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LEADERSHIP

Online course syllabi to aid course selection

by LILY CHEN

Leadership Specialist

With registration for spring classes underway, a new resource has been unveiled to allow students to see sample course syllabi on OAK in order to make the course selection process easier.

"Getting course syllabi up in time for registration was a big priority for us," said Vanderbilt Student Government President Joseph Williams. "It's exciting to be able to put this service up as a functioning way to look at sample course syllabi."

VSG has worked closely with Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Richard McCarty, Dean of Admissions Douglas Christiansen, OAK Manager Cindy Franco and VSG Attorney General Jared Anderson to create this resource.

"It allows students to review sample course syllabi before register," Franco said. "Students can take a look at courses and see what the workload is day to day and put together a schedule that will work for them."

According to Franco, online course syllabi were made available without using new technology; only existing Blackboard technology was used.

In addition, Franco considered feedback from many students and faculty members in deciding which would be the best and easiest way for access to online course syllabi.

However, because posting syllabi online is not mandatory, there is difficulty in getting faculty to participate.

"We're trying to encourage faculty to buy into this program. We're also encouraging students to request professors to post syllabi," Williams said.

Franco said, as of now, there are about 170 syllabi posted and more are continually being posted.

"We did this for all undergraduate schools, so students should take advantage of it," Franco said. ■

Ogilvy, freshmen lead Commodores in exhibition win



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Led by sophomore A.J. Ogilvy's 25 points, the Vanderbilt men's basketball team won its exhibition match-up Sunday afternoon with Alabama-Huntsville, 84-65. The Commodores overcame a slow start and got solid contributions from their heralded freshmen. See page 6 for the story.

ADMINISTRATION

BOT member Cal Turner Jr. has complicated legacy

by SAMANTHA SMITH

News Contributor



The Hustler's project profiling members of the Board of Trust continues with Cal Turner Jr.

Ranked on the Forbes 500 top CEO pay, Board of Trust member and former CEO of Dollar General Cal Turner Jr. has survived both scandal and repute.

Turner graduated from Vanderbilt cum laude in 1962, succeeding his father as CEO in 1977. By the time he resigned in 2002, the corporation had grown to almost 6,000 stores and had become a NYSE company.



TURNER JR.

In 2001, Turner returned over \$6.8 million worth of bonuses and stock options after the Dollar General miscalculated earnings by \$100 million dollars, in one of the worst accounting scandals ever publicly disclosed, according to the Nashville Post.

In 2006, former employee Jane Cleveland sued the Turner family after she felt she was wrongly fired. The Turners then countersued Cleveland, citing fraud, breach of fiduciary duty and other misconduct.

Turner and his corporation have been heavily involved in promoting literacy and education in communities in Nashville and Kentucky.

Support for education and literacy holds special relevance for Turner. His grandfather, J.L. Turner, co-founded the

corporation with a third grade education and later established a literacy fund through his stores for local schools and libraries.

In honor of his father, Turner established the Cal Turner Program for Moral Leadership with former Dean of the Divinity School Joseph Hough. The initiative supports the development of moral leadership within Vanderbilt's professional schools.

"It is only fitting that he endowed the program," said Graham Reside, the program's executive director. "He founded the program 10 years ago understanding the challenges of leadership in the contemporary world. Cal is remarkable for this — doing the right thing and treating everyone well."

Turner currently serves as chairman on the YMCA of Middle Tennessee Board and was also a chairman for the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce.

The alumnus plays an influential role on Vanderbilt's campus. In 2007, he donated \$250,000 to Owen students in support of the Pyramid Project. The program sent 20 students to India to facilitate the growth of local economies. ■

ACADEMICS

New York Times columnist Applebome to teach course on journalism, stories

by RUTH KINSEY

News Contributor

The New York Times editor and columnist Peter Applebome will teach a one-credit-hour seminar style course next semester.

The class, titled "Literature of Fact — Telling American Stories," will cover a broad range of topics in journalism but will mainly focus on the reporters who cover stories no one else wants to cover.

Grassroots reporting is

often thought to be difficult, especially since journalists often report from far flung places.

"I sometimes worry that it's the forgotten part of journalism. So many young journalists these days think they have to be in New York or working for some cool or snarky blog that I worry they're missing a grounding in the real world," said Applebome, who hopes



APPLEBOME

this course will give students insight into life as a journalist.

Applebome's appointment to teach at Vanderbilt is part of the university's program of inviting a distinguished media professional every year to design and instruct a course that covers their area of expertise. The course has been taught previously by Pulitzer Prize winners Joseph Hallinan, then of The Wall Street Journal, and Sonny Rawls, formerly of The Philadelphia Inquirer.

Applebome, who taught an expanded version of the course at Princeton during the spring semester of last year, is thrilled to teach at Vanderbilt this coming semester.

