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THE WALL

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TODAY

Jim Cooper lecture

Jim Cooper, D-Nashville, will meet with Vanderbilt students interested in careers in health professions for an in-depth discussion about health care policy in the Student Life Center Ballroom from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

VISAGE information session

VISAGE will hold a session from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Global Education Office. VISAGE is a new and distinctive Vanderbilt experiential program that includes summer service work abroad in South Africa, Australia or Nicaragua. Learn more at www.vanderbilt.edu/geo/visage.html.

WEDNESDAY

Chancellor search

Students are invited to attend a Chancellor Search Committee listening session from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in Flynn Auditorium at the Law School.

THIS WEEK

Homecoming Week

Homecoming Week activities include a blood drive, scavenger hunt, an "I'm a Dore, I'm a Dawg" contest, service day, Stomp Fest, Commodore Quake and more. Visit the Vanderbilt Programming Board Web site for a complete schedule.

THIS WEEK

Blanket drive

The Student Recreation Center will host a blanket drive this week and next week to give back to the community. All blankets will be donated to the local mission.

THIS WEEK

Intramural registration

Sign up for the intramural racquetball league or inner-tube water polo this week. Registration will be accepted in the Office of Campus Recreation located on the second floor of the Student Recreation Center from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is a \$10 forfeit fee payable by cash only. Play begins Oct. 24.

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

Three things ...

... students *wish* Vanderbilt had

by SYDNEY WILMER
Asst. News Editor

1. Off-campus housing

Vanderbilt is a residential campus, meaning students live on campus for four years. Though a larger-than-usual freshman class provided many upperclassmen with the opportunity to live off campus this year, off-campus housing looks like an unlikely option for current underclassmen.

"It looks like our class won't get a chance to live off campus," said sophomore Stephanie Rouch.

But that is not necessarily something to look forward to.

"I think it would be nice if we could leave school behind when we head home for the night," she said.



2. Better parking

Often students struggle to find parking. Freshmen are not permitted to park on campus, and parking for sophomores is considered a "privilege," according to the university undergraduate parking policy, so spaces are limited.

Many park at Terrace Place parking garage, which feels like too long of a trek for sophomore Jennifer Baird.

"The point of having a car is to be able to get around quickly and easily, but when you have to walk 20 minutes to get to it, what's the point?" Baird said. "I feel juniors should switch to Terrace Place because it is generally closer to where they live."

But even upperclassmen, like senior Erik Schneibel, said there are too few convenient places to park.

"Once you find a good place to park, you don't ever want to leave," he said. "But the point of having a car is that you can use it easily."

3. More respect and name recognition nationwide



Vanderbilt fell this year in the U.S. News & World Report rankings, and this troubles many students.

"I feel like there is definitely an Ivy League bias, and the fact that we are in Nashville doesn't help," said junior Fred Adom. "Emory and Vanderbilt have Ivy League quality, but because we aren't officially labeled we are not as recognizable."

Sophomore Jennifer Baird agreed.

"Respect — we definitely don't get it. My friends back in New Mexico don't know what a great school Vanderbilt is."

And the university's stereotype often precedes it.

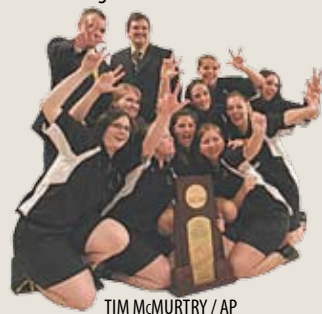
"I think we are viewed as a bunch of rich kids," said sophomore Madeline Aguilard.

... students say Vanderbilt finally has

1. A national championship

The bowling team pulled through with Vanderbilt's first national championship this spring, giving some athletic recognition to a university known for its academics.

"I feel like it gives some kinds of athletic credit, especially since they are trying to improve the athletic program," said sophomore Madeline Aguilard.



TIM McMURTRY / AP

2. Starbucks

Starbucks opened in the Student Life Center earlier this year.

"I always used to complain that Vanderbilt didn't have a coffee shop," said senior Perry Peterson.

"It seems like something you would expect on a college campus," said sophomore Sarah Sharp. "It really is a staple for college students."



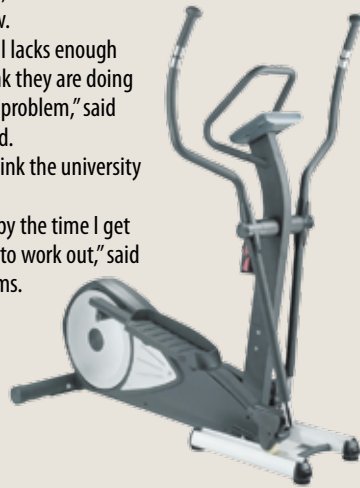
3. A workout facility on Peabody

For Peabody residents, the trek to the gym is much shorter now.

"I think Vanderbilt still lacks enough workout space, but I think they are doing their best to address the problem," said sophomore Jennifer Baird.

Other students still think the university needs to step it up.

"I live in Kissam, and by the time I get to the gym, I don't want to work out," said freshman Arlonzo Williams.



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Students practice spending habits with the Card

by ADAM WEINSTEIN
Staff Reporter

The Commodore Card gives many students their first plastic experience — and all the convenience, power and responsibility that comes with it.

Though easy to use, the Card may not promote healthy spending habits among students.

Students' spending is capped by how much money they or their parents put on the Card, but parents may not question students when it comes time to reload money.

"We don't want to give the perception

that we're trying to get as much money out of the student as possible," said Rick Wood, director of the Commodore Card Office. "They're already paying a good deal of money to attend Vanderbilt."

Two other restrictions make the Card less flexible than a credit card — the Card does not allow payments as a way to renew funds, and there are only so many places a student can spend money with the Card.

But this has begun to change. More restaurants and shops in Nashville take the Card as an accepted form of payment.

"There has been expansion of ways that students can use the Card," said economics professor Malcolm Getz, "and that presumably expands

spending a bit, and in turn, that requires more student discipline when they plan their expenditures."

Plastic money can be a great convenience to students as well as a great hazard.

Right now, college students average \$1,035 in credit card debt. Much of

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Average credit card debt of college students:

\$1,035



Discuss the perils of credit card debt by commenting on InsideVandy.com

University violence in Tennessee provokes government conference

Isolated incidents do not directly affect Vanderbilt.

Recent violence at Tennessee universities prompted a meeting between Gov. Phil Bredesen and the Board of Regents to discuss increased awareness and security measures.

