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## THE WALL

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**TODAY**  
**'Back in the USSR'**  
 "Back in the USSR: The Story of Russian Rock Music" will cover the history of Russian rock, where the rock 'n' roll rebellion was driven by a thirst for cultural freedom. Artemy Troitsky, a well-known Russian journalist, music expert and public figure, will give the lecture at 4:10 p.m. in Furman Hall, room 114.

**TODAY**  
**On the Shoulders of Ancestors: The Art of Willis 'Bing' Davis Exhibit**  
 The work of Willis "Bing" Davis speaks of African ancestry — even as it articulates a contemporary message. Davis' work has been exhibited throughout the United States and the world. Exhibit is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center Auditorium.

**TUESDAY, FEB. 12**  
**'Nightvision'**  
 Vandy Catholic will host Sean Dalton, the west regional director of Fellowship of Catholic University Students at 7:30 p.m. in the All Faith's Chapel as a part of their monthly "Nightvision" program.

**TUESDAY, FEB. 12**  
**'Getting your ideas organized'**  
 The Writing Studio will host a workshop on organizing papers in Alumni Hall, Room 117 from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.

**TUESDAY, FEB. 12**  
**'After VU: Where my Vanderbilt degree has taken me'**  
 Alumni Relations will present a panel discussion with successful alumni, including entrepreneurs, a banker, a designer, an industry giant and more. This is a time students can talk to alumni about their paths since graduation, hear any advice they give and ask questions. It will be in the Commons Center Multidisciplinary Room from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13**  
**Relay for Life kickoff party**  
 The newly formed Vanderbilt Relay for Life Committee will host a kickoff party in Sarratt 116 at 6 p.m. Students are invited to come find out how to fight cancer and get free food.

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

# Multipurposed



Members of Sigma Lambda Gamma form a "circle up" at their weekly meeting on Sunday afternoon.

KIM MONGE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

*Multicultural sorority embraces differences among its members.*

by SYDNEY WILMER  
 Senior Reporter

To step out of the box, break down the wall or pop the bubble — within the bubble.

Dana Gangoo, co-president of Sigma Lambda Gamma, Vanderbilt's new multicultural sorority, does not care what you call it, but it is the reason she and her new sisters meet every Sunday.

For her and many of her sisters, bridging the gap between racial and cultural groups in and outside the Greek system is something she wants to see happen within her sorority and between the various Greek councils.

In fact, it is part of group's mission.

"When you first come here you see black and then you see white, then as time goes by, you see that these sororities have different cultures within them," Gangoo said. "It's there, but it is hard to see."

Gangoo wanted a tight-knit group, where cultural differences were apparent and part of the purpose.

This idea appealed to freshman Mia Crusto, who said she noticed a racial split about the same time she began making sense of the Greek system.

"When I got here I thought about joining a National Pan-Hellenic Council sorority or a Panhellenic (Council) sorority," Crusto said.

Please see **MULTIPURPOSED**, page 3

—To listen to a podcast from an interview with Lee and Gangoo, and for more from the "Driving Questions" project, go to:



# Finding leadership through loss

*Guatemalan civil rights activist urges students to change world.*

by DANIELLE GANTT  
 Staff Reporter

"Why should we speak of this?" Guatemalan civil rights activist and 1992 Nobel Peace Prize recipient Rigoberta Menchu asked her audience. "Because that is the world we will leave to you young people."

The world Menchu described in her Thursday night lecture in Benton Chapel was one stricken with war and greed.

"It's difficult to talk about the conflict, torture and massacre that happened in our own homes," said Menchu, who shared she had lost many close family members, including her mother and father, to unwarranted violence.

"It's incomprehensible for me to understand the evil of humans and the lack of sensibility," Menchu said.

Menchu lightened the lecture with advice on how the world could be changed.

"The strength is in us," Menchu said.

"We need to recover our values and show solidarity to feel that everyone has something to offer and create new leadership."

Menchu spoke to a standing-room-only crowd that saw a mixture of people from within and outside the Vanderbilt community.

"To improve your community here, you need to strengthen your self-esteem and the self-esteem of the young people," Menchu said. "They've become slaves to the Internet, television, gossip and electronics."

"I fear they've forgotten how to do things with their hands."

Students responded to Menchu with enthusiasm.

"She's an example of political activism, which is mostly what we lack on this campus," said Justin Glenn, a junior who came to the event to hear Menchu's ideas on current international issues, particularly the Darfur genocide.

Junior Aldenise Ewing felt the event was an important one for Vanderbilt students to attend.



MENCHU

"I remember reading about Menchu in one of my Spanish courses," Ewing said, "and I thought, 'Wow, what a remarkable lady!' When I found out she was coming to campus, I knew I couldn't miss it."

Menchu, who ran for president in Guatemala in 2007 but was defeated by what she hinted at as less-than-democratic tactics, expressed her unrelenting determination to become president of Guatemala.

"I will run again if life permits it," Menchu said in an interview.

At the lecture, Menchu also offered her views on the U.S. presidential election.

"I wish with all my heart for the woman to win. But why not also our black brothers and sisters win, too?" she said. "I wish they would come to some kind of agreement together."

However, Menchu did have one hope for the next president's agenda.

"I hope for them to listen to immigrants," Menchu said. "I support a public policy that supports immigrants in a positive way." ■

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## MIDDLE TENNESSEE NEWS

### Storm damage to exceed \$100 million in insurance claims

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Although the total cost of Tuesday's storms is still to be seen, Farm Bureau Insurance of Tennessee said it expects statewide claims to reach at least \$100 million, The Tennessean reported.

Farm Bureau said it had worked more than 600 storm-related claims in Macon County and more than 4,200 in the state since Tuesday night, not counting the million-dollar damage in counties like Williamson and Sumner.

But Macon County, where President George W. Bush visited Friday, was hit harder than any other county in the state and probably will not know the extent of the storm damage any time in the near future.

"I wouldn't know where to begin," Macon County Property Assessor Rick Shoulders said.

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# Eco-friendly soap debuts



BRETT KAMINSKY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

EcoSuds, previously only available in Featheringill Hall bathrooms, is now being sold in Varsity Markets. The soap production uses the glycerin byproduct from the Vanderbilt Biodiesel Initiative.

by TAYLOR DAVIS  
 Staff Reporter

It cleans your hands — and the environment. Starting this week students will be able to purchase EcoSuds, a student-produced, eco-friendly soap, in various Varsity Munchie Marts on campus.

The soap production coincides with the Vanderbilt Biodiesel Initiative, a movement headed by graduate student Derek Riley and WilSkills, an outdoor education program, which takes vegetable oil waste from dining facilities on and around campus and converts it into biodiesel fuel to be used for campus vehicles. This enables student organizations like WilSkills to spend less money on fuel while at the same time preserving the environment.

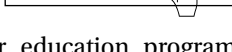
EcoSuds differs from standard soap as it is composed primarily of glycerin, a byproduct of biodiesel that gives the soap a smoother texture.

WilSkills participant, Adam Greenhall, a senior, explained the group wanted to make use of the waste the conversion created.

"Instead of just throwing (the glycerin) out like many people do when they make biodiesel, we wanted to turn it in to something useful," he said.

