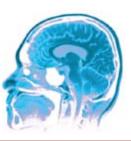




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compiled by EVE ATTERMANN

TODAY

Inaugural Collegium of Black Women **Philosophers**

The free conference will kick off from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center, Room 222. Anita L. Allen will deliver the keynote address, "The White-Only Shade Tree: Moral Reflections of Integration Now and

TODAY Nashville Jazz Orchestra

Then."

The Blair School of Music will host "Cuban Fire", a night of explosive salsa and jazz by the Nashville Jazz Orchestra in Ingram Hall from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

TODAY THROUGH THURSDAY

Riverfront district planning workshop

Alpha LLC and W. Brian Wright of Town Planning and Urban **Design Collaborative** LLC will host a workshop Oct. 19 through 25 to design a mixed-use, urban riverfront district. It opens at 6:30 p.m. at the Scarritt Bennett

SATURDAY, OCT. 20 **School of Nursing** open house

Center.

The nursing school's bi-annual open house for people who are interested in nursing or nurses who are interested in becoming nurse practitioners will take place in Godchaux Hall from 8:30 a.m. to

SATURDAY, OCT. 20 **Nashville Symphony:** Beethoven and Tchaikovsky

4:15 p.m.

The concert will take place at the Schermerhorn Symphony Center at 8 p.m. Russian-born pianist Olga Kern will join the Nashville Symphony to give a performance of Beethoven's final concerto, "Emperor."

SUNDAY, OCT. 21 **Ghouls at Grassmere**

Join the Nashville Zoo at their annual Halloween celebration, complete with games, treat stations and haunted hayrides. It runs from 5 to 9 p.m. each evening.

See http://calendar.vanderbilt.edu

INWISIBLE Wars

Vanderbilt Brain Institute treats soldiers with traumatic brain injury.

by DAVID BROWN Staff Reporter

While the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan continue, the Vanderbilt

against an epidemic of soldiers with brain injuries. Thousands of troops have been diagnosed with traumatic brain injury since the wars began. These blast-caused head injuries differ

Brain Institute fights a new battle

doctors usually see. People with TBI have frequent headaches, dizziness, and trouble concentrating and sleeping. They may be depressed, irritable, confused, easily provoked or distracted. Speech or vision can be impaired.

greatly from the car crash injuries

"This is the signature injury of this war," said Dr. Sandy Schneider, director of the brain injury rehabilitation program at Vanderbilt. "This type of TBI injury is very different from anything me or my staff have seen over the years. It is something we are still learning a lot about."

Some soldiers who seek treatment have been misdiagnosed with personality disorders.

"It's the so-called invisible injury. It's when the patient and his or her family knows something isn't right, but they can't pinpoint the symptoms together," said Dr. David Twillie, chief medical director for the Fort Campbell military base in Kentucky.

Sgt. Major David Allard, an army career infantryman from Southbridge, Mass., who is being treated at Vanderbilt, said his wife and commanding officer noticed something was wrong and prompted him to see a doctor.

He was diagnosed with mild TBI. The doctors told him he would not be able to return to combat right away and would need to seek immediate treatment, he said.

Almost all TBI cases treated at Vanderbilt are mild, and most patients recover within six months to

But as more and more troops have returned from war with some form of brain injury, the center has struggled to meet the need.

"The program at Vanderbilt has already had to add seven new staff



KIM MONGE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Sgt. Major David Allard uses Dynavision, a device that aims to improve visuomotor skills, during a recent rehabilitation session. Allard was diagnosed with mild traumatic brain injury.

members," Schneider said. "We need more staff members; however, professionals that deal with these kind of injuries traditionally take a long time to hire, not to mention the security and background checks needed to work with our wounded warriors."

And cases can be complicated by a number of other factors. Some symptoms associated with TBI are also associated with post-traumatic stress disorder. TBI can effectively block PTSD by hindering a soldier's emotional recovery.

As the TBI treatment progresses, the emotions of war of come back, and soldiers begin to show signs of PTSD, Schneider said.

And many troops get no care at all. Some are sent back to fight with their brain injuries undetected. U.S. soldiers are protected so well by the armor from neck down that improvised-explosive devices do not

—To watch Sgt. Major Allard discuss his injuries and recovery process, see the video on:



leave any visible injuries.

Even those who are treated successfully may still grapple with the symptoms throughout their lives.

"The one thing we must remember is we don't know what the long term effects are," Schneider said.

Allard said he plans to stay in the Army and return to war when he

He has been assigned to lead the Wounded Warriors transition unit at Ft. Campbell while he is recovering. The unit helps transition soldiers into recovery and beyond, whether they return to the war or leave the army and enter civilian life.

Please see **SOLDIERS**, page 3

University considers changes to undergraduate e-mail system

by DAVID BROWN Staff Reporter

Universities may change the way they manage their e-mail systems in the near future, as companies like Google and Microsoft seek to tap the college market.

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Dialogue

To discuss the potential

changes to the e-mail

system, comment on

InsideVandy.com

Google recently convinced Arizona State University's 65,000 students to switch to Google e-mail services. And a number of other universities, including Vanderbilt, might make the switch as well.

"Vanderbilt

considering a number of options to expand its e-mail services, said Matt Hall, assistant vice chancellor of Information Technology Services. "Vanderbilt has been researching ways to increase storage and functionality with e-mail for its undergraduates for a while."

Senior Katie Vick said the change could not come soon enough for her.

"A school like Vanderbilt should have a superior e-mail system that is more high tech and offers more options," she said.

But junior Nathaniel Lewis said he remains content with the current system.

"I have no problem with Vanderbilt e-mail," he said. "I can do everything I need, and I don't receive

ITS has looked at a couple of upgrade options, Hall

The first option would be to increase storage capacity on the current system and upgrade its functionality. Or the university could let Google or Microsoft run the system, allowing students to opt in to the new system.

ITS would benefit from outsourcing the e-mail system, Hall said, as it would free them up to collaborate more with academic departments

Hall said the university does not want to rush into the change, preferring to find the most cost effective choice. They should make decision sometime this summer, he said.

"One of the main reasons we have taken our time in analyzing our e-mail system is that students now are using e-mail a lot less frequently due to instant communication with things such as Facebook, instant messages and text messages," he said. "In some ways e-mail has become the new postal service."

Students respond to AcFee changes

New system allows for more student involvement, transparency.

by LILY CHEN Staff Reporter

Vanderbilt Student Government successfully changed the student activities fee distribution process with a unanimous vote on Oct. 17.

The AcFee distribution process, run by the Student Finance Committee, distributes million in student activities fees to organizations every spring.

The proposal also expedites

the process and increases transparency, said junior Jared Anderson, speaker of the VSG

Junior Ben Quigley said transparency was his main

"As long as there's accountability and transparency, the process is good," Quigley said.

"The resolution and the added amendments make the whole process fair and less mysterious," said Speaker of the House Reid Simon. "This way, less people will complain about the funds distributed."

Additionally, "this resolution just sets up a structure in the statute and can be amended whenever

need be in the future," he said.

The new system also shortens the allocation process to one week and splits the finance committee into subcommittees of 10 people, each with two co-chairs.

GET INVOLVED

Become chair of the Student Finance Committee Applications out Oct. 24

Previously, the Student Finance Committee as a whole interviewed all student organizations. This spring, each subcommittee - programming, service, cultural interests, special interests and arts — will interview only those organizations that fall under its umbrella.

The creation of subcommittees also increases the total number of people involved, allowing for more students to take part in the process. Two of the 10 positions on each subcommittee are open to students at large. The finance committee still will be composed of students, graduate students and

Sophomore Bicky Nguyen said she approved of the changes.

"The main thing I like about this proposal is that it allows more students to get involved with the money they get for their own activities," she said.

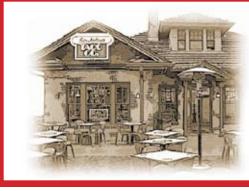
Amendments to the resolution by the VSG House and Senate include a cap on the contingency

fund at about 1 percent of the total and having more at-large students as co-chairs. Positions will be open to all students.

"I think this process is a good improvement because this way money will be allocated evenly and fairly," said freshman Siri Kadire. "The old process just seems really long and tedious."

Anderson said he does not foresee any future opposition to the new resolution and believes that the new process will provide more flexibility for organizations.

"I'm overjoyed the resolution passed," he said. "I think the positive changes will produce positive effects." ■



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Friday, Oct. 12, 5:25 p.m.: Hair clippers were stolen from a hallway outside of a restroom at Stambaugh Hall.

Saturday, Oct. 13, 8 p.m.: Subject noticed phone missing after Georgia vs. Vanderbilt game. After calling the phone company, subject discovered

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that someone had used his

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phone.

