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THE WALL

compiled by REBECCA TYRRELL

TODAY

World AIDS Day benefit

Face AIDS will host a benefit in the Student Life Center Ballroom from 6:30 to 9 p.m. to commemorate World AIDS Day. The benefit will feature a speaker, African drumming, food from local restaurants and a craft sale.

TODAY

Lecture on sexual orientation

Leslie Smith, a senior lecturer in the psychology department, will give a lecture on origins of homosexuality and sexual orientation from a biological perspective in Wilson Hall, Room 126 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Vanderbilt Lambda Association.

TODAY

VU Theatre auditions

Auditions and crew sign-ups for William Wycherley's "The Country Wife" will take place in Neely Auditorium from 7 to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 4

Peabody Hanging of the Green

Peabody Council invites the entire Vanderbilt community to join in the annual Hanging of the Green ceremony. The ceremony will take place from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Wyatt Center and will be preceded by a gingerbread house contest at 3:30 p.m. in Wyatt lobby. Refreshments will be served.

THIS WEEK

Holiday Arts Festival

Shop for unique pottery, jewelry and other gifts made by Vanderbilt and Nashville artists during the Sarratt Holiday Arts Festival in the Sarratt Student Center Gallery from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

THIS WEEK

Basketball sign-ups

Spring intramural basketball sign-ups will take place this week and next week at the Office of Campus Recreation. There is a \$40 entry fee for non-freshmen and a \$10 forfeit fee for all freshman leagues. Games begin Jan. 20 for

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

Congress weighs in on college costs

Legislators explore measures to lower tuition, make financial aid application process more transparent.

by LAUREN REDMOND
Contributing Reporter

Congress may soon pass laws that aim to control college costs, which have surged in recent years.

"There is a deep legitimate concern about the cost of higher education and about the burden that paying for college imposes on many American families," said Mike Schoenfeld, vice chancellor for public affairs. "This is absolutely a legitimate concern, and Congress understandably wants to do something about it."

Some have proposed colleges that control their costs should be rewarded with additional Pell grants, the largest source of direct federal aid given to college students. Colleges with large endowments would be made to use more of that money to lower tuition costs, however.

These proposals have been included in a bill that would reauthorize the Higher Education Act, which governs most federal student aid programs.

The House Education and Labor Committee also approved separate legislation last week that would place schools that continue to raise tuition on a "Higher Education Price Increase Watch List," which would be disclosed

to the public via a Department of Education Web site.

Freshman Caroline Zent said the necessity of a college education makes rising costs an important congressional issue.

"Everyone should be able to attend, and controlling the costs would make it more reasonable for students to do so," she said.

Much of the reauthorization bill aims to better educate families about how financial aid can affect the actual cost of college. It would require schools to publish the percentage of students who receive financial aid, as well as the average net price per student.

But these kinds of requirements would be complicated for colleges to comply with because they would have to create an artificial standard of college costs, Schoenfeld said.

The bill, which also covers issues such as accreditation, the transfer of credits and transfer programs, has been approved by the House and will now continue on to the Senate for further deliberation. No laws have yet been passed regarding this issue. ■



\$23,712
Average yearly cost to attend a private four-year college

56
Percent of students enrolled at four-year colleges or universities attending institutions charging less than \$9,000 per year

\$130 billion
Amount of federal financial aid available to students

\$9,300
Estimated aid in the form of grants and tax benefits in dollars per student at private four-year colleges

—For more on this subject, read "Our View," page 4.

CAMPUS NEWS BRIEF

Russian parliamentary election Sunday sees fanfare

Russians voted Sunday in a parliamentary election where the only question was whether President Vladimir Putin's party would win a strong majority of seats or a crushing share.

The election follows months of increasingly acidic rhetoric aimed against the West and efforts, by law and by truncheon, to stifle opponents.

A huge win for Putin's United Russia party could pave the way for him to stay at the country's helm once his presidential term expires in the spring. The party casts the election as essentially a referendum on Putin's nearly eight years in office.

Putin is constitutionally prohibited from running for a third consecutive term as president in March. But he clearly wants to keep his hand on Russia's levers of power, and has raised the prospect of becoming prime minister.

—For world, national and campus news briefs, turn to page 2.

Professors put price, perspective on lives of smokers

by EVE ATTERMANN
Asst News Editor

How much do smokers value their own lives? According to a new report by two Vanderbilt professors, men value them at \$222 a pack and women at \$94 a pack.

W. Kip Viscusi, a law, economics and management professor, and Joni Hersch hope their study gives smokers a new perspective on the risks associated with the practice.

"People face no greater risk than smoking; nothing comes close," said Hersch, a law and economics professor. "Hopefully this new information will help to change behavior."

But senior Chris Whitten, a smoker, said the results do not change how he feels about smoking.

Please see **SMOKING**, page 3

—To listen to researchers explain their study, go to:



Vanderbilt students take part in local homeless project

by TAYLOR DAVIS
Staff Reporter

Few Vanderbilt students can relate to the troubles of the homeless.

But this semester several students partnered up with the Nashville Homeless Power Project to publish a book detailing the roots of homelessness and the struggles many Americans face with finding affordable housing.

On Tuesday, NHPP, which campaigns for affordable housing and living wage, will hold a book release party at City Hall from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The event is open to anyone, and several city council members have been invited to attend.

After receiving a grant, graduate student Sarah Passino and her 11 English 102W students started the Vanderbilt Human Rights and the Arts Project, and they contributed to NHPP's book "Homeless Power" by interviewing NHPP members, who are homeless or formerly

homeless, and writing their personal accounts in a special section.

"This experience (enabled me to) make connections with people that I never would have otherwise, and for me new experiences always give new insight," said sophomore Amearah Elsamadicy.

Each student transcribed their interview and wrote about the individuals' experiences with homelessness with the help of the non-profit organization Story Core. Story Core set up booths in the Nashville library for the students to conduct their interviews, and the interviews were copied for the students and archived into the Library of Congress.

BOOK RELEASE PARTY

When:
Tuesday
5 to 6:30 p.m.

Where:
City Hall

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Steppin' up



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WEATHER
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TUESDAY



Partly Cloudy, 54/38

WEDNESDAY



Mostly Cloudy, 53/28

THURSDAY



Partly Cloudy, 46/34

VUPD CRIME LOG
compiled by REBECCA TYRRELL

Monday, Nov. 26, 1:40 p.m.:
A laptop was stolen from Wilson Hall.

