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## Cheating truths



Students say it's an unspoken reality of campus life. In this series, both online and in print today and Monday, The Hustler will look at the facts, perceptions and implications of a sometimes taboo subject.

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### Students disagree on what constitutes cheating and whether it is a problem.

by SARAH BISLKY  
News Reporter

If you were to ask Peabody Professor Andrew Van Schaack if cheating is a problem on Vanderbilt's campus, his answer would be simple — yes.

In the 2007-2008 academic year alone, the Honor Council heard 63 cases, involving a total of 81 students, all regarding questions of academic integrity on Vanderbilt's campus. Van Schaack said he thinks this number is small and more cheating is occurring than people are willing to acknowledge.

"If you've seen somebody copying someone else's work, you've seen cheating. If you've seen a student tell another student what is on a test, that's cheating," Van Schaack said.

Van Schaack said he thinks that cheating is a significant challenge facing Vanderbilt.

"There is a lot of cheating that goes on on campus, and I think that any cheating is a problem," he said. "So if you have a lot of cheating, you have a big problem."

While Van Schaack said he sees the issues regarding cheating on Vanderbilt's campus as clear cut, he believes students may not hold such firm convictions about what constitutes cheating.

"I think students know what the most obvious forms of cheating are, but this idea of what is group

work, what is acceptable, with that sort of thing, I think there may be some confusion," Van Schaack said.

Indeed, there seems to be a broad range of opinions regarding what is right and what is wrong as far as academic integrity is concerned. The Vanderbilt Hustler sat down with seven students to discuss the issues concerned with cheating on campus and found that students exhibit a vast range of opinions and concerns as far as what constitutes cheating, and whether or not cheating is a problem on campus.

All seven students with whom The Hustler spoke agreed looking over at someone else's paper in the middle of an exam was cheating.

Arts and Science junior Cathya Olivas said checking out your neighbor's paper was a clear violation of the Honor Code.

"I think personally when you ask a friend for help on a test, that's definitely cheating" Olivas said.

The ambiguities in student opinions began to emerge as they were asked to Please see **CHEATING**, page 3

### Lachs says cheating is human nature, so honor code is a necessity.

by EVE ATTERMANN  
Managing Editor

"It's human nature, people want to get ahead," said Centennial Professor of Philosophy John Lachs over a cup of coffee at Panera.

Lachs, who specializes in human nature and teaches a class on ethics, has much to say on the topic of cheating. He sees it as a violation of the trust system on which society and local communities rely so heavily.

The philosopher, who has spent much of his career stressing philosophy's relevance to everyday life, sees an important parallel to the ethical construct set up by the Honor Code and the requirements of the larger society.

"The problem is betraying trust. I trust that no one has put poison in this coffee," he said, motioning to his cup of coffee. "All human interactions are based on faith, and when you break that faith, the community



LACHS

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## Earlier faculty book list submissions could lower student textbook prices

by NORAH SCANLAN  
News Editor

Both Vanderbilt Student Government and the bookstore took part in a joint effort to encourage professors to submit textbook lists Wednesday.

At press time, 25 percent of textbook lists had been submitted, according to Textbook Manager Alyssa Spencer. This

is a 7 percent increase from last year, and as a result, the bookstore expects to give students more money for their books during buyback.

Although a similar date is suggested each year, VSG and the bookstore actively worked to urge professors to adhere to this deadline, as professors currently face no repercussions for missing it.

According to sophomore and Speaker

of the Senate Aysha Malik, if professors abide by this deadline, the bookstore can buy back more books from students, and students can get more money back for their books. If the bookstore staff is unsure of whether a book will be used, they buy it back from the student at the wholesale price, according to Ryan Freeman, textbook manager of the bookstore. The wholesale price

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on average ends up being less than 50 percent of the book's price, which the bookstore can often pay students if they are certain the book will be used at

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### VSC elects division heads for next year



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by SAMANTHA SMITH  
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Vanderbilt Student Communications Inc. board announced new division heads for several student media organizations and board members-at-large on Monday and Wednesday.

Rising senior Katherine Miller will be the director of InsideVandy.com, rising junior Courtney Rogers will be editor-in-chief of Versus Magazine, rising junior Mikil Taylor will be station manager of WRVU and rising junior Hannah Twillman will be editor-in-chief of The Vanderbilt Hustler.

The board also hired rising junior Frannie Boyle as editor-in-chief of The Vanderbilt Torch, Please see **VSC CHANGES**, page 3

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## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### SPEAR recycles at Rites of Spring

by CHELSEY FELDMAN  
News Reporter

Recycling after Rites of Spring has always been a huge project for Students Promoting Environmental Awareness and Recycling, but this year the whole campus has an opportunity to get involved. The prominent Vanderbilt environmental group is asking students to stay late and to help collect recycling after the concerts, starting at 11:30 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday.

Students are encouraged to form recycling teams and hang out on Alumni Lawn towards the end of each night to help speed up the cleaning process. Student teams will compete against each other to collect the largest amount of recyclable trash, like bottles and cans. Prizes, including gift cards to Calypso Cafe and free SPEAR T-shirts, will be awarded each night to the top two teams.

“Our main goal for the event is to increase awareness about recycling on campus,” said junior Rebecca Maddox, vice president of recycling in SPEAR. “Most students don’t realize that Rites usually coincides with Earth Day, and we want to remind students of that.”

SPEAR will also have a table set up during Rites of Spring where students can learn more about the group’s campus initiatives, including the bio-diesel initiative.

There will be free pizza from Obie’s and a lot of environmentally friendly giveaways for all who contribute to the recycling effort. Additionally, a \$25 gift certificate to Green Wagon, a local eco-friendly store started by a Vanderbilt graduate, will be awarded to the person who can correctly guess how many pounds of plastic and aluminum recycling SPEAR collected after Rites last year.

“We feel that by turning recycling into a fun competition with prizes, students can get involved and feel like they are getting something back out of it,” Maddox said. ■

## FRIDAY SPICE

### Stolen Chihuahua pup returns to NY store with handwritten apology

BELLMORE, N.Y. (AP)—A stolen \$3,000 Chihuahua puppy has been returned to a Long Island pet store with an apologetic note.

Nassau County police say they haven’t identified the man who took the 14-week-old dog back Tuesday to Worldwide Puppies & Kittens in Bellmore, just east of New York City.

Store manager Christina Ingoglia says the man ran away after dropping off the pup in a shoe box. She says he left a note saying the puppy’s abductors were sorry they stole it and didn’t have the money to buy it.

### Texas elementary school gets noise citation, school remedies grounds

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—A fed-up Texas homeowner has gotten a noise citation issued against his neighbor — an elementary school.