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## WEATHER

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### TUESDAY



Rain, 48/28

### WEDNESDAY



Partly Cloudy, 40/29

### THURSDAY



Partly Cloudy, 55/37

## VUPD CRIME LOG

compiled by ADAM WEINSTEIN

**Tuesday, Feb. 5, 8:22 p.m.:**  
A wallet was stolen from a student's tray in The Commons Center.

**Tuesday, Feb. 5, 11:15 p.m.:**  
Subject was stopped for careless driving at 21st Avenue South and Broadway. He had a handgun without a permit.

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

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compiled by ADAM WEINSTEIN

### 1 Gates says Iraqi political leaders showing signs of progress toward reconciliation

**BAGHDAD** — Iraq's political leaders are showing promising new signs of progress toward reconciliation, yet still face difficult decisions on how to stabilize the country, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Sunday.

"They seem to have become energized over the last few weeks," Gates told reporters who traveled with him from an international security conference in Munich, Germany, according to The Associated Press. The Pentagon chief added he wants to "see what the prospects are for further success in the next couple of months."

### 2 Search for three workers in Georgia refinery blast killing five others stymied

**PORT WENTWORTH, Ga.** — Sugar still burning three days after a refinery explosion killed at least five people hampered the search Sunday for three other workers missing since the blast leveled portions of the plant, The Associated Press reported.

Crews used construction cranes to shore up three badly damaged, 80-foot storage silos rescue workers want to search for the missing men. One of the silos blew up late Thursday, possibly after combustible dust ignited.

### 3 Crew medical problem, tear forces NASA to delay lab work

**HOUSTON** — The astronauts aboard the linked shuttle and space station planned to inspect a small tear in one of Atlantis' thermal blankets on Sunday after their main job — installing the Columbus lab — was delayed for a day because of a crew medical problem, The Associated Press reported.

German astronaut Hans Schlegel was pulled off the first spacewalk of the mission shortly after he arrived at the international space station Saturday aboard Atlantis. Managers bumped the spacewalk and Columbus' hookup to the space station to Monday.

### 4 Striking writers to vote on contract, could end walkout as soon as Wednesday

**LOS ANGELES** — The Writers Guild of America moved swiftly Sunday toward a resolution of its three-month-old strike, with guild leaders deciding to recommend the contract to members and ask them to vote on a quick end to the walkout, The Associated Press reported.

By asking writers to vote separately on ending the strike and accepting the contract, the union cleared the way for the entertainment industry to return to work almost immediately.

The tentative contract secures writers a share of the digital-media market including compensation for Internet-delivered TV shows and movies.

### 5 Federal agents investigating fire at Columbia mosque

**COLUMBIA, Tenn.** — A mosque was destroyed by a fire on Saturday federal investigators say appears to have been caused by arson, The Associated Press reported.

Investigators also found drawings of swastikas and other graffiti at the Islamic Center of Columbia, said Special Agent Eric Kehn with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

He said no one was injured in the fire.

### 6 Yahoo board plans to turn down Microsoft's unsolicited \$44.6B bid

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Yahoo Inc.'s board will reject Microsoft Corp.'s \$44.6 billion takeover bid after concluding the unsolicited offer undervalues the slumping Internet pioneer, a person familiar with the situation said Saturday.

The decision could provoke a showdown between two of the world's most prominent technology companies with Internet search leader Google Inc. looming in the background, according to The Associated Press. Leery of Microsoft expanding its turf on the Internet, Google already has offered to help Yahoo avert a takeover and urged antitrust regulators to take a hard look at the proposed deal.

### 7 Owen announces first scholarship from Max Adler Student Investment Fund

Bill Lambert, a second-year student at Owen Graduate School of Management, is the first recipient of the Max Adler scholarship, Vanderbilt News Service reported. Lambert is the son of Bill and Harva Leigh Lambert of Ladue, Mo.

The award is funded by the Max Adler Student Investment Fund, founded in 1983, through a generous grant to the school by Mimi Adler, widow of Max Adler, a prominent New York businessman.

### 8 Obama wins Maine Democratic caucuses

**AUGUSTA, Maine** — Barack Obama defeated Hillary Clinton in Maine presidential caucuses Sunday, grabbing a majority of delegates as the state's Democrats overlooked the snowy weather and turned out in heavy numbers for municipal gatherings.

Democrats in 420 Maine towns and cities were deciding how the state's 24 delegates will be allotted at the party's national convention in August, The Associated Press reported.

With 95 percent of the participating precincts reporting, Obama led in state delegates elected over Clinton, 2,079 to 1,396, with 18 uncommitted.

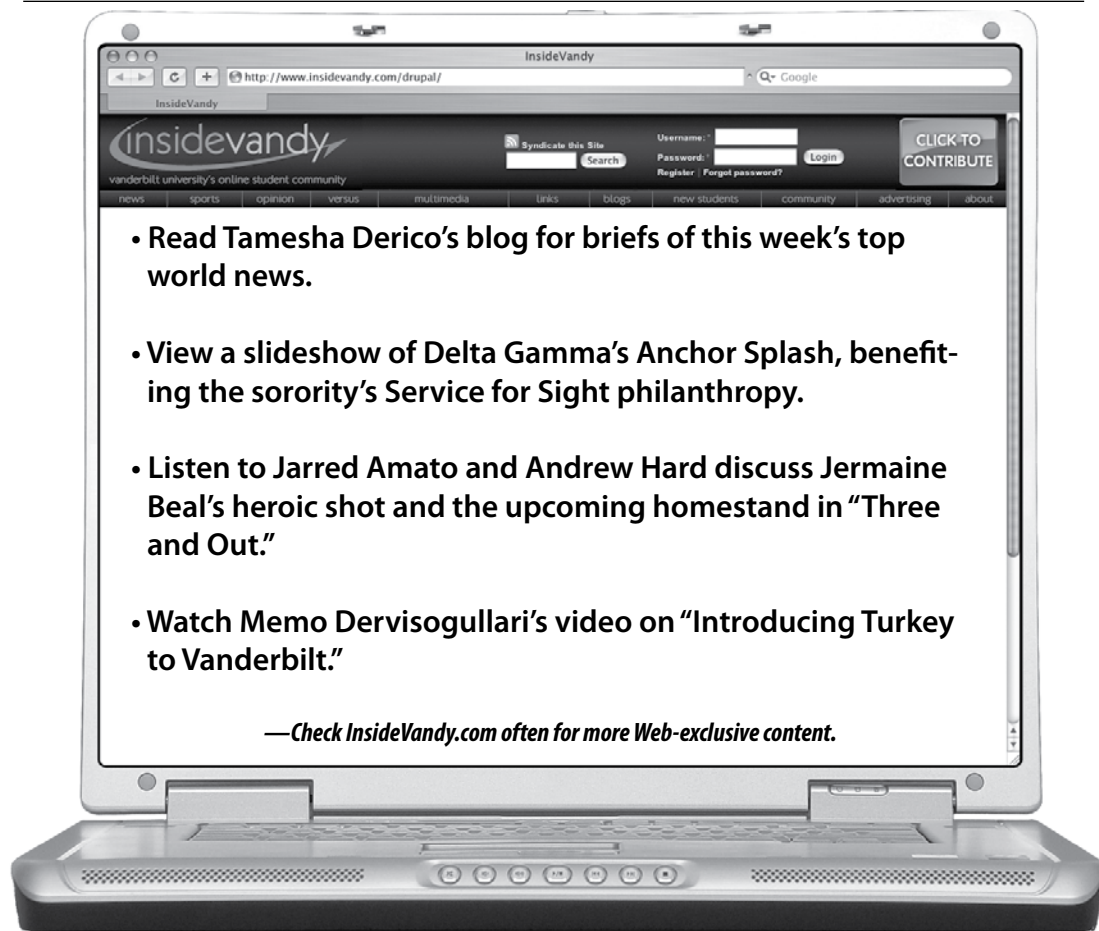
### 9 Most people in poll believe country is now in the grips of a recession

**WASHINGTON** — Empty homes and for-sale signs clutter neighborhoods. You've lost your job or know someone who has. Your paycheck and nest egg are taking a hit.

