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Inauguration observance not limited to D.C.

by **JOSLIN WOODS**
News Reporter

The inauguration of President-elect Barack Obama will take place in the nation's capital, but there will be opportunities for the Vanderbilt community to take part in the occasion right on campus.

Various groups will host events to mark the inauguration Tuesday. The Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center will be hosting a viewing of the inauguration and the televised inauguration events from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the BCC auditorium. Frank E. Dobson Jr., the director of the BCC, said the event will be similar to the one the center sponsored on election night in November.

"We will have the events up on a big screen, and after we are going to ask whoever in the audience to offer personal reflections on what we have all witnessed," said Dobson.

The viewing has been designed so students can come in and out throughout the day.

"We realize that people have classes, so it is very free-flowing," Dobson said.

In addition to the BCC viewing, several members of the faculty and staff have organized an evening celebration of the inauguration, which will take place in Benton Chapel from 4 to 5 p.m.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Vanderbilt University will host several events to mark the historic inauguration of President-elect Barack Obama. All events are free and open to the public.

TUESDAY Inauguration viewings — all day

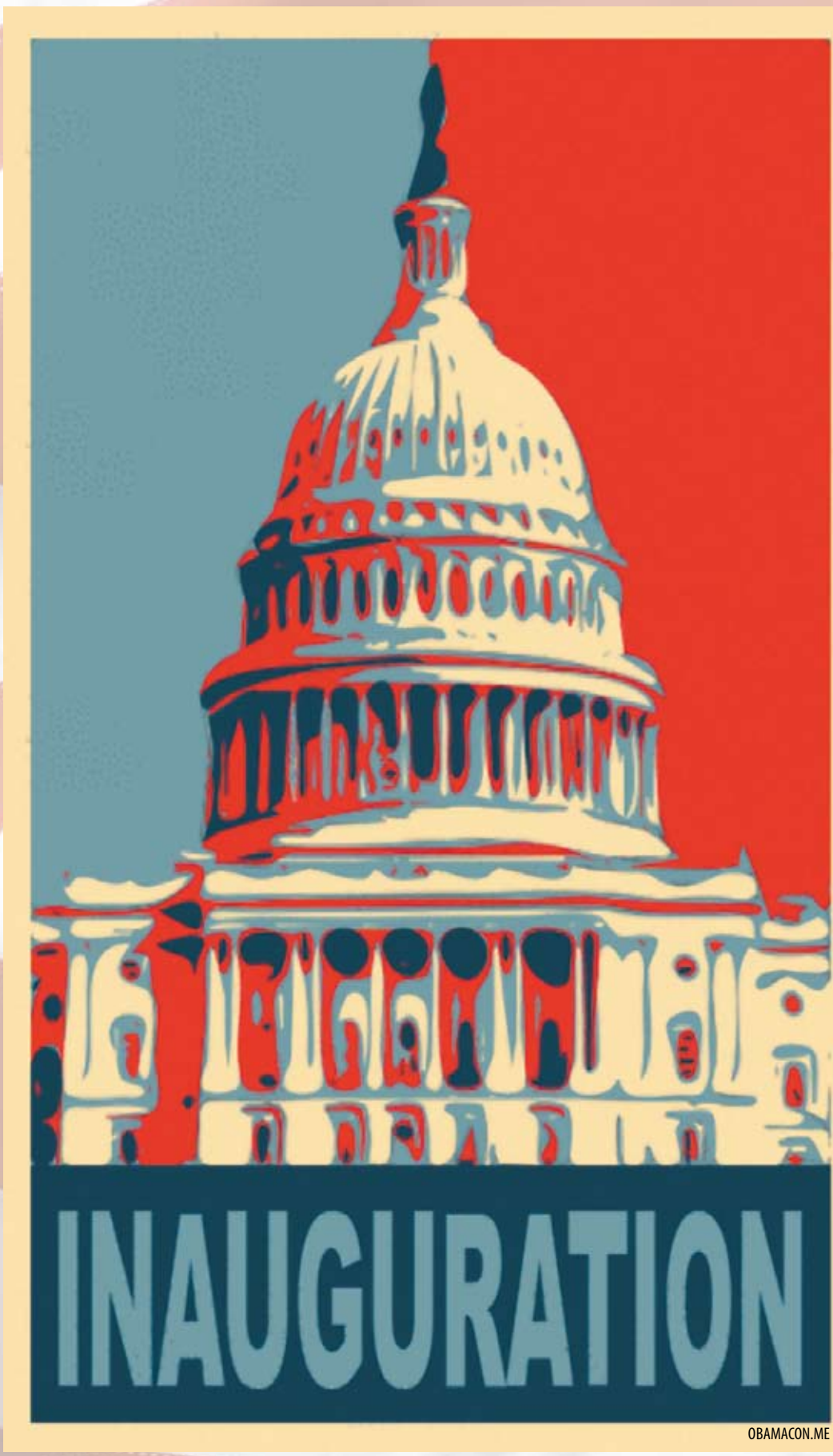
- The Commons Dining Hall will have a large screen TV set up to watch the inauguration.
- The Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center will host a viewing and discussion from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and light refreshments will be served.

Prayer service and celebration — 4 p.m.

The public is invited to attend a service of prayer and celebration at Benton Chapel. The event will feature Rev. James Lawson and Vanderbilt student gospel choir Voices of Praise.

WEDNESDAY Panel discussion: "Obama's Challenge and Ours: Is 2009 another 1929?" — 7 p.m.

First-year students of The Commons and Vanderbilt Student Government will host a panel discussion that will address the country's economic challenges. Panelists will include Vanderbilt faculty members and local politicians. The discussion will be held in the Multipurpose Room in The Commons Center.



OBAMA/CON.ME

Student groups attend swearing-in Tuesday

by **RUTH KINSEY**
Senior Reporter

With the inauguration of President-elect Barack Obama looming, millions of people, including some Vanderbilt students, have been descending on the nation's capital to see history in the making.

The festivities began this weekend with the arrival of the Obama and Biden families in Washington, D.C. and a welcome concert on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, featuring celebrities like Bruce Springsteen, Bono, Stevie Wonder, Denzel Washington and Martin Luther King III. Around 500,000 people were expected to attend, including sophomore Hilary Shynett.

