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## Surprise ending to a night of 'Love'



FRANCIS SIMPSON / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Vanderbilt Spoken Word's Valentine's day performance, "The Love Show," held in the Student Life Ballroom Saturday night from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., raised \$2,000 for the Nashville Somali Community Center. After a series of original performances on the topic of love, over 400 members of the audience witnessed senior Eli Feghali (right), president of the organization, propose to senior Isabelle McKay (left).

## Greek networking site opens for chapter houses online

by **CHRISTEL MARINCINCH**  
Senior Reporter

Students have been perfecting the art of spending hours on social networking Web sites like Facebook and MySpace for years. This week, fraternity and sorority members will have the opportunity to visit a site specifically for them.

GadZeus.com, a fraternity and sorority networking Web site co-founded by a Vanderbilt alumnus, will be officially launched at Vanderbilt on Tuesday. The Web site will allow Vanderbilt Greek life members to communicate and connect with each other and with chapters on other campuses.

The Web site was founded by brothers David and John Warren and launched in January. Both were members of Kappa Alpha Order, but went to different schools. John Warren is an alumnus of Washington and Lee University and David Warren graduated from Vanderbilt in 2007.

"We are trying to bring the Greeks to the net," said David Warren. "Normally each chapter has their own page, but usually they are not very useful. They charge you for it and Greeks don't use them. GadZeus would replace the chapter Web sites and connect all the Greeks on campus."

GadZeus will work like Facebook and will be entirely free. But unlike Facebook, instead of having individual profiles each chapter will have their own profile, and any member of the chapter can change the pictures and

the information within their page.

"I've spent the past 20 months working with a GadZeus team of over 20 people, mostly engineers, to build a tool to unite, protect and strengthen student-led Greek life at campuses across the country," David Warren said.

He added that they are seeking to protect Greek life from all the bad publicity and promote all the things that Greeks do. He said he thinks the first step to achieving this is communication.

"Ever since the GadZeus concept was first introduced, I knew that it was something that was going to be an exceptional tool for my chapter and many other chapters on campus. A modern, sleek, well-designed and user friendly mode of electronic communication is something that truly has been a long time coming for Greeks," said Josh Woodward, president of Clemson's chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

In the future, GadZeus is planning to expand and connect all national Greek life chapters, as well as creating a rushing and pledging section so students interested in going Greek can also access the site. For



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now, however, GadZeus will remain strictly for the Greek chapters on campus.

"Facebook is used by everyone in the Greek community... But national regulations dictate what our members can make public," said senior Caroline Fabacher, vice president of fraternity development for Pi Beta Phi sorority. "We also use another system that we pay for on a yearly basis. However ... it does not allow us any form of inter-chapter communication. GadZeus combines the functions of both of the systems. The service is free, and as a private site, our members are protected."

Greek members can sign up individually at GadZeus.com or they can pre-authorize their entire chapter listserv by emailing zeus@gadzeus.com. ■



## Hustler wins Best of the South

The Vanderbilt Hustler won the award for Best College Newspaper at the Southeast Journalism Conference this weekend.

Belmont University hosted the 23rd annual conference, which 23 colleges attended. Representatives from each of the schools competed in various journalism competitions, including submitting entries for the 24 categories of the Best of the South competition and 15 on-site competitions.



For a complete list of the awards The Hustler and Versus Magazine won over the weekend, visit InsideVandy.com.

## More engineers study abroad after planning, encouragement

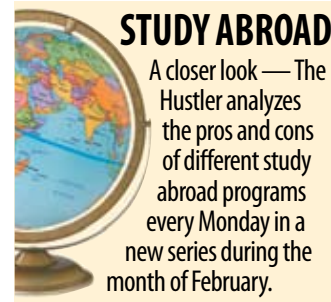
by **ALLIE MORRIS**  
Senior Reporter

A major concern for students considering participation in a study abroad program is how to coordinate time away from Vanderbilt into their course schedule. For students in the School of Engineering, this can be especially difficult due to the rigidly prescribed curriculum they must follow.

The School of Engineering has added new programs and information sessions in an effort to increase the number of its students studying abroad. Demanding major hours and a rigid course load full of prerequisites are common study abroad obstacles that engineering administrators believe can be combated by careful, early planning.

"It is such a global economy, engineers need to be aware of working with other cultures. They need to know what engineering is like in another country because they are likely to interact with foreign engineers," said Stacy Klein, associate dean for outreach, who has been working for the past year and half to increase abroad opportunities for engineers. Klein said the school is offering information sessions to help students begin planning early on.

"We are trying to provide some early and good advice," Klein said. "We offer an info session for engineers only at the beginning of each semester to let them know when they can study abroad and where ... and then we sit down with students individually and in



**STUDY ABROAD**  
A closer look — The Hustler analyzes the pros and cons of different study abroad programs every Monday in a new series during the month of February.

advance work out a four-year plan."

Associate Professor of Civil Engineering Gene LeBoeuf said planning is essential for engineers who want to study abroad because of the heavy course load that is based on prerequisites.

LeBoeuf said one of the biggest challenges civil engineers face when studying abroad is completing the required design course, usually taken spring of junior year, a popular time for students to go abroad.

"Our design class follows U.S. building codes, design practices are often different when students study abroad," said LeBoeuf.

Despite these differences, the School of Engineering has been able to find a number of universities abroad with comparable engineering classes.

"In New Zealand and Australia, we have identified a number of courses that are transferable to Vanderbilt, if not equivalent," LeBoeuf said. Other countries where engineers are encouraged to study abroad because of similar programs and classes include Canada, China, England, Please see **STUDY ABROAD**, page 3

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HIGH **47**, LOW **26**  
Mostly sunny

### TUESDAY



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### WEDNESDAY



HIGH **64**, LOW **33**  
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## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### E-week competitions begin to promote engineering field to the community

Engineering students will finally get some time to showcase their intelligence during this week's engineering E-Week events. Monday kicks off Vanderbilt's annual engineering week during which various contests showcase the talents of students in the engineering school.

The first event on Feb. 16 is the classic egg-drop event where students have an hour to devise a contraption to safely drop an egg down three stories. The egg drop will be held in Featheringill Hall from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., and cash prizes will be awarded to the winner.

These events are intended to promote the engineering field to the Nashville community and other Vanderbilt students. The competitions are open to the public to attend.

### Great Performances brings Blue Note Records 70th anniversary tour

Great Performances will host the Blue Note Records 70th Anniversary Tour on Wednesday, featuring various performing artists from the record label such as pianist Bill Charlap.

The concert will be held in Langford Auditorium and will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the Sarratt Box Office and at <http://www.ticketmaster.com>. Tickets are \$5 for Vanderbilt students, \$16 for Vanderbilt faculty and staff and range from \$10 to \$36 for the general public.