Sixty-one percent of the public believes the economy is now suffering through its first recession since 2001, according to an Associated Press-Ipsos poll.

The fallout from a depressed housing market and a credit crunch nearly caused the economy to stall in the final three months of last year. Some experts, like the majority of people questioned in the poll, say the economy actually may be shrinking now. The worry is consumers and businesses will hunker down further and pull back spending, sending the economy into a tailspin.

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## SNAPSHOT

### MY BOLOGNA HAS A FIRST NAME



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Sophomores Laura Scharmer, Meredith Patterson, Shania Tey, Karen McGee and Emily Nelson pose in front of the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile, which visited campus this weekend.

## ONE MORE WEEK!

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# MULTIPURPOSED: Community embraces chapter

From **MULTIPURPOSED**, page 1

Through friends, though, Crusto heard about another Greek option.

"(Sigma Lambda Gamma) seemed like a better fit because it wasn't defined by one culture in particular," she said.

Gangoo said the sorority is about celebrating and learning about culture at the same time.

"One member may be really interested in Caribbean culture, and the other member might be able to share a part of that culture with them. We have members interested in learning more and others that want to share."

Though the group is small, with only 11 members at the moment, it hopes to expand.

"We don't have 200 members,

but we wouldn't exclude anyone," Gangoo said.

Gangoo and fellow co-president Miranda Lee said the Greek community has a lot to offer, and they have been embraced by the other chapters.

"Usually when something like this happens or is formed, it means there was a need for it," Lee said. "You get to meet people you

normally wouldn't get a chance to meet. For us, as a small group, it is about networking and bringing social circles together."

Gangoo said that is why she wanted to join a sorority.

"The group wants to focus on diversity, what they can learn about the people around them and their own individual identities." That way, she said,

"we can truly get to create that sisterhood and that bond."

This point is especially important to Lee.

"A lot of our current members never considered Greek life because they didn't see where they fit," Lee said.

In Sigma Lambda Gamma, she hopes women can "express all sides of themselves, focus

on diversity and culture, and experience everything else a sorority has to offer."

"If we all get to know ourselves," she said, "we are going to learn how to be strong as women." ■

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# SOAP: Student-created EcoSuds can be used for laundry, cars, dishes

From **SOAP**, page 1

Last November, VBI worked with Vanderbilt Dining to have test dispensers installed in Featheringill bathrooms, hoping to eventually sell their product in Munchie Marts, so students could try out the soap and e-mail in any comments or concerns they had about the product.

The majority of responses were positive, and most of the complaints expressed distaste for the color, which is an orange-brown, although some students said their hands did not feel clean after they used the soap.

EcoSuds will be offered in both its natural color and green and will be sold in 16 ounce bottles at the Branscomb Varsity Market, Common Grounds and Nectar for \$5, plus tax. The soap is mild and safe, and in addition to hand-washing, it can be used for laundry, cars and dishes.

The entire process is student-initiated and student-run, as WilSkills participants take part

in the distributing, bottling and labeling of the soap.

EcoSuds co-chair Caroline Cheung, a senior, emphasized the student involvement with the program.

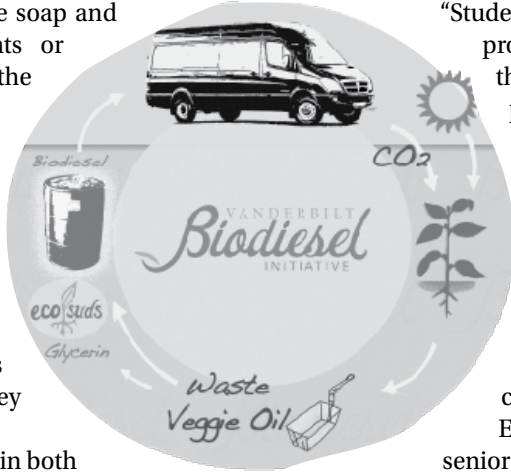
"Students started the biodiesel project," she said, "and they also control the soap production. It's all made here on campus, which is unique for Vanderbilt."

All of the profit made from EcoSuds will go toward the expansion of the biodiesel initiative in order to increase the use of biodiesel fuel on campus.

EcoSuds co-chair and senior Will Deacy said he thinks this is something simple the student body can do to help the environment.

"(Purchasing EcoSuds) is an easy way for an individual to take one more step to a more sustainable way of living," he said. ■

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## Speaking up, speaking out



RENEE LANGSTON / photo provided

Kappa Delta sorority, with the Eating Disorder Coalition of Tennessee and the Office of Greek Life, sponsored "Stand Up! Stand Out!" Thursday evening. The program is aimed at "empowering women and raising awareness about issues facing women in today's society," said Caitlin Brannigan, vice president of public relations and rising president for Kappa Delta.

The keynote for the event, which was mandatory for new members in Panhellenic Council sororities, was Carol Frazier from the Eating Disorder Coalition of Tennessee. Frazier works with teenagers to help promote healthy eating and body image and shares advice about a variety of health issues.

The program began with a panel of speakers: Frazier; Courtney Grimes, who works in the music industry and once struggled with an eating disorder; Stacy Nunnally, who works at the Vanderbilt Women's Center; and Jamie Pope, a professor at the School of Nursing and registered dietitian and nutritionist. The panel, moderated by Brannigan, answered questions about challenges facing women, including body image and eating disorders.

# Dining introduces Nectarines initiative

by **SIMON HIRSCH**

Contributing Reporter

Don't get it confused with the fruit.

The Dining Advisory Council debuted its "Nectarines" initiative in Varsity Markets recently, bringing Barnard Hall's award-winning natural food store Nectar to the rest of campus.

According to Camp Howard, interim director of Dining, the steps taken to bring Nectar products, especially organic food and toiletries, to Varsity Markets is a reaction to the student body's demand to make Nectar products more accessible.

Students can locate these sections with the help of oval signs branded with the Nectarines logo.

So far, "sales have been brisk" Howard said. "Students seem to really enjoy natural and organic products available in other markets and when Nectar is closed."

The most popular items are Annie Chung's meal kits and Health Valley organic



CHRIS PHARE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Nectarines recently debuted in Varsity Markets on campus. Nectarines are organic products from Nectar, and the initiative to sell them in the Munchie Marts came from the Dining Advisory Council.

microwavable soups, he said. Additionally, body care products are becoming increasingly well-liked, especially shower gels, shampoos and lotions.

"Nectarines have (already begun) to make an impact," said senior and Chaffin resident, Eric Chung. "I haven't bought anything from (a Varsity Market) yet, but I did notice (the sign) a few times."

Howard emphasizes the role of student suggestions as the impetus for the creation

of the innovative Nectarines initiative.

He said he cannot stress enough the importance of student involvement, both from the advisory council, which addresses all aspects of Dining, and student suggestions.

