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TODAY Engineering Week Egg Drop Competition

Engineering students will have only one hour to transform an unassembled FedEx box and some odds and ends into a container that will safely cushion its cargo egg in its plunge from a drop three stories high. The competition will be from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Adams Atrium in Featheringill Hall.

TODAY Eve Ensler LIVE! V-Day 10th Anniversary

Project Safe, Project Dialogue and the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center are honored to bring Eve Ensler to Vanderbilt University for a one-night-only event. Don't miss an opportunity to see this incredible woman and warrior live in the Student Life Center Ballroom at 7 p.m.

TODAY Ishmael Beah's 'A Long Way Gone'

Ishmael Beah tells the riveting story of his experience as a child soldier in Sierra Leone. Tickets are needed for entrance and are available at Sarratt Box Office or at the door, free to VU students, faculty and staff. The lecture will be at Ingram Hall in the Blair School of Music at 5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 19 Leadership in the Professions

Thinking about a career in medicine? Come get insider tips from leaders in the medical profession, learn the leadership skills needed to succeed and get advice on applying to med school in the Student Life Center Board of Trust room from 6 - 9 p.m. There is free admission with a ticket from the Sarratt Box Office. There will be light refreshments during intermission.

TUESDAY, FEB. 19 American Red Cross Blood Drive: Vanderbilt vs. University of Tennessee

Vanderbilt is helping boost the American Red Cross blood supply, while the University of Tennessee, at Knoxville, will be recruiting blood donors, too. Which school will generate the most blood donations? Give from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Vanderbilt Student Life Center.

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

New beginnings



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The Asian New Year Festival celebrates culture and the rat.

by JANELLE STOKES
Staff Reporter

JUDY WANG
Senior Reporter

The Student Life Center Ballroom was transformed into a grand reception hall

as the Asian American Students Association presented its annual Asian New Year Festival. Two life-sized, inflated Chinese balloons greeted the guests as they entered a dimly lit room with flickering candlelight and Asian music playing softly in the background.

"What Lies Beneath, a New Beginning," was the theme of the evening as the Year of the Rat marks the first of the Zodiac cycle. The festival highlighted its ideals through a series of comedic skits that presented the ideas of renewal.

The event started as members of the audience filed through a buffet consisting of more than 20 different Asian dishes. Demand for the dinner was remarkably

high, as dinner tickets had sold out earlier that day.

At around 7 p.m., Ribbon Dance Fusion opened the show. Their routine blended the edgy movements of a modern genre and the dainty features of traditional Chinese dancing through a display of silk ribbons.

The rest of the performances highlighted other unique aspects of Asian culture, including a traditional Malaysian song and dance, a Hawaiian "auana" style of hula, an elegant Korean fan dance and upbeat modern Filipino tinikling.

Other acts included a showcase of the Chinese yo-yo (diabolo) by the Juggling and Physical Arts Club and a dialogue addressing prostitution in Thailand performed by Spoken Word.

The performance ended with a hip-hop routine that mixed contemporary Asian hip-hop with some popular American tunes.

"I loved that everyone just looked like they were having so much fun on stage," said freshman Celina Garay, "and I thought the costumes were really gorgeous."

The event took months of planning, practicing and creating

costumes and scenery.

Sophomore Vanessa Yu noted the amount of time and dedication needed to put on such a large production. Students would often have to balance class with scheduled rehearsals.

"ANYF is very student-based (and led)" Yu said. "All of the choreographers are students juggling their schoolwork and choreographing routines that they are responsible for teaching to their team."

Sophomore Kelly Quindlen thought it was a really great celebration of Asian culture among all races.

"At Vanderbilt they are always talking about the lack of interaction among races, and at ANYF it was really heartening to go and see all types of people celebrating Asian cultures," Quindlen said. "(It was) an enlightening experience where students got to participate in and celebrate a unique culture." ■

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—To view a slideshow from this event, go to: [insidevandy](#)

NATIONAL NEWS

Hometowns grieve NIU victims and cope with knowledge that gunman was their own

CICERO, Ill. —The sprawling Chicago suburbs that send their sons and daughters to Northern Illinois University struggled Sunday with the closeness of the country's latest massacre — this time the gunman grew up among them.

The tragedy hung over church services throughout the region, from the university's home in DeKalb on Chicago's western exurban edge, to Elk Grove Village, where the gunman grew up in what one resident called "Mayberry," to blue-collar Cicero bordering Chicago.

Investigators still haven't determined what set off 27-year-old shooter Steven Kazmierczak, who killed five students and injured more than a dozen other people with a shotgun and pistols during a science lecture, then committed suicide.

He spent time in a mental health center in his late teens, and police have said without elaboration that he had stopped taking some kind of medication in the days or weeks before the shooting.

Students DM for children's health, hospital

by SAMANTHA OROVITZ
Contributing Reporter

Over 1,000 students showed why they DM this weekend.

Dance Marathon 2008, the annual and largest student-run philanthropy, raises money for the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt.

Charles Stanley, one of the student disc jockeys at the event, explained that the hospital "treats every child regardless of their ability to pay." Last year, the hospital gave about \$11 million in uncompensated care.

The event ran from 7 p.m. to 9 a.m., at which time balloons dropped to reveal a grand total of \$144,655.22 raised.

Some of the highlights of Dance Marathon included a steel drum band, Groove Addiction, sumo wrestling suits, a mechanical bull, Velcro wall and hypnotist. There was also a silent auction, which had prizes like a flat-screen TV and airline tickets.

But the bigger picture was the children. "The highlight for me is the families getting to interact with the dancers and moralers," said Jackie Ross, an executive board member, "and having them understand what they have committed to and who it is that they are helping."

Of the people involved in Dance Marathon, 580 were executive board members, committee members, moralers and dancers. Around 500 people came to the actual event.

Moralers were a new addition this year. Moralers individually raised \$150 and then committed themselves to staying at the event for a four-hour shift. Dancers raise \$250 and pledge to stay the full 14 hours.

"We realized that we might not raise as much money, but we wanted to have dancers that were completely committed to staying here," Ross said.

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BY THE NUMBERS: DANCE MARATHON

Number of hours:

14

Number of executive board members, committee members, moralers and dancers:

580

Number of attendees:

About 500

Amount of money raised:

\$144,655.82

—To view a video and slideshow from this event, go to: [insidevandy](#)

Human Rights Campaign halfway to signature goal

by ADAM WEINSTEIN
Asst News Editor

Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt gave \$1 million in 1873 to build an institution to "contribute to strengthening the ties that should exist between all sections of our common country."

In 2008, the university is still trying to strengthen ties between all sections of its community.

The Human Rights Campaign has taken steps to update Vanderbilt's non-discrimination and anti-harassment policies toward transgender individuals.

"Vanderbilt has a history and reputation of not being a very open-minded school when it comes to gay, lesbian and transgender students being out of the closet," said Nick Wells, president of the HRC at Vanderbilt. "We're at a competitive disadvantage as a university now for not having non-discrimination and anti-harassment policies."

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The men's basketball team defeated Florida 61-58 on Saturday at Memorial Gym. Senior swingman Shan Foster, above, scored 19 points in the victory.



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There is no crime to report.

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1 50 Republican delegates in Michigan, Louisiana swing behind McCain

LANSING, Mich. — Sen. John McCain, the presumed Republican presidential nominee, picked up a total of 50 GOP national convention delegates from Michigan and Louisiana Saturday, according to The Associated Press.
Republicans met in both states to resolve how to divvy up delegates to the national convention in September.

2 Clinton adviser argues for seating Michigan, Florida delegates after previously voting no

WASHINGTON — Harold Ickes, a top adviser to Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's campaign who voted for Democratic Party rules that stripped Michigan and Florida of their delegates, now is arguing against the very penalty he helped pass.
In a conference call Saturday, according to The Associated Press, the longtime Democratic Party member contended the DNC should reconsider its tough sanctions on the two states, which held early contests in violation of party rules. He said millions of voters in Michigan and Florida would be otherwise disenfranchised — before acknowledging moments later that he had favored the sanctions.

3 Kosovo declares independence from Serbia, says it will be democratic state

PRISTINA, Kosovo — Kosovo declared itself a nation on Sunday, The Associated Press reported, mounting a historic bid to become an "independent and democratic state" backed by the U.S. and key European allies but bitterly contested by Serbia and Russia.
"Kosovo is a republic — an independent, democratic and sovereign state," parliament speaker Jakup Krasniqi said as the chamber burst into applause.

