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TODAY Yearbook portraits

The Commodore yearbook's portrait photographers are in Sarratt 112 for one extra week. Undergraduates are invited to stop by from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 6 p.m. There is no cost to sit for portraits.

TODAY 'On Writing, with Catherine Wagner'

Catherine Wagner will speak as part of "On Writing," a series of conversations with faculty and other advanced writers at Vanderbilt about their writing practices. The program is from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in Alumni Hall, Room 117.

TODAY Alternative Summer Break applications due

Last day to turn in applications for Alternative Spring Break. They should be submitted by 5 p.m. at the Community Partnership House.

TODAY Scholarship deadline

The \$5,000 Ada Bell Stapleton-Blanche Henry Weaver Scholarship, funded by the Vanderbilt Woman's Club, is given to a rising junior or senior who is "an outstanding citizen on campus." Financial need is a major consideration in the selection process. Deadline for submission is 5 p.m., and the application can be found at www.vanderbilt.edu/leadership/magnolia.html

TODAY AND SATURDAY Dance Marathon

The charity event will take place in the Student Recreation Center from 7 p.m. today to 9 a.m. tomorrow. Tickets are \$10 in advance on the Card or from any dancer and \$12 at the door. There will be prizes, silent auction items and entertainment.

THIS WEEKEND 'The Last 5 Years'

VU Theatre will present the play "The Last 5 Years" at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday in Neely Auditorium. The play will continue next week.

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

The lunch room effect

The campuswide problem of racial segregation plays itself out daily in Rand interactions.

by SYDNEY WILMER
Senior Reporter

Foreign exchange student Amir Nasir noticed it the first time he entered the dining hall, and for many students it has become symbolic of what happens on a larger scale on campus every day — the lunchtime breakdown at Rand.

In the middle, you see one set of colors, and then along the walls and windows, you'll see another, several students explained.

"There is definitely a 'split' mentality here," said junior Tyler Weaks.

Other students agree, too.

"Our school is unusually cliquey, and that wasn't something I expected," said sophomore Sheena Walia.

Sophomore Neha Jeirath not only did not expect it, she said she felt it was a side of campus she had not gotten a chance to see before coming to Vanderbilt.

"When I came to visit, I never saw interaction between students," she said. "I was surprised to see how split the groups were."

But she said it's hard to enact change.

"When students get here, they go with the flow," Jeirath said.

Jeirath, who identifies herself as American Indian, said her high school experience was different than her experience here.

"I never had too many Indian friends," she said.

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— To see a video of "the lunchroom effect" and to read past articles from the Driving Questions series, go to:



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Student often describe Rand as the space on campus where de facto segregation is the most obvious, with one student describing it as a "split" mentality.

Engineer discovers peace

by ELANA MAGRANS
Contributing Reporter

He graduated with a degree in manufacturing engineering. He created communities on the foundation of peace.

Kyle Jessop, a returned Peace Corps volunteer and recruiter, visited campus earlier this week to talk to students about the opportunities the Peace Corps has to offer.

Prior to joining the organization, Jessop worked as an industrial engineer for four years before discovering he wanted something else.

"It's hard to be a manufacturing engineer when you believe that the world produces too many things," Jessop said, who worked as a technical skills adviser in Lesotho and farm manager in Zambia.

Jessop said during his service he was most

impressed by the caliber of the American volunteers with whom he worked.

But the citizens in his community impacted him, too. He came away from working in Lesotho and Zambia with a new understanding of "people's lives, the realities and hardships of living in a third-world country," he said. "A news report on Zimbabwe doesn't adequately represent that."

Teaching someone to fish is much more rewarding than just handing him or her a fish, Jessop said, recalling his most memorable experience as a volunteer, when he was able to teach a child to become self-sufficient.

One of the children in the village would approach missionaries and volunteers for money.

"When I first heard about this kid, I would tell him no, but he kept coming back," Jessop said.

Jessop told the boy he had to earn his own money by making crafts for the village's local music and cultural festival.

"He could use my tools," Jessop said, "but I wouldn't give him money for the crafts."

The boy had to find all of his own materials, using old

tin cans to make frames and candleholders.

"The festival came, and at the end, he made money," Jessop said. "I didn't see much of him after that."

The Peace Corps offered Jessop the opportunity to help others, but he was initially attracted to it for the safety and security the government-funded organization offered.

"You are taken care of in case anything happens," he said. The benefits include full medical coverage, intensive language and cultural training, possible student loan deferment, an allowance upon completion of service and non-competitive eligibility for government jobs.

The application process to become a volunteer for the Peace Corps takes about six to eight months. Jessop advises those who are interested to give themselves a year for the process.

The Peace Corps is a 27-month-long commitment consisting of three months of training and two years abroad.

The process can be frustrating, but "it gives you a chance to think if the Peace Corps is really for you," Jessop said.

Please see **PEACE CORPS**, page 3



ELANA MAGRANS / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Kyle Jessop, a returned Peace Corps volunteer and recruiter, visited campus this week to tell students about opportunities available through the Peace Corps.

NATIONAL NEWS

Gunman opens fire in lecture hall at Northern Illinois University, kills 5 and himself

DEKALB, Ill. — A man dressed in black opened fire with a shotgun and two handguns from the stage of a lecture hall at Northern Illinois University on Thursday, killing five students and injuring 16 others before committing suicide, The Associated Press reported.

The gunman fatally shot four women and a man in a "brief, rapid-fire assault" that sent terrified students running for cover, university President John Peters said. Four of the six total dead died at the scene, and the other two died at a hospital, he said.

Witnesses in the geology class said "someone dressed in black came out from behind a screen in front of the classroom and opened fire with a shotgun," Peters said.

Peters said the gunman was a former graduate student in sociology at NIU, but was not currently enrolled at the 25,000-student campus about 65 miles west of Chicago.

The police could find no apparent motive.

Please see **SHOOTING**, page 3

Wattles Fellowship recipients to spend year abroad

by SARA GAST
News Editor

Walter Wattles wanted college-educated women to make their mark in the male-dominated Lloyd's of London marketplace.

Now three more Vanderbilt students have the chance.

Seniors Sarah Baker, MC Hooper and Ferrell Maguire are recipients of this year's Walter C. Wattles Fellowship, "a unique opportunity to gain experience in the global insurance market with skills that have proven to be later transferable into fields such as banking, law, communications, insurance, international consulting, education, government, media and management programs," a press release said. Leslie Koch was the alternate.

"These types of opportunities don't come around very often," Maguire said. "It's a program that gives you both the opportunity to work in the business field and give you a taste of living abroad."

Hooper agreed, saying the international experience was what initially appealed to her.

