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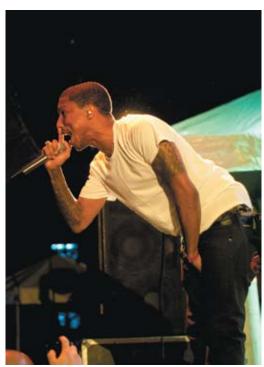
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Rites of Spring

Confetti, rain and crowd surfing marked the end of Rites of Spring 2009. To read more about the performances, see Wednesday's Versus.



NIKKY OKORO / The Vanderbilt Hustler Hip-hop artist T.I. gave one of his last performances Friday night before his one year and one day jail sentence begins in mid-May.



CHRIS PHARE / The Vanderbilt Hustler Pharrell Williams of Virginia Beach hip-hop group N.E.R.D. performed Saturday night, urging the audience to crowd surf.



OLIVER WOLFE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Lead singer Wayne Coyne of Saturday night headliner The Flaming Lips crowd surfs in his signature plastic bubble at the start of his set. The show featured confetti, streamers, giant balloons and the onstage engagement of two performers costumed as Teletubbies.



NIKKY OKORO / The Vanderbilt Hustler Indie rock band Okkervil River of Austin, Texas, performed songs from their latest album "The



NICOLE MANDEL / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Sara Watkins of the band Nickel Creek performed several bluegrass songs with fellow band member and brother Shan Watkins Saturday afternoon.



NIKKY OKORO / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Brooklyn artist Santigold performed songs from her latest album "Friday the 13th" Friday night. Her music has been featured on shows like "Gossip Girl."

Stage Names" Friday afternoon.

A complicated problem

Cheating an important issue for Vanderbilt community to address according to professors, experts.

> by SYDNEY WILMER Editor-in-Chief

Brian Heuser, lecturer international education and public

policy, has spent the last five years monitoring the self-reported academic integrity habits of Vanderbilt students. The results of his study are not

unremarkable, but perhaps not what students looking for trends want to hear, he said.

"We have seen very little fluctuation in student reporting in personally witnessing incidences," he said. "In some cases, we have seen a decline."

The study asked students about the cheating they have witnessed rather than what they have done. Heuser said he has found that students will often factor what they have done in the way they form their own perceptions.

In 2008, 15.6 percent of students reported witnessing plagiarism of some kind, 22 percent witnessed cheating of some kind and 36.6 percent of students witnessed unauthorized sharing of information of some kind. These numbers have not changed significantly in the past five years, Heuser explained.

Similarly, Director of Student Conduct Daniel Swinton, who advises the Honor Council, offered data on the number of cases heard by the student-led group. The information also showed no real increase in the last six years save an unexplained dip during the 2004-2005 school year, he

Addressing a complex problem

But while the data shows no real increase or decrease, the numbers paired with statistics provided by the Honor Council, Swinton says, show cheating is an important issue on

"If students are witnessing 10 or 15 percent of students cheating, then that is a problem," he said.

Heuser said the key to a strong academic Honor Code goes beyond the Honor Council and students.

Swinton agreed, saying the university should see low and consistent reports of cheating in the report as a positive, but any cheating is an issue that needs to be dealt with on campus.

"Cheating happens," senior Matthew Specht, outgoing organizational vice president of the Honor Council. "I don't think there is rampant cheating across campus."

The question for a lot of students and faculty, though, is who is responsible

for enforcing the Honor Code.

According to the Honor Code, the system should work so that students and professors enforce and the Honor Council prosecutes.

Students may not be responsible for turning students into the Honor Council - though they are encouraged - but some action, perhaps in an expression of disapproval, is expected, he said.

Need to work together

Research Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Tim Holman agreed, saying he thinks ideally the process should work so each factor works together.

"Students have a responsibility to read the Honor Code and abide by its rules," Holman said. "Professors have a responsibility to enforce the Honor Code by taking reasonable steps to prevent academic misconduct in their

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16.3% erving someone falsifying research or data.





Housing scrambles to assign students

by KELLY JONES News Reporter

Though it usually leaves some students unsatisfied, the housing selection process for the 2009-2010 academic year has left more than usual frustrated with their future housing assignments.

