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THE WALL

compiled by ADAM WEINSTEIN

TODAY Focus the Nation film series

"The 11th Hour" is a 90-minute documentary, produced and narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio. It explores how we impact the earth's ecosystems and what we can do to change our course. The screening is at 7 p.m. in Sarratt Cinema.

TODAY Hear at Vandy bakesale

Hear at Vandy will sell treats on the Wall from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. to raise money for their concert on March 29.

TODAY Blair Nightcap series

"Flute and Friends with Jane Kirchner" will be an evening of music featuring the flute in four chamber settings. It will be at 7 p.m. in the Steve and Judy Turner Recital Hall.

TUESDAY, JAN. 29 Vanderbilt Student Government president and vice president primary election

Primary election voting for the VSG president and vice president will take place between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tables with computers will be available to use to vote in Sarratt Promenade and The Commons Center. Students may also vote via an e-mailed link sent to all students at the beginning of the day.

TUESDAY, JAN. 29 Buckles' Finance Boot Camp

Led by economics professor Stephen Buckles and sponsored by the Arts and Science Council, Boot Camp is a concise program to equip students with the most essential finance skills they need to start life as an independent adult in the post-college world. It will be at 7 p.m. in Wilson Hall, Room 103.

TUESDAY, JAN. 29 'It's the Little Things'

The Office of Leadership Development & Intercultural Affairs has invited New York Times journalist Lena Williams to give an interactive presentation that will allow students to come on stage and role play daily situations. She'll talk about how members of different races interpret those interactions differently. The program will be at 7 p.m. in Sarratt Cinema.

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

Our platform is ...

by SARA GAST
News Editor

Things are a little more exciting for the second year of Vanderbilt Student Government presidential elections, so it didn't make sense to bore you with a list of qualifications and platforms.

Instead, The Vanderbilt Hustler asked each presidential and vice presidential candidate team questions we thought you, the voters, would want to ask if you could yourself. Their answers

highlight their specific goals for the coming year, reasons Vanderbilt will be a better place because of them and traits they possess as leaders that would enable them to best serve the campus community.

Now it's your turn to choose who should make it through the primaries. Vote tomorrow to narrow the field of three candidates down to two, and follow election coverage all this week in The Hustler and on InsideVandy.com ■

VSG PRIMARY

Vote on two of the three candidates on Tuesday, Jan. 29 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tables will be set up in Sarratt Promenade and The Commons Center to vote, or students can use the link e-mailed out tomorrow morning. Check InsideVandy.com tomorrow night for the results.

—To view the full platforms for each candidate and additional election coverage, go to:



JARED ANDERSON AND COURTNEY HOLLIDAY

Current positions:

Anderson: Speaker of the senate
Holliday: Director of publicity and Arts and Science Council representative



Our Platform is ...

... ambitious because it involves an active student government, not simply a vocal one. Our platform highlights such things as online housing improvement requests, VSG-led student service increases, Vanderbilt leader and service central Web sites, and efforts to speak directly with the Board of Trust. These are all proposals that mainly involve VSG standing up to accomplish them, instead of merely talking to the administration.

... different from what you hear every year because our focus is on advancing student life by improving the total Vanderbilt experience. We include issues that all students recognize are a problem, but we also go beyond that to include issues that most students don't realize student government can impact.

... going to make life easier because it brings conveniences to students — it improves their day-to-day life in areas such as increased recycling availability, free printing and more useful academic technology. At the same time, it also is the only platform to empower students to advance their causes by creating a community service central Web site and helping student organizations in recruiting new students next year from The Commons.

... going to make Vanderbilt better because it involves not only students and administrators in dialogue with each other, but it also opens up dialogue across the student body to incorporate different perspectives into the decisions made that impact every student, every day. We realize that student government leaders do not have all of the answers, and our platform gives other students the opportunity to become involved in the decision-making process of the university.

... something we can accomplish as leaders because we have the best record of getting results. Both of us have three years of VSG experience leading initiatives — not sitting on the sidelines. Whether it is creating the student survey, forming the course syllabi task force, publishing voting records or restructuring the AcFee allocation process, we not only talk about our ideas, we follow through on them.

SAM KIM / Submitted photo

REID SIMON AND RANDALL NORMAN

Current positions:

Simon: Speaker of the house
Norman: Tower I president



Our Platform is ...

... realistic because we've brought you results before, we added Bravo and the Food Network to Vanderbilt's cable lineup, and we'll do whatever it takes to make Vanderbilt adaptive to your wants and needs. We have developed the strongest relationships with the administration, and no other ticket has the track record we do when it comes to implementation of what students want.

... useful to students and serves their needs because we have listened to student opinions, and students want a VSG that strives to uphold Vanderbilt traditions, improves communication such that any student has the opportunity to voice his or her opinion on any issue VSG attempts to tackle, whether through a focus group, presidential office hours or our VSG Facebook application, and students want an organization which implements innovative and realistic ideas such as wireless printing, free coffee and meal plan flexibility.

... different from the platforms you hear every year because we aren't promising you anything unattainable. We would all love new carpets, new furniture and new beds in every dorm, but that's simply unrealistic. Our platform is innovative; however, every aspect of it is realistic.

... going to make life easier because, after all, Vanderbilt is our home, and students must feel comfortable and at ease in their home. Our platform calls for changes in every facet of student life at Vanderbilt, from increasing the number of reading days to expanding the Taste of Nashville program to include Jason's Deli, T.G.I. Friday's, Five Guys and Panera to better uniting The Commons to main campus through a direct Greek Row—The Commons Vandy Van route.

... something we can accomplish as leaders because it takes a strong and consistent voice to stand up against university policies and budgets. This ticket is unafraid to upset the administration in voicing the wants and needs of the student body, and we will refuse to simply accept "no" as an answer. At the same time, though, many of the changes we want to see around campus can't be done without the help of the administration. This ticket's leadership also understands the importance of compromise, and we have developed the relationships necessary to make compromises that work for both the students and the administration.

KYLE LARSON / Submitted photo

JOSEPH WILLIAMS AND WYATT SMITH

Current positions:

Williams: Chief of Staff
Smith: Peabody senator



Our Platform is ...

... realistic because our team is already working on accomplishing many of the goals we have outlined. Whether it is talking with Chick-fil-A about opening a branch on Highland Quad, contacting Google to replace the current VUwebmail platform with Gmail or negotiating changes to card access policies with administrators, we have already begun carrying out our platform in our current capacities within VSG.

... useful to students and serves their needs because we have practical approaches to practical problems that affect every student's daily life as a student at Vanderbilt. We are focused on and committed to using student government to amplify the students' voice to administrators on actual issues that each Vanderbilt student cares about.

... going to make life easier because of our student-first approach to campus services. By bringing additional dining options to Taste of Nashville, building additional flexibility into meal plan options, securing free printing quotas and printing stations in residence halls, eliminating quotas on VUwebmail, strengthening wireless in Furman and Calhoun, and improving Vandy Vans by ending the long route, running the shuttles seven days a week, and finally offering a reverse route around campus, our platform positively affects every student on campus.

