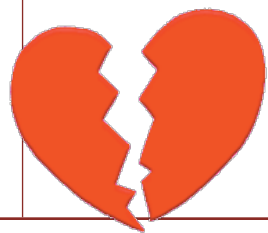




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THE WALL

compiled by SARA GAST

TODAY RecFest

From 5 p.m. to midnight the Student Recreation Center will host its annual RecFest. There will be live music, free food, games and prizes.

TODAY Mock caucus

The Election Alliance and Vanderbilt Student Government will be sponsoring a mock caucus, where students will have the opportunity to elect their own Democratic and Republican presidential nominee. Come learn about the caucus process firsthand, learn about the presidential candidates, register to vote and receive absentee ballot information. The event will be held in Student Life Center Board of Trust Room. Democratic registration will be from 4 to 5 p.m., the Democratic caucus will be from 5 to 6 p.m., Republican registration will be from 6 to 7 p.m. and the Republican caucus will be from 7 to 8 p.m.

TODAY Tea and conversation about South Africa, HIV/AIDS and sexuality

The Vanderbilt Feminists and Gender Matters are co-sponsoring the event, which will be at the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center from 3 to 5 p.m.

TODAY Black History Month Soiree

The Office of Housing and Residential Education and the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center invite students, faculty and staff to the third annual event, which will be from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Student Life Center Ballroom C. The program will feature Vanderbilt Spoken Word, VIBE and CHOSEN.

TODAY Ray Mabus speech

The former governor of Mississippi will speak about Sen. Barack Obama in Featheringill Hall, Room 110 at 11 a.m.

TODAY Dyer coffee house

Students will perform at 10 p.m. in Dyer.

SUNDAY, FEB. 3 Super Bowl viewing party

Doors open at the Student Life Center Ballroom at 4:30 for the viewing party. Food will be provided, and there will be prizes given away, including an iPod touch.

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

Collective consciousness

by JANELLE STOKES
Staff Reporter

Students saw their textbooks come to life.

Participants in the Cape Town, South Africa, Vanderbilt Initiative for Scholarship and Global Engagement program were able to meet, talk and listen to South African writer Mark Mathabane, author of "Kaffir Boy" and an example of human morality.

VISAGE participant Matt Bellamy, a junior, said he values Mathabane's book about growing up under apartheid due to its portrayal of daily life during a period many Americans don't know much about, crediting the memoir for its personalization of life under a state instituted discrimination policy.

"(Americans) know some big names like Nelson Mandela, and that's it. We don't know or understand what it was like to live

under an instituted discrimination policy," Bellamy said. "It's an experience that's very important to the United States."

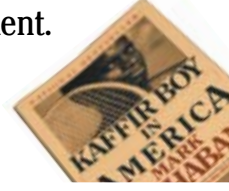
Mathabane came to Vanderbilt as an interactive part of the South African VISAGE program. His memoir "Kaffir Boy" was used as a supplement to the "explore, experience and engage" curriculum of VISAGE, a new program that fosters global engagement, fieldwork and service around a specific country.

Junior Ashley Hanson was interested by Mathabane's ability to overcome his racially oppressive environment later in life.

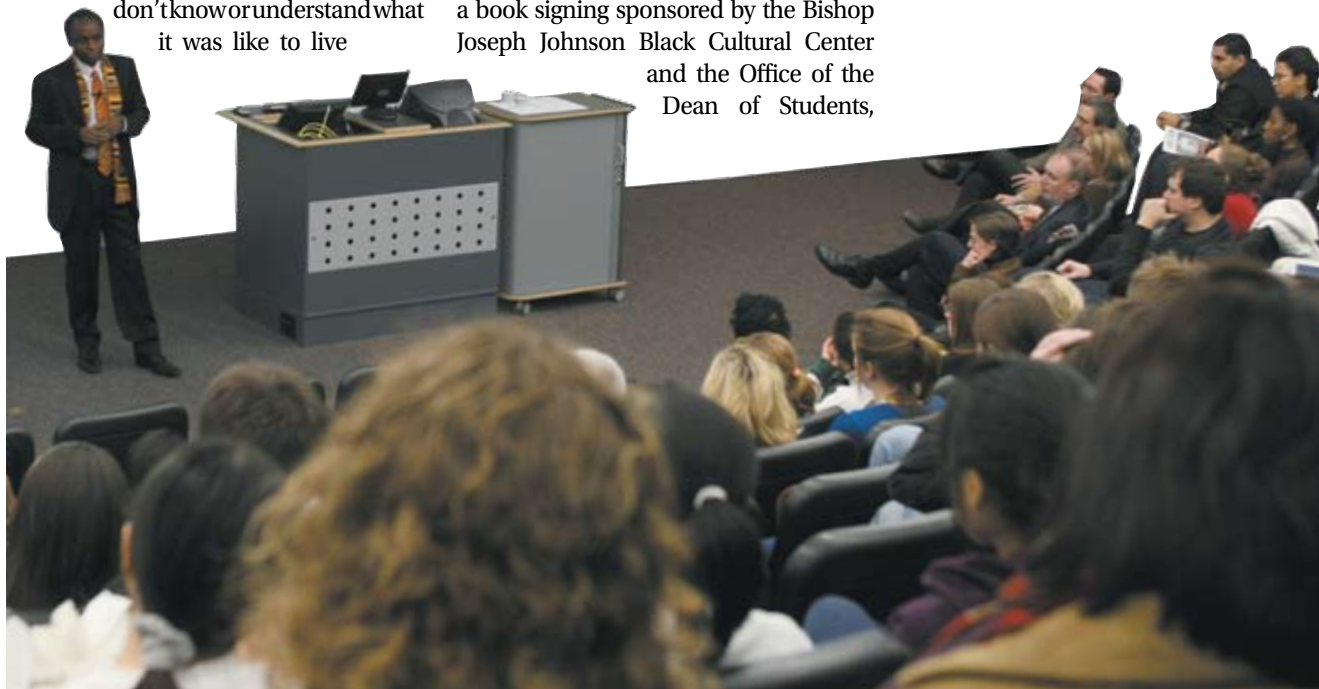
When given the chance to come and study in the United States, "he changed his perspectives through new interactions and experiences with people that he previously had stereotypes about and would not (normally) interact with," Hanson said. "It's an amazing story," one that he chose to write about in the sequel, "Kaffir Boy in America."

In his lecture, which was preceded by a book signing sponsored by the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center and the Office of the Dean of Students,

South African writer Mark Mathabane spoke to VISAGE participants Thursday night on achieving scholarship through global involvement.



—To listen to a podcast of student reactions, go to:



Mark Mathabane gives a lecture on "Our Common Humanity" Thursday evening, encouraging students to foster a love for humanity.

BRYAN CANDELARIO / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Senate calls for Simon to resign

by JARRED AMATO
Editor in Chief

While members of the Vanderbilt Student Government senate recommended that Reid Simon respectfully resign from his position as speaker of the house at a hearing Wednesday night, Simon has yet to make a decision.

"It's up to him," said attorney general Andrew Gossett. "There is only a week left (in his term), so I'm not sure what he'll do."

The senate's findings came a week after the house voted unanimously to pursue an investigation into the fulfillment of duties of Simon in response to his actions this semester, which included the authorization of an e-mail against the recommendation of President Cara Bilotta and her executive board. Gossett conducted the

investigation and issued an in-depth report to the senate on Wednesday.

"It was a very thorough investigation," Gossett said. "The deliberation lasted over three hours, and I think we reached a fair and appropriate decision."

The senate did not find enough constitutional grounds for removal and voted nine to one against impeaching Simon. However, it also concluded that Simon's actions were "unbecoming of an officer of the student body," and therefore recommended he resign, according to a report issued following the hearing.

Gossett said he thought "the situation was handled in the best manner

possible" and added that VSG, a first-year organization, will re-evaluate how it handles its publicity, as well as the planning and creation of focus groups and committees, because of the incident.