Wednesday, Nov. 28, 1:10 p.m.:
An unattended backpack was taken from a locker in Stevenson Center.

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

Tensions high as Venezuelans vote on changes that could expand Chavez's powers, end term limits

President Hugo Chavez would take on expanded powers and no longer face term limits under sweeping constitutional changes being considered by Venezuelans Sunday in a contentious vote that has raised tensions in South America's top oil exporter.

An emboldened opposition and recent violent clashes involving protesters point to a potentially volatile dispute if the vote is close, as some pollsters predict.

Lines snaked outside polling stations as voting began. Voters were awakened in Caracas by fireworks exploding in the pre-dawn sky and reveille blaring from speakers mounted on cruising trucks.

Chavez has warned opponents he will not tolerate attempts to stir up violence and threatened to cut off oil exports to the United States if Washington interferes.

SOURCE: AP

British parliamentarians in Sudan to try to win release of jailed teacher

Two British parliament members met officials in Sudan Saturday to try to secure the release of a British teacher imprisoned for naming a teddy bear Muhammad and later said the Khartoum government wants to resolve the case.

Britain's Channel 4 News quoted the teacher, Gillian Gibbons, as saying in a statement from police custody that she was being treated well.

"I'm fine. I'm well," Channel 4 quoted Gibbons as saying. "The Sudanese people in general have been pleasant and very generous, and I've had nothing but good experiences during my four months here. I'm really sad to leave, and if I could go back to work tomorrow then I would."

SOURCE: AP

NATION

San Francisco collects pistols, assault rifles in Gifts for Guns program

A man carrying a semiautomatic handgun approached a group of San Francisco police officers Saturday afternoon and, with a smile, handed over the pistol in exchange for \$150 in gift cards.

"I used to fire it at bottles or do some plinking in the woods," said the gun's owner, Bruce Bourne. "But I have a 6-year-old daughter now, and my wife was uncomfortable with it being in the house."

San Francisco police officers accepted 100 guns from about 80 people in the city's second "Gifts for Guns" event. The first event in July brought in 117 handguns and two shotguns.

Participants received \$100 gift cards for turning in rifles or shotguns, \$150 cards for revolvers or semiautomatic pistols and \$200 cards for assault-type weapons like AK-47s.

SOURCE: AP

Investigation of Chicago train collision to focus on why trains were on same track

Federal transportation officials said Saturday their main priority as they investigate a train collision on Chicago's South Side is to figure out why both trains were on the same track at the same time.

A double-decker Amtrak train traveling to Chicago from Grand Rapids, Mich., crashed into a freight train Friday. Most of the 187 passengers aboard the "Pere Marquette" walked away without major injuries.

The Amtrak train's engineer told investigators he switched tracks as instructed by a dispatcher; he hit the stationary train at between 33-35 mph, Sumwalt said.

The crash caused \$1.3 million in damage.

SOURCE: AP

4 men charged with unpremeditated murder in slaying of Washington Redskins star Sean Taylor

Four young men charged with unpremeditated murder in the shooting death of Washington Redskins star Sean Taylor are strangers to police. Still, nothing came close to what they faced Saturday.

Eric Rivera, 17; Charles Wardlow, 18; Jason Mitchell, 19; and Venjah Hunte, 20, were charged with Taylor's slaying, home invasion with a firearm or another deadly weapon and armed burglary. Police said the suspects were looking for a simple burglary but were startled to find Taylor home.

Police and attorneys for two suspects said some of the young men confessed, though they would not elaborate.

SOURCE: AP

CAMPUS

Campus input invited on search for new university librarian

The Vanderbilt community has five opportunities in December to attend a "listening session" about the search for a new university librarian. The search committee welcomes input from those who want to share their thoughts.

The sessions will take place in the Central Library Classroom on the sixth floor at the following times: Dec. 4 at 3:15 p.m., Dec. 6 at 9 a.m., Dec. 7 at 9 a.m., and Dec. 12 at 9 and 10 a.m. The sessions on Dec. 12 are especially targeted for students.

Issues that will be considered are skills, knowledge and types of experience that the next university librarian needs to possess in order to lead the library and build relationships within the university.

SOURCE: AP

Q&A PAMELA SEVY

compiled by THOMAS SHATTUCK

Pamela Sevy, the university landscape architect, discusses her job and the campus landscape with The Vanderbilt Hustler.

THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER: What is the job of a landscape architect?

PAMELA SEVY: What we do is design everything in the exterior parts of campus. This includes sidewalks, benches and plantings. Pretty much (anything) that is not inside a building on campus falls under landscape architecture.

VH: What are your plans for The Commons building project?

PS: A lot of new shade trees at the edges of the central lawn — oaks, maples and some others, about 20 varieties in total. (They are mostly designed for quiet interest, and we've finished most planting except for around the last two buildings.)

VH: How do you decide what to plant during the year?

PS: The main goal is variety since the campus is an arboretum. There is a focus on native species, but there are also some exotic species too. It's important that the trees have a fall, winter and spring interest since most students aren't on campus during the summer. Also, toughness is a factor.

VH: Approximately how many species of trees and plants are on campus?

PS: There are 7,600 trees of 270 different species on the 350-acre campus.

VH: How many people work in the Department of Campus Planning and Construction?

PS: About 22 people, including four or five other landscape architects.

SNAPSHOT

DECKING THE HALLS



LAUREN FONDRIEST / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Nashvillians Julia Reynolds and Ashley Thompson examine local artist Jennifer Adair's work at the 17th annual Holiday Arts Festival in Sarratt Student Center. Unique pottery, jewelry and other gifts from Vanderbilt and Nashville artists will be on sale this week from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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SMOKING: Earnings, mortality risk explain gender difference

From **SMOKING**, page 1

"I don't think I'll be smoking long enough in my life to warrant my worrying about my health," Whitten said. "I'm young; I smoke now because it's relaxing, but I don't think I'll be smoking when I'm having kids. I don't think about it per pack because I don't think one pack will be the difference between having a healthy, successful life and not having one."

The two professors calculated the statistical value of life based on the payment people expect to receive when they face workplace fatality risks.

"What is it worth to you to be alive? That's what we're trying to figure out," Viscusi said.

Women have a lower cost than men because men usually earn more than women and have a greater mortality risk from smoking, according to Viscusi and Hersch.

An earlier study by Viscusi and Hersch found society gains 32 cents a pack because smokers die earlier and do not use Social Security, pension plans or nursing home costs. This new study supports the fact that smokers — not society — shoulder the main costs of the habit.

