controversial persons to speak, would be one way to do that.

THE VERDICT

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

Hillary Clinton		Dominates in fundraising and polling, which is a pretty good place to be in. Apparently, people are beginning to see what Bill saw in her all those years ago, when she was just a young law student with a really creepy laugh.
Iranian universities		In an excellent demonstration of how to return a favor, Iran's Ferdowsi University has invited President Bush to come speak on its campus. Maybe Bush will accept this opportunity, if only to go to Iran and shout, "F-U!"
Lou Pearlman		Rotund mastermind behind *NSYNC and the Backstreet Boys turns out to be a "sexual predator." At least, that's what his former assistant, the talent he formerly mentored and their mothers told the New York Post, who broke this totally unforeseeable news.
Isiah Thomas		Jury finds New York Knicks coach guilty of sexually harassing a former team executive. This should dispel that pesky myth about sports stars being shy and sexually restrained. In fact, Thomas may not be the last NBA star to face such charges. You heard it here first!
Hugs		Chicago middle school bans this popular hallway activity for making students late to class. So, basically, hugging is the new smoking. Soon enough, all the kids will be skipping class to hug each other out back behind the dumpster.
Bruce Springsteen		Yesterday was "Bruce Springsteen Day in Connecticut," as declared by Gov. Jodi Reil. Well, it's about time! Just yesterday we were sitting around saying, "You know what Connecticut needs? Bruce Springsteen Day — that's what!"
The Cleveland Indians		Although they have not won a World Series since 1948, the Indians are back in the playoffs after seven AL Central wins in 12 years. But why should they give up the streak now? Why not wait a year? "60 years of failure" has a nicer ring to it than "59."
Rush Limbaugh		It seems the popular radio host believes soldiers who speak out against the war are "phony soldiers." We're pretty sure history has proven otherwise. We are also pretty sure history has proven Limbaugh was, most likely, totally high when he said this.
George Takei		An asteroid formerly known as the 1994 GT9 was renamed for the Star Trek star by the International Astronomical Union. So, tonight, you can look up and try to catch a glimpse of 7307 Takei. Of course, you'll just be wasting your time — but that's what Trekkies do.
K-Fed		In an unpredictable turn of events, he is now not only more respectable than his train wreck of an ex-wife, but, as of noon today, he officially has full custody of their two children. Let's hope he doesn't drop them — that would be a nice change.
Erik Prince		Blackwater chief claims his company "acted appropriately at all times," including a shootout that left 11 Iraqis dead. Others paint him as a lawless cowboy, kind of like Billy the Kid. Remember what happened to Billy the Kid? The law totally killed him.
Books		Seventh annual Book Festival in Washington, D.C., the brainchild of First Lady Laura Bush, took place this past weekend. It is nice to see someone in the White House publicly celebrating reading. Maybe this will start to catch on.

SOLOMON: Frequent first date conversation pitfalls prove awkward

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past that. I've gotten this on a first date before, and I honestly didn't know how to respond. Any girl who wants to know where the relationship is going after knowing you for several hours needs a clinic or at the very least some help. Get out before she starts asking how much you plan to spend on an engagement ring.

9. "I love you."

Thank you?

10. "So after my second stint in rehab..."

Check please.

—Andrew Solomon is a senior in the School of Engineering.



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THEY SAID IT...

Quotes from Monday's press conference

Coach Bobby Johnson

On the performance of the defense...

I was very impressed, I was thrilled. They played with a lot of enthusiasm and energy, and made some things happen. Five interceptions is making things happen. They also got a fumble recovery. We were extremely aggressive and took things away from Eastern Michigan, not only against the pass but against the run too. ... We had a hard time picking the defensive player of the game, so we named the entire defense player of the game.

On playing at Auburn...

It's a great atmosphere ... and that gets you fired up, and it's fun to play in those situations. So far we haven't let it bother us. I don't think noise is a problem, so we'll look at it as all positives if we can. Working out the details of making a trip is probably the hardest thing, but the players will get on a plane, get on a bus and play.

On Chris Nickson's ability to bounce back...

Yeah, Chris knows you have to go back, start fighting again, learn what to do and do it better. He doesn't dwell on previous mistakes too much, so hopefully he'll just step out there.