"I've had 379 scheduled meetings with students as well as a large number of walk-ins in regards to students who want to talk about their housing assignment," said Director of Housing Assignments Jason Jakubowski. "I want to help whenever possible."

Jakubowski said that during meetings with students he reiterates how the lottery is seniority-based and that all rooms on campus have been assigned through the lottery

"When all spaces are assigned, we don't have vacancies to work Please see **HOUSING**, page 5

SPORTS: The Hustler sports staff looks back on the best in Commodore sports in the 2008-09 seasons. SEE PAGE 8-9





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With classes ending tomorrow and finals descending upon campus, we thought we would dedicate page 2 to helping you procrastinate and relax.

Check out the calendar to find out ways to unwind as classes end and how to gear up to study for finals.

And finally, instead of our usual news briefs, enjoy a couple extra Sudoku puzzles. No reason for you to do more reading than is necessary right now.

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CALENDAR

THE WEEK AHEAD **TUESDAY, APRIL 21**

· Last day of classes

Classes end in all undergraduate schools. So close to summer — just have to get through

Desserts with Kirkland

Stop by Rand Terrace between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. for free Las Paletas popsicles and other desserts and to talk with administrators and Vanderbilt Student Government executive board members in a causal atmosphere.

International Stress Fest

An opportunity to relax with jewelry making, tie-dying, tile painting, henna tattoos and other activities will be provided from 3-6 p.m. at the Student Life Center Ballroom.

Ben & Jerry's Free Cone Day

Venture off-campus to 21st Avenue for a free ice cream cone at Ben and Jerry's.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23 - FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Coffee break

Forget about your finals for a few hours and unwind with free coffee from 8-11 p.m. in Sarratt

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BATTLE OF THE BANDS



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VANDY TABOO: Honor Council, faculty question responsibility of enforcement

From **VANDY TABOOS**, page 1

"The Honor Council has a responsibility to make certain that students are aware of the Honor Code, and that it is applied in a fair and uniform manner," he said.

Faculty responsibility currently overlooked professor says

Heuser identifies similar points on ensuring academic integrity. He offers four points that allow the system to work. He believes Vanderbilt is strong in three of the areas: a comprehensive Honor Code, an Honor Council charged with enforcement and an Office of Student Conduct to represent the institution.

He worries that faculty monitoring and reporting of violations is a weak point in the

He said while students are asked to report incidences of cheating, in the end, professors are the ones who have to ensure that students are not breaking rules.

"The No. 1 reason students cheat is because they think they can get away with it. And the No. 1 reason they think they can get away with it is because faculty won't turn them in," Heuser said.

Heuser said the reality is that students do not think faculty will turn them in because 90 percent of the time they do not.

"Faculty are on the front lines," Heuser said. "They are the ones giving the assignments

and grading the assignments. Faculty must take the time to know whether the learning is happening."

He said professors should take measures to make the process not only less tempting but also more difficult.

"Oftentimes the cry for doing more comes from the faculty," he said. "But if there is a breakdown it is ironically the same source that raises the issue."

Cheating arms race between students, faculty a part of campus life

Programs like SafeAssignment allow professors to make sure students are not plagiarizing, but still require effort on the professors' parts, Lecturer of **Education Andrew Van Schaack** said. Even still, the program that offers up a raw percentage score can allow professors to pinpoint like areas of question in student papers. There is no easy way to monitor students, but it has to be done, he explained.

Van Schaack said he takes the raw score offered by the program, looks through it, and decided then whether or not the passage in question is worth discussing with a student.

"These tools are good, but they aren't fool proof," Heuser

Punishment process too complicated

Even after students are caught, Van Schaack said, there is more to the process.

"If I am a professor and I have seen a student cheat, I have several options," Van Schaack said. "I can ignore it, have a stern discussion with them, lower their letter grade on the assignment or give them a zero on the assignment."

for stronger punishment, the professor has to turn the student into the Honor Council, which can be a long and frustrating process, he said.

"I can take the student to the Honor Council," Van Schaack said. "But there is no guarantee that the student will be found guilty."

Van Schaack said he would not be surprised if the actual process becomes a deterrent for some professors.

Heuser cited other reasons for what he sees as a problem.