Shynett was invited to attend the University Presidential Inaugural Conference after participating in both the Global Young Leaders Conference and the National Young Leaders Conference. As well as attending the Inaugural Opening Concert, she will be participating in the debates and discussions of the conference and listening to several keynote speakers including Luke Please see **WASHINGTON D.C.**, page 3

Displaced smokers migrate to main campus

by **ALLIE MORRIS**
Senior Reporter

With smoking banned from the entire Vanderbilt Medical Center campus, smokers have migrated to the Vanderbilt undergraduate campus and 21st Avenue to light up, to the annoyance of many.

Immediately following the ban in September, an increased number of smokers displaced from the medical center began to congregate on the patio of McTyeire Hall and later in front of the Student Health Center.

"McTyeire was highly affected by all of the smokers. It became un-enjoyable to be on the patio. Beside the constant clouds of smoke, there were no places to sit because of all the smokers," said David Johnson, the Russian language coordinator and resident of McTyeire.

In response to McTyeire residents' complaints that smokers were taking over the patio, the university posted "no smoking" signs in front of the

dorm. To lure smokers away from the medical center and McTyeire, smoking benches were constructed in front of the Zerfoss Student Health Center.

"As I walk up the sidewalk each morning, I find it an odd image to see puffs of smoke coming from the smoking area, with the Student Health Center building sign as a backdrop," said Louise Hanson, the medical director of student health services. "Our ill patients must pass through that fog of smoke each time they park their cars and walk across the street to Student Health for medical care."

Initially, Hanson said she was thrilled the medical center would become smoke-free, especially because the Student Health Center property is within the boundaries of the medical center campus.

"We thought that (the ban) would eliminate the smoking that we often smelled as we passed the Round Wing on our way to work," Hanson said.

Jim Kramka, senior director of housing facilities operation



Hospital-worker George Holmes reads a newspaper on his break in front of the now smoke-free Vanderbilt Medical Center.

and management, said the placement of the benches across from the health center was necessary to prevent smokers from congregating on the McTyeire patio.

"To be effective, the benches

needed to be visible from McTyeire and the medical center," said Kramka.

The benches and "no smoking" signs surrounding McTyeire have proved effective in stopping smokers

from lighting up on the patio, according to McTyeire residents.

"When the signs went up, no one smoked here anymore," said Raphael Zurz, an exchange Please see **NO SMOKING**, page 3

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The Hustler's Opinion Editor Thomas Shattuck will moderate a debate Wednesday in the Board of Trust room in the Student Life Center at 6:30 p.m. Catch the coverage on [InsideVandy.com](#).

SPORTS: Women's basketball team remains undefeated in the SEC after beating LSU Sunday. [SEE PAGE 5](#)

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NEWS BRIEFS

Israel pulling out of Gaza; Hamas ceases fire after international effort

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)—Israeli troops, some smiling and dancing, began to withdraw from Gaza Sunday after their government and Hamas militants declared an end to a three-week war. But neither side achieved long-term goals, and the burden of consolidating the fragile calm fell to world leaders.

The truce brought relief to Gaza's citizens, who took stock of the devastation in relative safety for the first time since Israel launched the offensive on Dec. 27. And it brought more trauma, as rescue workers in surgical masks ventured into what were once no-go areas and pulled 100 bodies from buildings pulverized by bombs.

"We've pulled out my nephew, but I don't know how many are still under there," Zayed Hadar said as he sifted through the rubble of his flattened home in the northern town of Jebaliya.

'Anything possible,' Obama tells joyous crowd at pre-inauguration concert

WASHINGTON (AP)—Two days from the White House, President-elect Barack Obama joined a vast throng Sunday at a joyous pre-inauguration celebration staged among marble monuments to past heroes. "Anything is possible in America," declared the man who will confront economic crisis and two wars when he takes office.

"Despite the enormity of the task that lies ahead, I stand here today as hopeful as ever that the United States of America will endure — that it will prevail, that the dream of our founders will live on in our time," the president-elect said at the conclusion of a musical extravaganza that featured U2, Beyonce, Bruce Springsteen and a host of other stars.

Obama and his family held the seats of honor at the event, and a crowd of tens of thousands spilled from the base of the Lincoln Memorial toward the Washington Monument several blocks away in the cold, gray afternoon of mid-January.

NTSB: Airliner's engines lost power at same time according to black box

NEW YORK (AP)—A jetliner that crash landed in the Hudson River lost power simultaneously in both engines after reaching an altitude of only 3,200 feet, the plane's black box recorders revealed Sunday.

The details that emerged confirmed the harrowing circumstances under which the pilot of the US Airways flight carrying 155 people maneuvered the plane over New York City and safely into the water after striking a flock of birds Thursday.

"The captain makes radio call to ATC (air traffic control) calling mayday and reports that they hit birds, lost both engines and were returning to LaGuardia" Airport, said Kitty Higgins, National Transportation Safety Board member, releasing cockpit transmissions captured on flight data and voice recorders.

Future of abstinence-only funding is in limbo as Bush leaves White House

NEW YORK (AP)—With the exit of the Bush administration, critics of abstinence-only sex education will be making an aggressive push to cut off federal funding for what they consider an ineffective, sometimes harmful program.

How quickly and completely they reach their goal is uncertain, however, as conservative supporters of abstinence education lobby Congress and President-elect Barack Obama to preserve at least some of the funding, which now totals \$176 million a year.

And even if federal funding is halted, some states — such as Georgia — are determined to keep abstinence programs going on their own, ensuring that this front in the culture wars will remain active.

Al-Sadr's followers hope for political comeback in Jan. 31 provincial vote

AMARAH, Iraq (AP)—Followers of anti-American Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr hope to win back their position as a major force in this month's regional elections after a string of military and political setbacks last year.

Even modest success in the Jan. 31 vote for ruling provincial councils could position the Sadrists as coalition partners in key southern provinces, where a large number of candidates makes it unlikely any single party can win on its own.

Anything short of that could relegate the once formidable al-Sadr to political irrelevance — something unthinkable a year ago when his fearsome Mahdi Army militia wielded vast power in Shiite areas of Iraq.