"I'm really eager to teach at Vanderbilt, partly because of the quality of the school and the students, and partly because I really like Nashville," he said.

His love of Nashville developed when he was the Southern Bureau Chief for the New York Times from 1989

to 1994 and expanded while conducting research for his book "Dixie Rising: How the South is Shaping American Values, Politics and Culture."

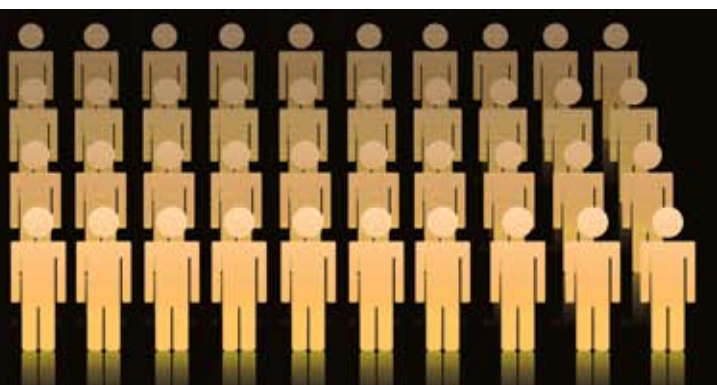
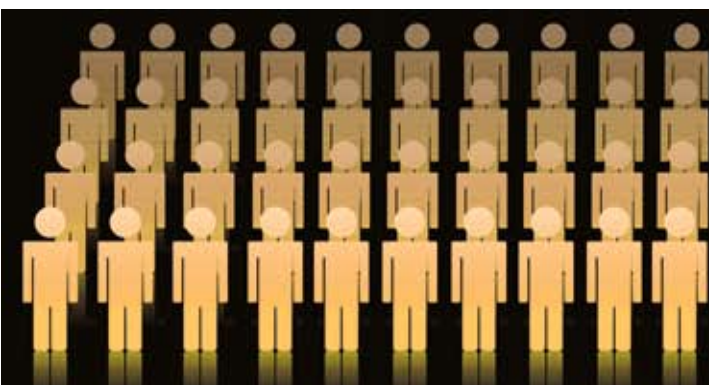
He now works for The New York Times, writing the twice-weekly "Our Towns" column from almost anywhere in New York, Connecticut or New Jersey, except New York City.

The special topics in journalistic storytelling course will meet on alternate Mondays from 9 to 11 a.m. during spring semester. ■

SPORTS: Despite loss, Commodore football remains hopeful for a trip to a bowl game in January. SEE PAGE 6



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NEWS BRIEFS

Nurse in Times Square war photo reunites with Navy

NEW YORK (AP)—A 90-year-old who says she's the woman being kissed by a sailor in Times Square in one of World War II's most famous photographs reunited in town with the Navy on Sunday — days before she is to serve as grand marshal of the city's Veterans Day parade.

Edith Shain of Los Angeles, donning a white nurse's uniform like the one she wore back in 1945, went to see the musical revival of "South Pacific" and posed for pictures, being hoisted off her feet on stage by five of the actors in their Navy whites.

On Tuesday, she'll ride in the parade at the head of a contingent of World War II veterans.

The "South Pacific" event was a touching reminder of history, but very different from Aug. 15, 1945, the day Shain recalls that she joined thousands of people whooping it up after Japan surrendered. Right there on Broadway and 45th Street, a sailor suddenly grabbed and kissed her — and the moment was caught by Alfred Eisenstaedt, a Life magazine photographer.

His picture from V-J Day became one of the 20th century's most iconic images. But Eisenstaedt didn't get the names of either party, and efforts years later by Life to identify them produced a number of claimants, says Bobbi Baker Burrows, a Life editor with deep knowledge of the subject.

Obama to use executive orders for immediate impact

WASHINGTON (AP)—President-elect Obama plans to use his executive powers to make an immediate impact when he takes office, perhaps reversing Bush administration policies on stem cell research and domestic drilling for oil and natural gas.

John Podesta, Obama's transition chief, said Sunday Obama is reviewing President Bush's executive orders on those issues and others as he works to undo policies enacted during eight years of Republican rule. He said the president can use such orders to move quickly on his own.

"There's a lot that the president can do using his executive authority without waiting for congressional action, and I think we'll see the president do that," Podesta said. "I think that he feels like he has a real mandate for change. We need to get off the course that the Bush administration has set."

Podesta also said Obama is working to build a diverse Cabinet. That includes reaching out to Republicans and independents — part of the broad coalition that supported Obama during the race against Republican John McCain. Defense Secretary Robert Gates has been mentioned as a possible holdover.

