

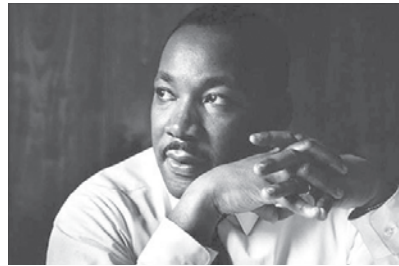


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THE WALL

compiled by ADAM WEINSTEIN

THIS WEEK 'Let's Talk About Sex'

Members of the Vanderbilt Feminists will be on the Wall to create awareness and empower the campus through factual information about gender and sex.

TODAY Panel discussion

A panel discussion organized by Vanderbilt School of Nursing and Vanderbilt School of Medicine will discuss Martin Luther King Jr. as a part of the Commemorative Series.

TODAY VSVS informational meeting

A meeting will be held for Vanderbilt Student Volunteers for Science. Come learn about a great service opportunity for students of all majors that requires fewer than 10 hours commitment per semester. It will be held at 5 p.m. in Stevenson 5502.

TODAY Martin Luther King Jr. Day candlelight vigil

Toure, an American novelist, music journalist, cultural critic and BET correspondent, will give a talk at 5 p.m., following the opening reception. After the lecture, there will be a performance by Voices of Praise, followed by a candlelight vigil at 6 p.m. in Benton Chapel.

TUESDAY, JAN. 22 Roe v. Wade discussion

Tuesday is the 35th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision of Roe v. Wade. Join the Vanderbilt Feminists to discuss and learn more about this case at 6 p.m. in the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center.

TUESDAY, JAN. 22 Alpha Kappa Psi information session

Alpha Kappa Psi professional business fraternity will hold a spring rush information session in the Buttrick Hall lobby from 7-9 p.m.

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



Managerial studies program proves popular among students; courses, faculty to expand.

by LILY CHEN
Staff Reporter

Vanderbilt's relatively new managerial studies program is receiving rapidly growing interest from students.

"Over-demand for classes is a big issue for us," said Meg Risen, the administrative assistant for the managerial studies program. "So many students are interested in taking courses that not everyone can get in."

According to economics professor William Damon, in the 2005 fall semester managerial studies courses had a total enrollment of 451 students, but this spring 1,561 students are taking classes.

"While 60 percent of the freshman demand was satisfied, 348 students who requested managerial studies courses were not satisfied this semester," Damon said.

In order to accommodate the influx of students, the department is looking to hire more faculty members and offer more sections for existing courses. Recently, they hired full-time accounting professor Alice Goodyear to reduce the size of the existing accounting classes.

"We've lost one faculty member at the end of the fall semester, but we've gotten retired Owen alumni to take on 32 students in the leadership course," said Dean of the College of Arts and Science Richard McCarty. "However, 137 students requested the course, so we need to work on expanding sections."

Also, some faculty members have agreed to expand classes and open more sections to satisfy the demand, Damon said.

"Most likely, students who were bumped from classes this semester will definitely get in next semester," McCarty said. "We want to be ahead of the demand."

Managerial studies faculty members are all adjunct professors, meaning they are working professionals with full-time jobs and first-hand experience, Risen said.

"We're business people who understand the needs of the customer, who may be the student or the parent," said adjunct associate professor Cherrie Clark. "Professors who have had careers in the business world bring realism and credibility to their classes."

There are many aspects of the managerial studies program that attract students.

"I've always been interested in marketing as a job," said freshman Kelly Jones. "Being in the program and getting a minor in managerial studies will help me do that."

Freshman Adrian Rossi-Mastracci said he wants to keep his options open.

"I wanted to take accounting to feel around and see where it takes me," he said.

As for the future of the managerial studies program, Damon said there may be a minor in entrepreneurship, and they are hoping to hire a faculty member to develop relationships with corporate partners to offer more internship opportunities for students.

However, McCarty does not predict there will be a business major in the future.

"We want to provide students with a competitive edge but not dilute the liberal arts experience, so the program will remain a minor," he said. ■

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ELECTION UPDATE

McCain wins South Carolina; Romney wins Nevada; Clinton, Obama share spoils in Nevada

Sen. John McCain won a hard-fought South Carolina primary Saturday night, avenging a bitter personal defeat in a bastion of conservatism and gaining ground in an unpredictable race for the Republican presidential nomination. Democrats Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama split the spoils in Nevada caucuses marred by late charges of dirty politics.

"We've got a long way to go," McCain told The Associated Press in an interview. The man whose campaign was left for dead six months ago quickly predicted that victory in the first southern primary would help him next week when Florida votes, and again on Feb. 5 when more than two dozen states hold primaries and caucuses.

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New Greek community members face alcohol troubles

by NIKKI BOGOPOLSKAYA
Staff Reporter

With a new semester and new Greek members come new problems, says the Office of Greek Life.

Despite several rules governing new-member activities, chapters are encountering troubles with the Office of Greek Life, whose responsibility is to work with chapters in properly and appropriately implementing their new member programs.

According to an e-mail sent on Tuesday to new member educators in Panhellenic Council sororities by Assistant Director of Greek Life Tanner Marcantel, "We have had some new members go to the emergency room already for the over-consumption of alcohol."

Kristin Torrey, director of Greek Life, refused to divulge details on the incident or confirm the existence of the incident itself for "privacy reasons," though she did provide information on the rules governing Greek organizations and problems they have previously encountered.



ALEX HOLMES / The Vanderbilt Hustler
New members of the Greek community were officially welcomed last weekend as bids were extended.

"Historically, we have had challenges regarding new-member activities, especially during the beginning of the new-member education period," said Torrey. "(In the past), chapters have been sanctioned for hosting informal events with alcohol where new members have become intoxicated. Chapters have also been sanctioned for violating the hazing policy."

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Grade deflation a myth

by JANE ZHAO
Contributing Reporter

Complaints and rumors about the grading system abound. Students worry frantically about their chances of being able to successfully enter the job force, or even further their education, with grade point averages so much lower than their counterparts at other schools.

But students have no need to worry. Instead of facing a grade deflation problem, the College of Arts and Science is actually encountering a slight problem with grade inflation, said Dean Richard McCarty.

The average under-

graduate GPA in 2005, as reported in The Hustler, was 3.2. Since then, McCarty estimated that the GPA has risen about "3 to 5 hundredths of a decimal point a year."

Vanderbilt's four undergraduate colleges constantly evaluate the average GPA and try to keep it stable, and while this does mean a lack of inflation, it also does not equate any sort of deflation.

The university is attempting to avoid the criticism other elitist schools have received for their problematic grade inflation. In a 2004 New York Times article, it was reported that at 11 top-20

institutions, including the eight Ivys, 44 percent to 59 percent of undergraduate grades were As. And a Yale Daily News survey found the median GPA for the Class of 2006 to be between a 3.6 and 3.7.

The fact that peers at both public and private schools go through less stress and complete less work to get As has not escaped many students.

"I think it's much more difficult (here) than where my friends go to school," said senior Ashley Adams.

On the other hand, grades from Vanderbilt receive less scrutiny, something the university is proud of.

"A lot of schools tell

students that if they go to their school, they will get As throughout their years there, but later, when they go find jobs, (the employers) won't know if the grades are actually credible," said Russell McIntire Jr., associate dean of the College of Arts and Science. "We try to give students what they earn."

McCarty stressed that the university was not trying to lower students' GPAs.

"It's a collaboration. We don't try to give students bad grades," McCarty said. "It's not an us-versus-them attitude." ■

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VUPD CRIME LOG

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Tuesday, Jan. 15, 1:40 a.m.: Subject was found intoxicated and unconscious by the resident adviser in East Hall. He was transported to the emergency department.

Tuesday, Jan. 15, 3:59 p.m.: Subject claimed he was being assaulted by a taxi driver while walking through a parking garage.

Wednesday, Jan. 16, 12:53 a.m.: Subject was stopped for failing to yield to a pedestrian. Subject admitted her license was suspended, and a check showed that her license was revoked.