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IN THE KNOW

The news you need — in brief compiled by EVE ATTERMANN

WORLD

Former premier Benazir Bhutto returns to Pakistan after 8-year exile

Benazir Bhutto made a dramatic return to Pakistan on Thursday, ending eight years of exile to reclaim a share of power with the country's U.S.-backed military leader. More than 150,000 jubilant supporters gathered to greet her amid massive security.

Bhutto, who is expected to seek the premiership for an unprecedented third time and partner in ruling Pakistan with U.S.-backed President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, was in tears as she descended the steps of a commercial flight that brought her from Dubai to Karachi, where jubilant crowds of flag-waving, drum-thumping supporters waited to give her a rousing welcome.

"I counted the hours, I counted the minutes and the seconds, just to see this land, to see the grass, to see the sky. I feel so emotionally overwhelmed," Bhutto told The Associated Press.

"And I hope that I can live up to the great expectations which people here have," she said.

SOURCE: AP

Bombings strike Baghdad and north Iraq as extremists show they still have ability to hit forces hard

An explosives-laden sewage truck blew up near a police station, and a car bomb struck an Iraqi army checkpoint Tuesday in attacks that bore the hallmarks of al-Qaida and showed extremists can still hit hard despite recent gains by U.S.-led forces.

Early Wednesday, a roadside bomb attack killed at least seven Iraqi police officers southeast of Baghdad, authorities said.

A U.S. military spokesman said the terror network is on the run in some areas, but it "obviously remains very lethal." The bombings and a series of shootings mainly targeted Iraqi security forces and tribal leaders facing internal rivalries, but bystanders also were struck. At least 25 people were killed or found dead nationwide.

The deadliest attack occurred when a car blew up near a gas station across the street from an Iraqi army checkpoint, killing four civilians and two Iraqi soldiers and wounding 25 others.

NATION

Middle school offers contraceptives

After an outbreak of pregnancies among middle school girls, education officials in Portland, Maine, have decided to allow a school health center to make birth control pills available to girls as young as 11.

King Middle School will become the first middle school in Maine to make a full range of contraception available, including birth control pills and patches. Condoms have been available at King's health center since 2000.

Students need parental permission to access the school's health center. But treatment is confidential under state law. which allows the students to decide whether to inform their parents about the services they receive.

Portland's three middle schools reported 17 pregnancies during the last four years, not counting miscarriages or terminated pregnancies that weren't reported to the school nurse.

Whether the prescriptions would be offered this school year or next was not immediately clear.

SOURCE: AP

Suspect in girl's videotaped sexual assault arraigned in Las Vegas; plans to enter not guilty plea

The man accused of abusing a 3-year-old girl in an explicit sex videotape has received so many death threats that he was surrounded by six armed officers during his first appearance in court since he was snared in a nationwide manhunt.

Chester Arthur Stiles, 37, did not enter a plea during a two-minute hearing Wednesday in Las Vegas Justice Court. He waived a reading of the charges and spoke briefly to confirm that he could not afford a lawyer.

Stiles stood wearing blue jail scrubs, his eyes downcast and with unkempt hair over his forehead. His fists shackled at his side to a chain belt, Stiles said "No ma'am," when asked if he could pay for a lawyer. Deputy Public Defender Jeff Banks was appointed to represent Stiles.

SOURCE: AP

CAMPUS

Medical center hires new health care exec for business development Vanderbilt University Medical Center has a new health

care executive leading its business ventures.

Luke Gregory joined the hospital as assistant vice chancellor for Health Affairs, senior vice president and chief business development officer. The key leadership role combines duties of Norman Urmy, who retired after 25 years at Vanderbilt, and Jeff Kaplan, an associate vice chancellor." I'm thrilled to be at Vanderbilt," Gregory says. "I'll be working with senior leadership to identify new business ventures. Broadly speaking, the opportunities include regional and national outreach, mergers and acquisitions of existing providers and introduction of new technology in the marketplace."

SOURCE: NASHVILLE BUSINESS JOURNAL

THEY CALL THIS NEWS?

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

A Pennsylvanian woman who allegedly shouted profanities at her overflowing toilet within earshot of a neighbor was

cited for disorderly conduct, authorities said. What a potty mouth.

- A Brooklyn, N.Y., woman was washing her hands in her bathroom Monday when she glanced back and saw a 7-foot-long python peeking out from her toilet.
- A 35-year-old Australian man wearing only his underpants survived a 98-foot fall from his ninth-floor apartment after trying to walk to a neighbor's balcony while balancing on a plank, police said Tuesday. A garden gazebo broke his fall.
- A shortage of National Health Service dentists in England has led some people to pull out their own teeth — or use super glue to stick crowns back on, a study says.
- A 70-year-old man has been charged with grand theft after police watched him siphon off more than 900 gallons of gasoline from underground storage tanks at two gas stations, Polk County, Fla., authorities said Wednesday.

- University of Illinois officials will take a closer look at this year's Halloween displays for a donated human skull that is missing from the anthropology department.
- A young Muslim couple tried to speed off when Malaysian police caught them making out in their car but got into an accident, causing a five-car pileup, a report said Wednesday.
- Israeli Bedouin Shahadeh Abu Arrar has eight wives and 67 children — and he is on the hunt for wife No. 9.
- Brits planning their funeral want to be cremated with their pets' ashes, a poll revealed. Being buried with a mobile phone came second.
- A man ordering coffee at a doughnut A man ordering conce accused shaped shop was slashed by another customer who police say was apparently upset over the time it was taking to complete the transaction. It seems the attacker became enraged when the customer inquired how much coffee a large cup would hold.

SNAPSHOT

BREAKING THE SILENCE



BRETT KAMINSKY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Michael Newton lectures on "The Iraq Genocide: Personal Perspectives and Legal Residue" at Vanderbilt Law School Wednesday evening. The 30th annual Holocaust Lecture Series carries the theme "Broken Silence."

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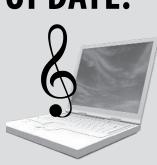
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The Recording **Industry Association** of America served Vanderbilt with 35 new pre-litigation letters Wednesday.

According to Matt Hall, assistant vice chancellor for Information Technology Services, "these are the most severe situations in which a Vanderbilt student might be engaged."

—For more information on the RIAA case at Vanderbilt, see News on:



SOLDIERS: Some plan to return to unit, war

From **SOLDIERS**, page 1

"This has been a tremendous opportunity to care for our wounded warriors, but I plan to return to my unit and the war," Allard said.

Schneider said she keeps the soldiers in the front of her

"The war doesn't stop here. We have a duty to give our wounded warriors the best care long-term, and that's what the Vanderbilt program plans to do," she said. ■

—The Associated contributed reporting to this

Researchers take closer look at criminal mind, justice system

Connection between law, neuroscience explored with \$10 million grant.

> by DAVID BROWN Staff Reporter

Deciding how to spend \$10 million presents an exciting challenge for Vanderbilt researchers.

The grant, awarded earlier this month by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur

new brain-scanning techniques as they apply to matters of law. "The research Vanderbilt had already been doing with its world-class

Foundation, will enable researchers to

examine how courts should deal with

neuroscience program and facilities such as the Institute of Imaging Science helped put Vanderbilt in the forefront of this opportunity," said law professor Owen Jones.

The project, led by Jones, also involves several other Vanderbilt faculty members, including Rene Marois, associate professorof psychology and neuroscience; Jeff Schall, Ingram professor of neuroscience

and director of the Center for Integrative and Cognitive Neuroscience; and law professor Erin O'Hara.

More than two dozen researchers at other universities also are involved.

Jones and the decision-making team will examine choices that lead to criminal behavior, exploring the neurological side of emotion, choice, risk, inhibition and temptation.

The group will study brain activity using a highly sensitive technique called functional magnetic resonance imaging, which looks at the parts of the brain that are most active when a person performs a specific task or has a specific thought.

The team will also analyze the decisions of legal experts, such as judges, juries, witnesses and lawyers, to see whether biases affect the decisions they make about crime and punishment.

A class that started this semester also will examine the link between these two

One of the students, graduate student Cristina Cerkevich, said the class has explored "insightful" subjects.

"I hope the grant will help the ways science impacts society and further bridge the communication gap between neuroscience and law," Cerkevich said. ■

Conversation, caffeine get students through midterms



Freshmen Jasmine Dzulkifli, Shafiq Hanif Hamdan and Mia Nawawi relax at Starbucks Thursday evening. Many freshmen experienced their first set of college midterms this week before fall break. Students will return to class Wednesday, Oct. 24.