"The context of the program is what appeals to me most — the chance to meet a variety of different people in a city with such a rich history and culture is more than I could ask for," Hooper said. "I have always wanted to live and work abroad for a short period of time after Vanderbilt, and I couldn't have found a more appealing way to do so."

The women have their future in mind, too. "Working for such a prestigious company as Lloyd's will be an adventure and a great learning experience for me as someone who is seriously considering going into international business," Hooper said.

Maguire said she thought the Vanderbilt experience prepared her for the upcoming year. "I think Vanderbilt prepares you academically and socially," she said. "We work hard and have a lot of fun. I think the atmosphere here translates really well."

But more than anything, the women are looking forward to their experience in London. "I look forward to discovering the culture of London, learning the business of insurance and meeting my new coworkers," Baker said. "The fellowship will provide me a broad business perspective that ideally will lead to interesting opportunities when I return." ■

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The photo caption on Page 2 on Wednesday incorrectly identified the swimmers as members of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. They are actually members of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

WEATHER

compiled by LAKENDRA SCOTT

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Sunny, 49/39

SUNDAY



Showers, 56/32

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Mostly Cloudy, 32/24

VUPD CRIME LOG

compiled by LAKENDRA SCOTT

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 9:30 p.m.:
Two subjects got into a fight as a result of a verbal altercation at Memorial Gym.

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

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compiled by LAKENDRA SCOTT

1 US shares new intelligence on Iran with UN nuclear watchdog

VIENNA, Austria — The U.S. has shared new intelligence with the International Atomic Energy Agency that it claims is evidence Iran was trying to make a nuclear weapon, diplomats said Thursday.
One of the diplomats said Washington also gave the IAEA permission to confront Iran with at least some of the information in an attempt to pry details out of the Islamic republic as part of the U.N. nuclear watchdog's attempts to investigate Iran's suspicious nuclear past, The Associated Press reported.

2 Officials say dead satellite will be shot down

WASHINGTON — President Bush has ordered the Pentagon to use a Navy missile to attempt to destroy a broken U.S. spy satellite — and thereby minimize the risk to humans from its toxic fuel — by intercepting it just before it re-enters the atmosphere, officials told The Associated Press Thursday.
The effort — the first of its kind — will be undertaken because of the potential that people in the area where the satellite would otherwise crash could be harmed, the officials said.

3 Hezbollah chief threatens to take battle with Israel anywhere

BEIRUT, Lebanon — The chief of Hezbollah told throngs of supporters at a funeral for slain commander Imad Mughniyeh his group would retaliate against Israeli targets anywhere in the world after accusing the Jewish state of killing the militant, according to The Associated Press.
Israel ordered its military, embassies and Jewish institutions overseas to go on alert earlier in the day, fearing revenge attacks for the car bomb that killed Mughniyeh Tuesday night in Damascus.

4 House votes to hold Bush confidants in contempt in prosecutor purge inquiry

WASHINGTON — The House voted Thursday to hold two of President Bush's confidants in contempt for failing to cooperate with an inquiry into whether a purge of federal prosecutors was politically motivated, The Associated Press reported.
Angry Republicans boycotted the vote and staged a walkout. The vote was 223-32 to hold presidential chief of staff Josh Bolten and former White House counsel Harriet Miers in contempt.

5 FEMA to step up trailer relocations after CDC says formaldehyde levels high

NEW ORLEANS — The Federal Emergency Management Agency said Thursday it will step up efforts to move Gulf Coast hurricane victims out of more than 35,000 trailers because tests indicate some of the temporary homes contain high levels of formaldehyde, The Associated Press reported.
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said fumes from 519 tested trailer and mobile homes in Louisiana and Mississippi were — on average — about five times what people are exposed to in most modern homes.

6 Vanderbilt picked to win SEC baseball title by league coaches

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Southeastern Conference coaches have picked Vanderbilt to win the league's baseball title again this season.
The Commodores have won four SEC titles. They return eight position players and four pitchers from last season, when they also won the league tournament and earned the No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.
Despite the high seeding and hosting their first ever regional, the Commodores lost 4-3 to Michigan in the regional finals.

7 Bredezen: State will help match funds for federal tornado relief

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Gov. Phil Bredezen has announced that the state will supply matching money for local governments seeking federal disaster aid, The Associated Press reported.
The governor announced the \$2.5 million in matching money at a Thursday conference organized by The Associated Press and the Tennessee Press Association.
Bredezen says the state money will ease the burden on governments as they try to recover from the damage from the storms.

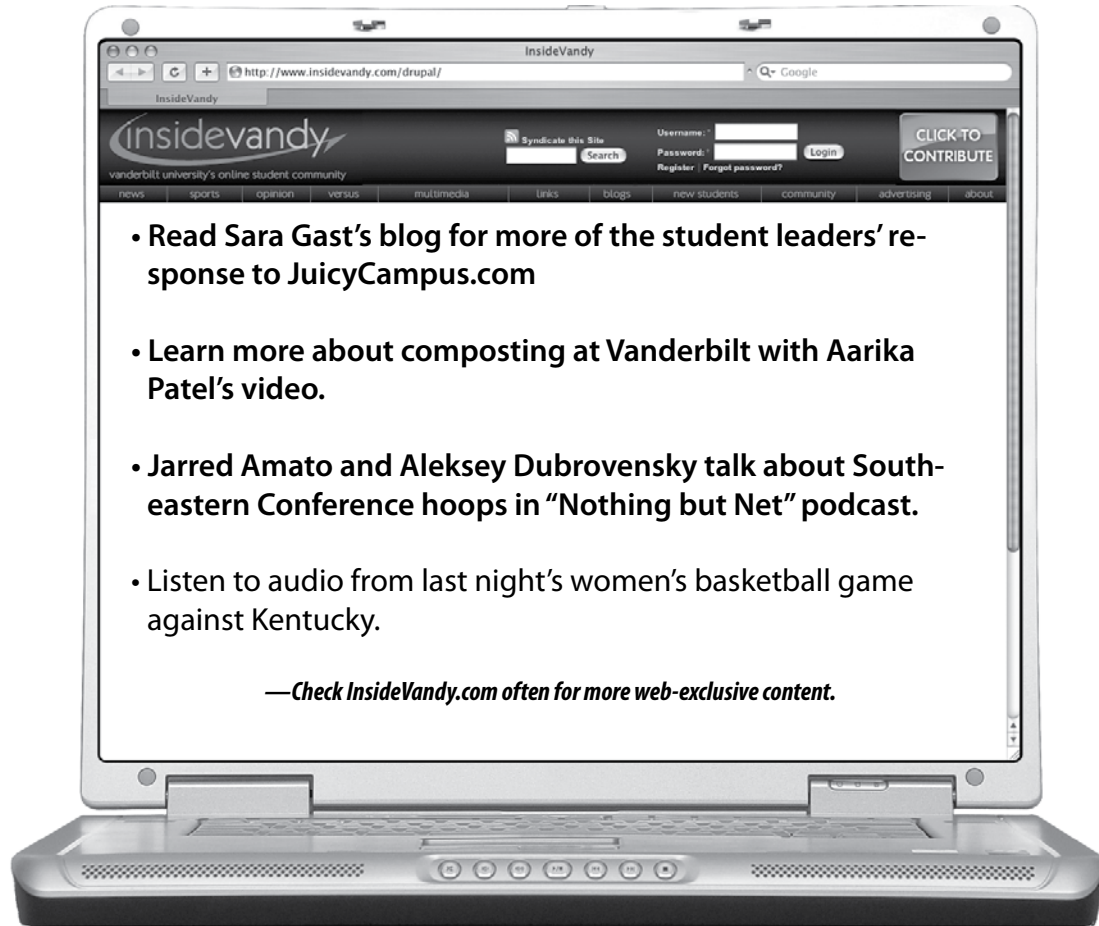
8 President of Chad declares temporary state of emergency

