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## THE WALL

compiled by SARA GAST

### THIS WEEK E-week

Engineers are celebrating National Engineers Week with various events. Today at Adams Atrium in Featheringill Hall from 11 a.m. to noon, students will attempt to build the fastest and smartest robot to compete in an obstacle course.

### TODAY Open mic night

The Writing Studio will host an open mic night from 8 to 9:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall, Room 117. Students will have five minutes to share their poems, short stories or songs.

### TODAY THROUGH FRIDAY 'The Last Five Years'

VU Theatre will present Jason Robert Brown's musical at 8 p.m. in Neely Auditorium.

### THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY Loving the body: sexuality and black churches

The conference's events will go on at various locations and times on campus. The keynote speakers are Horace Griffin from the General Theological Seminary and Kelly Brown Douglas from Goucher College. It is sponsored by the Carpenter Program.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 21 McGill hour and dinner

Students are invited to come to McGill Hall's TV lounge from 5 to 6 p.m. to hear Peggy Reynolds, director of the Nashville Court DUI Safety Center, speak on how personal lifestyle choices affect you and others. There will be free Qdoba and 50 grab bags.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 21 Face AIDS panel discussion

Face AIDS will present a panel with five perspectives branching out from social to medical aspects and concerning local, national and international public health issues at 7:30 p.m. in the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center.

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

## Vagina monologue

Activist and screenwriter Eve Ensler came to campus Monday night to talk about her worldwide movement to end violence against women.

by NORAH SCANLAN  
Staff Reporter

Eve Ensler didn't hold back her enthusiasm when she walked on stage Monday evening.

"I'm so excited to be at a V-school!" the playwright and activist exclaimed to the audience gathered in the Student Life Center, which returned the greeting with a standing ovation and cheers.

The author of the acclaimed and controversial "Vagina Monologues" and the founder of V-day, is leading a worldwide movement to end violence against women and girls. When she began her campaign, she said it was at a time when she was terrified to say the word "vagina" in public and was urged by others to change the title of her play because

it was considered too offensive and improper.

But "saying the word I wasn't supposed to say gave me a voice," Ensler said.

She now uses that voice to speak for females across the globe who are suppressed through rape and other forms of violence.

"There is a vagina revolution afoot, make no mistake," Ensler said.

The success of V-day, which has raised over \$45 million through benefit performances of her play, has spread throughout the planet. The non-profit organization has also helped educate millions, reopen shelters and provide donations to grassroots anti-violence organizations and safe houses. Ensler shared with the crowd V-day victories occurring across the world in countries such as Haiti, Iceland, Pakistan and Mexico.

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**“What we're waiting for has always lived inside us. ... We are rescued by rescuing others.”**



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## Vanderbilt Hustler editor in chief suspended

Vanderbilt Hustler Editor in Chief Jarred Amato has been suspended from his position pending action from the Vanderbilt Student Communications Board.

The board suspended Amato while it investigates his role in printing false results in the semifinals of the "Who's Now?" feature.

Amato subsequently apologized for the publication of the erroneous information on page 7 of the Monday, Feb. 11 issue, where he also printed the correct version of the finals.

"The board is very concerned about the integrity of the newspaper's reputation," said Bruce Barry, chair of the VSC board and professor of management and sociology, "and so it takes very seriously any potential breaches of integrity in any publication."

Managing Editor Elizabeth Middlebrooks will assume the position of acting editor in chief until the issue is resolved, which Barry said he hopes will be within a week. ■

## CAMPUS NEWS BRIEF

### Young Alumni Trustee finalists announced

Seniors Elizabeth Bennett, Cara Bilotta and Taylor Imboden have been named as finalists for the Young Alumni Trustee position.

One member from each of the four most recent graduating classes serves as a YAT, sitting on the Board of Trust and bringing youth insight to meetings.

The nominating committee for this year was comprised of members from the Classes of 2007 and 2009, Christina Barnes, student alumni program coordinator for development and alumni relations, explained in a press release. The committee convened Saturday morning and selected the slate of three finalists from a list of 65 nominees.

Online voting for the 2008 YAT will begin March 10 and end April 11 at midnight. The Classes of 2007, 2008 and 2009 are eligible to vote.

The results of the YAT election will be sent to the board on April 15 in time for its meeting on May 16.

## Beah tells story of 'long way gone'

by JUDY WANG  
Senior Reporter

In a tale detailing his experiences as a child soldier in Sierra Leone, Ishmael Beah talked of a time and experience that was "a long way gone" Monday night.

Born in Sierra Leone in 1980, Beah's life was interrupted by a violent civil war that lasted nine years. He was only 13 years old when he was forcibly recruited to fight as a child soldier.

Beah then fought for more than two years before UNICEF placed him in a rehabilitation center. He admitted as a child soldier he witnessed

and committed some of the most horrendous atrocities.

Finishing rehab about a year later, he won a competition to speak his story at a United Nations conference. In 2007, he wrote his memoir, "A Long Way Gone," which quickly received international acclaim.

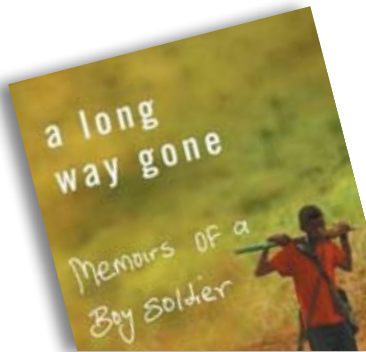
"I wanted to write a book you cannot walk away from very easily," Beah said. "I wanted the (reader) to see, hear, feel and smell the experience."

Beah then spoke of his difficulties with presenting such a work to the world, the first of its kind.

"It was very difficult, and several times I had wanted to walk away. Then I

think that somewhere a child was going through the same thing, and I don't want people to forget them," Beah said. "I wanted to remind people that it was not so far away or removed."

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## Incoming students to experience changed Visions, orientation

by LILY CHEN  
Staff Reporter

A new Vanderbilt Visions program and orientation are awaiting the Class of 2012.

Dean of The Commons Frank Wcislo said Visions 3.0 was developed akin to last year's program.

"Visions will be the same process with some changes," Wcislo said. "For the first time, Visions will take place in 11 classrooms in The Commons."

Based on feedback from current freshmen, VUceptors, faculty and the VUcept executive board, Visions and orientation are undergoing three main transformations next year, said VUcept President Lauren Page Black.

According to Black, Visions will be only one semester, and the second

semester offers optional programming; VUceptors will be compensated with a \$250 book stipend per semester; and there will be no Summer Academic Orientation Program or DoreWays — instead there will be a nine-day orientation.

"We've decided that by switching Visions to a one-semester program, students can keep their group bonds as well as have a semester to socially transition into Vanderbilt and their sophomore year," said VUcept Vice President Emma Cofer.

And unlike first-semester Visions where students have topic discussions, Black said students would have the option of participating in various social activities second semester with their Visions group.

However, while Visions is optional second semester, students are still highly encouraged to attend different programs organized by their Visions groups.

"Each month, a group's VUceptor and faculty adviser would plan an event such as a dinner," Black said. "This way, students could join in if they wanted to and have a way to maintain group relationships."

Regarding VUceptors' compensation, Cofer said in previous years the job was considered a privilege and responsibility; therefore VUceptors received no compensation. However, recent re-evaluation of the high expectations and the role VUceptors play has resulted in the bookstore stipend.

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## The last three shows

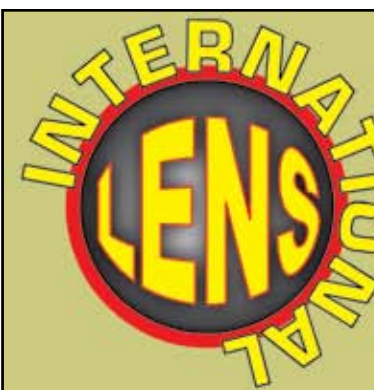


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"The Last Five Years," a musical by Jason Robert Brown, will be performed by a VU Theatre cast for three more evenings: tonight, Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m. in Neely Auditorium.

The show works a little different than most musicals. It's the story about a relationship gone wrong, but the woman, Cathy (played by sophomore Leslie Kelly, above, and freshman Emily Degerberg, who alternate evenings), begins at the end of the marriage, going backward through her relationship with Jamie (played by senior Will Hedgecock, above, and sophomore Spencer Crosswy, respectively), who begins at the beginning and sings through the five years. The two characters trade off songs, meeting for a duet in the middle. Sophomore Mallory Morse also has a small role.

Students can get tickets, which are free for undergraduates, at the box office in Neely Auditorium.



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## WEATHER

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### THURSDAY



Ice and Rain, 37/32

### FRIDAY



Few Showers, 48/32

### SATURDAY



Partly Cloudy, 44/30

## VUPD CRIME LOG

compiled by SARA GAST

**Sunday, Feb. 17, 11:42 a.m.:**  
A phone was stolen at the Student Recreation Center.

**Sunday, Feb. 17, 2 p.m.:**  
Purchases were made on a stolen debit card at Branscomb.

**Sunday, Feb. 17, 6 p.m.:**  
A bike was stolen from the rack at Currey Hall.

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

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### BACK ISSUES

Back issues are available in Sarratt 130 during business hours.