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

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1 Health secretary sees continued divide on health care in 2008

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration's health agenda this year will consist largely of fending off Democratic lawmakers until a new president and Congress take charge, The Associated Press reported. In a preview of what's ahead, Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt says the administration will work to limit the government's role in the delivery of health care.

2 Israeli airstrike kills 2 Hamas militants in Gaza

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli aircraft killed two Hamas militants in Gaza fighting early Saturday, according to The Associated Press, and Palestinians lobbed three rockets into Israel, a day after Israel sealed the borders and bombed an empty Hamas building. Despite intense fighting in the region over the past four days, rocket fire appeared to ease Saturday. A day earlier, 16 rockets hit southern Israel.

3 Bush promotes economic package worth as much as \$150 billion

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Saturday "the kind of spending projects that would have little immediate impact on our economy" should not be part of any stimulus package, setting the stage for a possible clash with Democrats. Bush and the Democratic-controlled Congress are emphasizing their desire to work together as they rush negotiations on a short-term measure to prevent the economy from falling into recession, The Associated Press reported. But while there is broad agreement that one-time tax rebates for consumers will be part of the package, there are different priorities at work for the rest of the measure.

4 Vanderbilt hosts Iraqi trial panel

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The judges who presided over the Anfal genocide proceedings, including the president of the Iraqi High Tribunal and the presiding judge of Trial Chamber II, are coming to Vanderbilt Law School Jan. 31 to participate in a panel discussion, which will provide analysis of the case, Vanderbilt News Service reported. Many survivors of Anfal live in the Nashville area. Nashville is home to the largest settlement of Kurds in the U.S., and panel members also plan to visit with the Kurdish community while in town.

5 Historic marker dedicated for Janis Joplin's childhood home in Port Arthur, Texas

PORT ARTHUR, Texas — Janis Joplin's laugh still rings in the memory of a childhood friend. At a gathering to dedicate a historic marker in front of one of the singer's childhood homes, The Associated Press said, Monteel Copple recalled her friend's laugh as they tried to keep their skirts in place while hanging upside down on the school's monkey bars. Saturday would have been Joplin's 65th birthday. She died of a drug overdose Oct. 4, 1970.

6 Obama appeals for unity at King's church, Clinton gets Harlem church leader's endorsement

ATLANTA — Barack Obama called Sunday for unity to overcome the country's problems and acknowledged that "none of our hands are clean" when it comes to healing divisions, The Associated Press reported. Hillary Rodham Clinton picked up a Harlem church leader's endorsement. Heading into the most racially diverse contest yet in the presidential campaign, Obama took to the pulpit at Martin Luther King Jr.'s Ebenezer Baptist Church on the eve of the federal holiday marking the civil rights hero's birth 79 years ago.

7 Oscar nominations arrive, but will show go on with strike?

LOS ANGELES — Film fans finally will soon learn who's competing for this season's Academy Awards. Now all we need to know is whether any nominees will turn up for the show amid the writers strike. According to The Associated Press, without the cooperation of the striking Writers Guild of America, celebrities might honor the union's picket lines and stay away from the Oscars, leaving the show's planners to either scrap the telecast or come up with some new form of Oscar ceremony.

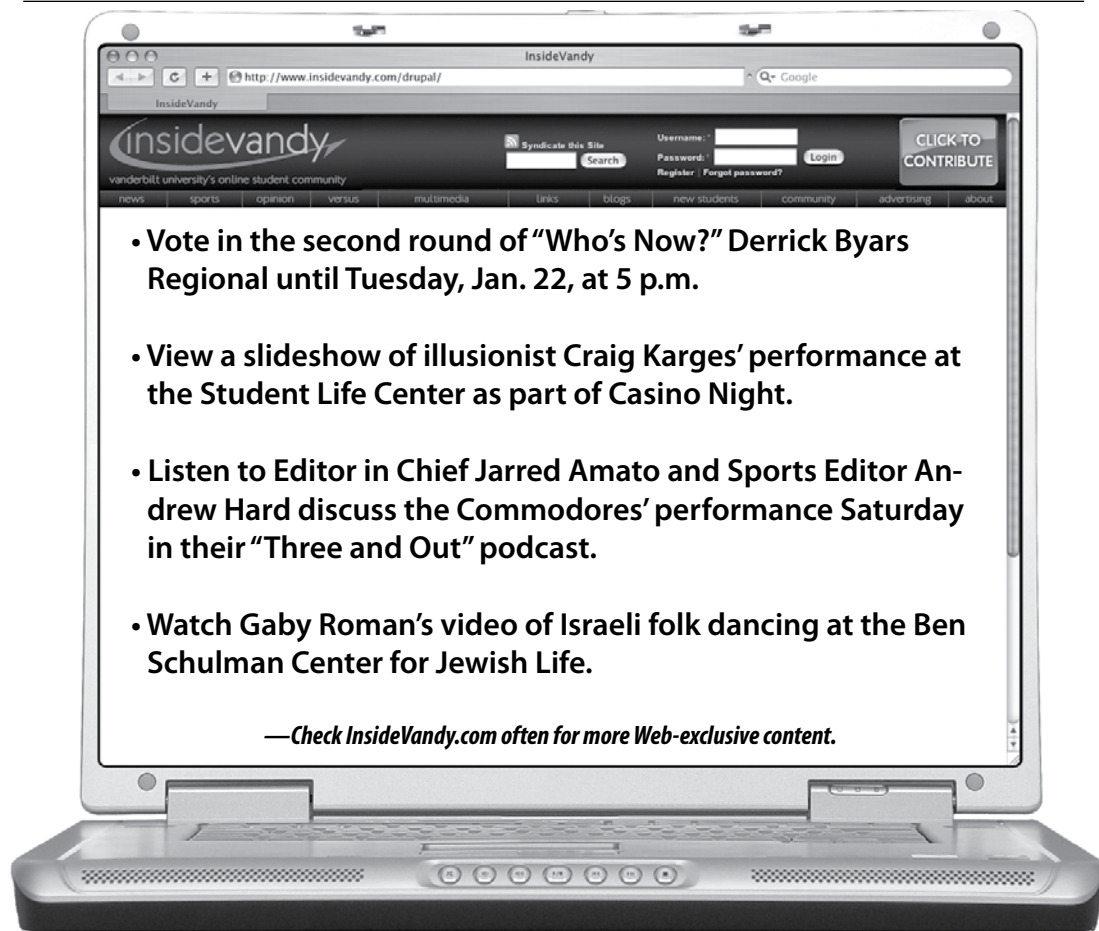
8 Tennessee employers shun ID database

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — When Tennessee's new law penalizing employers who knowingly hire illegal workers went into effect Jan. 1, the state gave companies a clear way to avoid the law's serious consequences: Use the E-Verify system. Despite that incentive, The Tennessean reported, the number of Tennessee employers who use the federal identity check database remains minute. Of Tennessee's 117,903 private employers, 543 have registered to use E-Verify, according to numbers released Jan. 12 by the Department of Homeland Security. That's up from 214 a year ago.

9 Shiites head home from Iraqi festival after a relatively peaceful Ashoura

BAGHDAD — Hundreds of thousands of Shiite Muslims clambered aboard buses or began trekking homeward on foot Saturday at the end of Ashoura, a 10-day ritual to cleanse the spirit and scourge the body in honor of their founding saint. The high holy days in Karbala passed absent the slaughter of pilgrims witnessed in the years since the U.S.-led invasion nearly half a decade ago, but militants did assault gatherings of Ashoura worshippers elsewhere, according to The Associated Press.

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- Vote in the second round of "Who's Now?" Derrick Byars Regional until Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 5 p.m.
- View a slideshow of illusionist Craig Karges' performance at the Student Life Center as part of Casino Night.
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SNAPSHOT

GIVING A PIECE OF THE GAME



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Dance Marathon team leaders present game balls to two representative "miracle families" at Saturday's basketball game against LSU. Dance Marathon raises money for the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt through a 14-hour, all-night event in February.

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New F Lot opens on corner of Blakemore, Natchez

154 new spots alleviate some parking issues.

by JARRED AMATO
Editor in Chief

For students living on Highland Quad, parking just got a little easier.