N'DJAMENA, Chad — Chad's president declared a nationwide state of emergency Thursday, The Associated Press reported, telling citizens that tightened controls were needed to restore order after recent rebel attacks.
In a speech broadcast on national radio and television, President Idriss Deby said he signed a decree increasing the government's powers for 15 days.
Deby said the decree instituted "measures important and urgent to maintain order, guarantee stability and assure the good functioning of the state."

9 Firefighters continue battling Ga. refinery blaze; 8th victim dies at hospital

PORT WENTWORTH, Ga. — A week after a deadly sugar refinery explosion, the death toll rose to at least eight Thursday and dozens of firefighters continued to battle the obstinate blaze, according to The Associated Press.
Michael Kelly Fields, 40, died early Thursday at the Joseph M. Still Burn Center at Doctors Hospital in Augusta, spokeswoman Beth Frits said. Sixteen other workers remained hospitalized there, 14 of them in critical condition, she said.

WHAT'S NEW ON INSIDEVANDY.COM



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- Learn more about composting at Vanderbilt with Aarika Patel's video.
- Jarred Amato and Aleksey Dubrovnsky talk about Southeastern Conference hoops in "Nothing but Net" podcast.
- Listen to audio from last night's women's basketball game against Kentucky.

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SNAPSHOT

LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW



HUNTER ADKISSON / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Students bundled up against the 28-degree weather that brought a dusting of snow on Wednesday. With temperatures expected to climb to the 60s over the next 10 days, the snow proved to be short-lived.



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SEGREGATION: Change will take individual initiative

From **SEGREGATION**, page 1
 “It was really surprising for me because I had never hung out with all Indians before.”
 Walia, who also identifies herself as American Indian, had a different experience.
 “I came from a pretty diverse high school,” she said, where students didn’t think of themselves in terms of racial groups but just as students of the same school. Here, though, she said she sees people falling comfortably into set social groups, often preset by student organizations and clubs.
 So, she said, “College ended up being less diverse for me.”
 “I don’t think there is anything wrong with having friends of the same race,” she said, but she worries students

miss out on a lot.
 And she is not alone. Some students are not bothered by it, but others worry the division is indicative of a dangerous mentality.
 “I don’t think it is a serious problem,” Weaks said, “but it lends itself to a serious problem.”
 Walia said it creates a “false sense of comfort for students,” who might easily spend four years culturally isolated if they are not careful.
 Nasir, who came to the United States from Malaysia for a new cultural experience, said he sees the division as more of a disconnect in student thinking.
 And as he watches his peers gear up for study abroad, it occurs to him that they are

not taking advantage of all the cultural diversity just across the aisle in the lunchroom.
 “You never know — when you are in the lunchroom, you could be talking to the future president of Malaysia or China,” he said.
 Nasir said he thinks the problem will take more than a student task force. He thinks it will take a drive to change things starting on the individual level.
 It will take the community, Nasir said, but a community of concerned individuals.
 “You just have to look around you,” he said, “and know that something has to change.” ■
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PEACE CORPS: Vandy ideal

From **PEACE CORPS**, page 1
 Vanderbilt ranks 159th nationally and second in Tennessee for producing the most Peace Corps volunteers, second to University of Tennessee-Knoxville, he said, and 275 Vanderbilt alumni have joined the Peace Corps and 16 are serving currently.
 “Vanderbilt has top-notch students, and it’s the top-notch students that the Peace Corps is looking for,” Jessop said. “There’s no reason why Vanderbilt can’t rank as No. 1 in Tennessee for producing Peace Corps volunteers.”
 But although Vanderbilt students are the ideal volunteers the Peace Corps is looking for, Jessop warned the job requires a particular savvy and hard work.
 “The Peace Corps isn’t for everyone,” Jessop said. “It takes a special type of person to serve in the Peace Corps. Peace Corps volunteers are the salt of the earth, (but) make sure to ask yourself if this is truly for you.” ■
 —Elena Magrans can be reached at elana.l.magrans@vanderbilt.edu

PEACE CORPS STATS	
Number of total volunteers and trainees:	190,000
Number of total volunteers from Vanderbilt:	275
Number of current volunteers and trainees:	8,079
Number of current volunteers from Vanderbilt:	16
Total number of countries served:	139
Gender of volunteers:	59 percent female 41 percent male
Median volunteer age:	25
Vanderbilt’s national rank in producing volunteers:	159
Vanderbilt’s state rank in producing volunteers:	2

Source: www.peacecorps.gov

SHOOTING: Most students ran away

From **SHOOTING**, page 1
 Lauren Carr said she was sitting in the third row of the lecture hall around 3 p.m. when she saw the shooter walk through a door on the right-hand side of the stage, pointing a gun straight ahead.
 “I personally army-crawled halfway up the aisle,” said Carr, a 20-year-old sophomore. “I said, ‘I could get up and run or I could die here.’”
 She said a student was bleeding, “but he just kept running.”
 “I heard this girl scream, ‘Run, he’s reloading the gun.’”
 Seventeen victims were brought to Kishwaukee Community Hospital in DeKalb, according to spokeswoman Theresa Komitas. One died, two were admitted and three were discharged; five are being evaluated and six others were transferred to other hospitals in critical condition. At least one male died at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center in Rockford, an official said.
 George Gaynor, a senior geography student, who was in Cole Hall when the shooting happened, told the student newspaper the Northern Star that the shooter was “a skinny white guy with a stocking cap on.” ■

Navy ROTC seniors prepare to take flight



MALLORY RYAN / photo provided

The Navy ROTC hosted several guest officers from their naval fleet on Thursday, including Navy pilot instructors, who brought this T-6 Texan trainer plane. Seniors Stephen Huffman and Sarah Allen were some of the students who got an opportunity to talk to the pilots and tour the cockpit.