## THE 123456789 STARTING 9

compiled by SARA GAST

### 1 Fidel Castro resigns Cuban presidency after nearly half-century in power, brother takes over

**HAVANA** — Fidel Castro, ailing and 81, announced Tuesday he was resigning as Cuba's president, The Associated Press reported, ending a half-century of autocratic rule which made him a communist icon and a relentless opponent of U.S. policy around the globe.

The end of Castro's rule — the longest in the world for a head of government — frees his 76-year-old brother Raul Castro to implement reforms he has hinted at since taking over as acting president when Fidel fell ill in July 2006.

### 2 Former Prime Minister Sharif calls for President Musharraf to step down

**ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN** — A top opposition leader called Tuesday for President Pervez Musharraf to step aside after his ruling party conceded defeat in parliamentary elections, The Associated Press reported. The vote was also a slap to Islamist parties, which lost control of a province where al-Qaida and Taliban fighters have sought refuge.

With counting from Monday's election nearly complete, the two main opposition parties won a total of 154 of the 268 contested seats, according to the Election Commission.

The pro-Musharraf party trailed with 39 seats, and the group's leader acknowledged the loss.

### 3 Supreme Court rejects ACLU domestic spying lawsuit without comment

**WASHINGTON** — The Supreme Court dealt a setback Tuesday to civil rights and privacy advocates who oppose the Bush administration's warrantless wiretapping program, according to The Associated Press.

The justices, without comment, turned down an appeal from the American Civil Liberties Union to let it pursue a lawsuit against the program that began shortly after the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

### 4 Obama beats Clinton 9th straight in Wisconsin; McCain wins for GOP

**WASHINGTON** — Barack Obama cruised past a fading Hillary Clinton in the Wisconsin primary Tuesday night, gaining the upper hand in the Democratic presidential race, The Associated Press reported.

It was Obama's ninth straight victory over the past three weeks, and left the former first lady in desperate need of a comeback in a race she long commanded as front-runner.

John McCain won the Republican primary with ease, dispatching Mike Huckabee and edging closer to the 1,191 delegates he needs to clinch the GOP nomination at the party convention in St. Paul, Minn. next summer.

### 5 At genocide site, Bush urges world action to stop bloodshed in Africa

**KIGALI, Rwanda** — On ground haunted by one of the worst atrocities of modern times, President Bush pleaded with the global community Tuesday for decisive action to stop grisly violence in African nations like Kenya and Sudan, The Associated Press reported.

"There is evil in the world, and evil must be confronted," said Bush, shaken by his visit to a museum that tells the story of Rwanda's 1994 genocide in which more than 800,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus were slaughtered in just 100 days by extremist Hutu militias.

### 6 'American Idol' songs and performances will be available on iTunes starting this week

**CUPERTINO, Calif.** — "American Idol" fans will be able to download their favorite performances thanks to a new agreement between the Fox talent show and Apple Inc., The Associated Press reported.

Performances by "Idol" semifinalists go on sale on iTunes this week for 99 cents per song, the show's producers and Cupertino-based Apple announced Monday.

The songs and videos will be posted to iTunes the day after the show airs.

### 7 School's focus is 'real science' for teen students

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** — Teenage students in the new Vanderbilt School for Science and Math are learning science in a new way, The Tennessean reported.

For Monday's lesson titled "Can you see what I see," graduate students from the Vanderbilt Eye Institute brought dissected cow's eyes. A Vanderbilt psychologist explained how optical illusions work in the brain.

All 31 students are freshmen and seniors, and they're the inaugural class at the School for Science and Math, a joint venture between Metro schools and the university.

### 8 Attempted shutdown of dead satellite could happen as soon as Wednesday

**WASHINGTON** — The military's attempt to shoot down a wayward U.S. spy satellite as it falls toward Earth could happen as early as Wednesday night, but no final decision on timing has been made, officials told The Associated Press.

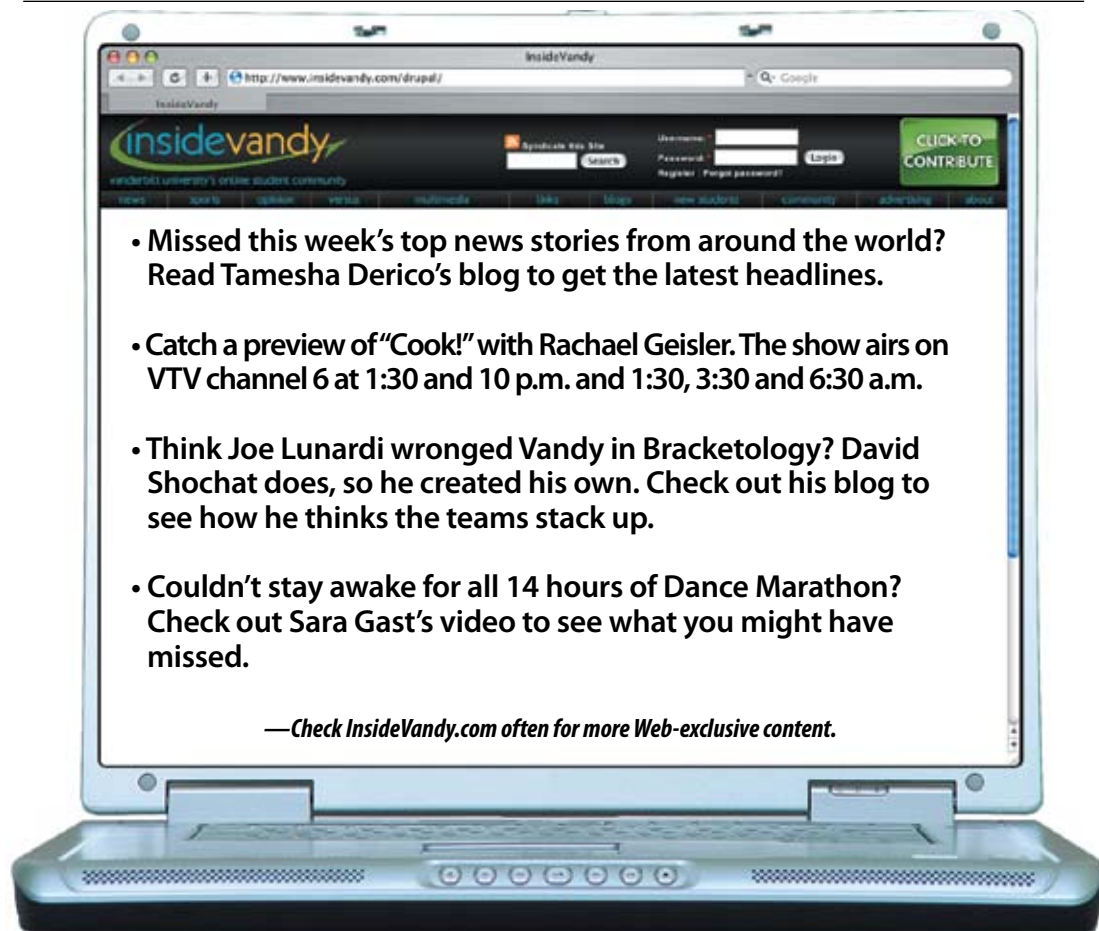
Pentagon press secretary Geoff Morrell said Tuesday senior military officers, including Gen. Kevin Chilton, the head of the U.S. Strategic Command, are evaluating the situation and will advise Defense Secretary Robert Gates on the best time to carry it out.

### 9 WTO not the threat to environment, public health that critics claim

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** — The World Trade Organization is not the villain many of its critics claim it to be, but it does suffer from ineffective compliance tools and a lack of transparency, Vanderbilt researcher Trish Kelly finds in her new book, "The Impact of the WTO: The Environment, Public Health and Sovereignty."

The book is the first to provide a comprehensive analysis of the nine environmental and health disputes that have been adjudicated at the WTO since its formation in 1995, Vanderbilt News Service reported.

## WHAT'S NEW ON INSIDEVANDY.COM



- Missed this week's top news stories from around the world? Read Tamesha Derico's blog to get the latest headlines.
- Catch a preview of "Cook!" with Rachael Geisler. The show airs on VTV channel 6 at 1:30 and 10 p.m. and 1:30, 3:30 and 6:30 a.m.
- Think Joe Lunardi wronged Vandy in Bracketology? David Shochat does, so he created his own. Check out his blog to see how he thinks the teams stack up.
- Couldn't stay awake for all 14 hours of Dance Marathon? Check out Sara Gast's video to see what you might have missed.

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

## SNAPSHOT

### SAMOAS ... OR CARAMEL DELIGHTS?



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Local Girl Scouts sell cookies to students on Sarratt Promenade on Monday. The girls learned more about Vanderbilt's campus, visited with members of Kappa Delta sorority for a tour and visited the Women's Center.

# IMAGE Week

## This Week!

Today 2/20 **Food 101**  
6 p.m. Buttrick 309. A light dinner will be served.