"Nectarines will continue to evolve," Howard said. "What you see there now may not be what's there in a few weeks." ■

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# Doctor finds religion in dying environment

by **ALLIE MORRIS**

Staff Reporter

Evangelical environmentalist Matthew Sleeth began by giving his modest audience some words of warning: "Take everything I say with a grain of salt, because when I was 22 I swore I would never enter a church again."

In the past 12 months, Sleeth has visited 110 churches, including Benton Chapel Wednesday night, on his campaign to promote environmental awareness and his book "Serve God, Save the Planet: A Christian Call to Action."

Sleeth, a former emergency room doctor, once lived a lavish lifestyle with his wife and two children. Seven years ago, he downsized, moving his family into a house the size of their old garage. He fired the weekly maid and gave cleaning responsibilities to the children,

and he traded their dryer for a clothesline.

Why the change? Seven years ago, when Sleeth discovered Christianity, he decided the only way he could serve God faithfully was to decrease his environmental impact.

"What do you think the biggest problem in the world is?" his wife asked him during his speech.

"The world is dying," he said in response, saying this realization prompted him to "quit my job, work for free and try to fix this problem."

"What is there on the other side?" he said he wondered.

Sleeth began his search for faith when he "woke up to evil" after a series of tragic events, including the drowning of his brother-in-law and the attraction of a stalker.

"I began to search for the meaning of life," he said. "I went on a search and found Jesus, and

when I found Jesus everything changed."

One by one, Sleeth converted his family. Once they were baptized together, they became very involved with their church.

When Sleeth turned to Jesus and the Scriptures, he found answers, he said. Most importantly, he found environmentalism, the answer to what he considers to be the world's biggest problem: the earth is dying.

In an effort to remain a good Christian, Sleeth and his family decided to minimize their ecological footprint. Not only has their change helped improve the environment, but Sleeth also says it has brought him closer to God. ■

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# STORM DAMAGE: Macon County hit hardest

From **STORM DAMAGE**, page 1

State Farm, the largest casualty insurer in the state, had already received 1,261 homeowner and 877 auto claims by Friday afternoon, spokesman Shawn Johnson told The Tennessean.

"We don't have any projections yet on the total dollar loss or even the ultimate claim numbers we will have," he said. "With so many fatalities, people

are concentrating on search and rescue before they even think about filing claims."

Farm Bureau, the insurer with the most clients in Macon County, said they have been "writing checks on the spot" for damage to homes and autos, spokesman Dan Batey said.

Out of Farm Bureau's total statewide claims, there had been only 116 homes that were

considered total losses, Batey said, and 220 more that were deemed uninhabitable.

"Of these, about half were in Macon County," he said.

Amid the numerous property claims are also life insurance policies. The company has received nine death claims so far, Batey said, and is expecting "a lot more, particularly from Macon County." ■

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### OUR VIEW

## WGA strike reflects larger issues

Heading into the fourth month of the writers' strike, things were beginning to look a little grim. Without the accepted rite of Thursday night passage (wind sprints back to places of residence to watch "Grey's Anatomy" with friends), the dismal promise of a truncated "Lost" season and no "24" at all, college just wasn't the same.

Thankfully, the indefinite period of American suffering has finally come to an end with the tentative agreement put in place over the weekend.

The deal likely to be accepted by the Writers Guild of America reflects much larger social and economic trends — trends we will likely face after graduation.

The issue of intellectual property, particularly regarding DVD sales, dominated the strike. Regardless of subject matter, however, intellectual property issues have become critical disputes with the increased ease with which large amounts of information or content can be transferred without the proper identification and compensation.

These concerns — from illegal music downloads to the hastened demise of print newspapers — have quickly developed into an overwhelming creative industry decline. In short, our connectedness is both new media's blessing and curse.

New media, of course, are driving these issues; writers will now eventually receive

a portion of the revenue derived from Internet-related viewings of content. This aspect was more contentious, as studios do not fully comprehend the future role of new media in production, nor how to successfully monetize it — a struggle between technology and finances we will surely face in our future in a variety of industries.

Writers faced these issues with the rise of the Internet and DVR; our generation faces the issue of incorporating the rapid flux of information and creation into our economy in a way that expands rather than limits our power.

Oh, and praise God for the return of "The Office."

### LETTER

## Obama and the choice for change

#### To the Editor:

When I first became aware of Barack Obama, he was running for Senate in Illinois. While his speeches were always uplifting, they usually seemed more appropriate for Independence Day than the daily grind of governance.

Through his time in the Senate and his presidential campaign, however, he has coupled his vision for unifying the country with substantive policy positions. As much for the potential he embodies as for those positions, Obama presents the best candidate to turn on our national light after eight years of relative darkness.

While we must consider the ways in which candidates intend to improve health care coverage, education, war policy, the environment, economic conditions or whatever else we believe to be the most important policy areas, any individual placed in such an awesome position of responsibility often finds the majority of his or her agenda set by events unfolding largely beyond the president's control. Given the tremendous trust and faith the people place in the hands of the president, his or her fundamental character and worldview must be paramount in deciding for whom to vote.

Our choice of a leader must anticipate the unknowable. Often, what a president thinks is not nearly as important as how.

Apart from Obama, I am most compelled by how John McCain thinks. He is a courageous and accomplished leader who has devoted his entire adult life to serving this country. While I admire McCain, I just cannot find much common ground with him. I do not think the United States should have a foothold in Iraq for 100 years. I disagree the Bush tax cuts — which McCain rightly voted against — should be made permanent.

Ronald Reagan, the man McCain invokes the most in his campaign, often said, "Government is not a solution to our problem. Government is the problem." Perhaps the reason I have a problem with McCain is he has been part of the government for so long.

Beyond policy differences, though, I feel the heavy weight of history around the rhetoric of McCain. So much of his time is spent talking about the Vietnam War and the Reagan Revolution he is left with little more to explain fully what he would set out to do in the future.

McCain is not the only candidate who embodies the past and its potentially problematic insertion into the near future. Hillary Clinton, even if unfairly, presents one of the most divisive political figures of our time. While many people miss the leadership of her husband, the time has come to throw off the petty divides and coldly calculating ways of the Clintons, especially when a candidate as attractive as Obama stands waiting to assume the presidency and bring not only a new face, but a new way of defining who we are.

Many Americans understandably worry about Obama's readiness to assume office, given the short amount of time he has occupied national office. The experience argument, though, is ambiguous at best. Consider the varying levels of federal experience since voters last elected a senator to become president, John F. Kennedy.

Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford and George H.W. Bush brought many years of Washington experience to office. Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush brought none. The varied effectiveness and records of leadership from these presidents begs the question: Who can really be ready to hold such an office?

Ultimately, history can inform our perspective on contemporary choices, but our shared goals for the future must determine our direction. In the person, ideas and thought process of Obama, we are presented with a potential watershed moment. We have the chance to move beyond so many differences that have plagued our people for decades, to say nothing of the chance to come out of our recent wilderness years under this president.

We cannot know what the coming four years will bring us, but we do know the way we have conducted politics for so long has worn us down and torn us apart long enough. Of the candidates remaining, only Obama can build us up again.