"It just dwarfs the financial consequences," Viscusi said. "If you're trying to think about it from a societal standpoint, why smoking is important, it's important because smokers themselves are facing these really big risks." ■

AIDS awareness headline here, please



LAUREN FONDRIEST / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity gathered members of the Vanderbilt community who were "touched" by HIV/AIDS last week in a simulation of HIV transmission for a moment of silence to remember those affected by the disease. To commemorate World AIDS Day, Face AIDS will host a benefit tonight in the Student Life Center Ballroom from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Refined carbohydrates linked to potential diabetes risk

Chinese population studied by Vanderbilt researchers; results supported by other academics.

by **REBECCA TYRRELL**
Asst News Editor

Researchers urge students to begin watching diet and weight now, following recent findings that suggest intake of foods with a high glycemic index may increase the risk of Type 2 diabetes.

Xiao Ou Shu, senior author of the paper, said it would be premature to create national health recommendations based on the research but

said it may impact public health.

"Given that a large part of the world's population consumes rice and carbohydrates as the mainstay of their diets, these prospective data linking intake of refined carbohydrates to increased risk of Type 2 diabetes mellitus may have substantial implications for public health," the researchers conclude.

Raquel Villegas, Shu and other Vanderbilt Medical Center researchers recently published the results of the study, in which they followed a group of 64,227 Chinese women for an average of five years, collecting data on dietary habits, physical activity, diabetes occurrence and other health-related information every two years between 1997 and 2004.

Shu emphasized that conclusions cannot

be drawn that rice or other foods with a high glycemic index cause diabetes, but it appears that diet, combined with other lifestyle factors, seems to have a profound influence on the incidence of the disease.

"I always tell students that diabetes isn't just for old people," Shu said. "Disease prevention should start now, so pay attention to health factors such as having a balanced diet and being physically active, and you'll benefit in later life."

During the study, 1,608 of the women developed diabetes, and those consuming the most carbohydrates were found to have a 28 percent greater risk of developing diabetes than those consuming the least amount of carbohydrates.

"Traditionally, Chinese women have low incidence of diabetes, but we've noticed that the rate has been rising rather rapidly in the past decade," Shu said. "We believe that Westernization has contributed to the increased risk of diabetes and other chronic diseases among this population."

Though the results of the study cannot be directly generalized to other ethnic or population groups, many other studies have demonstrated the negative effects of poor diet, inactivity, obesity and high carbohydrate intake on diabetes, including a recent study at the Boston University School of Public Health.

"Type 2 diabetes is affecting more people, even kids at a young age, because it goes side-by-side with obesity and sedentary lifestyle," Shu said. ■

PROJECT: Stories from homeless impact students

From **PROJECT**, page 1

And through Story Core the interviews have the possibility of being aired on National Public Radio.

Students also were able to give their own reflections after meeting NHPP members, hearing their stories and learning about the goals of the organization.

"People frequently use the term 'my eyes were opened,'

but I think in this case it's more appropriate to say it was my ears that were opened," sophomore Sarah Hamburger wrote in the reflections section of the book. "My ears became open to the sound of voices I'd never heard before. ... Real, human voices that society, myself included, has silenced for so long. What were they saying? These real human voices were calling for real human rights." ■

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OUR VIEW

Focus should be placed on preparedness

It is difficult to argue with the assertion everyone should be able to attend college. Unfortunately, increasingly high tuition costs may inhibit participation in higher education for many people. For example, according to its admissions Web site, a year at Vanderbilt University can run a tab of just under \$50,000.

While this certainly sounds daunting, it does not affect the first issue facing a prospective Vanderbilt student: admittance. Need-blind admission to Vanderbilt does not consider the ability of an applicant to pay the hefty price, and in fact, officials do not even know the financial details of a particular prospective as they make decisions. For the students that do get in, Vanderbilt meets 100 percent of their demonstrated financial need.

While lower college costs would certainly be a welcome change, there are a number of factors that prevent students from attending college, many of them more pressing than financial cost. Before students incur the cost of attending a

university, for which there are countless loans and grants that can be applied for, they must get into it. This step must be the first concern of our congressional leaders, as universities take it upon themselves to, as Vanderbilt does, meet as much demonstrated student need as possible.

Family income does, indeed, play a large role in the college decision process. However, this role relates primarily to the relationship between income and college preparedness. Martin Kurzweil, a research associate at the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, told Black Issues in Education, in 2004, "If there is any disadvantage that low-income students have, it is clearly a result of things that are going on a long time before a student even thinks about going to college. They are not getting involved in the kind of preparation that is necessary for going to college, or even for being competitive as an applicant for going to college."

In terms of priorities, preparedness must come before affordability.

LETTER

Ignorance of genocide cannot be excused

To the Editor:

Every now and then we, as Vanderbilt students, take the education level of the people around us for granted. Of course, a certain level of education, or simply, a certain level of common sense should be expected. This is not what I saw Sunday at Bruegger's on 21st Avenue.

The Walk for Darfur was an incredible movement, and the support it garnered was even more so. I'm really proud of those people who showed up to demonstrate their support.

I must admit, I was not one of them, but I have a great deal of respect for the people who chose to walk through the rain on a chilly December afternoon in support of a cause in which they believe. Holding signs and waving at cars that drove by, these people were not afraid to stand up and make their voices heard.

I just happened to be walking into Bruegger's when the group of people walked by the window of the restaurant. Just as my girlfriend and I were admiring the signs they were holding and their diligence in protecting the flame they carried from the weather, the woman behind the counter exclaimed, "Darfur? What's that?" to which her colleague responded, "It's a small African country."

"Who cares? Their population is what, like three?" she asked him, loud enough for all to hear. "Like 12, yeah, something like that," her colleague said. These words made my blood curdle.

Not only did she lack any knowledge whatsoever of a situation that has plagued our generation, but she showed absolutely no concern for the intense human suffering taking place in that war-torn region of the world.

I understand ignorance, and I recognize that to be frustrated over a person's lack of knowledge about something is simply unfair. However, the level of ignorance she and her coworker demonstrated is on par with not knowing that Hitler was responsible for the deaths of over 6 million Jews.

I make this statement not to draw comparisons between the two atrocities, but rather because, even though the American media seems to have lost some interest in the issue, the American people have not and continue to fight to raise awareness and support for this cause.

Furthermore, many of the posters carried by the members of the rally had the words "Stop Genocide" written in huge, green letters on a white background. How can you ask the question "Who cares?" when genocide is involved? As a human being you should care.