### Scott 1 of 37 to be awarded Gates Cambridge Scholarship for research

Vanderbilt senior Amanda Scott is one of only 37 students in the country to be awarded a Gates Cambridge Scholarship. The award provides Scott with a full scholarship to study and research at Cambridge. She is planning to pursue a master's degree in advanced chemical engineering and eventually work on environmentally and economically efficient technologies.

At Vanderbilt, Scott is majoring in chemical engineering and chemistry, with minors in materials science and math. She is also on the women's cross country and track teams.

Scott has worked with the Oasis Center to create a program to help underprivileged youth excel in science. Scott will begin her studies at Cambridge in October 2009.

## The 25 things you don't care about

CLAIRE CONSTANTINO  
*Opening Monologue*

1. Yes, I am jumping on the "make fun of the infamous Facebook meme" train. I will do anything to put myself in the distinguished journalistic company of The New York Times, Time and Slate.com.
2. Isn't "meme" a weird word? I bet you had never heard it two weeks ago, and you will probably never say it again.
3. Insert inane childhood memory, preferably one where you make an adorable mistake, here.
4. Arbitrarily assign larger emotional significance to something that happened in your high school calculus class.
5. Make a comment about how it is harder than you thought it would be to think of 25 things about yourself.
6. Describe a foolish fear. Example: Stray hairs make me squeamish.
7. Make an obtuse reference to an event in your love life.
8. Apologize to or confess that you still have feelings for the person intended in No. 7. Facebook is the best forum for that sort of thing, after all.
9. Shout out to your favorite family member. It sounds bad, but you get the most points on your 25 Things list if they are deceased.
10. To emphasize your humility, name your least favorite physical attribute.
11. So you don't sound too down on yourself, now name your favorite physical trait. Don't pick something obvious like your eyes or your biceps — go for something obscure like your widow's peak or strong nails.
12. High, lofty life goal intended to be accomplished before death.
13. Peruse a thesaurus for the perfect fancy synonym for "love" or "like" to describe how much you love your friends! Seriously, they are the best!
14. Name a pet peeve.
15. List a mundane task you secretly love. Driving and tidying your room are always safe picks.
16. Offer an explanation of your religious views.
17. Now we're better informed about your spirituality, pick one normally "bad" behavior that falls within your personal religious paradigm. Example: "Jesus totally would have been a pothead."
18. With religion out of the way, let's tackle politics now! Whatever your true leanings are, say something that makes you sound moderate and universally appealing.
19. Name an out-of-character habit you have. For example, "Even though I am a slob, I brush my teeth six times a day."
20. Share a fact about yourself as a baby. You can't go wrong with birth weight or the fact your umbilical cord was tied around your neck.
21. Tell people you "keep everything" as if this is a unique quirk, even though a cursory sample of 25 Things lists will show the sort of people who keep little notes and trinkets are the same people who do 25 Things lists.
22. What's your favorite food?
23. Describe the reasons for your career aspirations. This is most popular with people who want to be teachers, nurses or doctors, but I would like to see more Vanderbilt students come clean and say, "I want to be rich, so corporate law looks really rewarding."
24. Describe where you want to live when you grow up. Don't limit yourself to location, feel free to go into excruciating detail about your dream house.
25. Oh my gosh! Turns out it wasn't that hard to think of 25 Things about yourself! You are so fascinating and willing to share that you could probably fill a 50 Things list. Try it, and don't forget to tag your friends!

## CALENDAR

### THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY-TUESDAY, FEB. 16-17

#### • Meet the Press

Representatives from each of Vanderbilt's student publications will be available to talk to students interested in joining student media each day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Displays will be set up at The Commons Center on Monday and in Sarratt Student Center on Tuesday.

MONDAY-FRIDAY, FEB. 16-20

#### • Image Week

Image, a student organization that strives to promote positive self-image and awareness of eating disorders, is hosting a week dedicated to these goals. Events include discussions and lectures every day, such as on Wednesday a presentation by a dietician at 6 p.m. in Sarratt 325.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18

#### • Blood drive

Vanderbilt Red Cross is hosting a blood drive from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Vanderbilt Children's Hospital in the Children's Theater. Appointments are scheduled every 15 minutes. To make one, go to <http://www.givelife.org> and enter sponsor code "vandy19."

THURSDAY, FEB. 19.

#### • "For the Bible Tells Me So"

The film will be shown at 7 p.m. in Sarratt Cinema. The film discusses the relationship between faith and sexual orientation. The film includes perspectives from Bishop Desmond Tutu, Harvard's Peter Gomes, Orthodox Rabbi Steve Greenberg and Rev. Jimmy Creech.

## SNAPSHOT

### DANCING FOR THE KIDS



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Students danced for 14 straight hours at Dance Marathon from Friday to Saturday to raise money for patients at the children's hospital.

# Office of Housing Assignments

## Important Information

### Register for 2009-10 Housing February 9-22

All Undergraduates eligible to return for Fall 2009 must register for the Housing Assignment Process for the 2009-2010 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 9, and 12 Midnight, Sunday, February 22. Your VuNetID and password are required for logging into the application process.

Students who apply after the deadline of 12 midnight on Sunday, February 22 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 22, at 12 midnight.

Office of Housing and Residential Education  
4113 Branscomb Quadrangle  
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## STUDY ABROAD: VISAGE program for engineers cancelled

From **STUDY ABROAD**, page 1

North Ireland, Scotland and South Africa. Recently, the School of Engineering has added new study abroad options in Germany and France.

"We are just starting to see the fruits of our labor. A lot more kids are applying," Klein said. Over the 2007-2008 academic year, a total of 44 engineers studied abroad either during the fall or spring semester, over the summer or through a Maymester program, an increase from the previous year when 29 engineers went abroad.

"The programs are growing, but not as fast as I would like," Klein said.

This year the Australia Vanderbilt Initiative for Scholarship and Global Engagement site, which had a focus on sustainability and water conservation and was geared toward engineers, was cancelled due to a lack of interest. The site, which requires at least 10 participants to be financially viable, had only four applicants. LeBoeuf, faculty director of the Australia site, said he was disappointed.

"We marketed pretty well ... (but) this year there just wasn't a

general interest in sustainability in Australia," LeBoeuf said. "We are exploring other opportunities in terms of VISAGE and the school of engineering. ... It's a matter of how we make this best fit for the students in the school of engineering."

Jessica Newton, a senior in the School of Engineering and participant in the Australia VISAGE program last year, said she thought there was a lot of enthusiasm for the program and hope for improvements this year.

"I know there was so much talk in improving the program," said Newton, who also said she understands the lack of interest in the program this year. "The subject (of VISAGE Australia) is civil engineering, which is a very packed curriculum. Maybe students can't afford to put in the extra hours."