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### McCain's core principles align with GOP

**Glenna DeRoy, Guest Columnist**

Recent disagreements over John McCain and his conservative credentials seem unfounded and unproductive. McCain still supports the Iraq war and believes in a military solution to that conflict. He has not taken a military response to Iran off the table. He would like to make the Bush tax cuts permanent and hates unnecessary government spending. He wants to overturn Roe v. Wade and has said he would appoint "strict constructionist judges." The right wing of the Republican party does disagree on a few important issues, most notably immigration, but for the benefit of all, they should try to put their differences aside and unite behind their presumptive nominee — even though he may be more moderate than their ideal candidate. McCain has the power to draw voters from across the political spectrum. That he falls more toward the middle than his lone competitor should not give radical Republicans an excuse to further divide the party and the electorate.

### McCain labeled 'conservative' only because he's not liberal

**Katherine Miller, Opinion Editor**

While I'm overjoyed President Bush has weighed in on life, I can't help but think the question of whether John McCain is a conservative or not is completely irrelevant. It seems America has tired of conservatism, compassionate or otherwise, which will surely be overcome after a few years on the Hope of Inflation and Welfare parade float. McCain's probably as conservative as things are getting right now.

For the haters, there's the magic equation of relativity: McCain is more conservative than Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, making him the conservative candidate by default.

McCain's also the presumptive nominee; this means we, as Republicans, climb aboard our camels and follow the elephant he's riding through the bazaar on the way to the presidency. Republicans, like the ladies of a church garden club, pride themselves on excellence in several pursuits: fundraising, campaigning and diehard support despite unfortunate circumstances. McCain needs the church ladies right now.

### McCain is a conservative because Bush said it was so

**Douglas Kurdziel, Guest Columnist**

Is John McCain conservative? That depends on what the meaning of "is" ... I mean "conservative," is. President Bush says the Arizona senator is a "true conservative." Well, if President Bush says so, you might ask, what is the point of any further inquiry? People like Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity and Laura Ingraham have all denounced McCain for voting against the Bush tax cuts and reaching across the aisle to work with Democrats on campaign finance reform and immigration, but his core beliefs are certainly grounded in a conservatism fit for today's political atmosphere. Pledges of strict constructionist judges, fiscal responsibility and a strong commitment to the future of Iraq should be enough to satisfy social, economic and foreign policy conservatives alike. That being said, however, McCain must follow through on his pledges if he is elected. His true legacy as a conservative will be determined by what he does as president, and not by what he said when running for office.

## QUICK SHOTS

One Issue, Four Responses

### Is John McCain a conservative?

### McCain strikes necessary balance

**Medora Brown, Guest Columnist**

Yes, John McCain is a conservative, and we should be worried about the future of the Supreme Court, abortion rights and the Iraq war if he is elected president. But as senator, McCain has demonstrated his ability to engage in bipartisan endeavors, such as The McCain-Feingold Act to reform campaign finance, and he has worked to change deeply entrenched congressional traditions, like the sacred relationship between congressmen and lobbyists.

Many members of the Republican Party have realized the effects of hard-line conservatism and do not want to repeat the ethnocentricity, xenophobia and general close-mindedness that has characterized the Bush years. In this election, everybody has been talking about balance, and McCain embodies the balance between radical conservatism and responsible moderation in a way that could make him appealing to both sides of the aisle. The Republican nominee is going to be conservative, but most members of the GOP would prefer a presidential candidate who is not going to change the White House into a megachurch.

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### COLUMN

## Juicy Campus tests limits of social respectability

### THOMAS SHATTUCK

Columnist

*I. Backbite, v. To speak of a man as you find him when he can't find you*

I can't say I'm fond of Juicy Campus; in fact I think it's one of the more disturbing Web sites I've seen in quite some time. Sadly, this one is legal. I can't entirely blame the designers for it though; admittedly, they created it in hopes of luring college students, but they aren't the one's posting. You see, the real problem is you, or at least some of you.

Sitting in your chair, staring bored at your laptop, you decide to post.

It doesn't really matter if what you say is entirely true, since no one will know it's you. Hell, while you're at it, you overheard something nasty, why don't you post that too? And that comment looks funny, you could add to it, wouldn't it be fun? Considering Juicy Campus's servers are overloaded almost always, and new threads are created multiple times daily, your answer is probably yes.

I've never been as fascinated with networking sites as most. I never use my MySpace (it's under a fake name anyway), and I only sporadically use my Facebook account. Even though I don't entirely understand it, I can

get along perfectly well with people who live on those sites, it's just what they do. I don't understand Juicy Campus; I'm actually disgusted by it. I have a terrible sense of humor, it's twisted I'll admit, but damn, some of the stuff I've seen flitting through Juicy Campus actually makes me extremely uncomfortable.

For example, the posts involving how many fraternities/sororities people have got with. I mean I know it's anonymous, but I actually believed that most students would have enough dignity to leave this question unanswered. I was wrong — pretty damn wrong in fact. I don't

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# SHATTUCK: Juicy Campus' supposed anonymity may cause permanent damages if broken

From **JUICY CAMPUS**, page 4  
 understand why you'd brag about this. If I would think pumping a chemical toilet an apt analogy to sleeping with you, I would not find you attractive. I'm pretty sure this is true for most people. I don't want to know how many people you've seduced. Keep that to yourself.

Or what about those posts with specific names mentioned? It's rude, inconsiderate and actually pathetic. What hollow shell of a person can justify slandering some person online just because you can be anonymous and still do it? Just because there are no apparent consequences to your actions doesn't make you a decent person. I mean seriously, anyone can see any part of Juicy Campus, it's open for all to see. This means the deans and disciplinarians as well as future employers. God hopes no one important is actually slandered or some poor bastard is going to discover Juicy Campus' anonymity

policy doesn't include civil suits.

I guess what I'm getting at is just because you can do something and get away with it, I still consider you a pretty low person. The admissions office likes to expound on the intelligence of our student body, but if anyone ever visits Juicy Campus, they'll have doubts. The site isn't the problem; it's the people posting on it. It's low, it's sick, and if your cover ever gets blown, there'll be no mercy. If I can give any warning it would be this: You may be anonymous now, but if the cover ever slips, you will find yourself in immeasurable discomfort, so stop before something really begins.

*II. A word once uttered can never be recalled*

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COLUMN

# Grammys present divergent picture of Winehouse and Turner



**KATHERINE MILLER**  
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The Grammys, as always, presented the strangest bookending of talented famous people: Tina Turner and her defiance of age and gravity opened the show; Amy Winehouse and her wee problem with cocaine won five Grammys.

Winehouse, of course, who is marginally terrifying to gaze upon, has recently been in rehab for drug addiction — but this seems to be part of her allure.

More has been said about the generally hellish last year in lives of Winehouse, Britney Spears, Lindsay Lohan and an embarrassingly large amount of others than most pertinent, serious problems our society faces. Nevertheless, the pervasive darkness of both Spears' and Winehouse's 2007 albums somehow resonated with a fair share of the public.

Now, we all love a good drug story. "Saturday Night Live" and most legendary rock bands have provided us with entertaining material to last us until Revelations. But, in the case of

the Tragic Starlets of the Aughts, the classic drug story takes on a discomfiting nature — details are a little too explicit, streaming video a little too revolting, and the decaying looks a little too cringe-worthy.

Spears and Winehouse, fixtures of this era of disastrous wrecks, are enclosed in their own worlds, likely perpetuated by drugs and the glare of the media. It seems to fit with our Facebook and TMZ culture, wherein new media fuel our lightning-quick perceptions. Without the immediacy of online culture, Spears and Winehouse might not hold the fascination they do; the sheer amount of information spurs on the drive for more details and more depravity.