A new F Lot with 154 spots opened officially today on the corner of Blakemore Avenue and Natchez Trace.

"The hope is that this will help ease some of the parking problems around Highland as it is a relatively short walk and a better alternative than parking over behind the (Vanderbilt University Police Department) lot," said Arts and Science Senator Alan Dyer, a senior.

With the opening of The Commons next year, more upperclassmen will be living on main campus, which is why Lance Hale, manager of the Office of Traffic and Parking, said it was important to add more spots.

"We're constantly looking to future needs," he said. "We determined we needed more spaces because of the expected increase in upperclassmen, and we brought it about."

Construction began in August and concluded late last week, Hale said.

"The lot was definitely the result of student leaders within VSG and elsewhere continually



Crowded parking lots and the expectation of more upperclassmen parking on main campus next year led to the creation of a new parking lot on the corner of Blakemore Avenue and Natchez Trace. SAM KIM / The Vanderbilt Hustler

going to the monthly Traffic and Parking meetings and setting up committee meetings to voice the thoughts and concerns of our on-campus students," Dyer said.

Senior Ally Scott, who lives in Morgan, said she thinks the new spots will be extremely popular.

"The people on Highland Quad will love it if there are 150 extra parking spaces," Scott said.

Scott also said she expects the new lot will be beneficial for students who drive to the Student Recreation Center.

At the same time, students

who do not live on Highland Quad are not receiving the additional spaces with as much excitement.

Junior Matt Phillips, who lives in Towers, said the new lot does not make the parking situation any better for himself or others who routinely struggle to find spots near their dorms.

"I think the problem with the F permit is that it is just too broad," he said.

Both Dyer and Hale agreed that although the new lot was not ideal, it was significant nonetheless.

"It's not a perfect solution,

but this is probably the best given the circumstances and restraints, and I'm pretty happy about it," Dyer said. "Hopefully it will be a good alternative, and students will use it."

"This was the best option available to us at the current time," Hale said.

Hale added that the approximately 20 parking spaces on Children's Way in front of Blair will now be designated Zone 3 only. ■

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GREEK COMMUNITY: Chapters, students to be held accountable

From GREEK COMMUNITY, page 1

According to Torrey, sanctions have ranged from educational and social probations to suspension from the university.

Marcantel confirmed the former in the e-mail, saying, "Last time we had our new members involved in alcohol-related incidents, we canceled all sorority social events for the rest of the semester."

According to the Office of Greek Life and governing bodies for each chapter — the Interfraternity Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council and Panhellenic Council — alcohol is not permitted at any new-member activity such as Bid Day or big brother/big sister revealing.

Chapters are not allowed to formally or informally celebrate new members with alcohol — this includes activities that involve the entire chapter as well as smaller gatherings that could be considered a chapter event because of the number of members present.

"All chapters are required to sign an anti-hazing statement and submit their new-member program for review prior to the beginning of the new-member education process," Torrey said.

Neither Torrey nor Marcantel answered inquiries asking whether the violations of the alcohol policy actually occurred, nor were they willing to confirm or deny any details about them. However, Torrey stated that issues of new-member alcohol consumption are taken very seriously by the Office of Greek Life.

"Chapters and individual students have been and will be held accountable," Torrey said. ■

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Hot chocolate heads off hypothermia



SAM KIM / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Vanderbilt Student Government, CHEERS, GAMMA and the Office of Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drug Prevention sponsored a hot chocolate giveaway to raise awareness about hypothermia.

Students encouraged to increase civic involvement

GLBT issues center of event.

by SYDNEY WILMER
Senior Reporter

The Vanderbilt Lambda Association, in conjunction with Nashville's the Tennessee Equality Project, asked students registered to vote in Tennessee to take their civic involvement to the next level — lobbying for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender rights in state legislature.

Lambda's publicity chair and organizer of "Lobbying 101," Sara Nou, said she began working with TEP last year and hopes Vanderbilt students will consider lobbying as well, especially in the organization's upcoming Advancing Equality Day in mid-February.

"It would have a huge impact on legislators to see Vanderbilt students, who are headed somewhere in their careers,

fighting for these issues," she said. "Nashville wants to keep bright students like Vanderbilt students in their community."

It will mean something to them to see these students concerned about this issue, she said.

The session briefed students on both the issues facing the GLBT community and how lobbying can protect GLBT rights. Klint Peebles, president of Lambda, said the purpose of the event was to educate members of both Lambda and the community on how the process works, from etiquette to the key players in the Tennessee legislature.

Though the lobbying will take place during classes, Nou said she hope some students will consider going downtown to Legislative Plaza.

The sheer presence of bodies can be enough to make an impact, she said. ■

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The Vanderbilt Lambda Association and the Tennessee Equality Project sponsored "Lobbying 101" Thursday. The event discussed GLBT issues and how students can get involved in civic change.

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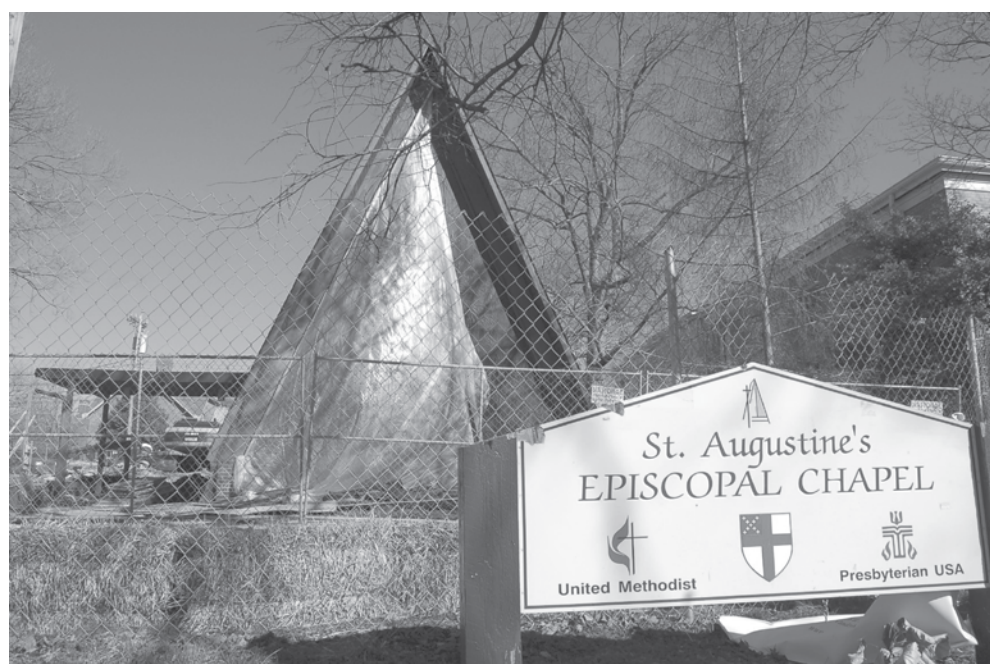
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Kenyan opposition, bloodied by protests, calls for another day of rallies

Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — Kenya's opposition party, determined to bring down President Mwai Kibaki's government, called Saturday for another day of "peaceful rallies" despite the deaths of more than 20 people in this week's demonstrations. Police took forceful action at rallies Wednesday through Friday protesting the Dec. 27 presidential election, but opposition party chairman Henry Kosgey told reporters "we will use each and every means to bring down Kibaki's government."

Kosgey called for more rallies on Thursday, in defiance of a government ban and to the disapproval of the European Union.

"Mass meetings ... can lead to violence," EU Development Commissioner Louis Michel said, after holding what he called "positive" meetings with both Kibaki and opposition leader Raila Odinga.

He said both sides "appeal to end the violence," and agreed to recognize mediation efforts by former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

Five more people died in ethnic clashes Saturday. Kalenjin, Kisii and Kikuyu fought each other with bows and arrows and machetes in villages around a Catholic monastery northwest of Nairobi. Police said they were guarding the monastery, where hundreds of people have sought refuge.

Nearly 200 houses were set ablaze in what appeared to be an old argument about land.

More than 600 people have been killed in Kenya's election violence, according to a government commission.