Technology to block phones in cars not foolproof; education necessary

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Many parents would love to be able to give their teenagers a cell phone that couldn't be used while driving. Now some inventors say they have come up with ways to make that possible, but they appear to be relying on wishful thinking.

One product to hit the market, \$10-a-month software by Dallas-based WQN Inc., can disable a cell phone while its owner is driving. It uses GPS technology, which can tell how fast a person is traveling. But it can't know whether the person is driving — and therefore it can needlessly lock a phone. WQN, which sells cell phone and Internet security software under the name WebSafety, says it signed up about 50 customers for its first month of service.

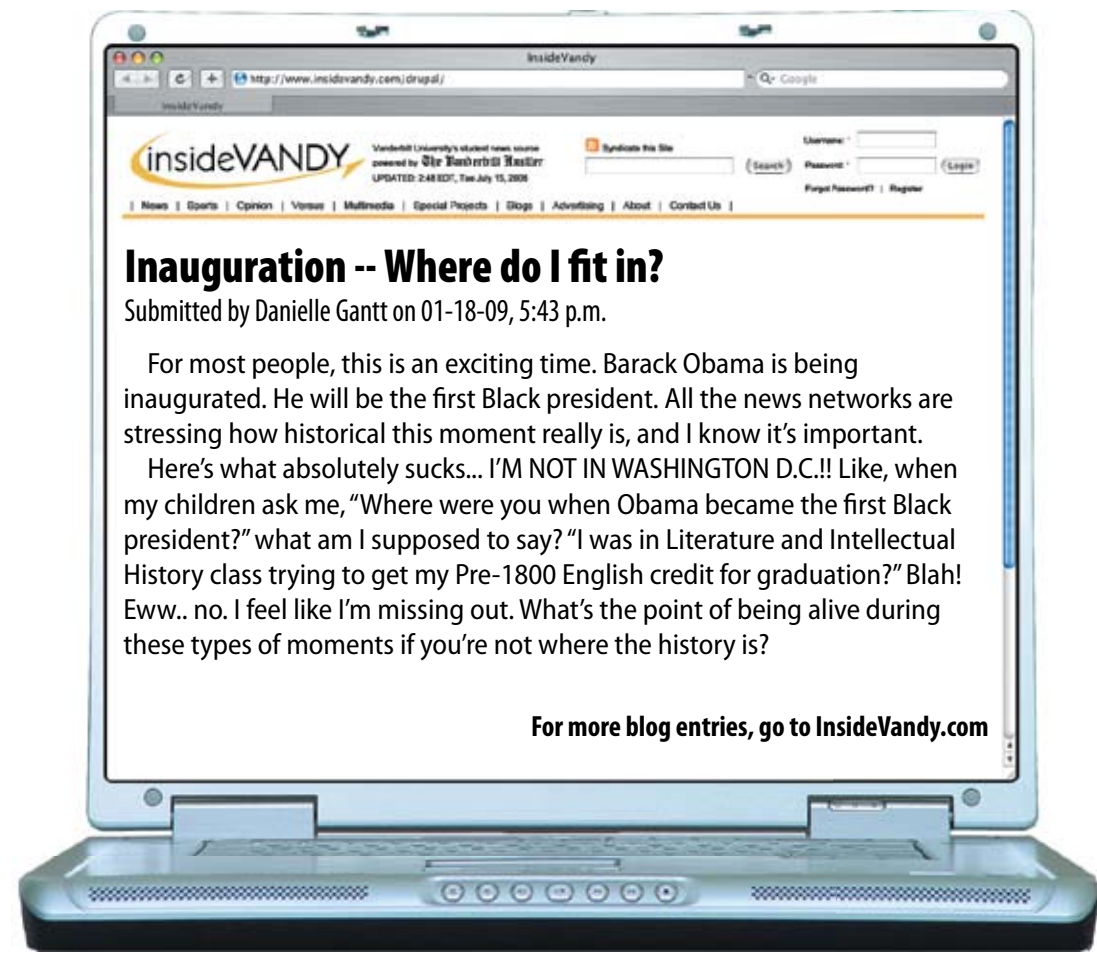
Aegis Mobility, a Canadian software company, plans to release a similar Global Positioning System-based product this fall, known as DriveAssistT. Aegis is in talks with big U.S. wireless phone carriers, which would have to support the software and charge families a fee of probably \$10 to \$20 a month, said David Teater, the company's vice president.

The DriveAssistT system will disable a phone at driving speeds and send a message to callers or texters saying the person they are trying to reach is too busy driving. But because that person could be a non-driving passenger, the approach is a blunt tool.

Other product concepts that don't involve GPS systems have their own flaws. As a result, Parry Aftab, who advises families on technology and safety, suggests worried parents find another way to stop their kids from calling or texting while driving. Parents are better off taking away a child's cell phone if it is used improperly, she said.

"More and more, we see any solution is, in large part, education and awareness, parents getting involved," said Aftab, executive director of WiredSafety.org. Driving and cell phone use can be a bad combination, "but so is putting on makeup and eating a three-course meal," Aftab said. "I wish technology providers would look hard at the problems before coming up with a knee-jerk solution."

FROM THE BLOG



Inauguration -- Where do I fit in?

Submitted by Danielle Gantt on 01-18-09, 5:43 p.m.

For most people, this is an exciting time. Barack Obama is being inaugurated. He will be the first Black president. All the news networks are stressing how historical this moment really is, and I know it's important.

Here's what absolutely sucks... I'M NOT IN WASHINGTON D.C.!! Like, when my children ask me, "Where were you when Obama became the first Black president?" what am I supposed to say? "I was in Literature and Intellectual History class trying to get my Pre-1800 English credit for graduation?" Blah! Eww.. no. I feel like I'm missing out. What's the point of being alive during these types of moments if you're not where the history is?

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SNAPSHOT

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE SLC...



ZAC HARDY / The Vanderbilt Hustler
First-year students Harry Lopez, Jeremy Edwards, Cameron Greene and Nate Napier play slots at Casino Night, hosted by Vanderbilt Programming Board in the Student Life Center Friday. Students with the most chips at the end of the night had the chance to win prizes.