Human suffering is one of, if not the worst scar on the face of humanity, and to turn a blind eye, or worse, to criticize and belittle those who speak out against it is appalling.

Words cannot do my anger justice; from that moment forth, I refuse to give a company that would allow a person such as that to work for, and represent them, any of my business, and I call on all Vanderbilt students and faculty to do the same.

Show them you care about human suffering, you care about basic human rights, and that you care about those who do not have the strength or the ability to stand up for themselves.

Chris Thompson
Sophomore, Engineering

—Chris Thompson is the director of InsideVandy.com and responsible for the technical aspects of the Web site.



"WHO OUTED VALERIE PLAME?" "T' WAS HIM!" Terrence Nowicki—MCT

LETTER

Immigration debate must concentrate on numbers

To the Editor:

As someone who actively follows the immigration debate, I was pleased to see The Vanderbilt Hustler tackling the subject in its last issue. However, neither The Hustler's editorial nor its dueling opinion columns mentioned one very important aspect of current immigration policy: numbers.

The vast majority of Americans want the borders secured and illegal immigration stopped. They want immigration to be safe, orderly and legal. Not surprisingly, most politicians have been saying they want the same thing. However, many of these politicians seem to think the way to fix illegal immigration is to legalize it: Grant amnesty to illegal aliens and start a guest worker program.

This was basically the approach Sens. John McCain and Ted Kennedy took when they co-sponsored the McCain-Kennedy bill last summer. Most of the media attention focused on the bill's amnesty and guest worker provisions. There was hardly any discussion, though, of how the bill would have changed overall immigration levels.

This was really quite astonishing considering what the bill would have done. Robert Rector, a fellow at the Heritage Foundation, ran the numbers and found if the bill had passed in its original form, it would have allowed "an estimated 103 million persons to legally immigrate to the U.S. over the next 20 years — fully one-third of the current population of the United States."

The bill (along with its later incarnations) was defeated, but even so, if current immigration levels remain unchanged, the

U.S. population will double from 300 million to 600 million in just a few decades. This will mean more traffic, more urban sprawl, more long lines and more pressure on our environment and natural resources. It also means we will have to build more schools, hospitals, roads and so on to accommodate such an increase.

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immigration should indeed be safe, orderly and legal. Immigrants have also contributed a great deal to our country; however, as with so many things in life, the issue is fundamentally about numbers. Current immigration levels are simply not sustainable and ought to be reduced to something more manageable. If we simply cut back and admitted 200,000 to 300,000 legal immigrants a year, we could avoid most of the costs of immigration and still enjoy its benefits.

Most Americans instinctively understand this, even a few of the current presidential candidates. Fred Thompson, for example, has proposed eliminating chain-migration, a policy that admits immigrants based not on skills but on family-reunification and which is responsible for two-thirds of the current immigration inflow.

As always, this is a difficult and thorny issue, and as such many hesitate to discuss it. However, it is of critical importance to our country that we do address it, and, at the very least, I am pleased to see it being ever more widely discussed, even making it into the pages of The Hustler.

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BLOG

America should update priorities if it seeks greatest-nation status

CHRIS SKENE
InsideVandy Blogger

There's this myth going around that the United States is the greatest nation in the world. But is it really?

The greatest nation in the world would not engage in torture and attempt to circumscribe the freedom of its citizens. Nor would it launch preemptive wars on foreign countries. It certainly would not finance all of those questionable activities by borrowing from the future. The list goes on. Our country is in a state of decline, and something is needed to help turn us around.

America has lost its sense of direction, and the American Dream is in dire need of an update. In today's world, the ability to achieve personal prosperity through hard work and determination is

a given in most developed countries. We have reached the point where providing motivated individuals with a platform for obtaining material success is no longer an adequate end goal for a nation. We need something more.

Consider this: For the first time in the history of the world, a country has the tools necessary to put together what philosophers might consider to be an ideal society. The U.S. has enough production capacity to ensure a decent lifestyle for every single one of its inhabitants, and a culture of freedom and individualism that, at its best, protects the liberties of even its most marginalized residents.

Unfortunately, America has become so wrapped up in party politics lately that it has lost the sense of vision that once made it great.

The potential inherent in America is what

makes our current behavior as a nation particularly frustrating. We're not thinking in the long term, and it is proving to be dangerous. Public debate centers on a few hot-topic issues, but there is not much discussion about where America should be, say, 20 years from now. It's time for us to reconsider our national priorities and to adjust our policies accordingly.

For some reason, the government does not realize what now passes for domestic and international policy is completely unsustainable. The power trip our nation has been on for the past several years is draining us fiscally, diplomatically and morally.

“America must begin behaving responsibly. Our resilient economy and strong military have allowed us to get away with a huge number of poor decisions, but our mistakes are becoming more and more costly.”

Policy makers desperately need to acknowledge this. As the saying goes, the first step toward recovery is to admit you have a problem.

In the far-off future, do we want to be a nation that

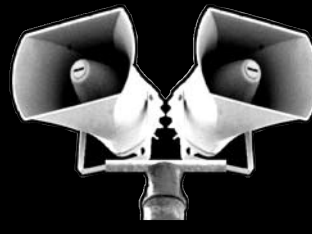
tortures prisoners? Will we continue to curtail the civil liberties of individuals to provide safety from elusive enemies? Should we keep on waging proactive war on foreign countries based on ideological conviction? Answering these types of questions will help to reconcile our current actions with our shifting cultural identity.

America must begin behaving responsibly. Our resilient economy and strong military have allowed us to get away with a huge number of poor decisions, but our mistakes are becoming more and more costly.

We have the capacity to become a beacon of hope for the world and a role model for other countries. Let's reset our priorities and start making that dream a reality.