Thursday 2/21 **Surviving Eating Disorders: A Panel Discussion**  
7 p.m. Buttrick 102. Reception to follow.

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# ENSLER: V-Day celebrates 10 years of activism

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But, despite this success, there is still much work to be done. According to Enslar, the United Nations estimates that one out of three women in the planet will experience abuse of some form "simply because they are women."

Through her travels, Enslar said she witnessed the "soul

and spirit" of an abused girl "evaporate," an experience that impacted her so much that she made a resolution to make sure that other little girls never had to experience what that girl had been through.

Enslar said she recognized the problem with our society and the root of violence is the fact we are "more afraid to love

than to kill."

"What we're waiting for has always lived inside us," Enslar said. "We are rescued by rescuing others."

V-day's work continues with the celebration of its 10th year anniversary in New Orleans. The event will pay tribute to the "Katrina warriors" and their struggle to survive following the

devastation of the hurricane. V-day's Spotlight Campaign will raise funds to help end New Orleans' violence, economic hardship, racism and other pressing issues.

"I was extremely excited to introduce Eve tonight," said sophomore Erica D. Santiago, "and was honored to meet and hug her before her speech. I

have heard an array of reactions, and one of the best is from a great friend who just came up to me and said, 'Eve has just changed my life; she is the hero I have always been looking up to without even knowing.' ■

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# VISIONS: 9-day orientation to include outdoor activities

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In addition, SAOP, DoreWays and DoreSTEPS have been condensed into a nine-day orientation program that will be known as Common VU.

"We believe that all entering freshmen should have a common experience, and SAOP and DoreWays were not an option to all students due to financial and time constraints," Black said.

The nine-day orientation will incorporate outdoor activities from DoreWays, academic advising time and traditional events such as Founder's Walk,

as well as provide students with time to settle in and relax.

"In the past, the four-day orientation was fun but very intense," Wcislo said. "We extended the orientation so students would have time to move in and time to just stretch out. This way, students could get to know people from their Visions groups and outside of their groups."

Visions was created as a result of Vanderbilt's membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. As part of the university's re-

evaluation and Quality Enhancement Plan, Visions was created to enhance the quality of education.

"Vanderbilt Visions is an important way for upperclassmen and faculty to be involved in a project central to the first-year experience," Wcislo said. "The program is still pretty experimental at times, but it is there to enrich the undergraduate experience for students and faculty." ■

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NIKKI OKORO / The Vanderbilt Hustler  
Big Horizons will be ending with the implementation of Common VU, a new nine-day orientation for incoming freshmen. Common VU will include activities like those at Big Horizons, as well as academic advising and downtime.

# BEAH: Former child soldier inspires students



BEAH

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He then addressed some of the broader issues surrounding his past. Beah shared the culture of a pre-war Sierra Leone, reminding the audience of the peaceful, different Africa that people sometimes forget to see.

Lastly, he spoke of the necessity to fix the injustice surrounding child soldiers, calling for political will and more action to strengthen

international standards.

"We still don't believe all human beings are the same, and when we do see that each life is valuable, we can react to help when somebody suffers," Beah said in closing.

Students said they were moved by his story.

"I thought his speech was very compelling," said senior Linda Vongkhamchanh. "He spoke of the issues going on

right now, and I appreciate that."

And for senior Jerry Yirenyki, who is from Ghana, Beah's lecture hit home in a different way.

"Some of the things he was saying were kind of nostalgic," Yirenyki said, "the lifestyle before the war as a child, interaction between family and friends in a closely knit community, and the description of the village."

Freshman Elliot Hall said Beah gave him optimism for the future.

"His was a speech that gave me an actual, tangible sense of hope," Hall said. "People can see the error of their ways and change for the better." ■

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## VSG PRIMARY WINNERS

The primary election for Vanderbilt Student Government senate and school council elections was held on Tuesday. The general election will be held next Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### CONTESTED WINNERS:

Arts and Science Council sophomore representatives:  
**JOHN GAFFNEY**  
**JEREMY STRICKLAND**

Arts and Science Council junior representative:  
**JONATHAN SNIDER**

Engineering Council representative:  
**PHIL GREENWALD**

Peabody Council representative:  
**JESS COHEN**

Arts and Science Council treasurer:  
**BOONE WILLIAMS**

Peabody senators:  
**AYSHA MALIK**  
**MATT MERRILL**

Engineering senators:  
**ANDREW MORSE**  
**BEN STRATTON**

Arts and Science senators:  
**JOHN FOSHEE**  
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**KELSEY PENDLETON**  
**MATT SNYDER**  
**JEAN XIAO**

## There will be blood



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Junior Matthew Hirschhorn donated blood Tuesday as part of the Blood Donor Challenge against the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. UT is beating Vanderbilt with 639 units of blood (Vandy has 123). Students are encouraged to show their Vanderbilt spirit while saving lives by donating blood this week: Feb. 20 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ben Schulman Center for Jewish Life, or Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Magnolia Circle on Peabody.

## Office of Housing Assignments

### Important Information

## Register for 2008-09 Housing February 11-24

All Undergraduates eligible to return for Fall 2008 must register for the Housing Assignment Process for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Register online at [www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd) and follow the link to the upperclass housing application anytime between Monday, February 11, and 12 Midnight, Sunday, February 24. Your VuNetID and password are required for logging into the application process.

Students who apply after the deadline of 12 midnight on Sunday, February 24 will (1) not be allowed to reserve their current space and/or (2) lose a point of seniority for the housing assignment process

Only students entering their 4th or greater year of study and students currently off campus will be able to apply for off campus authorization. All students that currently have off campus authorization must apply for re-authorization each year.

## Deadline to register is February 24, at 12 midnight.

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### OUR VIEW

## Hey, Commons, leave them kids alone

As the inaugural year of the Commons experience approaches, more and more information is becoming available about what exactly that experience will entail for the Class of 2012. In reviewing this information, the editorial board has some concerns over sheer amount of programming for the freshmen and their separation from main campus.

While the overarching goal of providing a strong and steady infrastructure under the freshman class from day one is understood and appreciated, too much organized activity may create resentment for the programming and undermine its purpose. This is not to say every college event need be a party, of course, we should just be mindful of what conditions best allow students to appreciate the purpose of The Commons.

Nine days of orientation seems, to the say the least, slightly daunting. Orientation tends to seem longer than it actually is already, likely attributable to the stress of being away from home and the constant introductions. Hopefully, the lengthier orientation will duplicate the friendship and community-building from programs

like Squirrel Camp. If the program forces too much upon new students, however, it could become exhausting fairly quickly.

The editorial board is somewhat apprehensive about the overlap between events related to housing and the Visions experience. This overlap seems to invite the possibility of redundancy, or at least perceived redundancy by students.

In addition, with Visions taking place on Peabody campus next year for convenience, it may further confine the freshmen class to Peabody. Almost all strong college friendships are formed outside of the classroom, as we all know, many of them through activities on campus people choose to participate in — whether they concern service, faith, athletics, media or many other pursuits. The increase in freshman programming, concentrated on Peabody, could impede freshman involvement in these groups and their integration into campus culture.

Vanderbilt routinely does a fantastic job planning events and programming, and the Commons experience should be no different, so long as students can have a little time to themselves.

### LETTER

## Media live behind the market



**THOMAS SHATTUCK**  
Columnist

Will someone please tell me why journalists feel that ripping off another writer's story is dignified? I'm sure you might have noticed if you have some kind of news toolbar on your computer that some of the articles sound like remixes of others. You know, a cut, a paste and another media site later, and in essence you still have pretty much the same story.

For example, today (Feb. 18), I saw a Time article citing a Cornell University junior recounting his personal experience with JuicyCampus.com. This would be news if another article (by the Guardian, I think) hadn't covered the exact same subject using the exact same source. It's as if time didn't feel the need to get any new information. Admittedly, The Associated Press likes to syndicate stories, but you'd think someone would at least put a few new details in there to make it more personal. If I remember correctly, the slogan is supposed to be "No news like bad news" and not just "No news."

Another one of these Associated Press oddities is when The Guardian ran an article about tornados in Prattville, Ala. To clear this up for those who don't know, The Guardian is a British newspaper. There really is no reason to believe that the only people who could cover the story are those who are isolated by several thousand miles of water. It wasn't even that big of a story. Tornados aren't even infrequent occurrences in the region. I'm not entirely sure why this would show up on The Guardian's radar, being as it was regional news from a region they aren't even involved in.

I guess what I'm getting at is this: I feel the spirit of journalism has lost its way somewhere between the advent of television and the ascent of the Internet. Now with communication technologies as they are, anyone interested will find it immensely simple to find out news about any region no matter how far they are removed from it and no matter how minor the story is. There just isn't a reason to republish articles all over the world when most of the world is a click away.