Asian New Year’s celebration

by **JANELLE STOKES**
Staff Reporter

On Saturday, Feb. 16, the Asian Students Association will celebrate the rat.
 Sophomore Vanessa Yu expects this year’s Asian New Year’s Festival, titled “What Lies Beneath: A New Beginning,” to be as successful as last year’s opulent pig theme despite the negative stereotypes associated with rats.
 “We are trying to embrace the ugliness of the rat,” Yu said. “The rat might be seen as cunning and manipulative, but there’s also a part of the rat that is determined and hard-working.”
 The festival is the biggest event for ASA and celebrates the Asian New Year, which normally occurs in February.
 The event will feature a buffet-style dinner featuring traditional Asian cuisine from Nashville restaurants as well as Spoken Word, hip-hop and several traditional cultural dances like the Chinese ribbon dance.
 “It will just be a good time for people to come out and celebrate something that means a lot to Asian culture,” Yu said.
 Tickets are available today on the Wall, at the Sar-ratt Box Office and at the door. It’s \$5 for the show, which begins at 7 p.m., and \$8 for the show and buffet, which starts at 6 p.m.
 There will be an after-party at Fuel, free for students with a Vanderbilt ID or festival program. ■

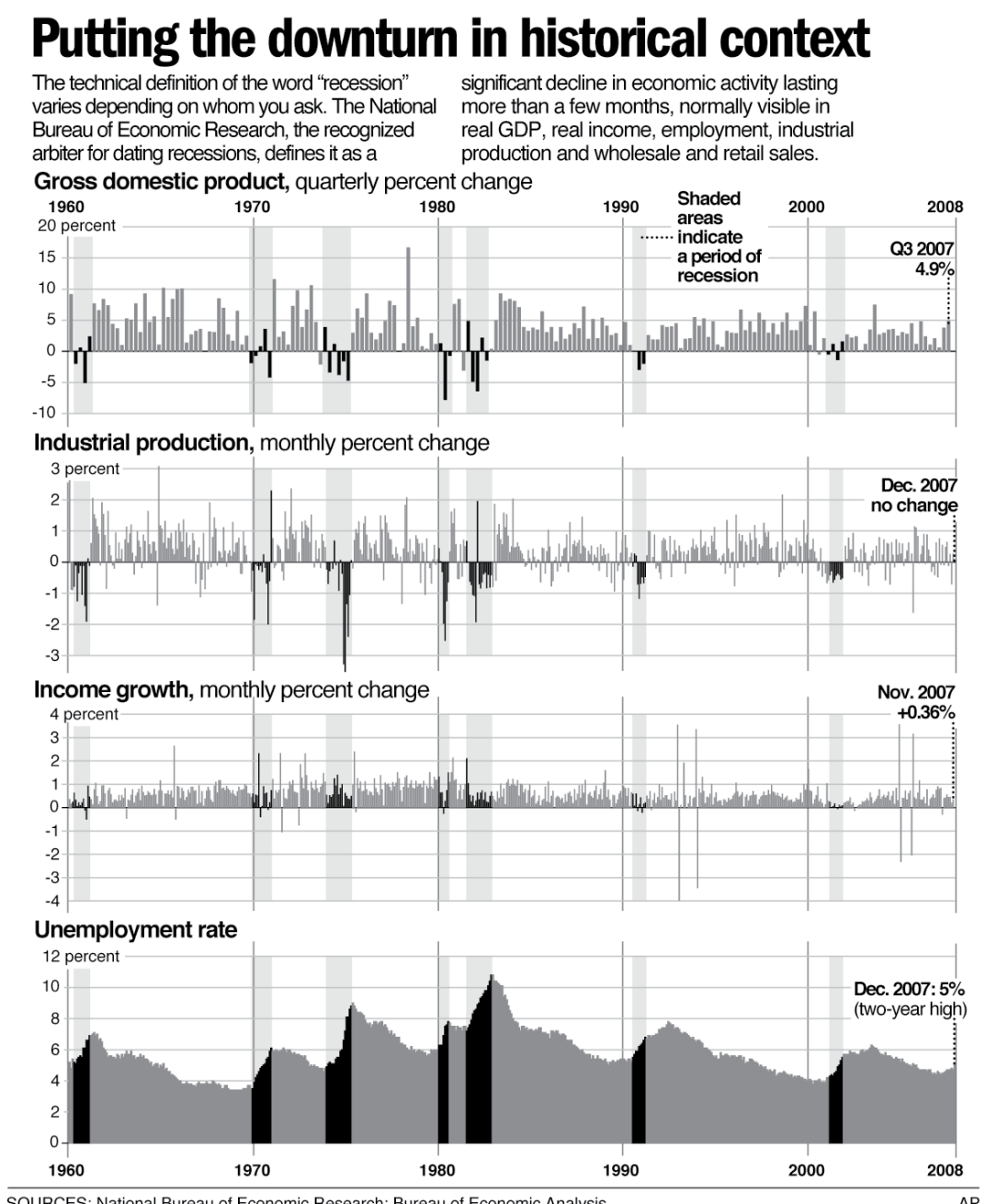


According to the Asian New Year, 2008 is the year of the rat.

Recession status remains unclear

New policies enacted to spur economy.
 by **JUDY WANG**
Senior Reporter

The economy is in a recession, or so 61 percent of Americans believe according to a recent Associated Press-Ibso poll.
 The housing bubble burst has caused more than a mere ripple in the economy and now extends the credit crisis beyond simply subprime mortgage problems. Markets across the world suffer losses while domestic energy costs soar and consumer confidence plummets.
 “With housing activity and prices yet to hit bottom — and still falling sharply — the downturn is now spreading more broadly through the economy. The consumer has long been under stress and is now showing signs of cracking,” said economists at Global Insight, a private forecasting firm in Lexington, Mass. Global Insight announced this week a projection of a mild recession in 2008.
 Associate professor of economics Malcolm Getz, however, maintains it is too early to tell.
 “The meltdown of the subprime marketplace has cost billions of dollars to major financial corporations, and we don’t yet know the full extent of the losses,” Getz said. “How that will play out is still going to take several months before we know how badly damaged these companies are.”
 In fact, while assessing the extent of losses, American International Group said on Monday auditors found it may have understated losses on complex financial instruments linked to mortgages and corporate loans.
 Meanwhile, in efforts to create economic growth, both the Federal Reserve and Bush



administration have enacted stimulative economic policies. Just in the past month, interest rates have been cut by a tremendous 1.25 percentage point in order to increase national consumption.
 In terms of fiscal policy, President Bush and the Democratic Congress have pushed through a \$168 billion economic rescue plan that includes tax rebates and breaks.
 When asked about the efficacy of either policy, Getz said, “it will definitely take time.”
 “Normally the Federal Reserve responds to changes in demand, not to large-scale structure problems of the crisis. Just exactly how the low interest rates will affect the companies are unclear,” Getz said. “On the fiscal side, the problem with discretionary fiscal policy is that it takes a while for it to be implemented. Certainly the details are not finalized yet, and even the specific components having different timings.”
 According to Getz, several actions would improve the situation, like investing in social programs, rolling back the tax cuts of 2001 and reducing the deficit.
 “Improving productivity and raising taxes both increase investment and have positive affects,” Getz said. “I can recall when Bill Clinton became president and raised taxes; we had many years of economic boom as a consequence. There is precedence that it would improve the economy.” ■
 — The Associated Press contributed reporting to this article.
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OUR VIEW