... going to make Vanderbilt better because of our focus on the upperclassman experience. As a university, we have done an excellent job of securing one of the top first-year experiences in the country with The Commons, but it is important for administrators to remember that college is a four-year experience for undergraduates, and measures have to be taken to provide equal amenities and student services to all students, regardless of where they live.

... something we can accomplish as leaders because our experience in leadership positions inside and outside of VSG enables us to be the true "voice of Vanderbilt." Of all the tickets in this race, we are the most skilled and proven articulators of student needs and concerns to administrators, and we have the experience and ability needed to improve the upperclassman experience at Vanderbilt.

MYRON KLIMKOWSKI / Submitted photo

ELECTION UPDATE

Obama wins South Carolina in racially charged primary

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Barack Obama routed Hillary Rodham Clinton in the racially charged South Carolina primary Saturday night, regaining campaign momentum in the prelude to a Feb. 5 coast-to-coast competition for more than 1,600 Democratic National Convention delegates, The Associated Press reported.

"The choice in this election is not about regions or religions or genders," Obama said at a boisterous victory rally. "It's not about rich versus poor, young versus old, and it's not about black versus white. It's about the past versus the future."

The audience chanted, "Race doesn't matter," as it waited for Obama to make his appearance after rolling up 55 percent of the vote in a three-way race.

But it did, in a primary that shattered turnout records.

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Readership program to bring 3 newspapers to campus

by SARA GAST
News Editor

They're hot off the presses, literally. The USA Today Collegiate Readership Program comes to campus today with free distribution to students of The New York Times, The Tennessean and USA Today. The papers will be available in Sarratt Student Center and The Commons Center.

Vanderbilt Student Government is sponsoring the program, and President Cara Bilotta said she believes it will further education in and out of the classroom.

Please see **READERSHIP PROGRAM**, page 3

Dancing in a Winter Vandyland



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Students enjoy themselves at Semiformal 2008: Winter Vandyland, hosted by the Multicultural Leadership Council at Cannery Ballroom on Saturday evening.

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WEDNESDAY



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THURSDAY



Showers, 48/42

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Wednesday, Jan. 23, 4 p.m.:
Subject left computer unattended at Rand. When she returned to pick it up, it was gone.

Wednesday, Jan. 23, 10:26 p.m.:
Subject was stopped for broken taillight. A check of license showed it was suspended.

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1 Treasury secretary pushes Senate to act on economic package

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The president and House leaders have agreed on a proposal to provide tax rebate checks to 117 million families and give businesses \$50 billion in incentives to invest in new plants and equipment. The goal is to help head off a recession and boost consumer confidence.

2 Iraqi official says son of Libyan leader Gadhafi had hand in Mosul violence

BAGHDAD — A son of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi is behind a group of foreign and Iraqi fighters responsible for this week's devastating explosion in northern Iraq, a security chief for Sunni tribesmen who rose up against al-Qaida said Saturday.
At least 38 people were killed and 225 wounded last Wednesday when a huge blast destroyed about 50 buildings in a Mosul slum, according to The Associated Press. The next day, a suicide bomber killed the provincial police chief and two other officers as they surveyed the blast site.

3 Vanderbilt creates SWAT team for security upgrade

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Vanderbilt University Police Department became the first Tennessee university police department to train its officers to handle barricades, hostage situations or anything requiring the quick response of a SWAT team, The Tennessean reported.
Members of the Metro Police Department's SWAT unit trained 15 members of VUPD in special operations this month. The university bought a mobile command center, tactical rifles and protective equipment to outfit the new team.

4 Dean wants role in replacing Garcia

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Mayor Karl Dean wants a say in deciding who will lead Nashville schools both short-term and for the long haul, according to The Tennessean, but he's not looking to throw out the Metro school board, he said in an interview.
Dean also said the school district should open more charter schools as it tries to provide good options for every student and family across the city.

5 Southern California braces for another storm as third avalanche victim found; mudslides feared

LOS ANGELES — Winter storms continued to soak southern California on Sunday and meteorologists warned that wetter weather was on its way, The Associated Press reported.
Up to 2 inches of rain fell overnight in valley and coastal areas and about double this amount in the mountains, National Weather Service specialist Stewart Seto said.
The rain appeared not to have triggered any major mudslides, but Seto said thunderstorms were likely later in the day, bringing a threat of torrential rain.

6 Coens win top Directors Guild honor for 'No Country for Old Men'

LOS ANGELES — Joel and Ethan Coen won the top prize from the Directors Guild of America on Saturday for "No Country for Old Men," giving them the inside track for the same honor at the Academy Awards — assuming the Oscars go on amid the writers strike.
The Coens were only the second two-person team to win the Directors Guild honor, according to The Associated Press, following Robert Wise and Jerome Robbins for 1961's "West Side Story."

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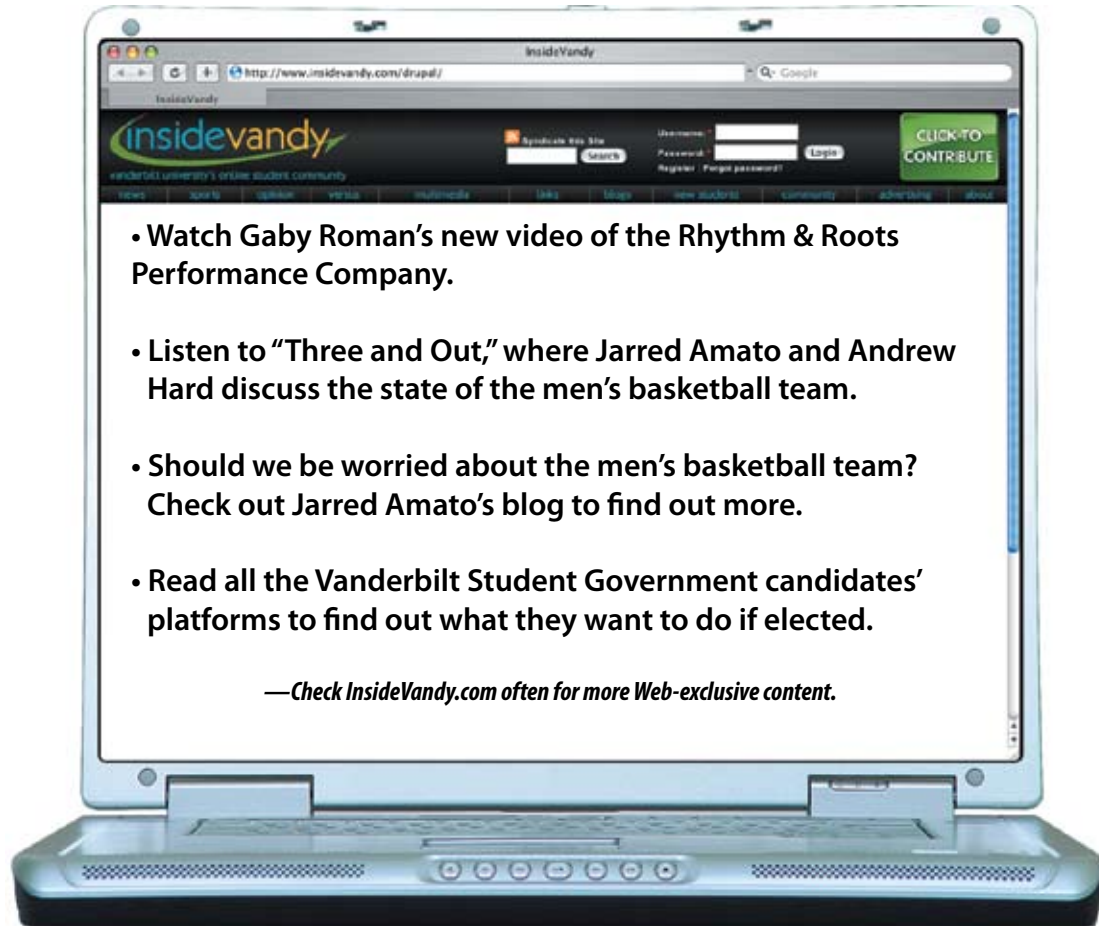
8 Disabled spy satellite falling from orbit, could hit Earth in late February or March