4 Suicide bomber kills 80 at dog fighting competition in Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — A suicide bombing at an outdoor dog fighting competition killed 80 people and wounded dozens more Sunday, a governor said. It appeared to be the deadliest attack in Afghanistan since the fall of the Taliban in 2001.
According to The Associated Press, more than 300 people had gathered to watch the event on the western edge of the southern city of Kandahar, including several Afghan militia leaders.

5 Supreme Court considering 5 cases alleging age discrimination

WASHINGTON — The justices, ranging in age from 53 to 87, are the last people to worry about such things in their own lives. They have life tenure and no mandatory retirement age.
Yet the justices are confronted by allegations of age discrimination in five cases this term, according to The Associated Press. While the sheer number of cases probably can be explained away as coincidence, the topic is one of growing importance as more people work longer because of economic necessity or by choice.
"The importance of protecting older workers as the work force ages is enormous," said Stu Cohen, AARP's director of legal advocacy. "More older workers remain in the workforce and projections are that the percentage will continue to expand."

6 Zeppos warns Congress of 'lost opportunities for groundbreaking research'

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — In a letter delivered last week to the Tennessee congressional delegation, Interim Chancellor Nick Zeppos expressed strong disappointment about the budgets for federal research this year. He singled out two agencies — the National Science Foundation and Department of Energy — that had been promised significant research increases.
"We hope that the cuts made in the omnibus bill can be restored and that the nation can continue on the path towards significantly increasing our investments in science and technology research," Zeppos said.

7 1 dead when small plane crashes in Butler County

BENTON, Kan. — Kansas authorities say a small plane crashed near Wichita, killing one person, The Associated Press reported.
The Butler County Sheriff's Office says it's not yet clear how many people were aboard the twin-engine plane. But one person is confirmed dead.

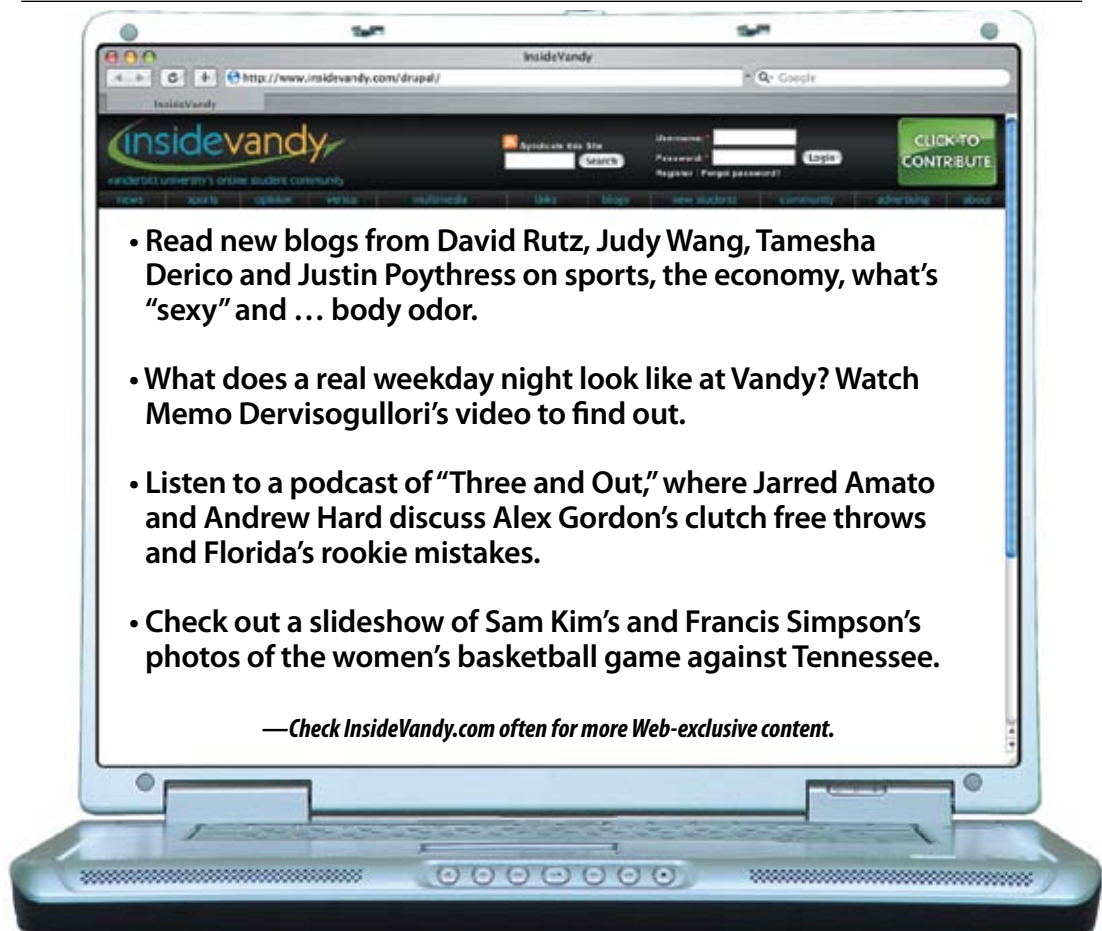
8 Tennessee schools asked to hold beef from lunch programs

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — About 30 school systems across the state have been asked not to serve thousands of pounds of meat connected to a major supplier to school lunch programs.
According to the Associated Press, federal agriculture officials have put a hold on meat products from Hallmark Meat Packing Co. and its associated Westland Meat Co. after a video surfaced earlier this year showing crippled and sick animals being shoved with forklifts at a California plant.

9 Vanderbilt University political scientist honored for book on negative political ads

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — John Geer, Distinguished Professor of Political Science at Vanderbilt University, has been awarded the Goldsmith Book Prize for "In Defense of Negativity: Attack Ads in Presidential Campaigns."
The Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard University awards the Goldsmith Book Prize for the academic book published in the last year that best fulfills the objective of improving government through an examination of the intersection between press, politics and public policy.

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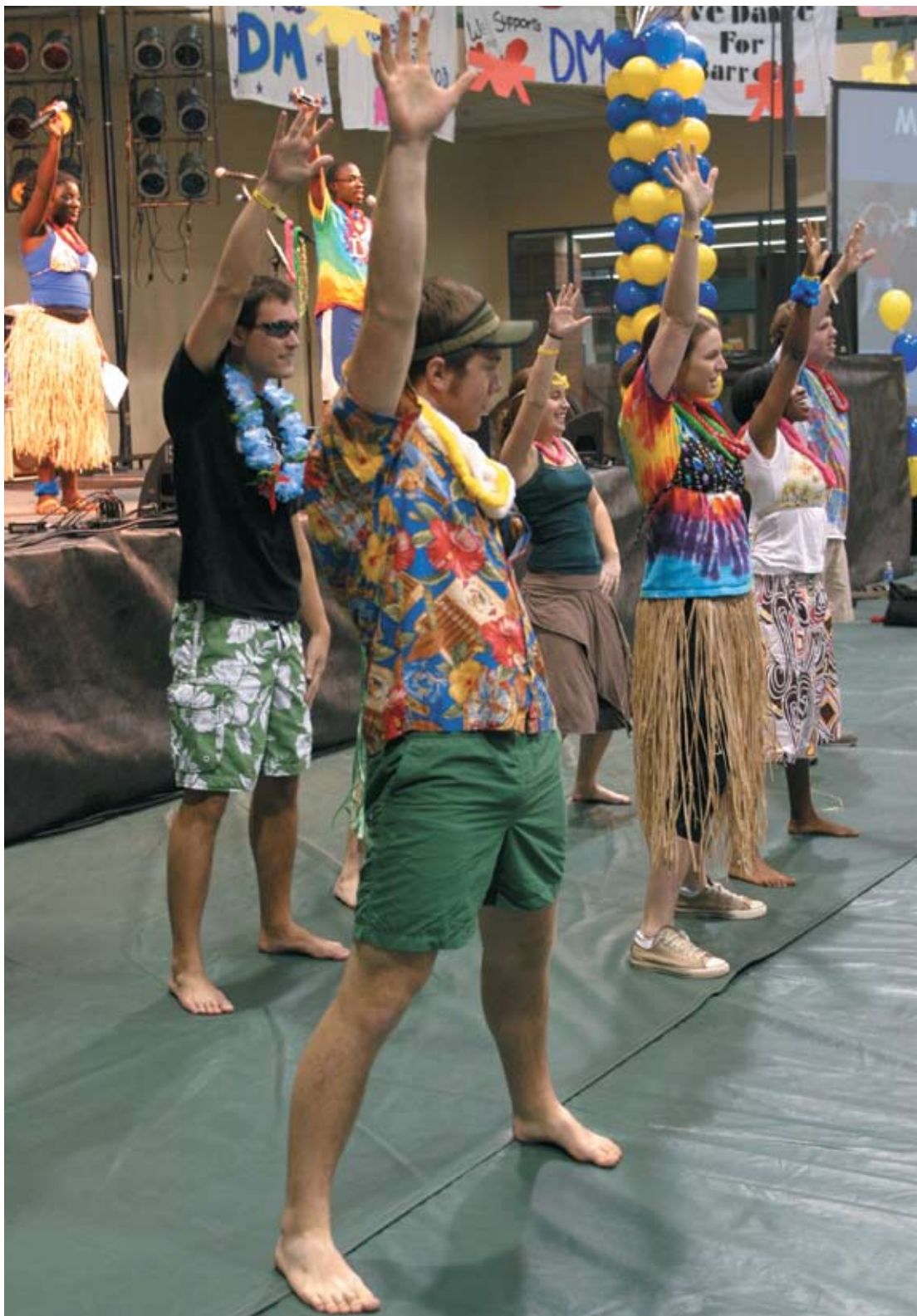