"He's not even a Republican," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada said. "Why wouldn't we want to keep him? He's never been a registered Republican."

Bomb attacks kill 8, wound dozens in Iraq on Sunday

BAGHDAD (AP)—Bombs killed at least eight people Sunday across Iraq and wounded dozens of others, officials said. Syria's president blamed the U.S. military presence for Iraq's instability and called on U.S. troops to leave.

In the northern city of Mosul, a roadside bomb ripped through an Iraqi army patrol soon after sundown, killing three soldiers and wounding four others, police said.

U.S. and Iraqi troops have been fighting for months to clear al-Qaida in Iraq and about a dozen other Sunni insurgent groups from Mosul, Iraq's third largest city.

To the south, a bomb attached to a bike wrapped in a trash bag exploded outside a cafe in Khalis, 50 miles (80 kilometers) north of Baghdad, killing at least two people and wounding 13, including the city mayor, police said.

The cafe is located in a market area that includes a public health clinic and the precise target was unclear. Khalis is a mostly Shiite town surrounded by Sunni communities and was a hotbed of Sunni-Shiite fighting in 2006 and 2007.

In Anbar province, a woman suicide bomber blew herself up at a hospital in Amiriyat al-Fallujah, a suburb of Fallujah, about 40 miles (65 kilometers) west of the capital.

Talib al-Hassnawi, a member in Fallujah municipal council, said three people were killed and five were wounded.

Police said the dead included two women and a 10-year-old girl.

Man arrested for alleged kidnapping, other crimes after statewide search

LENOIR CITY, Tenn. (AP)—Police say a statewide manhunt Sunday has led to the arrest of a man wanted for alleged kidnapping, bank robbery and other crimes.

WBIR-TV in Knoxville reported that federal and state authorities joined in efforts that led to the arrest of Christopher Ellis. Authorities had been searching for Ellis for more than a week.

Loudon County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy Tony Aikens says Ellis was arrested at about 4:30 p.m. eastern time Sunday and is scheduled for an arraignment in federal court Monday morning.

Aikens says Ellis was allegedly involved in a bank robbery in Kentucky and a kidnapping in Atlanta. Aikens says Ellis is being questioned and will likely face federal and state charges.

Aikens says Ellis does not have an attorney. Aikens says no one was injured in connection to the allegations against Ellis.

Town sitting on potential oil jackpot

PARSHALL, N.D. (AP)—In this tiny reservation town a hundred miles from the Canadian border where temperatures once hit 60-below zero, a Southern twang is sometimes heard over the din at the local diner and there is talk of Texas tea beneath the streets.

Roughnecks from Texas and Oklahoma have traveled here on hopes that they now share with the town's 1,000 or so inhabitants — that there is oil in Parshall.

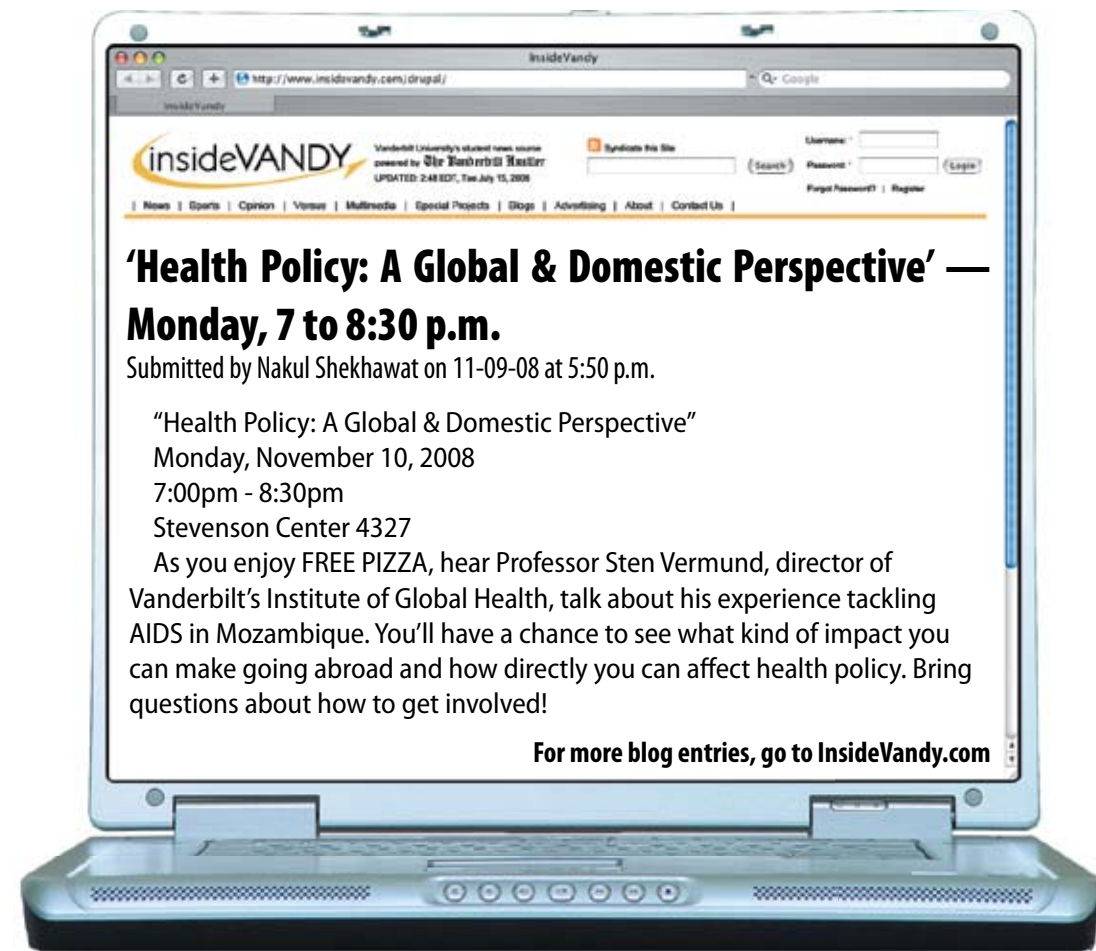
About 400 people own mineral rights under homes, businesses, churches, nursing homes or tribal land. All of it has been leased, town officials said.