Whichever type of program students want to pursue, LeBoeuf stressed that students need to plan ahead.

"Students need to be proactive early on so they can identify courses they need and can look at courses coming up to help facilitate their schedule," he said. ■

## Parking rules revised for convenience and space

by **RUTH KINSEY**  
Senior Reporter

To minimize common student complaints against parking rules and practice, the Office of Traffic and Parking has revised some of its rules and policies.

Although students generally know the parking regulations, many do not think all the rules set in place by the Office of Traffic and Parking are reasonable. Students tell stories of receiving parking fines in a matter of minutes from too stringent parking attendants.

"Three times I was pulled up beside my dorm loading or unloading my car and got ticketed in a short period of time," said junior Dustin Temple. "I don't think (the tickets) were fair."

Perhaps the most controversial rule is the directive forbidding the transfer of a parking permit to another student. Noncompliance with this rule results in a \$250 fine. Some students do not agree with this policy.

"I think that students should be able to transfer or sell passes to other students if they need to do so," said junior Cristina Villareal.

Students usually transfer their parking permits when one either returns from or departs for a semester study abroad program. Students not needing their parking permits sometimes sell them to other students. Since this practice causes various paperwork problems, the Office of Traffic and Parking suggests an alternate solution.

"Students studying abroad in the spring can receive a pro-rated refund if they turn



SAM KIM / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Students with F permits can now exchange their parking permits for an RS permit to be able to park in Terrace Place Garage, one of the revisions by the Office of Traffic and Parking to make parking restrictions more convenient for upperclassmen.

their permit in to the traffic and parking office," said Tracy Owens, assistant manager of the Office of Traffic and Parking. "If a student returns from studying abroad and needs a permit for the spring semester, they should come to the traffic and parking office and we will issue them a new pro-rated permit for the remainder of the year based on their status."

To address the limited supply of convenient parking spots near students' dormitory buildings, Traffic and Parking has made it possible to trade an F permit for an RS permit, which would allow students to park in Terrace Place Garage. This is especially so residents of Kissam Quadrangle

and Vanderbilt/Barnard Halls will not have to walk across campus to reach their cars.

In addition, extra parking for G permits has become available in Lot 75A, a new parking lot at the corner of Blakemore Avenue and Natchez Trace. This will now be a lot for upperclassmen and sophomores to share.

"It was brought to our attention that more convenient parking was needed for upperclassmen in the Kissam and Vandy/Barnard area and for sophomores living in Highland Quad," Owens said.

For more information on the new parking policies and rules, please visit the Office of Traffic and Parking Web site. ■

## Where to avoid the noise

by **NIKKY OKORO**  
Photographer

As midterms approach, students are scrambling to find quiet places on campus to prepare. But this can seem to be almost impossible with all of the ongoing events and meetings going on around campus. So as a way to help those desperately searching for a study spot, here is The Hustler's list of the top five best places to study around campus.



### 1. Central Library — 8th floor

Don't ask why the eighth floor specifically provides one of the most suitable places to study, because I honestly wouldn't be able to tell you. Maybe it's the calming sense of Vanderbilt's legacy on the bookshelves ... or the eeriness of the old, creaking halls.



### 2. Baseball Glove Lounge

Though the Baseball Glove Lounge is a more than popular spot for all Vanderbilt students, it's one of the only places to study where silence truly is golden. Let out the slightest peep and you will be shunned.



### 3. Law School Library

The law school proves to be one of the lesser known and used facilities on campus by undergraduates. Its location near Furman Hall makes it convenient for mostly those living in Kissam Quadrangle. It possesses both a comfortable and refined atmosphere, full of future lawyers. The only downside would be undergraduates' inability to enter the building after hours.



### 4. Starbucks on 21st Avenue

If you're looking for a place close by and need an excuse to somewhat escape the Vanderbubble, try your local Starbucks off 21st Avenue. The coffeehouse aura is always a plus, and there are always plenty of comfy couches and seats to lounge on.



### 5. Dorm Room

If all else fails, just try giving your dorm room a try. Even if your roommate insists on watching a movie at full volume or even having a party each night, finishing your homework and studying for two exams should be your main goal.

## Economy forces VUcept to alter program

by **ETHEL MICKEY**  
Senior Reporter

Student and faculty leaders alike are preparing for the second wave of first-year students to come to The Commons this fall by evaluating the effectiveness of the orientation process.

Current first-year students were welcomed to Vanderbilt with the nine-day CommonVU program, during which they bonded with their VUcept groups and houses. The orientation experience continued throughout the first semester with weekly Vanderbilt Visions meetings and occasional house programming.

VUcept Public Relations Co-Chair and junior Sahi Denduluri said although the two programs — VUcept and The Commons Houses — work separately, they share the same goal.

"Both groups work to establish a strong sense of community among the entire first-year class. CommonVU and orientation to Vanderbilt would be significantly lacking if either of these groups (VUcept or Commons House staff) were out of the picture," Denduluri said.

Next fall, however, the VUcept program will be slightly different. VUcept Public Relations Co-Chair and sophomore Ricky Diaz said the executive board hopes to continually improve the program by re-evaluating the program at each year's end. For the class of 2013, traditions like Move Crew and Founder's Walk will remain intact, but the initial orientation period will only last for four days. The CommonVU program will continue as classes start, and orientation activities will continue

throughout the week.

Another change to CommonVU will be to Commodores in the Community, traditionally a day for first-year student groups to go to sites around Nashville in order to build group cohesion and establish a sense of service. Due to funding constraints, the program will be replaced with alternative activities to establish the same ideals.

Despite the limitations of the current economy, Diaz said he is confident that with the help of The Commons staff, VUcept will continue to have success.

"A large planning committee that includes ResEd, Dining (and) deans ... is working hard to make sure it is a memorable and positive experience for the Class of 2013," Diaz said.

According to Diaz, VUcept plays an active role in the orientation planning

committee to ensure that student voices remain significant in the process. The VUceptors have been speaking with current first-year students about ways to improve the program and they do not want the first-year experience to be compromised in any way by the cuts in funding. Their most important goal is to ensure a smooth transition into life at Vanderbilt and in Nashville, Diaz said.

VUceptor applications were released on Feb. 9 and the executive board has already seen an increase in the number of applications submitted early compared to last year, according to Denduluri.

"There has certainly been a 'buzz' among students regarding VUcept applications, especially first-year students. It is evident that The Commons has played a key role in the

success of VUcept this year, and as such, we are seeing a spike in enthusiasm among rising sophomores who want to be involved next year," Denduluri said, adding that the executive board is also trying to reach out to upperclassmen. "... Rising juniors and seniors have so much to offer to the program and bring a totally new perspective," he said.

Diaz said he believes the success of VUcept is because a variety of students are interested in becoming involved.