On the parity of the SEC...

As close as I've seen it, but I've only been here six years. I think it definitely it is situation a little different than when we first got in here. More teams have the capabilities to hang in there with the perennial powers in this league, and it makes for some interesting games, interesting scenarios for later in the season.

On the strengths of the defense...

Well, we have a pretty veteran group. But we are faster than we've ever been, and we have guys who've played a bunch of plays in there. ... Experience, speed, athletic ability, I think it's all going up a little bit over previous years.

Defensive Tackle Theo Horrocks

On the fact that a couple of his fellow defensive linemen have interceptions already...

I'm trying to get one. Everyone else keeps getting picks; I'm looking for one. I'm really excited for those guys, I was excited for Greg (Billinger) this weekend, but I'm gonna try to get one and take it to the house. It's a lot of fun when our ends are causing as much pressure to get the ball out, get their hands on it and let some of the other guys get it.

—Listen to highlights from Monday's press conference on:



Memphis needed more time to mourn



COURTESY OF MEMPHIS ATHLETICS

Opting to play Marshall less than 48 hours following the death of Taylor Bradford, the inspired Tigers beat Marshall 24-21.

GOOD CALL

by ADAM WEINSTEIN
Sports Reporter

When violence occurs on a college campus, it needs to be taken very seriously.

Taylor Bradford, a junior defensive lineman at the University of Memphis and a Nashville native, was gunned down on campus last Sunday at 9:45 p.m. Police believe it was a targeted attack and have no immediate suspects.

While the school canceled classes Monday as a precaution, they still played a nationally televised game against Marshall Tuesday night.

Sports are a great distraction from the reality of the world around us. Virginia Tech played an emotional home opener against East Carolina earlier this year, in what became an event of remembrance and healing.

But the Bradford murder happened less than a week ago. With things far from normal on the Memphis campus, the community cannot afford a distraction, especially since the murderer has not been apprehended.

The actions of the university contradict themselves. University officials have said

they would rather err on the side of caution, though they consider the campus safe. One would think that with this mindset, the university would want to give their students a day to return to feeling safe in their classrooms before they become the focus of the national media.

Furthermore, how wise could it possibly be to send a team onto the field to play competitively after losing a teammate just two days prior? Bradford had yet to play this season, but it seems almost dehumanizing to ask the team to do anything more than to reflect and recover from what happened.

Perhaps the university thinks that playing this game in front of such a large audience will show the compassion of their student body compassionate their student body reflect well on them.

In deciding to play this game, though, the administration comes away looking quite the opposite — inconsiderate to victims' family and friends, indecisive in their actions to secure their students and insincere in putting an emotionally unprepared football team into the competitive spotlight. ■

After Sunday night's tragic death of University of Memphis defensive lineman Taylor Bradford, the Tigers had to decide whether they would play their scheduled contest against Marshall University on Tuesday.

While they ultimately decided to go on with the game, was it the correct decision? Should players have been given more time to grieve or was it a remedy for their pain? Our writers decide.

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



BAD CALL

by DAVID NAMM
Sports Reporter

Tragic, saddening and grief-inducing, the death of University of Memphis defensive lineman Taylor Bradford draws attention to things that must end in our society. The world, seemingly engulfed by pessimism, sorely needs an end to unjust, insolent violence and murder.

The right to rebound, the right to resile and the right to rebuild do not need to end, however. The right Memphis has to play its game against Marshall this week does not need to end.

Players and coaches will participate with heavy hearts, but don't they deserve the chance to honor the memory of a lost loved one? Don't they deserve the chance to inspire their school, their community and themselves through a display of toughness and passion?

Look at the 2001 New York Yankees. Look at the 2006 New Orleans Saints. Both teams performed after horrific events crushed the morale of their respective cities and came to epitomize the reconstruction of the cities as a whole.

The overall safety of the fans and participants should not be affected by the incident, either, as school officials believe it was a targeted attack against Bradford. Increased security measures absolutely must be taken, and if evidence arises that hints at the possibility of a repeat attack, then the game should be canceled.