U.S. Ambassador Michael Ranneberger, citing "many factors and underlying grievances," has compared Kenya's violence to the 1968 race riots in the United States.

At a town hall meeting Friday for Americans in Nairobi, Ranneberger said there had been "a lot of cheating on both sides" in the Dec. 27 elections that pitted Kibaki against Odinga.

The U.S. maintains there were allegations of improprieties on both sides that were not properly investigated, and Ranneberger said either Odinga or Kibaki could have won by 120,000 votes because it was a close election and both sides are alleged to have rigged.

But David Throup, an associate of the Washington D.C.-based Center for Strategic and International Studies, said in a public conference call with Ranneberger that Odinga won by 120,000 votes.

Michel, the EU development commissioner, also met Saturday with Deputy President Kalonzo Musyoka, and urged him to come to an agreement with the opposition "because the consequence of chaos will be so important and so badly affect the people and the region." ■

L.A. Times fires editor in dispute over budget cuts

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Times fired its top editor after he rejected a management order to cut \$4 million from the newsroom budget, 14 months after his predecessor was also ousted in a budget dispute, the newspaper said Sunday.

James O'Shea was fired following a confrontation with Publisher David D. Hiller, the Times reported on its Web site. The story didn't say when the confrontation took place.

Times spokeswoman Nancy Sullivan said the newspaper would have no comment.

O'Shea's departure comes just a month after the Times' parent, Chicago-based Tribune Co., was taken private in an \$8.2 billion buyout by real estate magnate Sam Zell.

The departure also follows that of his predecessor, Dean Baquet, who was forced to resign after he opposed further cuts to the newsroom budget in 2006.

O'Shea, then the Chicago Tribune's managing editor, was brought in to replace him.

At the time, he asked the news staff not to see him as "the hatchet man from Chicago" and promised to fight to ensure the Times would "remain a major force in American journalism."

"If I think there is too much staff I will say so," O'Shea told the paper's editors and reporters in 2006. "And if I think there is not enough I will say that, too."

O'Shea is the third Times editor to leave the newspaper since 2005, all of them departing in disputes with management over how much to cut the news budget.

When Editor John Carroll left in 2005 he was replaced by Baquet, who was then the Times managing editor. Hiller, former publisher of the Tribune who had worked with O'Shea in Chicago, then brought him out to replace Baquet.

Hiller had joined the Times in 2006 after former Publisher Jeffrey M. Johnson was ousted for refusing to carry out budget cuts ordered by corporate headquarters in Chicago.

A month later, Hiller dismissed Baquet and brought in O'Shea to replace him. ■

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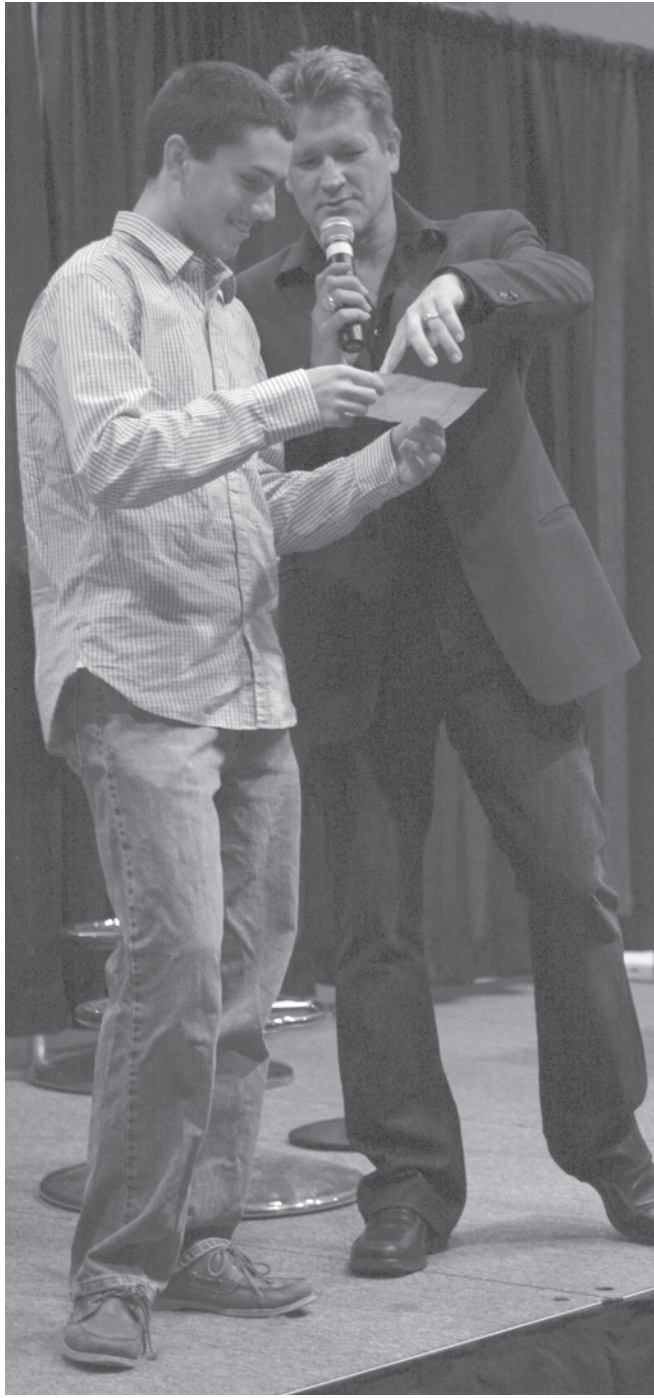
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Illusionist Craig Karges performs at Casino Night on Friday in the Student Life Center. Students had chances to win prizes, like a flat-screen TV and an iPod touch, in the free event sponsored by the Vanderbilt Programming Board.

PRIMARIES: Clinton leads overall delegate race 236 to Obama's 136

From PRIMARIES, page 1

"This is one step on a long journey," Clinton told cheering supporters in Las Vegas. She captured the popular vote, but Obama edged her out for national convention delegates at stake, taking 13 to her 12.

Obama issued a statement that said he had conducted an "honest, uplifting campaign ... that appealed to people's hopes instead of their fears."

If the Democrats had co-front-runners, the Republicans had none, and looked to South Carolina to begin winnowing an unwieldy field.

McCain defeated former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee in a close race in the state that snuffed out his presidential hopes eight years ago. The Arizonan was gaining 33 percent of the vote to just under 30 percent for his closest rival.

"It just took us a while. That's all. Eight years is not a long time," McCain told the AP.

Appearing before supporters, Huckabee was a gracious loser, congratulating McCain for "running a civil and a good and a decent campaign."

Far from conceding defeat in the race, he added, "The process is far, far from over."

Former Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson was in a struggle for third place with about 16 percent, after saying he needed a strong showing to sustain his candidacy. Another Republican, California Rep. Duncan Hunter, dropped out even before the votes were tallied.

Interviews with South Carolina voters leaving their polling places indicated McCain, an Arizona senator,

and Huckabee were dividing the Republican vote evenly. As was his custom, McCain was winning the votes of self-described independents.

South Carolina was the second half of a campaign double-header for Republicans.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney cruised to victory earlier in the day in the little-contested Nevada caucuses. Final returns showed him with more than 50 percent support in a multi-candidate field.

No matter the state, the economy was the top issue in all three races on the ballot.

Republicans in Nevada and South Carolina cited immigration as their second most important concern. Among Democrats in Nevada, health care was the second most important issue followed by the Iraq war, which has dominated the race for months.

With a black man and a woman as the leading contenders, the Democratic race was history in the making — and increasingly testy, as well.

Before the votes were tallied, Obama was critical of former President Clinton, telling reporters, "It's hard to say what his intentions are. But I will say that he seems to be making a habit of mischaracterizing what I say."

Obama's campaign manager, David Plouffe, issued a written statement accusing the Clinton campaign of "an entire week's worth of false, divisive attacks designed to mislead caucus-goers and discredit the caucus itself."

Clinton declined to comment on the allegation.

Whatever the hard feelings, she told supporters they would fade by the fall general election campaign. "We will all be united in November," she said, as the crowd chanted "HRC, HRC."