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SNCC former head keynotes inauguration, MLK observance

by SAMANTHA SMITH
Senior Reporter

With the inauguration of President-elect Barack Obama just days away, the achievements of the civil rights movement will have a special significance this Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Co-sponsored by Vanderbilt's Black Student Alliance, the on-campus events feature a presentation by Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee founder Charles McDew. His talk, entitled "Votes, Voices and Victory: How Far Have We Come?," will be the keynote event of this year's festivities. Founded in 1960, SNCC is a student organized peaceful protest movement that made many inroads in the fight for desegregation.

"MLK day is obviously going to be different, more special, this year," said first-year student Jessica Aviles. "Having an SNCC founder speak has a lot of meaning considering the inauguration of our first black president."

McDew, raised in the town of Massillon, Ohio, first demonstrated in the eighth grade when he protested the violation of the religious freedoms of local Amish students. McDew later attended South Carolina State College, becoming a student leader in the sit-in movement his freshman year.

He served as chairman of SNCC from 1961 to 1964, overseeing the desegregation of local facilities, the establishment of freedom schools and voter registration. Most notably, SNCC encouraged local leadership, eventually challenging the Mississippi Democratic Party at their Atlantic City convention during the summer of 1964. President Bill Clinton honored



McDEW

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY EVENTS

MONDAY, JAN. 19

• **Nashville's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day March**
11:30 a.m., beginning at Jefferson Street Baptist Church, 2708 Jefferson St.

• **Keynote speaker Dr. Darryl Jordan**
Noon, Gentry Center, 3500 John A. Merritt Blvd., Tennessee State University
Dr. Jordan is the chief medical director of Nashville Metro General Hospital at Meharry and will speak following the march.

• **"The Public Health System in Botswana: Successes and Challenges"**
Noon, Light Hall, Room 208, Vanderbilt University Medical Center
This lecture by Minister of Health of the Republic of Botswana Lesego Motsumi will be followed by a reception in Minister Motsumi's honor.

• **"Votes, Voices and Victory: How Far Have We Come?"**
5 p.m. reception, 6 p.m. event, Benton Chapel
The keynote event featuring Charles McDew, a founder and chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, celebrates the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

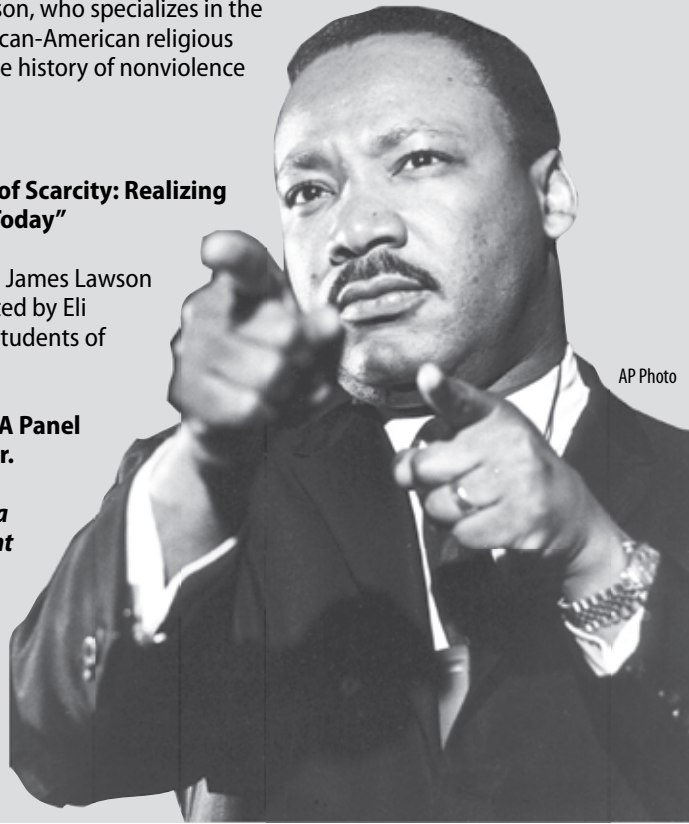
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21

• **"The Origins of Nonviolence in the African-American Freedom Struggle"**
10 a.m., Curb Event Center, Vince Gill Room, 2002 Belmont Blvd.
Professor of History Dennis Dickerson, who specializes in the U.S. civil rights movement and African-American religious history, will present a lecture on the history of nonviolence in the civil rights movement.

THURSDAY, JAN. 22

• **"Social Responsibility in an Age of Scarcity: Realizing Economic Justice at Vanderbilt Today"**
6 p.m., Furman Hall, Room 114
This panel discussion with the Rev. James Lawson and invited guests will be moderated by Eli Feghali, co-founder of Vanderbilt Students of Nonviolence.

• **"Race and Religion in Nashville: A Panel Discussion moderated by Rev. Dr. Brenda Salter McNeil"**
7 p.m., Bunch Library, Multimedia Hall, 1900 Belmont Blvd., Belmont University
At this panel discussion about the challenges of United churches in Nashville, ministers from the community will share their experiences.



AP Photo

McDew as an American Hero for his work in the civil rights movement.

McDew now serves in organizations for social and political change. He works as a teacher and labor organizer, manages anti-poverty programs in Washington, D.C. and serves

as community organizer in Boston and San Francisco, according to his personal Web site. McDew recently retired from Metropolitan State University in Minneapolis, Minn.

This year's events will also include a talk by Minister of Health to the Republic of

Botswana Lesego Motsumi and performances by Vanderbilt's Jeremiah Generation Praise Team, Spoken Word and the Nashville A capella group Nu Image.

McDew is scheduled to speak at 6 p.m. Monday at Benton Chapel. ■

INAUGURATION: BCC, Dining host observances

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"Our idea is for it to be a celebratory and nonpartisan event marking the inauguration of Barack Obama," said Douglas Knight, the director of the Center for the Study of Religion and Culture.

Knight said the celebration will include short reflections given by three different speakers, including Dobson, Associate Professor of Political Science and Philosophy Brook Ackerly and one Vanderbilt student. Other speakers include the Rev. James Lawson, Provost Richard McCarty and Director of Religious Life Gay Welch.

Students will also present readings from past presidential inaugural addresses dating all the way back to George Washington and the student gospel choir Voices of Praise will provide music.

Knight said the chapel's ceremony is directed toward the entire campus community — students from all levels, staff and faculty.