Students must unite in face of tragedy

Sadly, another shooting has taken place on a university campus. Thursday's tragedy, the fourth school shooting this week, has left at least six dead, including the shooter, on Northern Illinois University's campus.

Later, we will be forced to confront, once again, the ways a university can and must prevent these horrible events from happening. Time will tell whether we have taken appropriate heed following the Virginia Tech tragedy, and whether Northern Illinois was fully prepared.

But today is not that day.

Today, we remember the fallen, those individuals whose identity and characters may not be known to us, but who shared with us a pride in themselves to learn and achieve. Our fellow students lost their lives, and we again, as we did in April, must mourn the victims of a senseless tragedy.

While far fewer deaths occurred yesterday than last April, we must push the comparisons from our minds — one life lost

is one too many.

The instantaneous tragedy — unfortunately, all too familiar over the past decade — reflects the deepest fears of every student, every professor and every parent who cares deeply for others. Moreover, this type of fear reflects those who love life itself. The idea that in one moment everything can go so far astray, that a person can be standing before us — or learning on a campus a thousand miles away — and in the next, no longer stand among us, is terrifying, no matter the cause.

Before we look to the infrastructure that allowed the shooting, we must examine our own community and the process by which a person can become so filled with hate.

We lost fellow students Thursday. No matter which campus we're on, we share so much with each other and cannot forget that, especially on days like today. Our love for one another must be strengthened by tragedy, so we can step forward together, always keeping the fallen in our hearts.

LETTER

Juicy Campus threatens Community Creed

To the Editor:

Before being officially welcomed into the Vanderbilt community, every student pledged to honor the principles that define our university in the form of the Community Creed. Each one of our classes — 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 — heard the values set forth in the Community Creed during the Founder's Walk Ceremony and pledged not only to uphold the values set forth, but also to confront behaviors which threaten the spirit of our community.

The recent anonymous postings on JuicyCampus.com have threatened the spirit of our community. Students who have chosen to participate in the posting of slanderous material have shown complete disregard for one of the most important values found in the Community Creed, CIVILITY: "Civility is the genuine respect for the rights of others. We value constructive disagreement and are mindful of the potential impact of our words and actions."

The hateful words used to defame and vilify individual students and groups on our campus are neither constructive nor mindful; they are malicious and cruel. Comments that have been posted are both public and permanent, and the students responsible for posting such material have irrevocably damaged the reputations of many individuals, in addition to causing personal pain and suffering. Moreover, their actions have irrevocably damaged our community by the utter disrespect shown for our value of civility.

It is embarrassing to discover students at one of the most prestigious universities in the country are capable of such poor judgment and shallow views. It should be noted, however, that threads with 1800+ views are equally as embarrassing to our community. Students who read the content are actively engaging in this damaging process. If you care about Vanderbilt and about this community, do the most powerful thing you can do: Ignore it. Don't post on it. Don't visit it. Just don't do it.

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Yes, we understand that by virtue of publishing this editorial we are publicizing the website. But this is a risk we are willing to take. We pledged under the Community Creed to confront behaviors which threaten the spirit of our community. We have held up our end, and now we trust and hope you will do the same.

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Top 10 Ways to Procrastinate While Studying for Midterms

JUSTIN POYTHRESS
Columnist

Why study when you can ... take a nap? Plant yourself in front of VH1 marathons? Play Guitar Hero for hours? When your exam is just two days away, you can't be expected to spend your time sitting in front of textbooks and Powerpoint slides. So, in the spirit of putting off everything until the last possible minute, here are 10 great ways to procrastinate while studying for your midterms.

10. **Start drinking and then go downtown or to a party.** This one might seem like a no-brainer, but you'd be surprised how many students foolishly swear off partying during midterms with the misconception this will motivate them to study.
9. **Watch TV.** With the writer's strike breaking, there are limitless options to consume time here. Ranging from new episodes of CSI: South Dakota, to meaningless basketball games, to Flavor of Love III, it's almost a crime to not watch.
8. **Online/Computer Games/Guitar Hero.** Whether you have thousands of screaming fans worshipping your rendition of Black Sabbath or rediscovering Snood, it's valuable to accomplish things.
7. **Eat.** How can you possibly hope to focus on Call of Duty, let alone your studying, on an empty stomach? A healthy snack or some Valentine's leftovers will be sure to get you back on track.
6. **Work out.** There's no way you can do work after eating, now that you feel fat, unattractive and plagued with the concern you might spend next Valentine's Day alone, or worse, be ostracized by your sorority. You'd better melt away the guilt at the gym.
5. **Juicy Campus.** You're already not studying; why not take this time to slander some people who probably are?
4. **Make a study music mix.** It's common knowledge listening to music makes you more focused and much smarter, so take your time on this one to ensure studying is enhanced by the appropriate auditory experience. It would be downright foolish to dive into your work without a properly assembled selection of Dave Matthews, Carrie Underwood and Ludacris.
3. **Sleep.** You need to be well rested for exams. This is research proven. Therefore, get as much sleep as possible. This means now is the time to sleep through classes, take naps and nod off during your exam. That way, you're alert and ready to go.
2. **Set up to do your "work" in poor study areas, or with a friend.** Is it time to finally buckle down? There's no better place or way to do it than with a buddy in Rand during lunchtime. Hint: Make sure you're not studying for the same class.
1. **Facebook.** This is by far the best and easiest one. You're on your computer. So while looking at the drunken weekend escapades of an acquaintance's girlfriend posted two years ago, you're really just one step away from doing actual work!

COLUMN

HRC petition strives to bring equality to campus



AIMEE SOBHANI
Columnist

The Vanderbilt non-discrimination policy is severely lacking. Though it states Vanderbilt "does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national or ethnic origin," it fails to address the discrimination of transgendered individuals.

