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TODAY'S WEATHER

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compiled by SARA GAST

TODAY

Vanderbilt Hustler recruitment meeting

A meeting will be held at 5 p.m. in Sarratt 130 for all students interested in contributing to the newspaper.

TODAY World on Wednesdays: 'The Faces of AIDS'

View a documentary about the many faces of AIDS worldwide at 12:10 in the Student Life Center Lower Level Rooms 1 and 2. The Vanderbilt chapter of Face AIDS will also discuss the growing AIDS pandemic.

TODAY AND THURSDAY RA recruitment meeting

Join Housing staff for an informational session covering the recruitment and application process for prospective resident advisers in The Commons Center Multi-Purpose Room at 6:30 p.m. tonight and in the Branscomb Rec Room at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JAN. 17 Vanderbilt vs. Tennessee men's basketball viewing party

Vandy Fanatics and the Office of Greek Life are co-sponsoring a viewing party, which will begin at 5 p.m. in the Student Life Center Ballrooms. There will be free Chick-fil-A and prizes.

THURSDAY, JAN. 17 **Lambda Lobbying 101**

Join the Vanderbilt Lambda Association as it sponsors the Tennessee Equality Project's Lobbying 101 session in the GLBT Resource Office at 6 p.m. Learn about the politics of GLBT issues and see how you can get involved in the legislative process of ensuring equality for all individuals.

THURSDAY, JAN. 17 'How to Get Better Grades'

In this presentation by Dr. Ben Rothstein, learn how to optimize your mind's potential and reduce stress. The program is hosted by Chabad Jewish Student Group and will be in Furman Hall, Room 325 at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 17 'Taliban Captive Talks: From Captivity to Conversion'

Yvonne Ridley will discuss her experiences from being a Taliban captive to deciding to convert to Islam in Sarratt Cinema at 6

See http://calendar.vanderbilt.edu

Centennial celebration

Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority celebrates 100 years of sisterhood.

by DANIELLE GANTT

Contributing Reporter

FAST FACTS ABOUT ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY

MOTTO: "By culture and by merit."

salmon pink and apple green

COLORS:

SYMBOL:

ivy leaf FLOWER: pink tea rose

It was the first Greek-lettered sorority established and incorporated

by black college

women.

It was founded on Jan. 15, 1908, at Howard University in Washington, D.C., by a group of nine women.

Ethel Hedgeman Lyle was the founding mother.

It has over 200,000 women in over 975 chapters world-

In honor of its 100th birthday, Mattel agreed to design a Barbie collectable doll fashioned in a pink and green evening gown.

of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. Tuesday night. The Board of Trust room in the Student Life Center was packed with students and sorority members celebrating 100 years since Alpha Kappa Alpha was founded.

There weren't enough chairs to accommodate the crowd that came out to celebrate with the Eta Beta chapter

Judge Sheila Calloway, a Vanderbilt alumna and member of the sorority, gave the keynote, stressing how important the sorority was in her own life.

"I was one of those students at Vanderbilt that administration felt needed a little 'extra help' with assignments and college life," Calloway said. "I owe a large part of who am today to the Eta Beta chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and their scholastic and ethical standards. They groomed me."

Junior Natalie Daniel, who came to the event to "share in the pride of such a great black accomplishment," also enjoyed the ceremony.

"The presentation was informative and interesting,"

Many National Pan-Hellenic Council fraternity and sorority members also came out to support the event.

Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity member, sophomore Justin Amaker, came out to support his "fellow soros" and offer "congratulations for their accomplishments."

Sophomore TaCara Harris said she thought attending the event was important.

"As an African-American student at Vanderbilt, I appreciate all the efforts of the NPHC," Harris said. "I'm fascinated that they've provided 100 years of service, and I really enjoyed the event tonight." Calloway felt the event was important to Vanderbilt's

"It memorialized an important historical event, and promotes unity in the small black student population, sisterhood and brotherhood on Vanderbilt's campus"

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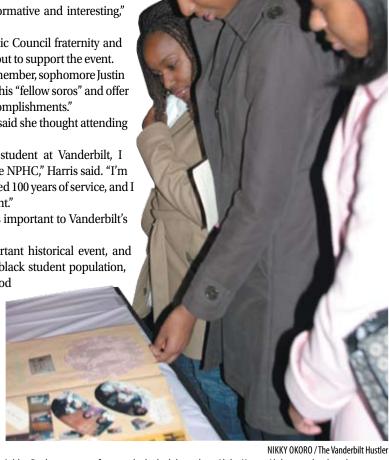
important to recognize." ■

said.

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—To listen to a podcast from the event, go to:





Ashley Ducket was one of many who looked through an Alpha Kappa Alpha scrapbook at the recep-

tion following the keynote at the sorority's 100th birthday celebration. VSG presidential candidates

assemble for first time

3-party field to be cut to 2 in January primary.

> by GLENNA DEROY Editor Emeritus

The packed 2008 presidential election has met its match.

A crowded Vanderbilt Student Government presidential field emerged Tuesday, as three candidates gathered in Wilson Hall to declare their intention to run.

The tickets will compete until the primary elections Jan. 29, when the field will narrow to two teams.

Every member of the five-person VSG Executive Board, with the exception of the current student body president and executive vice president, will run for president this

Junior Jared Anderson, current speaker of the Senate, has chosen to run with junior Courtney Holliday, director of publicity and an Arts and Science Council representative.

Junior Reid Simon, current speaker of the House, will run with junior Randall Norman, Tower I president.

Chief of Staff Joseph Williams, also a junior, will run with Wyatt Smith, a sophomore who serves as Peabody

The candidates are not allowed to speak about the race or their platforms until campaigning begins next Tuesday after their second candidate meeting. They must each gather 200 signatures from full-time undergraduates before then in order to continue.

Attorney General Andrew Gossett explained campaign rules and regulations to the candidates at the first meeting. For example, they may not spend more than \$500 on their campaigns, and candidates may not go door-to-door or use organization listservs to promote their platforms. They may post just one poster on any campus bulletin board and cannot decorate dorm windows.

Candidates also may not engage in negative campaigning. Campaign materials should not even mention the other tickets, Gossett said. Any general election debates must remain positive, he said, and personal attacks will not be tolerated.

Violation of any campaign regulations will result disqualification from the race. \blacksquare

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Junior Chief of Staff



Sophomore **Peabody Senator**

ELECTION TIMELINE

General election Feb. 5 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Campaigning begins Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m. Primary election Jan. 29 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

ELECTION UPDATE

Romney scores convincing Michigan GOP victory, sets up scramble of early winners in SC

Associated Press

DETROIT — Mitt Romney scored his first major primary victory Tuesday, a desperately needed win in his native Michigan that gave his weakened presidential candidacy new life. It set the stage for a wide-open Republican showdown in South Carolina in just three days.

Three GOP candidates now have won in the first four states to vote in the 2008 primary season, roiling a nomination fight that lacks a clear favorite as the race moves south for the first time.