These incidents include the beating of a freshman at Middle Tennessee State University, fired shots and a dorm invasion on the Tennessee State University campus and the fatal shooting of University of Memphis football player Taylor Bradford.

Bradford was shot and killed outside his residence hall last Sunday night, and police have yet to identify the killer.

"We welcome moral support and encouragement from other Tennessee universities, and (we hope) other schools will realize that you can never prevent what will happen, even in safe places," said Curt Guenther, public relations director for the University of Memphis.

The University of Memphis has increased the number of police on bikes and car patrols near residence halls, on-campus apartments and on the pedestrian interior of the campus. Campus police also have formed advisory groups that will meet with the administration to consult on security issues. The administration also will work to improve emergency systems to ensure every precaution is taken to prevent further events.

The recent violence

—To listen to a podcast of student opinions on the recent violence at local universities, go to:



reminds students violence can happen on any college campus but does not necessarily mean campus security and emergency systems are failing.

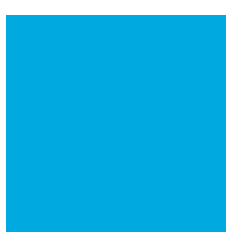
At Vanderbilt we have a first-rate police department and extensive security we implement every day, and these incidents do not represent a systemic breakdown in collegiate security, said Michael Schoenfeld, vice chancellor for public affairs.

"We have a good record for crime prevention despite being in the middle of a very large city, and our main focus will continue to be to minimize risk and vulnerability and to ensure that we can respond swiftly to any emergency that may occur," Schoenfeld said.

Many students agree with the notion that the incidents on other campuses were isolated events that do not directly affect Vanderbilt.

"I think at Vanderbilt we just have to be careful and take care of each other," said freshman Ben Kahn, "but I think that just because it happens at two or three other colleges in Tennessee does not mean that it's going to happen to us." ■

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WEATHER

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TUESDAY



Isolated T-Storms, 85/54

WEDNESDAY



Sunny, 73/48

THURSDAY



Sunny, 67/47

VUPD CRIME LOG

compiled by REBECCA TYRRELL

Wednesday, Oct. 3, 7:05 p.m.: Subject was stopped at 23rd and Blakemore avenues for driving with an expired tag. A license check then showed the license was suspended.

Wednesday, Oct. 3, 10:44 p.m.: Subject ran a stop sign near Vanderbilt Place and 24th Avenue. Upon stop, the subject ran the vehicle up onto a curb. The subject smelled of alcohol, was unable to complete a Standardized Field Sobriety Test and was arrested for DUI and implied consent.

Thursday, Oct. 4, 12:57 a.m.: Subject was arrested at 401 21st Ave. for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and was charged with DUI.

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

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IN THE KNOW

The news you need — in brief

compiled by REBECCA TYRRELL

WORLD

Intruders at Paris' Orsay damage a Monet

Intruders entered the Orsay Museum early Sunday and punched a hole in a renowned work by Impressionist painter Claude Monet, the French culture minister said. She described the damage as an attack on "our memory, our patrimony."

A surveillance camera caught a group entering the museum, which houses a major collection of Impressionist art on the Left Bank of the French capital along the Seine River.

An alarm sounded and the group left, but not before damaging an invaluable painting, "Le Pont d'Argenteuil," an aide to Culture Minister Christine Albanel said by telephone.

No arrests were immediately made. Albanel told France-Info radio the painting could be restored, but she deplored the attack.

"This splendid Monet painting punched right in the middle," the minister said with emotion.

According to the aide, a 4-inch tear was made in the Monet. The official, not authorized to speak publicly on the matter, asked not to be named.

SOURCE: AP

Koreas look down tricky road to peace

On a July morning a lifetime ago, two generals, one in American khaki, the other in North Korean drab, strode into a makeshift building in a no-man's-land, took their seats at separate tables and signed the papers put before them. They left after just 12 minutes, without a handshake, without a word.

The papers said it all: The warring armies would cease fire that night "in the interest of stopping the Korean conflict, with its great toil of suffering and bloodshed."

The armistice agreement signed in 1953 at Panmunjom, Korea, did stop the fighting, but it did not start the peace. Now the last generations to remember the "great toil" may see their war truly come to an end, if the two Koreas achieve the peace settlement proposed last week by their leaders.

But a peace treaty is a necessary step toward finally moving beyond the all-devouring 1950-53 war, a conflict that left the two Koreas a wasteland of bombed-out towns and cities, downed bridges, severed rail lines, flattened factories and schools, with millions of homeless, destitute people.

SOURCE: AP

NATION

Number of homeless families rises

About 1,800 homeless families were in Massachusetts shelters last week — up from 1,400 in June 2006 and just under 1,200 in June 2005, according to state figures. There are more families in shelters now than at any time since the inception of the state's family shelter program in 1983, according to the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless.

State officials blame a wide range of problems — from cuts in assistance to the recent housing crisis.

"We're very concerned that this is going to keep going," said Julia Kehoe, commissioner of the state Department of Transitional Assistance.

Massachusetts is one of the few states that keeps government records of the number of homeless families in shelters because state law requires the Commonwealth to shelter any family that meets income and other guidelines. The state keeps a daily count to show how many beds it needs, said Robyn Frost, executive director of the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless.

SOURCE: AP

Man charged in Philadelphia ATM killings

A convicted bank robber charged with killing two armored car guards had spotted the vehicle on the road and followed it to an ATM, where he opened fire, a homicide detective said Saturday.

Mustafa Ali, 36, of Philadelphia, executed the two retired Philadelphia police officers without saying a word, police have said.

"He follows the truck, he sees an opportunity and he takes it," said the detective, who worked on the case but requested anonymity because he is not a supervisor and is not authorized to comment publicly.

Ali owned the dark Acura used in the heist, although the FBI had not been able to glean the license plate number from the surveillance film, the detective said. Ali instead became a suspect because of tips called in from the public.

Commissioner Sylvester Johnson, whose department has struggled to solve murder cases amid a "stop snitching" culture among criminals and witnesses, thanked the public for stepping up in this case.

SOURCE: AP

CAMPUS

Vanderbilt professor Peter Cummings to receive the 2007 AIChE Nanoscale Science and Engineering Forum Award

Peter Cummings, John R. Hall Professor of Chemical Engineering at Vanderbilt, will receive the 2007 American Institute of Chemical Engineers Nanoscale Science and Engineering Forum Award at the institute's annual meeting in November.

The award recognizes outstanding contributions to the advancement of nanoscale science and engineering in the field of chemical engineering through scholarship, education or service.

Cummings is being honored "for outstanding research accomplishments and national leadership in computational nanoscience," according to the award citation. Nanoscience refers to the study of matter as small as one billionth of a meter.