WASHINGTON — A large U.S. spy satellite has lost power and could hit the Earth in late February or early March, government officials said Saturday.
The satellite, which no longer can be controlled, could contain hazardous materials, according to The Associated Press, and it is unknown where on the planet it might come down, they said. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the information is classified as secret. It was not clear how long ago the satellite lost power, or under what circumstances.

9 Disgraced and vilified, Indonesia's ex-dictator Suharto dies

JAKARTA, INDONESIA — Former Indonesian President Suharto, a Cold War ally of the United States whose brutal military regime killed hundreds of thousands of left-wing political opponents, died Sunday, The Associated Press reported. He was 86.
Although he oversaw some of the worst bloodshed of the 20th century, Suharto is credited with developing the economy and will be buried with the highest state honors Monday at the family mausoleum.

WHAT'S NEW ON INSIDEVANDY.COM



- Watch Gaby Roman's new video of the Rhythm & Roots Performance Company.
- Listen to "Three and Out," where Jarred Amato and Andrew Hard discuss the state of the men's basketball team.
- Should we be worried about the men's basketball team? Check out Jarred Amato's blog to find out more.
- Read all the Vanderbilt Student Government candidates' platforms to find out what they want to do if elected.

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READERSHIP PROGRAM: VSG to re-evaluate in 30 days

From **READERSHIP PROGRAM**, page 1

"I expect the readership program to be a great asset to our multi-faceted liberal arts education at Vanderbilt," Bilotta said in a press release. "While an argument could be made that the same information is available for students to read online, the readership program is about access and encouraging students to discover and question the world around them on a regular basis."

Arts and Science Senator Fabiani Duarte, co-chair for the Student Services and Technology Committee, agreed.

"We found it would better education not only in the classroom, but expand it outside," Duarte said. "Students could discuss news with their friends and professors."

The newspapers will be free to students for the 30-day pilot program, after which VSG and the Office of the Dean of Students will analyze the

response to the program and decide if they want to invest in it, Bilotta said.

Students indicated an interest in a readership program last fall in the survey conducted by VSG and The Hustler. Not only did students say they wanted more national and world news, 80 percent of respondents said they would "most likely" or "definitely" read a national newspaper if it were readily available on campus.

Proposals to bring the program to Vanderbilt in the past have failed, largely due to the possible damage it could do to student media.

"We just can't compete in ad sales," said Chris Carroll, director of student media for Vanderbilt Student Communications Inc. "Gannett (who owns USA Today and The Tennessean) is the world's largest media organization. We can't compete with that."

Carroll said he believes

The Tennessean, especially, will hurt VSC, since both newspapers will target the same advertising market.

He also pointed out the campus already has a source for news.

"The Hustler is a truly free newspaper," Carroll said, whereas he noted the readership program will cost the university.

But Carroll said what upsets him the most was the opportunity that could be robbed from those who work in student media.

"It is all about equity," Carroll said. "The point of a liberal arts education is to provide opportunity. It is so insulting to take student money to bring this program to campus when they don't give (VSC) anything." ■

—For more, see *Our View*, page 4.

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PRIMARY: Victory first since Iowa

From **PRIMARY**, page 1

About half the voters were black, according to polling place interviews, and four out of five of them supported Obama. Black women turned out in particularly large numbers. Obama, the first-term Illinois senator, got about a quarter of the white vote while Clinton and former Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina split the rest.

Clinton flew to Nashville as the polls closed and looked ahead. "Now the eyes of the country turn to Tennessee and the other states voting on Feb. 5," she said, adding "millions and millions of Americans are going to have their voices heard."

Clinton, who spoke at historically black Tennessee State University, finished her visit to Tennessee by attending a Memphis church service on Sunday.

Edwards finished a distant third, a sharp setback in the state where he was born and scored a primary victory in his first presidential campaign four years ago. Even so, he vowed to remain in the race, his goal, he said, to "give voice to all those whose voices aren't being heard."

The victory was Obama's first since he won the kickoff Iowa caucuses on Jan. 3. Clinton, a New York senator and former

first lady, scored an upset in the New Hampshire primary a few days later. They split the Nevada caucuses, she winning the turnout race, he gaining a one-delegate margin. In an historic race, she hopes to become the first woman to occupy the White House, and Obama is the strongest black contender in history.

The South Carolina primary marked the end of the first phase of the campaign for the Democratic nomination, a series of single-state contests that conferred co-front-runner status on Clinton and Obama but had relatively few delegates at stake. ■

The Collegiate Readership Program

Sponsored by Vanderbilt Student Government

A selection of daily newspapers are available to Vanderbilt University students through The Collegiate Readership Program this semester beginning January 28

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OUR VIEW

Collegiate Readership benefits students

Last spring, VSG President Cara Bilotta promised results representative of what students want. The VSG survey demonstrated students overwhelmingly want more national news on campus. With the inauguration of the Collegiate Readership Program, Bilotta has delivered on this promise.

All too often we lament the dearth of in-depth coverage of national news here. Now, with the presence of The New York Times and USA Today, this complaint can hardly be levied. While the online versions of these publications can fulfill the informal education necessary for any undergraduate education, there is no substitute for the concrete presence of print newspapers.

The New York Times, however, will not offer in-depth coverage of Derby Days or Vandy baseball any time soon.

Despite the perceived increase in competition, the Hustler editorial board sees this as an opportunity to embrace campus coverage and continue with the localization of national news. What we can offer you is what we do best: coverage of the events relevant to the individuals and communities on campus and a forum for the perspectives and analysis from these students.

Balance is certainly both desirable and achievable here. More than 400 schools nationwide, including many top schools such as Dartmouth and Cornell, have both successful, high-quality campus

newspapers and the Collegiate Readership Program on their campuses. Vanderbilt should be no different.