"We were dying," said Loren Hoffman, a local farmer and the city auditor. "Our town was slipping backward, but now we're on the upswing."

While it is the namesake of the Parshall oil field, which sits in the crude-rich Bakken shale formation, a quarter of Parshall's residents live in poverty.

No one is sure how much oil might lie beneath the town, but with the wells spreading south toward Parshall near the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, things have begun to change.

FROM THE BLOG



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Members of the all-male a capella group, the Dodecaphonics, sing their concert at the Student Life Center on Sunday, Nov. 9.

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ACADEMICS

Taste of Asia exposes students to foreign cultures

by **AIMEE SOBHANI**
News Contributor

In celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, the Asian American Student Association is hosting several events in order to share Asian culture with the Vanderbilt community.

On Saturday, Nov. 8, AASA gave students a "Taste of Asia," a buffet featuring Chinese, Japanese, Thai, Vietnamese and Korean dishes from local restaurants. The annual event, which took place in the Student Life Center, featured Asian music and door prizes in addition to the international cuisine.

Junior Emily Wang, community vice president of AASA, said she believes events like this one contribute to students' appreciation of diversity.

"(The student body is) definitely becoming more diverse," said Wang. "(Taste of

Asia) exposes people to Asian American culture."

Taste of Asia also helps students discover local Asian restaurants.

"(This event) really gives us a connection to the Nashville community," said senior Wendy Xiong, treasurer of AASA.

APAHM is co-sponsored by Vanderbilt Student Government, the Opportunity Development Center and the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center.

"I personally think that it's great that AASA offers so many events to correspond to APAHM," said sophomore Sean Topping, VSG deputy chief of staff.

Other upcoming events in celebration of APAHM include a performance by Dan Chan the Magic Man on Nov. 10 and a presentation by cartoonist Lela Lee on Nov. 17.

Visit AASA's Web site at <http://studentorgs.vanderbilt.edu/AASA> for more details. ■



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Taste of Asia, hosted by Asian American Student Association on Saturday, Nov. 8, offered students a chance to sample cuisine from around Asia, including catered Japanese, Thai and Korean fare.

ACADEMICS

Alumni share Holocaust survival stories

by **SARAH BILSKY**
News Contributor

Sunday night marked the 70th anniversary of Kristallnacht, Nazi Germany's first systematic effort to brutalize the Jewish community of Germany and Austria.

It is therefore fitting that Vanderbilt University's annual Holocaust Lecture Series continued on Sunday night with "Escape from Destruction: Four Holocaust Survivors and Refugees." The program featured four Vanderbilt alumni — Inge Smith, Fred Westfield, Walter

Ziffer and Max Notowitz — who were all teens in Europe when World War II began.

Smith and Westfield were native Germans who fled from their homeland before Hitler's regime prevented escape. Ziffer and Notowitz found themselves in concentration camps.

The four panelists shared their story and answered questions from the audience. In describing his experience, Ziffer shared the feeling of emptiness that pervaded after inmates were liberated from the camps.

"If you don't make any decisions ... you become

disabled. We were zombies... At 18, I weighed 87 pounds. I could not think clearly," he said.

In spite of the horrific nature of their experiences, the four alumni shared a sense of gratitude and hope. Notowitz described how, after surviving World War II, he would not let himself wallow in despair and helplessness.