"Recognizing the precedent of this trial and its repercussions, the senate issues a formal reprimand for a lack of full transparency and political motivation of speaker Simon's actions," the report stated. "The Senate further reprimands speaker Simon for not fully exhausting appropriate avenues for discussion in the creation of his committee."

The standing house members will appoint a speaker of the house for the upcoming year next Wednesday, a day after the presidential election. ■

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SIMON

ELECTION UPDATE

Obama and Clinton debate each other in California in final contest before Super Tuesday

LOS ANGELES — Democrats Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton sought common ground Thursday on basic Democratic policies on immigration, health care and tax relief in their first one-on-one debate, but they grew testy at times in trying to distinguish themselves as the candidate best able to assume the presidency, according to The Associated Press.

Just days before the Super Tuesday contests, the two alternated addressing each other cordially with swipes, underscoring the high stakes of the upcoming contests. The debate came on the day when Obama's campaign reported raising a staggering \$32 million in January, cash aplenty to advertise all through the Super Tuesday states, with its nearly two dozen contests from coast to coast, and beyond.

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VSG candidates square off in inaugural debate



CHRIS PHARE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

VSG presidential and vice presidential candidates Courtney Holliday, Jared Anderson, Joseph Williams and Wyatt Smith compete at the debate hosted by The Vanderbilt Hustler on Wednesday. Editor in Chief Jarred Amato (right) moderates.

by GLENNA DeROY
Editor Emeritus

Vanderbilt Student Government campaign rules forbid negative campaign tactics, but that did not mean the two presidential candidates could not draw sharp distinctions between their proposals Wednesday night.

The inaugural VSG presidential debate, sponsored by The Vanderbilt Hustler and moderated by Editor in Chief Jarred Amato, drew about 30 students to the Board of Trust Room to hear Jared Anderson and Joseph Williams discuss their platforms.

Anderson said he does not need administrators' approval to implement the ideas he has presented in his platform, as they are "proposals student government can take action on right now."

"We are here in what some administrators refer to as the hiccup years, and I think that's really offensive to us because this is our college experience," he said. "We want to stand up for students, take a firm stance and tell administrators that we need to improve this because it is our one college experience."

But Williams said his platform also contained many items that could be accomplished within his year as VSG president.

"Why? Because we've already started working on them," he said. "Members of our team have already started working on these things, getting results, starting conversations."

Even so, Williams' initiatives reflect his belief that VSG should think more long term, he said.

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SUNDAY



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VUPD CRIME LOG

compiled by SARA GAST

Tuesday, Jan. 29, 10:44 p.m.:

Subject was stopped for failure to yield right of way at the Blair School of Music. A check of the license showed it had been revoked.

Wednesday, Jan. 30, 12:44 a.m.:

A subject was chased by two unknown suspects at a residence hall at South Drive and 18th Avenue.

Wednesday, Jan. 30, 4:17 a.m.:

Suspect was trying to get into the hospital through a secured door at 2200 Children's Way. Suspect had a strong odor of alcohol and was uncooperative. Suspect admitted to drinking but did not remember where.

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

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compiled by SARA GAST

1 Bush says lawmakers leave nation vulnerable by holding up eavesdropping law

LAS VEGAS — Sternly prodding Congress, President Bush said Thursday that lawmakers are jeopardizing the nation's safety by failing to lock in a government eavesdropping law, The Associate Press reported.

The president signed what Congress has given him so far — a 15-day extension of the law allowing government surveillance of suspected terrorists. He said Congress should urgently pass a permanent law, on his terms, to safeguard the country.

2 One of al-Qaida's top commanders killed in Pakistan was among US most-wanted

CAIRO, Egypt — Abu Laith al-Libi, a top al-Qaida commander in Afghanistan blamed for bombing a military base while Vice President Cheney was visiting last year, was killed in Pakistan by an airstrike late Monday or early Tuesday, a U.S. government official said Thursday.

An unmanned Predator drone conducted the strike, the official said. It was carried out against a facility in North Waziristan, the lawless tribal area bordering Afghanistan, The Associate Press reported.

3 Romney accuses McCain of adopting a Nixon-style campaign tactic

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney accused his rival John McCain of adopting underhanded tactics from Richard Nixon, the GOP president who resigned in disgrace.

"I don't think I want to see our party go back to that kind of campaigning," Romney said in his most pointed rebuttal yet to McCain's claim that the former Massachusetts governor favors a timetable for withdrawing troops from Iraq. Romney denies this charge, and most media analyses have concluded that Romney wasn't using 'timetable' in the same way Democratic candidates have, according to The Associated Press.

4 US Official: Bush's 2009 budget lean for domestic, health programs

WASHINGTON — President Bush's 2009 budget will virtually freeze most domestic programs and seek nearly \$200 billion in savings from federal health care programs, a senior administration official said Thursday.

Overall, the Bush budget will exceed \$3 trillion, this official said. The deficit is expected to reach about \$400 billion for this year and next, The Associated Press reported.

Bush on Monday will present his proposed budget for the new fiscal year to Congress. The president has promised a plan that will erase the budget deficit by 2012 if his policies are followed.

5 Army suicides, attempts rise again despite increased mental health programs

WASHINGTON — Multiple new efforts aimed at stemming suicides in the Army are falling short of their goal: The service anticipates another jump in the annual number of soldiers who kill themselves or try to, including in the Iraq and Afghanistan war zones, The Associated Press reported.

As many as 121 soldiers committed suicide in 2007, an increase of some 20 percent over 2006, according to preliminary figures released Thursday.

The number who tried to commit suicide or injured themselves for some other reason jumped six-fold in the last several years.

6 Vanderbilt hits 1,000,000 download from RUCKUS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Vanderbilt students hit the one millionth RUCKUS song download just before the end of January, a press release said. RUCKUS was launched on the Vanderbilt campus in September of 2007 as a way for students to download free music legally and virus-free.

RUCKUS' success at Vanderbilt can be attributed to the efforts by the Dean of Students Office and Information Technology Services to inform the Vanderbilt student body. More than half of Vanderbilt's undergraduates have subscribed to the RUCKUS service.

7 Drifter pleads guilty to Georgia hiker's beating, death, sentenced to life in prison

DAWSONVILLE, Ga. — A drifter pleaded guilty Thursday to murdering a young woman who went missing while hiking in the north Georgia mountains, The Associated Press reported. He was swiftly sentenced to life in prison.

Gary Michael Hilton, 61, attended the hearing in an orange jumpsuit and a bulletproof vest. He signed a plea agreement earlier in the day, District Attorney Lee Darragh said.

8 FDA warns of suicide risk with epilepsy drugs

WASHINGTON — Epilepsy drugs used by millions of people may increase the risk of suicidal thoughts or behavior, the Food and Drug Administration warned Thursday in an alert to doctors.