While some may argue the program will diminish the staffs or quality of Vanderbilt publications, Vanderbilt students on the whole share a common dedication to their interests that transcends the specificities of those pursuits. As members of student media, and by proxy The Hustler as a publication, we stand to gain from the program and further develop our skills — wherever they may lie.

While the Collegiate Readership Program represents a democratic promise fulfilled by Bilotta, the realization of that promise provides an opportunity for all students to benefit.

LETTER

Warren's polemic hurts honest debate

To the Editor:

In reading Mike Warren's latest opinion column, it appears the ever-elusive "true conservative" has at last been defined. According to Warren, this breed of political creature is comprised of "conservatives of the God-fearing, middle-class, talk-radio listening variety" who, as an incidental article of faith, abhor Senator John McCain.

As a conservative who does not subscribe to this peculiar paradigm, I find the presumptive affixation of the "true conservative" label to one's own strain of ideology disconcerting. Even more troubling is that Warren hides behind this hijacked terminology to launch a scurrilous attack on John McCain, an American patriot and conservative politician by any dispassionate observer's estimation. In sanctioning McCain as an apostate to the creed of "true conservatism," Warren belittles the war hero as a whiny elitist. In a specious bit of speculation supporting this charge, Warren sneers that "McCain would be able to serve the people if the people just got out of his damn way."

Perhaps Warren's unlettered opinion would be more convincing if facts and logic were to get out of his way. Granted, McCain's patriotism and honorable military service are mentioned. Omitted, however, is McCain's consistently conservative legislative record on a host of fundamental issues.

On fiscal matters, McCain is one of the few remaining conservatives with the courage to fight deficit spending, entitlement expansion and pork-barrel projects. He was one of only seven Republican Senators to vote against the Medicare Prescription Drug Act of 2003, which was the largest expansion of government entitlements since the 1960s.

With a solid 83 percent lifetime rating from the American Conservative Union, McCain's conservative candidacy has been endorsed by two of the five Senators given a 100 percent rating by the ACU in 2006.

More egregious than these omissions are the misstatements about McCain's record. Warren brands McCain as an apostle of amnesty for illegal immigrants by virtue of his support for the "McCain-Edwards amnesty" bill. Just as I am not inclined to buy Warren's definition of "true conservatism," I am similarly disinclined to accept his misapplication of the term amnesty. McCain's position requires illegal immigrants to pay thousands of dollars in fines and return to the back of the line to begin any attempt at citizenship. Even Mitt Romney, McCain's most vociferous critic on this issue in the GOP primary, conceded that this does not amount to amnesty.

If Warren were looking for an actual example of amnesty, I would refer him to Ronald Reagan's grant of amnesty to illegal aliens in 1986. Considering that the charge of amnesty is the centerpiece of Warren's case against McCain, I suppose Reagan, not McCain, would be the one to fail the Warren litmus test for true conservatism.

Warren then belatedly rattles off a laundry list of charges against McCain's conservatism after his belabored mischaracterization of the senator's immigration position. Patronizingly assuming such accusations should be taken as gospel, Warren apparently sees no need to substantiate them. The serious charge that McCain supports giving Social Security benefits to illegal aliens is patently false, as has been widely reported.

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Hillary's frostiness should prevail

Katherine Miller, Opinion Editor

I am all too fond of addressing Sen. Hillary Clinton as though she were my congenial archrival — the Angela Lansbury in "The Manchurian Candidate" to my Joan Collins. Her ice-cold demeanor should be practiced and admired, to say the least. In short, it would be a champagne dream of mine for her to be president.

We know what we'll get out of a second Clinton presidency: centrist triangulation, sturdy Washington-establishment foreign policy and a health care plan that congressional Republicans will shoot little Red Cross-shaped bullets out of their eyes at.

Though Sen. Barack Obama promises bipartisanship, he conveniently forgets that he is a textbook liberal with only a wee amount of congressional experience. The word "hope" will not make Congressional Republicans swoon.

Clinton, however, knows how to grind stuff out. She's the Democrats' best option and the best to get the GOP back on track — meaning we all benefit.



Obama will fight for the right issues

Soo Yang, Columnist

The Democratic Party should nominate Sen. Barack Obama based on his experience as a community organizer, civil rights lawyer and U.S. senator. Putting aside the exciting prospect of the first black President, Obama's past achievements indicate not only his readiness to lead but also his professional history that demonstrates administrative capacity, intellectual sensibility and bipartisan practicality. His sense of pragmatism has allowed him to fight for human rights, welfare reform, higher ethical standards, tougher anti-terrorism measures and environmental responsibility. As we face the realities of serious problems, his realistic approach to problem solving and his ability to inspire a nonpartisan coalition will help us in tackling these serious issues and possibly put an end to the self-destructive polarization in Washington. His quality of experience and achievements show that Obama is fully prepared to lead with common sense and dignity.

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Obama or Clinton?



Obama's fundraising will translate into presidential skills

Sean Tierney, Columnist

Obama, hands down. Obama alone electrifies the public, and excitement among liberals translates to a higher turnout for the Democratic Party come election time.

Detractors will continue to point out the fact that he has little experience in D.C., but experience is not synonymous with good policy-making. Sen. Hillary Clinton may have a lot more friends and contacts among the top political circles, but she also has a lot more enemies. It'll be easier to get things done with a clean slate.

When choosing whom to vote for, one should also always look at who's contributing to each campaign. It takes a lot of money to win an office, and money takes a lot of pandering to the interests of lobbyists and private interests. While still dependent upon donations from special interests, Obama has raised a large amount of money from his grassroots network, making him that much better able to serve the people and not the wealthy. (This doesn't mean that Mitt Romney would be a good president because he probably wouldn't be.)



Clinton has proven herself worthy

Julie Willig, Guest Columnist

I'm voting for Sen. Hillary Clinton because I'm confident in her ability to lead the nation on day one. Clinton's 35 years of experience give her an advantage over Obama for the unpredictable and difficult situations of the presidency.

She has a proven record of creating common ground in our divisive political arena, working across party lines to pass important legislation in the Senate. It's imperative our country begins to recognize the 47 million people who are uninsured, and Clinton's universal health care plan far surpasses Sen. Barack Obama's non-universal plan in achievability and quality. Clinton's committed to restoring America's standing in the world, and she has the international experience to do so. She has provided unparalleled specificity in addressing issues such as education, Social Security and job security for the middle class, demonstrating her ability to make realistic change in America.

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Early childhood education overlooked in political campaigns



ANNA FALKNER

Guest Columnist

In recent years the subject of early childhood education has become a hot topic in political debates about education. Research showing how critical the early years are for a child's later achievement has been touted by politicians and leaders in the educational world as reasoning for implementing programs and providing for the education of our youngest citizens.

Children involved in programs like Head Start prove to be quality citizens, not just through academic achievement, but also through an overall successful life, making it not only a sound educational investment, but a sound economic one as well.

But instead of providing quality, appropriate and engaging care for young children, politicians have tried to implement accountability measures that punish low-performing students and schools, and which have resulted in a "push-down curriculum." So our third graders are taking exams that are not aligned with their developmental capabilities, and second grade teachers are blaming the first grade teachers when students are not performing well on practice exams.