Sociology professor plans documentary to study boom in Nashville immigration

Cornfield to partner with local public television to create series.

> by ALLISON MORRIS Staff Reporter

Sociology professor Dan Cornfield has heard enough immigration Nashville — so he is making a

documentary about it. Cornfield and Nashville Public Television are teaming up to focus on the city's increasing international population and its effects.

"We want to examine some of the best practices that have emerged already that create a smooth transition to American life," Cornfield said. "The documentary will showcase the range of cultural traditions that have arrived here through immigration while assessing some of the challenges the immigrants and community face in creating a mutual and beneficial incorporation of immigrants in our society."

According the U.S. census, the immigrant population of Davidson County has quadrupled between 1990 and 2006, while the overall population has increased only 13 percent.

The international new community dramatically changed the social composition, Cornfield said.

Nashville had been secluded and out of contact with the worldand global economy until the 1990s, when a "robust service economy, affordable living, and a relatively culturally tolerant environment" attracted many immigrants, Cornfield said.

Production documentary has already started, and Cornfield said the crew has been filming festivals and interviewing immigrants and key innovative service providers, some of who hail from the ethnic community

The idea for the project began when Cornfield served on the Community Advisory Board of NPT, where the issue of immigration was always an

important theme.

Studies he was a part of

after he became aware of the influence of immigration on Nashville concluded that the city should expand communitybased social services, especially in the southeast quadrant, where the foreign population is disproportionably large. The study examined the wellbeing of the major six different ethnic groups represented in Davidson County: Arabs, Hispanics, Kurds, Lao, Somalis and Vietnamese.

The immigration pattern has shifted away from "Chinatowns" and "Little Italys," and now immigrants tend to live in international zones that are multi-ethnic and formerly white working-class neighborhoods, Cornfield said.

Of the immigrants currently living in Nashville, Cornfield said, "Roughly 60 percent are Latino, from Mexico and Central America, while the other 40 percent are either high wage economic migrants from South America or Asia or political refugees of varying wage levels from many parts of Africa, the Middle East, Eastern Europe and East Asia." ■

Torre leaves Yankees after 12 years as manager, rejects \$2.5 million pay cut to return

Associated Press

After all he had accomplished — four World Series titles, 12 straight years in the playoffs, almost certain entry into the Hall of Fame — and after all the indignities, this was one Joe Torre wasn't going to stand

He wasn't going to take a pay cut from the New York Yankees, no matter that he still would have been the highest-paid manager in baseball, and he certainly wasn't going to prove himself all over again.

straight year.

"A difficult day,"

Torre walked away Thursday, turning down a \$5 million, one-year contract -\$2.5 million less than he made this season, since 2000. when the Yankees Torretookamorning failed to make it past the first round of the

playoffs for the third

Brian Cashman said. "He will always be a

Yankee."

Bench coach Don Mattingly leading contender replace Torre. Yankees broadcaster Joe Girardi, the NL Manager of the Year with Florida in 2006, is another top contender. Tony La Russa and Bobby Valentine also could be considered.

Most Yankees fans could see this day coming.

After losing the first two playoff games to Cleveland, owner George Steinbrenner said he didn't think Torre would be asked back if the Yankees didn't advance. New York hasn't won it all

flight to Tampa, Fla., to meet for an hour Steinbrenner, his sons and team management. Torre

listened to the offer and said it wasn't acceptable. shook hands and Torre

headed home. Torre declined to speak to a group of gathered reporters outside his house in suburban Harrison. His wife, Ali, arrived a few minutes later and said their time in New York had been fun.

"It's always difficult to say goodbye," she said, "but there's always hello."

The 67-year-old Torre, who made the playoffs in every year with the Yankees, scheduled a news conference for Friday. He indicated last week that he might be interested in managing elsewhere.

New York's offer included \$3 million in bonuses if the Yankees reached next year's World Series and an \$8 million option for 2009 that would have become guaranteed if New York won the AL pennant.

Torre just completed \$19.2 million, contract. three-year Chicago Cubs' Piniella was second-highest paid manager at \$3.5 million.

"Under this offer, he would continue to be the highest-paid manager in major league baseball," team president Randy Levine said. "We thought that we need to go to a performancebased model, having nothing to do with Joe Torre's character, integrity or ability. We just think it's important to motivate people."

It appeared to be an offer designed to be rejected. Scott Boras, the agent for Yankees star Alex Rodriguez, said players would have interpreted an acceptance by Torre as weakness.

OPINION

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OUR VIEW

University should scrap Webmail

Certain campus annoyances affect all Vanderbilt students equally. And no matter how Information Technology Services modifies it, Webmail seems to always sit at the top

Mailboxes often fill to quota with little effort and need to be cleared out several times a semester. Both the Webbased version and the recommended e-mail client Mulberry look like they may have been designed in the late '90s. And the program offers no additional services — such as a chat mechanism or a way to view which of your contacts are online. Even a task as simple as creating a mailing list appears to be insurmountable with Webmail.

In essence, ITS spends an inordinate amount of time and resources maintaining a system that offers less than what students can get elsewhere for free. With more students switching to Gmail each year, it will eventually make very little sense for the university to sustain its own e-mail program.

Arizona State University has already made the switch for their 65,000 students; surely the transition would be even easier at a place with a significantly smaller student body.

Matt Hall, assistant vice chancellor for ITS, said two options face the university: upgrade the current system or throw it out. ITS should absolutely decide to implement a new system — be it Google, Microsoft or something else.

Google and Microsoft can deliver students a better product when it comes to e-mail, but that does not mean ITS has no role in campus life. As Hall said, if the department were not so focused on maintenance of an unpopular e-mail system, more collaboration could occur between ITS and academic departments. We might end up with a better course registration system or an easier major declaration system.

The improvement of these basic academic needs alone and the addition of an easier-to-use, higher quality e-mail system would make the abolition of Webmail worthwhile.

Top 10 Candidates to Replace Joe Torre Joe Torre rejected a one-year contract offer on Thursday, ending his tenure as

NATHANIEL HORADAM Columnist

the manager of the New York Yankees. He would have taken a \$2.5 million pay cut — but still would be making a whole lot more than any other manager. But how do you replace one of the winningest managers in baseball history?

10.



might be too busy with his Chiba Lotte Marines in Japan — the same league he said had superior talent compared to Major League Baseball teams. They must be on better steroids or something ...

Bobby Valentine — He's been mentioned as a candidate for the job, but he



Mike Hargrove — He shocked the world when he announced he was resigning from the then-surging Mariners in July. Then, for some reason, he took the same for a semi-pro team in Kansas. Despite his bizarre decision, he's still a first-rate manager.

8.



Larry Bowa — He's the Yankees' third base coach now, and he did a pretty good job in Philly. If not, he can always go back to ESPN like every other manager looking for a job.



Tony LaRussa — Just a year after winning the World Series with a very mediocre team in a division that probably deserves to forfeit any right to a playoff team, it looks like LaRussa is all but gone from St. Louis. He's the most experienced and qualified manager available, other than Joe Torre, of course.



Willie Randolph — Though it's not a sure thing, the Mets could fire Randolph for orchestrating one of the worst collapses in Major League history. Steinbrenner should hire him and slip him into the Red Sox clubhouse to help them do the

5.



Joe Girardi — A fan favorite and last year's National League Manager of the Year, he could be an excellent choice. And believe it or not, Steinbrenner isn't nearly as oppressive as Marlins owner Jeffrey Loria.



Don Mattingly — He's probably going to get the first shot at the job, but conflicting reports say he doesn't feel ready to manage. That's probably a sign that maybe he isn't your guy.



Derek Jeter — The players love him, the fans love him, my mom loves him. Who doesn't love Derek Jeter? Plus, we haven't had a player-manager since Pete Rose in 1986. Think of how big a story that would be. Multiply that by 100, and you have the same story in New York.



Joe Torre — I don't care how lofty the expectations are. When your manager has won three World Series and won the American League East division all but one year in 12 seasons, you don't just fire him. Steinbrenner could still bring him back, though. He's the most unpredictable man on the face of the planet.



George Steinbrenner — The Yankees have had 20 — yes, 20 — manager changes since "The Boss" took over the team in 1973. Granted, six of those involved Billy Martin, but if Steinbrenner managed the team, maybe he would realize it's not as easy as he thinks.

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BLOG

Ball-point pens get a makeover

<u>CHRIS SKENE</u>

InsideVandy Blogger

Andy Van Schaack, the senior science adviser of Livescribe, earlier tonight unveiled an almost-finalized version of the company's new smart pen to a group of eager Vanderbilt undergraduates. During the presentation, he answered a number of questions about the current and future capabilities of the pen.