As principal scientist at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory's Center for Nanophase Materials Sciences and director of the laboratory's Nanomaterials Theory Institute, Cummings oversees a team of scientists and engineers working to develop new materials to be used in medicine, electronics and a wide variety of industrial applications.

SOURCE: VANDERBILT NEWS SERVICE

Q&A



MOHAMMAD ROZLAN

compiled by Allie Morris

Mohammad Rozlan, a junior mechanical engineering major, talks about his experience working as a reeve at the Branscomb desk for roughly 12 hours a week, typically during the 12 a.m. to 4 a.m. weekend shift.

THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER: What is the most common excuse used to get into Branscomb?

MOHAMMAD ROZLAN: Typically the kids say that they want to visit some friends, but we have some tight security so only kids with IDs usually make it inside the building.

VH: What is the weirdest thing a student has said to you?

MR: One time I had a religious discussion with a student. We talked about our different views and I, and I think he did too, learned about a different religion. A lot of people talk to me about their studies. Sometimes they just say "Hi," and we have a chat.

VH: Have you ever hung out with a student in Branscomb?

MR: Sometimes I meet up with kids or see Branscomb students out at other places.

VH: What is the most comical experience you have had on duty?

MR: One time a guy came to see me complaining he couldn't get a Vandy Van back to (Towers). He was yelling that the driver wouldn't let him on, so security went out front with him to straighten it out and then came back in to tell me that the kid was totally drunk and trying to ride a cab, thinking it was the Vandy Van, to Towers.

SNAPSHOT

NAVY ROTC DRESSES FOR DINNER



BEN GOTOW / The Vanderbilt Hustler

General Robert Magnus, assistant commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, speaks to current Navy ROTC students Friday at Marine Corps Mess Night, a formal dining event. Magnus, a four-star general and the second-highest ranking officer in the Marines, was the guest of honor.

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Tuesday, October 9th
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Scavenger Hunt
Throughout Campus
Homecoming Marketing
Sarratt Promenade, 11am-1pm
Free Give-aways
"I'm a Dore, I'm a Dawg" Contest, Produced by Apple

Wednesday, October 10th
Blood Drive
Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, 2nd Floor
Theater Conference Room 7am-5pm
Scavenger Hunt
Throughout Campus
Homecoming Marketing
Sarratt Promenade, 11am-1pm
Free Give-aways
"I'm a Dore, I'm a Dawg" Contest, Produced by Apple
Club Commodore
Student Life Center, Ballrooms A & B
DJ Papa Squirrel
9-11pm

Thursday, October 11th
Blood Drive
Branscomb Rec Room 10am-6pm
Scavenger Hunt
Throughout Campus
"I'm a Dore, I'm a Dawg" Contest
Sarratt Promenade, 11am-1pm
Produced by Apple
Service Day
2-5pm
Sponsored by Vanderbilt Student Government
Stompfest
Memorial Gym 7pm
Produced by Greek Life

Friday, October 12th
Blood Drive
Branscomb Rec Room 10am-6pm
Scavenger Hunt
Throughout Campus
Flood Building Party
Kensington Ave 2-5pm
Commodore Quake
Memorial Gymnasium
Show at 8pm (doors open at 7pm)
Performers: Kanye West, Gusser, and Brett Dennen
Produced by The Music Group

Saturday, October 13th
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12 pm
Vanderbilt v. Georgia Football Game
Dudley Field
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Halftime

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Musicians 'share the world'



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Shannon Thomas, an alumna of the Blair School of Music, returned to lead the Vanderbilt String Orchestra Friday night in the "Share the World" concert, a part of the Global Music Series. The event brought together several Vanderbilt groups, the Nashville Chinese Arts Alliance and the Chinese Musicians' Association of Beijing.

Social skills spur success

by **BRYAN EDER**
Contributing Reporter

Stephen Elliott, a Peabody College professor, co-authored a book that aims to improve elementary school learning by reforming students' social behavior.

The Social Skills Improvement System Classwide Intervention Program provides teachers with a clear system of teaching 10 basic social skills that increase learning.

Elliott and co-author Louisiana State University professor Frank Gresham have researched the relationship between social behavior and learning in the school classroom for the past 20 years.

This research has shown productivity in the classroom and students' social behavior are inseparable.

"What we have found is that kids who were more socially skilled consistently performed better in school," Elliott said. "We started characterizing social skills as an academic enabling set of behaviors. They don't make you smarter, but they allow you to spend your energy engaged in learning."

Improving students' social skills increases the learning ability of each student individually and productivity in the classroom by minimizing disruptions and maximizing learning time, they found.

Social skills can be taught easily and effectively in the classroom,

Elliott said.

"We went about designing an instrument called a social skills rating scale. And that actually opened up the door to designing more treatment programs, which enabled us to actually teach the behaviors we measured," Elliott said.

TOP 10 SOCIAL SKILLS STUDENTS NEED TO SUCCEED

1. Listen to others.
2. Follow the steps.
3. Follow the rules.
4. Ignore distractions.
5. Ask for help.
6. Take turns when you talk.
7. Get along with others.
8. Stay calm.
9. Be responsible for your behavior.
10. Do nice things for others.

The program shows students examples of proper social behavior.

Critics contend the school curriculum does not allow enough time for the program. But Elliott said teachers already teach social skills in class, and his program would direct that instruction.

"If you are in front of a class, you are already teaching social skills. You're modeling," he said. "You're showing how to deal with frustrations, how to solve problems. You might as well do this systematically." ■

CREDIT CARDS: VU protects students

From **CREDIT CARDS**, page 1

that stems from students accepting offers from credit card companies soliciting university students.

"Certainly college students get many applications to sign up for credit cards," Getz said. "These are people who have no visible means of support, no net income,

and their credit worthiness has to be subject to question."

Many companies receive a list of students' names from universities, but Getz said the university has the safety of students foremost in its mind.

"Vanderbilt guards its list of students very carefully," he said, "and I do not believe that a credit

card company would come easily into possession of it or would get any support from the university in soliciting students for credit cards."

Regardless, Getz feels students here handle their finances better overall.

"Our students are generally bright, capable people, and

they manage their affairs very well, and I'm sure that will be as important in the future as it is today." ■

—To listen to excerpts from the interview with Getz, go to:



Genius grant given to leader of Posse Foundation

by **REBECCA TYRRELL**
Asst. News Editor

The MacArthur Foundation recently awarded a genius grant worth \$500,000 to a woman who has helped diversify colleges around the nation, including Vanderbilt.