- Read new blogs from David Rutz, Judy Wang, Tamesha Derico and Justin Poythress on sports, the economy, what's "sexy" and ... body odor.
- What does a real weekday night look like at Vandy? Watch Memo Dervisogullori's video to find out.
- Listen to a podcast of "Three and Out," where Jarred Amato and Andrew Hard discuss Alex Gordon's clutch free throws and Florida's rookie mistakes.
- Check out a slideshow of Sam Kim's and Francis Simpson's photos of the women's basketball game against Tennessee.

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SNAPSHOT

DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY



CHRIS PHARE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Dance Marathon morale captains lead dancers through one of 14 morale dances during the 14-hour event that lasted from 7 p.m. Friday to 9 a.m. Saturday. This year, Dance Marathon raised \$144, 655.82 for Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt.

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HUMAN RIGHTS: Change may come slowly

From HUMAN RIGHTS, page 1

On Jan. 21, the HRC organized a petition for transgender equality in hopes of collecting at least 1,000 student signatures and 150 employee signatures. They are more than halfway to their goal now, drawing notice from the administration.

"Vanderbilt has a very comprehensive non-discrimination policy and was the first private university in the South to include sexual orientation in its discrimination policy," said Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs Mike Schoenfeld. "That being said, the climate on campus for gay, lesbian and transgender students and

faculty is something that has been of concern to the administration."

No other school in the Southeastern Conference has added protection for transgender students and employees to their policies, although at least 150 other U.S. campuses have done so.

Vanderbilt has had a reputation for being one of the most homophobic campuses in America, according to The Princeton Review. Meanwhile, similar Southern private schools, such as Duke and Emory, have added protections for transgender students and employees to their policies.

Schoenfeld acknowledged the issues with the

perception of the school but made it clear the rankings are not the best indicator of tolerance on campus.

"The reports are about as scientific as the lists of the top party schools, and I would not use it as a numerical ranking of where Vanderbilt stands," he said. "I think we're all acknowledging that the climate at Vanderbilt needs to be improved, and that's why students, faculty and the administration are coming together now to bring attention to the issue and work on making Vanderbilt a more welcoming place."

HRC's petition intends to protect transgender people, a group defined as anyone who does not conform to

stereotypical gender norms — something of an umbrella term.

Even when the policies are put in place, Lambda President Klint Peebles pointed out that implementing them could take some time.

"A lot of changes are going to have to be made," Peebles said. "Of course, even when the policies are in place, we're still going to have opponents in the Vanderbilt community, so it may take longer to change the culture than it would to just change the rules." ■

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DANCE MARATHON: Patients participate in event

From DANCE MARATHON, page 1

Some of the children who benefit from the money raised at the event also came. In a new addition, a fashion show, patients of the children's hospital got to strut their stuff down the runway in clothes that were donated by a local children's store while being escorted by student athletes.

"The families we are helping get to star in the first fashion show with the student athletes," Ross said.

Members of the Williams family have multiple reasons to love Dance Marathon.

One of the daughters was diagnosed at the age 5 with Myelodysplasia Syndrome (a pre-leukemia). Her little sister is

a cancer patient at the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital. The oldest, Stephanie, celebrated three years of remission on stage as her mother told her story to the volunteers.

The girls' mother gave her thanks to the hospital as she prepares to battle cancer again with her younger daughter, who is going through radiation and chemotherapy treatments.

"Both my daughters and our family love Vanderbilt Hospital," she said. "We love the doctors, we love the nurses. The place is wonderful." ■

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Housing changes offer more options for students

About 500 seniors will be allowed off campus.

by LILY CHEN
Staff Reporter

With registration for housing next semester underway, housing changes have been implemented, offering new choices for students.

According to the Director of Housing and Residential Education Jason Jakubowski, the Office of Housing and Residential Education and Vanderbilt Student Government have created new options and have made several changes to the 2008-09 housing process.

The first change is to increase the seniority-driven housing process by eliminating the use of credit hours for housing points so students earn points based solely on their years at Vanderbilt.

Secondly, four-person Chaffin apartments and Branscomb suite doubles will be assigned in one lottery because both are

four-person accommodations. Winners in the lottery can select their preferred accommodation, or if it is no longer available, students can "pass" and participate in later lotteries.

In addition, rising sophomores requesting traditional single and double rooms can seek consecutive rooms, up to four singles or two doubles, and can rank their preferred area for housing.

"I think this is a good change for rising sophomores, especially since I know that I can be with at least three of my friends," said freshman Ariel Liang. "As for being able to rank where to live, it's a good option to have, but I'm more concerned about being able to live with friends."

Furthermore, the lotteries for four-person, three-person and two-person apartments are now divided into three separate lotteries over several days instead of having them all on one night.

Students would submit their ballots one day

then would be informed if they succeeded a few days later.

"This process is an improvement and makes things much less hectic," said junior Sara Chen. "I remember having to sit and wait the whole night for the results, and I wasn't even sure if I could get the housing I wanted. The old process just wasn't efficient."

Four-person accommodations will be first, followed by two-person apartments, then three-person. A designated day and time will be available for lottery winners to select their specific apartments.

"Students will have to pay close attention to housing deadlines and make sure they hit those deadlines for each of the residential areas," Jakubowski said. "Once students have been selected from the lottery, they will be able to see a floor plan of the building and pick out exactly which room they want."

Also, rising juniors and seniors will be allowed to apply to keep their rooms. Rising seniors will have the additional option to apply for off-campus

housing — about 500 seniors will be allowed to live off campus.

"Allowing seniors to live off campus is a good option; a lot of off-campus housing is cheaper, and seniors aren't missing out by living off campus," said senior Kaitlyn Greer. "Being able to keep current rooms is also a really good option for students who don't want to change rooms and like where they are."

The housing office is looking for the best way to communicate how the housing process works and its changes to students to make sure they are well informed.

"My main responsibility is to educate students," Jakubowski said. "If students have any questions about the housing process and the changes, they are encouraged to come see me in my office, located at 4113 Branscomb Quad." ■

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“Once students have been selected from the lottery, they will be able to see a floor plan of the building and pick out exactly which room they want.”

— Jason Jakubowski, Director of Housing and Residential Education

Bush nominates law professor to National Council on the Humanities

Former high school dropout never thought she would be a university professor.

by TIARA HODGES
Contributing Reporter

She dropped out of high school and got married at 16. Now she has been nominated by President Bush to serve on the National Council on the Humanities.

Bush urged the Senate to confirm the position, the White House reported last week.



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The 26-member council oversees the National Endowment for Humanities, an independent, grant-making agency of the United States government dedicated to supporting research, education, preservation and public programs in the humanities. The appointment is for a six-year term.

Although Swain, a political science and law professor, considers herself a political independent, she was honored to be considered for such an appointment.

"It is an honor to know you're on the radar screen of the president of the United States, given the list he had to choose from," Swain said. "Most are prominent scholars or visible people."