The pen has two built-in microphones, a speaker and a small display, which shows "recording" when pen is recording audio and what looked like some sort of control when playing back audio. The pen can record audio while you write, and you can later play back that audio by tapping on the text that you have written. (For more on the pen's basic capabilities and how it works, visit the company's Web site at Livescribe.com.) Audio recording starts by tapping on a "button" on a pre-printed sheet of paper, and playback is controlled in much the same way.

In addition to the pen, consumers get a pair of in-ear headphones with microphones built into each ear bud. The headphones can plug into the pen and record audio in stereo sound, using the shape of the earlobe to direct sound into the microphones. If students or others don't wish to wear the earphones in class, Van Schaack suggested that users drape the headphones over your shoulder to get the same effect. While a neat feature, the headphones are by no means necessary; during a demo, the pen played back clearly audio of Van Schaack's voice that was recorded from the back of a lecture hall with the pen's built-in microphones.

Battery life will apparently last through an aggressive day of use (including note-taking, game-playing and audio playback). The pen is designed to be charged at night.

Left-handers need not worry about being inconvenienced by an upside-down display, as the pen can be configured for left- or righthanded use. However, the initial launch of the pen will be Windows-only. The software will run on Boot Camp, though, and Livescribe plans to release a Mac-based version of the software soon after launch. The Windows software has not been tested on Virtual PC for PowerPC Macs, so it may or may not run on an older Apple.

Up to 100 hours of audio can be stored on th pen, which can then be archived to a computer. It is apparently possible to select what sections of audio are added or deleted from the pen's memory when doing this. The ink cartridge is replaceable, so no need

to worry about running out of ink. There will also be options for buying different types of ink cartridges, so you won't have to be stuck with standard black.

One individual asked whether the pen would still work if the notebook in which the notes had been taken got wet. Livescribe has not tested this yet, but I'm sure they will now.

Livescribe is going to release a software

developer kit for third-party application development. They are also hoping to encourage user-generated content creation. Individuals will be able to create interactive study guides or other items for the pen and sell them (or provide them for free) on an iTuneslike store. Users will be able to download the audio for the study guides onto the pen. The possibility of interactive books was also mentioned — imagine a copy of a Harry Potter book with audio commentary from the author that can be triggered by touching the pen to the page. Pretty neat idea. Also, there will be a way for users to draw a note and upload it to Facebook (goodbye, Graffiti application). The pen will sell for "less than \$200," and Van

Schaack laughed when someone suggested \$199. The first generation of the pen will not have any wireless capability, but future generations almost certainly will have both WiFi and Bluetooth. Currently, the pen must dock with a computer via USB in order to transfer information.

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Submitted in response to:
"Top 10 GOP Debate Performers"
by Nathaniel Horadam

'Top 10' inaccurate

Submitted by Michael Wilt on Fri, 10/12/2007 - 16:23.

Perhaps the fact that you think Chris Matthews did a "great job" gives away your leanings. Perhaps you should state them up front. However, you really give several inaccuracies in your "top 10" which you simply don't, and cannot, support.

For instance, how was Fred Thompson "unprepared?" Simply because you disagree with him or dislike him, or even think he is "uninspiring" (and frankly, someone who likes Chris Matthews isn't exactly Thompson's target — his campaign is going for more intelligent people), doesn't mean he was "unprepared." If you take a look at what most "pundits" say, they actually said that while he didn't steal the show, he did well enough BECAUSE he was prepared.

But you have shared falsehoods previously about Thompson, in your "top-10 candidates who shouldn't be running" article. It is a shame that The Hustler lets you write, frankly, because these articles are just downright stupid. Instead of intelligent articles arguing a position with facts and inferences, they're letting these stupid top 10 lists be published.

I guess it is easy for those who can't follow argumentation to read these. They even have numbers before them so that you can follow along!

On Fred Thompson...

Submitted by Nathaniel Horadam on Mon, 10/15/2007 - 23:39.

The man has good ideas, and he has done good work in the past, but how you could deny that he is lazy boggles me. If you want facts, just look at his campaign so far.

He announced the possibility of his candidacy in March and then posted a video response to Michael Moore's movie on the Internet in May, which was clearly a publicity stunt (not saying he was right or wrong) to bolster popular support from his conservative base. Two weeks later he formed his exploratory committee, which made it clear he was running. He pushed back the date of his official announcement numerous times, from the 4th of July to the end of the month, to mid-August, until finally after Labor Day. He rarely campaigned, or fundraised for that matter, over that period of time. Through the third quarter, he had only netted \$11 million (and that counts June, when he already had a campaign in place). That was his first quarter, and despite all the excitement surrounding his campaign, his numbers paled in comparison to those of Rudy and Mitt's first quarter. Running a presidential campaign is a full-effort commitment, and he hasn't shown nearly what the other candidates have.

As I stated, he was given center stage at the debate, and the first question. He could have stolen the show but failed to. Holding your own isn't an option for a frontrunner, and in that sense he had a poor performance. You have to put into perspective the expectations set for him, and the fact that this was the first time most people got to hear any of his ideas. First impressions tend to stick, and yes, while he did recover nicely later on, the fact that he didn't sound clear and authoritative at the start detracts from the overall performance.

I have nothing against Fred the politician, and I know he is very intelligent. Nonetheless, he blew a big opportunity in that debate, which is why I said what I did.

On a side note, I am not particularly a fan of Chris Matthews or MSNBC. Just because Democrats are thrown softball questions in their debates doesn't mean the Republicans should be either. More difficult questions elicit more definitive responses from candidates, which is service to Republican primary voters.

Submitted in response to:

"Segregation still visible at Vanderbilt" by Ravi Singh

For the record, I am neither

Submitted by Carolyn Pippen on Tue, 10/16/2007 - 02:19.

For the record, I am neither a racial minority nor a member of the Greek system, but all the same, I found this article to be incredibly insulting. To imply that a brother of a historically black fraternity is such only because he wants to remain in his "comfort level" is to cut down the integrity of an entire organization that, as a freshman who has not even had the chance to go through rush, you clearly know nothing about. There is a very big difference between racially segregating yourself and choosing to participate in social organizations that celebrate your heritage. I am not a member of a black sorority for the same reason that I do not go to temple or celebrate the Chinese New Year. I have no reason to believe I would be unwelcome at either; it is quite simply not a part of my history, though I have all the respect in the world for those events and the people to whom they are vitally important.

The comparison of fraternity parties and seating arrangements in Rand to the civil rights movement in any respect is nothing short of a cheap trick to garner significance for your otherwise unfounded arguments. The next time you get pressure-hosed walking into a hoedown on Greek Row, give me a call. Until then, to parallel the two is incredibly irresponsible, especially considering the legitimate racial conflicts ("Jena 6," anyone?) that deserve the attention, as well as the newspaper print space, we are currently giving these misguided cries for attention.

Well said. One of the better

Submitted by yangsr on Mon, 10/15/2007 - 05:07.

Well said. One of the better columns I've read. Good job.

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"The next chancellor needs to spend some of that \$30 million we got to bring Bill Parcells out of retirement and hire him as our head coach. He used to be an assistant coach here 40 years ago, which was the last time we were decent at football."

"New rule: First-semester freshmen are not allowed to write editorials. Ever."

"It's really cool when people made study rooms their personal gossip space."

"I'm really sick of 'men' wearing multi-colored shorts with little, tiny animals embroidered on them. Grow up and stop dressing like a 5-year-old."

"I'm still not over the 'Drunk and Hot Girls' lecture I had to endure at Quake. I'm glad Kanye got everything off his chest, but it scarred me for life."

"The only people that deserve meningitis are those that posted racist comments about Sung Kim on the Tennessean Web site."

"I'm glad Quake passed without major security incident, but the cops need to chill. I left my friends and stuff at the front of the crowd to get a drink, and they barred me from re-entry. Are they kidding?"

"Ravi Singh should probably join a Greek organization before he decides they are the root of all evil."

"I hate people that take up the whole path and don't let anyone pass. Walk on the right side of the path, people."

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GAME KEYS

by JONATHAN FELDMAN Sports Reporter

When Vanderbilt is on offense...

1. Protect the football Last week the Commodores had two turnovers that led to 10 points for the Georgia Bulldogs. Without those two turnovers Vanderbilt probably would have upset Georgia. The Vanderbilt running backs must protect the football on Saturday. If the Commodore offense

2. Show confidence in the quarterback position

turns the ball over, it will

be a long day in Columbia.

With six minutes left in the fourth quarter, Vanderbilt fans still did not know which quarterback was going to be leading the offense. Bobby Johnson must commit to one quarterback for Saturday. Yes, the offense needs to take advantage of Chris Nickson's athleticism in creative ways, but Mackenzi Adams proved on Saturday he should start and be in for a majority of

3. Continue opening the playbook

the game.