"We are intending for it to be

something that helps everyone celebrate the inauguration of a new president, reflecting on the fact that in the U.S. we are able to have peaceful transitions of power at the highest level and that this also reflects on the character of our country and its constitution," Knight said.

Knight also emphasized that the event is nonpartisan and not meant to be celebrated by one side or the other.

"We are hoping it can be the start of a (Vanderbilt) tradition that happens every four years, despite who becomes president and which party wins the White House," Knight said.

Vanderbilt Dining will also join the inauguration celebration by playing the Inauguration on the televisions in Rand Dining Hall and the Pub at Overcup Oak. Chef James Bistro will also be serving an "all-American" menu including grilled steak, twice-baked potatoes, fried catfish with hush puppies, shrimp and grits, jambalaya, green beans, squash casserole, black-eyed peas, rice and chili from Obama's personal recipe collection. ■

WASHINGTON D.C.: Inauguration inspires activism, road trips

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Russert, son of the late Tim Russert, Colin Powell and Al Gore. She will also attend the Inauguration Ceremony, which will begin at 11:30 a.m., and the Black Tie Gala Inaugural Ball on Tuesday.

"I am very excited about attending the Inauguration," said Shynett. "It will be a watershed event in history, and being part of that is extremely special. It will be exciting to witness this emerging new identity, an identity that reflects the contemporary face of America."

Ashley Shelton, a first-year student at Vanderbilt Law School, will also witness Obama's swearing-in. Shelton, who volunteered with the Obama election campaign throughout 2008, added her name to an Inauguration ticket lottery conducted by Rep. Jim Cooper. She won her ticket and will be flying up to Washington solely for the ceremony itself.

"I was determined to get to D.C. for the Inauguration," said Shelton. "Volunteering with the campaign, I became emotionally invested in the idea of an Obama administration. It will be a very

personal moment for me."

Members of several campus organizations will be traveling to Washington for events scheduled near the Inauguration. Both the Vanderbilt Students for Life group and Vandy Catholic will be attending the March for Life on Jan. 22. The march, held on the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, protests the Supreme Court abortion decisions and petitions Congress for redress.

Although the students may not agree with Obama's pro-choice stance on abortion, they are hopeful about America's future.

"President-elect Obama said in his acceptance speech on Election Day that he will listen to the American people especially when we disagree, so I hope that we can demonstrate in a loving way through the march, how important the pro-life movement is to so many citizens," said sophomore Kathryn Manza, one of the marchers. "I love our country so I pray that he will be able to change America for the better and remember the sanctity of life at every age when making policy decisions." ■

NO SMOKING: Student health director says 'no smoking'

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student from Germany and resident of McTyeire. "They smoke now where the signs don't restrict them."

The medical center has been combating smoking since 1989 when it banned smoking inside all buildings. Since then, smoking policies have only grown stricter. In the early 1990's, the medical center developed designated smoking areas and established a "smoke

patrol" to enforce the restricted smoking areas. In 2008, the Vanderbilt Medical Center, in addition to Centennial Medical Center, Baptist Hospital and St. Thomas Hospital, went smoke-free.

"We need to have the best environment for the patients," said Deputy Director of Medical Center News John Howser. "Smoking is the No. 1 cause of heart disease and cancer. ... It is up there as the worst thing you

can do to yourself."

While the medical center campus is smoke-free, the undergraduate campus has fewer smoking restrictions.

"While smoking is not permitted in any university building, outside smoking has always been allowed on the academic campus," Kramka said.

"Our 'pie in the sky' hope is that our entire campus can eventually become smoke-

free," Hanson said.

This hope follows a current national trend. According to the American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation, at least 260 colleges and universities across America have developed smoke-free campus policies. In Tennessee, both East Tennessee State University and Austin Peay State University enforce smoke-free policies similar to the medical center's smoking ban. ■



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America, since its founding, has always been a nation of people searching for a better life. For our founding fathers, it was the search for equal representation and freedom from a monarchy that led them to America. For the Quakers and Puritans, it was freedom from religious persecution. For the Irish immigrants in the early 20th century, it was freedom from hunger in their home country. Irish, Italian, Polish, Korean, Vietnamese, Cuban, Puerto Rican, Mexican, Somali, Chilean — these are the faces that make up America. America is a diverse nation, a quilt of culture woven together by a common factor — the pride to be an American.

This week, Nashville will vote on an issue that challenges the notion that America's diversity is part of what makes it unique — what sets it apart from other nations. On Jan. 22, Nashvillians will vote on the English-Only amendment, which proposes to outlaw all government services in the Metro Nashville area from being offered in any language other than English. This issue is one I began writing about last August when the referendum's author, Councilman Eric Crafton, endeavored to put the issue to a vote on the November ballot. Now, after months of debate, the time to vote is upon us. Countless articles and opinion pieces have been run in every paper across the city detailing the amendment and its ramifications. I will not repeat those arguments, but simply lay out my thoughts on the feelings driving this proposal.

Proponents of the amendment will tell you its purpose is to make English Nashville's official language. English is already Nashville's official language, by virtue of Tennessee state law proclaiming it the official language of Tennessee. If this were the purpose of English-Only, at best this amendment would be redundant — a waste of taxpayer money to sign into law something that already is law. Rather, this referendum is a mean-spirited attempt to cut down some of the most vulnerable citizens in our community

— those struggling on a daily basis to adapt to a new culture, a new language, a new life. Yesterday I saw a yard sign that read "vote 'si' on English-Only." Not only is this referendum an attempt to cut immigrants down, but

This referendum is a mean-spirited attempt to cut down some of the most vulnerable citizens in our community — those struggling on a daily basis to adapt to a new culture.

apparently some feel it is necessary to mock them while cutting off their chances to thrive and provide for a family in a new country.

People who move to this country should learn to speak English. They do, but it takes time. Learning a new language, especially for the many immigrants who work multiple jobs just to make ends meet, takes a lot of time. First generation immigrants always have a more difficult time learning a language than their children — this has been the case in every wave of immigration in America. Those immigrating to America now will do their best to learn English in their lifetimes, while at the same time, their children will be fully immersed in American culture — at school, on sports teams, in jobs — and have proven time and time again to quickly adapt to learning English and the American way of life. America is a blend of cultures and ideas, only becoming richer and more diverse with each new wave of people. We should welcome newcomers rather than slam the door in their faces as English-Only attempts to do. The word for the correct vote needs no translation — no.