Swain, who focuses on race relations and black leadership, among other areas, was appointed in 2007 to serve on the Tennessee Advisory Committee, part of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

"It entails a lot of work I didn't bargain for," Swain said.

With the Tennessee Advisory Committee, Swain is working on an internship program to

the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. She will aid in helping the interns shape a project for Tennessee, which will more than likely focus on housing discrimination.

Swain remembers the tedious work involved in gaining a nomination.

"It was a long process. I was contacted over the summer by the White House," Swain said. "They asked if I was willing to allow my name to be placed into nomination, and I agreed."

The process required plenty of paperwork and background checks not only on herself, but her family, which consists of 12 siblings, living and deceased. Additionally, she had to report on every place she has lived within the last seven years.

Swain's nomination is one of the many accomplishments she has achieved throughout her life. A high school dropout, Swain married at 16 and never considered becoming a university professor. She now

holds five degrees.

When reflecting over her life and successes, Swain has an explanation for her achievements.

"It is a combination of factors," she said. "Some hard work, an element of luck and an element of providence. God has ordered my footsteps and been in control by creating opportunities by opening and closing doors."

Swain also credits the power of language for the accomplishments in her life. While working in a hospital, a medical doctor told Swain she was attractive, intelligent and could do more with her life.

"Words changed how I saw myself. I had forgotten I was smart," she said. "I didn't know high school dropouts could go to college. Turns out, they could."

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CAROL SWAIN / photo provided

President George W. Bush in January nominated Vanderbilt professor Carol Swain to a position on the National Council on Humanities. According to a recent White House report, Bush urged the Senate to confirm the position. Swain's appointment would be for a six-year term.

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OUR VIEW

HRC offers opportunity for progress

Unfortunately, Vanderbilt carries a reputation for a homophobic social environment; the existence of this reputation recalls broad, outdated misconceptions about the South that neglect a rapidly changing student body and one that does not tolerate intolerance. A reputation of discrimination is never ideal for an institution like Vanderbilt.

While the Vanderbilt community is not without its faults, as evidenced by the hate crime last semester, the general response to the crime demonstrates a student body that does not tolerate harassment of individuals, no matter the circumstances.


The Human Rights Campaign's efforts to update the non-discrimination and anti-harassment policies should be applauded for their efforts to effectively change the Vanderbilt policy to a more forward-looking, inclusive one. Vanderbilt does not exactly have a history as a progressive bellwether, but this issue presents the administration with an opportunity to follow the example of some of our peer institutions while setting the agenda for other southern schools.

Anti-discrimination legislation can, at times, carry the duality of social progress and the restriction or further complication of what free speech entails, however. In exploring any piece of anti-discrimination legislation or policy, we should be careful in our enactment of the tenants. By deeming an idea or expression discriminatory, an impediment to the dialogue concerning a difficult topic can arise out of the fear of consequences.

Regardless of one's opinion on anti-discrimination policy, however, we should be able to agree that the infringement of individual liberty based on gender and sexual orientation has no place in a university setting. On this campus, despite lingering perceptions of bigotry, it seems apparent that merit and work ethic ultimately hold greatest importance with students, professors and the administration.

The HRC petition offers yet another frontier in which we are reminded to consider our peers not on the basis of their race, gender or sexual orientation, but on the basis of their character. Discrimination should never be tolerated.

Not John F. Kennedy
Medora Brown, Guest Columnist



There are many men who could contend for the title of "Greatest President," but John Kennedy is not one of them. JFK was inspirational, motivational and a total babe, but as commander in chief, he was a dud.

Kennedy's foreign policy was riddled with mistakes, as he tried to defeat the global threat of communism. Between Bay of Pigs, the Cuban missile crisis and deploying troops to Vietnam, Kennedy failed to demonstrate the power of democracy against communism and left sticky situations for LBJ and Nixon.

Domestically, the New Frontier's plans forced the administration to fall short of its many promises. For example, the Civil Rights Act he proposed did not come close to "ending racial segregation."

Though a popular president, JFK is not among the greatest because his plans were too grand; he never would have been able to implement them sufficiently. With the path Jack set the country on during his short term, it's not surprising two very unpopular presidents succeeded him.

Teddy Roosevelt
Katherine Miller, Opinion Editor




Anyone who goes by "T-Rex," and pulls it off, while qualifying for the Top 10 Historical Mustaches list already has high standing with me. Teddy Roosevelt brought something special into the White House, a certain panache hardly seen these days — what I like to call badassery.

Like a turn-of-the-century Ghost Buster, he busted up some corrupt trusts — without denying capitalism's glory — and got the free market competing again.

But more importantly, the legend smacked the rest of the world around with his foreign policy. "Speak softly and carry a big stick," indeed, sir. From facilitating a smooth-as-champagne end to the Russo-Japanese War with his stern mannerisms to ruling the Philippines, Roosevelt made stuff happen. He even created an entirely new country so we could finish and control the Panama Canal.

The ultimate cowboy, the Rough Rider, The Moustache embodied the greatness of the American spirit.

George Washington
Mike Warren, Columnist



George Washington embodied the spirit of justice and freedom that defined the American Revolution. He believed so much in this cause that he led an army and a people against the odds to secure liberty for generations to come.

What made Washington's presidency great was what he didn't do, rather than what he did. After the war, he had the opportunity to impose his political will on the newly freed U.S. Instead, he resigned as commander in chief, acknowledging the fledgling government of the people was in charge, not a general. This willingness to eschew power defined his character.

He carried out his duties as defined in the Constitution, ensuring that republicanism, rather than royalism, was embraced as standard practice. He reluctantly ran for a second term and refused a third, emphasizing limited government to perhaps its most important aspect: a politically restrained leader with whom the reins of a fragile government could be trusted. America would do well to elect more leaders with his view that government serves the people, not the other way around.

Andrew Jackson
Thomas Shattuck, Columnist



Out of all the presidents in American history, I have to say my favorite president has to be Andrew Jackson. Admittedly, this has almost nothing to do with his actual tenure in the office, but more of who he was. He did manage to reduce the federal debt to \$33,703.05, the lowest recorded since the first fiscal year in 1791.

What I really like about him was the fact that he was apathetic. I don't mean he didn't care about anything; it's more that he didn't succumb to pressure of his offices. His day was filled with party bosses making demands, and as their candidate you were supposed to follow orders without questioning them. I just get the feeling from Jackson he did what he wanted. I think that's something lacking in modern politicians. They're so busy pleasing the constituency that they forget what they personally believe. Jackson just had a backbone.

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One Issue,
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Who was our greatest president?

LETTER

JuicyCampus serves purpose

To the Editor:

Over the last week or so there has been a flood of outrage expressed over the newly popular JuicyCampus. Whether the site has been a success is no question, considering the bogged down site has crashed several times due to the increases in traffic they have been experiencing from schools across the U.S. What has been brought into question is how students should use the Web site. The concern, for the most part, is the posting of malicious or libelous comments. People have said such comments could be damaging to the greater Vanderbilt community. While no one would disagree there seems to be an inherent wrongness in posting something you know to be a lie, JuicyCampus cannot be blamed for these actions. If anything, we should

be learning a lesson from what is posted by our classmates.

While it is true the site contains many trivial posts (I need not name them here), there are plenty that strike upon a much deeper issue. Threads such as "rank the frats" or "why is everything on here so racist" tell a much different story of life on this campus than VSG is willing to admit. Instead of viewing JuicyCampus as a divider, we should praise it for giving us an honest view of this community. JuicyCampus stands to teach us we are not as unified as we think, that there is a hidden, meaner side to Greek life, and we are more interested in others' secrets than we are willing to admit.

The great shame here is JuicyCampus is being used as a scapegoat by people to dismiss the outpouring of honest views. No

one goes on such a Web site and is transformed by it; it is merely an outlet for our opinions and curiosities we are embarrassed to make public.

I am not saying we should trust verbatim what is posted there (as I would hope no Vanderbilt student would), but we should look at the overarching trend: There is a group, a minority or a majority, that does not agree on the fact we are the community we claim and hope to be. Instead of denouncing such a Web site, we should work on ways to make it so no students feel as if they have something they can only post there. Perhaps VSG should spend more time addressing this and less time reading about it on JuicyCampus.