However, thanks to the efforts of the Human Rights Campaign, the non-discrimination policy may soon become much broader. Currently, HRC is circulating a petition around campus which calls for an amendment to Vanderbilt's non-discrimination policy. If amended, the non-discrimination policy would change to include transgendered individuals.

The telling omission of

transgendered individuals from the non-discrimination policy is not particularly surprising in the first place. Because of its southern location, people can expect that the campus will be a little less accepting of people it labels as "different." Remember the attack on the gay student last semester? Though hate crimes are few and far between, the infrequency of attacks does not suggest intolerance does not exist on campus.

Vanderbilt is clearly not the most open college campus when it comes to issues dealing with sexual orientation and gender identity, but thankfully, there are several organizations providing support to homosexual, bisexual and transgendered individuals. Organizations like the Vanderbilt Lambda Association and the HRC strive to educate the community about issues

outside of the heterosexual sphere and to ensure people from all backgrounds possess rights equal to those of straight people.

However, the process of gaining equal rights for transgendered individuals is far from over. According to the Transgender Law and Policy Institute, a non-profit organization which advocates rights for transgendered individuals, 89 states, cities and counties have passed laws banning gender identity discrimination in "employment, housing or the use of public accommodations." However, these laws only protect about 31 percent of Americans from gender identity-based discrimination. Not surprisingly, only five cities and one county in the South have laws protecting transgendered people from

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COLUMN

Carpe diem: You're only young once



ANDREW SOLOMON
Columnist

While sitting in line for the ATM the other day, one of my best friends and I were having a little discussion about relationships and the motives behind them. As we pulled up to the machine, he said something I've been thinking about ever since, and I thought I'd share it with you. After listening to me whine about all the worries and doubts I had about graduating next year and what I shouldn't be doing with my life, he looked at me and said, "There are always a million reasons not to do something." It didn't strike me as profound at first, but the more I thought about it the more I realized the wisdom behind it.

We are all rapidly approaching a point in our lives where we are going to have to make some big decisions. What do I want to do once I leave college? Where do I want to live? How do I want to get to that point? These questions are of course important, but there's a deeper question here all of us are continually trying to answer: What kind of person do I want to be? Regardless of whether or not you're actively thinking about it, you're answering this question every day with every decision you make.

So then why do we hesitate? No one wants to face the bear that is their reality five years from now. Heck, I don't even want to think about what I have to do after I finish writing this article. Why? I think it's because we all quake at one universal truth of life: the fear of failure.

This notion is something so intimately familiar to everyone I'm not even going to spend time describing it to you. It paradoxically drives us to succeed while simultaneously causing us to doubt ourselves

and stall the big decisions. But what too many people don't realize in this world is the simple truth failure is the most important thing that can and will happen to you.

I can't put it any better than Michael Jordan: "I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. Twenty-six times, I've taken the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed." Success is cheap. You can overlook a lot of small

mistakes if the end result is positive. But failure forces you to really look at everything you did wrong, and at this point you have a simple choice: you

can either fix your errors or forget about them. The only way to become a better person is to objectively look at where you fell short, change your behaviors and succeed the next time. It's how we grow into the person we truly want to become.

I don't care what you say, life is not about restraint. Every chance you don't take, every time you decide to back away, every time you walk the well-worn road to easy street, every time you convince yourself not to do something, a little piece of you which could have existed is gone forever. Don't let it happen ever again.

Go crash and burn. Get shot down by that hot girl in your econ class. Go interview for that job that you are totally unqualified for. Stop thinking "what if" and make what you want a reality. Along the way you will fall, and when you do, get back up giddy at the idea the person you are today is one step closer to who you know you can be tomorrow.

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THE RANT



What is on your mind? The Rant is your place to anonymously sound off on any issue you want. Send in your rants with the subject "Rant" to: opinion@vanderbilthustler.com

Compiled by Katherine Miller

"Why are the lamps in the Baseball Glove Lounge still without light bulbs? I mean are they simply for decoration purposes only? Come on Vandy, they only cost a couple of bucks to replace at most."

"Why does nobody complain about the gym? It's half the size it should be, they play 107.5 'The River,' no one has any respect for putting the weights back correctly, and too many guys think it's okay to just wear "beaters" to work out. There's cleaning solution for a reason."

"Why can't people throw their trash away in a garbage can? My bike basket is not a trash can people!!! So if you have thrown trash in my bike basket, please go there and take it out because I am not your mother or your maid. FYI, there is a trash can approximately 20 feet away."

"If The Commons is so concerned with being energy efficient, why are all of the lights on at 3 a.m. in that new, huge, COMPLETELY UNOCCUPIED dorm?"

"Yes, person who barged in on my quiet study session in Buttrick, I do mind moving all my books and papers so you can have the room I am occupying for your meeting or study group. Can't find an open room at 10 p.m. in Buttrick? While that completely and totally astonishes me, it's not my problem. Finders keepers."

"I realize The Commons is a social area, but when it's midnight and everyone there but you is silently cramming, it's a safe bet that we don't want to listen to you talk to your boyfriend on the phone for 20 minutes. Go somewhere else."

SOBHANI: Tenn. needs laws to protect transgendered individuals

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discrimination; unfortunately, there are currently no laws in Tennessee making discrimination of this nature illegal.

The absence of laws protecting transgendered individuals is highly disturbing. It suggests Tennesseans are way behind the times. In case the state government didn't get the memo, intolerance and inequality are elements of the past. The legislature needs to make a serious attempt to eliminate all forms of discrimination in Tennessee.

The inclusion of transgendered people into the non-discrimination policy follows the natural path toward full legal equality the United States has been on for the past century. First African-

Americans, then women: It makes logical sense transgendered people should next gain the comfort of knowing employers and colleges cannot discriminate against them merely because they live a life which diverges from that of a "typical" American.

Admittedly, some people (mainly mountain folk and hardcore conservatives) may find the fact that Robert/Roberta has the same rights as they do rather unsettling, but who really cares what they think? I applaud the HRC's attempt to drag Vanderbilt out of the 20th century by proposing the amendment to the non-discrimination policy.

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SATURDAY
Men's Basketball vs. Florida
2 p.m.
TV: Raycom

After crushing Kentucky, No. 24 Vanderbilt (21-4, 6-4 Southeastern Conference) welcomes Florida, who dealt the Commodores their worst loss of the season on Jan. 27 in Gainesville. Last year, Vanderbilt defeated the then-No. 1 Gators at Memorial Gym, 83-70, and the student body rushed the court in celebration. Florida has lost three of its last four games, while Vanderbilt has a four-game winning streak.