Newsprint always seems to be like a deer caught in the headlights, always trying to move without any sense of direction. At this rate, it is going to be gone in the next couple decades. It all started with TV — that is to say, newspapers tried their darnedest to make reading more like watching. During that period, the length of articles has decreased, the number of color photos has increased and "creative use of whitespace" is seen as important instead what it actually is (trivial). With the rise of the Internet, print originally saw a Web site as more of an electronic archive for their subscribers and over the years has turned it into a machine designed to profit from advertising. That at first seems to makes sense, but an independent media research organization produced a study with alarming results. The organization determined that the vast majority of "clicks" (which ad prices are based on) were from a small minority who represented a low-income bracket. Furthermore, the study found very little correlation between the number of "clicks" and sales. This supported the theory that the constant clickers are rarely the ones who made purchases. It looks like Web advertising might be in for a shock.

All in all, the media business always seems to be a few steps behind the market. No matter how hard they try to rethink their business, they are constantly confronted by obstacles that they sweep under the rug. In the end something has to change, or the news will no longer be new.

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### Terrorism just isn't what it used to be



**Katherine Miller, Opinion Editor**

The Spy Bill, or some incarnation of it, needs to pass. I am aware of what they all say: Today, it's just a phone call; tomorrow, Natalie Portman's head is shaved and she's meeting Guy Montag to go burn some books.

Sadly, however, times have changed. Terrorism is not what it used to be. The founding fathers were not imposed upon by the threat of a dirty bomb in New York City (although this would be an excellent premise for a comic book).

While I, along with my conservative brethren, often lament this notion of the "living Constitution," in the case of defense, the nation must adapt to meet the challenge of terrorism in the information age.

I do not relish the idea that an NSA underling could pop in to hear me analyze Dwight Howard's Superman dunk — or any ideological concern of mine. But this isn't about ideas; it's about acts of terror.

### Government cares not for your gossip



**Justin Poythress, Columnist**

Here's a simple equation all students, even education majors, should be able to comprehend: More government spying equates to more national safety. This may sound odd coming from someone with a strong aversion to any government intervention. However, protecting our country is one of the few government jobs specified in the Constitution, which, by the way, nowhere defends a "right to privacy." Despite whatever paranoid, Jon Stewart-inspired fears you may have, the government has little to no interest in overhearing which illegal substances you intend to purchase, how often you're cheating on your boyfriend/girlfriend or even how mean your econ professor is. In case this is your misconception, allow me to educate you: Most of the time, the monitored conversations that spark any government action involve terrorism and threats to destroy parts of the country. I don't know about you, but typically I don't lose a lot of sleep over this brand of eavesdropping.

## QUICK SHOTS One Issue, Four Responses

### Should the 'Spy Bill' pass?

### Politicians cannot be trusted



**Sean Tierney, Columnist**

"And when the last law was down, and the Devil turned round on you, where would you hide ... the laws all being flat?" Sixteenth-century Sir Thomas More's question in "A Man for All Seasons" continues to be relevant today. The same laws that protect our suspected enemies protect us, and the weakening of anyone's rights weakens those of everyone.

The slippery slope associated with warrantless wiretapping is frighteningly steep. The White House claims it will only wiretap those suspected of having terrorist links, but that's a very vague description. Information on whom the government eavesdrops on has been extremely difficult to acquire over the past few years. How do we know whom they are really spying on, for whatever reason? Even if they can't get away with it, history has shown that politicians can't be trusted. A government as powerful as the U.S.'s should be able to catch terrorists without giving up transparency and accountability. And if I have to be a little less safe in order to safeguard my right to privacy, so be it.

### Government already has too much access



**Amy Sobhani, Columnist**

I sincerely hope Congress will not pass the infamous Spy Bill. In my opinion, invading Americans' privacy in the name of "national security" is one thing that should be avoided at all costs. The Spy Bill is just another example of the federal government infringing on our rights. The government already has enough access to Americans' personal information; why do they need more? Despite what the government may tell us, not everyone is a terrorist who wants to kill us.

Once a bill like this becomes law, it will cause a slippery slope effect. Who knows what other invasions of privacy will follow? With a blink of an eye, Americans could be living much like characters in "1984." American citizens should not fear the federal government; fear of government completely defeats its purpose.

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### COLUMN

## Is the Bible all fun and games?



**AMY SOBHANI**  
Columnist

Hopefully, everyone has had the opportunity to visit Disney World, Six Flags or any of the other obnoxious (but still lovable) theme parks in the world. Now, there's one more park to add to this illustrious list: a Bible theme park in Murfreesboro.

No, you did not misread that last sentence. Currently, the Rutherford County Planning Department is analyzing plans for the \$175 million Bible Park USA, which developers claim could attract over 1 million visitors a year.

Arguments in favor of the park's creation based their opinions on obvious facts. The park will undoubtedly create new jobs and

bring in revenue to Murfreesboro. Those reasons are just common sense: The creation of a new business always produces new employment opportunities and money.

Of course, these benefits do not overshadow the drawback to the proposed theme park. A religion-based theme park merely reinforces negative Tennessee stereotypes. Other Americans often see Tennessee (along with the rest of the South) as a backward state filled with religious fanatics who don't do anything but go to church and read the Bible. Without a doubt, Bible Park USA will give people even more reasons to believe Southerners only care about Christian traditions.

I'm not trying to bash Christianity, and I don't think it's horrible religion plays such an enormous role in the

lives of many Southerners. However, look at the situation from another perspective. Pretend you are a non-Christian living in Murfreesboro. How would you feel if Bible Park USA sprang up in your backyard? I know I would feel really uncomfortable living near a theme park whose main purpose is to advertise a religion I don't follow.

True, living near a religion-based theme park that endorses Christianity would be similar to living near a church, but it's unreasonable to want your community to be religion-free. Freedom of religion is a fundamental American value, and people can build as many places of worship as they want, regardless of how awkward it makes people of other religions feel.

However, a Christian theme park does not have the same right to exist a church

Please see **SOBHANI**, page 5

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LETTER

# All perspectives must be explored

To the Editor:

It eludes me as to what kind of logic Aimee Sobhani is using when she demands equal rights for transgendered individuals and then ends her column with "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?" First, that is insulting to another group of people who shouldn't be discriminated against — mountain folk. I'm sure your fellow students from Appalachia don't appreciate the stereotype of intolerance with which you are so quick to label them. The same goes for hardcore conservatives. I don't agree with them most of the time, but not all hardcore conservatives necessarily are against equal rights for transgendered individuals. Did you ask either of these groups of people their thoughts on the matter?

Second, I care what they think. And you should care, too.

The most important way to come to any sort of understanding and ultimately come to live in a world of equality is to discuss what groups on all sides of an issue think. Do you expect that by disparaging these groups they will suddenly agree with you? Did you even read what you had written before submitting it for publication? I'm embarrassed for Vanderbilt as an undergraduate institution when I read some of the opinion columns that end up sounding more like The Rant — it's almost as bad as Michael Reagan's column in the City Paper. I implore you to think about what you are writing. Get your friends to read through it. Future employers may be reading this, too, and that kind of logic is not going to get you far in the post-graduate world.

Seth Ogden  
The Graduate School

COLUMN

# Castro's resignation changes nothing



KATHERINE MILLER  
Opinion Editor

Time, that coy mistress of the night, finally caught up with Fidel Castro on Tuesday. After years of illness and seclusion, he has stepped down from the office of resident totalitarian dictator, which he has held since Charles Darwin was in high school.

Cuban citizens certainly did not celebrate publicly in Havana, however; and in Miami, the heart of the Cuban community in this country, the celebration was muted. Castro will pass his power to Raul Castro — this is hardly an improvement in the nearly half-century struggle against communist Cuba.

There is one thing Castro can be lauded for: his dazzling, ironclad grip on power for decades. If the communist revolution in Cuba were to take place in our current setting with the constant tribulations of third world leaders, the expected duration of his leadership — even over a country as small as Cuba — would likely be expressed in months, maybe years and certainly not decades. Perhaps the expectations were similar at the time of his rise to power but little did we all know that Castro would live on for the rest of time, buoyed by the Soviet Union and a steady stream of fine cigars.

The comparative impermanence of leadership in today's world is certainly reflected in the outcomes of the Pakistani election, wherein President Pervez

Musharraf admitted the defeat of his party. His tenure's legacy will be a mixed one, balancing the progress and partnership with the Bush administration with the turmoil and unrest of the past year, further complicated by Bhutto's own vaguely ironic martyrdom for democracy. Regardless of the immediate ramifications of Pakistan's election, there can be little doubt that political unrest will remain the nation's constant companion for a considerable time period.

Lost in the shuffle of violent uprisings, however, is the silent, continual suffering of Cuba. It seems that some find comfort in the permanence of Castro's rule, and that there is no unrest, no bombing in which the striking, compassionate figure of Bhutto is killed; no bloody civil conflict like the one that rages in Kenya; no secret campaign against human rights like the preparation for the Olympic games this summer. It's refreshing because Cuba is a well-operated machine, worn down by organized and competent thought police with decades of experience. This is a mental trap.

As Castro stepped down Tuesday, various writers and bloggers addressed the state of the embargo against his state. It does seem a bit foolish that we're the only ones sanctioning them.

But simply standing alone in an embargo is no reason not to participate in that embargo. Denying the embargo after so

long denies the accomplishments of the strong constituency of Cuban Americans who have completely rebuilt their lives in this country. Since the fall of the Soviet Union, the stand of the U.S. has taken a significant toll on the Cuban economy.