"Oftentimes, faculty feel institutional penalties don't appropriately fit the malfeasance," he said. "Faculty want the autonomy because they feel the institutional penalties are too high. They also worry faculty will fear that the institution will turn on them."

Swinton said the most common complaint he hears, though, is that it is an arduous process.

"We can try to make the process that is in place as good as possible and refine it," he

The reality, though, he said, is that the organization is student run, which makes it more effective but sometimes

Understanding a cultural issue

While the enforcement of the Honor Code is a difficult problem to tackle, Swinton and Heuser agreed culture is an important factor in why students cheat.

"I think that there is a culture expects perfection," Swinton said. "Anytime you get around students that have been at school their entire lives, it is going to be difficult."

A student may have been at the top of their class most of their life, he said, and the first low grade can be a blow.

"All of the sudden someone gets a C and it alters their perception of self," he said. "One of the things we try to help students recognize is that they are not their grades."

Both Heuser and Swinton said the key to truly getting beyond the problems of academic integrity is teaching students that there is more to their education than transactional relationship embodied by simply receiving a grade.

"We live in a living-learning environment and we need to teach students to experience college as well as make the grades," Swinton said.

It is a tough process, he admitted, especially as students aim to get into graduate schools and look for jobs.

"I try to approach cheating as a learning moment," Heuser

HOUSING: Students will be accomodated

From **HOUSING**, page 1

with. So we wait for vacancies that open up as students plans change: They decide to study abroad, travel, work, intern," he said. "As we collect vacancies, we can look for opportunities to help. This takes time and patience since most vacancies are not confirmed until summer."

Michelle Colvin, a rising junior, was switched from a single room in the all-women Cole Hall to a single room in Carmichael Towers II after requesting the change.

"Mr. Jakubowski very helpful and thoughtful throughout the whole process. He understood my predicament and helped me optimize my situation," she said.

Currently, 8 percent — or 47 students - of future Kissam Quadrangle residents are rising juniors. Contrary to rumors that housing ran out of room for them elsewhere, however, these students have either chosen to

reserve rooms in the area or will be Resident Advisers.

Another question on the minds of many is whether there is enough room to occupy students required to living on campus as part of the university's effort to become an entirely residential campus. According to Jakubowski, there is a wait list of 34 students. He said he is not worried about the current situation, however.

"I've been in touch personally with every student on the wait list to explain how we work to find them rooms," he said. "We know vacancies will occur and then we'll be able to get them situated."

To help open up some rooms to house those students on the wait list and to have more students receive their preferred housing, Jakubowski said Housing has also permitted an additional 100 off-campus requests to rising seniors. Of the 325 seniors who originally received permission, many declined. ■



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International accepted students meet in London

by RUTH KINSEY Senior Reporter

Decision time is fast approaching for the accepted students of the class of 2013. To help them decide, there have been a number of opportunities over the past few weekends for accepted students and their families to visit campus.

However, it is usually difficult for the accepted international students to make their final decisions, due to the distance and expense of traveling. To amend this, Vanderbilt hosted an informal meet-and-greet in the Orangery of Kensington

Palace in London on Saturday. The event was the first of its kind in London and was organized by alumna Maureen Doolan, the president for the

Vanderbilt University Greater decision to attend Vanderbilt. London chapter. It was intended to help accepted European students meet other accepted students, answer any queries they may have about college life in America and encourage them to attend Vanderbilt.

It was a small gathering with only 11 people in attendance, including two accepted students and their parents, the parents of a current Vanderbilt student and three alumni.

"It was very insightful," accepted student James Mathers. "I wanted to learn more about attending Vanderbilt and it was a good experience to talk to alumni and parents of current students."

Attendees felt the event was a success with one accepted student confirming

"It helped one of the admitted students confirm that she really wanted to attend Vandy," said Patti White, the Europe/ UK representative for the Vanderbilt University Alumni Association Board and parent of current student Frances White. "Although she had been admitted to four or five other top schools, I suspect this was the only admitted students' reception she was invited to, and so it showed outreach and caring."