And it all falls down to the youngest children. Many skills which have traditionally been taught in first grade are now being taught to kindergartners, resulting in a shift away from what research shows us is the best way of teaching young children. Instead of allowing children to learn concepts

and skills in a natural, play-based curriculum, teachers are turning toward direct teaching of discrete skills and specific expectations derived directly from standards.

So what do we do? Punish the teachers for teaching to the test? Or turn to the politicians to eliminate the cause of the problem? We must eliminate the inappropriate focus on testing which puts teachers in the position of redirecting their classrooms toward meeting inappropriate standards rather than students' needs and abilities.

This election may prove to be a pivotal moment in early childhood education. The tide could turn either way — toward more push-down curricula, or toward funding for developmentally appropriate care for young children.

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COLUMN

Fed and Congress should be wary of inflation



DOUGLAS KURDZIEL
Columnist

When looking at the headlines about the American economy lately, you might think the sky is falling. Don't panic just yet though, things may not be quite as bad as they seem. Of course, they might be a whole lot worse, in which case you shouldn't panic either because it's already too late.

Over the course of the past few weeks, the American and global markets have come under increasing scrutiny, and no one seems to be able to agree on anything. Are we in a recession? How long will it last? Whose bright ideas got us here? If we aren't, then what? What should we do to avoid recession?

While the causes of this downturn are many and complicated, perhaps the most talked about and most influential aspect of it deals with asset-backed securities like collateralized debt obligations. CDOs are packages of many different mortgage-backed bonds with a shared rating. The CDOs then get split up into new securities, and each piece gets rated individually based on their probability of default.

Therefore, while the assets backing a CDO might be rated just above junk bond level, the separate parts sold to investors might have a higher rating. Clearly, investors were not getting the security they had paid for, as many mortgages on

which these CDOs were based were subprime, meaning they were issued with minimal credit checks and adjustable rates. As the housing market dropped, these bonds were downgraded to be worth almost nothing, and both huge financial firms and individual investors were forced to accept substantial losses.

CDOs and the subprime mortgage market are not entirely to blame for the current downturn, however. While I'll be the first to defend free markets and the importance of

By cutting rates so much, the Fed has almost guaranteed Americans a strong bout of inflation in the future.

financial firms, the American economy cannot operate successfully if financial leaders are being paid enormous severance bonuses even after issuing such meaningless, poorly understood investment packages and almost ruining the firms they were hired to grow.

This brings us to the next point: What can, or should, government do to stem the tide of recession? Ben Bernanke and the Federal Reserve cut the target federal funds rate three quarters of a percentage point, down to 3.5 percent. This cut was the biggest in two decades, and also the first time since Sept. 11, 2001, when the Fed cut rates between its scheduled meetings. In a few days, the Fed

is expected to cut rates again.

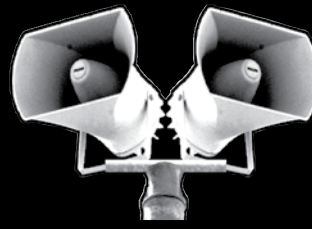
Capitalism depends upon the existence of capital, and the Fed's dramatic rate cuts over the past months, as well as those to come, will almost certainly help businesses purchase new capital and grow their enterprises — key to bringing the economy out of a recession. However, by cutting rates so much, the Fed has almost guaranteed Americans a strong bout of inflation in the future.

What's more, the so-called "stimulus package" recently brought forth by the White House offers little long-term relief and instead focuses on a short-term injection of money into the American economy, which will only further exacerbate inflation worries. Instead, the Fed and the White House should settle on a sound monetary policy that will protect the value of the dollar while accepting the traditional peaks and troughs of the business cycle.

In all likelihood, the American economy certainly will be in some sort of a recession, if it isn't already. However, it is important to recognize that recessions are part of the business cycle, and that these recessions actually can be made worse, not better, due to excessive government intervention.

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THE RANT



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Compiled by Katherine Miller

"We all must stop and recognize our fellow student and 'Bratz' star, Logan Browning, on her Razzie nomination. Please continue working as one of our nation's greatest actresses!!!"

"It's not that Vanderbilt is an overrated team but that our talent far exceeds Kevin Stallings's coaching ability. His 'let them play' philosophy might work fine for a middle school basketball team, but he needs to learn when to call timeouts."

"Judging from the amount of 'Obama '08' bumper stickers I've seen around campus, I'd say it's time to begin printing and distributing a Mike Warren column daily in an attempt to shove some reason into the minds of some Vanderbilt students who sorely need it (like the writer of the first Mike Warren rant)."

"Dear Admissions: I beg of you, please restore the 'Why Vanderbilt?' question to applications. I would not have come here if I had known you were planning to change a Harvard/SEC mix into a new Duke by admitting kids that do not fit. We all know it is not that difficult to hire another few staff members to read them all. Just do it before it's too late!"

"Whatever strumpets live in Tower 1, suite ###, you have made a mistake. I'm sorry, it's college, and somehow we have managed to stay up after the crepuscule hours. In regards to our fear of eternal virginity, stop venting your Freudian Electra Complex, and face the truth that we are not up to your level of sexual promiscuity . . . maybe if you put some bags over your heads we might give it a thought. We ask for an apology from you ladies, and extend our advice for you to take some Midol before we call animal control or the Nashville zookeeper."

SCHLANK: Warren's column falsely represents McCain's voting record

From LETTER, page 4

In a stunning sentence that manages the near impossible by simultaneously offending both conservatives and feminists, Warren denigrates Republican supporters of McCain as suffering from "political battered wife syndrome." In this ill-advised metaphor, Warren flippantly dismisses Republicans who vote for McCain as weak-willed wimps

while trashing abused women as suffering from similarly feeble characters.

This nonsense is as distasteful as it is absurd. Civic discourse is designed to account for disagreements between individuals through the exchange of reasoned arguments. This is not only a conservative ideal, but also an American tradition. Warren is entitled to his unsubstantiated

opinion, but he is not entitled to present it on the hubristic assumption that his arguments speak for "true conservatives." Facts are stubborn things. Regrettably, ideological certitude has proven to be even more stubborn in the instant case.

Evan Schlank
Senior, A&S

FALKNER: Nation faces critical decisions about state of education

From FALKNER page 4

Some of the candidates don't even mention early childhood education on their websites, focusing instead on "enhancing No Child Left Behind." Hillary Clinton wants to implement a universal pre-kindergarten program. If she succeeds, will this program provide appropriate care for every child or simply provide a government-funded venue for forcing 4-year-olds to learn discrete facts rather than develop social skills and cognitive strategies? Barack Obama's early childhood program focuses on providing education for new parents on how to help their babies develop and grow. So far, his is the only campaign that introduces a program focused on developmentally appropriate programs for early childhood education — but does it go far enough to ensure in-school programs are appropriate as well?

As we look at the candidates in this election, it is essential we look at their education policies. Even people who

are not in the education field must be concerned with how their money can best be invested, and how their children should best be taught. At this point, we could either turn away from a push-down curriculum by funding teacher training and accreditation for developmentally appropriate programs, or we could continue on a dangerous path toward rote learning for students by continuing to implement inappropriate assessment measures and unfunded mandates about standards students much reach.