Deborah Bial, president and founder of Posse Foundation — an organization that helps identify and select student leaders from public high schools to form multicultural teams called "posses" — became one of 24 to win the coveted grant this year.

The MacArthur Fellows Program awards unrestricted fellowships to individuals who have shown originality and dedication in their pursuits and a capacity for self-direction.

Sandy Stahl, associate dean of students and university liaison with the Posse organization, said the program has been successful at Vanderbilt in part because it was the first school to participate.

"We're in the business of educating young people to be engaged citizens and leaders," Stahl said. "Posse reinforces leadership development."

Bial started the Posse program in New York in 1989, and the first posse arrived at Vanderbilt that same year. Participating institutions admit one new posse each year, promising the students full-tuition scholarships through graduation.

Bial developed the organization after one talented high school student she worked with dropped out of college because he did not have

his support system, or "posse," with him.

"Some people say your posse is like your second family, and my posse has certainly been that for me," said junior Anna Hus. "They're my best friends, and they have made a huge difference in how my college experience has been shaped."

Posses, generally composed of about 10 students who have been nominated by their high schools, undergo a series of interviews and meetings designed to reveal their leadership potential, ability to work in teams, creativity, problem-solving skills and openness to diversity.

"They really go beyond the paper," said Jeanette Lugo, a junior and member of the 16th posse here. "They have you engage in activities that seem childish, like playing with Legos, but that are really testing your leadership and communication abilities."

Posses then meet eight months prior to college, for weekly workshops designed to train them to be successful college students and strong leaders.

The workshops focus on team building and group support, cross-cultural communication, leadership and academic excellence, but also address personal challenges such as financial management and adapting to college life.

"The program certainly allowed for an easier transition into college," said junior Lillian Lam. "We all became really close. The point is to provide support for one another; not just academic support, but emotional support." ■

Desserts sweeten annual philanthropy event



MICHAEL SCHOPP / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Belmont freshmen Elisabeth Oliphint and Brent Buuse enjoy the chocolate fountain Friday evening at Alpha Chi Omega sorority's fall benefit, How Sweet it is to be Alpha Chi. The event, held in the Student Life Center, benefited domestic violence awareness.

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OUR VIEW

Scandal proves value of transparency

In an editorial entitled, “VSG transparency beneficial to students,” the Hustler editorial board this month renewed its call for the governing bodies of our university to be as transparent as possible. This week, another university, Oral Roberts University, seems to be experiencing the ramifications that arise from a lack of transparency.

While Oral Roberts and Vanderbilt are not universities we believe should generally be compared, the problems Oral Roberts currently finds itself faced with could happen at any university. In fact, The Wall Street Journal tried to create a very similar kind of controversy here at Vanderbilt

only a year ago regarding our former chancellor’s spending habits.

Oral Roberts President Richard Roberts stands accused of, among other crimes, lavish spending at donors’ expense, including excessive remodeling projects. His home has been remodeled 11 times in 14 years. And the list of abuses goes on.

This list of offenses became public only because a student repairing Roberts’ sister-in-law’s computer found on it an internal document cataloging these ethical lapses.

One senior, Cornell Cross, told The Associated Press he wants to transfer because this brewing scandal has “severely devalued and hurt the

reputation of (his) degree.” He added, “We have asked and asked and asked to see the finances of our school and what they’re doing with our money, and we’ve been told no. Now we know why. As a student, I’m not going to stand for it any longer.”

The more transparent a university makes their spending and action all levels, the less room officials have to commit such abuses. Ultimately, the freedom to restrict transparency granted to officials will come back to hurt not only them but the entire university. This latest scandal simply serves as a reminder of what happens when this simple truth is forgotten.

COLUMN

Ahmadinejad would pollute the minds of students

CHRIS DAVIS
Guest Columnist

First, I want to warmly applaud Eve Attermann’s recent letter to The Hustler, “Ahmadinejad would not be welcome here.” Attermann is completely right when she says we shouldn’t pollute the ears and minds of our fellow students with hate. For one, I believe in fighting fascism wherever it exists, whether in its classical ethnically German form or in the form which now threatens world peace, Islamofascism. While it’s not politically correct to speak out against Islamofascism, I for one believe it is essential because it affects everyone. While the Republicans are now treading toward war with Iran, I think liberals should also know Iranian society is an exact replica of Germany in the 1930s — nationalistic, religious, fiercely conservative. And let me just say here I am not singling out the Iranian people, for I know many good Iranians who would welcome benevolent laws — laws protecting those of other faiths, laws protecting homosexuals and laws protecting women. Also I do not believe Iran is the sole evil of the world. There are many destabilizing forces in this world — for example, China invaded Tibet in 1950 and has occupied it ever since; China is also about to host the Olympics (those of us well versed in history will remember that Hitler invaded Poland and was soon after hosting the Olympics in 1936) — but perhaps I’ll discuss this in a different letter.

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I wish I didn’t have to write a column like this one, but recent events leave me no choice. Ahmadinejad may find it inconceivable we need to stand up for our rights and the rights of people around the world. If we look beyond Ahmadinejad’s delusions of grandeur, we could see he is careless with data, makes all sorts of causal interpretations of things without any real justification, has a way of combining disparate ideas that don’t seem to hang together, seems to show a sort of pride in his own biases, gets into all sorts of catty speculation and then makes no effort to test his speculations. His arguments would be a lot more effective if they were at least accurate or intelligent and not spoken for the sake of being controversial. But it’s worse: Ahmadinejad claims his hate speeches and vociferous denials of the Holocaust are Holy Writ. This claim is, of course, preposterous.

Ahmadinejad keeps telling us his double standards are our final line of defense against tyranny. Are we also supposed to believe “metanarratives” are the root of tyranny, lawlessness, overpopulation, racial hatred, world hunger, disease and rank stupidity? I didn’t think so.

The Holocaust is known as a fact throughout the world and was perpetrated by a nationalist, conservative Catholic madman bent on expansionistic politics. I believe it is obvious Ahmadinejad shares the same convictions with the exception he practices the Islamic faith. Ahmadinejad dreams of returning to a time when he can freely preach

Please see DAVIS, page 5

SOUND BYTES

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

How do you feel about the MLB playoffs?

“As long as the Cubs and the Yankees don’t win, I’ll be happy. I’m a loyal Chicago White Sox fan, and I don’t believe that the Cubs curse is ready to expire yet. They haven’t done enough to demonstrate as a team that they deserve the title of World Series Champions. And, obviously, it’s more fun to hate the Yankees than to root for them.”

—**Alyse Andalman, junior, A&S**

“The Cubs lost! One hundred years! I am ecstatic!”