Police in suburban Universal City say they had to issue the citation after Butch Armstrong complained about the noise coming from Olympia Elementary School during the school’s Family Fitness Day on March 20.

Principal Terri LeBleu says the school had already built a fence, removed loudspeakers and installed noise-reducing backing on basketball goals in response to Armstrong’s previous complaints.

According to a police report, Armstrong told an officer that

## CALENDAR

### THIS WEEKEND

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 17

##### • Vanderbilt library book sale

The Jean and Alexander Heard Library will be holding a book sale at Library Lawn Plaza from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. From 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., hardbacks are \$2 and paperbacks are \$1. From 2 to 4 p.m. everything is half-price. From 4 to 6 p.m., a plastic grocery bag of books is \$1.

##### • Blair Duo Piano Recital

Craig Nies and Leah Bowes will be performing a duo piano recital featuring Schubert’s “Grand Duo in C Major” and Rachmanoff’s “Symphonic Dances.” The recital will be held in the Steve and Judy Turner Recital Hall at 8 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 17-SATURDAY, APRIL 18

##### • Rites of Spring

Rites of Spring kicks off on Alumni Lawn at 3 p.m. on Friday. Friday’s artists include T.I., Q-Tip, Santigold, Okkervil River, K’NAAN, Blueskyreality and Run With Bulls. Gates open on Saturday at 3 p.m. and artists include The Flaming Lips, N.E.R.D., Grand Ole Party, Black Joe Lewis and the Honeybears, Sara Watkins, Erick Baker, Stardeath and White Dwarfs, and Pico vs. Island Trees.

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 19

##### • A Cappella concert

Vanderbilt’s Christian a cappella group, Victory A Cappella, will be hosting their spring concert at 2 p.m. in Benton Chapel.

## SNAPSHOT

### NOONTIME WOES



OLIVER WOLFE / The Vanderbilt Hustler  
First-year students Raquel Zemtsov and Ben Wyatt perform in the Noontime performance of “Your Mother’s Butt,” one of the free, half-hour-long, student-directed shows put on by the Vanderbilt University Theater every semester.

## PHOTO of the WEEK

The photographers who cover campus for student media are working hard to capture images of life at Vanderbilt. This image was selected as the Photo of the Week. Check here next Friday to see another standout student photo.



Sophomore Frances White focuses a lighting instrument in preparation for the Noontime one-act plays.



OLIVER WOLFE said he spent Sunday working in the theater, where he discovered this photo opportunity. “I ran back to my room, grabbed my camera, and took the shot,” he said.

Want to get involved in the fall? Student photographers interested in joining the staff next year are invited to the next meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, in Sarratt 130

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# CHEATING: Students disagree on what counts as cheating

From **CHEATING**, page 1  
examine areas of cheating that were less well-defined. In fact, among the seven students, there were serious disagreements about whether or not cheating is even a problem on Vanderbilt's campus.

John Del Piero, a junior in the School of Engineering, said he did not think cheating was a problem on Vanderbilt's campus.

"No, I don't see it very often, so I don't think that it's a problem," Del Piero said.

On the other hand, Kathryn Trappey, a junior in the College of Arts and Science, said she thinks cheating is a major problem.

"I know that a lot of people (cheat)" Trappey said.

Junior Jon Andereck said he also

thinks cheating is a serious problem on Vanderbilt's campus.

"I know that it happens, definitely, especially in large lecture classes and things like that. I would say that it's a bigger problem than it gets credit for," Andereck said.

In addition, the students also disagreed on whether working together on projects without a professor's permission constitutes cheating.

Sophomore Human and Organizational Development major Larry Smith said he does not think working together on assignments constitutes cheating.

"I wouldn't say that's cheating, I just think it makes the job a whole lot easier with everyone working together than people trying to do the job for themselves," Smith said.

However, Del Piero said he thought working together on a project without permission definitely should be considered cheating.

"I mean, if it's a big project why wouldn't you ask your teacher? I mean, worst case, they say no and you move on," Del Piero said.

Another controversial issue for the students was the use of test files.

The students revealed varied opinions on whether or not the use of test files constituted cheating.

Junior Stacey Griffin said she thought the use of test files was cheating.

"I would say (using test files is) cheating. Just because it's sort of an unfair advantage that other people get. ... And sometimes those tests are exactly the same, so you aren't doing your own work. It's basically writing

someone else's work, so I would say that it was cheating," Griffin said.

"I don't see it any more different than a teacher posting a past test online. In actuality, it may not be as helpful, because you don't have the answer key, you may just have someone's test that they didn't even do well on," Olivas said.

The students also exhibited serious disagreements about the role the Honor Code plays in students' everyday lives.

Del Piero said that he did not think about the Honor Code on a daily basis.

"I have my own moral code. I'll follow that. The Honor Code is just something that is there that puts boundaries on that. I don't look at it regularly," Del Piero said.

Trappey said she agreed with him. "I follow my own moral standards.

I would never do something or not do something because of the Honor Code. I would just do it because it seemed right or wrong to me," Trappey said.

Andereck said he disagreed because he believed the Honor Code was a part of everyday life on campus.

"The Honor Code is kind of the foundation for learning. If you go to all of your lectures and classes with the attitude of I want to learn this, that's what I'm here for and I don't want to take the easy way out to get an A in this class, then yeah, it becomes a part of your everyday experience," Andereck said.

Students have a broad range of opinions regarding what qualifies as cheating, whether it is prevalent on campus, and the honor council's presence at Vanderbilt. ■

# LACHS: Honor Code levels playing field for students

From **LACHS**, page 1  
disintegrates," Lachs said.

And in the high stress world of the modern student, too often a person will choose to take the easy way out.

"Some people are just lazy — and that's a fact. There's also a problem of cutting corners, so you can just get on with it," he said.

Though "cutting corners," which may include an incorrect citing of a source or copying an answer off a friend's homework, may seem innocuous, under the Honor Code both are considered flagrant violations.

"It's a matter of individual choice," Lachs said.

Lachs said he welcomed the Honor Code because it leveled the playing field for all students. But is it the only reason that students don't cheat?

## Fear

Some students choose not to cheat because of the high standards they set for themselves, Lachs explained. Many others, however, follow the rules to avoid unsavory consequences.

"There's pride in oneself," Lachs said. "I don't need to do that.' But there's also fear, 'I want to sleep well.'"

According to Lachs, students fear not only the repercussions of the Honor Code's intervention, but also the public shame that comes along with being discovered cheating.

"People don't want to expose themselves," he said.

## Grades

Many Honor Code violations can lead to failure in a course — so why is it worth the risk for students hoping to raise their grade without doing the work required of them?

"Grades are essentially the evaluation of students, and they send a message to the student," Lachs said. "They also serve an external

function for potential employers."