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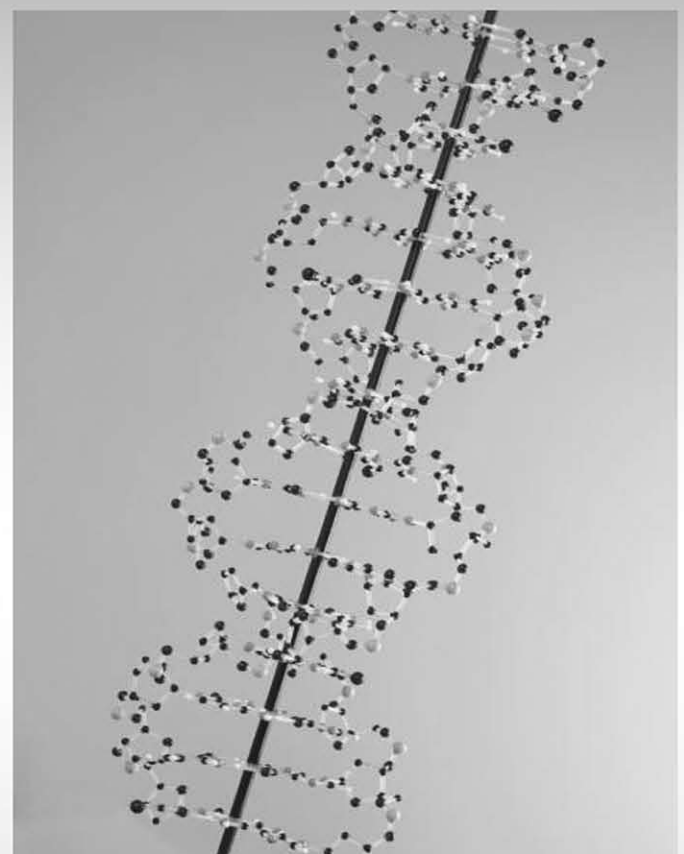
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SPORTS

Metcalfe making most of opportunity

After up and down three years, senior provides spark off bench for undefeated Commodores.

by WILL GIBBONS
Senior Sports Reporter

As freshman walk-on Joe Duffy sank two free throws in the final minute of Saturday's 92-79 victory over Georgia Tech, one senior had a smile that matched the freshman's. Alan Metcalfe may have seen a bit of himself in that moment.

"It's just awesome to see him reap a little bit of the reward," Metcalfe said.

Things have come a long way for Metcalfe. After three seasons of varied playing time, the forward has solidified a spot in Vanderbilt's rotation.

Backing up freshman sensation A.J. Ogilvy, he has set career highs in points the past two games, scoring 14 points against South Alabama and then 15 points against Georgia Tech.

"There is a little bit of pressure taken off with a great player like (Ogilvy)," Metcalfe said. "Coach just wants me to come in and be solid and run the floor. Most of my baskets are underneath, and the guys are getting me the ball, and I'm just trying to go up strong and finish."

His efforts Saturday helped Vanderbilt break the game open. With the game still close at 19-13, Metcalfe entered as part of a five-for-five substitution.

That lineup went on a 9-0 run to extend the lead to 28-13, with Metcalfe scoring six of those nine.

He averages 8.1 points for the year, up from a 2.1 point career average. He has shown a variety of post moves, as well as a reliable mid range jump shot.

"It's very helpful to have (Metcalfe and Ogilvy) be productive," said coach Kevin Stallings. "Alan's played well since the very beginning of the season and the beginning of practice."

Heading into last season the projected starter at center, Metcalfe broke a bone in his foot, causing him to miss 10 games.

Over that period of time, Stallings inserted Dan Cage

into the lineup, opting for a quicker attack. Minutes were harder to come by once Metcalfe made a healthy return.

Now, a more clearly defined role has Metcalfe playing his best basketball as a Commodore.

"It is a number of things as to why everything is coming together for me," Metcalfe said. "I'm getting a little bit more confidence each game now, and the guys are knowing where to get me the ball, and we are moving the ball around. It is all clicking for the whole team, so it is just fun to play with them right now."

The combined production of Metcalfe, Ogilvy and Ross Neltner has given the typically-perimeter oriented Commodores a newfound post presence, something three-point marksman Shan Foster loves.

"As a guard, it makes life great," Foster said. "When you have guys who when you throw it down there either score or get fouled, it makes life great."

Metcalfe has also stepped into the leadership role that comes with being a veteran. With eight new names on Vanderbilt's roster, this provides a valuable asset to the team.

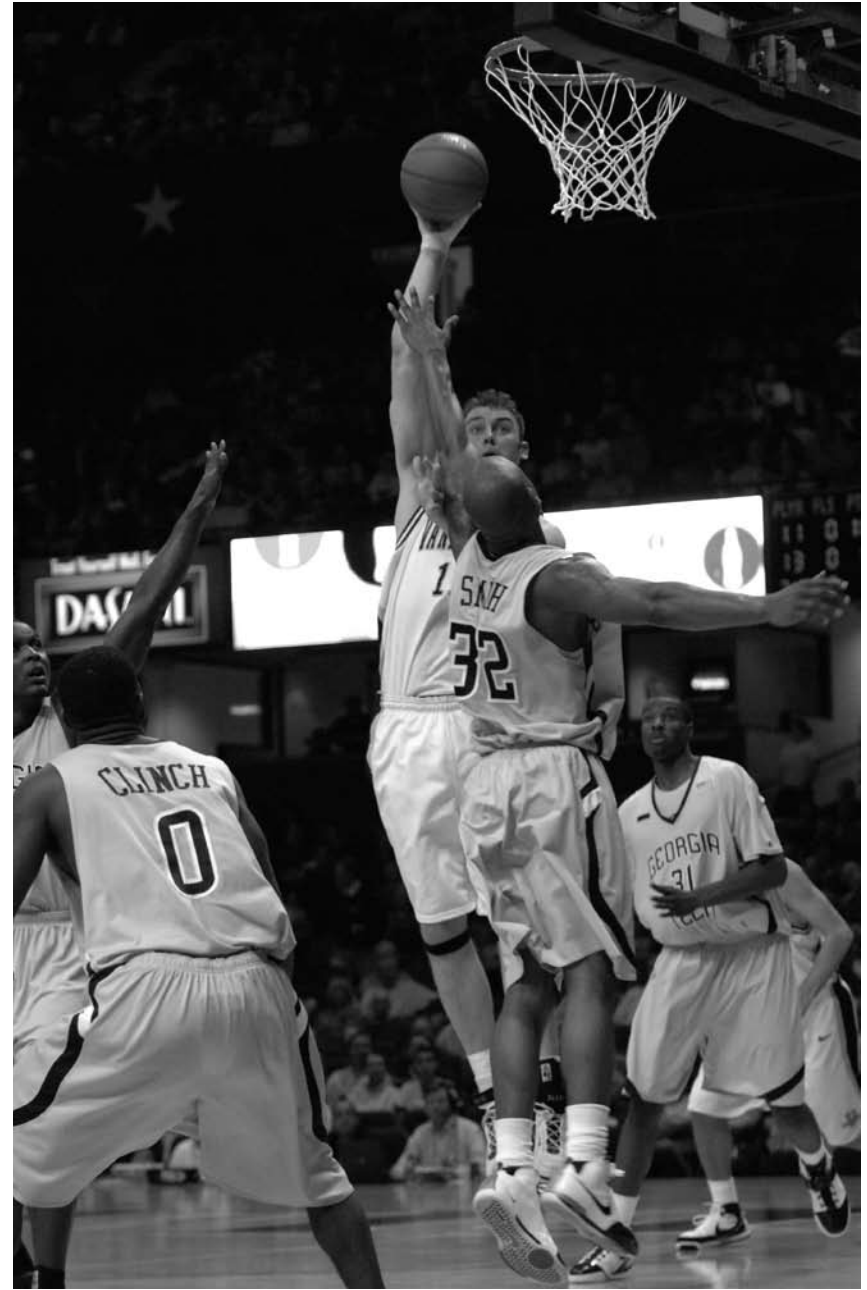
"You come out, and you're thinking you've got 30, maybe 33 guaranteed games, and when you see it like that, it's like you've got to make every second count, every minute count, every play count," Metcalfe said.