The former Massachusetts governor defeated John McCain, the Arizona senator who was looking to repeat his 2000 triumph here. Mike Huckabee, the former Arkansas governor, trailed in third, and former Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson is making a last stand in South Carolina., The Associated Press reported.

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Versus to publish weekly magazine



FLIZARETH MIDDLERROOKS / The Vanderhilt Hustler Editor in Chief Darcy Newell (far left) collaborates with (clockwise from top) editors Chris Gearing, Courtney Rogers and Ellie Mix as they work to produce the first issue of a revamped Versus.

by SARA GAST

News Editor

Don't be confused by the refilled Hustler racks tomorrow. It's not an issue of the newspaper - it's Versus Magazine, the former once-asemester publication, that will print Thursday.

Editor in Chief Darcy Newell said she had the idea for a weekly magazine after seeing a "lack of depth in arts and entertainment" in Vanderbilt Student Communications Inc. publications.

"Versus will be a weekly publication specializing in entertainment and culture," Newell said. "We will have four sections: the feature, music, culture and fiction."

The feature will be the theme for the issue, Newell said.

"This issue we will do a wrap-up of 2007," said Features Editor Chris Gearing. "Some of the features are set, like the Oscars, but a lot of them are fluid. They will be about what our writers want to talk about or what is going on at

Other than the feature, each issue will have a section for music, culture and fiction, Newell

She emphasized the distinction between Versus and The Vanderbilt Review, a literary magazine that also publishes student-produced

"We are not officially collaborating with The Please see **VERSUS**, page 3



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WEATHER

THURSDAY



Cloudy, 42/30



Partly Cloudy, 42/23

SATURDAY



Partly Cloudy, 31/19

VUPD CRIME LOG compiled by SARA GAST

Friday, Jan. 11, 4:39 a.m.: Green leafy substance was found in pocket of patient who was brought into the emergency room.

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

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Hustler. **BACK ISSUES**

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STARTINGS

Rice says Arab nations should reach out to Israel to nudge Mideast peace accord

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Tuesday that Arab nations must do more to reach out to Israel, as a way to do their part to nudge a Mideast peace accord into being, The Associated Press reported.

She stepped gingerly around the question of whether the outreach should include Arab countries establishing diplomatic relations with Israel, their historical enemy. The only Arab nations that now have relations with Israel are Jordan and Egypt.

NTSB finds design flaw caused Minneapolis bridge collapse

WASHINGTON — Undersized gusset plates in the Interstate 35-W bridge in Minneapolis were "the critical factor" in the bridge collapse last year that killed 13 people and injured 100, the National Transportation Safety Board said Tuesday.

According to The Associated Press, Chairman Mark Rosenker said the plates, which connected steel beams, were roughly half the thickness they should have been because of a design error. Investigators found 16 fractured gusset plates from the bridge's center span, he said.

Explosion in Beirut targets U.S. Embassy vehicle; at least 3 Lebanese killed

BEIRUT, Lebanon — An explosion targeted a U.S. Embassy vehicle Tuesday in northern Beirut, killing at least three Lebanese and injuring an American bystander and a local embassy employee, U.S. and Lebanese officials said.

The blast, which damaged the armored SUV and several other vehicles, took place just ahead of a farewell reception for the American ambassador at a hotel in central Beirut, according to The

No Americans were in the car, which was carrying two Lebanese employees of the embassy, State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said.

Selig says Giants should have reported Bonds' trainer; Congress calls for Tejada probe

WASHINGTON — Barry Bonds' team should have reported concerns about the home run king's personal trainer to Major League Baseball, commissioner Bud Selig told Congress on Tuesday during a hearing on the sport's steroids era.

Even though no players were present, unlike the theatrical March 2005 session, the names of Bonds, seven-time Cy Young Award winner Roger Clemens and 2002 AL MVP Miguel Tejada all were raised during the four-hour, 15-minute proceedings prompted by last month's Mitchell Report, The Associated Press reported.

Apple CEO reveals tiny new laptop, confirms iTunes movie rentals

SAN FRANCISCO — Apple Inc. Chief Executive Steve Jobs took the wraps off a super-slim new laptop at the Macworld trade show on Tuesday, unveiling a personal computer less than an inch thick that turns on the moment it's opened, The Associated Press reported.

Jobs also confirmed the consumer electronics company's foray into online movie rentals, revealing an alliance with all six major movie studios to offer films over high-speed Internet connections within 30 days after they're released on DVD.

FDA says cloned animals are safe for food, sales won't begin quite yet

WASHINGTON — Meat and milk from cloned animals is as safe as that from their counterparts bred the old-fashioned way, the Food and Drug Administration said Tuesday — but sales still won't begin right away.

The decision removes the last big U.S. regulatory hurdle to marketing products from cloned livestock and puts the FDA in concert with recent safety assessments from European food regulators and several other nations, The Associated Press reported.

Tick bite scare of '06 leads to talk of an elected Lt. Gov.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A tick bite may cause Tennessee to start having an elected lieutenant governor, The Tennessean reported.

An advisory panel submitted its final report to Gov. Phil Bredesen Monday on amending the constitution to establish a clear process if a governor became incapacitated. But constitutional problems that have arisen may complicate the issue.

To address those complications, Bredesen is considering having an elected lieutenant governor. That new position may run on the same ticket as a governor or prospective governor seeking the office.

Oprah Winfrey partnering with Discovery for own TV network

NEW YORK — Oprah Winfrey is getting her own TV network. OWN — for Oprah Winfrey Network — will debut next year in nearly 70 million homes with cable and satellite, part of a deal announced Tuesday with Discovery Communications, The Associated Press reported. It will replace the Discovery Health network.

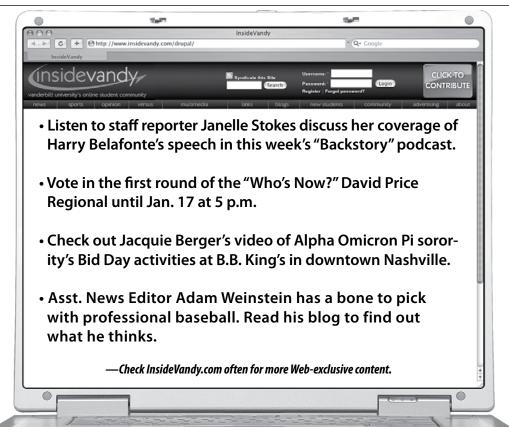
The announcement builds a media empire that already includes the top-rated TV talk show, a magazine, a satellite radio network, a Web site and TV movies made under her banner.

Vanderbilt Law School appoints new registrar, academic programs director NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Donna L. Pavlick has been named director of

academic programs and registrar of the Vanderbilt Law School, Vanderbilt News Service reported.

"Donna will play a key leadership role working with faculty and other senior administrators to implement and manage our rich array of academic programs. She also will work closely with Vanderbilt Law students, providing academic support, guidance and advice," said Chris Guthrie, associate dean for academic affairs.

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OLIVER WOLFE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Voices of Praise Gospel Ministries perform Monday before Harry Belafonte's lecture in the Student Life Center. Belafonte spoke to a standing-room-only crowd, urging activism and social engagement.