Students, therefore, often see grades as much more than markers of their progress in a particular subject. They can also be an indication of future success in a career.

Lachs said he felt grades were "radically misguided" and were an example of educational institutions cutting corners themselves.

"The problem with grades is that sometimes evaluation gets in the way of education. The mutual trust necessary for learning evaporates," he said.

Still, Lachs said he hoped students were planning to get more out of an education than a transcript worthy of a job application.

"I feel sorry for people who only go to college to get a degree, because they are missing so much," he said.

## Cheating in an ethics class

Lachs tells students in his Introduction to Ethics classes that if they cheat in that particular subject, "they're really in trouble." But in reality, Lachs has seen few incidents of cheating over the years.

Part of that is due to careful planning.

"I try to formulate questions for which the fraternity and sorority systems have no preexisting answers," he said.

If he does suspect a violation, and it usually involves improper citation, Lachs said he calls the student in for a meeting.

"It's not a big deal, but usually it's enough of a traumatic experience," he said.

Lachs said he has been wrong on a few occasions when he suspected a student had purchased a custom-made paper online. "You can be too good," Lachs said, smiling. He finished his coffee.

In those few cases, the students in question had been that good. ■

# Greek community calls for controlled drinking

by **MADELEINE ENGLIS**  
News Reporter

The rising number of reported alcohol-related incidents culminated in a discussion with Greek students, faculty and alumni Monday at the Greek Life Call to Action meeting.

The purpose of the discussion was to identify the core issues within the Greek community and to work with students to resolve these issues, according to Director of Greek Life Kristin Torrey.

Dean of Students Mark Bandas prefaced his opening remarks by identifying excessive consumption of alcohol as a core issue that directly attributed to the rising number of chapters on probation this past academic year.

"Only two IFC chapters have not been on probation this past academic year due to risk-management issues," Bandas said. "Unethical and illegal practices relating to alcohol abuse have plagued the Greek community."

In an effort to encourage further discussion within the Greek community, Bandas said he did not have the answer to these problems and instead asked students for their thoughts.

"From our end, let me express my concern for those freshmen who will take eight shots before they even go to a party ... and then we as a fraternity are the ones getting punished because of this one kid," said junior Alex Alm, president of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

In discussion of what role the Greek community plays in perpetuating the rampant binge-drinking fad, Greek students and several administrators offered up viable solutions while some alumni deflected the blame



ZAC HARDY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Dean of Students Mark Bandas addressed the attendees of the Call to Action meeting Monday night as a representative of the administration's point of view on the Greek community.

off of the Greeks and onto the administration.

The question of blame however did not interest some Greek members who chose to speak out.

"Instead of talking so much about the Greeks or freshmen as the problem, we need to talk about the symptoms of the fundamental problem. Binge drinking is a problem with upperclassmen. It's not about the rules, it's the rage culture, and we are showing the underclassmen what the model looks like," said junior Jesse DeOms, president of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and chair of Delta Force.

In an attempt to curb binge drinking through the advent of upperclassmen serving as positive role models to underclassmen, Torrey said discussion linking Greek Life to the VUcept leadership program is already underway; however, some students expressed concern that this would be insufficient.

"You have to remember there are only 90 VUceptors and thousands of Greek members, so we need to figure out other

ways to better orient the freshmen into the Greek system," said sophomore Alexandria Lovelace, a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and co-selections chair for VUcept.

Given the popular belief that drinking is an integral part of both fraternity recruitment and membership, IFC fraternity presidents recently approved many tenets of a proposal submitted by the Delta Force, a task force comprised of 10 IFC men to address these recent issues.

While the administration stands by the Delta Force's proposed changes in principle, the actual success of the Delta Force's proposals once put into practice is still to be determined.

"I think we are all underestimating how these proposals are going to affect us. The fact that we are already changing and improving our image seems to be understated," said junior Kyle Elder, president of Sigma Chi fraternity. "All we ask is that we at least get a shot to see what we can do with these proposals before more rules are in place. Give us a chance." ■

# TEXTBOOKS: Earlier lists could mean lower costs

From **TEXTBOOKS**, page 1  
Vanderbilt again.

"We're going through it as a grassroots campaign," said Malik, who explained that VSG students contacted undergraduate departments and asked them to submit their book lists by April 15, as part of their textbook initiative.

In light of the economic recession, Malik explained the importance of the initiative, which ultimately lowers textbook prices.

"We realize students are looking for ways to cutback," she said.

Because professors are bogged down with planning for final exams and grading during the end of the semester, Malik said often the deadline is not followed. In addition, professors may be "still debating" which textbooks they are going to use next semester.

The bookstore's Director of Business Services Laura Nairon said there was also an expanded effort by the bookstore this semester to make professors aware of the beneficial impact of submitting their textbook lists early. Spencer said most instructors are not aware of the costs they can save students by doing this.

Freeman said the bookstore contacted faculty by e-mail explaining how to submit their textbook lists and the impact it could have on students. The bookstore's internal initiative was inspired by another university and advice provided by student focus groups.

Spencer emphasized that the bookstore does not expect 100 percent of booklists to be submitted at this time, and their effort was intended to target professors who know which books they would like to use and are perhaps using the same books as last semester.

"The most important thing to us is to get the

books that have been used by students and are going to be used again," Spencer said.

Nairon also explained that professors are not required to submit all their textbook lists at once. They can always add additional books later.

Director of Undergraduate Studies and Associate Professor of English Mark Schoenfield said that with certain classes it is quite feasible for professors to be able to submit their booklists; however, he also recognized that if the professor wants to re-examine the course, it can be difficult to conduct the necessary research and revise the course by this time.

"We also learn about new books that might be useful throughout the year," Schoenfield said. "Of course, some courses get added later, for example, if there is additional student demand that a department realizes it can meet, and then more and sometimes different books would need to be ordered."

Although he said the bookstore does a good job of reminding the faculty, Schoenfield recognized that sometimes that is not enough.

"If a professor is caught between getting a book order in on time without having the course worked out, or working the course out and having the book order late, I suspect most faculty lean toward the latter," he said.

Sometimes faculty members do not turn in their booklists until mid-summer, which prevents the bookstore from being able to buy back as many books as they could have if they were given the textbook lists in April.

Schoenfield said he speculated this was because professors were able to think through their course and incorporate student responses from the spring when given more time. ■

# VSC: New structure to allow for convergence, collaboration

From **LACHS**, page 1  
rising senior Jazia Butler as editor-in-chief of Vanderbilt Political Review, rising sophomore Meryem Dede as editor-in-chief of The Slant, rising senior Erika Hyde as editor-in-chief of Orbis, rising senior Kristina Lyons as MTV station manager and rising senior Janelle Stokes as editor-in-chief of The Talented Tenth.