"When you come in as a senior and you've been watching the guys — last year was awesome for us, and we had great senior leadership — when you have that in front of you, you're able to see what it's supposed to be like and how they do it."

And if you ask Metcalfe's coach if he's taken to the lessons of last year, he'll give a glowing assessment.

"He has the look like Dan Cage and Ted Skuchas did last year, where seniors understand what it's supposed to be about," Stallings said.

"Alan is going in and competing and giving us really quality minutes. If the season's going to go where we want it to go, it'll be a key component for us." ■



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Senior Alan Metcalfe has embraced his role off the bench, scoring 29 points in his last two games. He dropped a career-high 15 points Saturday in Vanderbilt's 92-79 victory over Georgia Tech.

Defense shines in rout of Georgia Tech

by ERIC SILVER
Sports Reporter

Playing its first opponent from a major conference, the Vanderbilt men's basketball team made a statement Saturday afternoon at Memorial Gym, defeating Georgia Tech 92-79 in a game that wasn't nearly as close as the final score indicated.

The undefeated Commodores (7-0) went ahead 3-2 on a Shan Foster three-pointer and never looked back, leading 51-31 at halftime and by as many as 27 points before emptying their bench in the closing minutes.

"I thought we played very well defensively until the last five or six minutes," said coach Kevin Stallings. "I thought we got a little sloppy late, but it was one of our better defensive efforts of the year."

It would be difficult to disagree with Stallings' assessment. As efficient as Vanderbilt was offensively against Georgia Tech, shooting 65 percent in the first half and assisting on 20 of its 29 field goals, it made its mark defensively, holding its opponent to 38 percent shooting in the first half.

The Yellow Jackets, who led the Atlantic Coast Conference in assists, were held to a season-low eight helpers and also committed 17 turnovers. Their leading scorer, Anthony Morrow, did not score in the first half and finished with 12 points, the majority coming down the stretch when Foster



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Vanderbilt senior Shan Foster held Georgia Tech's leading scorer Anthony Morrow to just 12 points during the Commodores' 92-79 victory Saturday.

was relaxing comfortably on the bench.

"We knew he was a great player and an awesome shooter, and I just tried to take away his attempts," Foster said. "If you limit his attempts, then it's

kind of hard to make shots."

Vanderbilt also held Georgia Tech's leading rebounder, Jeremis Smith, to four rebounds, none of them coming on the offensive glass.

"The key for us was our ability to not let them have a lot of rebounds on the offensive boards," Stallings said. "We didn't have a lot of turnaround time from our game on Thursday night, but we sure talked about trying to box him out."

After beating South Alabama 91-88 in double overtime on Thursday, it would have been easy for the Commodores to come out sluggish on Saturday. Instead, they played with a bounce in their step and turned in one of their best defensive performances of the season.

"We locked in on defense, and that was one of the main things that we emphasized," said senior Alan Metcalfe, who scored a career-high 15 points. "They've got a few guards who are great scorers, and our guards did a great job on them."

In the second half, the Commodores increased their lead rather than letting the Yellow Jackets chip away at it, leading 85-58 with 5:05 remaining. Georgia Tech made the score look respectable in the waning minutes and actually outscored the Commodores by seven points in the second frame.

But when all was said and done, Yellow Jackets coach Paul Hewitt put it simply.

"They played better than us," he said. "There's nothing else you can say." ■

Bowlers finish in second

Earnest, Peloquin named to all-tourney team at Capital City Classic as Nebraska edges Commodores.

HUSTLER STAFF REPORT

Vanderbilt was hot, but Nebraska was hotter Sunday as the top-ranked Commodores narrowly missed repeating as champion at the Capital City Classic.

The No. 2 Huskers edged Vanderbilt by 63 pins to take the title.

"The tournament unfolded almost precisely as we had anticipated," said coach John Williamson.

"We knew it would be a high scoring shootout, and when that happens, usually the team with the best bowling luck that day emerges as the winner. Nebraska was better than we were today. They caught a few more breaks and converted a difficult split in the 10th frame."

Despite performing well, the Commodores could do nothing to cool off the Cornhuskers.

"You can't play defense, you just do the best you can do," Williamson said. "We bowled well; we were a plus-350 (pins over 200 average) in the Baker games and were plus-148 in the last two games. We had actually pushed into first place with two games to play, but Nebraska ended on a run."

Two Commodores made the five-woman all-tournament team. Sophomore Josie Earnest and junior Michelle Peloquin joined Marissa Martinek and Samantha Morrison of Arkansas State and Ashley Blakely of Jackson State on the honor squad.

Vanderbilt, now 33-9, will be idle until January 18 when it competes in the Central Region Duals in Warrensburg, Mo. ■

LSU to play opposite Ohio State in BCS title game

Associated Press

LSU has a ticket to the title game. Everyone else has a pretty good gripe.

The latest chapter in this crazy, unpredictable college football season was written Sunday when LSU won the sport's version of the lottery, being picked to play Ohio State for the championship and leaving about a half-dozen other candidates with plenty to complain about.

The Tigers (11-2), ranked second in the latest Associated Press poll, will be the first team to play in the BCS title game with two losses.

No. 1 Ohio State goes into the game, Jan. 7 at the Superdome in New Orleans, at 11-1.

Missouri and West Virginia, the teams that came into the weekend ranked 1 and 2, lost Saturday to blow their title chances and were left out of the BCS altogether.