—**Rosie Donohue, senior, A&S**

“I really don’t know anything about baseball, and I’m not sure I care.”

—**Jennifer Nearhood, sophomore, A&S**

“College football is better.”

—**Adrian Jaime, junior, A&S**



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COLUMN

Speakers invited to campus should meet certain criteria

REEVE HAMILTON
Opinion Editor

Surprisingly, no issue this semester has sparked as much dialogue, in print or on InsideVandy.com, as Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad’s lecture at Columbia University. The debate began as, and has generally focused on, the hypothetical question of whether or not Ahmadinejad should be allowed to speak at Vanderbilt. Ultimately, Vanderbilt is not located in the same city as the United Nations and cannot invite someone like Ahmadinejad to stop by our university when he happens in the country, so this particular lecture will never happen here. However, it does raise the interesting matter of what we should look for in guest speakers at our university, and as a co-chair of Vanderbilt University Speakers Committee, I would like to share my thoughts on the issue.

Many students recently attended VUSC’s first event of the year, a lecture with Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield, the founders of popular ice cream manufacturing company Ben & Jerry’s Homemade Holdings Inc. While Cohen and Greenfield did provide free ice cream for everyone in attendance, which is a fun bonus that does not accompany most speaking events, they were not brought for this purpose. Cohen and Greenfield managed to create an incredibly successful business as committed to environmental protection and community development as it was to making a profit. By bringing to Vanderbilt the most knowledgeable people on how to implement this radical business philosophy, VUSC provided an event that was informative, entertaining, memorable and relevant to a broad population of students, whether they are interested in business, environmentalism, community activism, ice cream or all of the above.

This is what we should look for in guest speakers at our university. Honestly, I personally believe Ahmadinejad would fulfill most of the criteria in that he is one of the most knowledgeable figures on relations between United States and Iran and would definitely be memorable and relevant. However,

radically extreme speakers of this nature are often predictable in their content and only exacerbate pre-existing divisions on campus, hindering their ability to convey information to students. For example, three years ago, Ann Coulter and Al Sharpton came to Vanderbilt together and put on quite a show, but nobody in attendance really learned anything. The best speaker will have in-depth experience with an issue as well as the capability to share their views in a civil forum. It is only this last point in which I think Ahmadinejad may be lacking.

At the same time, students should not refuse to attend speakers simply because they anticipate that the views expressed will not affirm or correspond to their own, nor should they misunderstand the purpose of these events. The act of inviting an individual to speak on campus does not necessarily legitimize their views; it merely recognizes their position with regards to a certain issue is worthy of discussion and evaluation by the student body. Columbia University president Lee Bollinger failed to realize this important point, which is why he frantically and rudely sought to delegitimize Ahmadinejad in his introduction, thus destroying any value the event may have had before it even began.

While Ahmadinejad’s leadership can, and should, certainly be questioned and scrutinized, his opinion in the realm of world politics is certainly important and worth knowing. However, there are other issues in the world besides Iranian relations. Cohen and Greenfield, for example, provided insight into the issue of corporate social responsibility in a way few other individuals could. VUSC will continue to strive to bring individuals with firsthand experience of a wide range of important social issues that can express themselves in interesting and, hopefully, entertaining ways. Ahmadinejad will certainly not be among them, if for no other reason than the logistics of getting this particular speaker here are so impossible the time and energy are much better spent pursuing other options.

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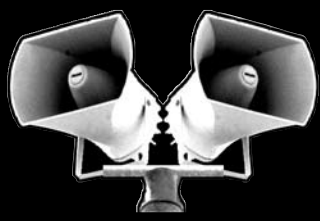
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THE RANT



What is on your mind? The Rant is your place to anonymously sound off on any issue you want. Send in your rants with the subject "Rant" to: opinion@vanderbilthustler.com

Compiled by Reeve Hamilton

"Why do people complain about the lack of very minor amenities at Vanderbilt with the sorry punch line, 'We pay enough to go here in the first place.'? I think everyone can live without a pom-pom at a football game or another side at Lunch Paper. I would rather my money pay for better professors or improved facilities, something Vanderbilt and I will be grateful for in the long run. I do agree we make a huge investment in attending Vanderbilt, so why not put that investment to the best use?"

"I'm glad my \$50 parking ticket can help fund VUPD's fleet of new cars and Segways. Seriously, where on this campus can they even use that much horsepower?"

"That is one shoddy paving job on 25th Avenue. If you're going to tear up the road, at least do a good job when you finish it."

"Hey, Dining, thanks for reading 'The Rant' and paying attention to what students say here! I guess this is an un-rant."

"Sorority benefits are nothing but useless charades meant not for philanthropy but for recruiting freshmen."

"Record-high temperatures in early October? I'd really like to not sweat every time I step outside. Global warming, anyone?"

DAVIS: First Amendment does not protect hate speech by foreign leaders

From DAVIS, page 4
 hatred. That's the way it'll happen if we don't interfere, if we continue to give him legitimacy by putting him up on a pulpit or podium. I will say people don't need to hear him speak "in the spirit of debate" to know what this man is about. They can simply open a newspaper or turn on their TV and learn everything they need to know.

Also, after browsing InsideVandy, I was quite displeased to discover there are radical rightist elements lurking in the midst of our very own campus. Hasn't our community suffered enough from the crimes perpetrated by these individuals? If our student body has learned one thing from the horrific hate crime committed against two gay students by two homophobes, it is that there should be

no tolerance of intolerance. I find those who advocate "tolerance" of an intolerant man like Ahmadinejad to be completely off base with such a ludicrous suggestion. It is unacceptable that these suggestions were made, and I remind readers the First Amendment was never designed to protect hate speech. I have come to the conclusion we must courageously fight off these influences in academia, in order for a safer, more tolerant campus.

In conclusion, let me reiterate my thanks to Attermann for her wonderfully written letter and mention my solidarity with all those who are in the unending battle against intolerance and brutal dictatorships.

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

((OVERHEARD))

on
insidevandy

Excerpts from bengrimwood's blog:

J.Lo to Announce Pregnancy!!!, Britney Misses First Visitation, & Lohan is baaaaaaack!

IT'S OFFICIAL!!! Page Six reports that an insider hinted that Bronx native Jennifer Lopez, 38, plans to announce tonight at her Madison Square Garden concert that she and husband Marc Anthony will be expecting their first child (or children? I reported the twins rumor too...). A spy at her concert in Connecticut on Wednesday night told Dlisted.com, "A fan blew the side of her top all the way up for a moment, and a definitive baby bump was there. She was very quick to push down her top. Then she talked about how this year is full of firsts for her . . . and every so often her dress would fly up and you would see her belly." (I reported that the other day). The baby bump was just too obvious, J.Lo, homegirl. Come clean! Make peace with yourself!