Rising sophomore Phil Carroll was elected a two-year member-at-large and Brendan Alviani will serve as a one-year proxy. Sydney Wilmer, the current editor-in-chief of The Hustler, will complete the last year of Rogers' two-year term.

A change in the structure of VSC will accompany these staff turnovers. The Hustler and InsideVandy.com will be separated into two divisions, and both will share a single staff along with Versus and WRVU. There will be increased convergence

in news content with online multimedia coverage. Outside of these publications, some smaller publications will be part of a revenue-sharing model.

Rogers, the current features editor for Versus, said she is looking forward to the more unified structure and the opportunities it will present.

"I am excited about the new structure next year because we have a chance to make Vanderbilt media more collaborative, and I am looking forward to really bringing all of the publications together," she said.

Twillman agreed, saying she was also looking forward to collaborating with the other publications.

"I'm especially excited to work together to bring The Hustler and the rest of student media into this new stage of media," she said. "I also want to get even more students involved

and make student media more reflective of our students."

According to VSC Board Chair and Professor of Management and Sociology Bruce Barry, the new focus on multimedia matches a national news trend and can help provide students training for later media careers.

"For students who choose to get heavily involved and take this as a career, it is important for the experience on campus to prepare them for the workplace," Barry said, "We want to provide our staff with the right education and the appropriate experience."

"I am really excited because we're going to completely redesign and rethink the online presence of InsideVandy, Versus and the other publications," said Miller, who is the current editor-in-chief of the Torch.

"We are going bring everything together and get us to a Web 2.0," she said. ■



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# A guide for how to do Rites right



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Columnist

So the big event is here, and I have to hand it to Vanderbilt. Most students don't know what a "rite" is, but everyone knows that T.I. is going to jail. Since the school dished out all its housing renovation money to bring in "the king of the South," naturally you will want to get the most out of this experience. However, as many savvy seniors could warn you, Rites of Spring is not always the treasured memory that you might hope for. Common dilemmas include: lost valuables, brutal sunburn and passing out at 8:30 p.m. to sleep through the concert. The solution here is simple: Don't drink. Haha, no, but seriously, there are some things you can do.

The first, and really one of the most valuable things, you can do is to get good seats or positioning. I shouldn't need to explain that being closer to the stage means you are nearer to people who are having fun.

There are some methods to this, but your most surefire option is simply to get there early. You'll be greeted by a pleasant mesh of grad students and yes, that's right ... families! Believe it or not, people who are not Vanderbilt students still attend Rites of Spring, and they bring picnic blankets. When you get there early, you can follow suit and set out lawn chairs. Although come 10 or 11 p.m., you may get some awkward stares or good, old-fashioned curb stompings if you are still lounging in the front row.

So as you can see, getting there early will only get you so far. Never fear, there's a field-tested resolution. On your way back from the bathroom, shoulder your way through the mass of grinding couples, jumping fist-pumpers and subtle pot-smokers, frantically explaining: "I gotta get back to my friends! Sorry, my friends are up front!" You'll find some people are resistant or tired of this excuse, so you can notch up the intensity with a similar pattern involving screaming for your missing baby you left at the front of the mosh pit.

Another popular exercise is to get separated from your friends and attempt to call them about eight times before realizing that the only directions they can give you is that "they're towards the front." Also, I would recommend that you do some research. When T.I. takes the stage, you don't want to be that girl who squeals: "Oooh, I can't wait till he sings 'Goldigger.'" You can always go above and beyond and impress your friends with little nuggets of trivia, like: "Did you know T.I. was originally from China, with the name Tienanmen Ichiro?"

One final thought about what is nearest to your heart: alcohol. Apparently, there's some very strict, intense rules about bringing in alcohol to Rites, such as being over 21. To problem solve: You can stuff alcohol in your clothes, throw bottles over the fence to friends, give a commission to willing senior friends or my personal favorite — make the moocher rounds. Grab a wingman, and chat up some of those aforementioned hippy families about how much better concerts were in the haze of their LSD college years. Meanwhile your friend robs their cooler. Enjoy!

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## EDITORIAL

# VSG textbook initiative necessary but delayed

The rising price of textbooks tends to be a frequent motif in the great melange of student complaints. In many cases, the books will increase by over 20 percent between editions, over triple the rate of inflation. Unsurprisingly, everyone from high school kids to veteran politicians demand for change in the pricing structure. Of course, Vanderbilt has its own share of textbook woes, including superfluous Vanderbilt editions of calculus books leading one to wonder who thought of that lackluster if not egotistical idea. As per usual, Vanderbilt Student Government has gotten in on the action as the year comes to a close.

If professors submit the books lists for their courses earlier, the bookstore can guarantee higher prices for some books. In the long term, this of course can save students money — increasingly important in the current economic climate. Furthermore, if the bookstore has forewarning, they can arrange to have a greater number of used books, which serves as a list sooner rather than later, professors have the ability to save large swaths of campus money that is in no way insignificant.

Unfortunately, at the moment, only 25 percent of expected textbook lists have been submitted, and while this is a significant increase over previous years, it certainly falls short of reasonable expectations. It is true professors are busy planning future courses as well as arranging for finals, but this hardly a legitimate excuse.

Professors are under little pressure to submit

a full list; they are free to add additional selections at a later date. It does not help their case that the bookstore does send reminders, though Director of Undergraduate Studies and Associate Professor of English Mark Schoenfield admits these reminders are not always enough. Since submitting lists during the spring is for the most part optional, professors feel little pressure to get things done early. This reflects poorly on them, considering the costs that are incurred by the delays, though many may not be aware of the benefits of earlier submission.

Speaker of the Senate Aysha Malik explained that VSG students contacted undergraduate departments and asked them to submit their book lists by April 15 as part of their textbook initiative. The question here is: Why no one did this earlier? Surely someone must have thought this action was required even a decade ago.

In all probability, there has been some kind of similar, less expansive equivalent at some point, but considering the costs students are forced to pay, the VSG initiative seems too little and too late.

In this case, it seems fair for students to be outraged. The people who are supposed to be looking out for their interests — the administration, faculty and VSG — seem to be lackadaisical in their efforts to lower prices. It is not enough to have some used textbooks on sale, it's absolutely absurd for publishing companies to foist such unreasonable prices onto student and at some point universities should react, and maybe, at some point, I'm sure they will — if they feel like it.

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# Concealed carry not ready for college



**SEAN TIERNEY**  
Columnist

At college, things work a little differently. The same NRA arguments regurgitated ad nauseam out there are subjected to logic and reason here. At college, where alcohol and pavement prove to be a dangerous combination, guns are a terrible idea. Ignoring the obvious spike in accidental shootings that will inevitably occur, proponents of concealed carry of firearms on campus claim they have the solution to criminal activity. They may be fighting fire with fire, but they're using a flame thrower to put out a matchstick.