While the four speakers differed in their experiences during the war, they all emphasized the importance of education, a major consideration regarding their participation in last night's event.

First-year student Allison Winston believed hearing the four alumni speak was an important opportunity.

"The Holocaust survivors' generation are dying out, so I think it's important to take every opportunity you can to hear their stories because we won't be able to hear them for much longer," Winston said. "I wish more students were there to hear their stories."

The Holocaust Lecture Series will continue through Nov. 16. The next event will be "The Price Tag of Peace" on Tuesday, Nov. 11 in Sarratt Cinema at 7 p.m. ■

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OPINION

Where women stand



NEILY TODD
Columnist

Last Tuesday, as I watched Obama's victory speech, I was struck with the realization that I was watching history. That very moment was perhaps the most historically significant of my lifetime to date. His was a victory generations in the making. No one knows what an Obama administration will bring. We cannot predict the future, but we all know the past. The election of our first black president is the culmination of Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream, Rosa Parks' iron will and the work of every black American who refused to take "no" for an answer. No matter their political leaning, at this profound moment in history, all Americans should feel pride to see how far their country has come.

During this same election season, there has been another, more subtle historical change. For the first time, women have shared equally in the political spotlight. The potential first ladies were not content to take back seats. Cindy McCain and Michelle Obama were vocal in their opinions, each admitting to disagree with her husband's stances at times. These two women prove the old adage that behind every great man is a great woman. Both parties sent women head-to-head with their male opponents. Hillary Clinton and Sarah Palin stood on stage with Barack Obama, John McCain and Joe Biden as equals. Politics aside, these two women deserve praise for the courage they showed in so boldly embracing uncharted waters.

Not only are these women bold, but they are feminine, too. For decades, if a woman

in politics wanted to compete with a man, she had to be like a man. Gone are the 1980s when women dressed in suits meant to copy men's fashion. No more women in shoulder pads and ties. Instead we see Clinton in a bright blue suit and Palin in fiery red heels. Michelle Obama became a

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fashion icon in a daring purple dress, while Cindy McCain radiated timeless elegance in a gold skirt-suit on election night. Their colors shine light on a world traditionally cast in shades of gray.

These women are not afraid to stand out. They do not attempt to blend in. They are moms, they are attractive and they are charming. They are also incredibly smart and individually successful. They prove that being feminine and being powerful are not mutually exclusive. The stage is set like never before for women to rise to the top of our political system. Abigail Adams, in a letter to her husband, John Adams, while he was working to write the Constitution, said, "I desire you would remember the ladies and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors." Since the founding of our nation, political women have worked to secure equality, one step at a time. The women of today follow in the footsteps of Abigail Adams, Susan B. Anthony and Sandra Day O'Connor. We stand on the shoulders of giants, having removed our stilettos first.

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EDITORIAL

Lawson portrait does not render justice

Vanderbilt News Service reported Thursday that the university would unveil a portrait of Distinguished Visiting Professor Rev. James Lawson, the civil rights activist who was expelled from Vanderbilt over 40 years ago. Painted by prominent artist Simmie Knox, the portrait will hang at Benton Chapel and will be commemorated with a private event on Thursday, Oct. 13.

Such continues the long, manufactured apology by Vanderbilt to a man it unfairly kicked out of school 46 years ago. Lawson was an activist in Nashville and attended Vanderbilt's Divinity School from 1958 to 1960. Due to his involvement in the greater civil rights movement of the American South, particularly his leadership in nonviolent protest of segregated lunch tables in Nashville, Vanderbilt expelled Lawson and caused a national uproar.

At the 2006 commencement ceremony, Vanderbilt officially apologized to Lawson, and has been incessantly adding on to that apology ever since. Lawson returned to the university in 2006 as a professor, where he has been teaching and researching. Vanderbilt has continued to heap apologetic measures on Lawson, placing him on the now-notorious Sept. 11 roundtable discussion (which garnered national attention for being reportedly one-sided), promoting his lectures through the news service, helping make his Freedom Ride 2007 project become a reality, establishing an academic chair in his name and honor, and creating a video project

about Lawson's experience that eventually won a MidSouth Regional Emmy award. And, now, a painted portrait.

The work of Rev. James Lawson was undeniably important for the United States and our culture. His expulsion from Vanderbilt is a dark spot in the university's history, and the university was correct, albeit several decades late, in making a very public apology. Still, what should have been a solitary, solemn moment for Vanderbilt to do the best it could to move forward from

the despicable event four decades after the fact has become a perpetual plea for complete forgiveness.

The forthcoming portrait is a nice gesture, but does it really do anything in the way of making Vanderbilt a better place? Hopefully, it will serve as a reminder that we, as a university, have close ties to a monumental civil rights figure. Still, the idea of a painting seems pathetic as a means of retribution.