"There is no set 'VUceptor type' or personality. We are looking for VUceptors from every corner of the Vanderbilt community," he said. "... The relationships you build through VUcept are invaluable. ... Even if you are not extremely involved, VUcept is a way to get out there in the Vanderbilt community." ■

# OPINION

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# Darwinian problems



SOO YANG  
Columnist

Last Thursday marked the 200th birthday of Charles Darwin, a British naturalist who first formally proposed the idea of evolution in his revolutionary research thesis, "On the Origin of Species." By using evidence and reason, he suggested natural forces alone were sufficient and responsible for the diversity of life. In fact, what upset the religious orthodoxy was not only what he stated but also what he failed to say — that a divine agent was actively involved. Two hundred years later, the controversy still persists.

Although the academic community agrees that evolution is a matter of scientific fact, few religious extremists in America still dismiss evolution as a bizarre story about how humans originated from monkeys. By employing the usual anti-intellectual rhetoric and religious propaganda, prominent conservative politicians and ministers have successfully politicized the teaching of evolution as a radical, leftwing agenda. These extremists, who gladly enjoy the medical advances and other byproducts of scientific research, are lobbying to introduce supernatural elements in science curriculums by forcing educators to teach intelligent design and other despicable forms of pseudo-science.

Most recently, Texas has become the new front line in the endless conflict between the church and academia. In March, the State Board of Education has decided to vote on a new measure for science textbooks that could include "weaknesses" of the evolutionary theory.

Although the new curriculum does not explicitly endorse intelligent design, it is essentially your typical Sunday-school creationism repackaged into a curriculum that sounds and looks like science to an average high school student. Even if the intent of the measure were to promote genuine, scientific inquiry, high school science classroom is not the right setting for a rigorous, scientific discussion about the shortcomings of evolution, if they even exist. The students simply do not have the technical knowledge for engaging in a meaningful debate about the subtleties of evolutionary theory. Although they should be encouraged to pursue careers in biological research in order to improve our understanding of evolution, it is critical students learn the fundamentals before attempting to criticize something they do not fully understand.

In short, the issue is not freedom of speech or censoring religion; rather, it is about whether high school students should be answering questions about evolution that confuse even the most experienced research scientists.

The opponents of this curriculum have a simple suggestion: teach science in science courses and teach religion in religion courses. There are other appropriate venues for discussing the philosophical and metaphysical ramifications of evolution. Even if students wish to ridicule evolution as some untested, hypothetical idea, they can do it where such behavior is generally accepted. However, in high school science classrooms, there is no need to discuss weaknesses or scientific alternatives to evolution because there aren't any. Like any other scientific theories, there are few, isolated cases in evolution ripe for more investigation, but the general concept of evolution as the mechanism of speciation is beyond question.

According to a 2007 poll from Science, only 28 percent of American adults qualify as scientifically literate. American eighth graders now rank below Hungary, Czech Republic and Slovenia in OECD science test scores. A recent NSF study predicts that China will soon become the next superpower in developing basic science and technology. While other nations are vigorously working to improve quality of science education, we are asking ourselves whether science should be taught in science classrooms. The answer to that question cannot be simpler.

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## EDITORIAL

# Charities serve important role in the community

Newsweek reported over the summer that the Robin Hood Foundation's annual gala reported a 21.5 percent drop in donations. They're not alone. Many charities have reported drops in revenue, some severe enough to prevent them from carrying out their prescribed mission. There are a few exceptions — the Salvation Army in Nashville reported an increase in donations over the holiday season, but this went hand in hand with an increase of people in need.

Over the weekend, Dance Marathon was held to raise money for Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, a member of the Children's Miracle Network. The donations go toward helping to pay for surgery for those in need. Furthermore, the bulk of the Greek community regularly engages in philanthropy on and off campus with events like Sigma Chi's Derby Days and Lambda Chi Alpha's Watermelon

Bust. Vanderbilt is also home to many service organizations that donate time and money in the Nashville metropolitan area through construction projects, mentoring and fundraisers.

It seems cliché to claim these services are important — they are. It seems even more cliché to point out that the economy has adversely affected the philanthropic environment, which also happens to be true. While many people have been hit hard by the lingering downturn, small donations in aggregate do help fund worthy projects. Furthermore, in hard times such as these, donating time becomes increasingly important. Extending a helping hand to those less fortunate leaves an impression, helping people stay afloat until they can stand on their own. In the end, any effort is worthwhile and any attempt means something.

# Teach For America a serious commitment

To the editor:

As a Teach for America alumnus (Baltimore 2002), I would like to make a short comment on the article and editorial about Teach for America published in The Hustler on Feb. 12. While both columns in Friday's edition were accurate regarding the benefits TFA offers — and they are manifold — one must also consider the realities of teaching in the types of school situations where most TFA corps members serve. Someone who joins TFA in order to "take time off to do service" (Bidikov, quoted by Gantt in "Students teach to avoid job market") may be surprised to find out that teaching via TFA, or teaching in general, is hardly "taking time off." TFA, by design, intentionally places corps members in some of the most challenging schools in many of America's most troubled school districts.

These schools likely do not resemble the types of schools most Vanderbilt students attended. They generally have high concentrations of students who face myriad disadvantages: poverty, lack of parental involvement, health problems, economic disadvantages, learning disabilities, drug and physical abuse, etc. While each situation in which a corps member finds himself/herself

is unique, teachers in these situations often find themselves stressed out and exhausted by day's end. Furthermore, TFA corps members typically put in the same — or more — long hours as their corporate peers, they often attend graduate school in the evenings to earn their teaching credential and they almost always must take home additional work to do in the evenings. In addition to all of this, they usually they get paid considerably less than their corporate peers. Yet, ironically, it is rewarding work.

I want to be clear that I am not criticizing anyone's intentions for applying to TFA; I urge everyone to consider TFA as an option. I taught high school in Baltimore, and I am glad I did so. However, it is necessary to be cognizant of everything that service involves. TFA is a fantastic way to build a resume and a network, but it certainly is not "taking time off" to wait out a bad economy. Joining Teach for America and serving in America's toughest schools to "take time off" is as naive nowadays as joining the military to "travel the world."

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# The fratty bailout is a letdown



FRANNIE BOYLE  
Columnist

Congress finally came through on the highly anticipated economic stimulus package Friday night, tabbing it in at \$789 billion. In her "Fact Sheet" about the new package, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi reported that "there are no earmarks or pet projects" included. Some of the initiatives, though, suggest that the bill itself is one giant earmark. The Art Endowment will receive \$50 million, \$1 million will be given to ACORN for community development and \$7 billion will go toward bringing broadband Internet service to underserved rural areas.