Even so, some say it isn't enough; they say Cuba is a relic of the past, sure to crumble on its own with a miraculous influx of information that will arrive once America starts minding its own business. That belief coincides with the temptation to frame post-Cold War Cuba within the issue of free speech in our own country, doing this nation a severe disservice; Cuba is largely without Internet, and where it is available, search engines like Google are blocked. What worth does information have in that sort of world?

Perhaps without the founding Castro in office, we are one step closer to defeating the lingering elements of communism. We should not, however, let the convenience of thinking Cuba and its regime as somewhat innocuous cause us to lift the embargo. Economics will win in the end, only with a strong ideological backing — our refusal to support the regime will, in the immortal words of Gloria Estefan, "Turn the beat around, love to hear the percussion, turn it upside down."

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## THE VERDICT

Stand and be judged by the Hustler opinion staff!  
Compiled by Medora Brown

National separatist movements		On Sunday, Kosovo declared itself independent from Serbia. Kosovo today, Quebec tomorrow!
Fidel Castro		If he had waited just a year to resign, his rule would have been a nice, even 50 years. He always did go against the grain.
Chick-fil-A		With the beef recall, people will definitely want to "Eat More Chikin." Vegetarians just say they told us so.
Google		The company's stock is about to drop below \$500. Is this the valley in Silicon Valley?
Bananas		Currently, 2,700 of them are lining a wall in a gallery in NYC. Modern art is confusing ... but tasty and full of potassium.
Kingsgate Films		"Harold & Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay?" Really? There's nothing else to say about this but ... really?
Light absorption		A new material absorbs 99.995 percent of the light, creating the blackest black ever. Goths everywhere rejoice!

# SOBHANI: Religious theme parks exploit, trivialize spirituality

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does. Secular theme parks are annoying enough; a religiously affiliated theme park will undoubtedly cause unnecessary tension among different religions. Then again, perhaps it's about time a healthy debate about religion takes place.

In addition to the fact the idea of Bible Park USA is a little creepy, the theme park might actually trivialize the Christian religion. Religion is not a commercial endeavor; it is a spiritual journey. The building of Bible Park USA will turn Christianity into a commercial phenomenon — kind of like Christmas.

Obviously, a Christian theme park will be a big hit with the parents of small children and youth groups. Theoretically, the theme park will make Christianity more accessible to the general public and could attract new believers.

Bible Park USA seems like an excellent business endeavor for those who like to exploit religion for a profit. However, for people who wish to preserve their religion's sanctity and for those individuals who follow other religions, a Christian theme park is not particularly appealing.

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# BASEBALL PREVIEW 2008



## THE 2008 VANDERBILT COMMODORES

After a shocking disappointment in last year's regional, nothing short of a trip to Omaha will satisfy the Commodores in 2008. Led by potential No. 1 pick Pedro Alvarez and all nine returning starters, the Vanderbilt offense may prove to be one of the best in college baseball history.



**TIM CORBIN**  
Head Coach

Corbin's loyalty to this program is unmatched in college baseball. His fierce dedication to building Vanderbilt into a national powerhouse has paid off with a No.3 preseason ranking after spending most of last year at No. 1.

## PROJECTED STARTERS



**DAVID MACIAS, CF**  
#1, Senior, 5' 9" / 175  
Bats Switch, Throws Right

Arguably the Southeastern Conference's best centerfielder, Macias is a perfect fit for the Commodores. Macias is a great table-setter offensively and plays a terrific center field, as his 10 assists would suggest.



**PARKER HANKS, LF**  
#7, Senior, 6' 2" / 210  
Bats Right, Throws Right

Hanks plays baseball the same way he played linebacker for the football powerhouse De La Salle High School — all out. While the senior may split time with Jonathan White and Steven Liddle, you can bet he'll give everything he's got when he's in the lineup.



**DOMINIC DE LA OSA, RF**  
#3, Senior, 6' / 205  
Bats Right, Throws Right

Tim Corbin calls de la Osa his No. 1 recruit, and rightfully so. The first-team All-American opted to return to school after being drafted by the Detroit Tigers in June, and Vanderbilt couldn't have been happier. With speed, power and rocket arm, de la Osa is a legitimate five-tool player.



**RYAN FLAHERTY, SS**  
#22, Junior, 6' 3" / 210  
Bats Left, Throws Right

There's a reason Corbin calls Flaherty the best shortstop in the country. Like Derek Jeter, Flaherty is a model of consistency who always seems to come through in the clutch. "Flash" plays the game the right way and enters the season with an absurd 35-game hitting streak.



**ALEX FEINBERG, 2B**  
#8, Senior, 5' 11" / 185  
Bats Right, Throws Right

Whether it's taking extra batting practice or starting his own business, Feinberg is one of the most motivated players Corbin has ever coached. The senior's numbers have improved every year, and 2008 should be no exception.



**PEDRO ALVAREZ, 3B**  
#24, Junior, 6' 2" / 225  
Bats Left, Throws Right

If you ask any college coach to pick one player to build a program around, nearly all would choose Alvarez. The nation's most feared hitter leads the Commodores on and off the field. While the All-American's numbers are flat-out ridiculous, it's his humility and selfishness Corbin believes separates him from the rest.



**BRAD FRENCH, 1B**  
#28, Senior, 6' 2" / 205  
Bats Right, Throws Right

French may not be your prototypical first baseman, but whether it's dropping down a bunt in a key situation or picking an errant throw out of the dirt, French does all of the "little things" every team needs.



**MIKE MINOR, P**  
#12, Sophomore, 6' 4" / 210  
Bats Left, Throws Left

Minor, who has been unhittable at times during practice, will never be David Price — he could be better. The sophomore southpaw has filthy stuff and an even better temperament, which is bad news for the opposition.



**JONATHAN WHITE, DH**  
#40, Junior (R), 6' 2" / 205  
Bats Left, Throws Left

2008 could be the breakout year for White, who has all the tools necessary to become a big-time player in the SEC. With Matt Meingasner graduated, White has a chance to be the "game changer" Corbin says he is.



**SHEA ROBIN, C**  
#17, Senior, 5' 11" / 185  
Bats Right, Throws Right

With an inexperienced pitching staff, a lot will be asked of the senior backstop. If last season was any indication, Robin should be up to the challenge. He's solid defensively, having caught 57 games in 2007. Pitchers love working with him, and he's also pretty good with the bat.

## ☆☆☆ 2008 SCHEDULE ☆☆☆

Oregon State . . . . . Feb. 22	@ Ole Miss . . . . . April 4-6
Arizona State . . . . . Feb. 23	Western Kentucky . . . April 8
Miami (OH) . . . . . Feb. 24	Austin Peay . . . . . April 9
Evansville . . . . . Feb. 27	@ Miss. State . . . . . April 11-13
Kansas . . . . . Feb. 29	@ Lipscomb . . . . . April 15
Iowa . . . . . March 1	@ Western Kentucky . April 16
Xavier . . . . . March 2	Auburn . . . . . April 18-20
Louisville . . . . . March 4	@ Austin Peay . . . . . April 22
Illinois-Chicago . . . . . March 6-9	@ Belmont . . . . . April 23
Western Carolina . . . . . March 11-12	Kentucky . . . . . April 25-27
South Carolina . . . . . March 14-16	@ Tennessee . . . . . May 2-4
Lipscomb . . . . . March 19	Memphis . . . . . May 6
@ Alabama . . . . . March 21-23	Tennessee Tech . . . . . May 7
Belmont . . . . . March 25	Georgia . . . . . May 9-11
MTSU . . . . . March 26	@ Florida . . . . . May 15-17
Arkansas . . . . . March 28-30	SEC Tournament . . . . . May 21-25
@ MTSU . . . . . April 2	

## ☆☆ 2008 FULL ROSTER ☆☆

Pedro Alvarez	24	JR	3B	Brian Harris	6	SO	INF
Sean Bierman	18	FR	LHP	Drew Hayes	33	SO	RHP
Ben Blanton	19	FR	LHP	Taylor Hill	34	FR	RHP
Russell Brewer	31	FR (R)	RHP	Alex Hilliard	51	FR (R)	OF
Curt Casali	9	FR	C	Brett Jacobson	21	JR	RHP
Nick Christiani	11	JR	RHP	Mark Lamm	44	FR (R)	RHP
Jared Cohen	39	JR	RHP	Steven Liddle	25	FR (R)	OF
Caleb Cotham	27	FR (R)	RHP	David Macias	1	SR	OF
Adam Cronk	46	SR	1B	Joey Manning	55	FR	OF
Jason Cunningham	2	SO	LHP	Mike Minor	12	SO	LHP
Dominic de la Osa	3	SR	OF	Gabe Ortiz	32	FR	SS
Drew Fann	45	FR	C	Chase Reid	42	FR	RHP
Alex Feinberg	8	SR	2B	Shea Robin	17	SR	C
Ryan Flaherty	22	JR	SS	Steven Schwartz	43	JR (R)	RHP
Brad French	28	SR	1B	Kellen St. Luce	20	FR	LHP
Andrew Giobbi	5	SO (R)	C	Aaron Westlake	36	FR	1B
Richie Goodenow	15	FR (R)	LHP	Jonathan White	40	JR	OF
Parker Hanks	7	SR	OF	Jordan Wormsley	26	FR (R)	OF

# BASEBALL PREVIEW 2008

## Offense seeks historic season

### All-American Alvarez headlines thunderous lineup.

by ANDREW HARD  
Sports Editor

While David Price may have stolen the spotlight for much of the 2007 season, and rightfully so, the Commodore offense carried the team night in and night out over the course of Vanderbilt's historic season. The dynamic trio of Pedro Alvarez, Ryan Flaherty and Dominic de la Osa propelled an explosive attack that led the stacked Southeastern Conference in batting average, runs and hits.