Michael Accavitti
Sophomore, A&S

LETTER

Greek community not taking enough action to increase diversity

To the Editor:

The Hustler's recent articles about Greek life and "de-facto segregation" again put what has been a campus issue for years on the front page. Open, responsible discussions about this topic are excellent ways to diffuse tensions that have built up over time, and I applaud Sydney Wilmer for investigating this subject. Dialogue is essential, should continue and is one component to a solution.

Action, too, is critical to success. The first multicultural sorority, Sigma Lambda Gamma, thrives on diversity within the sorority, and recognition should be given to those who are members. Conscious of some level of racial separation, the Greek community initiated programs to "bridge the gaps," through Stompfest and the Tri-Council Circles. Despite this, some members of the student body and Greek community have called the effectiveness of these programs to truly promote integration into question.

For them, the initiatives are not hitting at the root of the de-facto segregation issue in social fraternities. Some students, after they participate in the Tri-Council Circles, note that people move on and do not really become close friends with members in the other councils. In a sense, the integration exists in a time bubble and pops after the event is over.

The leaders of the fraternities and sororities maintain their members are open and are not about segregation. Despite this, the perception held by many students, especially of minorities, is that a lot of Greek organizations only accept a certain "kind" of people and that they make minimal effort to even attempt to diversify.

So, how does the Greek community shake the perception of de-facto segregation? There are simple, effective suggestions to doing this. Instead of promoting integration between IFC and NPHC, maybe it's time to promote integration within some of the houses on Greek row. The process could be started next year in some sort of "Change Stereotypes" campaign. The first step is to aggressively pursue the students who most easily fall into the category of believing that a house on frat row is not for them because they are not that "kind" of person. In simple terms, it means to pursue students who would be considered a minority in your fraternity. Many minorities decide against rushing not because they aren't interested in joining a fraternity but because they don't feel like they'd be accepted. So instead of just casually handing out a flier or saying something passive, be more forward: "I'm a brother in Alpha Letter Epsilon, you look like a cool guy, and I'd like you to learn about what my fraternity is about. If you're interested, I have no problem in personally picking you up and heading over there." Or "I am in A.L.E, here is what we're about, here is why you should get to know us. Don't feel intimidated."

To really show that your community wants everyone to feel comfortable rushing, maybe have a diversity fair where tons of people not of your background may show up and realize you are interested in changing perceptions. There are many

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COLUMN

V-Day celebrates movement to end violence against women

AMY P. ROEBUCK
Guest Columnist

You're probably aware there is not going to be a performance of "The Vagina Monologues" on Vanderbilt's campus this year. Instead, Eve Ensler, the "Monologues" playwright and the founder of V-Day, is coming to speak here tonight.

This year, V-Day celebrates its 10th anniversary.

V-Day, which occurs each year on Valentine's Day, is the global movement created by Ensler in an effort to end violence against women and girls. What began as an effort to bring a voice to women through a celebration of female sexuality in "The Vagina Monologues" developed into the worldwide effort to shed light on the issue of violence against women and work toward its prevention and eventual elimination.

In the 2001 edition of "The Vagina Monologues," Ensler wrote of her motivation to create V-Day: "It dawned on me that nothing was more important than stopping violence toward women — that the desecration of women indicated the failure of human beings to honor and protect life."

According to www.vday.org, "V-Day's mission is simple. It demands that the violence must end. It proclaims Valentine's Day as V-Day until the violence stops. When all women live in safety, no longer fearing violence or the threat of violence, then V-Day will be known as Victory Over Violence Day."

Valentine's Day is a day when people celebrate the romantic relationships in their lives. V-Day recognizes and respects the women who are victims and survivors of sexual violence.

In my view, the designation of V-Day on the same day as Valentine's Day is not to detract from people's enjoyment of the most romantic holiday of the year by bringing up the issue of sexual violence. Rather, the objective of V-Day is to proclaim and insist the romantic relationships we giddily celebrate on Valentine's Day should never contain a bit of the violence we somberly recognize on V-Day.

Men reading this might think, "But I would never hit my girlfriend." And women reading this

might think, "But my boyfriend would never hit me."

For those who have not suffered from or been affected by sexual violence personally, I challenge you to look beyond your own experience and recognize, if only for one day, violence against women is a significant problem around the world.

It happens every day in every country around the world. It happens to women of all ages, races, sexual orientations and socioeconomic classes. It happens to married women, women in relationships, single women and young girls. And, sadly and shockingly, this violence is most often committed by the women's own intimate partners or family members.

Practices such as female infanticide, sexual slavery and female genital mutilation are a threat to the lives, safety and health of women in many countries around the world, not to mention an enormous

violation of human rights. And even here in the United States, someone is sexually assaulted every two minutes, according to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network.

As a member of the Vanderbilt Feminists and Project Safe, I am proud to be a part of the movement to end violence against women. The way I see it, sexual violence is not just a women's issue; it is a human issue.

In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." V-Day fights for justice, with the goal of empowering women and girls worldwide whose lives have been affected by violence. I encourage everyone to go to see "Eve Ensler Live" tonight at 7 p.m. in the Student Life Center. Tickets are \$15 with a Vandy card and \$25 without one.

Whether you're a woman or not, whether you're a feminist or not, whether your life has been affected by sexual violence or not, you will surely learn a lot from Ensler's talk.

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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

"As a non-Christian, I find it considerably offensive and inappropriate that at a mandatory, nonreligious VUcept event, 'Praise Be Emmanuel' was the opening song. Voices of Praise is a highly respectable and talented group, however this doesn't excuse the fact that students might have been made to feel uncomfortable by having a song that praises Jesus as the introduction to a religiously unaffiliated organization."

"Qdoba used to be a quiet environment of love and affection. NOW it has become a place of chaos. If it weren't for Qdoba's amazing staff the new long lines might last for eternity. Luckily, Qdoba is stronger than most and is more than capable of handling all of the extra business that comes with being on the card now."

"Why is The Hustler so nosy when it comes to issues of Hispanics on campus? Learn how to respect differences."

"Chocolate vaginas? Really??"

"No, sir, it's not okay for you to get in front of all the people who have been waiting in line for 15 minutes in Rand because your friend is up there. You can wait like the rest of us!"

"Dear 'Vanderbilt Gentlemen,' If you are going to use bathrooms on a girl's hall, the least you can do is flush and put down the seat. Thanks."

SINGH: Greek life needs to show concerted effort to encourage change

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ideas to pursue and many reasons for doing so.

Thus students can see that, despite what people say, the Greek community is making a sincere, concerted effort to recruit people of different ethnic backgrounds. After the rush process is started, the process can continue as normal: In the case of fraternities, the brothers learn about the rushes, vice versa, and a bid is made. How an individual fraternity decides to admit a rush is up to them. But the fact will remain that a legitimate effort was made to show that Greek life is as interested in an open, respectful community as the rest of the campus.

Once this starts happening, Greek life can stop worrying about people constantly claiming that they create "de-facto segregation" because Greek life will be making a visible effort to transform its demographics to represent more of our university. The analysis of de-facto segregation can then be distanced from Greek life in particular to the campus in general.

At the end of the day, after opinions are discussed, debated and vetted, I hope that we as a campus community can finally have a solution suitable to most of us.

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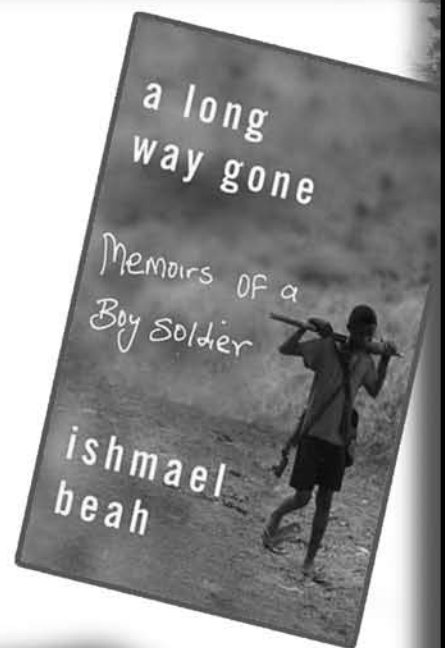
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TONIGHT
MBB—No. 16 Texas
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This trip down Rivalry Road takes us to Austin, where the Longhorns — led by sophomore sensation D.J. Augustin — look to keep themselves in great position for another Big 12 title.