Contrast these two images of straggly hair and deranged fashion with Turner. At 68, the lady is a fox. She could probably do cartwheels in roller skates around Thunderdome and take down Osama bin Laden by shooting lasers out of her eyes. Nobody expects either Winehouse or Spears to make it to Turner's age — hell, nobody would be surprised if they were dead tomorrow.

Clearly, Turner is not without her own Ike Turner-shaped luggage set, but her lady parts

never went out for a stroll during a night on the town. Nor is there is a horrifying image of her bashing a car window with an umbrella or smoking crack cocaine. Perhaps many of her contemporaries that would have ended up like Spears or Winehouse died too young, the victims of lesser emergency care, or perhaps, Turner is a product of a different era, one that valued class and did not need figures like Winehouse and Spears to revel in.

In looking at these fallen figures, the pop culture icons for which this period of history will likely be remembered, we're faced with a complex set of social issues: Does the fascination with the grotesque stem from our new online culture? Are we looking for something that reflects the disastrous state of politics, the war and terror? Or, are we looking for famous people to feel morally superior to?

The only sure answer, of course, is that we don't need another hero; we just need more Tina Turner in our lives.

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"Rigoberta Menchu, great speaker. The translator? Not so much. Ok so 'house' and 'jail' are not the same. If Vandy is so proud of having a Spanish program for 60 years, can we at least get a translator who knows what is being said in Spanish?"

"Why do people need to be in ambiguous Facebook relationships? It impedes my stalking/procrastination!"

"If you're going to write on someone's Facebook wall, spell their name right! Their name is RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU."

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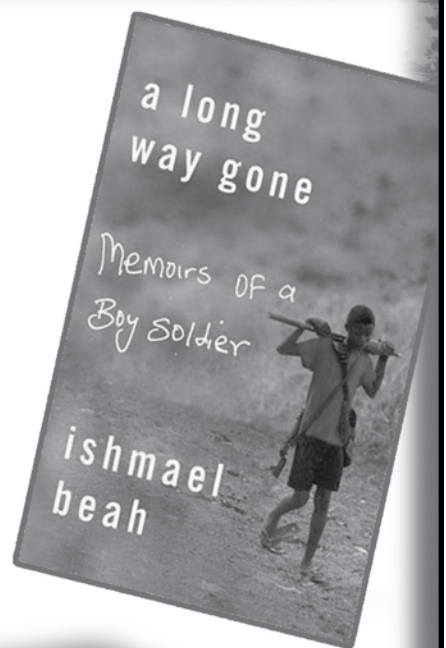
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## SPORTS

## The shot that saved the season

## Beal buries game-winner in Columbia.

by ANDREW HARD  
Sports Editor

By all accounts, the Commodores should not have been in the position where they needed Jermaine Beal's heroics Saturday night. They held the Southeastern Conference's leading scorer to just 10 points. Shan Foster was clutch, pouring in 21 points. They had their leading free-throw shooter at the line twice with the chance to ice the game.

Road environments in the SEC can do strange things though, and after A.J. Ogilvy missed five straight at the line, Vanderbilt was staring down its fourth road loss in five games and a complete loss of momentum coming into a critical four-game homestand.

That's when the man they call "Dolla" cashed in. Beal's coast-to-coast, game-winning drive saved the Commodores not only from a very disappointing road loss against the Gamecocks, but it also extended their winning streak to three games heading into Tuesday's tilt with Kentucky.

A team which once felt it was the best in the country at winning down the stretch had been blown out too many times to showcase this ability in conference play. On Saturday, it got its swagger back.

"Big-time players make big-time plays on the road," said coach Kevin Stallings of his sophomore guard, whose game-winner was his only made field goal of the game. "Their guards were confused on who they should guard, and (Beal) took it and made the shot."

The momentum the Commodores now have with their winning streak and the confidence they have after winning the way they did could prove critical as the schedule finally tilts in the Dores' favor.

"We'll continue to get better," Stallings said. "At the end of a six-game road stretch, it gets tough. They gutted it out (today), and that's what we needed."

Despite his struggles at the line, Ogilvy had one of his better games in SEC play, pouring in 12 points and making several jaw-dropping assists in the second half. On a day where Devan



Jermaine Beal's lone made basket was certainly memorable. The sophomore's jumper with 0.6 seconds remaining gave the Commodores a 66-65 victory over South Carolina Saturday afternoon in Columbia.

Downey scored only 10 points, South Carolina's Evaldes Baniulis somehow hit five 3-pointers, each of which had the opportunity to propel the Gamecocks to a game-clinching scoring run. But Foster matched him every time, silencing the home crowd with five 3-pointers of his own. He notched his season-high in SEC play with 21 points.

"Shan and A.J. came out and played their best games in a while," Stallings said. "I was pleased with their play tonight."

The Commodores still hope they can win the SEC East, and while a Tennessee loss Saturday at LSU would have been nice, Vandy now has four home games against East opponents to make up that ground.

More important, though, is the opportunity to accumulate wins against quality conference opponents and build an impressive NCAA tournament resume. With Kentucky, Florida and Tennessee coming to town, Vandy has a chance to do exactly this.

Without Beal's heroic shot, the Commodores might have threatened to slip into SEC mediocrity. On a day where points were at a premium, a single shot was all it took to continue their great run this season and provide them with the momentum they need to keep winning these critical conference games. ■

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Vanderbilt 66,  
South Carolina 65

**Recap:** The Commodores showed they can win a hotly contested road game in the SEC, surviving a furious South Carolina squad who took the lead with six seconds to go on sophomore Devan Downey's reverse layup. It was all sophomore guard Jermaine "Dolla" Beal from there, who took the inbounds pass from senior Ross Neltner the length of the court before knocking down an eight-foot floater with 0.6 seconds remaining in the game.

**Player of the Game: Shan Foster**  
Though his performance was overshadowed by Beal's heroics, Foster carried the Dores for the majority of the game. Shooting over 50 percent from the field (8-for-15), including a huge 3-pointer in the final minute, the senior proved once again how integral he is to the team's success.

**It was over when...** Downey's desperate half-court heave fell way short as time expired.

**Stat of the Game: 54.5**  
Percentage of the Commodores' points scored by the dynamic duo of Foster and freshman A.J. Ogilvy.

**Close in Columbia:** The last three games the Commodores have played at South Carolina have been decided either by a single point or in overtime.

Feb. 25, 2006 — VU 57, SC 56  
Feb. 28, 2007 — VU 99, SC 90 (OT)  
Feb. 9, 2008 — VU 66, SC 65

**Figure this:** Vanderbilt now has a last-second win in each of the last four seasons, with the previous three coming at home (Wichita State, Oregon, Tennessee).

## THE RUN DOWN

## W2W4

TUESDAY  
Men's Basketball vs. Kentucky  
8 p.m., Memorial Gym

After winning two straight on the road, the Commodores return to the friendly confines of Memorial Gym to take on the Wildcats. Vanderbilt seeks to avenge its double-overtime loss at Rupp back in January, while Kentucky hopes to prove its five-game winning streak is no fluke. Memorial Gym should be rocking for this nationally televised game.