Currently, international students, coming from 97 different countries, make up 8 percent of the Vanderbilt student body. However, due to events like this across the world, this number is expected to increase. ■

iTunes price hike could turn away more consumers according to some students

by ALLIE MORRIS

Senior Reporter

Students purchasing music through iTunes may notice a cost increase that took effect last

Popular music will cost as much as 30 percent more through a new variable pricing system. Before the new pricing, Apple charged a flat 99 cents for every tune. However, record companies had been pressuring Apple for more pricing flexibility to offset declining CD sales. In January, Philip Schiller, Apple's senior vice president of worldwide product marketing, said the company would switch to tiered pricing: 69 cents a song for the older catalog, 99 cents for most new song and \$1.29 for the most popular tracks. Steve Jobs, CEO and co-founder of Apple Inc., also said at the time that Apple would offer its whole catalog free

of digital-rights management, a

copyright-protection technology. Now, consumers are able to make unlimited copies and play the songs on any device.

Releases from new artists will be sold at a lower price, while more well-known artists will be tagged with a higher rate. Most of the 10 million songs in the iTunes catalog are expected to remain at 99 cents.

Students who listen to older music or buy CD's instead of singles won't be as affected by the price hike.

"Basically it's just a logical business move," said junior Rebecca Price. "It doesn't really affect me because I don't buy that many songs, and I listen to a lot of older music."

Other Vanderbilt students said they think that the price hike could be a fatal decision for the music

"Wouldn't it make sense to try to price it cheaper instead of

turning away the few people who

are still willing to pay for music?"

said junior Marcus Jones. Sophomore Anne Hopkins said she thinks an increase in price will encourage students to illegally download music.

"The extra 30 cents adds up," Hopkins said.

In 2007 the Recording Industry Association of America sued 23 Vanderbilt students for illegally downloading music from their

Although Vanderbilt supplies legal music download options, earlier this year Napster terminated its nationwide Napster on Campus program, which had provided a free and legal music downloading service to Vanderbilt students for the last four years. Although Napster offers a discount to Vanderbilt students, it is no longer free. ■

Smith-Williams Morgan contributed reporting to this

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To find out what is happening in your city, I encourage you to make the connection by:

> Signing up for Dore2Dore (www.dore2dore.net), the online Vanderbilt Community, and keep your information updated so your friends can find you; (And we'll send you info soon on the new VUconnect online community launching in early summer!)

AND

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Where does it come from, that stack of thin, folded papers called The Vanderbilt Hustler? It is a mystery most students will never fully

OPINION

As outgoing editor-in-chief, I come from a long line of predecessors who know all too well how the paper comes into being in the basement of Sarratt twice a week. I also come from a long line of students who, against their own better judgment, willingly sign their lives away one semester at time. The job requires passion and a tinge of masochism.

I knew what I was getting into when I signed up for the position of editor-in-chief last fall and would be lying if I said I was not petrified at the onset. Because of one incredible staff, though, this has been the most rewarding experience I have had here at Vanderbilt. I am genuinely proud of the product.

I hope readers have taken the opportunity to listen to the many podcasts that have accompanied articles this semester online. Our staff ended the semester with a special project that launched Friday online and in print — please take a look. Also, I hope students enjoyed the longer articles and our staff's efforts to increase investigative reporting this semester.

In all of these accomplishments, I have to say,

my role was little more than one of a facilitator. Staffers knew what they wanted out of the semester and went for it.

In February, The Hustler won Best of the South at the Southeastern Journalism Conference. Although I was technically at the helm, it was the previous semester's hard work that earned the paper the honor. I believe that this semester our strong staff has continued to grow and mature. I simply want to congratulate them on excellent work and all of their devotion.

Expect a great deal of innovation from Vanderbilt Student Communications and The Hustler next year. Both will be guided by extremely capable students. Also, an increased focus on the accompanying InsideVandy.com Web site should make for a more engaging experience online.

As for me, I may be leaving the post of EIC, but I plan to continue writing and leading VSC in the production of multimedia. Thank you for all of your interest in The Hustler and InsideVandy.com. As always, the staff welcomes your comments, thoughts and suggestions. Let us know what we can do to be more relevant.