SUNDAY
Women's Basketball vs. Tennessee
2:30 p.m.
Radio: 560 AM

The reeling Volunteers (23-2, 9-1 SEC) come to Nashville to play a red-hot No. 25 Commodore squad which has won six straight, five by double digits. The last team to beat Vanderbilt (19-6, 8-2 SEC) was Tennessee, back on Jan. 20. Come out to Memorial Gymnasium for what should be a great game between the archrivals.

FRIDAY
Women's Tennis vs. East Tennessee State
Currey Tennis Center
2:30 P.M.

After enjoying a 19-day layoff, the 12th-ranked Vanderbilt women's tennis team returns to the court as it hosts East Tennessee State in the Currey Tennis Center. The Commodores enter the match with a perfect 5-0 record. They were last in action on Jan. 26 when they defeated then-No. 9 Notre Dame 4-3 in a closely contested match.

SUNDAY
Men's Tennis vs. Wisconsin
Currey Tennis Center
1 P.M.

The No. 35 Commodores (5-1) welcome No. 30 Wisconsin to Nashville in a non-conference match. Wisconsin is in the midst of a road trip, on which it has yet to win, while Vanderbilt just dropped its first match of the season on Feb. 10 to Michigan.

THEY SAID IT...

"We're excited to be playing East Tennessee State. They have made the NCAA Tournament several times. We're just excited to be competing again and gearing up for the SEC season."
GEOFF MACDONALD
Women's Tennis Coach

DAILY

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Projected finish in the Southeastern Conference for the Vanderbilt baseball team, as picked by the league's coaches on Thursday.

Ogilvy, Dores out for revenge

Vandy seeks to win fifth straight, overcome earlier loss in Gainesville.

by **ANDREW BARGE**
Sports Reporter

Revenge is one thing, but a 41-point payback belongs in a class of its own. So when the No. 24 Commodores (21-4, 6-4 Southeastern Conference) head into Saturday's game against Florida (19-6, 6-4 SEC), they'll try to have the same mindset as they did against Kentucky.

"Revenge is always sweet, but coming out and playing the way we did just made us feel a whole lot better about ourselves," said center A.J. Ogilvy, who had 19 points and 12 rebounds in just 24 minutes against Kentucky.

He and the rest of the Commodores expect to maintain the same intensity into the weekend's contest.

"We definitely feel like we owe Florida," Ogilvy said. "They gave us a whooping down there, but now we have to defend our house."

Coach Kevin Stallings agreed, but he also knows this team should be motivated for any SEC game regardless of revenge's sake.

"Certainly we'd like to atone for how poorly we played (in Gainesville), but the whole 'revenge' thing, it's the biggest game of the year for us because it's the next one. We would want to win this game had we won it or lost it by three or four points," Stallings said.

Plenty has changed since the last match-up. At the time, Florida was playing its best basketball of the season while the Commodores had lost two of their last three. Since the Vanderbilt win, Florida has lost three of four while the Dores have won four straight.

Momentum aside, Stallings remains impressed with Billy Donovan's young team.

"There are peaks and valleys for any team in the SEC, and that's why I'm surprised with what Billy has been able to do with a really young team," Stallings said. "They've avoided more valleys than a lot of teams in this league, which is especially impressive for a young team."

The floor leader of the young team is Nick Calathes, a freshman 6-foot-6 point guard. The Florida native, currently averaging 15.4 points and 6.1 assists per game, will be a focal point for the Commodore defense.



OLIVER WOLFE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

After his performance in Gainesville, freshman center A.J. Ogilvy says he owes his team a better performance when Florida comes to Memorial Gym Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. The Commodores are riding a 4-game winning streak, while the Gators just lost to Louisiana State at home.

"To defend Calathes, you have to get your best defensive match up on him, if you can," Stallings said. "You have to maintain your position and keep him off the foul line; keep him from making everyone else better."

Another key for Vanderbilt will be a better performance from its post play. Against Florida, Ogilvy was held to a season-low nine points before fouling out.

He was also suffering from a flu virus, but he insisted the sickness is long gone.

"I feel like I owe the team a better performance this time around," Ogilvy said. "I'm not trying to make any excuses at all, but I feel a lot better now than I did, so hopefully I can play better and help us get the 'W.'"

Stallings said he believes

Ogilvy will bounce back and commended the freshman's effort for playing through an illness.

"A.J. tried to play through it, and you have to admire him for that," Stallings said. "He'll never take the easy way out. Now that he feels better, as much of a competitor as he is, I'd think he'd want to atone for that. He knows he didn't play well and I think he'll try to do a much better job on Saturday."

If Tuesday night serves as any indication, Ogilvy and the rest of the Dores are feeling much better than they did the last time they took on the Gators. ■

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Time to 'Black out' Florida

Vandy Fanatics and VU Athletics are hosting a "Black Out" for Saturday's basketball game, so pull out your most intimidating black Vandy shirt and come out early as the Dores take on the Gators at 2 p.m. Doors open two hours before tip-off and free "Don't Tase Me Bro!" shirts will be handed out to the first 500 students.

Coming off a record-breaking win over Kentucky and anticipating the same success against Florida, we ask you to familiarize yourselves with the Southeastern Conference Fan Access Policy regarding the unauthorized access of fans and students onto any playing surface.

A third "offense" could potentially result in the mandatory relocation of the student section away from the court, in addition to a large fine. While fines can be paid, moving the student section would be a horrible detriment to both the student body and the student-athletes who so heavily rely on our support.

Paint up, make signs and be ready to yell on Saturday! Go Dores!

Jessica Penrod
Vandy Fanatics President

COLUMN All-Star Weekend upon us

Top 5 NBA storylines.

DAVID NAMM
Asst Sports Editor

And so it is upon us again — the Greatest Show on Hardwood. On your left, you will find the Kidd Wizard spellbinding his opponents with effortless passes. On your right, the one they call The King will hold court both with and without a basketball in his hands, likely appearing in countless highlight reels and more commercials than the Geico cavemen. Turn around, and you will find Count Kobe, the now-content superstar who once wanted to force a trade as badly as Martha Stewart.

Most importantly, however, look straight ahead. When the National Basketball Association hosts its annual NDA (No Defense Allowed) All-Star Game Sunday, it effectively marks the beginning of the stretch run toward the playoffs and the quest for the holy grail of basketball: the NBA finals.

In the spirit of All-Star weekend, here are five all-important storylines that will impact the coronation of this year's basketball royalty.

1) The Kidd Wizard

Superstar point guard Jason Kidd felt he had run out of magic with the New Jersey Nets. Having recently requested a trade to a title contender, Kidd appeared to be getting his wish, that is until Devean George decided there was no way he was moving to New Jersey (can you blame him?). Odds of Mark Cuban strangling George until he changes his mind are now at 2:1.