There are other disconcerting things about the package. Despite reassurance from Pelosi, there are many parts to the bill that seem to be agenda-driven, especially the welfare initiatives and the move towards government-run healthcare. There is also a troubling lack of confidence in the bill itself, especially among Congressional members. Many members of Congress admit to not actually reading through the entire thing, and many are not sure if the extreme increase in spending will do much for the economy. "Every American prays that this bill will work ... I think all of us prays that this bill will work," said House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer. Prayer will not hurt anything, of course, but it is a bit alarming that the leaders whom we voted into power have nothing but prayer lined up behind their solution for the financial future of America.

As disappointing as the package is, America should give Congress credit for keeping it pretty fratty.

As disappointing as the package is, America should give Congress credit for keeping it pretty fratty. First of all, \$8 billion goes towards investment in "high-speed rail" (no pun intended?), and they even throw in \$18 billion to clean up (the environment) afterwards. \$165 million will go towards fish hatcheries, which means bigger catches for everyone, right? There will also be money allocated for state transportation projects, including a "new rail tunnel alignment" in Baltimore (making it easier to sneak alcohol into Preakness).

The frattiest move for them all, though, lies in the \$300 million allocated for the government's purchase of "green" vehicles. This does not only include your everyday hybrid car, but it also includes Electric motorcycles, ATVs and, of course, "neighborhood electric vehicles" (NEVs) basically high-class golf carts. Neither Congress nor the Energy Department has clarified what they will actually be used for, but they do know taxpayer money will be used for these \$40,000 carts. It is hard to see how golf carts will stimulate the economy: Caddies will lose their jobs, bosses will be paying for golf carts rather than new or current employees and obesity levels will shoot up because people will be too lazy to walk from point A to point B. But hey, if Pelosi can get around easier on Capitol Hill with her energy-efficient golf cart, that's fratty enough for me.

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Dating		The credit crisis is giving Cupid a boost ahead of Valentine's Day as more people hunt online for mates to weather the economic storm. Online dating sites normally see a spike around Valentine's Day, but the recession has brought it to an all-time high.
Soft drinks		A hard-line Hindu organization, known for its opposition to "corrupting" Western food imports, is planning to launch a new soft drink made from cow's urine, often seen as sacred in parts of India.
Common sense		A British bishop was arrested on suspicion of child cruelty after he helped his two young sons to perch on top of the chimney of their house to read a book as part of a school project.
Fish and chips		Scientists say they may have found out why the great British chip smells so irresistible: a complex blend of scents that includes butterscotch, cocoa, cheese and flowers. So maybe French fries are just like fine wine, but it's doubtful.
The Hustler		2009 winner of the Southeast Journalism Conference best college newspaper. The Hustler managed to succeed despite the Opinion Page. Oh, hell yeah.

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# Students teach due to genuine concern for education



**NEILY TODD**  
Columnist

The economy, the economy, the economy. Everywhere you turn these days, everyone is talking about the economy. Last Friday's Hustler echoed this trend with two of the front page articles discussing the economy. One of these articles discussed the increasing popularity of Teach For America and attributes this to the failing job market. The author argues that students who cannot find a job elsewhere are drawn to the job security found with Teach For America. Students would be smart to do so, as it is widely publicized

that education and health care are the two most secure industries as unemployment continues to rise.

I think it is important, however, to distinguish between applying for Teach For America and being accepted for Teach For America. Teach For America estimates that they will accept approximately 8 percent of this year's applicants. Many people apply for Teach For America every year simply because it is a secure job without any realization of the commitment they will be making. Teach For America corps members commit to a two-year commitment to teach in lower-income schools, urban or rural, where the education gap in our nation is glaring.

This is no task for someone simply looking to "escape the uncertain job market," as the article claims. Teach For America recruitment has a very stringent application and interview process meant to identify those applicants who are personally committed to working against the education gap in America.

I find it interesting that the article did not provide quotes from any Teach For America corps members who were swayed by the job market. Vanderbilt seniors Jake Ramsey, Luke Bidikov and Max Meyers each point out how strongly they feel about working to eliminate education inequities. "I am adopted and I realized that to get me to this point, as a student at Vanderbilt,

took people believing in me. Belief in me brought me to this point, and I hope to pass the same thing on to others," Meyers said. "My family immigrated here, and I want to help America become the America they dreamed it would be. I want to help America the America it ought to be," Bidikov said. As a soon-to-be Teach For America math teacher, I second their sentiments. Yes, the numbers of applicants are up, but it appears those accepted from this year's pool of applicants feel the same type of commitment to education as in previous years.

Teach For America attracts a wide variety of students from all corners of Vanderbilt's campus and all kinds

of backgrounds. Each corps member has his or her own personal reason for wanting to be involved with the organization, as exemplified by Meyers and Bidikov's stories. Whatever their personal motivation for joining Teach For America, one common theme pervades through the vast majority of those who will join Teach For America next year — A genuine concern about and deep understanding of the educational inequities that persist in our country, right under our noses, every day.

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## Dining needs to expand

To the Editor:

Along with the majority of Vanderbilt undergraduates, I love the convenience of the Taste of Nashville program. Like many others, I also wish it could be expanded to include a wider variety of the restaurants near campus. However, those senate candidates who are promising to include new restaurants on the Commodore Card are not being realistic. During the last year of working in Vanderbilt Student Government, I have learned that the economic conditions, coupled with the university's efforts to introduce more on-campus options, make it currently unfeasible to expand Taste of Nashville in its current form.

What I propose is a new, added approach to off campus dining. Restaurants near campus should provide

discounts to Vanderbilt students simply when they show their Commodore Card. This program has been successfully implemented at many institutions around the country, and I believe it would be a great addition to Vanderbilt. For example, while we cannot add Ben and Jerry's to Taste of Nashville, I would work with their management to make their ice cream less expensive for Vanderbilt undergraduates. Eventually, this program could be expanded to include popular shopping locations in the Vanderbilt area in addition to restaurants.

For VSG to be successful, we need elected officials who propose real solutions that empower Vanderbilt students.

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## The vile VandyVan

**PHIL INGRAM**  
Guest Columnist

The VandyVan is a curious creature. And yes, I mean creature. Some may be under the impression that VandyVans are driven about by employees of Vanderbilt. They are not. These employees are as much passengers on the VandyVan as you and me. If you don't believe me, just look at the facts.

In the first place, a VandyVan is never there when you need a ride. You may tell yourself that it's just two more minutes, but it never is. Those two more minutes often turn into a wait of 20 or even 30 whole minutes — an eternity for any college student. The trick to getting the VandyVan to come when needed is to arrive at the VandyVan stop, wait for approximately three minutes and 37 seconds, and then walk away. As soon as you turn the corner and look away from the stop, a VandyVan will be there. A person could never time it that well, so clearly these "drivers" are not driving the VandyVans after all (as a side note: fight the urge to run; you will look like a fool and it's unnecessary — see next point).