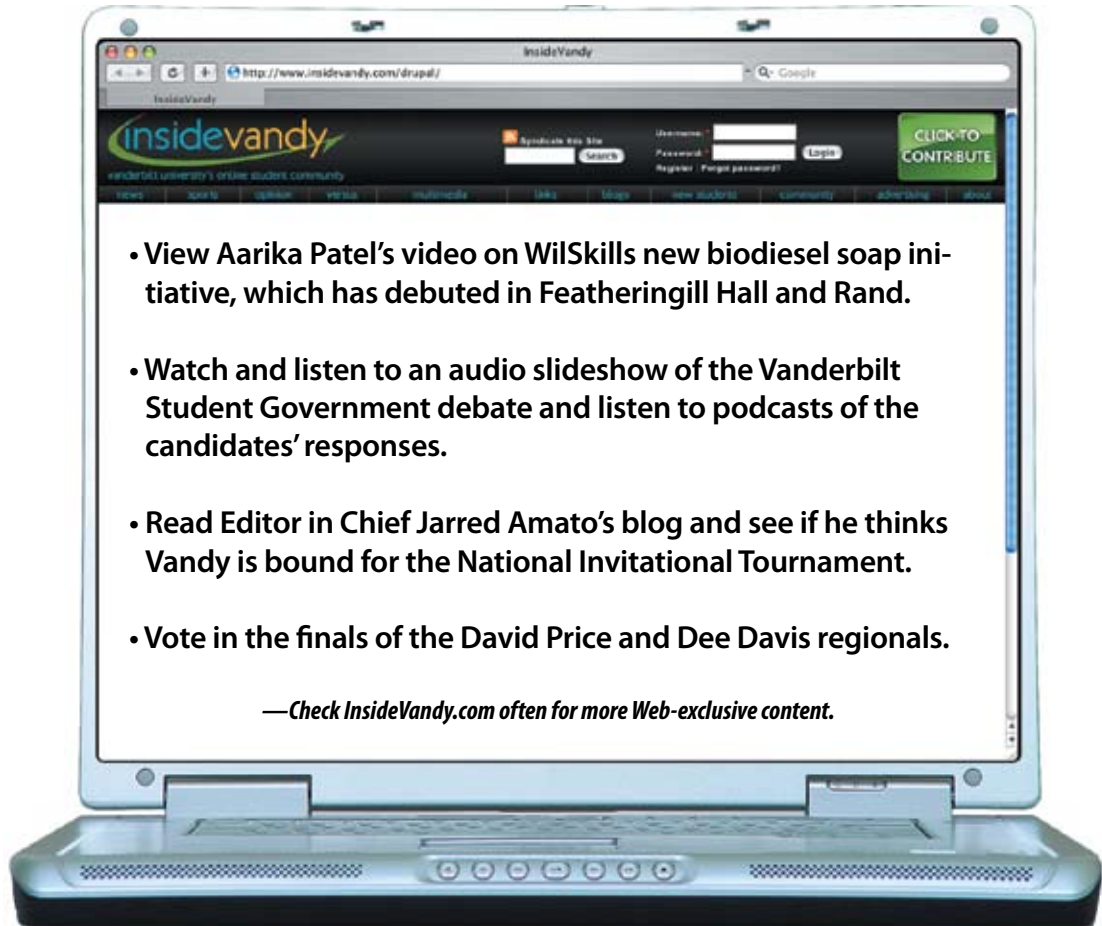
The FDA analyzed almost 200 studies of 11 anti-seizure drugs, some that have been on the market for decades, according to The Associated Press. The studies tracked almost 28,000 people given the medications and another 16,000 given dummy pills.

9 Vanderbilt's Latin American public opinion project receives major financial boost

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The United States Agency for International Development has expanded and extended its support for the Vanderbilt-based Latin American Public Opinion Project with additional funding of up to \$9 million, a press release said.

Every two years the organization conducts interviews with random samples of some 1,500 adults in 20 countries in North and South America. As the surveys are completed, research teams write extended analyses of the data and present them to policymakers, citizen groups, scholars and students in the host countries.

WHAT'S NEW ON INSIDEVANDY.COM



- View Aarika Patel's video on WilSkills new biodiesel soap initiative, which has debuted in Featheringill Hall and Rand.
- Watch and listen to an audio slideshow of the Vanderbilt Student Government debate and listen to podcasts of the candidates' responses.
- Read Editor in Chief Jarred Amato's blog and see if he thinks Vandy is bound for the National Invitational Tournament.
- Vote in the finals of the David Price and Dee Davis regionals.

— Check InsideVandy.com often for more Web-exclusive content.

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CUISINE AND CULTURE



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Students attended the International Education Fair on Wednesday to learn about opportunities they have at Vanderbilt to study abroad. They also learned about other cultures and countries through various activities and presentations.

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Democrats to benefit in event of recession

But influence of president over economy is unclear.

by ADAM WEINSTEIN
Asst News Editor

The unsure economic environment may very well change the outcome of the 2008 elections, analysts are saying.

As Tim Boyd, a senior lecturer in the political science department, explained, the Democrats stand to gain in the economy goes into a recession.

"At the most basic level it's going to favor the candidate of the non-incumbent party," Boyd said. "But it's always very hard to say whether the voters will actually look at the specific quality positions of the various candidates or if they're just going to respond to the ads they see and take the person that seems to be the most powerful character or personality."

As it stands right now, the United States' economy is just one poor quarter of performance away from recession, analysts are saying, after weak growth of 0.6 percent in the fourth quarter last year and America's worst showing in gross domestic product growth since 2002.

While it would seem that the Democrats would have the upper hand if the economy becomes a major factor in

the election, out of all of the presidential candidates, Republican Mitt Romney has the most experience in dealing with the economy.

"Within the Republican nominees, it should help Romney if the issue is the economy," Boyd said, "and that should give him some extra support, even if it's not enough to overcome John McCain."

However, Romney's strong economic standpoints may hinder rather than help him in the general election.

"From a Republican standpoint," Boyd said, "the economy is probably Romney's strongest area because he hammers tax cuts and favors smaller government. The downside (for Romney) is, in the general election, it may be that McCain's sort of reputation for a more middle-of-the-road economic policy, or at least his willingness to fight with his own party on economics, may actually appeal more."

On the Democratic front, the economic influence would seem to be a little more clearly defined.

As Boyd pointed out, "If the issues become the economy more than the war, it's going to help Hillary Clinton because the war is her weak spot. That's the big issue where Barack Obama can say, 'I was against it from the start.' But if the economy

becomes central, then Hillary Clinton has a lot more to say in terms of policy issues."

No matter who the nominees turn out to be however, if a recession does occur, the Democrats will most likely spend a good deal of time reminding the voting public about the economic shortcomings of the latest Republican administration. To the same effect, Republicans will likely call into question the legislative branch's approach to the economy to take the emphasis off of partisan blame.

Still, even if the economy does figure into the nation's presidential decision, it's not entirely clear how much the new commander in chief will be able to influence the market.

"There's considerable doubt to which degree the president can actually run the economy," Boyd said. "The president is going to get blamed or credited depending on how the economy does, but the president doesn't have the same control over the national economy as being the CEO of a company does." ■

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Celebrating 100 days until commencement



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The Senior Class Fund passes out treats and information on the Wall on Wednesday. Senior Ryhyse Nance (third from left) said they've implemented a participation-based system this year, and as more graduates donate, designated alumni will contribute as well.

Unlocking the mysteries of literary awards



LAUREN FONDRIEST / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Robin Smith and Dean Schneider spoke about the mysteries of the Newbery and Geisel Awards at the Peabody Fireside Lecture Thursday afternoon. Smith and Schneider discussed their experiences on the awards committees and why certain books were chosen.

VSG: Candidates' platforms differ in implementation

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"Some great big initiatives, maybe they won't be able to be completed in one year, maybe it's two, maybe we can start things," he said. "Just because we might not be able to accomplish it in a year doesn't mean the Class of 2015 won't be thanking us in 10."

Anderson's running mate Courtney Holliday said their platform represented a more realistic view of what VSG can do for students already at Vanderbilt, however.

"This isn't about what you want to hear at campaign time. This isn't about things that are just exciting, that we know probably can't get done in a year," she said.

Anderson said his opponents have presented "a few unrealistic objectives," such as running a reverse Vandy Vans route and bringing Chick-fil-A back to campus, two issues Anderson said he has already researched.

"Chick-fil-A is probably my favorite fast-food restaurant,"

he said. "But Chick-fil-A left a couple years ago, and they're not coming back. I've already explored the issue."

And of Vandy Vans he said, "The reason the Vandy Vans don't run the opposite way is that it's all left turns, and it takes too long as to be inefficient."

But Williams said this difference in opinion stems from "a difference of how hard you are willing to work and how much you are willing to think out of the box."

"Chick-fil-A is not coming back to CX2 where it used to be, but what about not in a main dining area?" he said. "What about somewhere separate, like how Quiznos is in Morgan?"

And Williams' running mate Wyatt Smith pointed out that "there are plenty of left turns in the (Vandy Vans) system right now on the long route. ... You can't use left turns as an excuse as to why you can't have a reverse shuttle route."

Williams added he thought the proposed underground

parking garages mentioned in the Anderson platform seemed unrealistic.