TONIGHT  
Men's Basketball  
No. 5 Kansas vs. No. 12 Texas  
8 p.m., ESPN

Coming off an overtime victory against an upstart Iowa State squad, the underdog Longhorns host the Brandon Rush-led Jayhawks, who are looking to add another quality win to their championship-caliber resume.

## PLAYER OF THE WEEK

## Shan Foster, men's basketball

Foster willed the Commodores back into SEC contention with two road victories this week, scoring 13 points in the 67-59 win over Georgia and 21 in the Commodores' huge 66-65 last-second thriller.

## GAME OF THE WEEK

## MBB — Vanderbilt 66, South Carolina 65

In a back-and-forth contest featuring numerous lead and momentum changes, the Commodores prevailed on Jermaine "Dolla" Beal's money game-winner with 0.6 seconds remaining in regulation.

## THEY SAID IT...

"Big time players make big time plays on the road."

**COACH KEVIN STALLINGS ON BEAL'S GAME-WINNING SHOT**

## DAILY #

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Shot that proved to be the difference in the win over South Carolina, literally. The Gamecocks finished the game 25-for-55 from the field. The Commodores were 26-for-56.

## SEC STANDINGS

## Eastern Division:

Tennessee 8-1, 21-2  
Kentucky 6-2, 12-9  
Florida 6-3, 19-5  
Vanderbilt 5-4, 20-4  
South Carolina 3-5, 11-11  
Georgia 2-6, 11-10

## Western Division:

Mississippi State 7-2, 16-7  
Arkansas 6-2, 17-5  
Ole Miss 3-5, 16-5  
Auburn 2-7, 12-10  
Alabama 2-7, 13-11  
LSU 1-7, 8-14

Compiled by David Namm

## Wildcats confident heading into Nashville

## Kentucky looks for sixth straight win Tuesday night at Vandy.

by ANDREW HARD  
Sports Editor

One month ago, Kentucky (12-9, 6-2 Southeastern Conference) stood at 6-7 coming into conference play and was the laughingstock of the SEC.

While they may not be turning the heads of the selection committee just yet, the Wildcats ride a five-game winning streak into Nashville on Tuesday night

(8 p.m., ESPN) when they take on the Commodores (20-4, 5-4). At 6-2 and in second place in the SEC East, coach Billy Gillispie's squad has gotten healthy and hungry in league play.

On Jan. 12, Kentucky gave Vandy its first loss of the season, 79-73 in double overtime in Lexington. Freshman forward Patrick Patterson gave A.J. Ogilvy a rude lesson about big men in the SEC, scoring 23 points and grabbing 12 rebounds. Patterson comes into this game averaging 16.9 points and 7.9 rebounds per game.

Seniors Joe Crawford and Ramel Bradley average 16.6

and 16.0 points per game respectively. The pair combined for 37 points in the Wildcats' double-overtime triumph.

Kentucky gave Tennessee its first conference loss of the season, a 72-66 victory on Jan. 22. Since then, the Wildcats are 4-0 against South Carolina, Georgia, Auburn and Alabama, four teams sitting in the bottom five of the SEC standings.

If the Wildcats truly want to make a statement to the tournament committee, a win in Nashville and a sweep of No. 20 Vanderbilt would accomplish just this.

The Commodores, however,

look to carry the momentum from last Saturday's thrilling win in Columbia over into this four-game homestand. Containing the trio of Patterson, Crawford and Bradley will be a top priority for Vandy, who allows an average of 75 points per game.

The game is sold out, and Kentucky fans figure to be numerous in the packed Memorial Gym crowd. Students are encouraged to arrive at 7 p.m. or earlier for the nationally televised contest. ■

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## Wirth shines as Dores roll over Tide

## HUSTLER STAFF REPORT

The women's basketball team matched the largest margin of victory over a Southeastern Conference opponent in the Melanie Balcomb era, defeating Alabama 92-47 Sunday at Coleman Coliseum to improve to 18-6 overall, 7-2 in the SEC.

Junior Christina Wirth scored a team-high 20 points—including 15 points in the first half as Vanderbilt opened a 47-19 lead at the break. Freshman Hannah Tuomi finished the game with 12 points and nine rebounds, one board shy of her second career SEC double-double.

Jessica Mooney turned in a solid performance, scoring 11 points to go along with nine assists and four steals, while Merideth Marsh chipped in with 11 points and four rebounds.

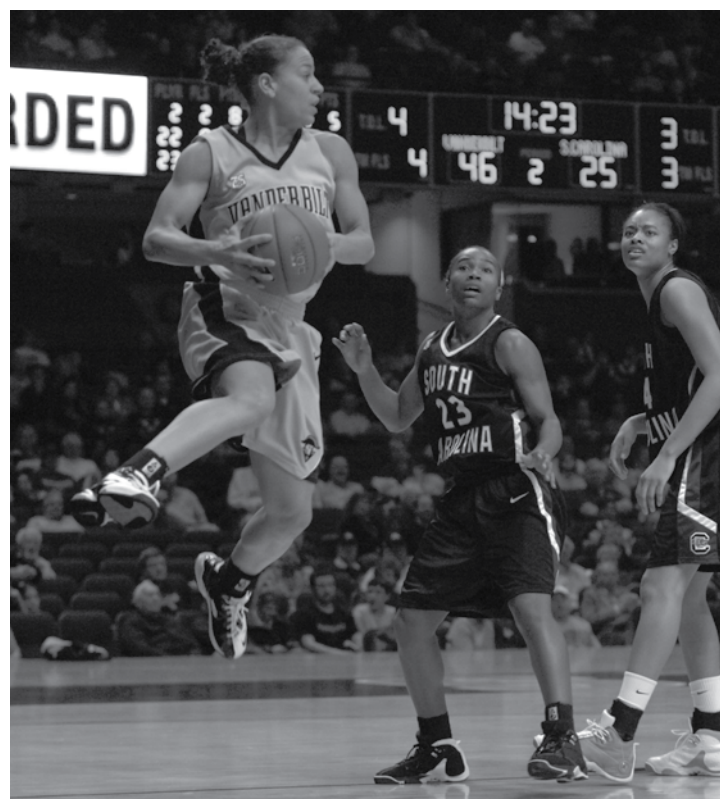
Alabama (8-16, 1-8 SEC) shot one of 12 from 3-point range and committed 33 turnovers. Over

the past six games, Vanderbilt has held its opponents to 14.8 percent (13-for-88) shooting from long distance.

The Commodores shot 49 percent from the field and connected on 20 of 26 free throws.

Vanderbilt plays two home games this week. Kentucky visits Memorial Gymnasium Thursday for the Commodores' annual "Pink Out" game, and Tennessee comes to Nashville for a sold-out game Sunday. ■

FAST STARTERS	
Vandy has jumped on its opponents early in its last six victories	
Alabama	35-13
South Carolina	34-10
Georgia	32-14
Florida	23-12
Ole Miss	36-8
Georgia	27-11



Junior Jen Risper and the rest of the Commodores had their way with Alabama on Sunday afternoon, defeating the Crimson Tide by 45 points, 92-47, to improve to 7-2 in league play.

## Record-setting weekend for Vandy

## HUSTLER STAFF REPORT

Three Commodores added their names to the Vanderbilt record book this weekend at the Meyo Invitational in South Bend, Ind.

"I think our team is doing the right things and improving going into the conference indoor meet in a couple of weeks," said Vanderbilt track and field head coach D'Andre Hill. "If we keep moving forward and get some stuff done next week, we'll be in a good position going into the SECs. This past weekend gives us a huge stepping stone going forward."