Her campaign issued a statement citing numerous reports of voter intimidation. It also accused UNITE HERE, a union supporting Obama, of running a radio commercial that was "one of the most scurrilous smears in recent memory." The ad, broadcast in Spanish, said Clinton "does not respect our people" and called her shameless.

Interviews with Democratic caucus-goers indicated that Clinton won about half the votes cast by whites, and two-thirds support from Hispanics, many members of a Culinary Workers Union that had endorsed Obama. He won about 80 percent of the black vote.

Overall, Clinton gained support from about 51 percent of caucus-goers. Obama had the backing of 45 percent, and Edwards had 4 percent.

Obama had pinned his Nevada hopes on an outpouring of support from the 60,000-member Culinary union. But it appeared that turnout was lighter than expected at nine caucuses established along the Las Vegas Strip, and some attending held signs reading, "I support my union. I support Hillary."

Democrats looked next to South Carolina to choose between Obama, the most viable black candidate in history, and Clinton, seeking to become the first woman to occupy the White House. The

state is home to thousands of black voters, who are expected to comprise as much as half the Democratic electorate.

After that, the race goes national on Feb. 5, with 1,678 national Democratic convention delegates at stake.

The split Democratic verdict in Nevada resulted from the proportional manner in which delegates were awarded. Obama emerged with one more than Clinton because he ran strongly in rural areas.

Overall, Clinton leads the delegate race with 236, including separately chosen party and elected officials known as superdelegates. Obama has a total of 136, and former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards has 50.

Romney struck first on the day among the Republicans.

The former Massachusetts governor learned of his Nevada victory when his wife Ann announced it on the public address system of his chartered jet. "Keep 'em coming. Keep 'em coming," he said.

En route to Florida, he presented reporters with his ambitious economic stimulus plan, \$233 billion in all. It includes tax rebates as well as tax cuts for individuals, as well as tax cuts for businesses.

Mormons gave Romney about half his votes. He is hoping to become the first member of his faith to win the White House. Alone among the Republican contenders, Rep. Ron Paul of Texas aired television ads in Nevada. Paul was narrowly ahead of McCain for second place. Thompson and Huckabee trailed. ■

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OUR VIEW

Vandy sees progress toward King's vision

In reflecting on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the members of the Hustler editorial board asked ourselves several questions, but we continued to return to one: What would King think of Vanderbilt's campus today?

As an institution, Vanderbilt is one of few need-blind universities in the nation and is committed to providing the highest quality of education to each student, regardless of their ability to afford tuition. Certainly, this pledge to education across economic barriers should be considered a realization of King's vision for the nation.

As well, over the past decade, Vanderbilt admissions have changed the face of Vanderbilt's undergraduate student body. In 1995, only 4 percent of the freshman class was black; this past year, more than

10 percent of freshmen are black — one of the highest enrollments of blacks among the top universities in the U.S.

Notably, however, 58 percent of students polled for today's Hustler responded that Vanderbilt students do not fully appreciate King's legacy. Somewhat paradoxically, this suggests we are recognizing our own inability to properly understand and appreciate King's legacy.

Students polled were overwhelmingly amenable to responding to questions, and often began to debate the answers with one another or provide additional reasoning in earnest, which speaks to the intellectual openness of Vanderbilt students. Many who responded in this way, particularly black students, spoke optimistically about the diversity at

Vanderbilt and, while acknowledging the existence of de facto segregation, seemed to believe the separation was improving. Of course, we can't deny the general feeling that students believe de facto segregation exists on campus.

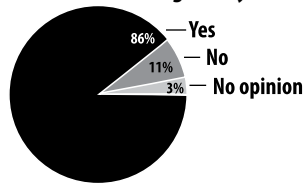
While this separation would likely sit poorly with King, in considering his legacy, we should not forget the largely campus-wide values of service and faith. This year, more than 400 students are participating in Alternative Spring Break, and no one can deny the importance of religion for many students on campus.

Although we still have a way to go to achieve a truly cohesive community across racial divides, in reflecting on King's legacy, we should not ignore the progress we've made and the values we share.

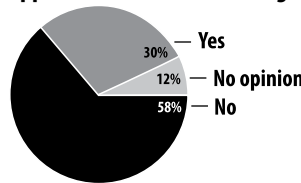
RACIAL DIVIDE CONTINUES ON CAMPUS

During the past week, we polled 100 students—mostly during lunchtime at Rand—about a few issues relating to Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy and race relations on campus, hoping to gain a little more perspective on what students think about these issues.

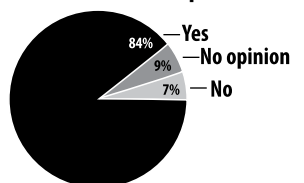
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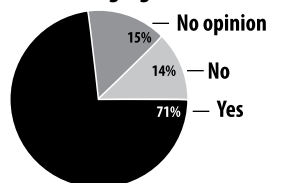
In general, do Vanderbilt students fully appreciate Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy?



Do you feel there is de facto segregation on Vanderbilt's campus?



Does the Greek system create/contribute to de facto segregation on Vanderbilt's campus?



COLUMN

Education remains key part of King's enduring legacy

LEWIS V. BALDWIN
Guest Columnist

We too often forget Martin Luther King Jr. was an academic and a thinker long before he became a major advocate for creative nonviolence and a recognizable force in organized social protest. From the time he matriculated at Morehouse College, which he attended from 1944 to 1948, King highlighted the significance of education as an avenue to both personal fulfillment and social transformation.

While a junior in college, he wrote what was perhaps his first essay on "The Purpose of Education," focusing especially on the virtues of intellectual and moral enlightenment. That essay raised issues that would figure prominently in King's rhetoric in later years, especially as he sought to relate education to the quest for what he called "the American dream" and "the beloved community."

King's thoughts on the processes of education and their importance in creating what he called "a new humanity" should be seriously considered on several levels. First, he insisted education is essential for the enlightenment of the self. He praised the Greek philosopher Socrates for his devotion to self-enlightenment, academic freedom and the search for truth, and he cherished the open and analytical mind and receptivity to what he often termed "the best lights of reason."

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COLUMN

King would not frown on Greeks

DANNY NEELON
Guest Columnist

When it comes to Martin Luther King Jr. Day, you might be surprised this national holiday has only recently become a standard practice. Made a federal holiday in 1983, the first time all 50 states recognized this holiday was not until 2000. On this day at Vanderbilt, students must still attend class, and in the case of almost half of the undergraduates here, must attend the chapter meeting of their fraternity or sorority.

It has been an issue for many students we do not do more as a university to honor the life of King on this day. But what is more important is what we are doing to honor his message the other 364 days we are students and citizens.

Being asked to speak for the Greek community as a whole is difficult. Are their flaws in our Greek system? Of course there are — no organization runs flawlessly. But when asked to discuss what King would have to say about our Greek community, I feel his response would be positive.

What people see as "segregation" in the Greek system stems from a misunderstanding of the goals of the individual chapters. The National Pan-Hellenic Council is an organization of nine fraternities and sororities created in response

to racism and segregation in the early 20th century.

While the reasons they were founded are much less prevalent today than they were in 1930 when the NPHC was formally founded, it is still perfectly acceptable to join these organizations as a show of solidarity with family members and friends who have joined before you or beside you. Much like historically black colleges and universities still in existence today, it is not a segregation force by Vanderbilt's Interfraternity and Panhellenic councils encouraging the presence of NPHC chapters. King would not see this supposed "segregation," which is thwarted so many times throughout the semester when the IFC and Panhellenic work together with NPHC to sponsor programs.

Contrary to the ever-popular argument Greek Life is responsible for all ills on our campus, the roughly 42 percent of students who participate in Greek Life are the largest contributors to campus life philanthropically.