Vanderbilt must continue to use trick plays in order to have any chance of winning on Saturday. D.J. Moore needs touches on the offensive side of the ball after proving his value on offense against Georgia. Ted Cain needs to match South Carolina's coach Steve Spurrier in trick plays in order to keep the Commodores in the

When Vanderbilt is on defense...

1. Control Mckinley

South Carolina Gamecocks have a gamechanging-type in wide receiver Kenny While the Mckinley. secondary Vanderbilt has been a strength for the defense this season, Mckinley will be a major test for D.J. Moore and Myron Lewis. Shutting down freshman quarterback Chris Smelley's favorite target would be a major victory for the Vandy defense.

2. Stay disciplined

This point almost goes without saying. Steve Spurrier is a genius at utilizing trick-type plays over the course of a football game. The Vanderbilt defense knows this fact, but can the defense stay disciplined on Saturday? If the Vandy defense is caught sleeping on trick plays, it will be a long day for the Commodores.

3. Keep the running game

South Carolina utilizes starting tailback Cory Boyd and backup Mike Davis to generate a consistent running attack. Last week the Commodores struggled to stop the running game of Georgia especially in the second half. While Boyd has flourished this season, look for Davis to be a major threat in the second half after the defense has been out on the field for a while.

Gamecocks won't take Dores lightly

Spurrier predicts 'difficult game.'

by SAM SABULIS

Sports Reporter

For just the second time this season, Vanderbilt heads on the road as it takes on Steve Spurrier and his sixth-ranked and division-leading South Carolina Gamecocks Saturday in Columbia.

While South Carolina (6-1, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) has emerged as one of the top teams in the league, they aren't about to take the Commodores (3-3, 1-3 SEC) lightly.

"They are third in the conference in total defense. They rank ahead of us on defense," said Spurrier, who bashed Vanderbilt upon taking the head coaching job with the Washington Redskins. "They have a good scheme of things. They play hard and play tough, and it's going to be a difficult game."

Vanderbilt seeks to regroup after a gut-wrenching 20-17 home loss to Georgia last Saturday. South Carolina, meanwhile, hopes to play better than it did in last week's 21-15 victory over North Carolina.

"We are extremely thankful and fortunate we got out of there a winner," Spurrier said. "We're not sitting here bragging about beating anybody. We're just trying to get better as a team. Sometimes maybe winning like that helps you prepare for the next week. We don't have cocky players. We have a bunch of players that realize we can lose to anybody we play if we don't improve our play real soon."

Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson would love to have Spurrier's problems. Despite a much better effort against the Bulldogs, the Commodores still need to come up with three wins in their final six games to become bowl eligible.

In addition, the quarterback carousel looks to carry over into the clash with the Gamecocks.

Redshirt sophomore Mackenzi Adams was most effective last week, completing seven of 10 passes for 125 yards and a score, yet Johnson said he and Chris Nickson will both see action.

"I think we have two good quarterbacks, and we'll continue to use them," Johnson said. "Everyone makes mistakes in games, and everyone does good things in games."

Be it Adams or Nickson, the Commodore quarterback faces a tall task, receivers," Johnson said. "I'm really playing against a fierce South Carolina impressed with the running backs at

defense in a hostile environment.

The Gamecocks have been at the forefront of a season that has turned the football landscape upside down.

They have defeated two teams ranked in the top 11 and their lone defeat came in Baton Rouge at the hands of then-No. 2 LSU. Johnson is certainly impressed.

"They're pretty good," he said. "They're beating people — that's the only way you can say they've arrived or haven't arrived. They're 6-1. That's arrived in my book."

Behind a strong secondary, the Gamecocks rank third in the nation in pass defense. However, without standout linebacker Jasper Brinkley, lost for the year in a loss to LSU, South Carolina has struggled to stop the run, allowing almost 185 yards per game on

Therefore, if the Commodores want to make big plays down the field, they should start by finding consistency in the running game.

Vanderbilt's running backs combined for just 57 yards against Georgia, and if that number doesn't improve dramatically, the Commodores will struggle to score in Columbia.

"You have to have (rushing yards)," Johnson said. "I don't care how you get them. Whether it's from wide receivers running the football, the quarterback running the football, it requires that the defense honors your rush game, and hopefully that will open up the passing game a little bit."

Ideally, that passing game would feature more heavily wide receiver Earl

With just three catches against Georgia, the junior remains four away from breaking the SEC's all-time

Offensively, the Gamecocks have featured a more well-balanced attack since the insertion of redshirt freshman Chris Smelley as starting quarterback.

Smelley tossed a career-high three touchdowns in the win on Saturday, bringing his total to nine touchdowns to just four interceptions.

The freshman has shown composure, but as Johnson pointed out, he hasn't done it alone.

"He's got some good help, some good



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Sophomore D.J. Moore should play a key role on offense, defense and special teams Saturday against South Carolina.

South Carolina. That's a big help to him, and they make some big plays for their

The running backs Johnson referred to are senior Cory Boyd and junior Mike

The pair has combined for 11 touchdowns and almost 900 rushing

Junior Kenny McKinley leads the Gamecocks' receiving corps with 446 yards and six touchdowns.

South Carolina is a legitimate top-10 team, but it has been far from perfect, even in victory.

The Gamecocks played an awful second half in Chapel Hill and made some mistakes against Kentucky that the Wildcats couldn't capitalize on.

Vanderbilt, meanwhile, let Georgia off the hook time and again on Saturday. Coming off the heartbreaking loss, however, the Commodores are not at a loss for confidence.

"Yeah, definitely, this is our week," said safety Reshard Langford.

Perhaps. South Carolina will make a mistake or two behind its freshman quarterback, but if the Commodores don't take advantage, maybe not. ■

friday conversation **SEAN WALKER** After scoring two touchdowns in the Commodores'

20-17 loss to Georgia, wide receiver Sean Walker took some time to talk to The Vanderbilt Hustler about a wide range of topics, including his 40time and 'Crank dat Commodore.'

VANDERBILT HUSTLER: Were you expecting to be a bigger part of the offense last week?

SEAN WALKER: I hoped so; I'll still play my role. Every receiver has a role. Hopefully, I can be a decoy to get Earl (Bennett) more wide open.

VH: And the two touchdowns, how did that feel?

SW: Man, it felt great. Any way to help my team just feels so great. And plus you have a career day — I feel like it's a career day for me having two touchdowns and playing like that — but we didn't get a win, so...

VH: Did you see yourself on ESPN's

"Sportscenter"?

SW: I saw it; a lot of people called me before I actually saw it. I wasn't too much worried about it because I was so upset about the loss, but people told me I should see it.

VH: What things can you carry over from the first half and the Georgia game for the second half of the season? **SW:** I feel like there are a lot of things, such as stretching the field more, using different people like D.J. Moore. That's a great aspect to our offense now. So things like that, taking little things we can do with D.J. and other receivers.

VH: You're one of the most athletic guys on the team. What other sports have you played?

SW: In high school, I played basketball, baseball and ran track; I played tennis a little bit, and I even played golf.

VH: You're pretty popular on YouTube. Were you aware of that? SW: I guess I have a lot of fans. But I feel like I still haven't accomplished what I need to accomplish yet. When my team finally gets to a bowl game, I feel like I will have accomplished things then.

VH: There have been a lot of upsets going around this year. How much do you talk about that going into a game at the No. 6 team's stadium this

SW: We talk about it all the time. Every time we play, it seems like it's against a ranked team. We know we can win every game. It's just whether we execute or not. We feel like any team is

> **VH:** Your nickname is Wrens. Where does that come from? SW: Freshman year. I'm from a small town called Wrens, Ga., and somebody thought it was funny to call me Wrens, and it caught on. Everybody calls me Wrens now, even the coaches.

VH: What kind of music does the team play in the locker

SW: After the games, especially wins, we play rap music like Young Jeezy. Jared Hawkins' brother made a remix called "Crank dat Commodore." Instead of "Crank dat Soulja Boy," it's "Crank dat Commodore." It's really hot.

VH: What's your 40-time?

SW: I'm not even sure; I'll just say it's really fast. I haven't been clocked in a while, but I know it's really, really, really fast. I would say one of the fastest, if not the fastest, on the team, but don't tell anybody.

VH: Who is the funniest guy on the team?

SW: There are so many. D.J. Moore is hilarious. **VH:** Who do you pattern your game after?

SW: I try to be more like a Chad Johnson without the trash talk. I like the way he plays, and he backs up everything he says.