Sadly, a firearm does not cease to be dangerous simply because it is wielded by someone with good intentions, just as a car is not accident-proof because it is operated by a careful driver. Soldiers are well-trained; soldiers make mistakes. Police officers are well-trained; police officers misjudge. Joe Vanderbilt has maybe elected to go through eight hours of safety training before strapping on his handgun; Joe Vanderbilt puts all of our lives in danger.

**“Don't get me wrong, firearms can be great things to have in, say, a war zone or on the frontier. There are certain places, however, where the threat of being violently attacked is so low that carrying a concealed weapon actually increases the risk of being shot.”**

enrolled in college. A total of four college students have died in shooting sprees this academic year.

As for other criminals, pulling a gun on a mugger just about guarantees a violent outcome and is rarely a good option. It is entirely plausible that criminals are less likely to attack people who may have guns. Yet statistics show that while one out of every 54 males has a concealed carry permit, only one in over 300 females has a permit. This means that with concealed carry, criminals are simply more likely to target female victims than they otherwise would.

Three years ago, an argument in Morgan led two visitors with handguns to open fire on students. Fortunately, there were only minor injuries and the shooters were soon apprehended. Thank goodness there were no panicked, trigger-happy cowboys there to shoot back and start a fire fight in a residence hall. When handling a firearm under duress, a student must be able to think intelligently and responsibly ... which, judging by recent Hustler opinion pieces, does not bode well for having guns on campus.

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Dear VSG, I would rather have a washing machine than a flat screen TV. There is nothing wrong with our current TV, and no one watches it.

Every time Shattuck writes a column, God kills a kitten.

Desperate French student, our instructor does not want to throw away his career for a chatte who wears more spandex than Richard Simmons.

VSG, are you serious with these AcFee numbers? \$30,000 grand to one theater group? \$30 grand?

I'm ending this semester like the 2007 Mets right now.

Vandy: It's springtime, so warm up!

Compiled by Thomas Shattuck

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# Population growth poses threat to stability

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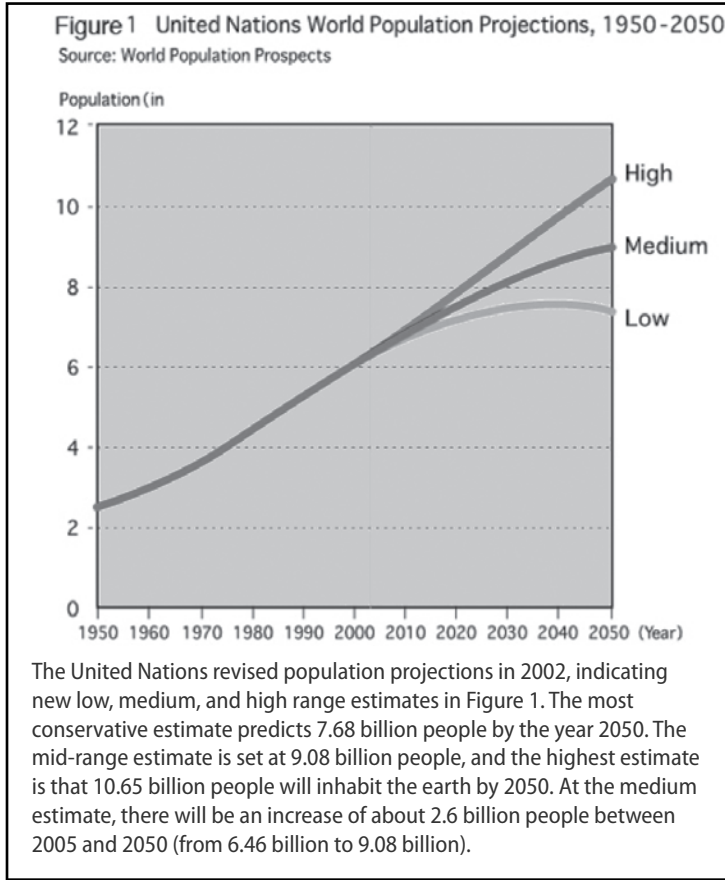
When most people imagine the end of human existence, they think of a nuclear holocaust or perhaps a catastrophic meteor strike terminating the bulk of the population in one fell swoop. Few seem to contemplate a scenario of lingering but languishing cities buckling under the weight of famine and resource lack. No matter the signs of imminent peril, we always imagine some scientific revolution coming to save the day in lieu of a God who has surely abandoned us.

There are approximately 6.77 billion souls currently walking on the surface of the planet. By 2050, the U.S. Census Bureau predicts this number will approach 9.5 billion, where it will do something decidedly odd — it will begin to settle. Well, maybe not stop entirely, the population growth rate is still debated and will be until 2050 is already upon us. Either way though, the rate of growth will diminish severely as the years go by.

There are several reasons for this. Primarily, as the number of men, women and children coexisting increases, the demand for vital materials (food, water, energy) will skyrocket, but the availability of supplies will fall, or at the very least grow at a less rapid rate. On a planet where many have become unable to afford even the simple grain that act as staples for vast swaths of the population, any increase in demand will cause prices to shift upward, causing widespread famine. Perhaps this is avoidable, but it remains a distinct possibility.

Secondly, as countries develop, the rate of birth decreases as fast as or quicker than the death rate. Yes, modern medicine extends the average lifespan, but the pressure of a post-civilized society forces couples to have children later and later, and to a lesser extent. A significant handful of countries such as Italy have as the past few decades have experienced a negative rate of population growth — a phenomenon referred to as sub-replacement fertility.

Even more concerning



than population growth and food supplies, however, is the extraordinary consumption of energy. The projected energy usage for 2050 is 14087 MTOE,

the equivalent to the energy released from burning that many tons of crude oil, a figure almost double the rate of consumption in 2000. Furthermore, the

threat of peak oil looms on the horizon.

Peak oil, a concept that seems out of a post-apocalyptic film like "Mad Max," simply states that at some point the amount of oil sources (conventional and unconventional) will at some point peak and then begin to decrease, thus leading to a decrease of oil production in the years to follow. As an idea, the end to oil seems ludicrous and perhaps a tad morbid, however, it is a logical conclusion derived from available data and rough models of future crude oil production and consumption. At some point, peak oil will happen, there's just a question as to when — there is even a possibility it has already begun to peak.

Sure, there is a possibility the peak will never come. This mainly stems from cornucopic delusions or the firm belief in the abiotic synthesis of petroleum. Abiotic synthesis, one that does not involve living organisms, would predict a steady supply of crude oil as the tectonic plates shift, releasing materials held deep in the mantle of the planet. Honestly, abiotic synthesis is a

flight of fancy, or maybe more appropriately a pipe dream. To date, there have been no studies showing any significant amounts of abiogenically produced petroleum based products from deep earth carbon deposits. In other words, we're pretty much screwed.