2) The King

LeBron James has made no secret of his desire to add another star — any star — to his court. James is one player who can single-handedly change the course of the playoffs. Even so, he knows he (probably) can't win a title on his own. If the Cavs add another top-notch contributor, they become must-see TV. If they don't, still keep an eye on them — you don't want to miss the King when he gets his first crown.

3) The Boston Three Party

Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce and Ray Allen have been around long enough to know that true opportunities for a championship are few and far between. Look to see if the Celtics can keep up their season-long swagger that has led to the league's best record. Keep a closer eye, though, on their injury report. All the members of the new Big Three are over 30, with Garnett having missed significant time with an abdominal strain and Allen especially injury-prone.

4) The Lake Show

Following the trade for forward Pau Gasol, the Lakers, come playoff time, will have perhaps the league's best frontline to pair with arguably the league's best player in Kobe Bryant. This will be Kobe's best opportunity for a title since the departure of the Big Aristotle (Shaquille O'Neal) and his best opportunity to prove he belongs in the discussion of the greatest players ever to play the game.

5) The Big Aristotle

Shaq has returned to the Wild West, bringing with him a large enough chip on his shoulder to suspect he could take his fourth team to the finals. Thrown into a high-octane Phoenix attack featuring the incomparable Steve Nash and the freakishly athletic Amare Stoudemire, it will be interesting to see how much Shaq contributes with his aging physique. In other words, is the Big Diesel out of gas, or does he have enough left to help the Suns rise come playoff time? ■

WHO YA WITH?

We asked student-athletes random questions, and they gave us answers — really funny ones.



Hudson Johnson
Golf



Lauryn Smith
Track & Field



Joe Duffy
Basketball

Favorite Reality Show

Britney Spears is...

Pre-game Meal

Valentine's Day plans

What's on your iPod

One thing I can't live without

Best place to eat besides McGugin

"Rob and Big"

Gross

Steak

Celebrate a friend's birthday

Lazy stuff

Duck hunting (nature in general)

Breakfast at my house

"America's Next Top Model"

No Comment

Pasta

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My mom

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"Project Runaway"

Delicious

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Strawberries and whipped cream

Dispatch, All Points Bulletin

My iPod

Bread & Company



Vandy has way with Kentucky

After winning sixth straight, Vandy turns focus to Vols.

by DAVID RUTZ
Asst Sports Editor

Trailing Kentucky 25-19 after 25 minutes of play, the Commodores knew they would have to make some serious adjustments to get back in the game.

They did. No. 25 Vanderbilt (19-6, 8-2 Southeastern Conference) blitzed out to a 14-0 run to start the second half en route to a 66-49 victory, their sixth straight.

"Thank God for halftime," said Vanderbilt coach Melanie Balcomb. "Sometimes you don't want halftime. I wanted a halftime."

The Commodores were simply a different team after the break, attacking the Wildcats on both sides of the ball. A relentless press forced Kentucky (12-12, 6-4 SEC) into 13 second-half turnovers, paving the way for a quick transition offense that allowed Vanderbilt to score easy buckets.

"We were being passive on offense," said sophomore guard Merideth Marsh, who finished with eight points and seven rebounds. "We weren't driving and we weren't attacking at all. That was one of the adjustments we wanted to make at halftime, in order to pick up the tempo and get things rolling our way."

Junior forward Christina Wirth scored 20 points, while junior guard Jennifer Risper added 15 points, eight rebounds and three steals.



Christina Wirth (34) scored 20 points to lead No. 25 Vanderbilt to a 66-49 victory over Kentucky on Thursday night at Memorial Gym. SAM KIM / The Vanderbilt Hustler

"We want to come out and jump on people right from the start," Wirth said. "It's a sign of maturity that we were able to keep our composure."

Vanderbilt shot 52 percent from the floor in the second half, but it was the tough defense that keyed the victory.

"This season, we've transitioned into not relying so much on our offense to get

things going," Marsh said.

Vanderbilt's defense made an impression on Kentucky head coach Matthew Mitchell, who said the first half was as well as his team had played on the road.

"I did not have us very well-prepared against their press," Mitchell said. "Their press really bothered us tonight."

The strong second half should give Vanderbilt plenty

of confidence for its big showdown with Tennessee on Sunday.

"We didn't have our best first half, but we still played our game," Marsh said. "In the second half, we picked it up." ■

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friday HANNAH TUOMI conversation

After scoring five points and grabbing five rebounds in the Commodores' 66-49 victory over Kentucky, freshman started took some time to talk to The Vanderbilt Hustler.

THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER: What have been the keys to the recent six-game winning streak?

HANNAH TUOMI: I just say that we've been working hard in practice every day, and that's been carrying over into the games.

VH: What's it like being a freshman in the SEC?

HT: It's tough at times. But you just have to overcome adversity and outwork everybody.

VH: What's the hardest adjustment to make?

HT: The speed, the height. I'm an undersized post, so I have a harder time going up against taller people who are bigger, stronger and older.

VH: Who, if anybody, do you pattern your game after?

HT: I try to follow people who accelerate their game, which is usually Tina (Wirth) and Jen (Risper). They're really good leaders out there so I try to follow their leadership with hard work and all that.

VH: What about Vanderbilt did Coach Balcomb sell you on the most to come here?

HT: It wasn't one aspect. It was all aspects. Vanderbilt has a great women's basketball program, it has a great education, and when I came here I really liked the campus.

VH: How many pairs of basketball shoes do you own?

HT: I have no idea, too many. We usually get new pairs because we practice so much and wear them out so much we get new ones quite often.

VH: Were you disappointed to not beat Kentucky as badly as the men's team did?

HT: (Laughs) I don't know. It was a 'W'.

VH: What song or group is on your iPod right now?

HT: 'Low' by Flo Rida.

VH: Who is your favorite NBA or WNBA team?

HT: I don't really like the NBA or WNBA, but I do like Lisa Leslie.



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 17 Faux pas
 18 Court order
 19 Refer to in a footnote
 20 Comfortable, in a way
 22 French roll
 24 Slippery swimmer
 25 Makes concessions to appease
 26 Superior skill
 29 For one
 31 Pie topping
 34 Scottish plaid
 39 Occupied
 40 "Sesame Street" network
 42 Slaphappy
 43 Considered
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 47 Presidential coin value
 49 WWII troop transport
 50 Caffeine or nicotine
 54 Sprite
 57 Deranged
 58 Catherine the Great, for one
 62 Crazy way to run
 63 Ground grain
 65 Danger
 66 Dunce-cap shape
 67 Likewise
 68 Paris divider
 69 Was aware of
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 52 Jockey Julie
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 55 Memory blackout
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