Inform yourself. These are not cut and dry issues. No candidate has the perfect plan. But if you consider the options, look at the issues, you might have a chance at voting for someone who can make a difference.

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Regaining their swagger after a disheartening loss to Kentucky, the Volunteers, led by the resurgence of sharp-shooting guard Chris Lofton, look to continue their SEC dominance in Alabama, where the Tide look to get rolling.

PLAYER OF
THE WEEKLaurny Smith,
Track & Field

Smith won the long jump at the Middle Tennessee Classic to lead the track and field team Saturday. Smith's victory marked the first individual event win of the year for the Commodores. The junior had a season-long jump of 18 feet, 10 inches, 6 1/4 inches longer than the second place finisher. "If she can stay healthy, Laurny has the potential to be a top performer for us," said coach D'Andre Hill. "She has the potential to earn some points at the SEC Indoor Championships in a few weeks if she continues to progress."

GAME OF
THE WEEKWomen's Tennis:
No. 16 Vanderbilt
defeated No. 9
Notre Dame

Led by standouts Courtney Ulery and Amanda Taylor, the Commodores extended their season opening win streak to five games by passing a huge test against the Fighting Irish. Also turning in a clutch performance for the Lady Dores was Catherine Newman, whose win at the number two singles slot proved to be the difference.

THEY SAID IT...

"We were not as emotionally ready to play as they were. They were faster to the ball and were the quicker and more aggressive team. That is a sure recipe for defeat on the road. We were outplayed and outcoached."
KEVIN STALLINGS

DAILY

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Consecutive points Florida scored to put Vanderbilt in a 34-6 hole to start the game.

SEC STANDINGS

Eastern Division:

Florida 5-1, 18-3
Tennessee 4-1, 17-2
Kentucky 3-2, 9-9
Georgia 2-2, 11-6
Vanderbilt 2-3, 17-3
South Carolina 1-4, 9-10

Western Division:

Miss. State 5-0, 14-5
Arkansas 3-2, 14-5
Ole Miss 2-3, 15-3
Auburn 2-3, 12-6
Alabama 1-4, 12-8
LSU 0-5, 7-12

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Vandy soars past Rebels

7,000-plus fans 'Jam the Gym' as Risper scores 20 in 83-50 victory.

by **ALEKSEY DUBROVENSY**
Sports Reporter

The women's basketball team used tough defensive pressure and some hot shooting from one of its stars to blow out the visiting University of Mississippi Lady Rebels 83-50 on Sunday afternoon.

"We had a great week of preparation. We worked on our man-to-man and our match-up zone sets and it showed out there," said coach Melanie Balcomb. "I've got to give it to our assistants. Vicki (Picott) and Kim (Rosamond) had them ready and it was a lot of fun to watch."

Indeed, it was immensely entertaining for the more than 7,000 Commodore faithful that packed Memorial Gymnasium as part of the "Jam the Gym" promotion for the game. Junior guard Jennifer Risper scored a career-high 20 points on 9 of 11 shooting to go along with 10 rebounds as the Commodores (14-6, 3-2 Southeastern Conference) shot 50.9 percent from the floor. The game was never in doubt.

"I'm really proud of Jen's effort but more her attitude. I put her in a different role this week. I had her play at the high post, so she played inside while Tina (Wirth) played outside," Balcomb said. "She embraced it and did everything I asked her to do."

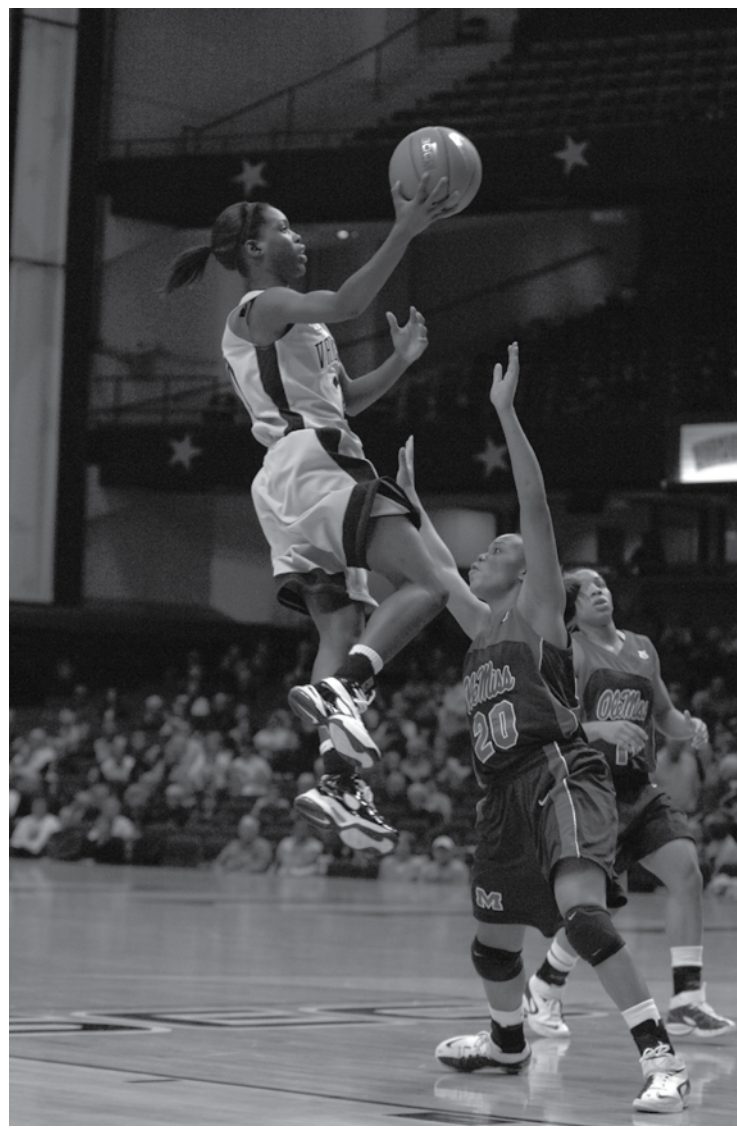
The Commodores used

suffocating ball pressure to hold the Ole Miss offensive attack in check, limiting the Lady Rebels (8-10, 2-3) to just 12 first-half points on 4 of 26 shooting. Switching between man-to-man and match-up zone sets, the Commodores created 21 Ole Miss turnovers and held the Lady Rebels to just 27 percent shooting for the game. They were stone cold from the outside as well, missing all 11 of their 3-point field goal attempts. None of the Lady Rebels scored in double figures.

Vanderbilt also received a much-needed boost off the bench, using 37 points from its reserves to keep the pressure up throughout the game. Senior center Liz Sherwood scored nine points, while sophomore guard Jessica Mooney added 12 points, six assists and three steals. Her quick hands and explosive energy in the open court keyed a 30-3 first-half run by the Commodores that gave them a 40-12 halftime advantage, putting the game way out of reach for the visitors.