TUESDAY
MBB—No. 23 Purdue
at No. 12 Indiana
6 p.m., ESPN

Dead-man-walking Kelvin Sampson could be coaching his final game when the Hoosiers (10-2 Big 10) host the Boilermakers (12-1) in a critically important game that could decide the Big 10 champion.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Rita Jorgensen, Track & Field

Jorgensen finished third in the mile run and seventh in the 800-meter run to lead the track & field team at the Tyson Invitational this past weekend in Fayetteville, Ark.

GAME OF THE WEEK

MBB—Vanderbilt 93, Kentucky 52

The feeling was that the Commodores would come out ready to play entering a critical four-game homestand against top-notch SEC opponents. Not even they would have thought they would be this ready. In a game that turned out to be Kentucky's worst SEC loss in its storied history, Shan Foster and Co. assured the affair wouldn't even be close, opening with a 41-11 run that took the game to halftime.

THEY SAID IT...

"I like the way Ryan (Preston) hung in. We won this match because of him."

IAN DUVENHAGE

Men's tennis coach after his senior leader led the No. 29 Commodores to a 5-2 win over No. 28 Wisconsin on Sunday.

DAILY

5

Consecutive SEC games won by the Commodores to improve to 7-4 in league play.

SEC STANDINGS

Eastern Division:

Tennessee 10-1, 23-2
 Kentucky 7-3, 13-10
 Vanderbilt 7-4, 22-4
 Florida 6-5, 19-7
 South Carolina 4-6, 12-12
 Georgia 3-7, 12-11

Western Division:

Mississippi State 8-2, 17-7
 Arkansas 6-4, 17-7
 Ole Miss 3-7, 17-7
 Auburn 3-7, 13-10
 Alabama 3-8, 14-12
 LSU 2-8, 9-15

Compiled by David Namm

Dores come up clutch

Gordon's free throws preserve Vandy's victory over youthful Gators.

by **ANDREW HARD**
Sports Editor

On an afternoon when Vanderbilt did not score a basket in the final 7:16, someone had to step up in the clutch to hold off the pesky Gators.

With a little help from the Gators, Alex Gordon was that man, knocking down four free throws in the final 24 seconds to ice the Commodores' 61-58 victory over Florida Saturday at Memorial Gym. Vanderbilt (22-4, 7-4 Southeastern Conference) has now won five straight games.

"Being in that situation, I just smiled, and I knew I was going to make them," Gordon said. "My teammates got with me and said, 'Just go to the line and win the game for us.' Fortunately, I was able to knock them down."

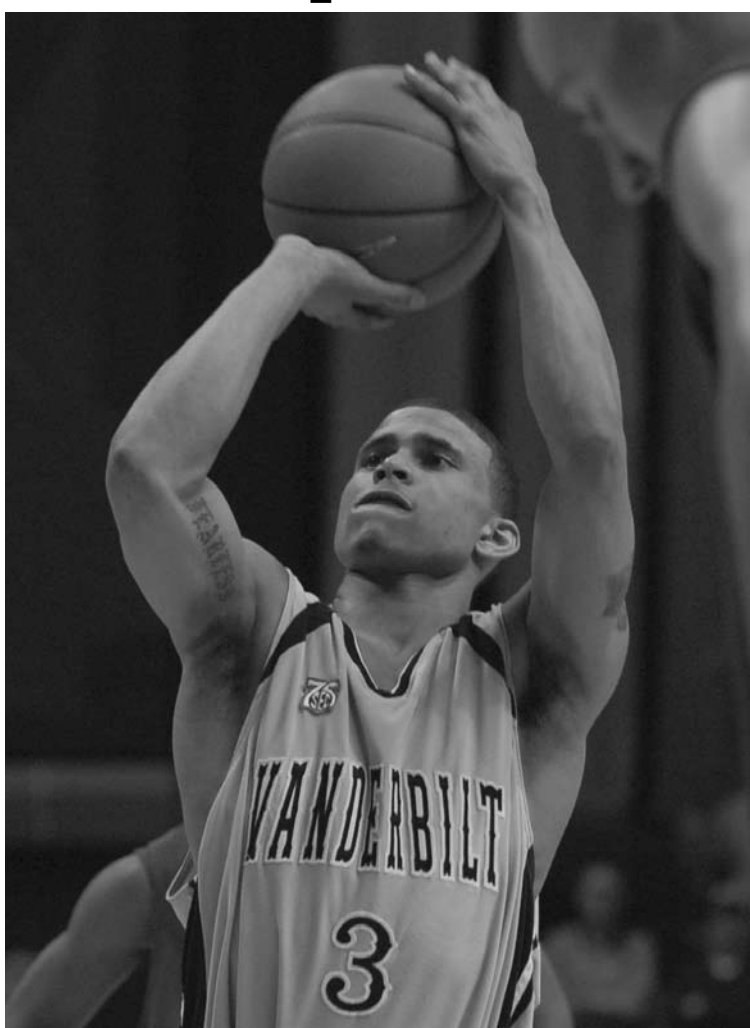
Earlier this season, coach Kevin Stallings had a harsh talk with his four seniors, reminding them of their leadership roles. It certainly paid off. Though the Commodores only attempted 10 free throws, the senior from Florida came through when it mattered most.

"Red made four huge free throws; those were very pressure-packed and very big," Stallings said. "I was very happy for a senior to step up and make those."

Experience was the glaring difference between the two teams on Saturday. Florida tied the game at 53 on a layup by freshman Nick Calathes with two minutes remaining, erasing a 12-point deficit. However, caught up in all the emotion, junior Walter Hodge picked up a technical when he elbowed A.J. Ogilvy in celebration. Shan Foster's ensuing free throws kept the Commodores on top.

"Certainly I'm disappointed in Walter Hodge for reacting," said Florida coach Billy Donovan. "We're all emotional during the game; Walter's emotional, I'm emotional."

Calathes seemed rattled by the hostile Vanderbilt crowd, especially the student section, who booed



Senior guard Alex Gordon hit four free throws in the final minute to give Vanderbilt a 61-58 victory over Florida Saturday afternoon at Memorial Gym.

him every time he touched the ball in the second half after a delay-of-game warning.

With the Gators trailing 59-58, Calathes inexplicably straddled the half-court line catching an uncontested pass, turning the ball back to the Commodores for Gordon's final two free throws.

"(Vanderbilt) is a team that's got a level of experience and good leadership," Donovan said. "Still, seniors or not, you play basketball your whole entire life. I would hope we know what half-court is."

Gordon could sympathize with Calathes on his rookie mistake.

"Someone asked me, 'What happened with the backcourt violation?'" Gordon said. "I just said, 'Freshman thing. They were freshmen. I did some things like that my freshman year, everybody does it.'"

For the Gators, Saturday's heartbreaking loss drops them to

fourth place in the SEC and forces them to turn their season around quickly if they want to stay in contention for the NCAAs.

Vanderbilt's resume is all but solidified thanks to the play of their dynamic seniors, led by the jaw-dropping heroics of Foster, who scored 19 points.

"Matching up, they made Shan an absolute priority," Stallings said of Florida's defense. "Obviously, we don't win the game if it's not for Shan."

Vanderbilt's seniors have begun to fully assert their leadership on the court night in and night out. With the Commodores rolling through the middle portion of their SEC schedule, more clutch performances like Saturday's prove why this team is one of the best in the country down the stretch. ■

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Vanderbilt 61, Florida 58

Recap:

In a hard-fought, low-scoring affair, the Commodores took care of business against a ferocious Gators team for their fifth straight win. Despite shooting only 38 percent from the field, Vanderbilt improved to 16-0 at home this season, mostly thanks to clutch free throw shooting. With all their attempts coming in the last 2:36 of the game, the Dores went 9-for-10 from the charity stripe, including senior guard Alex Gordon's four game-sealing shots.

Player of the Game: Alex Gordon

The Florida native got the last laugh against his home-state team, scoring 12 points and hauling in four rebounds in 30 minutes of action. Those 12 points were highlighted by a stretch of four straight free throws that gave the Commodores the lead for good.

It was over when...

Florida forward Dan Werner misfired from three-point range with mere seconds remaining.

Stat of the Game: 1

Three-point shots made by the Gators in 15 attempts. In other words, they made 6.7% of their threes.

It ain't over till the boo birds sing...

Every time Gator freshman Nick Calathes touched the ball following an altercation during which he refused to hand the ball back to a Commodore player (a la Kevin Stallings and Joakim Noah), the Commodore faithful berated the star with feverish boos. Calathes scored 11 points (four below his season average) on a measly 5-for-13 shooting for the game.