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Belafonte challenges youth in commemoration of King Jr

Activist expresses his opinions on the future, politics.

> by JANELLE STOKES Staff Reporter

He said we should become firemen — in the figurative sense, of course.

Controversial activist Harry Belafonte kicked off the 2008 Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative themed "Connecting Generations: Take A Stand," on Monday, speaking to an audience full of students, faculty and members of the Nashville community.

A close ally and companion of King during the civil rights movement, Belafonte characterized relationship to King as being "central to all that I do."

Belafonte, who is widely known for his career as a singer, producer and social and political activist, said he is motivated by King's prophecy of a far-from-perfect American culture, despite the promises of integration.

King believed the situation he faced in the 1960s forced black citizens to "integrate into a burning house," and said in response, "We've got to become firemen."

Opting for a question-andanswer forum instead of delivering a traditional speech, Belafonte examined the role of the artist in politics and society.

"Opening up discussion is what I do around this country," Belafonte said. He drew upon his recent work with gangs in South Central Los

"The men involved in the gang culture are activists trying to bring non-violence to the community," said Belafonte, who guides them to "pick up the baton" from their predecessors. "They're learning brick-by-brick that a quick fix doesn't work."

Regarding politics, Belafonte commented on some of the presidential candidates.

"I am thrilled about Barack Obama," Belafonte said. "From the perspective of color, I'm a pig turned loose from the pen."

At the same time, he expressed his reservations about the Democratic candidate, recalling his 2002 criticism of the Bush administration, Condoleezza Rice and Colin Powell.

"From the perspective of the human condition and world at large ... I don't know who he is," he said. "His avoidance of specificity disturbs me. ... (I don't want to be) caught in the trick bag of color like with Rice and Powell, who turned out to be

Larry Rivers, a graduate student, found it more than fitting for Belafonte to be the keynote speaker of the series.

"The university is a market for ideas," Rivers said. "(He) is here to better America, opinions, and

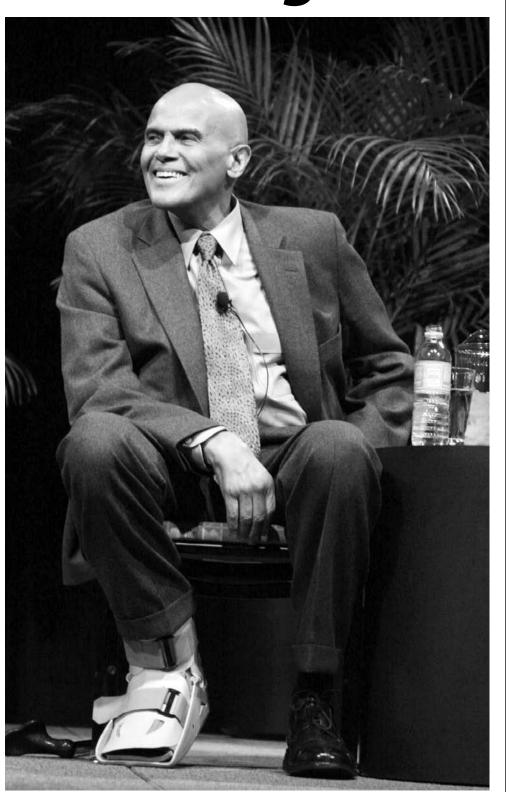
After taking a few questions from the audience, Belafonte ended the evening with a challenge.

"(I encourage) young people in America to be as engaged as they can be (and to) believe in other promises than what they've been given. There's more to life than a bank account," Belafonte said. "How are you going to become firemen?" ■

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—To listen to the "Backstory" of Stokes' reaction to this event, go to:





OLIVER WOLFE / The Vanderbilt Hustler Social and political activist Harry Belafonte spoke to a packed room Monday evening. Belafonte was the keynote and kickoff speaker for the Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Series.

VERSUS: Publication remains independent of Hustler, **Review**

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Review," Newell said. "We are broadening our short stories, poetry, haikus and photo essays, and some of the pieces may end up in The Review, but we are not partnering with them."

The same idea applies to Versus's affiliation with The Vanderbilt Hustler, she continued.

"Versus and The Hustler have an amicable relationship, and we are going to share a printer and some staff, but we're not under the same leadership," she

Many of Versus' specialties will continue to be published in the reconstructed magazine and on the Web.

"Versus has always had strong photo essays," Newell said, "but we had to sacrifice the glossy paper. Because of that, we are going to focus on creating them for our online readership with InsideVandy."

Both Gearing and Newell hope the refocused Versus will have more success and an increased readership.

"I also saw a lack of focus on arts and culture and weekly analysis of it," Gearing said. "I think this is an exciting opportunity to give Versus the chance to rebirth into something successful." ■

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MICHIGAN GOP: Candidates focus on upcoming primary in SC

"It's a victory of optimism Washington-style pessimism," Romney said in an Associated Press telephone interview from Southfield, Mich., echoing his campaign speeches and taking a poke at McCain, the four-term senator he beat. "Now on to South Carolina, Nevada, Florida."

Minimizing the significance of Tuesday's vote, McCain said he had called Romney to congratulate him "that Michigan welcomed their native son with support."

"Starting tomorrow, we're going to win South Carolina, and we're going to go on and win the nomination," McCain declared, also in an AP interview from Charleston,

Huckabee, too, already campaigning in the next primary state, said in Lexington, S.C.: "We're going to win South Carolina. We put a flag in the ground here Saturday." He also jabbed at Romney, who has poured at least \$20 million of his personal fortune into his bid: "We need to prove that electing a president is not just about how much money a candidate has."

Though he now has come in third in New Hampshire and Michigan after winning in Iowa, Huckabee said, "Whatever it takes, we're in it for the long haul."

In Michigan, with 37 percent of precincts reporting, Romney had 39.4 percent of the vote, McCain had 30 percent and Huckabee 15.4 percent. No other Republican fared better than single digits.

Hillary Rodham Clinton was the only top contender on the Democratic ballot. With 43 percent of precincts

of the vote to 35.9 percent for uncommitted delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

Romney's ties to Michigan proved beneficial.

Four in 10 voters said his roots factored into their votes, andmorethanhalfofthatgroup backed Romney, according to preliminary results from surveys of voters as they left

counted, she had 58.7 percent third of the vote, compared with about one half eight

> Romney had a slight edge over McCain as the candidate likeliest to bring needed

> The economy proved the most important issue for Republicans in Michigan, the state with the highest unemployment rate in the nation and an ailing auto



Republican presidential hopeful former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney speaks to supporters after winning the Michigan primary in Southfield, Mich., Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008.

their polling places, taken for The AP and the networks. He also led among voters who said the economy and illegal immigration were their most important issues, and won a majority of Republicans, conservatives, and voters looking for a candidate with experience.

McCain had an edge with those who wanted an authentic president, and he won among moderates, independents and Democrats. But fewer non-Republican voters participated in the GOP primary this year than in 2000 when those voters helped him beat George W. Bush. **Independents and Democrats**

accounted for roughly one-

industry. Given four choices, half of Michigan Republican primary voters the economy as the most important issue, while one in five picked Iraq, one in seven immigration and one in 10 terrorism.