Both candidates seem to agree on one thing, however — the need to stand up to the administration — and each candidate said he was the one best equipped for that job.

"We've already been doing that with administrators, striking a balance between building relationships ... but also taking a firm stance and saying, 'If you guys don't address this issue, Vanderbilt Student Government is going to stand up and address this issue,'" Anderson said.

But Williams countered, "The administration puts barriers up, but what is important for voters to realize and important for administrators to realize is that Wyatt and I have the experience and the goals necessary to overcome those hurdles." ■

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KISSAM SINGS, DANCES FOR DANCE MARATHON

Dyer Hall knows why they DM. "Students from across Kissam Quad have signed up to sing, play instruments, read poetry and short stories and showcase other talents," said resident adviser Marty Pendleton. "Many of the people performing in the event are hoping to use the proceeds to sponsor themselves as dancers later in February at the Marathon." The event originated in Dyer, Pendleton said, where members of Dyer 3 realized they could help out the women on Dyer 2.

"We're a very musical hall," said Pendleton, who is the RA for Dyer 3. "We always wanted to have a concert. The girls on the floor beneath us wanted to be dancers for Dance Marathon but were looking for money to go. So we decided this concert could help them."

In addition to the Dyer 3 band, 12 other acts from around Kissam Quad will perform at the coffeehouse-esque event tonight, which will begin at 10 p.m. in the Dyer Hall lobby.

"The way we raise money is by having students pay cash for coffeehouse drinks and special 'conversation cookies,'" Pendleton said, explaining that when you open the cookie, a conversation starter is written on a piece of paper. The event will also have "desirous desserts" and "bubblin' brew."

The event has been something the freshmen have been planning for a while now, Pendleton said.

"I think it's really cool to see halls coming together to write and practice music, host a campus-wide event and contribute to charity all at the same time," he said.

Dyer 3 band member Chris Park expressed his enthusiasm as well.

"We're having a lot of fun," Park said. "Any way to get out there and play is great, especially if it helps people." ■

DEBATE: Candidates compliment Edwards

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One of their most pointed exchanges came on the subject of whether illegal immigrants should be able to obtain driver's licenses. Obama supports doing so while Clinton initially supported it and now opposes it.

"Senator Clinton gave a number of different answers over the course of six weeks on this," Obama said, turning to Clinton. "Initially, you said you were for it, then you said you were against it."

He said he was raising her apparent wavering to underscore that it is "a difficult political issue."

Clinton called the controversy "a diversion" from efforts to come up with comprehensive immigration reform. "I sponsored immigration reform before

Barack came to the Senate," she said.

Obama argued for his candidacy, saying, "I respect Senator Clinton's record. I think it's a terrific record. But I also believe that the skills that I have are the ones that are needed right now to move the country forward, otherwise I wouldn't be running for president."

The two also reached out quickly to backers of former rival John Edwards, both praising his efforts in their opening statements.

Obama called Edwards "a voice for this party and this country for many years to come."

Clinton saluted both Edwards and his wife, Elizabeth, as setting "their personal example of courage and leadership" in their advocacy for the poor. ■

Performing plays at 'noontimes'

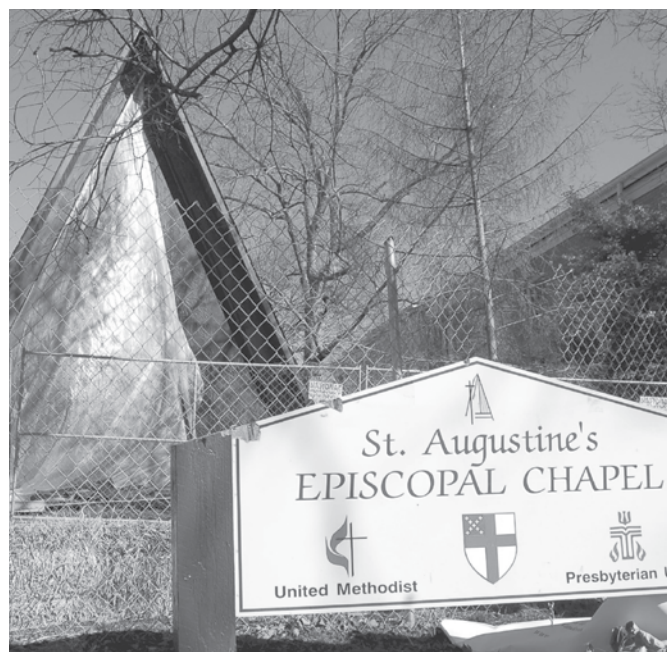


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Vanderbilt University Theatre performed student-directed, one-act plays in Neely Auditorium during lunch on Wednesday and Thursday. Junior Angie Fontaine directed "A dollar" written by David Pinski, and junior Eli Branson directed "Davy and Stu" by Anton Dudley.

St. Augustine's to undergo complete renovation

by TAYLOR DAVIS
Staff Reporter



OLIVER WOLFE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

St. Augustine is undergoing a complete renovation this semester. The new chapel will be ready in the fall.

Students can expect a lot of construction on Greek Row within the coming months as St. Augustine's Episcopal Chapel replaces its old building for an updated, larger one.

The 50-year-old, pre-existing chapel, with the exception of the A-frame, has already been demolished, and the new chapel is expected to be finished by next fall, according to the Rev. Mark Forrester, United Methodist campus minister and pastor of Wesley/Canterbury Fellowship at Vanderbilt.

St. Augustine's will be replacing their 5,500 square foot chapel with one measuring 8,500 square feet.

"Being able to gain square footage will be great because we will be able to have a lot more (events and ministries) going on," Forrester said.

The project's focus on community among students coincides with the overall Vanderbilt focus in redefining student life in the upcoming school year.

According to Forrester, the new chapel will also

serve as a place where students can come and relax.

"(We want to provide) a lounge students can call their own that will be accessible to them 24/7," he said.

Planning for the project began around 6 years ago with ideas for moderate renovations, but as chapel officials consulted with more architects and engineers, the project expanded. An architectural study showed that simple renovations would not be worth the investment and complete demolition and replacement would prove to be a better alternative.

Leaders at St. Augustine's also spent a year and a half privately raising money through the Methodist and Episcopal churches, since there has been a strong partnership between the two denominations at Vanderbilt for the past 20 years.

In addition to Sunday and Wednesday worship services, the new building will house Thursday night dinners and devotions, Bible studies and the homeless ministry Room in the Inn. ■

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OUR VIEW

Hustler endorses Obama and McCain

In the immediate weeks and months following Sept. 11, 2001, the nation's united front transcended race, economic class, geographical region and party line; a national tragedy and attack should not be the only impetus for that unity.

Facing the considerable structural failures on the issues of healthcare, immigration and the economy, the public has expressed its distaste and disapproval time and time again for our president, Congress and the wide disparity between them. To combat these issues we need more than solutions from our presidential candidates — we need leaders who can unite us behind them.

Keeping this mindset of bipartisanship and the kind of

practical compromise that does not sacrifice ideology, the Hustler editorial board strongly recommends the Democratic and Republican parties nominate Senators Barack Obama and John McCain, respectively, as their candidates.

Obama's inspirational, faith-based message and rhetorical magnetism resonate with Americans in a unique way that may solve some of these partisan divides. Though not as experienced as some candidates, he has proven himself worthy with his firm refusal to cater to certain special interests at the expense of the nation — like his vow to pay teachers on the basis of merits — and his potential to galvanize the fractured

aggregate of the Democratic Party.

Similarly, McCain's belief in honor and duty to the country carries a similar sense of a unified message. His pragmatic approach and steadfast refusal to succumb to party ideology on a select set of issues demonstrate an ability to break free from the cast-iron party politics of the past decade. Behind this practical, assured mindset lies a profound amount of political experience and faculty, manifested as well in McCain's major bipartisan efforts and accomplishments in a variety of policy fields. McCain's political career has been built on concrete results — a McCain presidency promises to deliver again.