Vandy can win in multitude of ways

by **ANDREW BARGE**
Sports Reporter

After winning in pretty fashion Tuesday night, No. 24 Vanderbilt took Saturday to prove it could also win ugly, grinding out a 61-58 over Southeastern Conference Eastern Division rival Florida in front of a sellout crowd of 14,325 at Memorial Gymnasium.

While the Commodore offense could do no wrong in its 93-52 thrashing of Kentucky a few nights earlier, it struggled against Florida as 3-pointers didn't fall, possessions took longer and open looks were few and far between.

Fortunately, Florida, which no longer includes the likes of Corey Brewer, Al Horford and fan-favorite Joakim Noah, was equally anemic.

Vanderbilt (22-4, 7-4 SEC) overcame a 7:16 field goal drought to hold off Florida (19-7, 6-5 SEC) and extend its winning streak to five games.

"It's good to win one like this after any night; it's just good to win," said coach Kevin Stallings. "It certainly wasn't a masterpiece, but at this point in the year, you take them any way that you can get them."

Both teams performed under their offensive averages, with both teams shooting under 40 percent — Florida 39 percent and Vanderbilt 38. With the shots refusing to fall, the Commodores had to rely on their defense.

"If you're gonna go 8-for-27 from three against virtually 38 minutes of zone, then you hope that you do something else to win," Stallings said.

Florida was even worse from long range,



Freshman A.J. Ogilvy scored 12 points and added eight rebounds in Vanderbilt's 61-58 victory over Florida on Saturday.

hitting just one out of 15 attempts.

"I think our defense has certainly gotten better, which is pleasing," Stallings said. "(Saturday) we defended well enough to give us a chance to win."

In addition to stingy defense, Vanderbilt benefited from some inopportune mistakes by a youthful Gators team. With the score tied 53-53 at the two-minute mark, Florida junior Walter Hodge elbowed A.J. Ogilvy, prompting a

technical foul call.

Shan Foster made both of the free throws, which proved to be costly considering the lenient officiating. The Commodores didn't shoot their first free throw until there was 2:36 remaining in the game, but they managed seven in the final two minutes.

Foster views the clutch free throw shooting as a testament to the team's confidence late in the game.

"We really feel like we're the best team in the country when it comes to winning games down the stretch," said Foster, who led all scorers with 19 points. "The last three minutes of the game, that's probably the most comfortable we'll ever be."

Vandy exhibited that confidence when senior Alex Gordon hit two free throws to give Vandy a one-point lead, but Florida still had 24 seconds and a chance to win. Another costly mistake by Florida, a backcourt violation by Nick Calathes, gave the ball back to Vanderbilt. Florida native Alex Gordon went back to the free throw line and took care of business.

Now Vanderbilt has a week off before hosting Georgia on Saturday. Despite the winning streak, Stallings is still grateful for the break.

"I don't know that any coach in the league would tell you they don't want to enjoy that Tuesday or Wednesday night, when everyone's beating up on each other and you get to sit and watch," Stallings said. "I like that a lot better than being the ones taking the abuse."

On Saturday, thankfully, that abuse resulted in a much-needed win. ■

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COLUMN

Congress: leave MLB alone

ERIC SILVER
Asst Sports Editor

There is genocide happening in Darfur. Countless Americans are losing their homes due to the subprime-lending crisis. And let's not forget that war in Iraq. So it's heartening to know that Congress and the FBI have been all over the news lately, making an extra push in trying to fix what they see as a major problem in our country.

California Representative Henry Waxman was at the center of this effort on Wednesday as he led a house committee probing this grave, grave issue. Yes, on that fateful day, Waxman and his cronies were at it, grilling...Roger Clemens on his alleged steroid use.

Wait — what? Don't we elect our public leaders to serve us, the people? As the policymakers of the most powerful nation in the world, don't they have a duty to try to make the world a better place? So why, in the year 2008 alone, have Clemens, Andy Pettite and Miguel Tejada, among others, all been questioned by Congress or been subjected to FBI probes? Don't these congressmen have slightly more pressing issues to deal with?

Isn't it puzzling that the only people being subjected to these probes are high-profile players? Why hasn't pitcher Guillermo Mota, who received a 50-game suspension because of a positive steroid test in 2006, been summoned to Capitol Hill so that pompous representatives can throw leading and accusatory questions at him?

To be honest, I think it's because he isn't sponsored by Nike or Gatorade. Congress wants to make a point, show people that it is making headway, so they target athletes who are recognizable and loved.

Tell me this: If Mota was summoned to a Congressional steroids committee, would ESPN devote a SportsCenter special to the opening statements and advertise it on their Web site days before it was to occur like they did for Clemens? That's what I thought.

It's ironic that the players who benefited the most from their baseball skills over the past two decades are now the ones who are getting shafted by our government because of their prowess on the diamond. To be honest, it's a complete joke that guys like Juan Salas and Mike Morse, who have tested positive for steroids under MLB testing, are able to slip through the cracks while Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens, two players who have never tested positive, now risk jail time if they are convicted of perjury.

If Congress is going to waste its time with this issue, it should at least treat all athletes in the same manner.

What we have on our hands is a Congressional witch-hunt that is too quickly spinning out of control. It's a "he said-she said" backstabbing bonanza that is bringing out the worst in everybody. Why should the congressman who represents my district, Christopher Shays, care if Clemens used human growth hormone?

And how is he going to fix it? What he should focus on fixing is the fact that 17.9 percent of people in Bridgeport, CT, the largest city that he represents, were living in poverty in 2005.

Don't get me wrong — I think that the use of steroids in baseball is a major issue and should be cleaned up. But let Major League Baseball, the body that governs the sport, take care of this problem and let our congressmen focus on the issues that really matter. ■

Dwight Howard

Literally. The stud Orlando center won the NBA Slam Dunk contest with his absurd "Superman" impression. Who said big men didn't have hops?

Atlanta Hawks

Desperate for a guard to bolster their playoff hopes, the Hawks acquired point guard Mike Bibby from the Kings for four non-essential players and a draft pick.

Chris Douglas-Roberts

CDR scored the game's final six points against UAB, including a 3-point play with seven seconds left, to keep No. 1 Memphis undefeated.

3 UP

3 DOWN

Texas A&M

Just when Texas A & M was climbing its way up to a top-3 seed by winning five straight, it laid an egg at home, losing to cellar-dweller Oklahoma State.

Roger Goodell

The NFL commissioner is facing the next big Congress probe and hasn't gotten on Senator Arlen Specter's good side with last week's preliminary hearings.

Roscoe Parrish

The Bills' receiver was arrested for DUI at 4:30 a.m. Saturday on Miami Beach.

Vandy falls to top-ranked Vols

Despite second-half rally, Does see six-game winning streak come to an end.

by **ALEKSEY DUBROVENSKY**
Sports Reporter

For the top-ranked Tennessee Lady Vols, the venue and the opposing teams' uniforms appeared different Sunday afternoon when they took on the No. 25 Vanderbilt Commodores in a Southeastern Conference grudge-match between bitter rivals.

It certainly looked like a repeat of Thursday's blowout loss to the Louisiana State Tigers was coming to fruition for the Lady Vols. In both games, the Lady Vols jumped out to a huge double-digit lead only to give up a late run by their opponent. Yet unlike the previous game, the result was different as the Lady Vols rolled up an impressive 81-68 victory over the Commodores in sold-out Memorial Gym.

"I think this was a missed opportunity," said junior forward Christina Wirth. "We've been playing pretty good basketball lately,

and they've had a tough week. This was a great opportunity to have them at home."

The capacity crowd of 14,316 was split about evenly between Commodore fans and Tennessee faithful, and they were treated to an exciting, albeit sloppy, basketball game between two of the top teams in the SEC.

Turnovers were the story for much of the game — the teams combined for 43, with 24 of those belonging to the Commodores (19-7, 8-3 SEC).

To take advantage of their huge size advantage over the smaller Vanderbilt lineup, Tennessee coach Pat Summitt switched to a stifling 2-3 zone defense for much of the game. That pressure was to blame for many of the Commodore mistakes as the Lady Vols (23-2, 9-1) tallied 14 steals.

"We got into foul trouble early so we went to the zone," Summitt said. "Vanderbilt runs so many offensive sets, and they're hard to defend. We switched from our full court defense to a half-court to take a lot of time off the clock, and that was very effective for us on a number of possessions."