Whether Alpha Delta Pi is hosting the Cinderella Project with Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Gamma is hosting Anchor Splash or tons of girls are running wildly after a Sigma Chi Derby Hat, you will find Greeks on this campus doing what many others are not — giving back. Martin Luther King Jr. fought for the disenfranchised African-

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LETTER

'Our View' misrepresents VSG situation

To the Editor:

I'm uncertain as to when it became wrong in the eyes of the current Vanderbilt Student Government executive board to serve both the elected legislators and the student body as a whole. It was my impression VSG was formed to listen to student opinions on the various matters of campus, deliberate over the best course of action to take in order to facilitate these concerns and then to act in the manner that best serves student interests. Though I could certainly be wrong in this interpretation, as President Cara Bilotta and the Hustler editorial board seem to believe, I cannot help but be bewildered at their vehement attack this past Friday.

Often in the political world, we ask ourselves, "What did the founding fathers mean when they wrote this?" We are lucky enough in this situation to still be able to put this question toward the prime author of our VSG Constitution. Former Interhall President Devin Donovan asserts, "Reid, acting in his capacity as Speaker of the House, is perfectly within his rights to create a focus group to ascertain student opinion on important matters."

Further, Donovan asks, "Since when did any student, let alone an executive member of VSG, need the explicit permission of the student body president to gather and discuss current events with other students? When did listening to the student body become unconstitutional and worthy of calls for impeachment? I don't know what constitution you're reading, but it is not the one that I authored with the assistance of Interhall and SGA."

As I therefore understand the VSG Constitution, calls for a vote of no confidence in order to form an investigation are unnecessary in this instance — I will personally call for one myself this Wednesday when the House convenes, for I have absolutely nothing to hide. Article III, Section IV, Clause 2 of the VSG Constitution states it is the duty of the Speaker to "oversee and coordinate all activities of the House" and to "serve as chief representative of the House to the Executive Board." The only level of veto power ever mentioned in the Constitution is Article I, Section I, Clause 2, which states the president holds "veto power over all motions passed by both the House and Senate."

After the intense discussion in The Hustler last December, several house presidents came to me this month with the idea of the focus group to better gauge student opinion on the matter, in order to formulate a proper response. These individuals wished to engage in a dialogue with interested students on the most appropriate way to handle the sensitive issue rather than arrogantly draft a resolution without a discussion on the matter. I thought it was a great idea, Dean of Students Mark Bandas thought it was a great idea, and we decided to move forward with it. I did initially, and wrongly, call the focus group an ad hoc committee when I contacted The Hustler about the event. However, I did send a follow-up e-mail clarifying this was in fact a focus group. I'm uncertain as to why The Hustler chose to print admittedly false information this past Friday, in light of the fact I had corrected myself a week prior.

Jarred Amato made a miscalculation when he decided to not speak to Bandas or me in order to clarify the information he printed. I spoke with Bandas the Friday before the executive board met, not the Monday after the executive board made its feelings known. Further, I'm totally at a loss and mildly amused at what the "listserv password" I supposedly gained access to actually is — goDores!1873, perhaps? To the best of my knowledge there is no such thing as a listserv password at all. Bandas stated he would send out an e-mail to the entire student body if any member of the executive board of VSG approached him with a good idea.

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BALDWIN: King encouraged critical thinking, education to overcome social obstacles

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King understood the significance of a liberal arts education for every individual who strives for excellence in life and in the higher spheres of human activity, and this too is important as we recall his legacy today.

Second, King held education is a necessary ingredient in the struggle for freedom, justice and peace. He valued what Paulo Freire called "education for critical consciousness," and his own struggle for civil rights amounted in part to an effort to translate much of what he had learned as a student at Morehouse, Crozer Theological Seminary and Boston University into practical action and practical reality.

Throughout much of his public life, he worked closely with

student groups and agencies that employed educational methods to achieve the ideal of the integrated society. His thoughts on "the intellectual-activist type" are still relevant for students who are interested in making constructive contributions to the struggle against all forms of bigotry, intolerance, violence and oppression in our society and world. Undoubtedly, King's insistence on an inseparable link between education and social praxis remains one of his greatest challenges to the academic community.

Third, King maintained education prepares one to live and function properly in a democratic society. For him, ignorance and a carefully orchestrated system of miseducation accounted largely for the failures of participatory

democracy in the United States.

King believed through the proper educational methods, individuals become well equipped to participate in a society in which the rights and privileges of all are appreciated, embraced and celebrated. He called education "a most vital and indispensable element" in the workings of democracy, and he often said revolution must be brought into the educational system before it can be successful in the social and political arenas of society. Clearly, King's legacy reminds us a culture of genuine participatory democracy always hinges on a healthy and inclusive culture of learning.

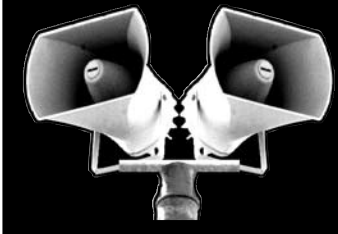
Finally, King emphasized the idea education is an essential component in creating human community. He insisted education should instill in

people a healthy sense of their own essence as social beings who find authentic existence through wholesome relations with other selves. Through education, he noted, internal feelings of prejudice and hatred can be changed.

King's insistence on the brand of education that makes people think critically and creatively and forces them to keep an open and analytical mind is still meaningful for those who seek to overcome the maze of myths and stereotypes that have too long separated people along the lines of race, class, gender and sexual orientation. Fortunately, we still have King as a model for reflection.

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"I am a girl. I just want to say that before you make it such a priority to point out to guys that telling girls they aren't good enough is wrong, certain girls, especially Alyse Andalman, should consider how judgmental they are about guys."

"Why doesn't North have a first floor entrance after 8pm?"

"When my suitemates have sleepovers in our common room at 3 am in the morning, and I am thirsty, they need to move."

"This Mike Warren character is a polarizing right-wing kook. I don't want to read Rush Limbaugh's nutty opinions every time I pick up The Hustler. News works just fine."

"The Commons doors close at midnight. Stop knocking."

"Andrew Solomon is hilarious ... and sexist."

"I had a really good rant last week, I totally forgot it and it is devastating."

"The Memorial Maniacs make me embarrassed to be a fan at Vanderbilt."

Compiled by Katherine Miller

NEELON: Greek life keeps King's legacy alive through service, collaboration

From **GREEK SYSTEM**, page 6

American population of his time, and today, with the sick, handicapped and children in need of community support, fraternities and sororities are doing what he did — fighting for the disenfranchised.

Not only are they giving back to members outside the community, but to students here as well. For instance, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity

Inc. holds programs to help students prepare for graduate school exams and interviews. It is then up to individual students — both Greek and non-Greek — to utilize programs such as this, as opposed to shunning them because they come with Greek letters attached. King would come to Vanderbilt and see groups of students bonding together under similar goals and precepts in order to work for change

in their communities and the world.

I don't believe he would bring up the flaws so many students constantly pick at. Instead, he would see the good things about Greek life so many here have ignored.

—Danny Neelon is a junior in the College of Arts and Science. He can be reached at daniel.p.neelon@vanderbilt.edu.

SIMON: Situation blown out of proportion

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I would like to close by addressing the charge the Hustler editors leveled against me — how I am "willing to betray the organization that (I) want to lead." This is the one statement in all of Friday's

attention that actually irritates me. The entire matter needs to be kept in perspective — this is all really about one little informational meeting. Bilotta and The Hustler both attempt to place a magnifying glass over the situation, merely to

make it appear larger than it is. However, illusions will not hide the facts: House presidents wished to be more directly informed from students on the issue before acting on it, and to facilitate their desire, I organized a room and time for

them to speak to students. I will continue to serve as Speaker of the House, and refuse to act under any auspices not in the best interests of students.