A mere 20 percent of eligible voters were expected to show up at polling stations across frigid and snowy Michigan; turnout likely to be depressed by a Democratic race of little to no consequence.

For Republicans, the stakes

Of the three candidates competing hard here, Romney needed a Michigan victory the most to invigorate a campaign

weakened by searing losses in Iowa and New Hampshire. He was the only one who watched the voting returns in Michigan; his top Michigan opponents, McCain and Huckabee, campaigned in the state earlier in the day but left by afternoon to plant themselves in next-up South

Up for grabs in Michigan were 30 Republican delegates.

Romney campaigned in the state far more than his rivals and spent more than \$2 million in TV ads in Michigan, nearly three times what McCain did, according to an analysis of presidential advertising by the nonpartisan Michigan Campaign Finance Network. McCain paid for more than \$740,00 in ads and Huckabee spent more than \$480,000.

A muddle from the start, the GOP race has grown ever more fluid as the first states voted over the past two weeks.

Huckabee won the Iowa caucuses, McCain prevailed in New Hampshire's primary, and Romney was second to both — but claimed victory in scarcely contested Wyoming. Thompson is camping out in South Carolina looking for his first win. Rudy Giuliani, the former New York mayor, is doing the same in Florida,

which votes Jan. 29. Romney was born and raised in Michigan, and his late father, George, was head of American Motors and a three-term governor in the 1960s. Romney announced his presidential candidacy in Michigan a year ago, campaigned in it far more than his rivals and spent considerably more money on advertising.■

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OUR VIEW

Redesigned Versus reflects campus culture

part of life at Vanderbilt. For many of us, the live music alone provided a superior incentive during the admissions process.

Unfortunately, in the past, there has been no publication that thoroughly covers our city and its entertainment as it directly relates to the life of the Vanderbilt undergrad. Beginning Thursday, the redesigned Versus Magazine aims to correct that missing component of student

Editor in Chief Darcy Newell and her staff have worked to create a weekly arts and entertainment magazine that echoes the interests of the Vanderbilt undergrad and provides a cohesive look at some of the elements of our collective, campuswide culture. Elected by the Vanderbilt Student Communications Inc. Executive

a sharp, innovative approach to the entertainment magazine form.

This is not to take anything away from Versus in its previous form; Editor Emeritus Jean Son's work demonstrated an impressive artistic achievement in the traditional magazine form. But Versus itself has been reinvented time and time again with its autonomy as a campus magazine the one critical constant. Though The Hustler strongly supports Versus and its staff, the two publications are completely independent from one another.

As Editor in Chief, Newell has the complete authority to re-imagine the direction and focus of the publication. More importantly, however, Newell has an obligation as the editor of the campus magazine to produce a publication that

QUICK SHOTS

What is the

most important

characteristic for a

good president?

One Issue,

Four Responses

The city of Nashville plays an integral Board, Newell has already demonstrated offers a distinct viewpoint and benefits the campus in doing so.

> Although sometimes a utilitarian perspective is too liberally applied to matters like these, in this case, Versus's place as an entertainment publication will benefit a much larger audience on campus, much more frequently. From expanded live music coverage to more in-depth fashion content, Versus will represent many of the cultural interests we share. As well, the fiction section - featuring new content each week reflects both the spirit of the Versus of the past few semesters and Vanderbilt's noted literary tradition.

> Ultimately, Versus's redefined focus should bring something new and distinct to the campus and, moreover, reflect well

allow the future president to facilitate

the passing of legislation that will

benefit the country and to build stronger

It is important for Americans to

know the true state of the union. This

knowledge will allow them to plan for

the future and inspire them to become

more involved in the political process.

relations with foreign countries.

Honesty is the best policy

Having endured a string of dishonest presidents,

what the United States really needs is a president who

Admittedly, American citizens don't expect to find the terms

"honesty" and "politician" in the same sentence after hearing

tailored evidence to justify the war in Iraq and "I did not have

sexual relations with that woman." Then again, what's to prevent

An honest president gains public support both at home and

abroad. With this support comes respect, and this respect will

leaders from lying when they know they can get away with it?

Aimee Sobhani, Columnist

knows how to tell the truth.

ALYSE ANDALMAN

Vandy dating

Guest Columnist

Dear Andrew,

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COLUMN

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represents

falsely

I am going to be one of the girls to complain. If you want to put in your disconnected headphones and ignore my rant, then please not hide their intelligence is both valid and legitimate, it is all but impossible for a girl to

Let me explain, point by point, where your

1. While I don't believe that being reckless with anybody's heart is a good thing, there

2. Though biology has a strong influence on relationships, as any human sexuality class will tell you, the forces of culture and free will are just as important. In modern American society, women do not marry at age 16, which would be deemed genetically ideal. Instead, we wait for love. Additionally, if you had taken Dr. Leslie Smith's Human Sexuality class, you would know it is men, not women, who fall in love faster and take

3. On behalf of all the women at Vanderbilt, it is my profound hope you are not comparing us to Britney Spears as a potential representation of the average Vanderbilt

Meanwhile, women are constantly told by Vanderbilt men we are too fat, too ugly, not in the right sorority or simply not good enough for them. Just take a moment and look around you. The women here are amazing. We are

do. I don't really care if you like what I have to say. While your suggestion that girls should show a guy how smart she truly is when said guy is too drunk to understand what she's

are a few legitimate reasons why women at Vanderbilt and women everywhere do the things we do. Primarily, we don't want to appear desperate or easy. Though it is a great compliment to know that another person is interested in you, it is a huge turnoff when that person shows too much interest. Men often don't call women after a first date until three days later in order to show that they're not desperate. Women, therefore, have to find our own equivalent. So, maybe it is the men to blame for starting this cycle of needing not to appear desperate. And maybe next time you go on a date, you should call the girl the day after and see how desperate she thinks

longer to recover from a breakup.

Please see ANDALMAN, page 5

Prioritizing should be key for public Spencer Montalvo, Asst Opinion Editor

In this race, candidates are courting the hardcore

in their parties with big talk on social issues, taxes, immigration and foreign affairs. With a few exceptions, such rhetoric reflects more the passions of the moment than a blueprint for practical governance. As former governor of New York, Democrat Mario M. Cuomo said, "You campaign in poetry, but you govern in prose."

What this country desperately needs is a president who can focus, organize, set priorities and listen. Rather than focusing on

a candidate's ability to glad-hand and deliver inspirational speeches, we need to hone in on his or her ability to direct a government toward actually achieving real change for this country. For too long, we have been plagued by incompetence in the White House, and it's time we had a president with the strength and vision to revitalize these shores.