Top 10 Reasons to Vote for a Democrat



MARK MELASKY
Guest Columnist

10. Immigration: America is the land of opportunity, and we realize most of the people sneaking across our borders want a better life and have no desire to harm us. This being said, they are still breaking the law, and our borders need to be secure. Our candidates plan to reform the immigration system to speed up the application process, crack down on employers exploiting undocumented workers and implement a plan to legalize the ones already here.

9. Nuclear (noo-klee-er): Whether it is used for energy or for weapons, our candidates know how to say it.

8. Iraq: Nearly 4,000 U.S. troops and 90,000 Iraqis have died so far in the quest to rid Saddam's regime of those weapons of mass destruction. And that \$400 billion would look really nice in an economic stimulus package right now. Our candidates plan to start phasing out troops as soon as they take office.

7. Donkeys: We might be a bunch of asses, but have you ever heard of a good piece of elephant?

6. Energy Independence: Our party will work to create a cleaner, greener and stronger America by reducing our dependence on foreign oil, investing in energy-independent technology and eliminating billions in subsidies for oil and gas companies and using the savings to provide consumer relief and to develop energy alternatives.

5. George W. Bush: Thank you for eight years of preparing the White House for decades of Democratic occupants.

4. Health Care: We will join 36 other industrialized nations in making sure everyone has access to affordable health care, starting by fixing the prescription drug program and investing in stem cell and other medical research.

3. Education and Poverty: We believe the best way to eradicate poverty is through a quality, good paying job. Our party plans to create jobs that will stay in America and restore opportunities for all Americans, starting with raising the minimum wage, expanding Pell grants and making college tuition tax deductible.

2. Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton: These candidates are bringing voters and donors out in record numbers. This country is facing huge problems, and I think both are prepared to win in November and again in four years.

COLUMN

America's new, disgraced pastime

ALEX BARD
Guest Columnist

With Roger Clemens' and Barry Bonds' inflated ... egos and commissioner Bud Selig's inability to really do anything except call off the All-Star Game, baseball has gone the way of XFL, male pairs figure skating and pretty much all of American hockey.

Baseball has been the national pastime for hundreds of years, even before the University of Tennessee made the decision to give up its English department in an effort to win more women's basketball games. It is a game played by every red-blooded American at some point in his life, and the sport has made a mark on the culture of the nation.

Despite all this, baseball's appeal is being flushed down the toilet (along with three or four syringes). What made baseball so special was the respect and awe fans had for players. Babe Ruth drank before, after and maybe even during the games. Joe DiMaggio was a cultural icon with his public relationships. Ted Williams left baseball to fight in World War II. These were men respected by society as a whole.

Today, the leaders of baseball can be classified as cheats, liars and criminals. The last three men to hit more than 60 home runs in a season have all been accused of using steroids. The greatest pitcher of the past 20 years is now being hanged in the court of public opinion (and a federal court soon thereafter).

When many fans wanted to just move beyond the "Steroid Era," Selig made the decision to employ an investigator to prolong the crisis, as well as reveal everything Selig has done wrong to deal with steroids in the past five years.

Beyond the bulging muscles (and shrunken manhood), other aspects are also hurting our pastime. When the U.S. lost the World Baseball Classic in 2006, reality struck that Americans no longer dominated the sport (resembling the U.S. Olympic basketball teams' recent failures).

The Northeast power hegemony has turned many against these teams. Coupled with the lack of a salary cap, this unbalanced power system enables these

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COLUMN

Stupid things guys do: Part II



ANDREW SOLOMON
Columnist

In a continuation of last week's topic, I'm going to be exploring all the stupid things men do and try to explain them as explicitly as possible. Thanks to everyone who sent me feedback; you guys are awesome. And now, on with the show.

The Offense: You try to be the respectable girl he can take home to Mom. He responds by not returning your phone calls and sleeping with your roommate.

The Explanation: There are a couple of different explanations for this behavior. I'll start with the least plausible and move down the list to the more than likely.

1. He genuinely thinks you're no longer interested. If you haven't even let him see the inside of your dorm room a month after your first date, then he honest to God might just think you're not really into him.

2. To him, it's just not worth it. It's not that we don't like you; it's just we're starting to feel a little bit used after the fifth dinner date without any play. The last girl we dated slept with us after our first date at Denny's, so you've got some ground to make up.

3. We don't want to take you home to Mom.

The Offense: He lies about where he is. **The Reason:** We don't want you to know where we are. He's probably out buying your surprise birthday present. Or planning your surprise anniversary dinner. Or shooting black tar heroin with a transvestite hooker in a cheap motel room while cheating on his taxes. But it's probably one of the first two.

The Offense: He still checks out other girls, even when you're around.

The Reason: It's not really something we can control. It's like watching a car wreck. We know we should look away, but we just can't seem to pry our eyes from the action. But as a compromise, we are totally OK with you checking out other girls when we're around.

The Offense: He has "guy's night" four times a week.

The Reason: He's cheating on you. Seriously though, "guy's night" is one of the few times during the course of the relationship where we can really reconnect with the friends who no longer see us more than once a week. You're welcome to come; we're just not sure if you'd enjoy discussing the finer points of Brian Brohm's rising draft stock over Funyuns and Old Milwaukee.

The Offense: You've been hooking up for months, but he still won't get into a relationship.

The Reason: Chances are, you're not the only one. I agree, it's a crappy thing for him to do. He's just afraid if you found out, he'd lose you. And maybe he will. The solution: Be honest with him, and encourage him to do the same. I've said it before, but the only way to solve these situations is to allow yourselves to be truthful with one another and discuss what you really want out of the relationship.

The Offense: He won't stop writing embarrassingly ignorant, self-serving, misogynistic newspaper articles.

The Reason: You read it, didn't you?

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COLUMN

'Zeitgeist' reveals 9/11 commission's deficiencies



THOMAS SHATTUCK
Columnist

I've spent the past week watching the film "Zeitgeist" (Zeitgeistmovie.com). It's a conspiracy film, a genre I rarely take seriously, but this one's worth watching, even if it is heavily biased. The movie's source of allure is Peter Joseph, the movie's creator with an immense amount of information at his disposal.

Joseph divides his work into three sections. The first section is devoted to the astrological basis of Christianity and, by extension, most Western religions past and present.

This part isn't particularly alarming or definitive, but Joseph does have an interesting perspective. The second part is what gets me.

He asserts that Sept. 11 was a false-flag operation that the Bush administration utilized to create a perceived enemy. In the end, I can't say I entirely believe him, but I will say the Sept. 11 commission's report is vague at best.

Have any of you read it? I haven't, and there's a reason for it. It looks like any other American history or biography paperback with requisite colors (red, white and blue), but it's four inches thick.

The report should be an objective explanation of incidents that led to and occurred on Sept. 11, but with important omissions and fuzzy science, its definitive status is questionable. For example, when referring to the source of the terrorists' funding, the report claimed it "is of little practical significance."

Will someone tell me why it is of little practical significance? I personally consider it fairly important. Furthermore, if "Zeitgeist" is to be believed, the funding came from a Pakistani general who was dining in Washington, D.C. at the time of the attack.

Other omissions seem to be even more jarring. The BBC and other news-oriented organizations reported six out of the 19 alleged hijackers were not

only not on the planes, but in fact still alive.

Some of them were actually living in the Middle East at the time. Of course it didn't help that investigators "found" the passport of one of the hijackers, and the passport belonged to a man who was still alive and presumably nowhere near New York at the time. On a side note, the collapse of WTC 7, which was not hit by a plane, was not even mentioned in the report.

From this article, you might think I'm trying to persuade you that it was a setup. I'm not. I do not think "Zeitgeist" was able to convince me of this, but it was enough to make me question the validity of the commission's report.

Most conspiracy theories thrive off unexplained mysteries, and since many "facts" in the report seem skewed or absent, it's hard to blame theorists for their beliefs.

The report was not thorough enough, nor did it allow for various perspectives (all information stated in the book was a unanimous decision; therefore, anything that one person disagreed with will not be found within its pages).