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EDITORIAL

The politics of change threaten the old guard

Vanderbilt traditionally avoids celebrating national holidays and Martin Luther King Jr. Day is no different. Sure, there will be various events including a presentation by Charles McDew, founder of Students Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, but students will still be in class.

Lethargy aside, it is hard not to connect MLK Day and the following inauguration. Unsurprisingly, The New York Times has been preparing for this eventuality since August. In an article titled "Is Obama the end of black politics?" Matt Bai discusses the evolution of African-American politics since the end of the civil rights movement. In the story, Cornell Belcher, a pollster, claimed, "The people I work with are the new black politics. We don't carry around that history. We see the world through post-civil-rights eyes. I don't mean that disrespectfully, but that's just the way it is."

That is the crux of the problem: Has everything changed over the course of the past 50 years? Bai wrote, "For a lot of younger African-Americans, the resistance of the civil rights generation to Obama's candidacy signified the failure of their parents to come to terms, at the dusk of their lives, with the success of their own struggle," implying there is a distinct (not subtle) generational conflict. In one sense, this change reflects major progress in the U.S. political machine, but is it possible to still be successful if you are alienated by the fruits of your own labor?

In other words, to some, Obama's victory is bittersweet. It stands as a milestone as any first

would, but uncomfortable racial tension is still present. His presidency marks the decline of the traditional segregated political machine — a change that could possibly leave the old guard stranded.

Obama's campaign was based strongly on the intangible concept of change. He was lauded for his optimism. Like justice, however, change is blind. When the tides turn, change does not favor one over another. In these uncertain times — times of political and social upheaval — many people stand to be left behind by change. In Darwinian fashion, those who refuse to adapt will be ignominiously removed from the new political landscape.

The old guard, who according to Bai "saw their job, principally, as confronting an inherently racist white establishment," something Artur Davis, as well as other modern black politicians, firmly rejects. The time when these men's role was nothing more than

a spokesmen for their community is over; their constituents now expect more, they clamor for inspiration.

To put it simply, this MLK Day will be different, if for no other reason than the nature of the upcoming inauguration. This holiday, whose purpose is to reflect on the past is about to be overrun by the future. This year, MLK Day should be a time to reminisce about both the living and the dead; about triumphs and failures; most importantly, about whom we as a nation are.

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Vandy should keep going green Sean Tierney, Guest Columnist

Vanderbilt's green movement helps instill a green mindset in students, many of whom may continue to actively look out for the environment long after graduation. Universities have a unique position in society, and a green movement here can spill over into the surrounding community. It also gives Vanderbilt a stronger recruiting edge among environment-conscious prospective students. Some initiatives, like no more mailing slips, are also cost-effective. Any costs are more than offset by savings, increase in recruitment and prestige, and the preservation of our environment. If anything, we should invest more in Vanderbilt's budding green movement.

Green saves money Frannie Boyle, Columnist

Well it seems like a lot of the steps Vandy is taking in order to promote the "green movement" will actually save money in the long run. The initial steps will only be ineffective and seem like a big waste of money if students do not grasp on to them and take advantage of the options. The brown bags do not bug me, the removal of mailing slips was a brilliant idea, and I do not really have anything to say about the waterless urinals. On the other hand, those unappealing green T-shirts they handed out in order to promote Vanderbilt's environmental friendliness were definitely a misallocation of budget.

QUICK SHOTS

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It might not be worth the money Katherine Miller, Columnist

Look, Vanderbilt, the environment hates us. Straight out of Hitchcock, some birds in New York killed that plane right into the Hudson River. It's like the Lion King's revenge. In these troubled times of economic woe, the environment wants us to leave it alone.

For serious, though, Vanderbilt lives the gospel of environmental protection they're always peddling around. Like Rihanna advises, Vanderbilt just lives its life. Even though LEED-certification is most likely a completely fictional thing environmentalists made up to sound official, Vanderbilt practices the private institutions making a difference model the U.S. needs.

Nevertheless, with the Greatest Depression upon us, Vanderbilt should readdress the priorities here. We don't need to buy the eco-friendly high horse organic sugar cubes, we just gotta pay the bills.

Should Vanderbilt keep going green?

Student convenience should come first Thomas Shattuck, Opinion Editor

While I love the environment as much as the next guy (or gal), I fail to see why we needed waterless urinals. Seriously, we replaced the ones before them not all that long ago. That cannot be cost effective.

I have to admit that removing plastic bags at the Munchie Mart warmed my lukewarm heart, while removing postal slips for packages frankly just pissed me off. As students, we need to be conscientious about wasting materials. The administration, however, should be concerned with student welfare. If it seriously inconveniences students, they should possibly reconsider — or at least look into it further.

I suppose at this point, I might as well have faith. There's not much I can do about it and it's not like the administration ever misallocates funding ... OK, so there's just not much I can do about it.



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Give yourself a pat on the back



FRANNIE BOYLE
Columnist

For a couple of weeks now, friends and other people whom I unfortunately know, have joked around with me, asking how much I was looking forward to the upcoming inauguration. I am not going to lie — I have kind of been in a funk. All of the hype about it has gotten to me, and the multiple Facebook invites to speech-watching events and prayer services have not helped either. Even the red, white and blue coffee sleeves at Starbucks have contributed to my depression.

Politically, conservatives and myself alike may be frustrated by the results of the election and what we have to look forward to for the next four years. It would be inexcusable, though, to let petty politics get in the way of one of our country's greatest achievements. Jan. 20 will be a historic day and perhaps the most important day America will see during our lifetimes. We will see our country's first black president take office.

Just think about it! Think about how far our country has come in the last 100 years. The path toward ridding our country of the regrettable prejudice and bigotry that has haunted it for so long has caused years of pain and frustration to go unnoticed. While we still have a long way to go, the inauguration of President-elect Barack Obama will be perhaps the biggest step our country has taken.

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Throughout his trip to Washington, D.C., Obama has taken lines from both Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King Jr., symbolizing both the importance and the value of his inauguration. While the U.S. would never be where it is today without the guidance of these spectacular men, Obama has done something even greater. He did not achieve the presidency alone but with the help and support of Americans. This is not just Obama's achievement and not just the achievement of one race — this is an achievement for the American people.