Next president must possess optimism and imagination Glenna DeRoy, Editor **Emeritus**

This may be the first and only time I quote Karl Rove, but it was he who said, "A president who succeeds makes us feel that the nation can succeed." The

next president will have to keep this in mind, as he or she uses optimism to battle the doubts of many citizens. The nation faces several serious dilemmas, and people will need a leader who believes he or she can prevail on these issues. We are at war, we need to pay more attention to our health care and education systems; we remain dependent on foreign oil, and we must confront an economic downturn at home. It will take courage to remain confident in this atmosphere, and it will take imagination to find solutions to this laundry list of problems. Former President Gerald Ford said, "You can't just sit back and say this is wrong, it is terrible, that is wrong ... and I can't do anything about it." You have to be able to face the unpleasant facts of our times with a smile and empower those around you to reach out of the box to find solutions.



Courage of conviction needed Thomas Shattuck, Guest columnist

What would I like to see in a presidential candidate? To use an outdated term: gumption the concept of thick skin or the ability to follow through. I don't mind if he

changes his mind (i.e., John Kerry) as long as he has a reason for it. That being said, popular opinion does not count as a valid reason. A lot of people think a lot of things and unfortunately, most of them are wrong. The key is having the ability to make reasonable (if not correct) judgments and to act on them without fearing the

Admittedly, there are times when being unpopular hinders your agenda, and sometimes pandering to masses has to be done. Taking into consideration that the candidates plan to run for the highest elected office, I assume they already know how to

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LETTER

Bookstores should be raking in the cash

To the Editor:

The Hustler's recent article on the exorbitant cost of textbooks is to be commended as worthwhile reporting. Unfortunately, its portrayal of bookstore industry figures as uncontested facts is disappointing to say the least. The underlying insinuation of the data that college bookstores are merely scraping by is really quite absurd. There's no denying textbooks are

incredibly expensive, but claiming "the bookstore receives 22.4 percent" of a book's sale price is, at best, an overly optimistic underestimate. Of course, a 22 percent cut of the pie is hardly shabby, but there's nothing to suggest the real percentage isn't higher.

I don't think the National Association of College Stores, an industry group for college retail stores, is going to be a particularly comes to breaking down the cost of a new textbook. After checking the NASC Web site, it appears the figures cited in the Hustler article are self-reported by NASC members and self-compiled without even detailing the methodology, much less the pretense of engaging an outside research group.

This would be akin to a candy company claiming sugar has no harmful effect on one's diet. The validity of such claims is severely undermined by the nature of the sources purporting them. Until more research from a less biased source is published, there's no good reason to accept the NASC numbers.

Bookstores have every reason to stress they are not the ones responsible for ridiculous textbook prices in order to deflect the ire of increasingly impoverished students onto other entities, such as publishers. Publishers

reliable source of information when it are far from blameless, but it's important to remember the primary goal of the NASC and bookstores is not to help students, but to make (lots of) money.

> The NASC, according to its own Web site, strives to help members improve their "bottom line." Follett, Vanderbilt's bookstore managing group, is a \$1.6 billion enterprise that is the 133rd largest private company in the United States as ranked by Forbes. It's hard to create a business that large without a healthy profit stream.

> Finally, The Hustler didn't even mention the NASC's own figure that more than 35 percent of a used textbook's price goes right back into the bookstores' pockets. Given there's no publisher to be paid with used books, it wouldn't surprise me if 35 percent isn't a little on the low side. My personal experience with selling other people's old

textbooks online would suggest 35 percent is a pretty achievable figure, and I sell used books at prices far less (usually, at least 20 percent) than what the bookstore charges and often buy them at higher prices than what the bookstore will pay to buy them back. Furthermore, I have nowhere near the NASC's and Follett's economies of scale when it comes to shipping and distribution.

To be fair, the article did state the percentages were taken from the NASC. Nevertheless, it's a significant disservice to readers to quote numbers from dubious purveyors of information and present them as credible facts, especially when these "facts" tend to excessively reflect the view of the purveyors in question.

> **Evan Didier** Junior, A&S

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COLUMN

Promotion of human rights in China just a false promise



SOO YANG

When the Chinese announced their bid for the 2008 Olympic Games, they promised to promote the development of human rights in their country. Now, with only seven months until the Games in Beijing commence, the rest of the world is beginning to suspect their promise was solely fabricated to improve their chances for the candidacy and not for advancing causes of human dignity, as they had promised.

In fact, we have the right to feel deceived because China, in utter rejection of its own vows and continued defiance of international criticism, has virtually accomplished nothing on the issues of religious freedom, media censorship, climate change, forced abortions, capital punishments, rights of ethnic minorities, LGBT equality and treatment of AIDS/HIV patients. Rather, China has descended into a new nadir by sacrificing a host of human rights just to showcase its economic prosperity, political solidarity and social harmony.

One of the most disturbing human rights abuses directly associated with the Olympics preparation involved the inhumane exploitation of labor. Investigations from Playfair, an international coalition of trade unions, revealed that Chinese Olympic firms have hired companies like "Lekit," a Taiwanese corporation that forced children to work up to 13 hours a day in order to maximize productivity. Other reports indicate similar companies allow workers to operate in substandard conditions and in harsh working environments conducive to fatal accidents. The exploitation of workers' rights had been increasing due to China's rapid industrialization, and the government's decision to ignore the plight of its own citizens during the Olympics preparation worsened this socioeconomic injustice.

Unfortunately, these troubling reports of labor exploitation were heavily censored in China as the authorities have recently intensified their grip on the media and dissident groups. In order to boast to the world its social coherence and ideological uniformity during the Olympics, the government has decided to mute dissent and avoid embarrassing demonstrations by detaining journalists and political activists under charges of subversion and pseudo-terrorism. Hu Jia was one of the many dissidents recently arrested due to the nature of his work. As a lifelong activist for HIV/AIDS causes and environmental issues, he has fought tirelessly for democratic reforms, better health care and sustainable development, and his efforts caught the attention of both the Chinese authorities and international human rights agencies. Realizing that he posed a serious threat to political stability during the Games, the government placed Jia under house arrest and constant surveillance. Unfortunately, his story is just one of many that point to China's shameless disregard for human dignity.

It is not surprising China has decided to ignore the human rights issues of today. However, as China continues to become an important member of the global society, the Chinese government must be held accountable for their empty rhetoric and oppressive policies. The world must warn China its human rights abuses are no longer acceptable, and this year's Olympics represents an opportunity to make this message clear

Notably, in response to criticism from prominent Olympics organizers, China has successfully urged the Sudanese government to allow the United Nations Peacekeeping Forces to operate in Darfur. Although there is much work to be done

THE VERDICT Stand and be judged by the Hustler opinion staff! Compiled by Katherine Miller Mac releases sweet, sweet new MacBook Air -- the thinnest notebook ever. Suspended Titans cornerback was accused Pacman Jones of punching a woman in the Body Tap strip dub in Atlanta. Once more, Maverick graces us with **Tom Cruise** his refreshing brilliance, declaring Scientologists the "authority on the mind." **Appendices** Zac Efron rushed to hospital for emergency appendectomy. Others vow to fill the temporary void for effeminate actors. Sorority celebrated 100-year anniversary Alpha Kappa Alpha Tuesday. We're looking forward to seeing more pink and green. Mike Huckabee Candidate advises us to "amend the Constitution so it's in God's standards." This will make things so much easier. **Oprah Winfrey** Joint partnership with the Discovery Channel furthers venture to overtake all other earthly powers. **Diane Keaton** Actress drops F-bomb on "Good Morning America." Really, though, you can't blame

regarding China's role in Darfur, this small progress provides a glimpse of hope that China will react to foreign pressure in order to preserve its status as the host for the 2008 Olympics. However, this hope must remain grounded in the reality of China's calculating nature and its dogmatic resistance to change.

her if you've ever seen GMA.