Britney Spears was supposed to get her first supervised visitation with her boys, Sean Preston, 2, and Jayden James, 1, on Thursday morning, three days after she last saw them, but an insider told Life & Style that things tragically fell apart. The night before, she checked into the Beverly Wilshire hotel. "Early that morning, she realized it wouldn't be right to have her first visit with the boys in a hotel. She needed to see them at home, with their things around them," said the insider. "She and Alli (Sims) headed to Brit's Malibu house. They went to sleep as soon as they got there. Brit was up in plenty of time to prepare for the boys' visit at 10 a.m. But she waited, and waited, and they didn't show up. Alli's cellphone rang, and it was Kevin's people, saying that the boys were going back to Kevin because she hadn't answered the intercom at the gate! Brit didn't realize the intercom wasn't working. She begged them to bring the boys back. But they wouldn't. She was devastated that they wouldn't turn around." Shame. At least it was not because she just skipped out on them completely!

Finally, People magazine confirms that Lindsay Lohan checked out of (vacation!) Cirque Lodge in Utah today, having been there since August. Earlier this week, "Father of the year" Michael Lohan came to visit her and has been there ever since. There is no word on where Lindsay went when she left. "Mother of the year" Dina Lohan (a.k.a. White Oprah) told People this morning, "I'm proud of her. She's moving ahead with her life. Things were getting out of control. She took action. She took responsibility. She really needed to heal." Oh, God ... Lohan is set to return to Hollywood on the 15th to begin production on her new film, "Dare To Love Me." Hopefully this time she will stay out of vaca- um, rehab for good!

More Britney, Clooney & Pfeiffer's Bet, & NEW Spice Girls info!!

In Britney news, Perez Hilton reports that Brit checked herself into a hotel again last night, making it the third time in three nights. Last night, she stayed at the Viceroy in Santa Monica and checked out really early this morning. Spears was also in tears as the paparazzi snapped away. Why is she crying? She lost her kiddies, but she has the No. 3 single in the country! A cause for celebration! (p.s. Her new video has leaked to YouTube. (No Chris Crocker. haha) Check it out!)

Perez Hilton reports that George Clooney has bet Michelle Pfeiffer \$100,000 that he will never marry again. Years ago, Michelle bet Clooney that he would get married. She said the bet has gone from \$100 to \$100,000. She said, "I still think he will, he's a handsome devil." The former "ER" actor and Oscar winner, 46, is currently dating 28-year-old Sarah Larson. This seems like a really serious relationship. I would love to see Miss Pfeiffer (aka Mrs. David E. Kelley) win!

Finally, in Spice Girls (!!!) news, Geri Halliwell appeared on British morning show GMTV this morning and dropped some EXCLUSIVE Spice Girls information! She says the new greatest hits album will hit British stores on November 12, and a NEW SINGLE, "Headlines," will be dropped the following week. These girls are absolute geniuses. By dropping that during holiday season in the UK, they are ensuring a massive hit. (I am obsessed with music chartology.) I would LOVE to see them get another No. 1 over yonder. Here's hoping that they are as successful in the States!

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SPORTS

GAME
BREAK
DOWNGAME BALL:
Brett Upson

Given the team's lackluster performance, we had to get creative here. Brett Upson seemed to finally have his rugby kick down pat, and the coverage was solid for the Commodores. The Tigers were pinned back deep twice inside the 20, where, if the defense could have come up with a big play, maybe a momentum shift could have occurred. We also give props to Myron Lewis for his interception.

PLAY OF THE
GAME

The Commodores came back from a 13-0 deficit to beat Georgia last year, so with the game 14-0 at the end of the first quarter, there was still some hope that things would get better. Then Mario Fannin busted a 22-yard touchdown to make it 21-0 just 36 seconds into the second quarter. The game was over at that point.

STAT OF THE
GAME: 7.1 to
3.2

That's the average yards per play for Auburn and Vandy. You can't beat another SEC team averaging 3.2 yards per play. Should the Commodores have broken out the wideout screen pass from last year's Michigan game to spark something, anything at all?

QUOTE OF
THE GAME

"We're going to examine it closely and first of all examine our competitive nature. We're going to challenge our team. We've got a lot of football to play this year. This is a tough pill to swallow. I thought we'd compete better. I thought we had a chance to come down here and have a great game, and we didn't do either." —Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson

SEC EAST
STANDINGS

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

WEEK 3
SCHEDULE

Georgia at Vanderbilt: (Saturday, 5 p.m.)

LSU at Kentucky: (Saturday 2:30 p.m.)

Tennessee at Mississippi State: (Saturday TBA)

South Carolina at North Carolina: (Saturday 2:30 p.m.)

Florida: Bye Week

Practice to determine starting quarterback

Nickson or Adams could get nod against Georgia, Johnson says.

by JARRED AMATO
Sports Editor

Vanderbilt quarterback Chris Nickson has started 17 consecutive games. Coach Bobby Johnson said Nickson will need a solid week of practice to make it 18.

While Johnson did not say sophomore Mackenzi Adams would replace Nickson as the starter next Saturday against Georgia, he did not rule out the possibility.

"There's a chance that we'll look at making a change at quarterback," Johnson said. "Looking and doing is two different things. That's what practice is for. It allows them to demonstrate who's got the best grasp of the game plan and who's executing it the best. I think (Adams) will probably be getting more reps than he did last week. We'll give him a better chance to win it."

Nickson struggled during the Commodores' 35-7 loss at Auburn Saturday, completing five of 16 passes for 38 yards in the first half before giving way to Adams.

"We're just not executing, especially me," Nickson said. "There's no Xs and Os. It's just not executing."

Johnson offered a more detailed explanation for Nickson's woes.

"Most of it was just a little bit of hesitancy," he said. "I think he had a



Chris Nickson's performance in the Dores' 35-7 loss to Auburn on Saturday may give redshirt sophomore Mackenzi Adams more opportunities for playing time. Coach Bobby Johnson said whichever quarterback performs better in practice will start against Georgia on Saturday.

couple throws and just waited a little bit too late. Once you don't complete a few, I think your confidence goes down a little bit. He's human, just like we all are, and he just didn't play well after that."

Nickson, who has completed 60 of 113 passes for 757 yards along with six

touchdowns and five interceptions this season, said he has not begun doubting himself.