Additional evidence that VandyVans are wild is the fact that VandyVans come in pairs. What's up with that? You wait for half an hour for a single VandyVan and then two show up at once! If people controlled the VandyVans, they would be able to plan better and ensure that instead of waiting half an hour for two vans, a van would come every 15 minutes. Try explaining that one.

My biggest qualm with the VandyVans, however, is that they only run between the hours of 5 p.m. and 5 a.m. Vanderbilt administrators pretend hazing is non-existent when in reality they are the ones causing it. Yes — Vanderbilt promotes hazing. Think about it for a second: What freshman needs to ride a VandyVan (which stops in three convenient locations on The Commons) between the hours of 1 and 5 a.m. on a weekday evening? No freshman is going to the library that late. No freshman is going to eat (freshmen only eat at The Commons). One can only conclude these freshmen must be going to get hazed. And Vanderbilt provides the transportation. There's even a stop at Branscomb, literally five paces away from the nearest Greek houses.

As for taming the VandyVans, no man or woman of whom I know has yet had success in that department although some have proposed preposterous possibilities. I thought I was reading The Hustler again when I saw a student government candidate promise GPS systems in the vans to allow students to check their locations online. Obviously, empty promises are made during every campaign, but promising GPS units in the VandyVans is as absurd as either President Barack Obama or Sen. John McCain promising that within a month of his election the economy would not only turn around but also experience twenty percent growth for the next four to eight years. Clearly, neither was so foolish.

What one should take away from this completely factual report on VandyVans are these three things: VandyVans have horrible timing, VandyVans are erratic creatures and VandyVans are the culprits of hazing. That's all folks. Enjoy your day.

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PCC representative and Becky Spiers (Wellness Center director) will talk about the differences between anorexia and bulimia, as well as information for how to help a friend.



### Tuesday 2/17: Getting Real: Uncovering the Hidden Agenda of the Media Market.

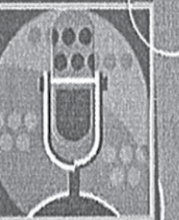
Presentation by Tricia Gardner at 7pm in Sarratt 325



**Wednesday 2/18: Food 101** Presentation by Dietician at 6pm in Sarratt 325 about how to manage a healthy college diet. A light dinner will be catered by Calypso.



**Thursday 2/19: Student Panel** Presentation by 4 panelists, 2 survivors of eating disorders, 1 friend of a survivor, and 1 expert. Presentation will be in Buttrick Hall Room 102 at 7pm, with a reception after the panel. Staff members from the Psychological Counseling Center will be present to discuss with anyone attending the event afterwards.



### Friday 2/20: Love Your Genes/Denim Day

Boxes will be located in dorms across campus to donate used and old (but wearable) jeans and other clothes. IMAGE encourages everyone to trash the jeans you don't need to try to fit, while loving the genes that you do fit. All clothing items will be donated to the Salvation Army at the end of the week.



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## SPORTS

## Sitting pretty in pink

## Auburn last home opponent

by GEOFF HUTCHINSON  
Sports Reporter

After taking care of business all season long at home, Vanderbilt faces its toughest test yet Thursday.

The game will mark the final home contest of the year for the 24th-ranked Commodores, who have maintained a perfect record at Memorial Gymnasium this season. On Thursday night, the fifth-ranked Auburn Tigers will come to town for a match-up with first place in Southeastern Conference and the driver's seat to the conference regular season championship at stake.

The Commodores have been on a tear as of late, playing their best basketball and winning six of their last seven games. The team is playing with a sense of urgency and togetherness that has helped the Commodores ascend to within a game of the top of SEC standings.

On Sunday, the Commodores defeated the Georgia Lady Bulldogs 80-64, led by 21 points from senior forward Christina Wirth and 18 points from junior guard Merideth Marsh. Vanderbilt went on a 17-3 run midway through the second half to put the Lady Bulldogs away (see left for game story).

Vanderbilt coach Melanie Balcomb feels her team is as difficult to play as ever.

"We are a team right now that would be really tough to beat, and that's where you want to be in February," Balcomb said.

Auburn comes into the game 25-1 after defeating the Mississippi State Bulldogs Sunday afternoon in Starkville, 63-58. Auburn leads the SEC in terms of scoring, averaging 75.5 points per game. The Tigers are led by 6-4 senior guard/forward DeWanna Bonner, who is first in the conference in scoring this season and second in the SEC in rebounding, averaging 23.9 points and 8.6 rebounds a game. Bonner should figure to give Vanderbilt's smallish guards difficulty off the bounce. Bonner will be accompanied by senior point guard Whitney Boddie, who is top



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Jen Risper (2) shoots a lay-up against Georgia on Sunday. She will be one of three seniors recognized at the Auburn game Thursday.

of the nation in assists with 8.3 a game.

Thursday night also marks the end of the home careers for three of Vanderbilt women's basketball players, seniors Amy Malo, Jennifer Risper and Wirth. Risper and Wirth are both starters, while Malo is a reserve for the team. During their time here at Vanderbilt, they have experienced three NCAA tournament appearances, a Sweet 16 appearance and an SEC Tournament championship.

Wirth acknowledged it is sad to be leaving Memorial but the team's strong play of late has her thinking positively.

"I'll be disappointed when we can't play here anymore, but I'm also really excited and happy that we are playing so well as of late, and having these fun games to have as memories, so I'm just proud of our team right now," Wirth said.

The contest between the Commodores and the Tigers starts at 8 p.m. and will be followed by the annual Senior Day festivities. In addition to celebrating the careers of Malo, Risper and Wirth, this could be the game where the Commodores take over the top spot for good in the SEC. ■

## Commodores off to best-ever SEC start

by DAVID RUTZ  
Sports Editor

Vanderbilt never had a problem scoring Sunday against Georgia. Making stops was the problem.

Vanderbilt finally got in gear midway through the second half, blitzing to a 17-3 run to make a close game comfortable in an eventual 80-64 victory over Georgia. The Commodores wore pink jerseys as part of a "Pink Out" game to benefit breast cancer research, and all proceeds from walk-up ticket sales were donated to the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center and Susan G. Komen foundation.

Senior forward Christina Wirth led five Commodores in double figures with 21 points. Junior guard Merideth Marsh added 18, while sophomore forward Hannah Tuomi and senior guard Jen Risper had 10 apiece.

The key, said Vanderbilt coach Melanie Balcomb, was limiting Georgia's opportunities.

"We just got on them defensively," Balcomb said. "We kept talking about the high-low, talking about ball pressure, and checking out and giving them only one shot. We continued to score and we spread the game open by getting those stops and rebounding."