What does this say about Bradford if the team has decided to play so soon after his abrupt, unfortunate death? It says he was tough, just as tough as the team itself in overcoming such sorrow. It says he was dedicated, just as dedicated as the team in uplifting its campus. It says he was special, just as special as the team will become to Memphis.

It would have been understandable and acceptable for Memphis to forfeit its game against Marshall. It would have been condoned and expected if they spent the next few days mourning the loss of what by all accounts was a good, popular kid.

It was heroic they played. ■

Dores relish upset opportunity

Vandy heads to red-hot Auburn for first road contest of season.

by ANDREW HARD
Sports Reporter

The Commodores have had it relatively easy so far. Four games at home, with a bye week sandwiched in there. Two low-level out-of-conference opponents. Three solid victories. And one "forget about it" stinker that didn't seem to hurt the team's psyche or expose any weaknesses.

Now Vanderbilt will finally travel for its latest initial road game in six seasons. No more cushy Friday nights in the Marriott or black-and-gold clad supporters willing them on.

When the Commodores play in front of 87,451 screaming fans at Jordan-Hare Stadium Saturday, the environment will not be friendly, to say the least.

"They're feeling good about themselves, for good reason. That was a big win for them," said coach Bobby Johnson of the Tigers' victory over the defending national champion Gators. "They did it on the road, so there's no reason why we can't do it on the road."

The Commodores have thrived in these raucous atmospheres in recent years, as shown by their road victories in Knoxville and Athens and close call in "The Swamp" in 2005.

If Vanderbilt can find a way to pull off its fourth road upset in three years, they'll suddenly find themselves in the thick of the Southeastern Conference dogfight. With the parity this conference has shown this year, such a feat should not come as much of a surprise.

"More teams (now) have the capability to hang in there with the perennial powers in this league, and it makes for some interesting games," Johnson said. "There are interesting scenarios for later in the season, and I hope we can get in there and be a part of it."

That's not to say that Vanderbilt has all the momentum going into this pivotal showdown. Though the Commodores posted a stellar defensive effort against Eastern Michigan Saturday, the offense struggled mightily in taking care of the ball.



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Junior Sean Walker had four catches for 60 yards and a touchdown during the Commodores' 30-7 victory over Eastern Michigan Saturday night at Vanderbilt Stadium.

Chris Nickson threw four interceptions, and the running game put it on the ground four times, though they recovered all fumbles.

"Of course (Nickson) was upset about the interceptions," said right tackle Brian Stamper. "We have trust in him that he'll bounce back from it and correct those mistakes."

With last-second win in Gainesville, Auburn finds itself right back in the thick of the SEC West race. Don't expect the Tigers to play dead on Saturday, even though road games at Arkansas and LSU are next on the docket.

One of the challenges Vandy will face Saturday

will be Auburn's dual threat at quarterback. While 24-year-old senior Brandon Cox leads the passing game, true freshman phenom Kodi Burns provides a Tim Tebow-like rushing attack from the QB position, already rushing for 112 yards on 32 carries in just three games.

"It's tough going up against those types of guys," said defensive tackle Theo Horrocks. "It takes discipline; you have to stay where you're supposed to be and pay attention to who's in the backfield."

Vanderbilt comes off perhaps its fastest defensive efforts in years, recording seven sacks against Ole Miss and pressuring Eastern Michigan into five interceptions Saturday.

The trend suggests they should be able to handle such a rushing attack, and Johnson has prepared to face both quarterbacks.

"Those kinds of situations drive coordinators wild," Johnson said. "When they have two packages (for two quarterbacks), you almost have to have another package in your defense for those situations."

Hahnfeldt's confidence back?

Bryant Hahnfeldt's effort to rebound quickly from a shaky 2006 season may be going better than expected.

While he has missed three times inside of 40 yards this season, the Commodore kicker may have regained some confidence from his 3-for-4 performance Saturday.

An offside penalty nullified his 50-yard miss before halftime, and the subsequent 45-yarder split the uprights perfectly.

With any SEC game from here on out potentially coming down to a last-second field goal, confidence in their kicker can be crucial to Vanderbilt's psyche.