"You've got to have confidence to play football, especially this position," he said. "A lot of guys aren't pleased with the way things went (Saturday), but you've got to

maintain your confidence and keep striving for your goals, and that's what we're going to do."

As Nickson prepares for the Bulldogs, Johnson said the quarterback must trust his abilities.

"I think he's got to believe in himself," he said. "I think he does, but he needs to go ahead and believe in what he's seeing and what's happening out there and go ahead and relax a little bit and just play like he can."

Adams, meanwhile, completed four of nine passes for 24 yards and an interception during the second half against Auburn. Although the numbers were not too impressive, Johnson said he was pleased with the performance.

"He did a good job most of the time of getting us into the right play and making the right checks," he said. "I don't think he was too hesitant. He went out there and played well. He's a competitor, and I think that showed. He got sacked one time, and he just bounced right back up."

With a starting spot up for grabs, Adams and Nickson will have to compete this week in

practice.

"All quarterbacks struggle at some time," Johnson said. "The key is how you react to it, and I think Chris is a competitor, a hard worker, and he'll give his best. I know that. Whether that's going to be good enough, we'll find out." ■

Auburn rout highlights Nickson's failures

Vandy goes three-and-out on five straight possessions.

by ANDREW HARD
Sports Reporter

For the second straight week, Vanderbilt's offense was incapable of maintaining any semblance of consistency.

Unfortunately, the defense couldn't pick up the slack, and the Commodores suffered their ugliest loss in three years Saturday in Auburn.

Under the direction of suddenly erratic quarterback Chris Nickson, Vanderbilt suffered five consecutive drives without a first down while the Tigers rolled in for touchdown after touchdown.

Though their first series started out with promise, the Commodores suddenly hit a brick wall in that decisive first half, no match for Auburn's speed and power on defense.

Vanderbilt's receivers had significant trouble getting open in the middle of the field, and Nickson's numbers were indicative of his miserable performance: 5-for-16 for 38 yards and a second-half benching with the Dores trailing 28-0.

"You can't blame all of the offensive struggles on (Chris)," said coach Bobby Johnson, "but the quarterback position is a very important part of our offense. You don't have to be fantastic; you just have to do the things you're supposed to do."

Nickson was consistently inaccurate in Saturday's first half, overthrowing receivers in key third-down situations even without being pressured.

The most visible player on Vanderbilt's team seems to have regressed significantly this year after such a strong end to the 2006 campaign.

Backup Mackenzi Adams filled in during the second half and didn't fare much better against the Auburn defense, finishing 4-for-9 for only 24 yards. Led by linebackers Chris Evans and Craig Stevens, the Tigers constantly manhandled Vanderbilt's senior offensive line and forced Adams out of the pocket.

A rushing attack that was supposed to be bolstered with the return of Jeff Jennings saw nothing but a wall of white Auburn shirts for most of Saturday.

While all three tailbacks ran for over 30 yards, the ground game did little to move Vanderbilt's offense down the field after that first drive.

"We knew going into this game that we were going to have to stop the run," said Auburn defensive end Antonio Coleman. "That was very important to us and we were able to do that."

In the end, Vanderbilt spent the entire game behind the eight ball after Auburn's initial scoring drive.

Fighting the uphill battle offensively has never been much of a strength for the Commodores, and a defense as stout as Auburn's made sure Saturday was no exception.

Vanderbilt was overmatched, outclassed and clearly less talented on Saturday than Auburn.

The days are gone where the Commodores have to play a perfect game to win in this league, but they'll have to put up a far better offensive effort in order to win any more league games in this season. ■



The Vanderbilt offense had no answer for the hard-hitting Tigers at Jordan-Hare Stadium on Saturday. After losing 35-7, the Commodores have now dropped 13 straight decisions to Auburn.

Soccer wins in thrilling fashion

HUSTLER STAFF REPORT

Vanderbilt's first Southeastern Conference victory could not have come in any sweeter style.

Freshman Molly Kinsella's goal with nine seconds left in double overtime gave the Commodores (4-5-2, 1-1-1 SEC) a 1-0 victory over No. 20 South Carolina on Sunday afternoon. Kinsella's goal was hit in the air from 20 yards out, cleared goalkeeper Laura Armstrong's hands and went into the left side of the net to end the match.

After finishing a five-game road swing 2-2-1, Vanderbilt returns home to play five of its final six regular season contests.

"It is always a thrill to get your first SEC victory, especially on the road against a very tough South Carolina team," said coach Ronnie Coveleskie. "I don't think there is a more exciting way to win a game than in the closing seconds with the clock ticking down."

Vanderbilt's Rachel Bachtel made three saves and recorded her third shutout of the year. Sarah Dennis led the Commodores with three shots, including two on goal. Kinsella now has four

goals on the year, tying Dennis for the team lead.

"We changed our style this week in practice and have gone to a more disciplined defensive strategy," Coveleskie said. "We thought it was more advantageous to work on defense and collectively as a group we played much better. The fact that we were rested by not playing on Friday was also helpful, especially in the second overtime because we were more refreshed and it also helped in our mentality towards the end of the match."

Vanderbilt's game against Florida on Friday was postponed due to persistent rain in Gainesville. The teams will make up that contest Nov. 5.

The Commodores will take on Georgia and Tennessee next weekend at the VU Soccer Complex.

"It has been a very long three weeks with 12 of 21 days spent on the road," Coveleskie said. "We are so happy to get home and will try to regain our footing and get ourselves back into the rhythm we had in the preseason. We hope to build on this emotional high and get back to training and prepare for two more top-20 teams this week." ■

Women's tennis finds success at Hoosier Classic

HUSTLER STAFF REPORT

The women's tennis team concluded play at the Hoosier Classic on Sunday with Caroline Ferrell and Courtney Ulery claiming a win in doubles play.

"I thought overall it was a very good weekend," said coach Geoff Macdonald. "We learned a lot this weekend about what we need to work on. We have some work to do in doubles. A good thing about fall tournaments is you learn what you need to improve on."

After losing their first match, the Commodore duo bounced back in their second match, defeating Milica Veselinovic and Merel Beelan of Iowa 8-2.

On Saturday, the Commodores went 7-0, and Ulery captured the championship in singles flight B.

"I thought today was an excellent

day for our team," Macdonald said. "Courtney Ulery had a great tournament, winning her flight. I saw good growth from our team today, and that's what you look for. Some teams fall back on day two of a tournament, but we really stepped up today and played well."

Ulery won the championship of singles flight B by defeating Cameron Ellis from SEC foe Georgia. Ulery won in straight sets 7-5, 6-3. Keilly Ulery won her match in singles flight A, defeating Jacqueline Lee of Iowa 6-0, 6-0. In the third-place match of singles flight C, Ferrell ousted Myriam Sopol from Indiana 6-2, 6-2.