Reid Simon
VSG Speaker of the House

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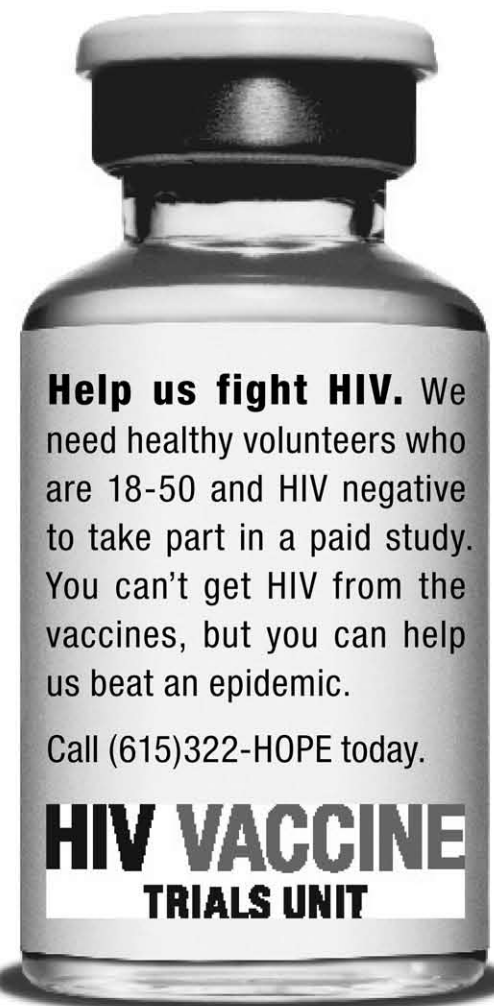
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PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Courtney Ulery, Women's Tennis

Coming into the season ranked 13th nationally in singles, Ulery has lived up to that title thus far. She put on a clinic in her first match of the young season, winning in straight sets 6-0, 6-0 over Martie Wahl from Tennessee-Martin. She also beat another nationally ranked opponent in No. 85 Sandra Zmak 6-1, 3-6, 6-2 when Vanderbilt moved to 2-0 in their win over New Mexico.

GAME OF THE WEEK

WBB: Vanderbilt 67, No. 11 Georgia 59

Powered by a 16-0 run to start the game, a fired-up Vanderbilt squad was able to distance itself early from a highly touted Georgia team that suffered from an uncharacteristic 20 turnovers. Junior Christina Wirth led the Dores with 16 points.

THEY SAID IT...

"We needed to win."

KEVIN STALLINGS

The Vanderbilt basketball coach made that statement after the Commodores' (17-2, 2-2) resounding victory over LSU that halted their two-game losing streak.

DAILY

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The total number of points scored by senior swingman Shan Foster throughout his illustrious career after Saturday's game, moving him into fourth place on Vanderbilt's all-time scoring list.

SEC STANDINGS

Eastern Division:

Tennessee 3-0, 16-1
Florida 3-1, 16-3
Georgia 2-1, 11-5
Vanderbilt 2-2, 17-2
Kentucky 1-2, 7-9
South Carolina, 1-2, 9-8

Western Division:

Mississippi State 4-0, 13-5
Ole Miss 2-2, 15-2
Arkansas 2-2, 13-5
Auburn 2-2, 11-5
Alabama 0-4, 11-8
LSU 0-4, 7-11

Compiled by David Namm

Neltner torches former team

Forward scores 16 points as Vandy tames Tigers.

by ERIC SILVER
Asst Sports Editor

For some people, it may have seemed like payback, an "I told you so" performance.

For Ross Neltner, it was just another game.

The senior forward scored 16 points and committed no turnovers in a 92-76 victory over the struggling Tigers on Saturday.

"I thought Ross was terrific," said Vanderbilt head coach Kevin Stallings. "He picked his spots, he took the ball to the basket when he should, and he shot it from the perimeter when he should."

The last couple of games had been tough for Neltner as he struggled with turnovers and foul trouble. On Saturday, when asked which stat jumped out at him — his 16 points or his zero turnovers — Neltner was quick to respond.

"Zero turnovers," said Neltner. "The way we've been playing lately — turning the ball over — wasn't going to get it done in the (Southeastern Conference). That was something we focused on individually and collectively, and it worked out for us. Eight (Vandy turnovers) to 21 (LSU turnovers) — if we keep playing like that, we're going to get a lot of wins."

Despite the shaky play recently, Stallings kept his faith in Neltner, and it certainly paid off.

"Ross is a very steady influence for our team, and I don't know what happened to him in the last two games," Stallings said. "But I'm not worried about it because he's one of our toughest guys, if not our toughest, so he's going to bounce back. Fortunately, he did today."

Neltner was all over the floor against LSU, grabbing five rebounds to go along with two steals and a block in 27 minutes. He often had his way with the Tigers' young defense, slicing through the lane multiple times for easy layups, a testament to his maturity.

"Ross is a good, solid player," said LSU head coach John Brady. "He's a fifth-year senior, and he plays like one."

If there were any hard feelings between the 6-foot-9 forward and his former team, he didn't let them be known.

"It was just like any other game, just trying to go out there and help my team win," Neltner said. "(Playing for LSU) was three years ago. It's always fun to have a good game against anybody, but not necessarily against LSU or Ole Miss or Auburn or anybody else for that matter."

On Saturday, LSU fans saw what they could have had in Neltner, who averaged 2.1 points in his two-year tenure with the Tigers. But for Neltner, it was just another game, and for the resurgent Commodores, it was just another victory. ■

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Ross Neltner scored 16 points in Vanderbilt's 92-76 victory over LSU Saturday. The Tigers had no answer for their former teammate, who turned in his best game of the season.

VANDERBILT 92, LSU 76

Recap: All five starters scored in double figures as Vanderbilt halted its two-game losing streak against the reeling Tigers. Seniors Shan Foster and Alex Gordon led the output with 18 points apiece.

Player of the game: Ross Neltner The Vanderbilt senior bounced back from a rocky road trip to notch 16 points and five rebounds against his former team.

It was over when... Vanderbilt took the floor to start the second half. The Commodores hit four 3-pointers in the first 3:24 to take a 16-point lead and never looked back.

Stat of the game: 8 Vanderbilt's turnover total Saturday, its lowest since last year's NCAA Tournament loss. The Commodores lost the ball 22 times Thursday at Tennessee.

Seniors poised for final go-around

After advancing to Sweet 16 a year ago, players have even bigger goals.

by ALEKSEY DUBROVENSKY
Sports Reporter

Coming off a successful 2007, the Vanderbilt women's tennis team is looking to ace its way to a national title this season.

Last season's squad posted a 19-9, including 9-2 in the Southeastern Conference, and advanced to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA tournament. It was the 10th consecutive season the Commodores had made it to at least the round of 16.

With five experienced veterans returning, Vandy has its sights set even higher.

"We're very excited about the possibilities with this team," said coach Geoff Macdonald. "We had a solid fall, and we look to have continued success with this team."

Macdonald, who begins his 14th year at the helm of the Commodores, has assembled a talented and athletic roster.

This group is headlined by seniors Caroline Ferrell, Amanda Taylor and Taka Bertrand, who have all been named All-SEC at some point in their careers.

"This is an incredibly talented group of seniors, and we're going to look to them for leadership on and off the court," Macdonald said. "They've had great careers here in their three years. I'm really looking for all three to finish very strongly."

Bertrand, who was the SEC Freshman of the Year in 2005 and the SEC Player of the Year in 2006, looks to add to her reputation for greatness this season.

"Last year was a bit of an aberration in that she wasn't

perfect," Macdonald said. "The year before she was absolutely flawless. I think she's hungry to get back to the NCAA tournament as an individual and to add to her collection of great awards."

Taylor is coming off a season where she was named All-SEC First Team, compiling a 10-1 record in conference play and a 23-5 record overall.

"I'm excited about this season,"



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Senior Amanda Taylor is one of main reasons why the Commodores have such high expectations for this season.

Taylor said. "We want an SEC title this year. We feel like it's on the horizon."

Ferrell has battled through numerous injuries during her career and had her last season shortened.

However, she was still a major contributor last season, winning

a crucial singles match against eventual national champion Georgia Tech. In 2006, she was named to the All-SEC Second Team.

Junior Courtney Ulery comes into the season as the highest-ranked player on the Commodores' roster. Currently ranked 13th nationally, Ulery was a Second Team All-SEC selection last season.

Sophomore Catherine Newman looks to build on her fantastic freshman campaign when she had a 20-7 singles record and garnered All-SEC First Team honors.

"She's mentally tough, very composed, and she concentrates well," Macdonald said. "She's known for her speed and her ability to compete."