"It was good to see him step up and knock that (second) kick through," Johnson said. "We have a lot of confidence in Bryant, and he works extremely hard."

Hahnfeldt, 1-for-3 in game-winning field goal attempts in his career, attempted his most recent in memorable fashion down in Athens last year.

If the game turns into a grind-it-out, trench-warfare-style battle Saturday, look for Hahnfeldt to have multiple field goal attempts and a huge effect on the outcome. ■

AROUND THE SEC

SEC turned upside down

ALEKSEY DUBROVENSKY
The Answer

When I first glanced upon the latest Associated Press top 25 rankings, I thought I was being Punk'd by Ashton Kutcher. At least that would partially explain why this week's college football polls looked so wacky.

Two Pacific-10 Conference teams were featured in the top three? The No. 1 team from the previous week won its game but fell to No. 2? The Big East had more representatives (four) than the Big Ten (three), the ACC (three) and none of them was the defending conference champion, Louisville? The highest ranked team from the juggernaut (East) division of the Southeastern Conference was Kentucky?!

I was especially perplexed in trying to find a plausible explanation for the way things have shaken out thus far in the best conference in college football. We're nearly midway through this season and it's impossible to separate the contenders from the pretenders in the SEC.

Since it's looking just a bit clearer in the West, let's start there. LSU certainly looks like the class of the league, but even they aren't invincible. After hearing his team was now tops in both rankings this week, coach Les Miles remarked, "Obviously none of the voters saw us play this weekend," referring to the fact the Tigers held a slim 10-9 halftime advantage over the mighty Green Wave of Tulane.

Behind the Tigers, there are a handful of talented teams playing poor football along with a few mediocre teams playing decent football. Alabama got off to a hot start but has since dropped consecutive games to Georgia and Florida State. Once-ballyhooed quarterback John Parker Wilson is beginning to resemble a deficient race-horse who has incredible bloodlines but has yet to pay off at the gate.

Auburn's season looked on the brink of collapse before freshman kicker Wes Byrum's 43-yard field goal as time expired lifted the Tigers to a 20-17 road victory over Florida. The maddening inconsistency of this team leaves them as the only true wild-card in the division.

Arkansas's offense has been downright

painful to watch. While they have two of the finest tailbacks in college football, including Heisman Trophy candidate Darren McFadden, their passing attack is atrocious. A frustrated Razorback fan remarked that starting quarterback Casey Dick "couldn't kill our receivers with a hand grenade," and he's right.

Mississippi State coach Sylvester Croom saved his job for the time being with a shocking road victory over Auburn, and while the Bulldogs don't have the talent or the depth to compete in all of their remaining games, they could wind up bowl eligible. Stranger things have happened.

The only known quantity in the West is Mississippi, and only because they're clearly the worst team in the conference.

The Eastern division is a total mystery. Kentucky is currently on top, but it's only had one conference test. The comeback road victory over Arkansas thrust this team into the national spotlight, but they've gotten way too much credit for beating a vastly-overrated Louisville team at home.

The Wildcats' porous run defense (104th out of 119 teams in Division 1-A) will cost them dearly, especially with a brutal stretch of games against South Carolina on the road followed by home dates with LSU and Florida. This UK squad likely won't be better than third in the division before it's all said and done.

Georgia is skirting along below the radar, having won three in a row since a disappointing home loss to South Carolina. Sophomore quarterback Matthew Stafford is beginning to show signs of being a great quarterback. Their season will hinge on a crucial three-game road trip that includes visits to Knoxville, here to Nashville for Homecoming, and then to Jacksonville, where they will take on the Gators.

At South Carolina, the Ol' Ball Coach Steve Spurrier appears to have assembled an athletic and talented squad, but old mistakes and injuries could endanger what was shaping up to be a dream season for this team. A season-ending injury to All-Conference linebacker Jasper Brinkley suffered in the loss to LSU could potentially be devastating.

The Gators youth movement was exposed after getting tagged at home by



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Nick Saban's Crimson Tide are just one of several Southeastern Conference teams that have been up and down.

Auburn, and the puzzling loss raises some concerns. Among them is why coach Urban Meyer abandoned his thus-far resilient running game in the second half against the Tigers.

Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer has seen better days on Rocky Top, and he's looking at a make-or-break game this weekend against Georgia. The Vols' offense has sputtered at times, partially due to injury, and their defense is even more worrisome.

Finally, we come to Vanderbilt, the traditional punching bag of the conference. They'll need to replicate at least one upset of the prior two seasons, and that can only happen if junior quarterback Chris Nickson settles down and stops forcing throws.

Besides that, the defense is looking to be the best in Johnson's six-year tenure and if the running game stays strong behind an experienced offensive line, the Commodores have a chance to go to their first bowl game since 1982.

All in all, the conference is full of incredible potential, but it's anyone's guess which teams will end up in Atlanta for the SEC Championship Game. ■

SEC POWER RANKINGS Compiled by Eric Silver

	1. LSU 5-0 (2-0 SEC) After a shaky start, the Tigers routed Tulane last Saturday and now turn their attention to the reeling Gators.
	2. Kentucky 5-0 (1-0) No, we're not talking Wildcat basketball. The footballers from Kentucky are for real, beating hapless Florida Atlantic 45-17 last weekend.
	3. South Carolina 4-1 (2-1) The Gamecocks proved they can win no matter who they put in at quarterback; freshman Chris Smelley played well for a second straight week after replacing shaky starter Blake Mitchell.
	4. Florida 4-1 (2-1) Nobody was expecting the Gators to lose to Auburn, but they'll have to bounce back and beat LSU this week in order to keep their national title defense alive.
	5. Georgia 4-1 (2-1) After a few up-and-down seasons, Thomas Brown has been waiting a while for a big game. He finally had one last weekend against Ole Miss, torching the Rebels for 180 yards on just 16 carries.
	6. Tennessee 2-2 (0-1) Granted, the Vols are 2-2, but both of their losses have come from teams now ranked in the top 10.
	7. Auburn 3-2 (1-1) After upsetting Florida, the Tigers have to be careful not to suffer a letdown against the Commodores this weekend.
	8. Alabama 3-2 (2-1) The Tide didn't roll against Florida State last weekend, as Bama proved it remains a work in progress under Nick Saban.
	9. Arkansas 2-2 (0-2) The Razorbacks won a cakewalk against the Mean Green of North Texas, as Heisman candidate Darren McFadden rushed for 138 yards in just one half of action.
	10. Vanderbilt 3-1 (1-1) Who would have guessed that the Commodores are ranked 17th in the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision in scoring defense and total defense and 11th nationally in passing defense?
	11. Mississippi State 3-2 (1-2) That win against Auburn has begun to look like an aberration, as the Bulldogs passed for a paltry 118 yards in a 17-point loss to South Carolina.
	12. Ole Miss 1-4 (0-3) Give the Rebels credit for hanging with Florida on Saturday despite just 37 yards from BenJarvus Green-Ellis.

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SEC Statistics

SCORING OFFENSE (POINTS PER GAME)

- 1. Kentucky 46.6
- 2. Arkansas 44.8
- 8. Vanderbilt 28.0

TURNOVER MARGIN

- 1. LSU +11
- 2. Kentucky +7
- 3. Vanderbilt +4

SCORING DEFENSE (POINTS ALLOWED)

- 1. LSU 6.4
- 2. South Carolina 15.6
- 3. Vanderbilt 16.2

PUNTING (NET AVERAGE)

- 1. Auburn 38.9 yards
- 2. Georgia 38.8 yards
- 12. Vanderbilt 29.3 yards

PASS DEFENSE (YARD PER GAME)

- 1. South Carolina 106.4
- 2. LSU 135.6
- 3. Vanderbilt 157.5

RECEPTIONS PER GAME

- 1. Earl Bennett (VU) 9.25
- 2. Keenan Burton (UK) 6.00
- 3. Lucas Taylor, (UT) 6.00

TOTAL DEFENSE:

- 1. LSU—174.6 yards per game
- 2. Vanderbilt—279.0 yards per game
- 3. Georgia—303.2 yards per game

INTERCEPTIONS

- 1. Craig Steltz (LSU) 4
- 2. DJ Moore (VU) 3
- 3. Eight tied with... 2

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