"We came out with the mentality that we were going to dictate the tempo of this game," Risper said. "The players off the bench were awesome. Everything that we've been doing in practice we're starting to do in the game. If we have that kind of energy every night, then we're going to be hard to guard."

The "Jam the Gym" promotion featured \$1 tickets and an entertaining half-time show where mascots from the local professional teams, along with Mr. C and Big C, played



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Jessica Mooney (left) and the Commodores were head and shoulders above Ole Miss on Sunday at Memorial Gym. Vanderbilt never looked back after taking a 40-12 halftime advantage.

a comical game of basketball. Praise was all around for the promotion as even players and coaches appreciated the solid turnout.

"It was great. We need to jam the gym every game," Risper said.

The Commodores return to action on Thursday when they

travel to Florida to take on the Gators in Gainesville, Fla. Tip-off is scheduled for 6 p.m. CDT and will be covered on the radio by 560 AM. ■

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Williams' stock continues to rise

by **DAVID NAMM**
Asst Sports Editor

Just as offensive lineman Chris Williams powered his way through Southeastern Conference defenses during his illustrious career at Vanderbilt, he is powering his way up NFL draft boards with his excellent performance in pre-draft workouts.

Asserting himself as one of the most talented draft-eligible players with an outstanding showing at the famed Senior Bowl, Williams won over front office executives and scouts league-wide with his tremendous physical skills.

"He's done nothing to hurt himself, and he probably even strengthened his status," said renowned ESPN draft analyst Mel Kiper, Jr. "I've got Chris going 19th (overall) to the (Philadelphia) Eagles and I can see him moving up from there."

And move up he has. In his latest "Big Board" which rates the top prospects for the upcoming draft, Kiper has Williams listed as the 12th best overall player. Kiper is not the only one to notice Williams' skill set, however.

"Chris Williams of Vanderbilt ... is a massive athlete with footwork, technique and great power," said Frank Coyle of www.draftinsiders.com in his Senior Bowl blog. "He comes off the



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After a successful performance at Saturday's Senior Bowl, Chris Williams sits at No. 12 on Mel Kiper Jr.'s latest draft board.

ball with a strong punch and fine functional strength to get a consistently good push at the line of scrimmage."

Additionally, Williams was featured on www.profootballweekly.com as its prospect of the day this past Wednesday, who also noticed his

immense potential for NFL success.

"(Williams is a) very naturally athletic mover ... he plays with great balance and is rarely on the ground ... and shows solid anchor strength to hold his ground and the agility to run pass rushers wide of the pocket," said Nolan Nawrocki of Pro Football Weekly.

At the culmination of a trying week, Williams came with his A-game at the Senior Bowl. Powered by former Florida receiver Andre Caldwell's last-second score, the Williams-led South squad defeated the North in a showdown of prospective NFL players and former college stars. With his skills on clear display during the game, Williams' stock may have risen yet again against formidable competition.

Thus, Williams has proven he has all the tools to succeed on the field. This trend has carried over to his off the field pursuits as well, as he has hired Bill Johnson of ProFiles Sports, Inc. as his agent. The Atlanta-based agency, which also represents NFL stars Brian Urlacher, Keith Brooking, Rod Coleman and DeMarcus Ware, has proven to help develop players that join the fraternity of the NFL's elite, a fraternity that — at this rate — could very well call Williams' name in the near future. ■

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Gators
chomp
Dores

Vandy falls behind 34-6, drops third straight road game.

by **ERIC SILVER**
Asst Sports Editor

It wasn't a pretty sight for the Commodores on Sunday as they dropped their third game in four contests, losing to Florida 86-64 in Gainesville.

Vanderbilt could never recover from its extremely slow start as Florida blew the game open early with a 23-0 run to lead 34-6. The No. 14 Commodores (17-3, 2-3 Southeastern Conference) cut the lead to 15 early in the second half, but that was as close they would get. They have now lost all three SEC road games, while winning two home games against South Carolina and Louisiana State.

The Gators (18-3, 5-1 SEC) will likely return to the top 25 after their impressive performance. Walter Hodge scored a career-high 19 points, Nick Calathes added 15 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds, and all five starters scored in double figures.

"We turned the ball over and missed layups," said senior Alex Gordon, who led the team with 13 points. "We cut it down to 15 but we just didn't fight. Being on this team you always think you have a chance to come back."

While the Commodores have often found themselves down by large margins only to come back late in the game, Florida ensured Sunday would be different. Though they didn't necessarily extend their lead in the second half, the Gators maintained it, swapping baskets with Vanderbilt throughout.

"When you get up by that many points, you always get concerned," said Florida coach Billy Donovan. "You want your guys to maintain aggressiveness."

Vanderbilt's leading scorers, senior Shan Foster and freshman A.J. Ogilvy, were both held to season-lows. Ogilvy, who fouled out with 3:41 left in the game, scored nine points, while Foster scored seven, all of them coming in the second half. Freshman Andre Walker added a career-high 10 points off the bench.

"They were faster to the ball and were the quicker and more aggressive team," said Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings. "That is a sure recipe for defeat on the road."

The Commodores will face another difficult road test on Wednesday when they travel to Oxford to take on Ole Miss. ■

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Men's tennis wins opener

by **CHIP ROBIE**
Sports Reporter

The No. 33 men's tennis team scored a close, hard-fought victory in its first match of the season, rallying to defeat Michigan State 4-3 Sunday at the Currey Tennis Center.

The Commodores got on the board first as they won two of the three doubles matches to take a 1-0 lead. Senior Evan Dufaux led the way with a dazzling array of clutch volleys.

Singles wasn't so friendly in the early going, as four of the first five matches went to a first-set tiebreaker. Junior Nick Cromydas fought valiantly at No. 4, only to lose 7-6, 6-1, while No. 1 Ryan Preston, a senior, fell 6-4, 7-5. The Commodores didn't fold, however.

"Obviously, we've got some new guys, but these guys are not going to roll over," Duvenhage said. "We are actually at our best when it gets down to the nitty-gritty. They did a great job of hanging in there because at some point it did look sort of bleak."

At No. 2, sophomore Vijay Paul summoned some of his best shot-making in a brilliantly played second set to win his match, 7-6, 6-2, and tie the overall score at 2-2.

At No. 3, newcomer Bryant Salcedo fell in three sets, but his mature game demonstrated why Duvenhage felt confident in playing him so high in the ladder. With Salcedo's loss, the Dores needed to win the final two matches.

Evan Dufaux split two tiebreakers in the first two sets, but he stormed back to win the third set in convincing fashion,

6-2. Count Duvenhage among the impressed.

"He was going down (in the second set) and he said to me, 'Gosh, I just don't feel good,'" Duvenhage said. "And I said, 'You know what, it doesn't matter how you feel. You just got to find a way.' And, he just found a way."

Dufaux's win, which tied the match at 3-3, left the Commodores' fate in a freshman's hands. Despite trailing 3-0 in the opening set, freshman Alex Zotov emerged as the hero of the day with his steady serving and volleying to win 7-6, 7-5 to give Vanderbilt a victory in its opening match.