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ANDALMAN: Sometimes women aren't just playing games with your heart

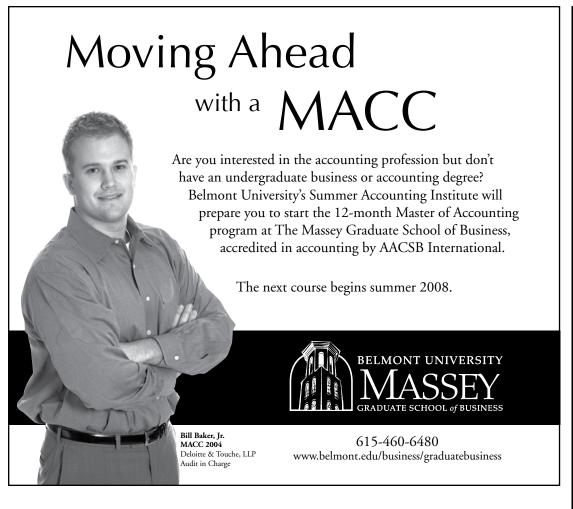
talented, brilliant and gorgeous. If that is not good enough for Vanderbilt men, then I don't know what is.

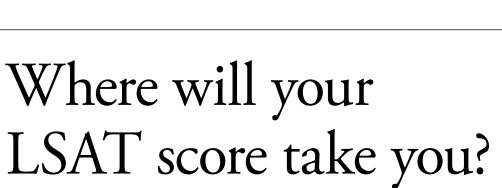
Ultimately, the breakdown of the dating system could be attributed to anything or anyone. I truly believe that the lack of interest in dating people and the increased desire for random hookups contributes quite strongly to the diminishing relationships between Vandy students. So, in the end, while women

should do their own part in improving the situation on campus, Vanderbilt men should also consider asking girls to coffee in lieu of merely taking them as dates to their drunken raves. Or perhaps, you can think of something more creative and more romantic than coffee. How original.

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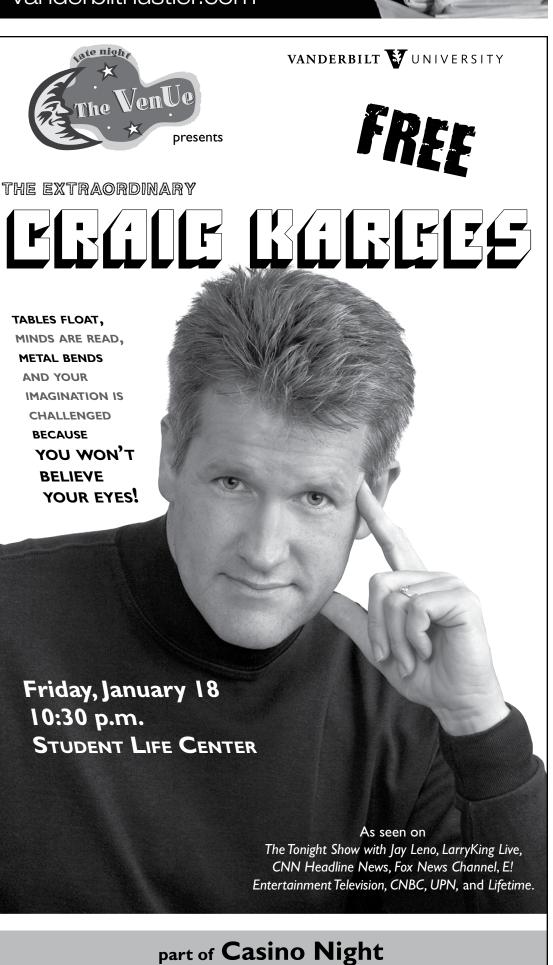
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Thursday Men's Basketball @ No. 6 Tennessee 6 p.m., ESPN2

Vanderbilt (16-1, 1-1 Southeastern Conference) is coming off a heartbreaking double-overtime loss to Kentucky, their first defeat to the Wildcats in the last four meetings. Tennessee (14-1, 2-0), on the other hand, blew out South Carolina on Saturday, emptying their bench in the final minutes. Luckily, Bruce Pearl will be in a suit tomorrow night and not topless with ridiculous orange paint all over his body.

Thursday Women's Basketball vs. No. 12 Georgia 7 p.m., Memorial

After scoring only ten points in the first half Sunday, the Commodores (12-5, 1-1 Southeastern Conference), came roaring back, scoring 41 in the second frame but still falling to No. 11 LSU by 11. Georgia also had a rough game, losing by a whopping thirty points to Auburn.

Today No. 16 Women's Tennis vs. Tennessee-Martin 2:30 p.m. **Currey Tennis Ctr**

It's been over two months since the Commodores were in action, but Vandy's tennis team hopes to pick up where they left off. Led by senior Amanda Taylor, junior Courtney Ulery and sophomore Catherine Newman, all of whom are nationally ranked in singles, the Dores look to defeat Ohio Valley Conference power UT-Martin at home. "Obviously, the first dual match of any season is what you're looking forward to when you work really hard in the offseason," said coach Geoff Macdonald. "I'm proud of the way the girls worked through the fall and winter."

THEY SAID IT ...

Last season, Vanderbilt

finished with a19-9

record.

"Ogilvy is a dominant big man in our league. He's going to be a professional basketball player some day."

BRUCE PEARL Tennessee Basketball Coach

DAILY

Points per game scored by Tennessee, tops in

86.0

Points per game scored by Vanderbilt, second in the SEC

Drop in scoring average from last season to this by Tennessee senior **Chris Lofton**

Compiled by Eric Silver

Memorial Gym is SEC's best



Memorial Gym, with its quirky court and raucous fans, presents unique challenges to opponents. But is it better than Kentucky's Rupp Arena or Florida's O-Dome?

GOOD CALL

by ANDREW BARGE

Sports Reporter

No other arena in the Southeastern Conference screams home-court advantage like Memorial Gymnasium. That's partly due to its one-of-a-kind court layout, but also because it literally screams louder than any other venue in the conference.

But before I preach about the unfamiliar Mecca of college basketball, let's look at the rest of the field. Vanderbilt's main competition consists of Kentucky's Rupp Arena, Tennessee's Thompson-Boling Arena and the Stephen C. O'Connell Center in Gainesville, Fla., also known as the "O-Dome."

All four programs have enjoyed varying levels of success over the past few years, so a team's talent level shouldn't factor into the argument when considering an arena's value. For example, Florida hasn't lost in the O-Dome since 2005, but a lot of that has to do with the three guys that got picked in the top 10 of the last NBA draft, not necessarily the gym in which they competed. The question asks which venue gives the home team the biggest advantage; whether or not the players need the boost is irrelevant.