While I understand the commissioners were under strain to produce it in a timely manner, their answers are completely unacceptable.

I only mentioned a few of the discrepancies, but if you do some research (Google), you'll find plenty to wonder about.

The report being paraded about as the one truth is a joke at our collective expense, and I cannot say it answered the questions it was asked. It represents only one point of view, and through its unwillingness to address all the facts has ripped holes in the thin veil of the American reality. I really doubt any of the conspiracy theorists will hit upon any significant amount of "real truth," but maybe they'll pressure the government into doing it.

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COLUMN

Clintons' distaste for capitalism shines



MIKE WARREN
Columnist

Thursday on the campaign trail, former President Bill Clinton finally let the cat out of the bag about the Clintons' views on economics.

Speaking about solutions to global warming, Clinton announced that we "just have to slow down our economy and cut back our greenhouse emissions" in order to save the planet from the complete and total annihilation that will surely happen from climate change.

Whether or not you believe global warming is a manmade problem (I don't think there is enough evidence), this statement should raise a red flag about how liberal Democrats look at the United States as the most powerful economy in the world: Economic growth is inherently wrong. So much of the intense dislike the Clintons have for prosperity via the free market is revealed in Bill Clinton's enlightening comment.

The timing of the statement is particularly puzzling, considering Congress and the current president are preparing a stimulus package (admittedly a dubious one) to jumpstart the dragging economy.

Now Bill Clinton is telling voters, presumably to help his wife gain support, the economy needs to slow down more? This doesn't jibe with Hillary Clinton's probable support for the current stimulus package nor her recent unveiling of another \$70 billion stimulus package — God forbid — if she becomes president. Furthermore, it just seems un-American for a former president, or anyone for that matter, telling Americans that we should stop growing our economy. After all, Americans love to create, innovate, engage in business and, yes, have a job.

This leads me to believe that Bill Clinton's vocalized desire for a slowed down economy was a political Freudian slip. We have heard countless times from Clinton supporters about how great the economic growth of the '90s was, thanks to Bubba and company.

Now, in the name of global warming, he says we should slow it down to save the earth. You

might expect such blatantly anti-capitalist rhetoric from Leonard DiCaprio, but not from a Clinton, who would never say anything even potentially damaging politically. Right?

Except Bill Clinton has already done that before in this campaign. Just last week, after it became clear Barack Obama would win South Carolina by a considerable margin, Clinton made the infamous non sequitur comparing this win to those of Jesse Jackson in 1984 and 1988. To be honest, however, it really shouldn't surprise anyone who has paid attention to the political history of the Clintons; this is a team that will insinuate and propagate anything if it helps politically.

Perhaps this latest statement from Clinton was aiming to do just that. It certainly makes the Clintons seem more aware of a Democratic niche issue, that they "get" the hipness that is global warming activism.

Nevertheless, the clarion call to slow economic growth in the United States can be added to the long list of Clinton statements (mostly from Hillary Clinton) that indicate a less-than-sympathetic opinion toward stimulating the economy. Remember that Hillary is the candidate who "[wants] to take those profits" from oil companies to spend on government research for alternative energy.

She's threatened to take money away from taxpayers to spend on "the common good." She even lamented as First Lady that "the unfettered free market has been the most radically destructive force in American life in the last generation."

Compared to this radicalism, Bill Clinton's uninspiring charge to slow down the economy is relatively tame. Then again, he was always better than his wife was at glossing over the ugly parts to make "socialism" sound like "helpin' each other out."

Because it hinders their ability to make a case for their government help programs, the Clintons hate economic growth. I'm just surprised Hillary Clinton has let this latest indicative comment slip through.

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BARD: Pastime status decays

From **SOLOMON**, page 6
teams to continuously outspend entire divisions.

The bottom line is steroids have changed the sport of baseball, and the nation is moving away from the sport as its national pastime. Football brings in higher television ratings, but the criminals of baseball have nothing on the felons who reside in the NFL. The NBA and NHL

have their own problems and pale in comparison to the popularity of baseball.

What this nation needs out of a new national pastime is a sport filled with fair competition, with heroes we can relate to (and who seem genuine in emotion and physical ability), with an aesthetic beauty and with a relaxing nature.

For some reason there seems

to be a struggle to evoke these feelings watching Congressional testimonies. But watching Tiger Woods walk up the 18th at Augusta just might do the trick.

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"Wow! We have some good candidates for VSG! Williams-Smith, you can access your Vandy e-mail through Gmail already, geniuses; I'm using it right now. Anderson-Holliday, you want to build underground parking garages. How about a monorail after that?"

"Mike Warren needs to learn that liberals are people, too. We have feelings, and he made me cry."

"Will A.J. PLEASE start to dunk the ball?! You are almost 7 feet tall; play like it!"

"Dear Facebook friends -- I am sick of being invited to play Oregon Trail 6 times a day! I don't care if it buys you an ox or not!"

"What exactly is wrong with upperclassmen women on this campus? Since when did it become okay for guys to be close friends with us, admit to an attraction and then go for young and easy freshman girls? I know plenty of junior and senior class women who are smart, responsible, fun-loving and don't play games (screw you, Andrew Solomon). So what's the deal, guys? Too intimidated? Grow up already. In the meantime ladies, check out those grad students. Maybe they have some balls."

"Why Doesn't Furman 209 have a clock? All of my professor keep teaching until people start to leave because there is no clock -- that is NOT acceptable!"

"I'm sick of people leaving their clothes in the laundry room in a washer or dryer for extended periods of time after the machine has finished its job. Other people need to use the laundry room, too, so get your clothes out of the way so we can use the machines."

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SATURDAY
Men's Basketball vs. Auburn
Memorial Gym, 4 p.m.
TV: FSN

Vanderbilt returns home to face Auburn (12-7, 2-4 Southeastern Conference) after a disastrous two-game road swing where the Commodores were beaten soundly by Florida and Mississippi. Luckily for Vanderbilt, Auburn is also mired in a slump. The Tigers have lost two straight, including one to lowly Louisiana State. The Commodores (17-4, 2-4 SEC) will be hungry for a win after their recent struggles, as well as to avenge last year's 68-65 loss at Auburn in their SEC opener. Junior guard Rasheem Barrett, who scored 22 points in last year's win over Vanderbilt, leads Auburn with 14.2 points per game.

SUNDAY
Women's Basketball at Georgia, 1:30 p.m.
Radio: 560 AM

The Commodores try for a regular-season sweep of No. 17 Georgia when they travel to Athens on Sunday. Vanderbilt (15-6, 4-2 SEC) beat the then-11th ranked Bulldogs on Jan. 17 at Memorial Gym, 67-59. The Commodores went up 16-0 in that game and didn't look back. Vanderbilt, winners of two straight games, is currently fourth in the SEC. Another win over the Bulldogs (16-4, 3-2 SEC) couldn't hurt. Georgia's All-American senior forward Tasha Humphrey, averaging a team-leading 16.7 points and 8.8 rebounds per game, will be a defensive challenge for Vanderbilt's frontcourt.

TODAY-SUNDAY
Bowling at Lady Indian Invitational

Vanderbilt will get back on the lanes today through Sunday at Arkansas State's Mid-Winter Invitational. The field in Jonesboro is a large one, and instead of a true round-robin, the bracket will be determined by a pre-event draw with the winning team determined by total pinfall. Nine of the top 10 teams in the nation are in the tournament.

THEY SAID IT...

"We had open shots and didn't make them."
JERMAINE BEAL
—Sophomore point guard on Vanderbilt's performance against Ole Miss

DAILY

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Number of times in six SEC games that senior swingman Shan Foster has been held below his season scoring average

COLUMN

Vandy's fate lies in Foster's hands

ANDREW HARD

Sports Editor

Is it time to panic now?

The Commodores threw up another abysmal offensive performance Wednesday night in Oxford, once again setting a season-low in points while continuing to appear out-hustled, out-efforted and out-coached by a quality team on the road.