This all may sound way too annoyingly idealistic, but there is really no other way to describe what will happen in Washington tomorrow. People will take their minds off of the economy, the war and even their worries about the future. Guantanamo Bay inmates will be there Wednesday (hopefully), proliferators will still have the Freedom of Choice Act to worry about and conservative talk show hosts can complain about the estimated \$150 million price tag on Obama's inauguration gala for the rest of the week. Jan. 20 will be a sacred day, and we should all work to keep it that way.

Tomorrow, those who are caught up in the hope and change the Obama presidency will bring about and those who are unsure about the next four years should join together in wonder and amazement of what this country has just achieved. We have many changes to look forward to (or to dread), and there are still many problems yet to be revealed. Let's try to forget about those tomorrow, and just soak in the day's historic importance.

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Commodores stay undefeated in conference play

by ERIC SILVER
Sports Reporter

Following up after a victory over your biggest rival is never an easy thing to do.

It looks like the Vanderbilt women's basketball team didn't get the memo.

The Commodores (14-4, 3-0 Southeastern Conference), playing in their first game since defeating national power Tennessee last Sunday, beat the LSU Tigers by a score of 75-67 yesterday before a raucous crowd of over 7,000.

Vanderbilt was led by senior forward Christina Wirth, who scored 17 points, and sophomore Chanel Chisholm, who added a career-high 15



ZAC HARDY/The Vanderbilt Hustler
Chanel Chisholm was a major spark against LSU, scoring a career-high 15 points.

off the bench. Junior Jessica Mooney, senior Jennifer Risper and junior Meredith Marsh each chipped in 10 points, and sophomore Hannah Tuomi added 10 rebounds.

"Chanel really stepped up for us today," said coach Melanie Balcomb. "She created so many aggressive opportunities for our team. She came off the bench and gave us a huge spark."

Chisholm also added five rebounds for the Commodores.

Wirth had another excellent second half: After scoring 10 points in the final 20 minutes of the victory over Tennessee, the team's leading scorer poured in 15 in the second half to help the Commodores pull away from the Tigers.

It seemed as if there may have been a post-Tennessee hangover for the Commodores in the first half, as LSU built a moderate lead and led the whole way until Chisholm hit a layup to send the team into the locker room ahead 31-30.

"We struggled offensively in the first half," Balcomb said. "But we were able to get a lot of offensive rebounds and that led to second chance points."

Indeed, the Commodores controlled the glass, out-rebounding LSU 42-33. The exceptional rebounding coupled with a balanced scoring attack proved to be too much for the Tigers as Vanderbilt began to pull away in the second half.

"We tried to throw everything we could at them defensively and my credit goes to them for responding to the adjustments that we threw at them," said LSU coach Van Chancellor.

The victory over LSU (9-6, 2-1) marks the first time since 2001 that Vanderbilt has started out 3-0 in SEC play. After a few bumps in the beginning of the season, it looks like the Commodores, who were tabbed by many as the preseason SEC favorite, are hitting their stride at just the right time as they prepare to take road trips to Georgia and South Carolina.

"We are just taking it game-by-game," Balcomb said.

Let the rest of the league take notice. ■



WEDNESDAY EDITION
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Be sure to visit InsideVandy.com the morning of Jan. 21 for the Wednesday Edition podcast for the Vanderbilt Hustler, when the sports staff will discuss the women's basketball team's rise to first place in the SEC, the men's basketball team's game against Tennessee, the top-ranked bowling team and more in Commodore sports.

Team finding offensive identity

by JACK MANIRE
Sports Reporter

Vanderbilt lost to Mississippi State on Saturday night but the final score of 73-66 was deceptive. Mississippi State started to run away with the game at the beginning of the second half, led by 18 points from Raven Johnson and 16 points from Dee Bost. Vanderbilt (12-5, 1-2 Southeastern Conference) turned in a lethargic performance, despite solid numbers from sophomore A.J. Ogilvy and a great effort from freshman Jeffery Taylor, who finished with 18 points. The Commodores got within 6 with 1:50 to play but got no closer.

One of basketball's widely accepted theories is that a team needs to avoid turnovers and play solid defense to win a game on the road. Unfortunately, Vanderbilt failed to do either in Saturday's game, turning the ball over 17 times in the game and allowing the Bulldogs, an impressive shooting team, to knock down several wide-open 3-pointers.

Ogilvy best summarized the performance in a post-game interview on the school's athletic Web site: "We did not play our best, and our defense was not up to where it usually was." On top of that, Vanderbilt failed to create offense consistently and missed most of the open shots they had.

This year's team couldn't be more different from the team coach Kevin Stallings had to work with last season. Last year, the team relied mostly on 3-point shooters such as Alex Gordon and Vanderbilt legend Shan Foster to control the offense, but Gordon and Foster are gone. The team also lost another very solid

shooter when Keegan Bell transferred, and has seemed lost at times without the senior leadership players like Alan Metcalfe brought to the table. Now, the team is struggling to find a new identity. Taylor and freshman Brad Tinsley provide most of the team's outside shooting ability, but they are often guarded tightly and prevented from taking outside shots. On Saturday night, Vanderbilt's lack of reliable outside shooting was a glaring problem. This is problematic for Stallings' offensive style, which has relied primarily on the ability to hit perimeter shots. Since the team struggles with this now, the offense looks stagnant at times. But there are often flashes of potential, like junior Jermaine Beal's improved drives to the hoop, or Taylor's absolutely ferocious dunk (and 1) in the waning moments of the second half.

So the team is left at an interesting point. While they have been less than impressive at times this year, they are still young. Its most experienced players are Ogilvy and Beal. In all likelihood, the team won't be as competitive as it has been the last two seasons. But it could next year and further down the road with its core of young and talented players. If Stallings wants this team to fulfill its potential, then he needs to make sure the team focuses on basketball basics. Winning teams always play solid defense and knock down open shots, things the Commodores didn't do on Saturday. Once Vanderbilt starts to do these things effectively, it will stop being a team that merely has potential, and it will become a team that competes for the SEC championship and a spot in the NCAA tournament. ■



DESTE LEE / AP Photo
Mississippi State's Raven Johnson goes to the basket while Vanderbilt's Festus Ezeli (3) and George Drake (34) defend. The Commodores fell in Starkville, 73-66, to move to 1-2 in SEC play.