Some fans would point to Rupp Arena, due to the incredible success the Wildcats have enjoyed over the years. Kentucky fans are loud, and with consistent sellout crowds approaching 23,000 fans, it's impossible to argue otherwise. But does crowd capacity necessarily constitute loudness? Moreover, does that really separate Kentucky from the other three arenas?

Placing emphasis on crowd size would give Thompson-Boling Arena the nod, since its 24,500 capacity puts it at the top of the SEC. Florida's arena suggests crowd size is overrated. The O-Dome, despite its limited capacity of 12,000, is constantly lauded for its enthusiastic crowds. Along with the historic Cameron Indoor Stadium and its 9,300 capacity, the O-Dome disproves the idea more fans translates into more volume.

A gym's acoustics have a lot to do with its noise, which is why this writer believes Memorial is the loudest gym in the conference. It packs 14,000 fans in a small area by using stagelike seating. The elevated court allows the jam-packed crowd to smother the playing area.

Noise level, however, lies in the often-biased opinion of the spectator, which is why an indisputable fact puts Memorial over the top: its unique floor layout. Even the most outspoken Vandy-hater can't argue against the elevated floor and bench location as two significant advantages. No other team in the conference knows how to compete with their head coach on the other side of the floor because no other team plays home games in Memorial Gym. Kevin Stallings's ability to yell loudly helps, but playing and practicing in the bizarre gym on a daily basis definitely pays off.

In addition to preparing for a talented team, each opponent has to prepare for the gym itself. That's why any team would benefit from playing in the one arena that separates itself from the rest of the conference.

Fortunately for us, that team is Vanderbilt. ■

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BAD CALL

by DAVID NAMM

Asst Sports Editor

Off to one of the best starts in college basketball at 16-1, the Commodores have firmly cemented themselves as a force to be reckoned with in the Southeastern Conference.

Consequently, the team's successes have brought out the student body en masse to join the local Commodore faithful, effectively making Memorial Gymnasium a hostile environment where opponents have yet to garner a win this season.

Before Memorial is ordained as the crown jewel of SEC environments, however, there is a plethora of evidence suggesting — although it certainly has the potential to become the toughest place to play in the country, let alone the SEC — it has yet to reach that pinnacle.

The closest example at this point can be found as recently as the Commodores' past game, as a very cool, calm and collected Vanderbilt squad lost at legendary Rupp Arena at the hands of the Wildcats due in large part to their frenzied fan base.

"I think we got taken out of our game a little bit at the start," said freshman center Andrew Ogilvy, showing that even a team as talented and battle-tested as Vanderbilt was affected by the ruckus created in Lexington.

There is a certain sense of basketball lore at other SEC schools, like Kentucky, that simply bests what is currently seen at Vanderbilt.

The Wildcats have won seven national championships — to Vanderbilt's zero — in their century of existence as a basketball program, fostering a fully dedicated basketball culture that is a signature trademark on that university's campus and in the extended community. Thus, basketball at Kentucky is a way of life, and it shows in their arena.

Despite Vanderbilt being unbeaten at home thus far this season, none of their opponents were ranked at the time they came to Memorial. In other words, it is impossible to know the true impact Memorial has on an opponent's psyche until Vanderbilt faces superior conference teams such as Florida and Tennessee at

This is not to say Memorial couldn't eventually join Rupp Arena among the elites of the SEC. In fact, with the team's recent greatness, it is more than reasonable to believe — sooner rather than later — opponents will cower when they learn they must play in Nashville.

In essence, just as the Vanderbilt basketball program is making its way into the country's elite, Memorial is doing the same. But, just as Vanderbilt is not yet the most esteemed team in SEC history, Memorial is not yet the toughest place to play in the SEC. ■

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Conference supremacy on the line

Vandy, Tennessee to square off Thursday in Knoxville.

by ANDREW HARD

Sports Editor

Florida may be ascending quickly as a dark horse candidate, but the Commodores (16-1) and Volunteers (14-1) have clearly established themselves as the two teams to beat in the Southeastern Conference East, if not the entire conference.

It may be early in the conference season, but when these two rivals clash Thursday in Knoxville (6 p.m., ESPN2), bragging rights take a backseat to the larger

Already 2-0 in SEC play, the Vols can seize complete control of the division race with a victory. Vanderbilt, meanwhile, could use a marquee win to boost its resume, and a victory at Thompson-Boling Arena over No. 6 Tennessee would certainly qualify. So forgive the players for laying aside the rivalry aspect for this matchup.

"For me personally, (Tennessee) is just like every other game," said senior Shan Foster, the SEC's leading scorer at 20.6 points per game. "It's a road game that we look forward to playing in."

Both teams have made their living this year on running their opponents into the ground.

As explosive and efficient as Vanderbilt's offense is, Tennessee's may be even better, as the Vols hold statistical advantages over the Commodores in points per game (86.7 to 86.0) and turnovers (12.2 to 16.6). The key for Vanderbilt's defense may be their offense: hold onto the ball and prevent easy points off turnovers.

"Hopefully we just don't give them points by giving them the ball," said Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings. "They use all their people and their weapons well, so we just have to be really sound one through five and do the things that we've practiced and are coached to do."

Vanderbilt boasts one of the leading low-post scorers in the league in freshman A.J. Ogilvy (19.4 points per game). But don't expect Vanderbilt to slow the game down to pound it inside, even though Ogilvy holds a size advantage over Tennessee big men Wayne Chism and Brian Williams.

"We just want to continue to play our game," Foster said. "We'll get the ball up and down the court and take good shots when they present themselves."

The Commodore of fense has proven its effectivenessthis season, but other parts of their game have, at times, left much to be desired.

"I think that the game will probably not really have anything to do with who outruns the other," Stallings said. "My guess is that it will have to do with who plays the best defensively and rebounds the best."

Coming off a dismal first half Saturday in Lexington, Vanderbilt faces another hostile crowd against Bruce Pearl's squad and cannot afford a slow start as they did last year, an 84-57 Volunteer victory.

Much of that will involve breaking a Tennessee fullcourt press that is among the best in the country. The Commodores faced a similar press defense against UMass in their final non-conference game, but the Vols present a greater challenge.

"They're good in the half court as well as the full court," Stallings said. "Just because you break their press doesn't mean you've beaten their defense."

Vanderbilt is quickly learning that road contests in the SEC remain as tough as ever, despite an off year for the conference as a whole. Tennessee provides one of the most hostile environments, one the Commodores want quickly silenced after last year's trouncing.

"We feel like we got embarrassed up there last year," Foster said. "I guess you could say we have a little bit of a chip on our shoulders."

Maybe they've been looking forward to this matchup a little bit after all. ■

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SEC POWER RANKINGS Compiled by Eric Silver 1. Tennessee (14-1, 2-0) The Vols have their sights set on Vandy after a



win against previously unbeaten Ole Miss and a blowout victory at South Carolina.