Can Vanderbilt change its rocky racial past? No, but it can turn its efforts toward the future. Hardly any

administrators, faculty members and certainly no students were associated with Vanderbilt when it expelled Lawson in 1960. The world, the country and Vanderbilt have changed tremendously since then, and we have people like Lawson to thank for that. Rather than beat the metaphorical dead horse to show the university is sorry for what it has done, Vanderbilt should celebrate its lack of institutionalized discrimination and move on to the issues of the 21st century. — Michael Warren

“The work of Rev. James Lawson was undeniably important for the United States and our culture. His expulsion from Vanderbilt is a dark spot in the university's history, and the university was correct, albeit several decades late, in making a very public apology.”

Stay classy, Vandy. No, really.



KATHERINE MILLER
Columnist

Having endured a weekend among conservative students from around this wonderful land of ours, I remain eternally indebted to Vanderbilt for instilling in me some semblance of social graces and refining them.

A recent study by Psychology Today in Boston, Mass., strongly suggests conservatives have more developed senses of humor, possibly deriving from their typically elevated levels of happiness. Well, filled with good cheer though we may be, our social skills may want for something.

Imagine, if you will, walking across a hotel lobby from a reception to the bar to bear witness to the terrible, terrible Commodore massacre, and whilst in transit, stumbling upon five to eight college-age boys playing "Risk." This imaginary place also has dinner tables where

a b o r t i o n policy, rather than Matt Ryan, "808s & Heartbreak" or "Quantum of Solace," dominates the discussion. A place where girls routinely arrive wildly over or underdressed for the occasion and guys wear flag pins unironically. Excepting a few outliers, these fools are fantastic, lovely people — just awful difficult to chat with.

And this is why, to borrow a reference from Lorelai Gilmore, I've got Vandy up on the mantle with the Virgin Mary, a glass of red wine and a dollar bill next to it.

Yes, we who went to this conference are all nerds and geeks in charming corners of our hearts — fondly remembering high school science fairs, covertly dipping out of a reception to study for a huge mid-term and reveling in Harry Potter midnight release stories.

But, you know, we hide it well. Three years ago this would not have been the case. At that point, knowing when to wear what sort of involved tossing a snowball into a hell known as my closet. But the whole Vandy culture, which seems fading a bit at the edges under the pressure of higher admissions standards, values fluidity between intellectualism and conversationalism. Though forsaking Homecoming queen for Outstanding Senior grows out of the tightening of admissions, the finalists all embodied the social graces of Vandy culture: seamless transitions between service, intellect and charm. A sense of pride in outward appearance — and I don't mean conformity of dress — evinces people who understand how society functions, but also take pride in themselves.

Of course, sometimes, the bastion of social graces — the sundresses, the formals — bears down on us. Hell, we even have the absolutely bipolar unspoken dress code for class (either a cardigan, dark jeans and your choice of Sperry's, cowboy boots, riding boots or Clark's; or, running shorts, sneakers, a pullover fleece and a baseball hat).

Thursday afternoon, a recent transfer told me that Vandy does have those unspoken dress standards, but in the end, like we sprung fully formed out of Emily Post's petticoat, we came to the conclusion that this has its benefits. That strict Old South culture some deride produces a body of individuals well equipped to take advantage of the opportunities before them — and to do it with grace.

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THE VERDICT		
Stand and be judged by the Hustler opinion staff. Compiled by Thomas Shattuck		
Japan		A male Japanese air force major caught naked while shopping for women's underwear has been suspended from his duties for 10 days. The man stripped off his clothes behind a convenience store before going in and buying panties and pantyhose.
Michelle Obama		Fashion-watchers were looking closely at Obama's dress, and the verdict was not so good. She was derided in opinion polls for her choice of a black and neon-red dress from Narciso Rodriguez's spring 2009 ready-to-wear collection.
Intelligence		A New Zealand rape victim drove her rapist to a police station when he fell asleep in his car after assaulting the woman.
Australia		An Australian kid decided to get drunk and break into a police station. What did he find? The quickest way to get arrested.
Smoking		Redbridge Council's cabinet agreed Tuesday night to a ban on placing children in foster homes with people who smoke unless there are exceptional circumstances. That seems to be a bit excessive.
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Tebow dazzles in convincing win



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Florida quarterback Tim Tebow eludes Vanderbilt defenders for a big gain during action Saturday night. The reigning Heisman Trophy winner put on an offensive showcase with five touchdowns, three passing and two rushing, en route to a 42-14 win.

by DAVID NAMM
Sports Contributor

Legend has it that Superman wears Tim Tebow's pajamas. In fact, so does Chuck Norris. After his performance Saturday night against a typically stout Vanderbilt (5-4, 3-3 Southeastern Conference) defense, who can blame them? The reigning Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback did more than live up to his legend with a masterful performance in third-ranked Florida's (7-1, 5-1 SEC) 42-14 dominant victory; he added to it.