One way or another, mankind will be forced to develop new methods to an ever expanding population and the correlating resource use. This is not something that can simply be left to the invisible hand. Well, I suppose it could, but it would lead to an economic collapse and the potential deaths of hundreds of millions, if not billions, of people — an unfavorable outcome.

Something must change, we must change or we will surely perish. Though I suppose, in the end, the meek will inherit the earth, leaving the rest of us to the ever-growing funeral pyre.

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## Good grief, Grin's grief

To the Editor:

Can I just say that I've read your (Costantino's) past articles (after seeing this "Grins Grief" garbage), and I won't even venture into the chasm of problems you clearly have relating to other people — i.e. you enjoy watching your friends suffer trying to find edible food in Rand? Let's just stick to the issues at hand, shall we?

First, you adamantly oppose the notion that Grins food is healthy. Um, what is your definition of healthy? If it's low fat, low calorie, packed with

preservatives and artificial sweeteners, then yep — Grins is unhealthy all right. How about a place where food is prepared fresh daily from real food — that's right, produce that comes from markets and not in little prepackaged vacuum-sealed bags or cartons. Do you really want to get into this argument?

Second, like you said, the people who work at Grins are not your friends. They're providing a service to you, so get your food and don't think twice about it. They are friends with the regulars —

you know, the customers who come into Grins and actually like the food and don't berate the staff for being friendly and joking around with them. I eat at Grins almost every day, sometimes twice a day, and have been for the past five years. So forgive me if I get a little defensive about some sophomore coming in and critiquing a place at which she apparently never eats and certainly doesn't understand.

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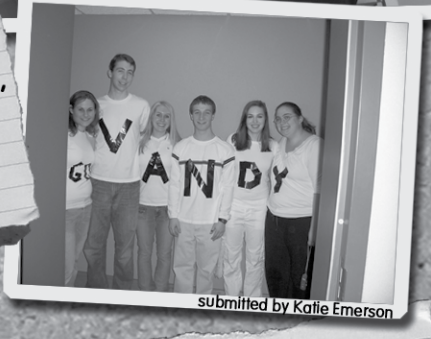


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## SPORTS

## Commodores win their fourth straight, 8-0

by DAN RYAN  
Sports Reporter

Vanderbilt got things going early, scoring two runs in the first inning, and never looked back as the Commodores cruised to an 8-0 victory Wednesday over visiting Morehead State on a cold and blustery night at Hawkins Field. They improved to 23-13 on their fourth straight victory, while Morehead's record fell to 12-20.

Junior Drew Hayes (3-2) set the tone early from the mound, retiring the first six batters he faced.

"It was good to see Drew Hayes in that role," said coach Tim Corbin. "I thought his pace was good. He had good urgency."

In five innings of shutout ball, Hayes allowed three hits and walked two, while striking out six in Vanderbilt's second shutout victory in four games; the Commodores used a sensational performance by junior Mike Minor to defeat then-No. 1 Arkansas 9-0 on April 10, when the lefty threw eight shutout innings and struck out 11.

"I had my fastball going early. It worked well," Hayes said. "It was a situation where after this weekend Mikey (Minor) and Caleb (Cotham) both came out and pitched real well. As a staff we just wanted to follow that up, just come in, pound the

strike zone, do what we've been doing, throw quality pitches and get outs and hopefully follow the example that Mikey set there."

Senior Nick Christiani came on in relief of Hayes at the top of the sixth inning, surrendering only two hits in two innings of work. Christiani struck out three without issuing a walk.

Sophomore Chase Reid came on to pitch the eighth inning for Vanderbilt, striking out two of the three batters he faced, and sophomore Russell Brewer retired three batters on 10 pitches in the ninth to close out the game for the Commodores.

"Christiani did well; Reid threw really well and then Brewer followed up, so it was good for guys to pitch, and it was good for guys to put a bagel on the scoreboard," Corbin said.

Vanderbilt had one of their most economical nights of the season at the plate, using only 10 hits, nine of which were singles, to score their eight runs.

"It wasn't our best hitting performance, but at the same time we stole some bases and created some opportunities for ourselves," Corbin said of his team's ability to manufacture runs in the adverse weather conditions. "It was not going to be an offensive night. The wind was blowing straight in, and there weren't going to be

many balls hitting the wall tonight."

Freshman second baseman Riley Reynolds extended his hit streak to 18 games to drive in a run, and redshirt freshman catcher Drew Fann lead the team with two RBIs.

Junior Curt Casali and freshmen Jason Esposito and Joe Loftus drove in one run each. Reynolds and Esposito also stole two bases apiece, in addition to a steal by Aaron Westlake.

"The thing that I like the most was the energy level that was created," Corbin said.

Vanderbilt will certainly need all the energy it can get as the big bats of the Crimson Tide are up next for the Commodores. Alabama will visit Nashville for a three-game series starting Friday at 6 p.m. at Hawkins Field.

The Commodores are seeking their third consecutive Southeastern Conference series victory after defeating then-No. 19 Florida two weekends ago and sweeping two games from then-No. 1 Arkansas last weekend. Vanderbilt currently stands at 7-7 in SEC play.

Alabama took two out of three games when the teams met last season in Tuscaloosa, but the Commodores took two out of three when the Tide visited in 2007. ■



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Nick Christiani bounced back from a series of rough outings with two shutout innings Wednesday.

## Giobbi, Reynolds standing out in recent run

by DAVID RUTZ  
Sports Editor

Vanderbilt baseball's recent surge has mirrored an unusual line-up move by coach Tim Corbin: He penciled junior Andrew Giobbi in at the leadoff spot for the Arkansas series. Strange, considering the 6-foot-3-inch, 205-pound junior mostly plays catcher and isn't known for his speed.

Here's the surprise: It's worked.

Since putting Giobbi at the top of the line-up, Vanderbilt's gone 4-0 and Giobbi's batted .333, with six runs scored and seven runs batted in.

Giobbi said his teammates give him a hard time about his big size in the lead-off spot.

"I get heckled all the time," he said, laughing. "Slowest leadoff hitter in the history of college baseball! Whatever. Get on base and score runs. That's all it is. Nothing really changes."

Giobbi has shown that super speed isn't what's most important on the bases; since hitting leadoff, he's stolen three bases.

"It's more about instincts," Giobbi said. "You can be the fastest guy in the world but if you can't get a lead because you're going to get picked off, you're never going to steal a bag."

Even Corbin was a little surprised at how well the move worked out. The Commodores have scored 45 runs during their winning streak.