And the rest of the BCS games are filled with teams that had every bit as good an argument as LSU for a spot in the title game.

In the Sugar Bowl, Georgia will play Hawaii. The Bulldogs (10-2) were fourth and idle coming into the final weekend — behind Missouri, West Virginia and Ohio State — but did not automatically rise two spots the way coach Mark Richt thought they should. Hawaii

(12-0), meanwhile, is the nation's only undefeated team, but is penalized for playing a weak schedule in the Western Athletic Conference.

The Fiesta Bowl will pit West Virginia (10-2) against Oklahoma (11-2). The Sooners beat top-ranked Missouri twice this season, including 38-17 on Saturday in the Big 12 title game.

The Rose Bowl stuck with its traditional Big Ten-vs.-Pac-10 matchup, going with Southern California (10-2) against Illinois (9-3). USC, thought to be playing as well as anyone in the nation right now, was one of the two-loss teams that had a legitimate claim at the title game. A loss to 41-point underdog Stanford in October, however, probably doomed the Trojans.

The Orange Bowl chose Atlantic Coast Conference champion Virginia Tech (11-2), also a two-loss team. Hurting the Hokies was that one of their losses was 48-7 to LSU back in September. Virginia Tech's opponent will be Kansas (11-1), which leapfrogged Missouri for a BCS spot even though the Jayhawks lost to Mizzou 36-28 only a week ago.

Logical?

Of course not, though even in the most uneventful year, the controversial voting practice inspires debate among pundits, outrage among fans and outright indignation among coaches whose teams get spurned. Need it be said this would have been a perfect year

for a playoff?

There would have been no clear favorite.

Ohio State has been roundly criticized since the beginning of the season, after losing players from a team that was heavily favored in last year's title game but flopped mightily in a 41-14 loss to Florida.

The Buckeyes were ranked first in November, but quickly surrendered that with a 28-21 loss to Illinois that only added fuel to those who said they weren't deserving. But they backed into the BCS game without even playing, beneficiaries of the fact the Big Ten doesn't play a title game while many other conferences do.

Their opponents will be LSU, a program that appeared on the verge of losing its coach as late as a few hours before kickoff Saturday.

That's when Miles held an angry news conference and said reports he would be leaving the Bayou for Michigan were false. In fact, he said, he had agreed to a new contract to stay in Baton Rouge.

Then, the Tigers went out and won. Later, they sat calmly and watched chaos reign for the rest of the day. On Sunday, they learned they were in the championship game for the second time in five years.

Weird. Wacky. A roller coaster. Yes, it was all of that.

Or, maybe it was the only fitting way to close out a very imperfect 2007 in college football. ■

Vandy starts slow, falls at No. 13 Cal

HUSTLER STAFF REPORT

No. 13 Cal handed No. 18 Vanderbilt its second road loss of the season Sunday afternoon, defeating the Commodores 67-59 in the championship game of the Contra Costa Times Classic at Haas Pavilion.

Playing its second game in as many days, Vanderbilt (7-2) struggled offensively, shooting a season-low 33 percent from the field. The Commodores got off to a slow start and trailed 36-19 at halftime, making only seven field goals and allowing the Golden Bears to shoot 61 percent.

In the second half, the Commodores rallied to cut Cal's lead to six with under a minute left, but the Bears were able to convert on a couple of free throws to secure the victory. Juniors Jen Risper (nine points, nine rebounds) and Christina Wirth were named to the all-tournament team, while Merideth Marsh led the Commodores with 12 points.

Cal's Rama N'diaye, who had 16 points, eight rebounds and three blocks in the title game, was named the MVP.

The Golden Bears extended their home non-conference winning streak to 28 games, while Vanderbilt returns home to prepare for Thursday's matchup with Western Kentucky (7 p.m.).

On Saturday, Wirth scored 18 points and had six rebounds to lead the Commodores to a 90-69 victory over Saint Mary's. Risper scored 12 points and added seven rebounds and five assists.

Vanderbilt, which was coming off an impressive 68-55 defeat of No. 11 Duke on Wednesday, had five players in double figures and led by as many as 28 points. ■



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Merideth Marsh (23), Christina Wirth (34) and the rest of Commodores followed their win over Duke with a Saturday victory over St. Mary's before falling to No. 13 Cal on Sunday.

COLUMN

A lot to like about these Commodores

JARRED AMATO

Sports Editor

The fact Vanderbilt still finds itself on the outside looking in at the top 25 poll proves the voters haven't seen coach Kevin Stallings' team play. If they had, there would be no reason to exclude the undefeated Commodores.

Given the way Vanderbilt embarrassed Georgia Tech in front of a Memorial Gym crowd of 13,322 Saturday, it's hard to find too many flaws with the Commodores thus far. While the season is still young, here are a few observations:

- The main reason the Commodores are so enjoyable to watch, and therefore winning games, is they genuinely enjoy playing with one another. They pass up good shots for great shots, help and rotate on defense and, as Georgia Tech point guard Matt Causey learned, always have each other's backs.

- The numbers from Saturday's game reflect Vanderbilt's offensive efficiency and unselfishness. Shan Foster scored 17 points, yet needed only eight shots (he made six of them) to do it. A.J. Ogilvy and Alan Metcalfe combined to score 31 points on 11 of 14 shooting, while Alex Gordon hit four of six shots to finish with 11 points. Furthermore, 20 of the Commodores' 29 field goals were assisted, compared to just eight of 28 for the Yellow Jackets.

- Playing Gordon and Jermaine Beal together in the backcourt has worked out great. Beal, who has assumed most of the ball-handling responsibilities, handled Georgia Tech's pressure easily and finished with a career-high nine assists and just one turnover. On the season, Beal has 35 assists to just 15 turnovers.

Gordon, meanwhile, has made a smooth transition to the two, averaging 11 points on 52 percent shooting, including 48 percent (15 for 31) from 3-point range, to give the Commodores another threat on the wing.

- With Tennessee guard Chris Lofton struggling, Foster is certainly making a strong case for Southeastern Conference Player of the Year. Although it's early, the senior swingman is averaging 19.6 points per game while connecting on 28 of 53 3-pointers (53 percent) to go along with 4.7 rebounds per game. Foster has also been one of the team's best defenders.



CHRIS PHARE/The Vanderbilt Hustler

While fans are split on the new look of Vanderbilt mascot Mr. C, they all agree the basketball team is fun to watch.