Vanderbilt is in real danger of missing the NCAA tournament if this horrid trend continues, a trend due to the absence of poised veterans and senior leadership we are accustomed to with this basketball team.

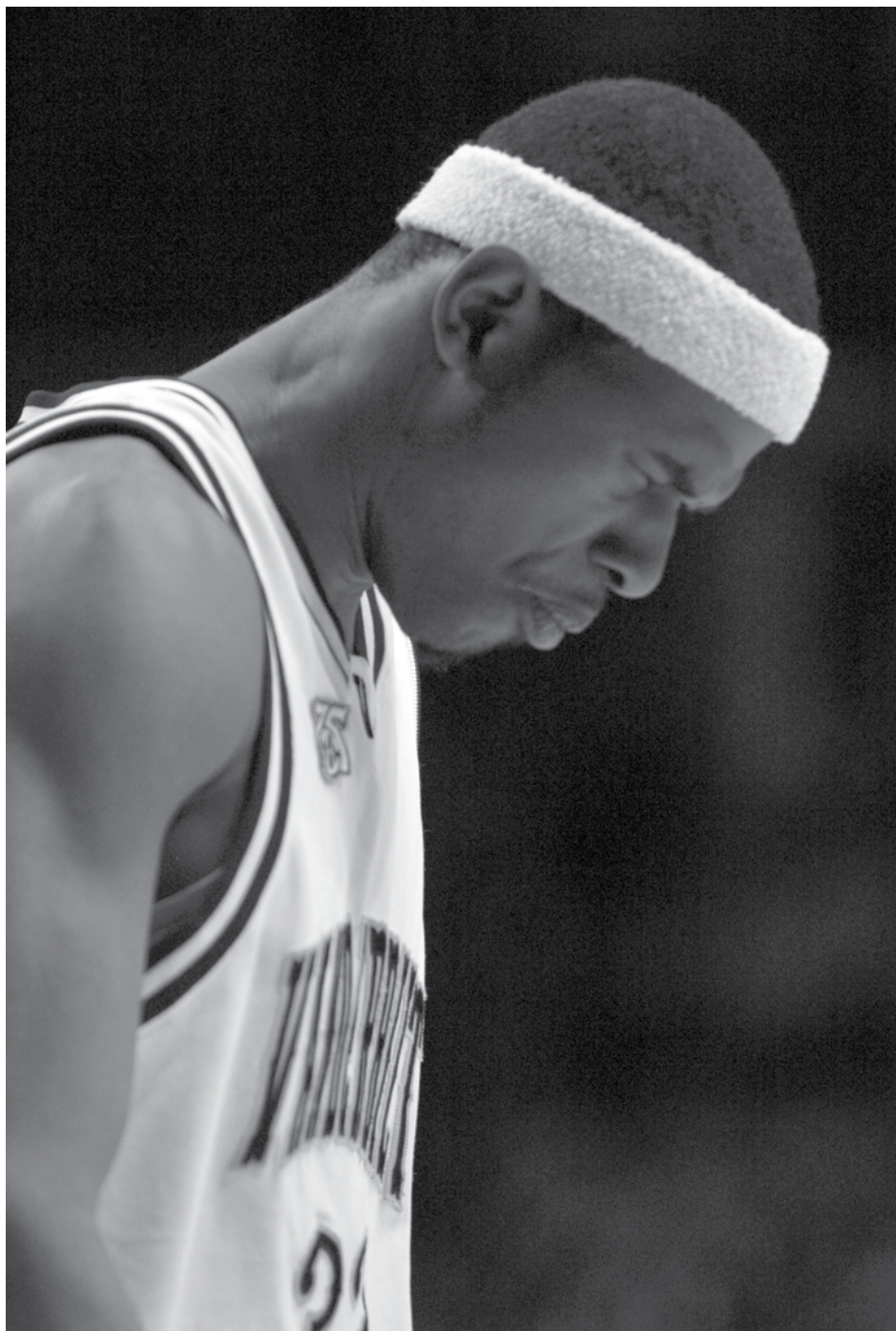
The man who may be the leading scorer in Vanderbilt history is also in danger of being as historically unheralded as this 2007-08 season threatens to be. The opportunity to carry a team on one's shoulders and lead it to the promised land has been thoroughly embraced by the likes of Matt Freije and Derrick Byars (and cast aside by one Mario Moore).

Nobody remembers the list of the top-10 scorers, but any Commodore fan who comes into Memorial Gym in the next generation will look at those Sweet 16 banners and remember the seniors who carried those teams.

Shan Foster's entire career has set him up for this opportunity. Will the pre-ordained Southeastern Conference Player of the Year be remembered for Vandy's remarkable 2008 run through the NCAA tournament? Or will he simply be remembered for a collection of numbers, a one-of-a-kind talent who lacked the poise and leadership ability to bring his final season to a satisfying end?

Let's be clear about one thing: Foster definitely possesses those qualities. For him, every approach to the next game depends not on the result of the previous game, but on the challenge ahead. A very enthusiastic and charismatic person on the court, he is equally humble about his accomplishments yet driven to lead this team not for his own glory, but for the glory of all 13 players on the bench.

The man who was once the SEC's leading scorer has dropped off considerably during Vanderbilt's 1-4 funk. The offense seems to move slower away from home, and whether



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With the Commodores reeling, it's up to senior Shan Foster to become "that guy" and get them back on track.

it's the noise of the home crowd or the rigorous travel schedule, Foster's quality scoring opportunities have been much fewer and farther between away from Memorial. It also may not be a coincidence Vandy's two best offensive showings have come not only at home, but against the conference's two worst teams: LSU and South Carolina.

The ability to make in-game adjustments

to win on the road depends largely on two factors: senior leadership and the emergence of "that guy," the one who always scores to silence the home crowd when the game gets tight.

Byars proved to be that guy last year when Vandy needed him most, displaying an uncanny knack for getting to the rim in crunch time instead of merely settling for

outside shots.

Despite the hype for A.J. Ogilvy, his play in conference has been everything short of expectations thus far. The fate of this 2008 Commodore squad lies on the shoulders of its senior leader and his crazy shooting form. The season will spiral out of control if Vanderbilt loses its road games next week against Georgia and South Carolina, so it's now up to Foster to be "that guy." Be selfish with the ball if you have to, take the ball to the basket and get to the free throw line.

Setting Foster up for open jumpers works reasonably well at home, but it has been nearly impossible in road play so far. It's now up to him to start creating these scoring opportunities and be the offensive menace we know he's capable of being.

Otherwise, this basketball season, like Foster's legacy at Vanderbilt, might be remembered more for its disappointing finish than its outstanding potential. ■

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Ole Miss 74, Vanderbilt 58

Recap: Vanderbilt put up its lowest point total of the season in its defeat at Mississippi and lost for the fourth straight time on the road. Chris Warren led the Rebels with 20 points.

Player of the Game: Eniel Polynice. The sophomore forward scored 18 points, but he also played solid defense against senior Shan Foster, holding him to just 14 points.

It was over when... After a layup by Ross Neltner cut the Rebels' lead to 52-49, Ole Miss reeled off a 15-2 run that put the game out of reach.

Stat of the Game: 4. The number of free-throw attempts by Vanderbilt on Wednesday. The Commodores won't be getting that elusive road victory anytime soon if they can't get to the line more than that.

friday conversation

CATHERINE NEWMAN

Fresh off a splendid comeback personal victory against Notre Dame which gave the Commodores the upset win, sophomore tennis player Catherine Newman talked to The Vanderbilt Hustler about a number of topics, including her signature shot and favorite class.

VANDERBILT HUSTLER: That was a big win last week against Notre Dame. Did you think it would come down to your match?

CATHERINE NEWMAN: That had never happened before, so I was very nervous. I guess there's a first time for everything.

VH: Was that the best win of your career?

CN: I guess it was up there. My best match was last year at NCAAs, but I lost that one.

VH: What's your signature shot?

CN: My backhand, especially down the line, is a lot better than everything else.

VH: Do you have a favorite pro tennis player?