With the win, the Commodores (20-6, 9-2 Southeastern Conference) got off to their best start in conference play in Balcomb's tenure and remained one game out of first in the SEC after Auburn won its fifth straight game Sunday. They also remained perfect in home games in the SEC.

After Vanderbilt led the entire second half, Georgia went on a 7-0 run to tie it at 47 with 10:28 to play, but then it was all Commodores. Wirth and freshman guard Tia Gibbs hit consecutive 3-pointers, and Gibbs scored on a fast-break lay-up after Wirth stole the ball. After Risper grabbed an offensive rebound, Marsh came in for a lay-up and was fouled for a 3-point play to put Vanderbilt up 62-50.

Vanderbilt's four-guard line-up, also used in its victory last Thursday over Florida, gave Georgia



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Four of Vanderbilt's starting five scored in double figures at Memorial Gym Sunday as the Commodores defeated Georgia, 80-64.

fits the entire game. Risper in particular, despite being just 5-8, was effective at the four position defending Georgia down low and also getting to the rim on offense. She knocked down all six free throws she attempted and also grabbed a team-high seven rebounds.

"It's kind of backwards," Balcomb said, laughing. "We went with a guard to guard them better in the post."

"I think it creates a lot of mismatches, defensively and offensively," Marsh said. "Coach was saying that she really liked putting Jen at the four, so whenever they drive, she can play better defense on them."

Gibbs came off the bench as part of that approach and scored 10 points in just 12 minutes of play. Her 3-pointer and lay-up off her own steal in a 25-second period late put the Commodores up 73-57.

Both Balcomb and her players feel more confident than ever with contributions coming from both starters and bench players.

"In any given game, we have people who are stepping up," Wirth said. "I was so proud of Tia Gibbs. She was just a spark off the bench, hit big shots and I think that when you have people who can come in any given night, it makes it hard to key in on any one person." ■

## Vandy knocked out in Knoxville

by JACK MANIRE  
Sports Reporter

The Vanderbilt men's basketball team lost a tough game on Valentine's Day, falling in a 69-50 loss to the Tennessee Volunteers. The loss ended a three-game winning streak for the Commodores.

It also meant Tennessee earned a season sweep of the series after also soundly beating the Commodores in January. Vanderbilt had no answer for Tennessee's star forward Tyler Smith, who exploded for 30 points. The Commodores struggled with Tennessee's athletic defense, and they had only put 6 points on the board with about 10:30 left in the first half.

Vanderbilt was careless with possession of the ball, turning it over 22 times during the game. Turnovers are mistakes the team can't afford to make, because they negate any

defensive stops and also give opponents too many chances to swing momentum. Vanderbilt also had an anemic shooting performance, going 2-16 from 3-point territory.

"I did not think we competed at the level we normally are used to our guys competing," said Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings. "I thought we for the first time did not really fight like we normally fight and that was disappointing."

While the game itself was a little bit depressing from the standpoint of a Vanderbilt fan (and probably for the players, too), it did reveal a few things about the team and what it needs to do in order to be successful as the season moves forward.

One thing that was revealed yesterday was the importance of freshman Jeff Taylor. Taylor committed two fouls very quickly, and consequently spent most of the first half on the bench. When he did get back in the game, he

had a tough time finding any rhythm on offense and the team struggled terribly because of this. If Taylor plays the way he is capable of, he poses a threat to opposing defenses because of his consistency on open jump shots and his outstanding ability to drive to the hoop.

Opposing defenses need to respect Taylor and guard him closely, and that opens up the floor for the rest of Vanderbilt's offense. Teams can't focus all their energies on preventing sophomore A.J. Ogilvy from getting the ball in the paint or from letting freshman Brad Tinsley or junior Jermaine Beal take outside shots. With Taylor on the bench, Tennessee was able to do both on Saturday.

Saturday's loss was also a reminder of the importance of reliable shooting within Stallings' offensive system. In the four games before Saturday's loss, the team shot 51.8 percent from the floor. Beal and Tinsley

have been the team's top outside shooters all year long, but during those four games freshmen Lance Goulbourne and Steve Tchiengang started to consistently hit open 3's as well.

The better shooting improved the team's offensive output and also helped spread the floor for the team's offensive stars, leading to a three-game win streak. Unfortunately the whole team struggled with shooting on Valentine's Day, and because of this, the team never seemed like they had a chance to win.

While Saturday's game wasn't encouraging, it could be helpful as the team moves forward. They have an opportunity to learn from a loss like this. Hopefully, both for Vanderbilt and its fans, Stallings can use Saturday's game to show his players exactly what they need to do to keep winning games and turn the Commodores back into an NCAA tournament caliber team. ■



AP PHOTO

Steve Tchiengang (33) defends Tyler Smith (1) during Vanderbilt and Tennessee's game Saturday in Knoxville. Smith led all scorers with 30 points as the Volunteers cruised to a 69-50 victory.

## VANDERBILT BASKETBALL



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Tuesday night's game against Kentucky will be a "Gold Out" sponsored by Vandy Fanatics. With a win, Vanderbilt would improve to 4-2 at home in conference play.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
**Vanderbilt vs. Kentucky**  
**Tuesday, 8 p.m.**  
**TV: ESPN**

The Commodores will try avenge an early season loss to Kentucky when they host the Wildcats at Memorial Gym on Tuesday. Vanderbilt fell 70-60 when the two teams met in their conference opener on Jan. 10. Vanderbilt crushed the Wildcats, 93-52, the last time they met in Nashville. Vanderbilt fans should come out and show their gold as the game will be a "Gold Out" sponsored by Vandy Fanatics.

## No. 1 bowling team wins Baltimore tournament

by DAVID RUTZ  
Sports Editor

After two third-place finishes in January, the top-ranked Vanderbilt women's bowling team felt it was capable of far better. In fact, junior Josie Earnest said she expected exceptional things from the Commodores in their upcoming tournaments.

Those expectations came to fruition over the weekend as the Commodores won for the first time in 2009 with a come-from-behind victory in

the Morgan State Invitational. Out of 30 teams Vanderbilt came out on top, finishing six pins ahead of third-ranked Nebraska, 8,803-8,797.

"We know that if we perform up to our potential we should have a good chance of winning," said senior Michelle Pelouin.

The win marked Vanderbilt's fourth tournament victory of the season. The Commodores take two weeks off before competing at the Holiday Classic in Bessemer, Ala. ■

# LAX edged in double overtime by North Carolina

by BRIAN LINHARES  
Sports Reporter

In their first collegiate appearances, freshmen midfielders Ally Carey and Alex Priddy added two and four goals, respectively.

For Vanderbilt, it wasn't enough against No. 9 North Carolina.