This season, the ceiling may be even higher. With all nine starters returning, comprised of seven seniors and two juniors, the 2008 version of the Vanderbilt offense threatens to be one of the best in college baseball history with its balance of power and consistency. It's a prospect that has players and coaches alike excited, albeit cautious, about their potential.

"We have a lot of kids who are back from last year, but as far as how good we're going to be, that will be determined once we play," said coach Tim Corbin. "I like the balance of it; we do have some senior leadership out there and that will be key."

With de la Osa and Jonathan White returning to the team as seniors after being selected in the MLB draft, the middle of the order is loaded with veteran poise and talent.

"You've got kids with 800 to 1000 total at-bats under their belt, so you would think that with that experience, they would be seasoned," Corbin said. "Being in tough ball games, playing in the Cape Cod League, playing for Team USA, you hope that they'll grow from that."

De la Osa, Alvarez and Flaherty return to the 3-4-5 spots, in that order, after combining for 42 home runs and 187 RBIs last season. Setting the table are center fielder David Macias, a .300 hitter in 2007, and second baseman Alex Feinberg, a

.317 hitter with four home runs and 17 doubles last season.

"They're going to help us out a lot," de la Osa said of his leadoff hitters. "David is going to get on base, and Feinberg has always been consistent in the four years he's been here."

The blend of power and speed gives the Commodores yet another dimension to their potent offense. De la Osa led the team in stolen bases with 20 last season and could increase that total this year. Flaherty and Macias also notched double figure steals last year, and Alvarez and White could do the same if given the green light.

"We've got some good speed at the top," Corbin said. "I like the balance of (our lineup)."

White will hit sixth behind Flaherty, and the Commodores will open the season with catcher Shea Robin, left fielder Parker Hanks and first baseman Brad French rounding out the order. The murderer's row will bring a nasty balance of left- and right-handed power to baffle even the most veteran of pitchers.

Having faced off against this lineup in practice, ace pitcher Mike Minor appreciates the daily challenge of trying to get these hitters out as well as their value to the pitching staff.

"I know if I can get these guys out, I can get out anybody else in the country," Minor said. "It gives you a lot of confidence when you're out there on the mound. They can hit you, maybe score a couple of runs, and you still feel good with our guys behind you."

As the Commodores make their quest to Omaha and a national title, they hope to bring to every game the most feared lineup in the country. Whether they break NCAA scoring records or not, this offense certainly has the firepower to carry this Vanderbilt team to the top once again. ■



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Third baseman and National Player of the Year candidate Pedro Alvarez anchors a Vanderbilt lineup that returns all nine starters from 2007. The Commodores scored double-digit runs 21 times last season.

## Seniors: Moving past Michigan

### Commodores set sights on national championship.

by ALEKSEY DUBROVNSKY  
Sports Editor

Seven seniors on the Vanderbilt Commodores baseball team begin their season Friday against two-time defending national champions Oregon State Beavers. All have lofty expectations entering the season, but to achieve their goals they'll need to move past the last game they played together: a severely disappointing 4-3 loss to the Michigan Wolverines in the final game of the NCAA Regional last June.

"I want to improve on last year," said senior infielder Alex Feinberg. "I'm happy with what we did, but I think this group is special. I look forward to accomplishing all we did last season and then building on that."

Those seniors were part of a team that put together arguably the finest baseball season in Vanderbilt history. They won a school-record 54 games, claimed both the Southeastern Conference regular-season and tournament championships and hosted an NCAA Tournament Regional as the No. 1 overall seed in the tournament. On top of all that, they were the top-ranked team in the country for a good chunk of the season. Yet none of it seems as spectacular in light of the gut-wrenching 10-inning loss to the Wolverines. Not that anyone on the squad is letting it bother them.

"We used what happened last year as motivation a little bit, but we set it aside," said senior outfielder Dominic de la Osa. "We've got to start over and start anew."

For such a deep, veteran squad that some claim could possess the greatest offense in college baseball history, they've been doing all they can to stay grounded and keep their focus on the task ahead. They face a daunting non-conference schedule, and the SEC looks to be loaded again once conference play rolls around next month.

A First-team All-American last season, de la Osa could have easily moved on to the riches of professional baseball, but he chose to return to Vanderbilt to help anchor this season's team. De la Osa made the goals of this team abundantly clear.

"Our goal is to go to Omaha, to the College World Series, and win a national title," he said.

Perhaps last season's shocking finale played a part in his decision. In fact, any number of the other players could have left school after being selected in the MLB amateur draft, joining former teammates David Price and Casey Weathers. Yet they chose to return to school, and they have set their sights squarely on achieving a level of success that eluded last year's team.

No one can be sure whether Price's 3-1 fastball that Michigan freshman Alan Oaks, a career .188 hitter, drilled over the left-centerfield wall last June played a role in bringing this incredible collection of collegiate superstars back together for another run at Omaha. But if these seniors have anything to say about it, they plan to make sure that crushing loss to Michigan is left far back in the memories of the Black and Gold Nation after this season.

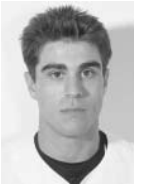
## 5 Players to Watch

From Alvarez and Flaherty to Minor and Jacobson, the entire Vanderbilt squad ought to be fun to watch in 2008, but these five role players are worth keeping an eye on too. All five will compete for playing time right away, and don't be surprised to see them all in regular roles by the time conference play rolls around.



### Drew Hayes Pitcher

The Commodores recruited the hard-throwing Hayes coming out of high school, but he chose to play for his dad at Bethel College. After one productive season, Hayes changed his mind and transferred to Vandy. Now, he has the potential to take over for Casey Weathers as the team's closer.



### Andrew Giobbi Catcher / First Baseman

Corbin will have to be creative in order to get Giobbi's bat in the lineup. After hitting .312 with a homer and 25 RBIs in 2007, the redshirt sophomore is expected to fill in as catcher, first baseman and designated hitter.



### Caleb Cotham Pitcher

Corbin believes Cotham may be one of Vandy's most improved pitchers. The right-hander from Mt. Juliet, Tenn. threw well in the fall and has a chance to start the mid-week games after redshirting his freshman campaign in 2007.



### Steven Liddle Outfielder / First Baseman

A star in the making, the redshirt freshman may have to be patient in 2008. After an outstanding summer, the versatile Liddle hopes to find playing time at five different positions — first base, designated hitter and all three outfield spots.



### Mark Lamm Pitcher

Corbin is thrilled he didn't have to burn Lamm's redshirt in last year's NCAA regional. The right-hander will compete for the mid-week starting job with Cotham but is versatile as either a starter or reliever.

## 5 questions for the season

### Who is going to replace Casey Weathers?

While Vandy will surely miss David Price, the loss of closer Casey Weathers is equally significant. Weathers went 12-2 with a 2.37 ERA and 75 strikeouts in 49.1 innings and was drafted eighth overall by the Colorado Rockies in the MLB draft. Hopefully newcomers such as Drew Hayes and Mark Lamm are ready to help fill the void.

### How will the pitching staff progress?

The Commodore offense may be explosive, but it's not always going to be able to outscore its opponent. While sophomore Mikie Minor is a stud, are juniors Nick Christiani and Brett Jacobson ready to be leaders? Are the freshmen mentally and physically prepared for life in the Southeastern Conference? Only time will tell.

### How do you maintain good chemistry?

With such a deep and talented team, Tim Corbin has a problem most coaches would love to have — he needs to find ways to get everyone playing time. What makes Corbin's job easier is the fact the players genuinely like one another and care about one thing, and one thing only: winning.

### Can the Commodores go back-to-back?

A year ago, Vandy won the SEC regular season and tournament titles. Coaches predicted it will do the same in 2008, but will the Commodores be able to handle the high expectations?

### Omaha or bust?

For most starters, this is it — their last shot to get to Omaha. As successful as they were in 2007, the Commodores still fell short of their ultimate goal, which was advancing to the College World Series. Will 2008 be different?

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## Top 10 Reasons to Watch

### 10. Big-time arms

Led by Mike Minor, a standout on the U.S. National Team this past summer, the Commodores' rotation features some serious firepower. With juniors Brett Jacobson and Nick Christiani returning to the staff, Vanderbilt has a solid core of pitchers to build around. The young guys, while unproven, have serious upside.