"Tim Tebow came out and played tremendously," said Florida head coach Urban Meyer of his prized junior quarterback.

Tebow finished the night having completed 12 of 17 passes for 171 yards and three touchdowns while rushing for 88 yards and two more touchdowns.

Indeed, Tebow's bruising running style and powerful arm were on display for the 39,773 fans in attendance, carrying many a defender on his back and leaving the dozens of women with "Marry me Tebow!" signs finding the defender's position enviable. Even so, one of Tebow's attributes arguably stood out over the rest on a frigid night in Nashville: his composure.

"The thing I like most about him is that he is a cool customer," said Vanderbilt coach

Bobby Johnson. "He doesn't get flustered even though he's getting pressured, people around his ankles, and we just couldn't tackle him. He comes out of it and makes big plays. I think he's a really outstanding player."

To run Florida's complex spread offense, Tebow has to be more than just calm and collected; he has to be a leader, distributing the ball diligently to his many dangerous partners in crime like junior wide receiver Percy Harvin and senior wideout Louis Murphy, who combined for 131 total yards and two of Florida's touchdowns Saturday. The impact of Tebow's command of his own huddle — and, thus, the game as a whole — was not lost on the Vanderbilt defenders.

"One of the things that make him so good is the weapons he surrounds himself with," said Vanderbilt junior safety Ryan Hamilton. "If you put a good quarterback in there with a lot of good players like the players they have, it's pretty tough on a defense."

Despite their impressive victory, the Gators — with Tebow in charge — hardly plan on spending too much time celebrating. Though they clinched the SEC East title by virtue of defeating the Commodores, the pride of Gainesville, Fla., have their collective eyes set on their SEC championship title bout with Alabama on Dec. 6, and maybe — just maybe — helping their superstar win another Heisman.

As for the man himself? All he wants to do is win.

"We're just focusing on our team winning and if we take care of ourselves that things will fall into place," Tebow said. "Who know what is going to happen? Making it to Atlanta for the SEC championship was one of our goals at the beginning of the season but our goal is to take care of business every Saturday." ■

Vandy cruises in exhibition

by ANDREW BARGE
Sports Contributor

Sunday marked the beginning of the Vanderbilt men's basketball season with an 84-65 win over Alabama-Huntsville that offered fans a first look at several new Commodores. Though the freshmen jitters showed up early, coach Kevin Stallings was impressed with his team's performance.

"I thought we were nervous at the beginning, and I wasn't surprised," Stallings said. "Overall, I was encouraged with our team's effort. Once we got past our nervousness, I thought we played well."

Two Commodore starters, Festus Ezeli and Jeffery Taylor, had never played in a collegiate game prior to Sunday. Ezeli, voted the team's most improved player after redshirting, will be relied upon as a defensive presence in the post.

Taylor, a consensus top 50

recruit out of high school, made the college transition look easy. The Swedish native scored 16 points on 7-8 shooting, including a thunderous dunk that drew a standing ovation from the Commodore crowd.

While freshmen were there to provide surprises, A.J. Ogilvy's game was characteristic of what Commodore fans have grown to expect. The sophomore, who led all scorers with 25 points in just 19 minutes of play, seems poised to improve on a stellar freshman season.

"I've been working really hard in practice," said Ogilvy, who only missed one shot during the game from the field. "Going up against Festus (Ezeli) and all the other big men every day made this game a lot easier than how practices have been."

The Commodores officially open the season against Morehead State on Nov. 16. Tip-off is at 4 p.m. in Memorial Gym. ■

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QUARTERBACKS, C-

It was too little too late for the Vanderbilt quarterbacks. Redshirt junior Mackenzi Adams only threw for 47 yards while throwing an interception. Former starter redshirt senior Chris Nickson entered the game and led the Commodores on two scoring drives while throwing for two touchdowns. Nickson also ran for 39 yards. Still, the two only combined to throw for 114 yards.

RUNNING BACKS, C+

The overall rushing yards seem pretty good, but the running backs only accounted for a portion of that yardage because of Nickson's contribution. Redshirt junior Jared Hawkins rushed for 46 yards and redshirt senior Jeff Jennings ran for 37. The final yardage total was 150, which was decent, but Vanderbilt ran the ball nearly 40 times and could have gotten more production.

WIDE RECEIVERS, C-

Six different receivers had a catch of 9 yards or longer. However, no single receiver had more than three receptions, and they were generally shut down by the Florida secondary. Redshirt senior Sean Walker was the team's leading receiver with a mere 32 yards, but he added a touchdown catch, as did redshirt freshman Jamie Graham.