CN: I've always been a big Pete Sampras fan, but he's retired. I really like (Novak) Djokovic on the men's side. I don't really have a favorite on the women's side. I like almost all of the men's players, I feel like.

VH: What is your favorite class?

CN: I'm a civil engineering major, so I like math classes.

VH: How do you balance tennis with the rest of your life?

CN: Whenever you have free time, you can't just sit around and do nothing. That's my main thing. Whenever I have extra time I try to get in a little of everything else. This semester I'm only taking 12 hours, so it's a lot easier than it has been.

VH: What was it like to be All-SEC last year as a freshman?

CN: It wasn't really that big of a deal to me honestly. I just went out there and tried to win for my team, and I accumulated enough wins and did well enough to earn those honors.

VN: How many rackets do you bring to your tennis matches?

CN: I have nine. Usually I'll break a string per match if it's a hard one; once I actually broke two strings. I really only need one racket, but sometimes if it doesn't feel great, I'll switch it out.

VN: How far can the No. 11 Commodores go this year?

CN: I definitely think we can go further than we went last year. Hopefully, we can get past the Sweet 16, but just getting back there would be awesome too.

Dores
down
Gators

Sherwood, Mooney lead
Vandy to fourth SEC win.

HUSTLER STAFF REPORT

Vanderbilt's most potent production continues to come off the bench.

Though Liz Sherwood and Jessica Mooney haven't been starting lately for the Commodores, they've definitely been finishing games in a big way. Sherwood notched a double-double with 20 points and 12 rebounds, and Mooney poured in 16 as Vanderbilt defeated the Florida Gators 66-56 Thursday night in Gainesville.

For the second straight game, Vandy got off to a quick start. After torching Ole Miss 40-12 in the first half on Sunday, the Commodores opened this one up in strong fashion, going ahead 20-6 on a layup by Mooney with 10:02 remaining in the first half. Florida crawled back with a 15-3 run to stay in the game, and Vanderbilt led 30-25 at halftime.

The Gators tied the game at 30 early in the second half and were within three with 13:20 to play when Sherwood took over. The Vanderbilt center and two-time SEC Sixth Woman of the Year scored 13 of her 20 points over the next nine minutes as Vandy held off the Gators.

Marshe Dotson, Florida's leading scorer at 15 points per game, had 16 and was the only Gator in double figures. Christina Wirth also chipped in 15 for the Commodores, and Jennifer Risper grabbed 10 rebounds to go along with six points and five steals.

Vandy moves to 4-2 in SEC play, good for fourth in the conference. It will take on the No. 17 Georgia Bulldogs Sunday in Athens, going for the season sweep after defeating them 67-59 on Jan. 17. ■



DEE DAVIS REGIONAL FINAL



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



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

THE HUSTLER'S TAKE:

Sherwood is one of the most recognizable and hilarious athletes on campus, but will that be enough against Goff, the intense linebacker who's on his way to the NFL? Sherwood's team has had more success, although imagine how the Commodores would have fared without Goff in the middle of their defense. While you can't go wrong with either selection, we'll take Goff by a nod here.

SCHEDULE

FIRST ROUND
1/11: 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
2/1: 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

REVEAL CHAMPION
2/11

WHAT IS THIS?

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

HOW DO I VOTE?

Go to WWW.INSIDEVANDY.COM to cast your vote. Voting for the finals of the Dee Davis and David Price Regionals ends **SUNDAY AT 5 P.M.** Results will be posted in the following issue.

VOTING CRITERIA

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



PEDRO ALVAREZ, JUNIOR
Baseball, Third Baseman

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

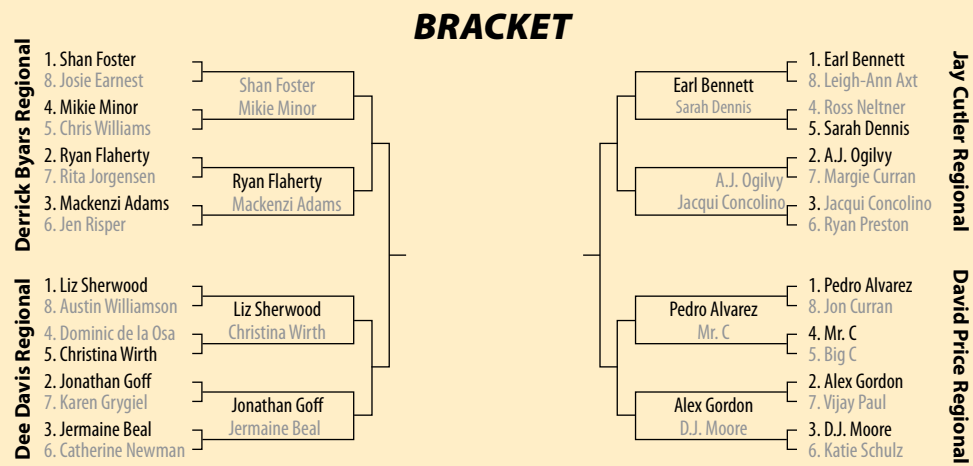


ALEX GORDON, SENIOR
Basketball, Guard

- Versatile playmaker for nationally ranked squad
- "Red" is a fierce competitor who leaves it all on the floor
- Averaging 10.6 points and 3.6 assists per game
- Fan favorite for hustle and intensity

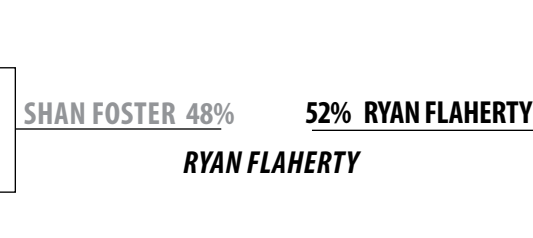
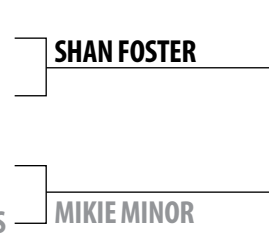
THE HUSTLER'S TAKE:

From his intensity to his shiny grill, there's a lot to like about Alex "Red" Gordon, but he'll be a big underdog against Alvarez, the most feared hitter in school history who's on his way to Major League stardom.



DERRICK BYARS REGIONAL FINAL

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- 8 JOSIE EARNEST
- 4 MIKIE MINOR
- 5 CHRIS WILLIAMS

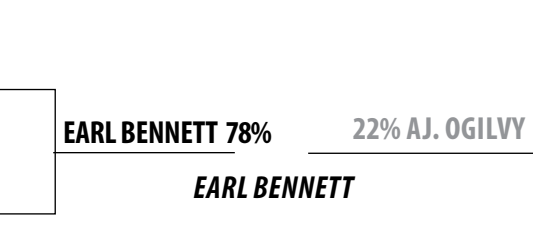
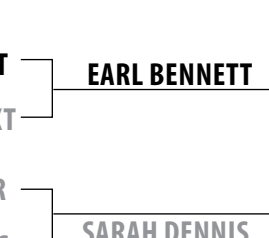


- 2 RYAN FLAHERTY
- 7 RITA JORGENSEN
- 3 MACKENZI ADAMS
- 6 JEN RISPER



JAY CUTLER REGIONAL FINAL

- 1 EARL BENNETT
- 8 LEIGH-ANN AXT
- 4 ROSS NELTNER
- 5 SARAH DENNIS



- 2 A.J. OGILVY
- 7 MARGIE CURRAN
- 3 JACQUI CONCOLINO
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Meet with Adam List
Thursday, Feb. 7
4:00pm, Stevenson Center 5502 | General:
Meet with Craig Smith
Wednesday, Feb. 13
4:00pm, Hobbs 106 |
| Engineering:
Meet with Gautam Biswas
Date, Time, & Location
TBA | Arts & Science:
Meet with Lynn Ramey
Tuesday, Feb 19
11:00am, Furman 209 | Blair:
Meet with Greg Barz
Monday, Feb. 18
3:00pm, Blair 2110 |
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Meet with Charles Manning
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