"How do you like that? We just figured we'd change it up a little bit," Corbin said. "He's a fastball hitter and he's good on the bases. He might not be your prototypical leadoff guy because he's a catcher, but at least it kind of got us jumpstarted."

Giobbi can also play at first base and in the outfield, but he's been more useful to Vanderbilt behind the plate with his greater experience than the team's other catchers.

"It's good for the pitchers to see a guy who knows them, that knows how to handle them and has some presence about him," Corbin said. "We needed a guy back there who had some experience who knew what he was doing. He's got great confidence."

**Reynolds rolling:** Freshman second baseman Riley Reynolds had base hits in both mid-week games to extend his hitting streak to 18 games.

He's batted .462 and driven in five runs during Vanderbilt's four-game winning streak.

"I've been comfortable, trying to make contact and hope for the best," Reynolds said.

Corbin didn't immediately expect Reynolds to be the everyday contributor that he's been.

"I can't tell you in the fall that I thought he would play right away," Corbin said. "He's a grow-on-you player, in the fact that the more you see him, the more he grows on you and you see his value to the team. I can't see a line-up without him in it. He's a very solid player."

Reynolds' .350 batting average ranks third-best on the team and tops among the squad's freshmen.

"He's kind of an unsung hero," Corbin said. "He hits his quiet .350, he drives in some runs here, he drives in some runs there. You're not going to see the home runs and stuff. He's a contact guy who gets on base. He gets a lot of seven, eight-pitch at-bats, which is demoralizing to a pitcher and helps us when we're trying to have big innings."

**Pitching coming along:** Wednesday's committee shutout marked another strong pitching performance for the Commodores, an encouraging sign for a team that had expected to lean on its pitching but had seen it struggle during much of the season.

Corbin said he expected the pitching staff to start coming around sooner or later. The staff earned run average currently stands at 4.46.

"I think we're better than solid. I think we're much better than solid," Corbin said. "I think that there are some older guys that have pitched a little bit that are going to pitch better than the way they've pitched."

Vanderbilt's offense has been fine; the team is hitting .313 and had no trouble putting runs across the plate. However, with the youth on the Commodores, Corbin said the pitchers may have tried to do too much to compensate for the hitters' lack of experience.

"From a hitting standpoint, we were crossing the plate more times than I expected. It's kind of a growing process with us," Corbin said. "They may have been putting too much pressure on themselves individually."

**Esposito especially fast:** With two more



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Jason Esposito (22) stole two more bases on Wednesday against Morehead State to increase his team-leading total to 18 swipes in only 21 attempts. Vanderbilt coach Tim Corbin has been impressed with the freshman third baseman's excellent speed and instincts on the basepaths.

stolen bases on Wednesday against Morehead State, freshman third baseman Jason Esposito increased his team-leading total to 18 swipes.

"Jason's a good athlete," Corbin said. "He's got very good instincts on the bases, and he's quick to pick up on when he needs to run and when he doesn't."

In addition to his agility on the basepaths, Esposito is one of only three players to start all 36 games for the Commodores this season.

**Some tranquility:** Vanderbilt continued swinging a hot bat with an 8-0 victory over

Morehead State Wednesday; that followed a 15-7 rout of MTSU and a two-game sweep of then-No. 1 Arkansas over the weekend where the Commodores outscored the Razorbacks 22-6.

However, the win Wednesday marked the first time in four games that the Commodores hadn't had at least a five-run inning in a game.

One-inning outbursts of five and nine runs against Arkansas were followed by a seven-run inning against MTSU to blow open all three games.

Wednesday, Vanderbilt didn't score more than three runs in any inning. ■

## Golf teams head to SEC championships

by DAVID RUTZ  
Sports Editor

The Commodore golf teams head to their Southeastern Conference Tournament Championships this weekend, with the women's team hoping to capture its second title since 2004.

The 17th-ranked Vanderbilt women's team will play in Blythewood, S.C., on a par-71 course over Friday, Saturday and Sunday for 54 total holes of golf.

Senior Jacqui Concolino, junior Brooke Goodwin, sophomore Megan Grehan and freshmen Marina Alex and Andrea Messer were selected by coach Greg Allen to participate in the tournament. Allen is in his second

year at the helm of the Commodores after coaching Arizona for seven years and winning two Pacific-10 titles. He is hoping to get Vanderbilt qualified for its 10th consecutive NCAA Regional starting in May.

The men's team will play in Sea Island, Ga., at a par-72 course in the SEC Championships, with seniors Jon Curran and Tyler Matthews, junior Hudson Johnson and sophomores Ryan Haselden and Adam Hofmann on the roster chosen by coach Tom Shaw, who is in his third year with the program. The men will also play 18 holes on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Curran and Matthews have the most

tournament experience as seniors; Curran, who has expressed hope to turn professional, has had a fine season that included the 16th top-10 finish of his career at Vanderbilt in September's Bank of Tennessee Intercollegiate tournament.

In addition, Johnson turned in a remarkable performance at the Hummingbird Intercollegiate in November, where he won the tournament in a comeback that included an ace on the 16th hole and a long birdie putt on the 18th; it led the team to a second-place overall finish. ■

Andy Boggs and Chris Weinman contributed to this article.



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Senior Jon Curran and the Vanderbilt golf team head to Sea Island, Ga., this weekend for the SEC Championships.



# Q&A with Jen Risper and Christina Wirth

Interview by DAVID RUTZ  
Sports Editor

**Vanderbilt Hustler:** What was your reaction upon hearing the news?

**Jen Risper:** I was already excited for Tina. When I heard my name I was thinking, "Did this really just happen?" I just thought, "Well, I guess I better start working out again." After a little time passed, I just was thankful that God would bless Tina and I in our basketball careers.

**Christina Wirth:** I was really excited once I found out what team had drafted me. After our season ended, it felt like a really long time just waiting to find out what would happen next so it was nice to finally have something to look forward to and prepare for.

**VH:** Have you spoken with your families at all?

**JR:** Yes, I have. They are telling everyone they know. They keep

telling me what a blessing this is from God and to bring my faith to Chicago.

**CW:** My parents and brothers and sisters all called or texted me and said congratulations. I haven't really talked to them about specifics yet — mostly because I don't know any specifics.

**VH:** Have you seen much of the Sky or the Fever in action?

**JR:** Honestly, no I haven't. I know some of the players only because I have played against them in college.

**CW:** To be honest, I don't really know much about the Fever at all. In a way, I think that's a good thing because I will be going somewhere without any preconceptions about what it will be like. I really believe that the experience is what you make it, and I'm determined to make sure that I enjoy every minute of it.

**VH:** How do you think going to the pros helps Vanderbilt's program?

**JR:** I hope that it helps our program tremendously. Vanderbilt is an amazing school, and we have an amazing coaching staff and team. I think recruits will see what a successful program Vanderbilt is because we have had a lot of players get drafted in the past. I think if anything, it will just continue to put Vanderbilt on the map and draw more attention to this amazing school.