Sincerely, **Sydney Wilmer**

THEV	ERDICT	Stand and be judged by the Hustler opinion staff! Compiled by Thomas Shattuck
Robbery		A 13-year-old boy who police say was caught red-handed a block away was accused on Tuesday of robbing a bank in Peoria. The unidentified boy was charged with felony armed robbery in juvenile court, accused of threatening a teller with a gun and demanding cash.
Bears		Slovenian police sealed off an area of Ljubljana on Thursday to hunt down a wild brown bear, the first seen roaming the capital in decades. The bear was seen on a hill called Roznik, which is only about a mile away from the center of the city and usually full of joggers and hikers.
Snakes		A Kenyan man bit a python who wrapped him in its coils and hauled him up a tree in a struggle that lasted hours. Farm manager Ben Nyaumbe was working at the weekend when the serpent, apparently hunting for livestock, attacked him.
Money		Taiwanese police have arrested a 55-year-old man for lobbing bank notes worth about \$29,600 from vehicles. The man tossed the bills from a taxi in a crowded part of Taichung city on Sunday. He is believed to have thrown heaps more money on an earlier road trip starting in the capital Taipei.
Russia		Three off-duty Russian policemen were fired on Monday for driving drunk through Moscow's Red Square in the early hours of the morning, dressed in their police uniforms. Russians are some of the world's heaviest drinkers and demographers often cite high alcohol consumption as a factor in the low life expectancy of Russian men.
Cleaning		Japanese expatriates took to the streets of Paris on Sunday armed with brooms to clean up the city for the tens of thousands of Japanese tourists who visit each year. Founded in 2003 to clean a fashionable Tokyo street, the organization started in Paris in 2007.
Science		Scientists have detected two substances in tobacco smoke that directly cause lung cancer, and they said the finding may help one day predict which smokers will develop the disease.

SENIOR SOUND-OF

With three Hustler columnists graduating in May, they each leave us with some of their unique parting wisdom in their final columns.

Words of wisdom

CAROLYN PIPPEN

Columnist

While teetering dangerously on the edge of senior year, I've been thinking lately about my time at Vanderbilt and what this place has meant to me. I've learned a lot — academically, sure, but mostly about the ins and outs of life and how to get through the day having the most fun and causing the least amount of permanent damage. In my last official column, I want to impart upon my younger peers some of the more pivotal points of wisdom I've gained over the last four years:

Living with practical strangers is a challenge for everyone involved, but communication is key. By that I mean don't use a random pot from the kitchen to catch leaking rain water without first consulting your housemate about the sentimental value of said pot. Should such an unfortunate event arise, however, a good mix of tequila and ammonia should get that grime right off. If you're an RA, try not to be sleeping with your door open and your candles lit when people show up on movein day, it doesn't instill a ton of confidence in the parents of your freshmen hallmates.

Don't be afraid of morning classes. Bonding emerges through suffering, and you'd be surprised by the friendships formed at 8 a.m. when the only thing everyone has in common is that you're wearing your pajamas and you want to die. If you can study abroad, do it. If you can't, change your major. It's an experience you'll never get anywhere else, and lessons you would never learn on campus. For example: Roof parties are awesome, but European skylights were not, in fact, built to support full-sized college students. Who knew?

Take advantage of the fact that you attend the only Southeastern Conference school that doesn't make you jump through hoops to attend amazing athletic events. Fan support can move mountains, and my class saw an SEC championship, a Sweet 16, a bowl victory and a national title, so please don't

Live up the frat scene while you still can, it will get old faster than you think. And so will you. Don't forget that you live in Music City, and don't be too much of a snob to reap the benefits. Sometimes dirty old rappers grope sorority girls on stage, and sometimes Keith Urban makes a surprise appearance right as you're about to give up and go home. Either way, you won't

Say what you will about this campus, there is a plethora of bathroom options in almost every location. So there's no reason for you to lose your crap (literally) on the stairs in the football stadium, or pee on the concrete outside Sarratt after Rites. No one around you appreciates that. Dining do: Ken's bento box contains three weeks worth of food for about 12 bucks. Skip lunch in preparation for this magical event. Dining don't: Obie's stops delivering at 2 a.m. Be aware of this, because they'll take your order anyway. And your money. And no food comes. Sad day.

Go to church, if for no other reason than it's quiet, and try everything once. That's right, everything. Ten years from now, you won't look back and regret the things you did, you'll regret the things you didn't do. That being said, never live in a

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So you're entering the real world

JUSTIN POYTHRESS

Columnist

Sooner or later all of us have to do it.