COLUMN

Bruce's blazer can't compete with Memorial



CHRIS PHARE / The Vanderbilt Hustler
Tennessee's No. 1 ranking didn't last long when it visited the Commodores last February and was defeated 72-69 for Vanderbilt's 18th straight win in Memorial Gymnasium.

by MIKE KRANZLER
Sports Reporter

Bruce Pearl is a nut. There, I said it. The head coach for the Tennessee Volunteers' men's basketball team is out of his mind.

Only a nut would break out a hideous creamsicle-orange blazer against his biggest rivals in order to pump up his players. And to make matters worse, it does not even work very well.

In Pearl's first three seasons with the Vols, he stole the tradition of the bright orange blazer from Tennessee icon Ray Mears, who won three Southeastern Conference championships as head coach. Pearl asked for Mears' permission to bring back the blazer for games against UT's two biggest rivals — Kentucky and Vanderbilt.

But as a motivational ploy, it has not been very successful, as the Vols have won only seven out of the 12 matchups against those two schools during Pearl's tenure. Having an ace-in-the-hole like that should have a much stronger effect on his team than barely breaking even.

But Pearl does not stop there. He made national headlines for going to a Lady Vols game shirtless and covered in body paint, joining the student section in cheering on coach Pat Summitt's (formerly) superior squad.

Yes, Bruce Pearl is the face of that program. But the face does not need to be accompanied by a shirtless, orange chest. That is better left for the students who truly do not have anything better to do with their time.

But if Pearl deems it necessary to dust off his orange blazer tomorrow night at 8 p.m., I say let him. The last two times he has donned that hideous coat in Memorial Gymnasium, the Commodores have come out victorious.

The magic of Memorial Gym has claimed the Volunteers as a victim four times in thrilling fashions, dating back to January of 1963. From Roger Schurig's game-winner in overtime to Shan Foster's buzzer beating put-back in 2007, the Commodores have consistently turned the orange faithful green with envy.

Don't forget last season, when Tennessee brought its show to Nashville and saw its No. 1 ranking quickly disappear in a 72-69 Vanderbilt victory.

And in a down year for the conference, every game is crucial for a young Vanderbilt squad. NCAA tournament bids will be few and far between for SEC teams this season, so there is little margin for error.

But in the end, nothing is sweeter than giving the Volunteers a taste of our own tradition. Pearl can keep his jacket. I would rather take our Memorial Magic any day of the week. ■



JOHN RUSSELL / VU Media Relations
Bruce Pearl isn't hard to spot when he and the Volunteers visit Memorial Gym. The problem for Pearl is that his orange blazer hasn't brought the Volunteers luck in Nashville.

Tennis in action in Michigan

by BRIAN LINHARES
Sports Reporter

The No. 12 Vanderbilt women's tennis team began its 2009 season this weekend at the Michigan Invitational.

In a highly competitive field, the Ann Arbor-based tournament featured four top-25 squads: the Commodores, Duke University (No. 9), the host University of Michigan (No. 19) and the University of Tennessee (No. 24).

Heading into the spring season, prominent underclassmen will help lead the Commodores into team play. Three of the five are ranked in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association singles play, including freshmen Jackie Wu (No. 21) and Chelsea Preeg (No. 80) and sophomore Keilly Ulery (No. 84).

Preeg looks to continue the momentum from her strong showing in the Southeastern Conference Fall Coaches Classic last November. In her final event of 2008, the Floridian notched a 3-0 record in singles play in Tuscaloosa, Ala. She finished the fall at 11-2.

Wu has attributed the success of the underclassmen to their extensive big-match experience before collegiate play.

"I think we've played a lot of tournaments, so we had a lot of experience coming in," said Ulery. "We came really wanting to get better, so we've practiced really hard. I'm not saying that the other classes haven't, but I think we're very dedicated."

In addition to their young talent, the Commodores are led by several upperclassmen. Senior Courtney Ulery, ranked No. 105 in the ITA singles rankings, and juniors Catherine Newman, ranked No. 55, and Hannah Blatt will help to provide leadership to a relatively young squad.

"We're pretty young so we want to gain experience as we



DANIEL DUBOIS / VU Media Relations
Jackie Wu tops Vanderbilt's freshman class.

go and get better as a team," said Newman.

On the first day of action Saturday in the Wolverine state, the Commodores finished with a 3-2 mark in singles play. Blatt, Ulery and freshman Heather Steinbauer defeated their Michigan opponents, while Wu and Preeg fell in two and three sets, respectively.

Doubles play, however, did not fare particularly well for Vanderbilt, as the women stood at 1-2 heading into Sunday's second round. Newman and Preeg emerged victorious over Katie Lee and Samantha Orlin of Tennessee. Yet the two other doubles teams both came up short against Blue Devil foes. Steinbauer/Wu lost to 20th-ranked Amanda Granson and Melissa Mang, and Blatt/Ulery to Ellah Nze and Jessi Robinson.

The Michigan Invitational wraps up play on Monday. Following a 12-day hiatus, the Commodores will resume play for the National Indoors Qualifying at Vanderbilt's Currey Tennis Center from Jan. 31 through Feb. 1. The squad will then travel to Madison, Wis., for the National Team Indoors from Feb. 13 to 16.

Vanderbilt returns to Nashville to face Yale University on Feb. 21, before the SEC schedule heats up in March. ■

White leads track team in Kentucky

by TRAVIS YOUNG
For the Hustler

Freshman distance runner Jordan White ran to a top-10 finish in the 800-meter run in her first collegiate track meet to lead the Commodore track and field team at the Kentucky Invitational. White, competing in a field of 28 runners, kept pace with the top-tier runners by turning in a time of 2:16.66, finishing in ninth place. The Old Chatham, N.Y., native

finished second among the nine freshmen competing in the 800.

Cross country standout sophomore Rita Jorgensen posted an 11th place finish in the 1-mile run after crossing the finish line at the 5:02.43 mark. Fellow sophomore Kate Southcote-Want also competed in the mile, running a 5:21.99 to finish in 24th place.

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