### 9. They've got something to prove

After falling to Michigan last year in the NCAA regional, you'd better believe these guys have a chip on their shoulder. They expect to win, and they know the pressure will be on them all year long.

### 8. Pedro Alvarez

This guy is the top prospect in the country. A first-team All-American by Baseball America, Rivals.com and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association, Alvarez may very well follow recent Vandy alum David Price as the No. 1 overall pick in the MLB draft.

### 7. The ultimate senior season

Vanderbilt starts seven seniors and you can bet that they will do anything to make their final season in the black and gold a special one.

### 6. Best offense in history?

The Commodores have the best 3-4-5 hitters in the country in de la Osa, Alvarez and Flaherty, but its their depth that separates this lineup from the rest. From one to nine, pitchers do not get a chance to breath. Expect these guys to put up some football-like scores at The Hawk this spring.

### 5. Tim Corbin

Vanderbilt's baseball program has become one of the best in the country thanks to Corbin, who arrived in Nashville in 2003. A great recruiter, motivator and leader, the energetic Corbin is a major reason why this team is as fun to watch as it is.

### 4. Hawkins Field

What's better than sitting out on Olin Lawn or behind the left field fence watching baseball on a gorgeous Saturday afternoon? How about a Friday night beating on the bleachers and cheering for one of the best teams in the country? From its diehard fans to its Green Monster replica, not to mention the skyboxes (25th Avenue garage), baseball at the Hawk is an experience unlike any other at Vandy.

### 3. Back-to-back SEC champs?

If in 2003 anyone said Vanderbilt would have taken home the Southeastern Conference championship this soon, a few odd looks might have been exchanged. Now there's an expectation the Commodores will take home the top prize in the toughest conference in college baseball for the second straight year.

### 2. National powerhouse

After being the No. 1 team in the nation for the majority of last year, there's no reason to think this year's squad won't attain the same credentials. Even if they don't officially take the top spot, the Commodores will be one of the premier baseball teams in the nation.

### 1. It's baseball season!

The crack (OK, ping) of the bat, the sound of ball hitting glove; when the umpire says, "Play ball," nothing marks the beginning of spring like baseball season. The 2008 Commodores will give fans more to cheer about than just the great weather as they make another run at the national championship.

## Q&A with COACH CORBIN

Before the Commodores' season-opening series in Tempe, coach Tim Corbin took some time to talk to the media about his new team, its explosive offense, and the upcoming games.

**Q:** Do you have to start the chemistry all over again?

**A:** You do; it's a new team. We returned a lot of kids, but it's always a new team with different dynamics. When you lose a bright light like Price or Weathers you need someone else to pick up that personality in the locker room.

**Q:** Can the way the season ended last year help motivate this team?

**A:** I'm sure it can. We don't use that as motivation; I think we just take the good experiences from last year and build on them. There's a lot of confidence that can be gained from winning an SEC championship and winning it outright. We choose to take that road. I don't know that the kids think about that anymore. I'm sure they do, but they don't want to. It's not a good feeling.

**Q:** But they do know about the pressure; they've got to be more seasoned in terms of handling all that stuff.

**A:** I think you're right. They're seasoned in terms of handling it because they don't. It's not something that gets talked about. I think initially, when those things came out two years ago or last year, there was some talk, but I don't feel like that's even mentioned, and I don't think it is. We've got a big tournament ahead of us, and I think they're looking at the opponents and thinking, "This is fun. This is a great challenge at the beginning of the season."

**Q:** You may have one of the best offenses in history; talk about the lineup balance from both sides of the

plate.

**A:** Well, that's to be determined. We've got a lot of kids who are back from last year, but how good we're gonna be, that'll be determined once we play. I like the balance of it; I think we've got some good speed at the top, and those middle guys, when you keep a recruit like Dominic de la Osa, and Jonathan White too, that adds to your program. We do have some senior leadership out there that will be key offensively.

**Q:** Will the pitching be overlooked?

**A:** I don't know; it won't be overlooked by us. We'll look at it the same way. We think it's pretty good, but we'll have to throw them out there in the fire right away, and they'll have to gain some experience. I hate to say that, but that's what's gonna have to happen.

**Q:** What's the offensive potential of this team?

**A:** If you look at their numbers, potentially it's pretty good, but we've gotta stay healthy. You've got kids with 800 to 1000 at-bats under their belt, so you would think that experience, and being in tough ball games, playing in the Cape Cod League, playing for Team USA, that they would be seasoned. You hope that they'll grow from that.

**Q:** What kinds of things will you be looking for this weekend?

**A:** A lot of wins, three wins really. I think just how we handle the situation: I don't think we'll be spooked; I don't think we'll hiccup. We're playing very good competition;

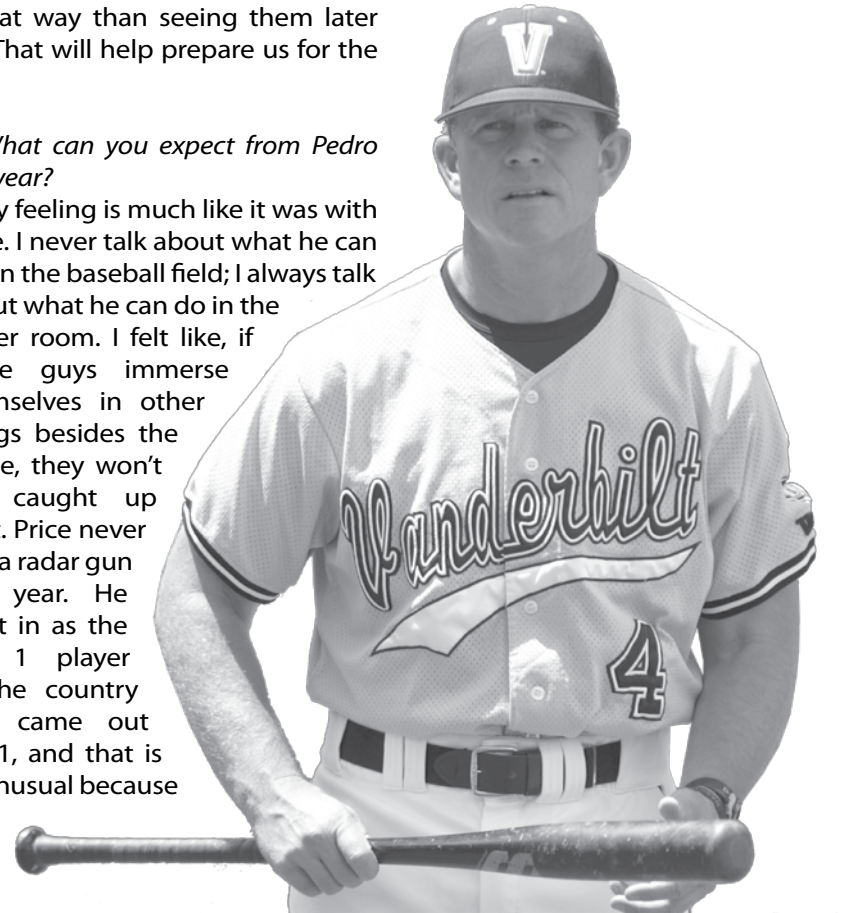
that doesn't mean we're gonna win, but I think the kids will be fine. They're a pretty loose bunch.

**Q:** You went out West last year, did the same thing and beat some really good teams as well. Can you draw back on that at all?

**A:** We don't really draw back on that. That gave us some confidence going into the season, playing the No. 1 team in the country. Now we do the same thing, also playing the two-time defending national champions, and I like that. I'd much rather have it that way than seeing them later on. That will help prepare us for the SEC.

**Q:** What can you expect from Pedro this year?

**A:** My feeling is much like it was with Price. I never talk about what he can do on the baseball field; I always talk about what he can do in the locker room. I felt like, if those guys immerse themselves in other things besides the game, they won't get caught up on it. Price never saw a radar gun last year. He went in as the No. 1 player in the country and came out No. 1, and that is so unusual because



## Minor leads young but talented pitching rotation

### Three starters return from 2007 campaign.

by WILL GIBBONS  
Senior Sports Reporter

You know your program is healthy when you lose the No. 1 and No. 8 picks in the Major League Baseball draft and can still feel optimistic about your pitching staff. Such is the case for Vanderbilt, which attempts to replace All-Americans David Price and Casey Weathers.

The Commodores return four pitchers who saw action last season. Sophomore Mike Minor, who went 9-1 in 2007 with a 3.09 ERA will take over as Price as the Friday night starter. Juniors Brett Jacobson and Nick Christiani have big-game experience, while Jason Cunningham adds depth to the bullpen.

"We've got experience," said Minor, "but the younger guys will catch on too. They're going to take on other roles and take the place of guys that got drafted last year."

Jacobson went 6-3 with a 3.15 ERA last year and could see time as either a starter or closer. In 2007, he handled both roles well, appearing in 21 games.

"You don't rule anything out any year with any guy," said pitching coach Derek Johnson.

Christiani started 11 games and finished 5-3 with a 4.11 ERA. He has also shown versatility between starting and relieving, but figures to start more often than not in 2008.