VH: Who on the team talks trash? SW: Darlron Spead; people like that. We've

got some big mouths on the team, but when they talk trash, most of the time they back it up. I feel comfortable when they do talk

Swimmers off to fast start

Program seeks to create identity in second year.

by ADAM WEINSTEIN

Sports Reporter

The swimming and diving team plans to spend no time treading water this season, as two freshmen have already

Leigh-Ann Axt and Christina Chao won the 200-yard butterfly and 100-yard freestyle, respectively, in the team's first meet against Southern Illinois University.

"One of our goals this year is to create an identity for ourselves because we are such a young team," said coach Jeremy Organ. "The season is young, and it's early, but I think it's going real well."

The season is not the only thing that is young about the swim team,

The squad, in just its second year of competition since being disbanded in 1992 because of insufficient facilities, has just six upperclassmen on their 23-woman roster, which includes 12 freshmen.

"Usually you have a senior that's been through the routine and can teach the young kids," Organ said. "But really, right now, the girls that swam last year are as senior as anyone we've got."

But it appears they are taking that as an opportunity and a challenge.

"Everybody's looked at to be a leader," Axt said. "I think we did really well as a team for our first meet, and everyone really got behind each other."

Still, there are some roadblocks that the team still hopes to overcome.

"The girls are working real hard in the water and real hard in the weight room, even though a lot of them haven't lifted weights before," Organ said.

There's also the matter of racing experience on the Southeastern Conference level, something that most of the team lacks at this point.

"Since I'm a freshman, I've only been in one meet (in college)," Chao said. "It



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While the program is in just its second year, women's swimming and diving coach Jeremy Organ said he is encouraged

by the Commodores' progress.

was definitely a change in format, but we're all in this big learning process together, and the leadership is coming from all over the place."

Organ echoed that sentiment.

"Everybody is starting to form into a team," he said. "The girls are really starting to form bonds with one another and becoming teammates in the purest sense of the word. We do have a lot of girls that are great leaders within themselves."

The Commodores' next meets come this weekend against Northern Florida and Georgia Southern. Organ sees these as chances to build confidence to take into the meet against LSU and Alabama two weeks later.

"Everything looks really good right now," he said, "and I think the team is really starting to come together." ■

Soccer seeks to get back on track

HUSTLER STAFF REPORT

Vanderbilt soccer looks to get back on track in Southeastern Conference play this weekend as SEC West foes LSU and Arkansas come to Nashville. With the conference tournament on the horizon, every game is magnified.

"We are in a must-win situation this weekend, and every game is like that in the SEC for seeding and for making the SEC Tournament," said coach Ronnie Coveleskie. "It is vital for us to get some wins so we can make it to the tournament in Orange Beach."

The Commodores will take on the Tigers (9-2-4, 3-1-2 SEC) tonight at 7 p.m. at the VU Soccer Complex. Sunday's game against the Lady Backs (8-6-1, 1-4-1 SEC) is set for a 1 p.m. start and will conclude a four-game homestand.

Vanderbilt is 4-7-1 on the year and 1-3-1 in SEC play after dropping a pair of contests to top-25 teams Georgia and Tennessee last weekend.

"We are excited to have LSU and Arkansas come in this weekend," Coveleskie said. "It's nice to be at home, and it's always an energy-filled time when you can play at your own stadium."

LSU is in second place in the SEC West after losing a showdown against division leader Auburn on Friday. Sophomore Rachel Yepez leads the conference in goals scored with 10, while sophomore Michelle Makasini is second on the team with seven goals.

Senior goalkeeper Valerie Vogler has recorded six shutouts and has a 0.82 goals against average in 15 contests on the year.

Vanderbilt has a 7-1-2 all-time series lead over LSU and is 3-0-2 in the last five meetings, including a 0-0 tie in overtime last year in Baton Rouge.

Arkansas dropped road games at Alabama and Auburn last weekend. Freshman Kelly O'Connor leads the team in scoring with six goals and three assists, with junior Lindsay Patterson right behind with six goals and an assist. Goalkeeper Britni Williams has six shutouts this season and goes into Friday's game with Kentucky with a 0.72 goals against average.

Vanderbilt owns a 12-6-1 series lead including a 2-1 overtime victory last year in Fayetteville. ■

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Hoops season waits just around the corner

by JARRED AMATO

Sports Editor

It feels like yesterday that I was watching Derrick

Byars turn to the Arco Arena crowd and yell, "We ain't going home!" after the Commodores beat Washington State in double-overtime to advance to the Sweet 16.

Yet, here we are, 23 days away from a new season. Practice began officially last Friday, and on Nov. 10, Vanderbilt welcomes Austin Peay to Memorial Gymnasium.

Sure, there are a number of familiar faces, such as the sweet-shooting Shan Foster and fiery point guard Alex Gordon. But, there also a bunch of new ones, perhaps none as important as 6'11" center A.J. Ogilvy. The freshman from Canberra, Australia, provides the Commodores with a post presence they haven't had in quite some time.

"We're aiming to get back to the Sweet 16, hopefully do better," said Ogilvy, who averaged 22.3 points and 9.8 rebounds while shooting 69 percent from the field at the FIBA Under-19 World Championship this summer. "We did lose a big player in DB, but hopefully we can come in and contribute and try to make up for that."

The returning players — Foster, Gordon, seniors Alan Metcalfe and Ross Neltner and sophomores Jermaine Beal and George Drake — certainly think so.

"We've got a great nucleus returning, and we add in some freshmen that are going to play a great deal and impact our program tremendously," said Foster, who was the second-leading scorer (9.4 points) and third-leading rebounder (4.4 rebounds) for the selective USA Pan American squad this summer.

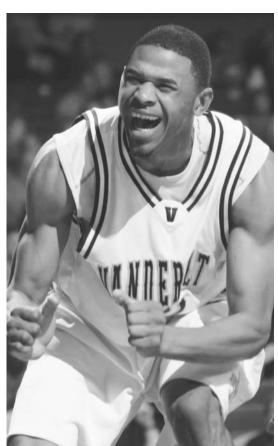
The Commodores gave opposing defenses nightmares last year by playing a four-guard system with Dan Cage at power forward. They should be more conventional this season, but with Ogilvy in the middle and Neltner at his more natural position, equally effective.

"We're definitely going to go inside," Gordon said. "We're going to throw the ball in and let Alan and A.J. go to work and see what happens."

That's something Ogilvy is glad to hear.

"I'm a back-to-the-basket player predominantly, but I have the ability to take bigger guys outside and go off the dribble, as well," he said.

In addition to Ogilvy, Vanderbilt welcomes point guard Keegan Bell, wings Charles Hinkle and Andre Walker, and forward Darshawn McClellan, along with walk-ons Elliot Cole and Joe Duffy.



VU MEDIA RELATIONS Senior Shan Foster has reason to be excited for the upcoming season.

"I tell them all the time: they're a lot better than I was my freshman year," Foster said. "The thing I like about them is that they're willing to learn."

One of the biggest lessons the freshmen can learn is that good chemistry can go a long way. By sticking together, the Commodores overcame a 1-3 start and infamous home loss to Furman to beat Kentucky twice, upset Florida and finish 10-6 in the Southeastern Conference.

"The chemistry last year was great, and we're trying our best to teach that to the younger guys," Gordon said. "We've still got some building to do, but we've got great guys here at Vanderbilt. Everyone's willing to give up their selfishness to be a part of this team."

Having such great chemistry also enabled the Commodores to excel down the stretch of games.

"It's always loaded, and this year I'm sure will be the same," coach Kevin Stallings said of the SEC. "The teams that do the best job winning close games will be the ones that have the most success."

If last year was any indication, one of those teams should be Vanderbilt.

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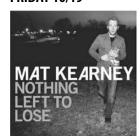
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The Week Ahead

If you'll be sticking around Nashville for fall break, you can spend your long weekend with some good music. The rest of the week is a little slower, but it should give you some entertainment nontheless.

FRIDAY 10/19



Rites alum and Vandy favorite Mat Kearney is playing at City Hall tonight. The show starts at 8 p.m., and admission is \$20.

SATURDAY 10/20

See hilarious "Saturday Night Live" alum and the all-time classic ditz Victoria Jackson at Zanies. Admission is \$20, and the show starts at 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY 10/21

It's like the TV soundtrack special tonight with Matt Nathanson, Melee and "Grey's Anatomy" favorite Ingrid Michaelson all performing at 3rd & Lindsley. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12.

MONDAY 10/22



Vandy alum and local favorite Chris Milam plays tonight at 3rd & Lindsley. Wess Floyd and The James Lovely share the bill, and Milam will play with a full band. Doors open at 8 p.m., and the cost is a mere \$5.