Junior Liberty Sveke and freshman Katie Kilborn both won in straight sets. The Commodores return to action Oct. 19 to 21 when they host the June Stewart Invitational. ■

WEEKLY REPORT CARD

Compiled by Jonathan Kurzner

Vanderbilt lost a big contest Saturday, dropping their grades in a big way.

F **QUARTERBACKS** The triumvirate of Chris Nickson, Mackenzi Adams and Richard Kovalcheck managed a combined 88 yards in the air. Nickson has lost his confidence and needs to get it back in a hurry.

D **RUNNING BACKS** Cassen Jackson-Garrison (13 carries for 45 yards, one TD) started the game with a nice run but did little after that. Jeff Jennings added 35 yards, and Jared Hawkins chipped in with 41 yards.

D+ **WIDE RECEIVERS** Little production from the wide receivers, but that can be expected when the QBs constantly miss open targets. Earl Bennett (four receptions for 31 yards) became Vanderbilt's career receptions leader and can break the SEC receptions record with seven catches next week.

D **OFFENSIVE LINE** Rushing attack was kept in check, and the QBs faced pressure all day.

F **DEFENSIVE LINE** No pass rush at all on Auburn QB Brandon Cox, and the rushing lanes were enormous for the Auburn running backs.

F **LINEBACKERS** The Vandy linebackers simply could not tackle. Auburn running back Ben Tate ran for 96 yards and two TDs, and Brad Lester added 77 and a TD. In total, Auburn ran for 239 yards and four touchdowns.

C- **DEFENSIVE BACKS** Brandon Cox (14-17 for 165 yards with one TD and one interception) was very accurate with his throws. With the big lead, Auburn kept the ball on the ground, so Cox did not have a huge yardage day. CB Myron Lewis had an interception, and safety Reshard Langford had six tackles.

B **SPECIAL TEAMS** D.J. Moore was solid on kick returns. Punter Brett Upson was mediocre with a 36.3 average on six punts.

F **COACHING** Bobby Johnson's team came out flat and unprepared. Coaches need to get the team focused on tackling. Johnson must decide on a starting QB for next week. Whoever he chooses will face the daunting task of facing an angry Georgia team after their loss to Tennessee.

Tigers have way with Vandy defense**Dores confident they will bounce back against Bulldogs.**by WILL GIBBONS
Senior Sports Reporter

Maybe he had a valid point. Or maybe the frustration was mounting.

There was sophomore cornerback Myron Lewis, jumping up and down in protest, insisting he had knocked the ball out of Auburn tailback Mario Fannin's hands.

"I was hoping (the referee would) throw (the red challenge flag) because I felt deep down in my heart that he didn't cross the line at the time I punched the ball out," Lewis said, hoping to overturn the touchdown and give Vanderbilt a touchback.

The way Auburn was moving the ball on the Vanderbilt defense, combined with the ineffective offensive play, having an extra possession likely wouldn't have amounted to much.

With the score 21-0 with 14:24 left in the second quarter, the game was, for all intents and purposes, over.

Whatever Auburn wanted to do offensively, it did Saturday. The Tigers used a three-running back rotation to rush for a season-high 239 yards.

Brad Lester, back from a suspension, rushed for 77 yards and two touchdowns, while the more powerful Ben Tate ran for 96 yards and one touchdown. Fannin added 54 yards and found the end zone once as well.

"They're good backs, and they ran hard," said Vanderbilt safety Reshard Langford. "They knew what they had to do to win the game, and they gave a good effort. I don't think we did as well as we needed to and gave the effort we needed to win the game."

Brandon Cox completed 14 of 17 passes for 165 yards and a touchdown. He hit on his first seven attempts.

By halftime the score was 28-0, and the Tigers showed mercy in the second half to make the game's final score 35-7.

The Commodore defense was on the field for 18 of the game's first 30 minutes. All this came against a defense that was



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Mario Fannin was one of three Auburn running backs to create problems for the Vanderbilt defense during the Tigers' 35-7 victory Saturday.

ranked 17th nationally in scoring defense and total defense, and 11th in passing defense.

"They came out and thumped us in the first quarter and took control of the football game and never let us get back in it," said coach Bobby Johnson. "They were tougher than we were, more physical, and we just didn't have what it took to get back in there."

There was little trickery to the Auburn offense. It was a heavy dose of running with some short passes mixed in for Cox.

For Vanderbilt, getting into position and making tackles was the main problem.

When Vanderbilt did make tackles, the

Auburn runner was usually able to fall forward for extra yards.

"It's not a hard game," Langford said. "We just need to go out and play fundamental football and tackle like we needed to, like we did last week in the previous game."

The focus now for Vanderbilt is getting sharp in its tackling and its scheme, and with Georgia coming to Nashville next weekend for Homecoming, the turnaround needs to be a quick one.

"It's very disappointing," Langford said. "We just need to forget about it and move on to the next week. This game's over and we can't change it; a good defense will bounce back." ■

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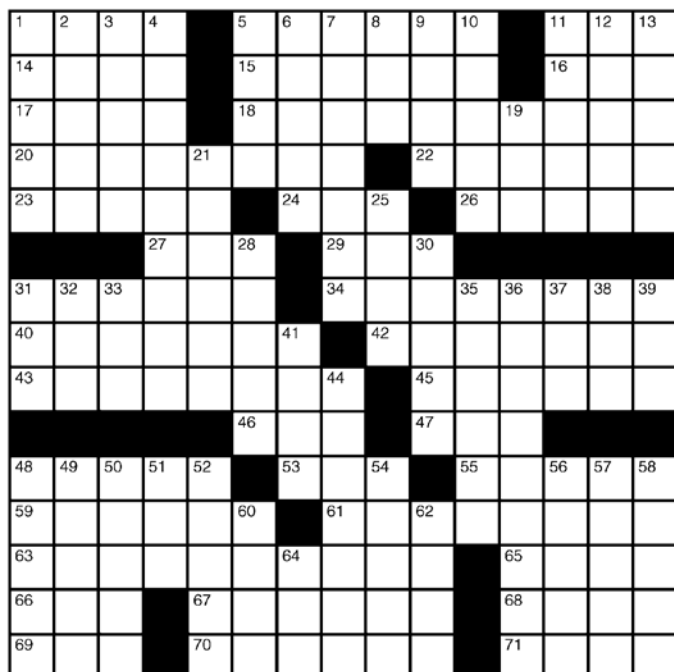


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