One of the newcomers to the squad is Katie Kilborn, a prep star from Walton High in Marietta, Ga. During her four years on Walton's squad, the team went 80-0 with four consecutive state championships.

The other is Keilly Ulery, Courtney's younger sister.

"I predict great things for Keilly," Macdonald said. "She was a top-20 junior, and we really feel fortunate to have her at Vanderbilt."

As well as the team has performed the past several seasons, it looks to take the next step this year.

"We're looking to have a solid year and improve throughout the season," said Ferrell. "We three seniors have been to three straight Sweet 16s, so we're looking to go a step further this year. We've got a lot of fire and enthusiasm so this is the year for big things to happen." ■

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Offense gets back on track

Dores regain touch after two straight losses.

by DAVID RUTZ
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After anemic outings by its offense in losses to Kentucky and Tennessee, No. 16 Vanderbilt knew it was essential to come home and show Louisiana State and the rest of the country it remains one of the most dangerous teams in the Southeastern Conference.

"We wanted to come out and bounce back," said senior guard Alex Gordon. "Everybody wanted to come out and kick it up a notch."

That's exactly what the Dores did.

With Gordon and fellow senior Shan Foster leading the way with 18 points apiece, all five starters scored in double figures, and the Commodores (17-2, 2-2 SEC) rolled to a 92-76 victory over LSU.

The offensive problems that were so prevalent in Vanderbilt's losses never showed.

"It was important to come out today and re-establish who we are and the way we want to be," said coach Kevin Stallings.

The improvement in 3-point shooting was particularly noteworthy. After a terrible night against Tennessee where they shot only 3-for-21 from beyond the arc, the Commodores went 9-for-20 from long distance and put the game out of reach early in the second half.

Foster was hot, hitting four of his first five 3-point attempts, but shaking off his poor shooting performance against Tennessee was the last thing on his mind.

"The most important thing was coming out and winning this game," Foster said.

Against an undermanned LSU team that used just eight players, Vanderbilt wanted to keep the game fast-paced to wear out the Tigers (7-11, 0-4 SEC).

"Our mentality is to push the ball every chance we get," Gordon said. "Coach wanted us to keep pressure on them on the offensive end, and that's basically what we did."

The high tempo made an impression on LSU coach John Brady.

"Vanderbilt is very good," Brady said. "They force you to play at a certain speed, and they want to play quick."

Senior Ross Neltner, who finished with 16 points, thought the fast pace was to Vanderbilt's advantage.

"I feel like we have the speed and athleticism at a lot of our positions to get the ball out and go, and we can get a lot of easy buckets that way," Neltner said.

While the high-powered offensive showing was a return to form for the Commodores, an image they certainly wanted to lose was a propensity for turnovers.

A combined 43 turnovers in their last two games had been a major factor in their failure to establish any offensive rhythm.

Saturday was a different story. Vanderbilt had 21 assists and just eight turnovers, an amazing turnaround from its last two games.

The catalyst of this efficiency was sophomore point guard Jermaine Beal. Along with scoring 10 points, he notched nine assists with zero turnovers.

"That's a pretty good day for a point guard," Stallings said.

An excellent all-around performance on the offensive side of the ball was absolutely what the doctor ordered to cure Vanderbilt's recent woes and snap a two-game losing streak.

"This was a critical game for us, without question," Stallings said. "By and large, I thought our players played like it." ■

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1 **SHAN FOSTER, SENIOR**
Basketball, guard

- Leading candidate for SEC Player of the Year
- School's all-time leader in 3-point shooting
- Also an accomplished pianist and stylish dresser
- "The Truth" helped lead team to Sweet 16 in '07

4 **MIKIE MINOR, SOPHOMORE**
Baseball, Pitcher

- 9-1 with 3.09 ERA as No. 2 starter behind David Price in '07
- Starred for Team USA last summer
- Earned Freshman All-American honors
- Team won SEC regular season and tournament championships

2 **RYAN FLAHERTY, JUNIOR**
Baseball, Shortstop

- Preseason second-team All-American
- "Flash" enters this season with 35-game hitting streak
- Played for Team USA and in Cape Cod League past two summers
- Crowd-favorite for his at-bat music from "The Departed"

3 **MACKENZI ADAMS, JUNIOR**
Football, Quarterback

- Led team to 17-6 victory over then-No. 6 South Carolina
- Took over as starting QB midway through season
- Threw for 1,043 yards and nine touchdowns

THE HUSTLER'S TAKE:

There is a lot to like about Minor, the dominant lefty who's poised to become the Friday night starter for one of college baseball's best programs. Still, it'll be tough for him to upset Foster, the sweet-shooting senior who is fast becoming a household name across the country.

THE HUSTLER'S TAKE:

Fans love Adams' competitiveness, and the junior signal-caller did a good job leading the Commodore offense, but he's not quite up to level of Flaherty, the All-American shortstop with the killer at-bat music.

SCHEDULE

FIRST ROUND
1/17: Derrick Byars Regional
1/14: Jay Cutler Regional
1/16: David Price Regional
1/18: Dee Davis Regional

SECOND ROUND
1/21: Byars Regional
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1/25: Price Regional
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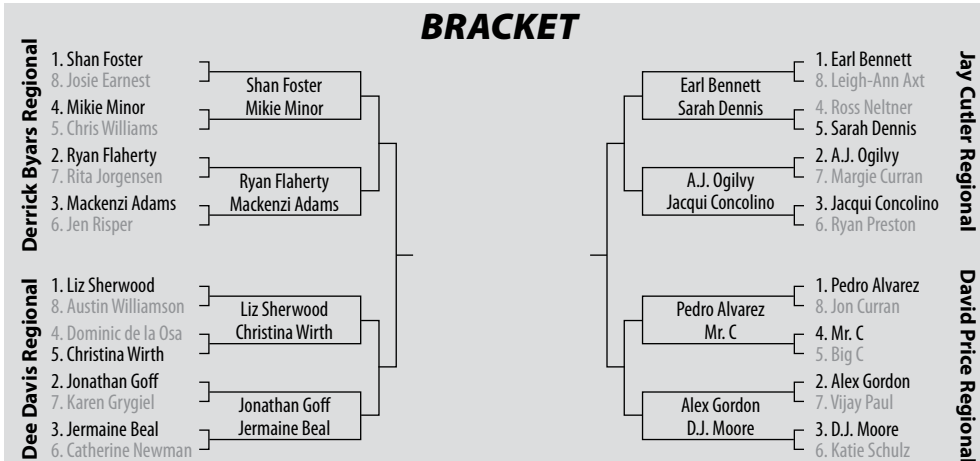
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2/6: Cutler Winner vs. Price Winner

FINALS
2/8: Byars/Davis Winner vs. Cutler/Price Winner

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- **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?
- **Fan appeal**
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- **"It" factor**
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4	DOMINIC DE LA OSA	45%		62%	JERMAINE BEAL	3
5	CHRISTINA WIRTH	55%	CHRISTINA WIRTH	38%	CATHERINE NEWMAN	6

DEE DAVIS REGIONAL CHAMP
(Named Feb. 6)

Commodores fall to No. 2 Lady Vols

Hustler Staff Report

Despite staying close for much of the first half, Vanderbilt could not overcome Candice Parker. The Tennessee junior

recorded another double-double with 19 points and 12 rebounds as the No. 2 Lady Volunteers improved to 16-1 (4-0 Southeastern Conference) on the season. Vanderbilt overcame an 8-0 deficit to close within three with 5:47

left in the half, but the Vols extended the margin to 37-24 at the break.

Junior forward Christina Wirth led the Commodores (13-6, 2-2 SEC) with a career high-tying 24 points, while freshman Hannah Tuomi notched

her first career double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds. Vanderbilt pulled within 11 after Tuomi's layup with 12:52 left, but a 14-3 Tennessee run effectively put the game out of reach. Shannon Bobbit, Alexis Hornbuckle

and Alex Fuller also scored in double figures for the Vols.

The Commodores have the week off before hosting the Ole Miss Rebels on Sunday at 2 p.m. As part of a "Jam the Gym" promotion, all tickets will be \$1. ■

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