I know as a currently jobless senior, I may not be the most qualified person to speak on this issue, but that's also part of the reality of life. I also want to apologize at the onset for writing a more somber article, but I feel like I've earned it, and one of the hardest lessons I've learned in four years is that there are some times when you need to be serious.

Now whether you're a freshmen or have two weeks of school left, you're still staring down the barrel of responsibility, and it's closer than you think. Sure, you can always take a year off to travel, or do grad school, but you're really just postponing the inevitable. When you graduate, you'll have spent at least 16 years of your life being a student, and now you must turn around and begin contributing back.

I'm not there, but I know what that future looks like. It's no more going out on weekdays, it's paying bills and keeping a budget, it's making all new friends and then having to drive out to see them once or twice a week. It's a family, a house, kids and petty gripes about your job and coworkers. It's gradually cutting down your "me" time more and more.

There's no alternative reality, not really. Sound boring? Of course it does, that's because you're still in college. That's part of maturing: changing your expectations for life.

One essential lesson to understand is that you control your own reality. How else could it be that starving families in southeast Asia and Africa can still be happy? If you don't take this attitude with you, you will forever be a victim of your circumstance, and soon you and all around you will not take any pleasure in life.

While we're on the subject of contentment, I want to touch on ambition. We've all been told since the age of five that we're the cream of the crop, and we certainly would not be at Vanderbilt if it weren't for ambition, drive and hard work. But we've also been fed the great American lie: "You can be whatever you want, you can do whatever you set your mind to." Nonsense. Even if I'd practiced from the age of two, I'd never be an NBA player.

This is the kind of Disney sugarcoating that has America believing that we can all be athletes, glamorous actors, rock stars or CEOs. You won't, but it's okay. Sure, it's great to want to make a meaningful impact on the world, to leave a legacy, to make something of yourself. These are noble desires, and lead to the betterment of others, but are not what's most important. This is a tough and sometimes impossible idea to grasp in the most materialistic culture where everything is simply about getting the most for yourself. So what? Let's say you outstrip Donald Trump and Gates combined. Who cares 200 years after you're dead?

Not to be morbid, but the true virtue is to be charitable and selfless, love others and enjoy each moment for what

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Lessons learned

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Columnist

Hindsight is always 20/20. In the past four years, I've learned a lot about life at Vanderbilt. In my parting column, I'd like to share my lessons learned.

1. Going out until 4 a.m. and making it to your 9 a.m. class gets progressively more difficult with each school year. Plan accordingly. 2. Meal Money is the closest thing to Monopoly money you will ever find. Nothing like it exists in the real world. Don't ever let a single

3. If you buy your friends' birthday card in the bookstore, there is a 95 percent chance that someone else has gotten him or her the exact

4. The Vanderbilt staff works incredibly hard so we can have everything we need right at our finger tips. Whether it's the cashier who rings up your Bagel Bites in the Munchie Mart or the librarian who finds the book you need, thank them for their hard work.

5. Don't ever try to cut through Stevenson when you're in a hurry.

6. Freezing weather doesn't automatically mean class is canceled. 7. When a class is canceled, you'll probably have to make up for it later.

8. Never, ever, count on Vanderbilt's wireless. It will work for two weeks straight with no problems, and at 11:59 p.m., when you're paper must be submitted by midnight, you'll lose connection.

9. Always double-check to make sure you have your Vandy card. Entire days are ruined by simply leaving that little piece of plastic behind.

10. When looking for an F parking spot, you will inevitably drive around for 20 minutes before resigning yourself to parking in the 25th Avenue garage. On your trek back from the garage, you will find at least two spots have opened up right in front of your building. 11. Give yourself that extra five minutes. It's always better not to be

12. On the day you don't give yourself extra time, you will inevitably

forget your book and have to turn back or run into that friend who just

13. The Pub > Rand. Problem: All your friends are in Rand. I can't help you with that one.

14. Foster friendships with your professors. They are really intelligent people with a lot of life experience. Whether it's giving you insight on classes in the department or advising you about internship opportunities, never underestimate their power as a resource.

15. Watch out for Frisbees when walking across Alumni Lawn on a

16. Avoid the Wall at lunch time. In the 30-second walk past, it is quite possible to donate five dollars to a charity you've never heard of, sign up to donate an organ, buy a ticket to the philanthropy event of a sorority in which you don't know a single person and sign a petition written in Greek. It's dangerous.