The Commodores host Samford on Saturday. ■

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Vandy back on the ice



CHRIS PHARE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Vanderbilt club hockey returned to the ice for a pair of weekend games. The Commodores dropped their Friday game against Tennessee 9-0 before falling Saturday to Northern Kentucky by a score of 10-3. Vandy travels to Purdue, Alvernia and Villanova before returning home February 15.



DEE DAVIS REGIONAL SECOND ROUND

1 **LIZ SHERWOOD, SENIOR**
Basketball, Center

- Two-time SEC "Sixth Woman" of the Year
- Led SEC in field-goal percentage in '07
- Currently averaging 13.5 points and 4.6 rebounds per game
- Helped Dores capture SEC Tournament title in '07

5 **CHRISTINA WIRTH, JUNIOR**
Basketball, Forward

- Preseason first team All-SEC
- Averaging 12.8 points and 4.8 rebounds per game
- Versatile forward who leads Dores on and off court
- Has posters of herself up around Nashville

2 **JONATHAN GOFF, SENIOR**
Football, Linebacker

- All-SEC performer after recording 113 tackles
- Started 40 straight games; finished career with 304 tackles
- Future NFL pick in April's Draft
- One of the best linebackers in school history

3 **JERMAINE BEAL, SOPHOMORE**
Basketball, Point Guard

- Averaging 8.1 points and 4.6 assists per game
- Recently produced mixtape with hits such as "The Beal Bounce" and "D.O.L.L.A."
- Best nickname ("Dolla") and Number (0)

THE HUSTLER'S TAKE:

In a battle between two teammates, you can't go wrong with either one. Both players have been instrumental in the Commodores' success. Wirth has put up slightly better numbers, while Sherwood is perhaps more recognizable. This should be a close one, and it would be wise for the rest of their teammates to stay out of the voting.

THE HUSTLER'S TAKE:

This is another great No. 2 vs. No. 3 matchup here between a future NFL linebacker and a multi-talented point guard. Goff has been the heart and soul of the Commodore defense, while Beal runs the show on the court and has recently been performing off it with hits such as "D.O.L.L.A." and "The Beal Bounce."

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
1/23: Cutler Regional
1/25: Price Regional
1/28: Davis Regional

QUARTERFINALS
1/30: Byars and Cutler Regionals
2/7: Price and Davis Regionals

SEMIFINALS
2/4: Byars Winner vs. Davis Winner
2/6: Cutler Winner vs. Price Winner

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

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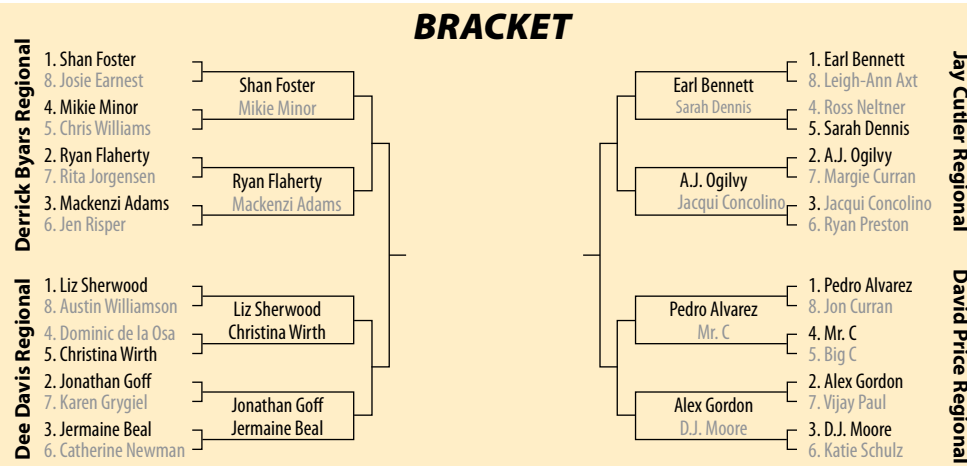
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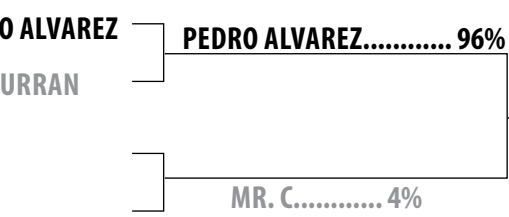
VOTING CRITERIA

- **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?
- **Team success**
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?
- **Fan appeal**
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?
- **"It" factor**
It's hard to quantify, but do you have the intangibles every star needs?



DAVID PRICE REGIONAL SECOND ROUND RESULTS

1 PEDRO ALVAREZ
8 JON CURRAN
4 MR. C
5 BIG C



DAVID PRICE REGIONAL CHAMP
(Named Feb. 4)

ALEX GORDON..... 59%
D.J. MOORE..... 41%

2 ALEX GORDON
7 VIJAY PAUL
3 D.J. MOORE
6 KATIE SCHULZ

Around the SEC

by ERIC SILVER
Asst Sports Editor

BULLDOGS WIN BATTLE OF MISSISSIPPI: Though the Ole Miss Rebels (15-3, 2-3) came to Starkville on Saturday with all the hype and a gaudy No. 15 ranking, Mississippi State (14-5, 5-0) clearly wasn't impressed. Behind 26 points from senior and Magnolia State native Charles Rhodes, the Bulldogs defeated Ole Miss 88-68 and finally seem to be living up to their preseason expectations. Mississippi State is the only remaining undefeated team in Southeastern Conference play. Even more impressive? The Bulldogs won the Ole Miss game without starting guard Ben Hansbrough, who was suffering from mono.

ANOTHER INTRASTATE CLASH: Granted, it wasn't quite the atmosphere of a football game played in front of 100,000 fans, but the Auburn-Alabama basketball game didn't disappoint. The Crimson Tide (12-8, 1-4), who lost in football to Auburn 17-10, exacted some revenge on the Tigers (12-6, 2-3) with a convincing 97-77 victory for their first win in SEC play. But despite the victory, we all know what school holds the true bragging rights in the state of Alabama.

A TURNAROUND FOR LOFTON? Chris Lofton, a senior guard for Tennessee (17-2, 4-1), entered the 2007-08 campaign as a preseason All-American. And why not? The Kentucky native averaged 20.8 points per game last season and was the most feared clutch shooter in the SEC. However, the first half of the season didn't go as planned, as Lofton mysteriously lost his stroke and saw his scoring average dip to below 14 points a game. But SEC be warned: In his last two contests, Lofton has scored 22 and 27 points respectively and has shot 52 percent from 3-point range.

DID YOU KNOW? Jeremy Price, a Georgia forward, was rewarded for his stellar play with the SEC Freshman of the Week award... Mississippi State sophomore Jarvis Varnado leads the SEC, and the country, with an astounding 5.1 blocks per game. Varnado, a 6 foot 9 forward/center, averages more blocks per game than nine SEC teams do as a whole. ■

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