5. Arkansas (13-3, 2-0) Darren McFadden may be gone, but Razorback nation still has its basketball team to cheer for. The Arkansas hoopsters have three winnable



9. Georgia (9-5, 0-1)

Internal issues have caused the Bulldogs to struggle a bit as of late, but you can never count out this veteran-laden team.



2. Ole Miss (14-1, 1-1)

It looks like that heartbreaking loss to Tennessee carried over to the Rebels' next game, as they almost blew a 22-point lead to squeak past lowly LSU by three.



6. Mississippi State (11-5, 2-0)

A thin roster is the one thing holding the Bulldogs back, but they are still 2-0 in conference play.

SEC games coming up on their schedule.



10. South Carolina (8-8, 0-2)

It doesn't look like the Gamecocks will be doing much in the SEC this year, but they are shooting a respectable 40 percent behind the 3-point line.



3. Vanderbilt (16-1) (1-1)

4. Florida (15-2, 2-0)

That ugly double-overtime loss to Kentucky at Rupp knocks the Dores down two spots. Hopefully they rebound tomorrow in Knoxville.

Gators are 2-0 in conference play, but questions

about their strength of schedule abound.



7. Alabama (11-6, 0-2)

A tough loss to Arkansas shows that the Tide will probably be on the outside looking in come



11. Auburn (9-5, 0-2)

You've got to feel bad for the injury-wracked Tigers, but at least they've got leading scorers Quan Prowell and Rasheem Barrett coming back.

8. Kentucky (7-7, 1-0)

Where did that come from? Arguably the worst Kentucky team this millennium left Saturday's game thinking they had just won the national title. Still, the Wildcats are NIT-bound at best.



12. LSU (7-9, 0-2) The Tigers are the only team in the SEC with a

losing record, and it looks like it's going to stay that way.



PEDRO ALVAREZ, JUNIOR Baseball, Third Basemar

- Preseason National Player of the Year and potential No. 1 pick Star of Team USA past two summers
- Turned down \$1 million from Red Sox to play for Vandy Fan favorite for his tape-measure homers

JON CURRAN, JUNIOR

- Eighth at the NCAA Championship Ended '07 with four straight top-10 finishes Regional All-American

MR. C

- Traditional Mascot
- "Old School" Recently received much-needed makeover
- "Undeflatable" spirit
- Strong and quick with good range on T-shirt tosses



- "New School"
- Big hit with the younger Vandy fans Good relationship with the Noshville pickle
- Basketball, Guard · Versatile playmaker for nationally ranked squad "Red" is a fierce competitor who leaves it all on the floor

VIJAY PAUL, SOPHOMORE

ALEX GORDON, SENIOR

Ranked No. 78 nationally by the ITA Went 8-3 in SEC play as freshman

Fan favorite for hustle and intensity

Rising star for NCAA Tournament-qualifying squad

Averaging 10.6 points and 3.6 assists per game



D.J. MOORE, SOPHOMORE Football, Cornerback

- Playmaking cornerback earned second team All-SEC honors
- Six interceptions was most by a Commodore in 25 years · Also excelled as kick returner and on offense Flipped into end zone after taking his interception to the house

KATIE SCHULZ, JUNIOR Soccer, Midfielde

- Three-time All-SEC selection
- Stabilized the team from the midfield Heart and soul of Commodores

THE HUSTLER'S TAKE:

Curran has already established himself as the next great Vanderbilt golfer, but he's a longshot against Alvarez, college baseball's most feared hitter and future Major Leaguer.

THE HUSTLER'S TAKE:

This matchup should be interesting. When it comes to the inflatable Big C, fans either love him or hate him. As for Mr. C, the jury is still out on his

THE HUSTLER'S TAKE:

Paul is on the rise, but he's not on Gordon's level yet. "Red," who loves getting the crowd pumped up during the pregame introduction, is one of the most recognizable athletes on campus.

THE HUSTLER'S TAKE:

Moore had a killer fall on the gridiron, doing a little bit (actually, a lot) of everything for the Commodores. Schulz, meanwhile, has been doing the same thing on the pitch for the past three years. This should be a close one.

WHAT IS THIS?

We're running a 32-athlete, single-elimination tournament to find Vanderbilt's biggest star. You can check out the voting criteria, bracket and voting schedule below.

HOW DO I VOTE?

Go to WWW.INSIDEVANDY.COM to cast your vote. Voting for the first round of the David Price Regional ends THURSDAY AT 5 P.M. Results will be posted in the following issue.

VOTING CRITERIA

Individual accolades

How big is your trophy room? Have you broken any school records, earned All-SEC honors or taken home any big-time awards?

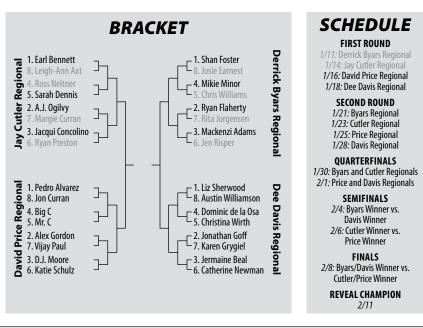
You may be talented, but remember the name on the front of the jersey is more important than the one on the back. Have you led your team to the Big Dance or won an SEC title?

National exposure

You may be a hero in Nashville, but do people around the country even know you exist? Have you earned All-American status or appeared on Mel Kiper's Draft Board?

You may be big-time, but when you walk around campus, can fans even recognize you? Do they wear your jersey, cheer for you at games and friend (maybe even poke) you on Facebook?

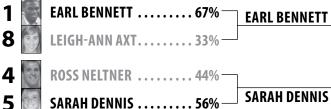
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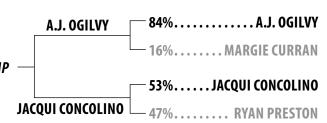
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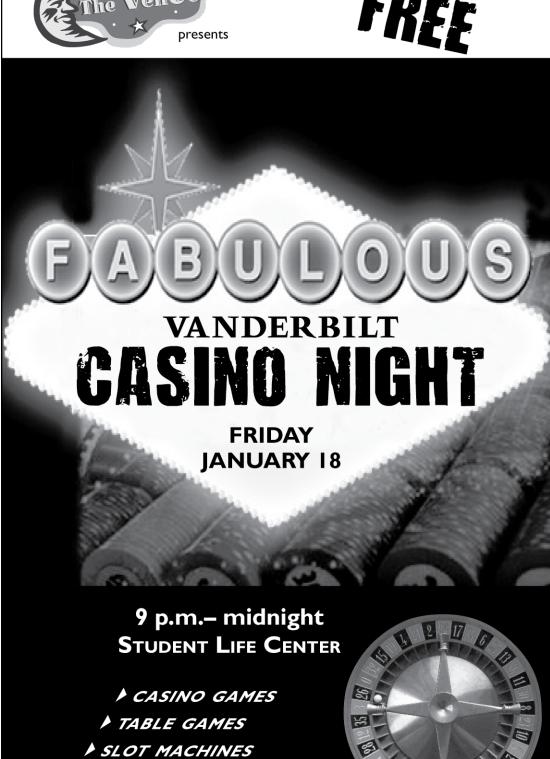
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