17. When it comes to studying or paper-writing, there is a sweet spot somewhere between beginning weeks ahead and cramming all night in the library. When you find it, life becomes exponentially easier.

18. Fire alarms don't always mean someone was attempting to play a funny joke in the middle of the night.

19. Traffic and Parking will catch you. They're tied in with the dark **20.** One day, typically about mid-April of senior year, you'll realize the

friends you've loved for four years are about to scatter around the world. Don't wait until then to really appreciate them.

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Things you will lose at home over the summer

FRANNIE BOYLE

Columnist

These past two semesters at Vanderbilt have gone by pretty fast, but you have probably gotten much more out of them than you really think. Summer at home will be beautiful after two hardcore weeks of exams, but just remember, after being intensely subjected to the Vandy way of life, there will be a lot to lose.

Extra pounds

There aren't many who drink as much at home as they do here. It is also doubtful that there will be as many fourth meals, free Rand dinner rolls or Styrofoam cups of froyo. Most of us will be back in the routine of mom's good home cooking. And if not, meals still won't be easily accessible. Tenminute drives to get some grub won't be nearly as enticing as a short walk to the Munchie Mart or the minute-long elevator ride down to Quiznos.

Ability to get away with anything

It's the real world. There is no way you will be able to drink underage in the front yard, keep up that consistent drug habit, or even make loud, belligerent claims in the Qdoba line at 3 a.m. Most people will have to adhere to local laws and/or family rules from the beginning of May until mid-August, and that will take some getting used to

Sleep deprivation

This is definitely not a bad thing. A weekend of Rites followed by a week and a half of all-nighters and insufficient naps will pretty much kill that first week at home. If your parents aren't used to it by now, they will probably wonder what in the heck is wrong with you, but they will eventually get used to the weird sleeping patterns that

cause you to miss two meals a day and take showers at 3 a.m.

Everything you learned

Cramming for all of those exams and the long all-nighters you pulled for those papers may have gotten you some A's, but you for sure will forget everything you learned by the time report cards come out.

The tolerance of a champion

Rites of Spring weekend was a true test of strength for most students. Two full days of raging, the concert and going out after both nights ... it is a wonder the majority of Vanderbilt students survived. Most students won't be able to keep this up over the summer, and they definitely should not expect to manage a weekend like this when they get back. It will take a whole semester of tailgating in addition to a long spring break and a couple of formals to get back on the same pace.

Being semi-cool

You are going back home to your nerdy friends and the lame way of life you led before college. As awesome as everyone thinks you are here, your old high school friends and enemies remember who the "real you" is. They remember the Pi contest you won in fifth grade, the geography bee you won in eighth and even the time you missed the prom after-party in order to study for the ACT. No matter how hard you try to erase that from their memories with crudely titled facebook albums and status updates about how awesome the Flaming Lips were last night, they will still remember.

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The silent and creepy majority

CLAIRE COSTANTINO

Columnist

You have heard tour guides tell hilarious lies about them to prospective students and you have looked for the reassuring safety of a blue light phone after getting shifty looks from them at dusk: They are Vanderbilt's squirrels. These scampering devils have such a strong presence on campus that I think they deserve a senator in Vanderbilt Student Government and a slice in the pie charts profiling the student body in admissions fliers. Even if those outlandish squirrel-to-student ratios cited by tour guides are an exaggeration, they are still a force to be reckoned with.

Despite my certainty that there are squirrels in my hometown, I don't think I ever thought about (much less felt intimidated by) them until I arrived at Vanderbilt. They run around our campus like they run the place, and I'm beginning to think they do. To squirrels, we students are little more than food transporters and potential victims for their strange antics. They torment our hardworking groundskeepers as well, running through the flowerbeds and tearing up the lawns when they store food.

After living in terror for most of my freshman year, I decided to be brave. After all, when I change the fundamental habits of my life to accommodate my fear, the squirrels win. So I started my sophomore year off courageously: using the trashcans outside (even though I have seen a squirrel jump out of one and attack some poor guy's arm) and walking on paths on which more than one squirrel was running around.