TUESDAY 10/23



Catch Ryan Adams at the War Memorial Auditorium tonight. The show starts at 8 p.m., and tickets are \$31.

WEDNESDAY 10/24

Missed out on tickets to the sold-out Widespread Panic concert at the Ryman? Check out the award-winning 50th anniversary production of "My Fair Lady" at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center. Admission starts at \$20, and the show begins at 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 10/25

Come out to "A Tale of Four Cities: New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville and Houston in the 20th Century," a Chancellor's Lecture by Columbia professor Kenneth Jackson. Admission is free; seating on a first-come, first-serve basis. The lecture begins at 6 p.m. in Ingram Hall.

WITH FRANK WARREN



News editor Lisa Guo got a chance to talk to PostSecret creator Frank Warren about the PostSecret project. PostSecret is an online community to which people can anonymously submit their secrets — good and bad — on postcards, and Warren posts them to the Weblog. Warren recently published PostSecret's fourth book, "A Lifetime of Secrets," and summed up his project's purpose with this statement: "I believe there are two kinds of secrets. There are the kinds of secrets that we keep from others and the ones we hide from ourselves."

Vanderbilt Hustler: What's the current estimate of the total number of cards you've received? Frank Warren: 175,000 or 185,000 after three years.

VH: What kind of college postcards have you received?

FW: Well, I get secrets from all kinds of folks — older folks, younger folks, men, women, but I think I get most of my secrets from young people, people in their teens and 20s, and their concerns reflect concerns of all of us. So a lot of the secrets have to do with issues of maybe loneliness or intimacy, eating disorders, concern about finding meaning or authenticity in your life. And then also some of the secrets are just about social taboos or funny stories. So they really represent all of our emotions.

VH: What do you usually talk about when you hold lectures on college campuses, when you speak to students?

FW: I talk about the secrets we were unable to include in the books, the "secret" secrets. I talk about how the project got started. I share stories that students have told me about how sharing their secret changed their life, or how recognizing a secret they were carrying on a stranger's postcard really affected them. And I also share some of the funny postcards; I project images, and we just have a general discussion about secrets. And people ask questions or share secrets. And some of the stories that come from that I find very inspiring.

VH: What would you say is the most common theme that you see?

FW: Getting back to the talks on college campuses, one of the premises that I start with is the idea that sometimes we think we're keeping a secret, that secret's actually keeping us. And it could be influencing how we see the world or undermining our relationships with other people. I think by seeing soulful secrets courageously shared anonymously, it can inspire us. It can inspire us to look at our own lives and maybe explore some of the secrets that we're struggling with, but we're not quite ready to talk about yet.

VH: How do you think the medium of the Internet affects the viewers of the postcards? FW: I think it's really allowed the idea and the reach of the project to expand. I think that the Internet has allowed so many people to see the project. The Web site got its 100 millionth hit. And I think that reach would have been impossible a few years ago. I'm very thankful for these new communication technologies that allow PostSecret and other ideas to spread.

VH: Do you plan to publish any more books?

FW: No, no plans for it right now. I'm very happy with the new PostSecret book, "A Lifetime of Secrets." What I tried to do in that book is include secrets from people as young as eight and as old as 80. And all the postcards in that book have never been seen before. I've arranged them in loose chronological order to really reveal the interesting ways that our secrets change over the course of our lives but also the surprising ways that our secrets remain exactly the same.

VH: What are your future plans for the PostSecret project aside from continuing posting on the blog?

FW: We're setting up more college dates where I get to visit campuses and have PostSecret events, and I really find that gratifying. I really like sharing the stories behind the project

and hearing stories from young people, too, so I'm really looking forward to that.

Mary 20874







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FASHION

Campus trends: Out, in or just plain tacky?

Every college campus has a unique fashion of its own. I know most people immediately want to point to our university as "preppy," but have we ever actually stopped and asked ourselves, of the trends on campus, which do we like? Countless trends exist on campus, and if you have a discerning eye, then you know which ones they are. Of course, it doesn't take a fashion expert to recognize the vast array of pastel polo shirts or gingham headbands. No, I'm talking about the inconspicuous trends permeating our university's fashion culture. The following are the more discreet, but certainly noticeable trends on campus. You be the judge. Are these campus trends out, in or just plain tacky? By Olivia Kupfer, Life Staff Writer

- Leggings. Attire acceptable for class and studying or just the past dream of little girls hoping to be a dancer? While leggings were extremely fashionable two years ago I wonder what message they convey now. I contend that Vandy girls wear leggings as a substitute for sweatpants, and sometimes this look is stylish (mainly those leggings of the tights variation). Unfortunately, some girls just end up looking like ballerina impersonators or fitness freaks.
- Wearing high heels to class. The infamous high heel, while slimming and seductive, is not really appropriate to walk around a 340-acre campus. When I say high heels, I'm not talking about this year's wedges or espadrilles that at least give your feet some support. No, I'm talking about all-out pumps and stilettos. I know you see tons of girls who wear high heels to their classes, but won't this trend ever die? I know those poor girls' feet are dying.
- Old-man khakis. This one is for those very preppy guys on the Vandy campus. What's the deal with wearing your dad's khakis? Seriously now boys, I know you want to look formal and polished, but those pleated khakis that look like your father's accomplish neither one of those things. You just look 65 years old.
- Winter scarves when the weather is warm. This trend really eludes me. It seems as if a temperature dip below 65 degrees signals winter scarves. Woolen scarves are not really appropriate for weather that still might be considered "warm." I say save the scarves for January when you'll really need them.
- Monograms. It was very cute as a child and a good reminder of your middle name, but having 12 million monogrammed things looks cheesy. I've seen monogramming on headbands, bedding, bath towels, Vineyard Vines bags, stationery and even on some very personalized polo shirts. Then again, your initials could always be a really good conversation starter.
- Shorts and a tie for football games. I get the whole tie part, but shorts just look silly with a tie. It looks like your top and bottom are confused. I mean, wouldn't you agree? Maybe pick one or the other long pants and a tie or shorts and a nice polo.
- White clothes long after Labor Day. People have always said white is wrong after Labor Day, but here on campus, white abounds well into October. And why should it not? After all, the weather still feels like summer. Maybe phase it in with more structured fabrics, and leave the white sundresses behind.
- **Dressing up for class.** This is truly one of the most unique aspects of Vandy's fashion culture. What better way to let your professors know you really want to be there at 3 p.m. on a Friday than by dressing in a polished, put-together manner. College grunge is so out.

Recognize that some of these trends may be tacky, but they are not fleeting. And if you catch yourself following a trend on campus that is truly "out," remember one of the most daring fashion moves you can make is wearing something unlike anyone else and not following a trend at all.



by KATIE DEPAOLA Advice Columnist

■ I've been hook— ing up with this girl at Vanderbilt, and I'm pretty into her. The only problem is I'm going home for fall break, where I have unfinished business with a certain ex-girlfriend. Would it be wrong to hook up with the girl from home?

Straight up, if you were really into the Vandy girl, the unfinished business with the ex wouldn't be that important. Think carefully about how much you value this new girl over the old one, and ask yourself whether it's worth risking your relationship with one for the other.

As a basic rule, your decision should depend on the situation with the girl at school. If you two are exclusively hooking up and hanging out, you have a commitment to her, and it would be wrong to hook up with someone else — having a history with someone from the past doesn't get you off the hook with someone new.

On the other hand, if you're not quite committed, but you really like the girl and are thinking about making things more official, you have a few options; however, you need to think carefully because your decision could make or break your chances with the girl from school.

If you are legitimately interested in the girl from school and want to win her over, hooking up with your ex-girlfriend is definitely going to hurt your chances. If you tell her what happened, she'll either be hurt or mad (or both), and there will already be trust issues to work through once things get more serious. If you don't tell and go ahead with the relationship, you set the standard that secrets are acceptable and give up your right to get mad when you find out she hid a part of her past from you, too.

Keep in mind there is nothing wrong with spending time with the ex-girlfriend over break. By doing so, you can resolve that unfinished business and figure out why you've been holding back in the first place. Maybe you broke up because of the distance, and you want to talk about whether it could work over the phone. Or, maybe you had a hot fling this summer and want to see if the flame is still there. Regardless of your situation, you don't need to hook up to figure things out. And if you do hook up, you're making a choice you might regret once you get back to school.

Basically, if you're trying to start a new relationship and get this girl to trust you, hooking up with your ex is going to put you in a risky place. However, if you are unsure about your feelings with the new girl, it could actually be beneficial to hang out with your ex. If it isn't what you expected, and you can't help thinking about the girl at school, you'll know you've moved on, and you're ready to start something new.