OFFENSIVE LINE, B

The offensive line played fairly well, as they only allowed one sack. They were able to get a forward push to help accumulate 150 rushing yards. The line was especially solid in the second half.

DEFENSIVE LINE, C

The defensive line only got one sack, and it didn't really seem to bother Tim Tebow and the Florida offense very much. Tebow seemed to always have time to throw and was able to get outside of the edge contain. The line also got manhandled in the running game, allowing 231 yards on the ground.

LINEBACKERS, C-

The linebackers were charged with stopping Tebow's running ability, which is no easy task. The Heisman Trophy winner ran for 88 yards on 11 carries and was able to beat the Vanderbilt linebackers to the edge and was able to out-muscle them on the ground. Tebow also ran for two touchdowns, and Percy Harvin added another 60 yards and a touchdown for good measure.

SECONDARY, C

Although junior D.J. Moore had an interception, it came against Florida's backup quarterback, and the rest of the Vanderbilt secondary allowed three touchdown passes and 191 yards on only 21 attempts. Many times the cornerbacks were beaten badly, and the secondary also allowed a touchdown pass of 41 yards — the type of big play a good defense cannot allow.

SPECIAL TEAMS, C

The kickoff returns were really the only positive for the special teams, as Moore had a return for 32 yards. However, there really wasn't much else to speak of. Moore only got one chance to return a punt and lost 3 yards, and punter Brett Upson had a mediocre day.

COACHING, D

The Commodores looked bewildered and overwhelmed from the onset of this game. Florida punched Vanderbilt in the mouth on their first offensive series, which resulted in a passing touchdown. The Commodores never recovered until the second half, where they did seem to turn things around. At that point however, it was too little too late. Coach Bobby Johnson needs to better prepare his troops and can't let them be intimidated by big opponents.

Commodores taking positives out of blowout loss to Gators

by DAVID RUTZ
Sports Specialist

After Florida's 42-14 rout of Vanderbilt on Saturday night was over, center Bradley Vierling was adamant.

The Commodores expect to win every game, and four straight losses aren't going to deter them from the goal they have had their eyes on since the season began.

"We went into this game thinking we could beat Florida," Vierling said. "It didn't happen, but if you go into a game and you think you're going to lose, you might as well not even put the uniform on."

"Plain and simple." The redshirt junior captain had an optimistic outlook about his team's streaky season even though there seems to be plenty of reasons to be concerned for Vanderbilt.

"Everything's a positive," Vierling said. "You can't get down on yourselves at all. We've got three games left, we've got five wins, we've got one more win to be bowl eligible."

While Vanderbilt's trying to reach a bowl, the heavily favored Gators looked like a national championship contender, scoring touchdowns on six of their first seven possessions before benching star quarterback Tim Tebow and letting the back-up get some reps. They clinched the SEC East division title with the win.

Vanderbilt, meanwhile, was completely outmatched by the Florida attack. Missed tackles and blown assignments allowed the Gators to move the ball at will in the first half en route to a 35-0 lead at the break.

Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson, who had said earlier in the week that playing fundamental defense with strong tackling would be essential to putting a halt to Tebow and the Gators, was discouraged by a weak effort in that aspect of the defense.

"Obviously we could have played better," Johnson said. "We could have tackled better.

That's where it starts. If you can't tackle, you won't get a chance to play against those great athletes."

Vanderbilt's once sparkling season may appear to be in jeopardy, but as usual, the Commodores are focusing on the positives. After being outscored 42-0 to start the game, redshirt senior Chris Nickson replaced an injured Mackenzi Adams at quarterback and led two of Vanderbilt's longest scoring drives of the year.

Nickson threw touchdown passes to redshirt freshman Jamie Graham and redshirt senior Sean Walker to give Vanderbilt a spark of optimism heading into this week.

"I think any time you have success, you can always build on it," Nickson said. "It was an opportunity for us to do some special things under adversity that we haven't had to face all year."

Vanderbilt employed a very effective running attack on both drives against the best scoring defense in the SEC.

"We ran the ball very well in the second half," Vierling said. "We're going to get back to the winning ways and running the ball. That's good, I'm excited about it."

The Commodores

have yet another chance to reach the elusive bowl eligibility when they visit Kentucky next Saturday.

"We're going to get to a bowl," Vierling said. "I know we're going to do it. We have to have that kind of confidence that it's going to happen." ■



CHRIS PHARE / The Vanderbilt Hustler
Jamie Graham hauls in a touchdown pass from Chris Nickson in the third quarter of action Saturday. Despite the lopsided loss to the Gators, the Commodores were encouraged by their scoring drives in the second half and remain confident about their chances going forward.



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