On Sunday, at the Vanderbilt University Lacrosse Complex, North Carolina defeated the 12th-ranked Commodores 14-13. Freshman attacker Kaitlyn Messenger propelled the Tar Heels to victory, beating senior goalkeeper Rachel Woolford with two minutes left in double overtime.

In the season opener, the Commodores fought Carolina to a standstill, in which neither squad held greater than a four-goal advantage.

"We really didn't know what to expect because we didn't have any tape on (North Carolina), they didn't have any tape on us, said senior captain Cara Giordano. "For going out there blindly, we played a good game."

Carolina held the upper hand at



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Vanderbilt's Alex Mundy (1) looks for a pass while North Carolina's Becky Lynch (14) pursues on Sunday. The Tar Heels went on to edge the Commodores in double overtime, 14-13.

intermission, 8-7. Sophomore attacker Corey Donohoe led the effort, notching four goals.

The Tar Heels darted past Vanderbilt early in the second half, on the heels (pun intended) of a 4-1 run in the first seven minutes. At the 23-minute mark, North Carolina midfielder Megan Bosica gave the visitors an 12-8 advantage.

To close out regulation, the Commodores

outscored Carolina 5-1. Giordano finished the run on an unassisted shot just under five minutes to play to bring the contest to a tie, 11 Vanderbilt second-half turnovers notwithstanding.

Despite several scoring opportunities, most notably four shots, in the first extra session, Woolford rebuffed Carolina's advances to keep the match locked. She finished with 11 saves.

In the final period, both the Commodores and Tar Heels registered a single shot on goal. However, only Messenger's attempt connected to cement the road win.

Following the loss, the Commodores have the benefit of a six-day hiatus before returning to action on Feb. 21 against the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

"We're not going to settle for losing. That's our motto this year. We're not settling for anything," Giordano said. "This is, hopefully, going to fire us up for the rest of the season. It will light a fire under us."

The Commodores will need the fire for the upcoming slate. After UMBC, four-time defending national champion Northwestern will pay a visit to Nashville. ■

# Track continues to post school bests

by TRAVIS YOUNG  
For the Hustler

With every passing weekend it seems, the Vanderbilt track and field team sets school records.

It was the same story for the Commodores in Ames, Iowa, at the ISU Classic, setting several new school marks a week after freshmen Teegan Hill and Jordan White set school records in the 400- and 800-meter runs, respectively. Sophomore distance standout Rita Jorgensen was one of the many highlights of the day for Vanderbilt with a new school record performance in the 3000-meter run.

"I think we are definitely moving in the right direction heading into the Southeastern Conference Indoor Championships at the end of the month," said coach D'Andre Hill. "Our team had some great individual performances today, led by Rita and Teegan Hill. This meet provided us with great preparation for our upcoming conference meet and I think our team is improving at the right time."

Jorgensen continued her strong showing this weekend in Ames with a new personal best and top-five finish in the 3000-meter run with 9:37.14. Jorgensen's time broke Erika Schneble's 2007 previous school record by over two seconds. The school record came one day after Jorgensen, Hill, White and freshman Louise Hannallah set a season-best time of 11:40.28, placing fourth.

"I thought Rita had a very good focus going into the race," said distance coach Steve Keith. "She committed to a fast early pace (5:02 in the first mile) and

held on for a big personal best. More impressively, this is still a relatively new event for Rita and she is showing nice range from the 800 to the 3k."

Hill continued to knock time off her 400-meter time with a season-high 55.73, finishing 10th out of 50 runners. This marks the second consecutive weekend that the Lancaster, Texas, native has cruised to a top-three time in school-history. Hill's 55.73 is the fastest 400 time recorded by a Vanderbilt sprinter in over a decade (Amanda Helberg ran a 5.72 in 1998).

Sophomore Adrienne DiRaddo also set a personal best running a 17:37.35 in the 5000-meter run, finishing in 25th place. DiRaddo's mark was 12 minutes faster than her previous season-high time, which she set at last month's Gladstein Invitational in Bloomington, Ind.

Hannallah joined her teammates with a personal record of her own in the mile, running a 5:06.91 while sophomore teammate Kate Southcote-Want paced to a season-best 5:15.72.

In the short sprinting events, sophomore Taylor Jackson led the Commodores in the 60-meter dash, placing 17th out of 84 sprinters. Jackson's time of 7.79 marked a season-best for the Cleveland, Ohio, native.

Vanderbilt's track and field team will be idle this week as they prepare for the SEC Indoor Championships Feb. 28 to March 1. This year's 2009 meet will be hosted by Kentucky in Lexington, Ky. ■



# Vanderbilt sweeps weekend matches

by ALEX HELMAN  
Sports Reporter

Two home wins over the weekend have given Vanderbilt a winning record, but they didn't come easy.

The No. 28 Commodores defeated Middle Tennessee State Saturday 5-2, placing them at a 4-2 overall record after a 7-0 Friday win over Memphis and putting them in good position for the next part of their schedule.

Vanderbilt got off to a quick start, with freshman Charlie Jones (6-1, 6-3) and sophomore Bryant Salcedo (1-6, 6-2, 2-0) winning the first two matches. MTSU didn't go away quietly, however, after two straight matches fell to the Blue Raiders. The next match went to the Commodores. With the match at 3-2 overall, Vanderbilt sophomore Alex Zotov sealed the deal with a victory over MTSU's Kyle Wishing (6-2, 6-2).

Meanwhile sophomore Adam Baker rallied against MTSU's Morgan Richard in an exciting tiebreaker match (6-2, 5-7, 7-6,

7-5)). In the tiebreaker series, Baker battled back from two match points to win 7-5.

"The pressure was really off when Alex (Zotov) won his match," Baker said.

MTSU came into Nashville looking to win and gave Vanderbilt a harder fight than expected.

"It was a tricky match to play. We didn't expect them to come out like they did," Baker said.

Although the Commodores came out on top, Vanderbilt coach Ian Duvenhage could have been more pleased with how they went about it.

"I'm not all that happy with how (we won)," Duvenhage said. "We pride ourselves on being cool under pressure and not being rattled because you make your best decisions that way. In all fairness, it wasn't an easy match to play, but we have to do better."

With the toughest part of their schedule coming up (No. 17 Oklahoma State, No. 2 Texas and No. 7 Florida among them), Duvenhage is remaining focused on what



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Sophomore Bryant Salcedo rockets a backhand during a match Saturday at Currey Tennis Center. Salcedo continued his hot play with a victory over MTSU, 1-6, 6-2, 2-0.

his team needs to do to improve.

"I don't worry a whole lot about other teams," he said. "I just spend all of my energy trying to get my guys to do the things as well as we can."

Vanderbilt hardly gets a reprieve as it next faces Louisville at home on Feb. 22

"They are clearly a tough team," Duvenhage said. "We're going to have to be ready to play." ■



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