Freshman Kristabel Doebel-Hickok ran the 5,000 meters for the first time and finished in 10th place with a time of 17:24.08, which is good for sixth on the school's all-time list.

"I thought it was a great first 5K for her," Vanderbilt distance coach Steve Keith said. "I thought we set a manageable pace, and I think the next time she runs the distance we can be more aggressive with the pace."

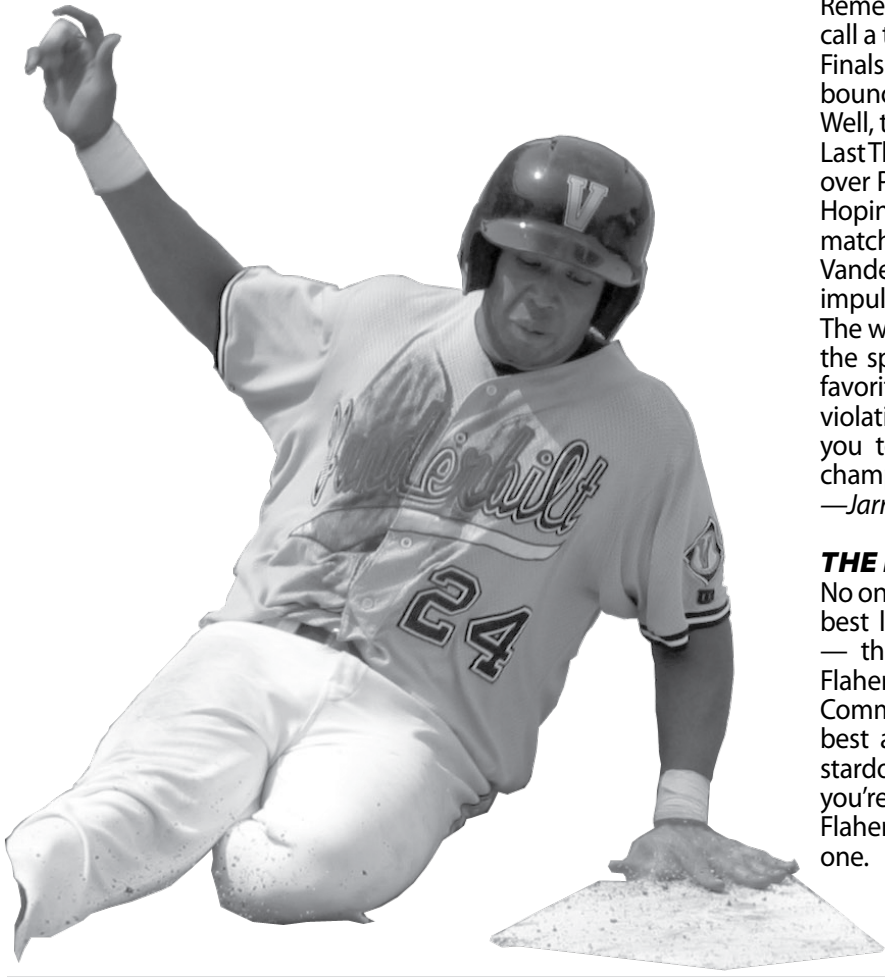
Freshman Taylor Jackson improved her time in the 60-meter dash, finishing in 7.81, the fifth-fastest indoor time in school history, while junior Lauryn Smith ran the 200-meter dash in 25.44, which is also the fifth-fastest indoor time in the event. ■



## PEDRO ALVAREZ

DAVID PRICE REGIONAL CHAMP

SPORT	Baseball
POSITION	Third Baseman
YEAR	Junior
HOMETOWN	New York, N.Y.
PRO POTENTIAL	Possible No. 1 pick in MLB Draft
STATS	Preseason National Player of the Year
	Two-time All-American
	.359 avg. with 40 HRs and 132 RBIs



# WHO'S NOW?

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### EDITOR'S NOTE:

Remember how Chris Webber felt after attempting to call a timeout against North Carolina in the 1993 NCAA Finals or how Bill Buckner felt after letting the ball bounce through his legs in the 1986 World Series? Well, that's pretty much how I feel now. Last Thursday, I opted to put Earl Bennett in the finals over Pedro Alvarez, even though Alvarez had won. Hoping to create a more balanced championship matchup that highlighted a broader spectrum of Vanderbilt athletics, I ended up making an isolated, impulsive decision that I sincerely regret. The whole purpose of "Who's Now?" was to give you — the sports fan and reader — a chance to honor your favorite Vanderbilt athletes. I would like to apologize for violating the spirit of this competition and encourage you to go to Insidevandy.com to vote for the true champion.

—Jarred Amato, Editor in Chief

### THE HUSTLER'S TAKE:

No one would argue the fact Vanderbilt has the nation's best left side of the infield. As for who's more "now" — third baseman Pedro Alvarez or shortstop Ryan Flaherty — well, that one may be up for debate. Both Commodores are five-tool players who represent the best about this university and are destined for MLB stardom. If you dig the long ball, go with Alvarez, but if you're a fan of Joe DiMaggio and "The Departed," take Flaherty. In the end, you can't go wrong with either one.

## RYAN FLAHERTY

DERRICK BYARS REGIONAL CHAMP

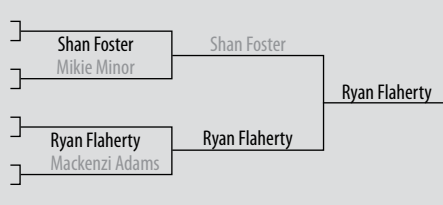
SPORT	Baseball
POSITION	Shortstop
YEAR	Junior
HOMETOWN	Portland, Maine
PRO POTENTIAL	Future MLB Draft Pick
STATS	35-game hitting streak
	Second-team All-American
	.360 avg. with 6 HRs and 106 RBIs



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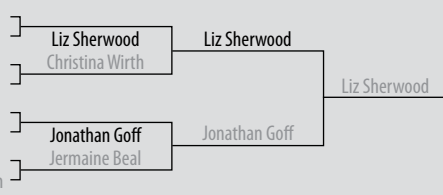
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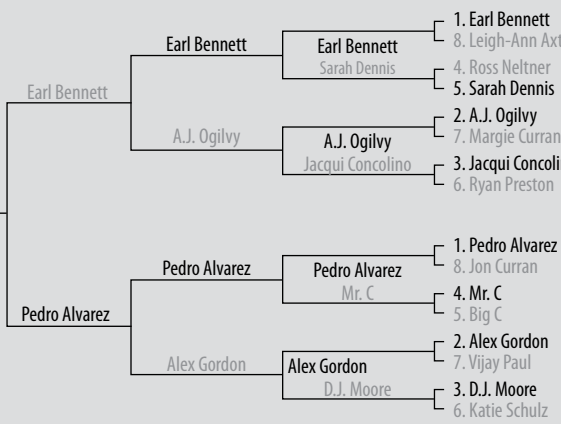
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- Karen Grygiel
- Jermaine Beal
- Catherine Newman



### BRACKET BREAKDOWN



## JAY CUTLER REGIONAL



- Earl Bennett
- Leigh-Ann Axt
- Ross Neltner
- Sarah Dennis
- A.J. Ogilvy
- Margie Curran
- Jacqui Concolino
- Ryan Preston

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