With at least 25 games remaining, Foster needs to average 17.4 points per game to surpass Matt Frieje as the school's all-time leading scorer.

- Ogilvy appears to be the frontrunner for SEC Freshman of the Year as well. The center is averaging 18 points per game while shooting a ridiculous 69 percent (45 of 65) from the field. He's also shooting 79 percent from the foul line and leading the team with six rebounds per game.

"Ogilvy is very poised for a freshman," said Georgia Tech coach Paul Hewitt. "He's very impressive. We watched tape on him, and I thought we did a good job of stressing to our big men just how good he is. For a young player, he has good feet and feel in the post."

- Who said the Commodores wouldn't be a 3-point shooting team this season? So far they have hit 57 of 127 attempts from downtown, an impressive 45 percent.

- While every player has benefited from the arrival of Ogilvy, no one is more appreciative than senior Ross Neltner, who is thriving at his more natural power forward position. Neltner is averaging 10.4 points and 5.1 rebounds.

- The Commodores are receiving solid

contributions from their bench. Metcalfe has provided the biggest boost, averaging 8.1 points and 3.6 rebounds per game. If he can continue to play 15 minutes a night, Ogilvy won't be worn out come March.

- Keegan Bell is a playmaker at point guard and should improve as the season goes on, while fellow freshmen Darshawn McClellan and Andre Walker have more than held their own in the frontcourt.

- Don't you love that when one player hits the deck hard after a foul, the other four are right there to pick him up?

- Vanderbilt is getting to the free-throw line a lot more than its opponents, which shows it has the ability to score when it is not shooting well from the perimeter. The Commodores have made more free throws (133) than their opponents have taken (129).

- Don't look now, but there is a chance Vanderbilt could run the table in non-conference play. The Commodores play seven of eight games at home, the lone road game coming against a struggling DePaul squad. The biggest tests should come from Wake Forest on Wednesday and Rice and Massachusetts in early January. ■

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- One who pounds
 - Concorde, e.g.
 - Loose, women's trousers
 - Faked support
 - Put money in the kitty
 - Armstrong or Myerson
 - Sand hill
 - Volcanic output
 - Min. fraction
 - Reputations
 - Shiraz resident
 - Brand as disgraceful
 - Viscous liquid
 - Lugosi and Bartok
 - Delays
 - Big letters in Detroit
 - Attempted to soundproof
 - Barroom spigot
 - Point of soccer
- SASE, for example
 - Domed room
 - Exam for jrs.
 - Singer Twain
 - Head covers?
 - Arab leaders
 - Ailments
 - Ark man
 - Pound or Frost
 - Awl or hoe
 - Lohengrin's love
 - Large amount
 - Diamond decider



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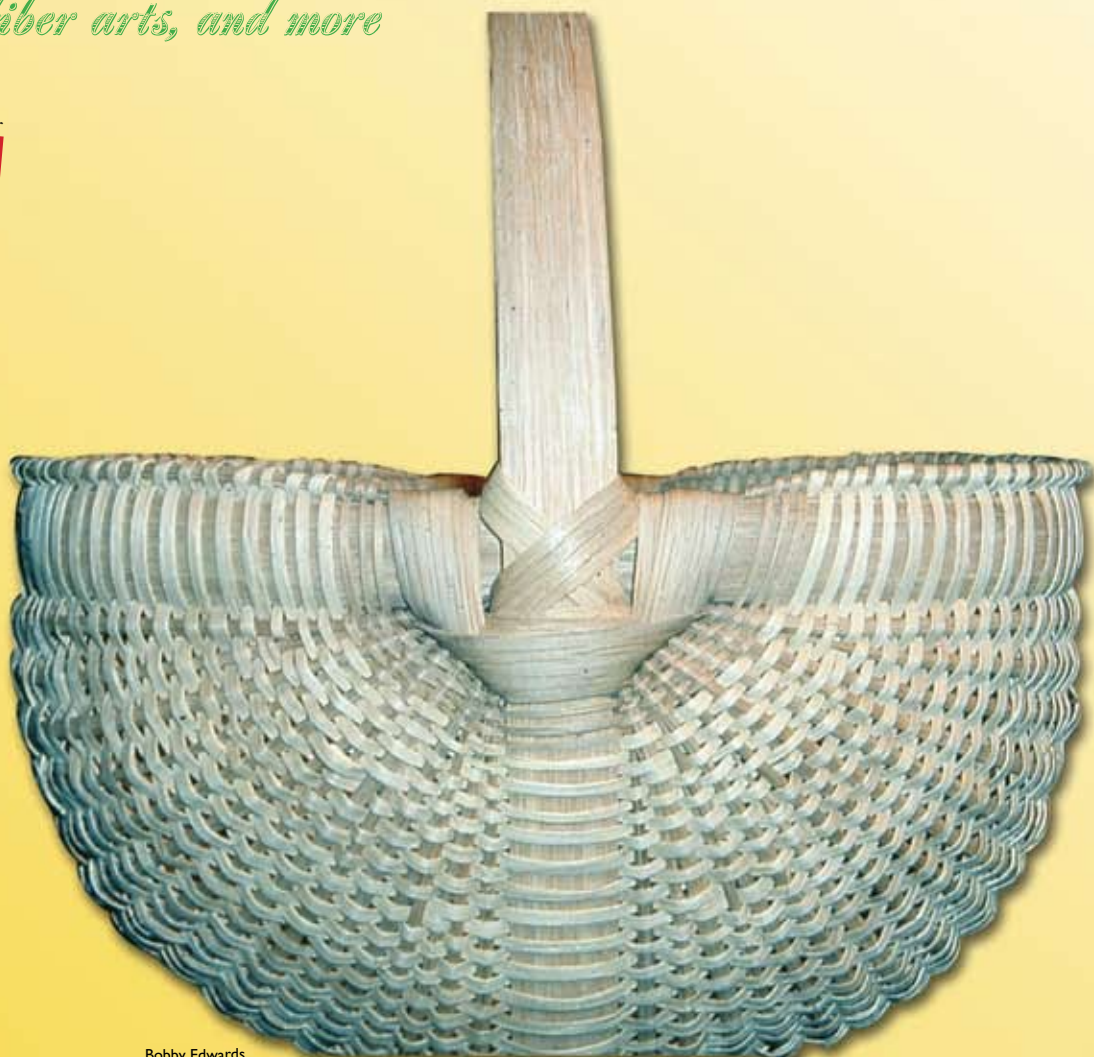


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