After the Lady Vols stretched a six-point halftime lead into a 51-38 advantage with

17:17 left in the game, the Commodores staged a rally over the defending national champs as they ran off 12 straight.

Wirth drilled two 3-point field goals during that run, but she picked up her fourth foul just 11 seconds after the second of those cut the margin to 51-50.

She was forced to the bench, and the Lady Vols quickly responded with seven straight points to push the margin back to eight. They took command as they shut down the Does' offense and stretched the lead to as many as 19.

"You've got to bring your 'A' game," said Vanderbilt coach Melanie Balcomb. "We didn't show the kind of team that we are right now. I'm proud of the team I'm coaching right now."

The loss snapped a six-game winning streak for the Commodores. They will return to action on Thursday night at Arkansas. Game time is scheduled for 7 p.m. CT. ■

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FRANCIS SIMPSON / The Vanderbilt Hustler
Merideth Marsh scored 11 points, but it wasn't enough as Tennessee defeated Vanderbilt 81-68 Sunday afternoon in front of a sellout crowd at Memorial Gymnasium.



From the *cheap seats*

As the NCAA and Indiana conduct separate investigations into allegations that Kelvin Sampson committed five major rules infractions, three Hustler reporters debate what the Hoosiers should do with their coach.

by **DAVID RUTZ**
Asst Sports Editor

The NCAA's declaration that Indiana coach Kelvin Sampson committed major recruiting violations has brought embarrassment to a school with a proud basketball history. That he was already on probation for similar violations while coaching Oklahoma makes Sampson's rule-breaking that much more inexcusable. The obvious move by Indiana officials, who are currently conducting an internal investigation of the matter, would be to fire Sampson and replace him with an interim coach.

If the Hoosiers were in the midst of a poor season, Sampson would probably be already packing his bags. However, Indiana is in contention for the Big Ten championship and an NCAA tournament berth. Despite being booed by even Indiana's own students, Sampson coached the Hoosiers to a huge win over No. 10 Michigan State that gave them sole possession of third place in the conference. A victory over first-place Purdue on Tuesday would put them within a half-game of the lead.

The players have made it clear that they are behind their leader. Freshman phenom Eric Gordon said, "We play for Coach every game." For the sake of its players and their great season, Indiana should not fire Sampson. A reprimand is the best move for the program right now.

by **DAVID NAMM**
Asst Sports Editor

As the saying goes, the most important thing in sports isn't whether you win or lose; it is how you play the game. Simply stated, there are some things more important than winning. Indiana coach Kelvin Sampson is learning that lesson the hard way.

Amid allegations of illegal recruiting tactics that have followed Sampson since his days at Oklahoma, his 12th-ranked Hoosiers won their biggest game of the year Saturday night by knocking off the ninth-ranked Michigan State Spartans 81-60. Despite this impressive performance, the Indiana basketball program has lost a lot more this week than it has won. These allegations are a great setback for a program that is just turning the corner and re-establishing itself among the country's elite, and Sampson has proven that he is not the right man for the job. True, the man can flat-out coach, but a team filled with promising young stars and endless potential deserves a much better leader off the court.

Where should Indiana search for its new head coach? Surely the name Bob Knight will surface in the discussion; however, it seems more likely that the Hoosiers will try to maintain some continuity for now and look for a permanent replacement come season's end. Either way, it is clear Sampson has done enough to score a ticket out of town.

by **WILL GIBBONS**
Senior Sports Reporter

Despite all of the controversy surrounding him, one thing you can say about Bob Knight is he never broke a rule in recruiting. He also graduated the vast majority of his players.

With the Knight era still in the minds of many Indiana fans, one can draw the conclusion that cheating cannot be tolerated in that program. Considering this, it's pretty obvious that Kelvin Sampson will have to be let go; the only question is when.

If it were up to me, I'd ask Sampson to take a leave of absence while a more thorough investigation of what he did takes place.

At the end of the season, I would evaluate all the additional information. This would probably result in an overwhelming amount of information against the coach, resulting in his termination.

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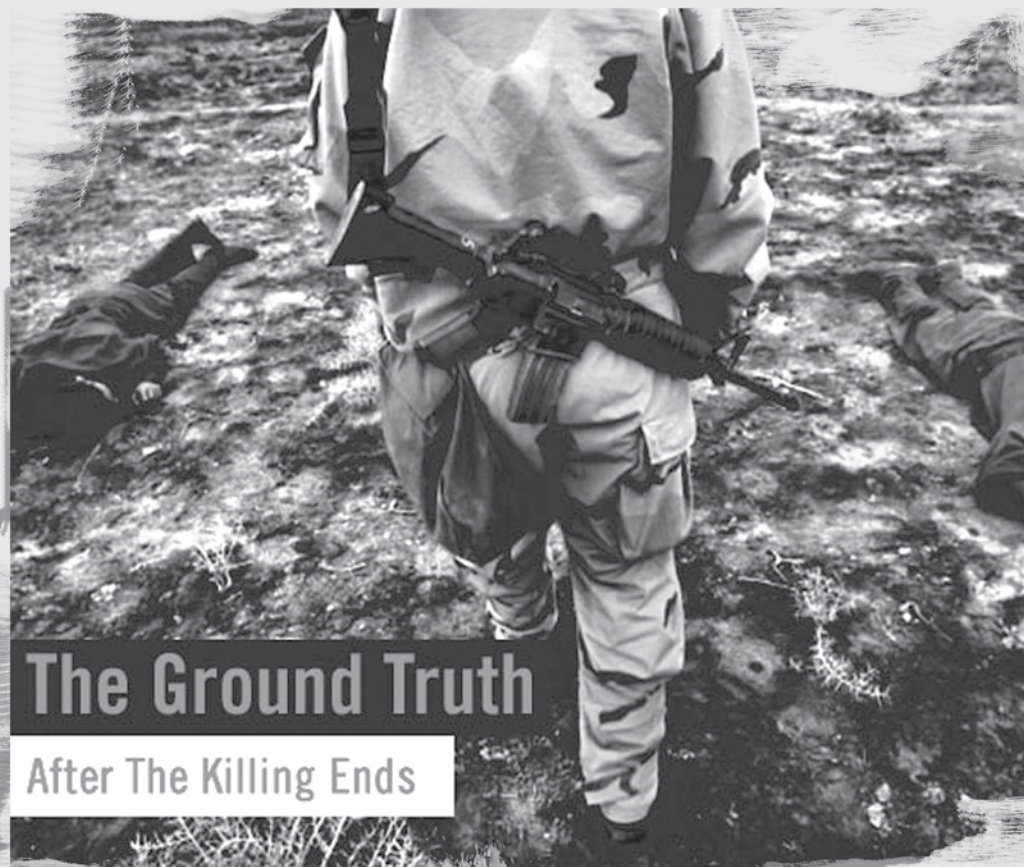
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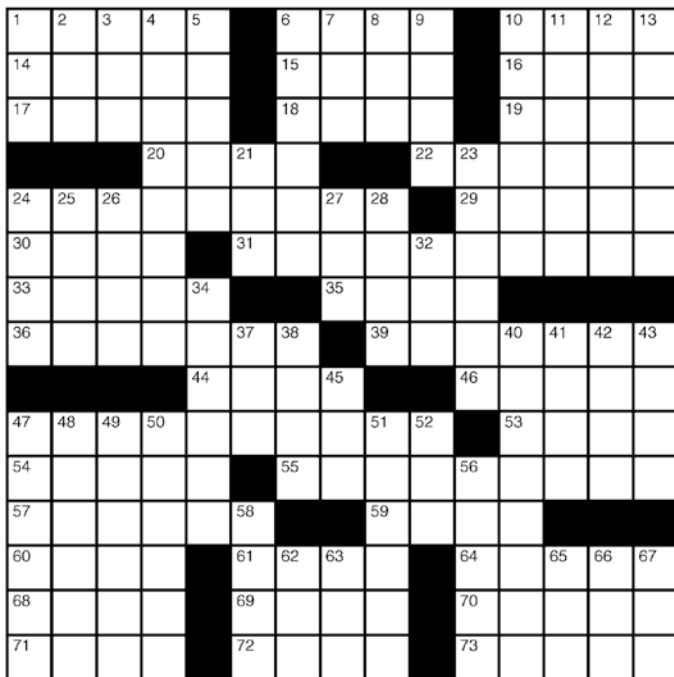


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