Bottom line: Think carefully about your decision, and don't hook up with your ex just to get some over fall break. Honestly, it is only four days, and it's not worth it if you value what you've started with the Vandy girl.

—Need some advice? E-mail vibe@vanderbilthustler.com.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

Attitudes and atmosphere in Aix-en-Provence

Life Staff Writer

It's a Monday night in Aix-en-Provence, France, and I sit down at the charming table my host family has set for my friends and me. There is a sliced baguette, table wine and warm souffle ready to be served. Just as our Madame is passing around the olive oil and pepper, I quickly think back to what I've done this past weekend and formulate the sentences in my head, in French, of course, so they flow with ease. What will I share this week? Perhaps that I went sailing past the infamous Chateau d'If in Marseille, or that I too danced on the unfinished Pont d'Avignon? I should mention the ongoing rivalry in my apartment involving my flat mate's over consumption of my Nutella ... No, no ... Maybe I should recount how I almost fell out of my window picking up my sun-dried laundry. But before I have

you've never known. And you can be sure your the chance to decide what to share, the same

Monday night topic flies out of our Monsieur's mouth with hurried anticipation: "Did you watch the game this weekend?"

What made me think I could evade the sports obsession by traveling 4,000 miles across the Atlantic? Oh, how fate has a way of restoring equilibrium. Yes, I've escaped football season in America, but I landed in

the rugby continent of the world during the 2007 Rugby World Cup, of course. Where Saturday nights were once for losing yourself in the wildest European techno club, they are

now for crowding into the nearest pub, dimmed with smoke, to watch big burly men throw out their backs for what looks exactly like a football. "This is so much better than American football!" scream British students who are studying in Aix. But is it really?

In a country where beer flows from carafes rather than kegs, and where face-painted flags prove the ultimate in loyalty, I cannot be sure. It's fantastic that all of Europe shares a common interest, but unlike in America, things can get real dirty real fast. For example, you'd better pray there's a French flag painted across your cheeks, or else suffer a furious egging like

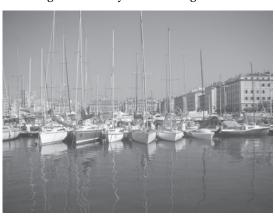
> night will be determined by your country's victory or loss. Just two weeks ago as France obliterated New Zealand, you could hear all of Aix chant "La Marseillaise" and then begin a long night of ecstatic celebration. But last week, as France lost its chance for the finals to England, the streets were quiet, somber.

So, what? Life, as the French know it, is over? S'il vous plait. There is so much more to do in France than crowd

around a screen for 90 minutes. In an hour and a half you could enjoy a five-course meal at Les Deux Garçons Restaurant and eat sophisticated French delicacies such as foie gras (goose liver) and escargots (snails). You could attend a hauntingly beautiful nighttime mass at Saint Sauveur Cathedral or discover the uninhibited pleasure of tanning on a nude

beach in Nice only an hour away.

Adventures don't happen watching sports on TV. Adventures happen when you spend the night in a sketchy 20-Euro-a-night hostel where



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the doors don't lock and the next day you lose every centime at the world-famous Casino Monte Carlo. You make your own experiences by talking to the person next to you on the bus ride to Avignon and learning that they are, in fact, convicted felons fleeing the city. Maybe the adventure is simply meditating on a boulder overlooking the beaches of Saint Tropez or climbing the scenic Mont Saint Victoire. Wherever it is, hopefully it is not at the crepe stand where all of Aix is in line for a consolation dessert after the night's heavy loss.

Back at the dinner table, the conversation drops on a sad note. Is now the time to mention that this last Saturday's flower market was particularly lovely, or that the heavy wind of the Mistral is expected to blow in this week? No ... what this table needs is some good French intellectual debate. So I say, "I heard that Nicolas Sarkozy met with George Bush this weekend." That's sure to heat things up! ■

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CONCERT REVIEW

State Radio continues trend of music with a message

Performance at Exit/In showcases new album 'Year of the Crow, powerful social messages.

bv ARIELLE SAMET

Life Staff Writer

In State Radio's latest album, "Year of the Crow," the band continues to infuse their songs with messages of social consciousness. Lead singer, guitarist and songwriter Chad Stokes, a former member of the reggae/funk band Dispatch; singer and bassist Chuck Fay; and drummer Mike Najarian once again create a lyrically and instrumentally sophisticated album of didactic songs.

In an exclusive interview before their Oct. 14 performance at Exit/In, Stokes and Fay described "Year of the Crow" as a "raw" compilation of songs, "not really too clean or processed," just like how they describe their live performances. To the contrary, the overall focus on humanitarian and political issues link all of their newly

differs from Dispatch, Stokes said the first time around they No More" and "Sudan," focus were "wide-eyed" and ready on the importance of pacifism. to experience all, but on the second time around there is more of a "chip on (their) shoulders." Stokes addresses

New songs, including "Fight In "Sudan," Stokes sings, "And if I had but one wish on which to stand/ I'd wish the weapons all turn to sand/ I'd see the gunners



anything together.

While both Fay and Stokes credit George Harrison and John Lennon as major influences

the lost magic toward the end of Dispatch's career because the members were no longer sharing their music or creating

recorded songs together. Stokes and Fay credit Najarian as a main influence to the band's new focus on straight rock, instead of the previous reggae influence Stokes brought to Dispatch as well as State Radio's first major album "Us Against the Crown."

When asked how State Radio

to their musical career, Stokes seems to relate most to the personality of Lennon, not solely his music. Stokes respects that Lennon was a pacifist and socially aware, and in turn Stokes has also generated a similar image throughout his career with Dispatch and currently with State Radio.

watch their empty hands fall down to their sides."

Students are getting the messagesinthesongs.Regarding the anti-Iraq war song "Camilo," sophomore Jacob Rynar said, "It is an incredible song with an important message. ... I think everyone in the crowd — despite a potentially short history with State Radio or Dispatch — had chills down their spines when (the band) hit the first chorus."

In the current music business where popularity is often solely based on an artist's image, catchy instrumentals and unimportant lyrics, followers of State Radio appreciate that the band continues to compose socially and politically charged songs. In addition to displaying social messages through their music, State Radio also continues to work with nonprofit organizations such as the Elias Fund, Iraq Veterans Against the War and various Darfur foundations.

Despite the relatively small audience at Exit/In — in comparison to the typically sold out shows in New York and Boston — the loyalty and overall excitement was visible as the crowd chanted every lyric throughout their performance.

ALBUM REVIEW

Jimmy Eat World, and I don't care

New album 'Chase the Light' fails with 'bubblegum emo' sound.

by LAKENDRA SCOTT

Life Staff Writer

"Chase the Light" is Jimmy Eat World's sixth studio album, and judging from the new record's sound, the band is suffering from a severe identity crisis. The songs clash in such an amazing way that it seems laughable that only six years ago the band created such a well-received album as "Bleed American." The concept of "bubblegum emo" seems contradictory but perfectly defines the album of upbeat musical riffs combined with the whining voice of Jim Atkins, the lead singer.

The tracks on "Chase the Light" are not so much bad as they are extremely commercialized. "Big Casino," the album's first single, uses unnecessary harmonization and brass guitar riffs to create an upbeat foundation for a lyrically uninventive song. Background harmonization makes its way into just about every song on the album and becomes an expected annoyance. The harmonization might be easily ignored if the album was lyrically capable of inspiration, but unfortunately lyrical content is another aspect in which the album falls short.

The theme of simplistic lyrics permeates the album and makes the band's epic standing fade in the mist of past successes. Although "Gotta Be Somebody's Blues" remains one of the best songs on the album, its trite lyrics stretch to display introspective thought.

Lyrics like, "Let the water come/ She's the only

one I love/ Let the fat man draw/ She's the sweetest honey pot" attempt to explain a lost love but come off as rather poorly coded messages better left in middle

The album reeks of uninventive thought and seems to have already been made by countless artists expressing their teen angst. The members of Jimmy Eat World graduated from high school years ago, and their teen angst should have remained in those

While most of the songs are rather predictable, the band does present some original thought in "Always Be," a song that features snapping and clapping as the main percussion. This technique proves refreshing in a sea of the overdone, and shows that Jimmy Eat World does have talent — it's just rarely seen on this album.

While in the past the band crafted upbeat and light songs, their fifth album "Futures" brought the band's mood to a pinnacle low, alienating many of their original fans. "Chase the Light" tries to draw back the band's previous fan base with a more upbeat record, but the music itself gets lost in the effort. Lost under the synthesizer and harmonization likely rests an album that may have rivaled the band's previous success, and fans of Jimmy Eat World can only hope for a better outcome for the next album.

RATING: ★★☆☆



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