**CW:** I think having players drafted professionally is great for our program. It raises the bar and hopefully inspires players who want to keep playing to really go for it. It's also good for recruiting because players who dream of playing at the highest level can see that going to Vanderbilt prepares you for that. It's a great testament to how amazing our coaching staff is — they help develop players throughout their four years so that they have opportunities like this when they are done at Vanderbilt. ■



TODD BENNETT / AP  
Jen Risper and Christina Wirth cut down the nets after winning their first of two SEC Tournament championships in 2007. The two were a dynamic duo during their time with the Commodores, leading Vanderbilt to four straight NCAA Tournaments.

# LAX defeats Notre Dame on team's Senior Day

by BRIAN LINHARES  
Sports Reporter

As Wednesday's home finale versus ninth-ranked Notre Dame was Vanderbilt's Senior Day, Vanderbilt veterans Jess Demorest, Carolyn Gioia, Cara Giordano, Merissa Eide and Natalie Willis were honored in a pre-game ceremony.

But junior Sarah Downing and sophomore Katherine Denkler stole the show, combining to score 10 goals in an 18-11 win for the 12th-ranked Commodores.

Less than 90 seconds into regulation, the New Jersey native connected with the first goal of the contest. Not to be outdone, Denkler struck with a score of her own over a minute later.

Following a score by Domer Kailene Abt, the Commodores compiled a 4-0 run, extending the advantage over the Fighting Irish to 6-1. Freshman Alex Priddy spearheaded the efforts, nailing back-to-back goals with 20 minutes to play in the opening period.

The two other scores were added by, not surprisingly, Downing and Denkler.

Fighting Irish attacker Jillian Byers interrupted the stretch with her first goal of the contest, outside 10 minutes.

Again, Vanderbilt responded

with 4-0 run. And, again, Downing and Denkler notched goals.

In addition, Giordano and junior Carter Foote entered into the scoring column.

In the final minutes of the opening period, Gina Scioscia of Notre Dame recorded her first score, to cut the Commodore advantage to 10-3 at intermission.

Denkler broke a scoreless second half for her fourth (and final) goal of the afternoon, inside the 22-minute mark.

Over the next six minutes, the Fighting Irish sliced the Vanderbilt lead in half on the heels of a 5-1 sequence. Abt completed a hat trick in the process, drilling a pair of scores.

Downing would not relent, however. As Notre Dame traded goals with the Commodores in the subsequent minutes, the junior added three more scores to pace all scorers with six. Her last extended the difference to seven, 17-10, in favor of Vanderbilt.

The Commodores close out the regular season in Ithaca, N.Y., for a date at Cornell next Tuesday.

On April 30, Vanderbilt travels to University Park, Pa., for the American Lacrosse Conference tournament. ■



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Laura Keenan (20) looks for a teammate while being defended by Notre Dame's Beth Koloup on Wednesday. The Commodores defeated the ninth-ranked Fighting Irish, 18-11.

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 41 Discharge  
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 47 Grows weary  
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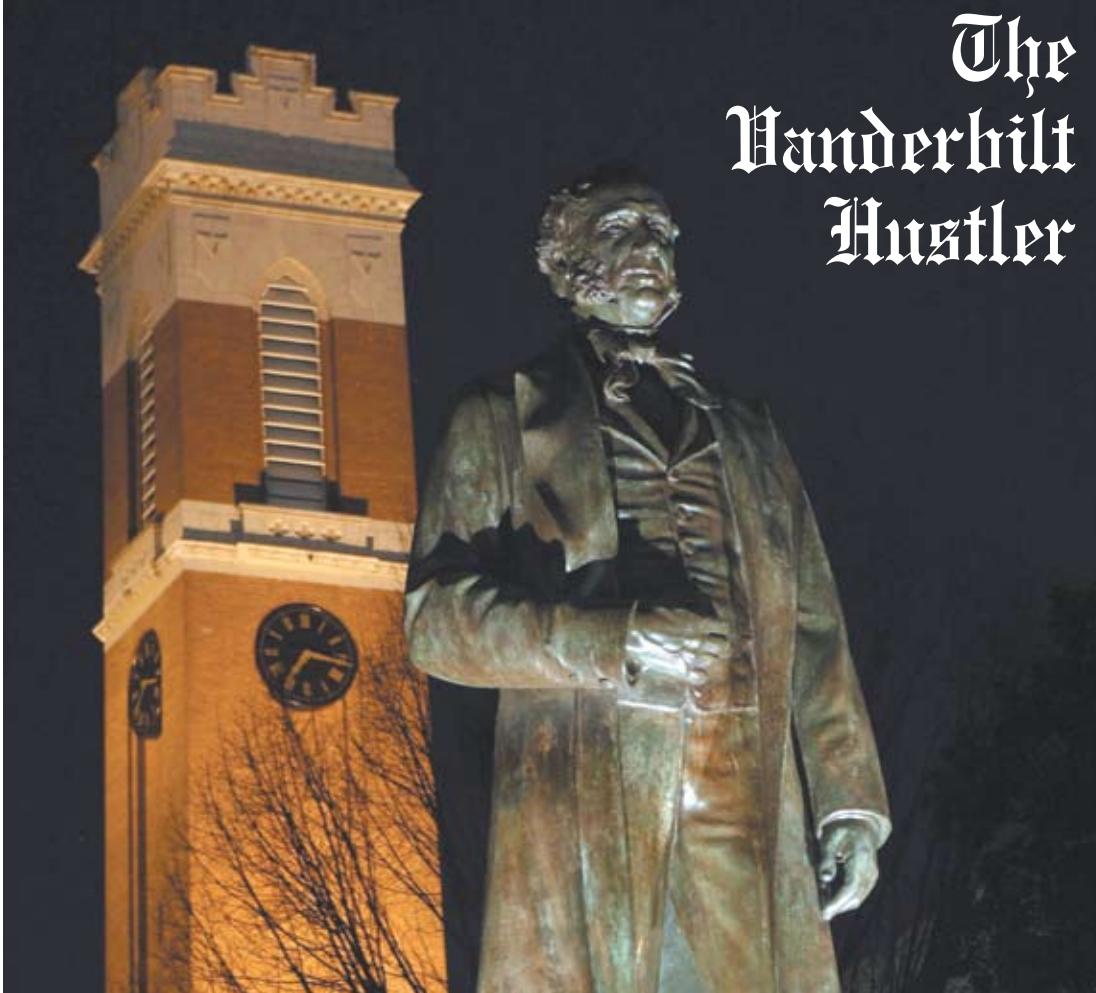
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