After that, Vanderbilt will turn to its youth, which suits coach Tim Corbin just fine.

"It's there, it's just inexperience," said coach Tim Corbin. "We have three kids who have been out there before. We have kids who have been in uniform before, they've just been red-shirted and never got to step on the mound.

"They've visually seen what's gone on, but they've never stepped out there and pitched against anyone else, so that's going to be interesting. I don't feel bad about it, it's not like the cupboard's bare, it's just they haven't been out there a lot."

Redshirt freshmen Caleb Cotham,



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Sophomore Mike Minor will replace No. 1 MLB Draft pick David Price at the top of the Commodores' rotation. Juniors Brett Jacobson and Nick Christiani also bring their big-game experience back to the staff in 2008.

### PROJECTED PITCHING ROTATION

#### FRIDAY STARTER:

**Mike Minor, Sophomore**  
2007: 9-1, 3.09 ERA, 19 BB, 88 K in 14 starts

#### SATURDAY STARTER:

**Brett Jacobson, Junior**  
2007: 6-3, 3.15 ERA, 15 BB, 58 K in 13 starts

#### SUNDAY STARTER:

**Nick Christiani, Junior**  
2007: 5-3, 4.11 ERA, 36 BB, 57 K in 11 starts

#### MIDWEEK STARTER:

**Caleb Cotham, RS Freshman OR Mark Lamm, RS Freshman**

## Inside the Numbers

**.324**

Team batting average last year

**11**

Returning hitters who made a start in 2007

**3**

Preseason ranking in Baseball America poll

**1,699**

Miles the team will travel for their first three games of the season in Tempe, Ariz.

**15**

Consecutive home games the Commodores have after the Arizona road swing

**10**

Players on the roster who have been selected in the Major League Draft

**13**

Weeks the Commodores were ranked No. 1 in the country in 2007

**11**

Economics majors on the squad

**4**

SEC titles Vanderbilt has won in its history

**\$8,500,000**

Amount that former pitcher David Price accepted from the Tampa Bay Rays after being taken with No. 1 pick in the MLB draft

**.727**

Dominic de la Osa's slugging percentage

**10**

Number of outfield assists by David Macias

**35**

Consecutive games in which Ryan Flaherty has hit safely

**.386**

Pedro Alvarez's batting average

**.226**

Opponents' batting average against Mike Minor

**54**

Wins in 2007, most in school history

**745**

Miles to Omaha, Neb., site of the College World Series



W2W4

**TODAY**  
#12 Women's Tennis vs. Middle Tennessee State, 2:30 p.m.

This season has been going better than expected for the Commodores, who are 6-0, including impressive victories over Michigan and Notre Dame. On the other hand, Middle Tennessee is 3-7, but they have won their last three matches. This is the last non-conference game for Vanderbilt.

"MTSU is a very well coached team," said Vanderbilt women's tennis head coach Geoff Macdonald. "It's always been a really, really good rivalry. We're looking forward to playing. It's always a friendly, intense but classy rivalry."

**TODAY**  
Women's Swimming and Diving at SEC Swimming and Diving Championships

The first meet in just under a month is an important one for the Commodores as they travel to Tuscaloosa, Ala. for the Southeastern Conference Swimming and Diving Championships at the University of Alabama.

"We're looking to continue to improve our times," said head coach Jeremy Organ. "The girls are rested up. They're really excited to go down to Tuscaloosa to compete in the meet. We're looking to have our best swims of the year and come together as a team and do the best we can."

Freshman Leigh-Ann Axt leads the Commodores with thirteen individual victories. Her specialty is the butterfly, in which she has set a school record in the 100-yard dash.

The meet starts at noon and continues until Saturday.

**HIGH FIVE** with **Club Water Polo**

As told by captain Perry Gragg



PERRY GRAGG / photo provided

**Water polo is GRUELING** because it is a mixture of soccer, basketball and wrestling in 10 feet of water. Players can't touch the bottom of the pool, so anything they do in the water, all the height they get and all the speed they have, only comes from them pushing against water.

**PRACTICE is fun** because we are our own coaches, so it can be very serious or not so serious. We are just out there to have fun. We are all friends, so we push each other in the water, but we all care about everyone on the team. It is fun to laugh and talk about the weekends during practice.

**Most fans don't realize 99 percent of the game is played UNDERWATER.** People who have never played or don't frequently watch water polo don't really know how much of the game is actually played where the referees and others outside the water can't see it. People always ask me questions about the rules, and the answer is usually, "Well, technically you can't punch, kick or scratch people, but it happens all the time."

**The FUNNIEST PLAYER** on the team is all of us. We are all very goofy in our own ways. We have people on the team who have bodies like babies, and then we have a Speedo model on the team as well. The funniest stories always come from the different things that happen on the tournaments.

**Our season will be a SUCCESS** if we win a tournament. We went to the Tulane Mardi Gras tournament a couple of weeks ago and placed fifth. This weekend we will be going to Auburn for the Chris Young Memorial Tournament and will be looking to win the whole thing. The team has been training very hard for the past few weeks, and I expect a very good showing for us.

**Preston earns SEC honors**

by ERIC SILVER  
Asst Sports Editor

It's been five years since a Vanderbilt men's tennis player was named SEC Player of the Week, but on Tuesday, senior Ryan Preston did just that.

"I am very proud of Ryan," said coach Ian Duvenhage. "He missed two days of practice last week due to illness, and he didn't feel good during the match. He nevertheless brought his usual 'never say die' attitude to the match and found a way to win. I honestly feel that we would

have lost if he didn't win his match."

Preston was key in helping the No. 29 Commodores defeat No. 28 Wisconsin 5-2 on Sunday to raise their record to 6-1 and drop the Badgers to 4-5.

Showcasing his versatility, Preston played two matches against the Badgers. In the first match, the Northbrook, Ill., native and teammate Vijay Paul defeated Jeremy Sonkin and Luke Rassow-Kantor in the first doubles match.

He then proved his incredible endurance



PAUL LEVY / VU Media Relations

playing in the first singles spot in an upset of Moritz Baumann, who is ranked 39th in the country.

Preston is now 8-7 on the season as the

Commodores set their sights on their next matchup, an intrastate tilt at 11 a.m. on Sunday against Middle Tennessee State at the Currey Tennis Center. ■

**SEC POWER RANKINGS** Compiled by Aleksey Dubrovnsky

<b>T</b>	<b>1. Tennessee 23-2 (10-1)</b> Ranked 2nd nationally in both polls, the Vols are head and shoulders above the rest of the league. After a tune-up tonight at home against Auburn, they travel to No. 1 Memphis and No. 16 Vandy.
<b>V</b>	<b>2. Vanderbilt 22-4 (7-4)</b> The Commodores have put together nice five-game winning streak, capped by an impressive victory over Kentucky and a tough, grind-it-out win over Florida.
<b>M</b>	<b>3. Mississippi State 17-7 (8-2)</b> A big win over the Hogs this past weekend virtually locked up the West for surging Bulldogs, winners in 12 of their last 14 games.
<b>A</b>	<b>4. Arkansas 17-7 (6-4)</b> A failed comeback in their loss to Miss. St. was tough, but the Hogs' schedule isn't too bad. They could be favored in all of their remaining six games, including a home tilt with Vandy.
<b>G</b>	<b>5. Florida 19-7 (6-5)</b> The Gators have lost four of five and only maintain this spot by default. A tournament birth is looking less likely as Gators must face Miss. St., Tennessee, and Kentucky in their final three games.
<b>K</b>	<b>6. Kentucky 13-10 (7-3)</b> Following embarrassing 41-point shellacking in Nashville, the Wildcats recovered with a sorely-needed victory against LSU. They have won six of their last seven but looked shaky last week.
<b>R</b>	<b>7. Ole Miss 17-7 (3-7)</b> After their incredible non-conference run, the Rebels are in complete free-fall following losses to both Alabama schools last week. In-state rival Mississippi State visits tonight, giving the Rebels a chance to salvage some dignity.
<b>G</b>	<b>8. Georgia 12-11 (3-7)</b> The Dawgs stopped five-game slide with victory over South Carolina and played Tennessee close. It's still a disappointing season in Athens.
<b>S</b>	<b>9. South Carolina 12-12 (4-6)</b> The Gamecocks squeaked by Alabama on Saturday, trying to show some signs of life in Dave Odom's final season.
<b>A</b>	<b>10. Alabama 14-12 (3-8)</b> Losers in three of their last four, Alabama is easily the most under-performing team in the conference given their talent level.
<b>A</b>	<b>11. Auburn 13-10 (3-7)</b> Visits to Tennessee, Mississippi State and Arkansas loom for the Tigers, who ended a five-game losing streak with their win over the Rebels.
<b>LSU</b>	<b>12. LSU 9-15 (2-8)</b> Incredibly, the Bayou Bengals have played great since John Brady's firing. They sandwiched a resounding win at Florida between close home losses to Tennessee and Kentucky.

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# Versus

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Each week, Versus will include a different Features topic, a section for Music and Concert reviews, Culture (fashion, movie/restaurant reviews, etc.), and Fiction (poetry, short stories).

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