I wanted to go beyond conquering my fear - I wanted to learn to appreciate the squirrels for all of their special quirkiness. That may have been one

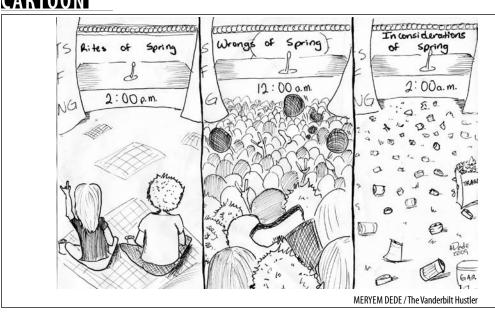
of the dumber ideas I've ever had. The closer you look at them, the scarier they are! From a distance they're eccentric and funny, but up close they are sort of horrifying. They don't just run, they scamper. Squirrels don't just associate in groups, they have freak-out conventions on sidewalks and in trees. They don't just dig holes to hide their food; they move so fast and frantically they must be burrowing halfway to China and hiding nuts in Earth's core.

The squirrels still terrify me. The way they hold eye contact with you as you pass them sends chills up my spine. Yet I think I have reached a delicate truce with them. We each respect the other's boundaries. Sometimes I have dreams of a career in diplomacy (Especially after this year's IMPACT Symposium because Madeleine Albright is such a badass. I just want to be her.), and I consider my experience with Vanderbilt's aggressive squirrels important practice in the art of negotiating with a hostile opponent.

Despite the allegations of some recent letters to the editor, I am no misanthrope. I consider myself a friend to humanity just as much as to ... squirreldom? To that end, I have found a new way to learn to relate to Vandy's squirrel population: Twitter. The crowded and instantaneous nature of Twitter's social network plays perfectly to squirrels' short and sweet communication style. One impressively tech-savvy squirrel has become the clever voice for Vanderbilt's squirrel community. If you would also like to learn more about our fellow campus residents, follow doresquirrel on Twitter. Seriously, it's a really account.

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SPORTS



The year's best Commodores



We wrap up the school year with our picks for the tops in Vanderbilt sports in 2008-2009. Agree? Disagree? Go to InsideVandy, see our Honorable Mentions and voice your opinion.

Men's and women's Teams of the Year

First bowl win in 53 years capped incredible season for football team.

by NICK GALLO

Sports Reporter

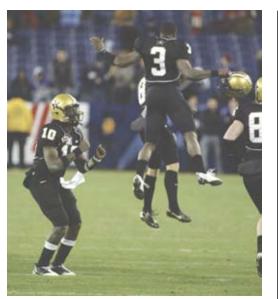
The Commodore football team, our Vanderbilt men's Team of the Year, won the Music City

That should in itself be enough reason to award the Vanderbilt Commodores with the crown, but many other factors are included.

In a way unlike any other on campus, the football team galvanized the spirit of the campus when they moved to 5-0 on the season with a home victory against then-13th ranked Auburn. In the days leading up to the game, ESPN's "College GameDay" came onto campus, broadcasting right outside The Commons Center. The "GameDay" crew was extremely complimentary of the Vanderbilt fans, saying the Friday turnout for the show was the best they had ever seen.

The win on that Saturday night catapulted the Commodores to a No. 13 ranking in the country. Although it took the Commodores five more games after Auburn to reach that ever-important sixth win, they eventually beat Kentucky, making the Commodores bowl eligible for the first time since 1982.

The Commodores managed a 4-4 conference record and a 6-6 overall record, which pitted them in a matchup with Boston College in the Music City Bowl. The game was held at LP



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Larry Smith (10), Bryant Hahnfeldt (8) and Chris Nickson (3) celebrate after Hahnfeldt put Vandy ahead in the Music City Bowl.

Field, just a few miles away from the Vanderbilt campus, where the Commodores won 16-14 in thrilling fashion.

Throughout the season, the Commodores had trouble scoring, but their defense played well throughout. Vanderbilt's on-field success has already produced visible dividends. The Commodores signed their best recruiting class ever this spring with 17 quality players.

Despite a few bumps in the road, the season as a whole was a great success, and this team set the foundation for Commodore teams in the years to come.

Women's basketball earned another SEC Championship, Sweet 16 berth.

> by DAVID RUTZ Sports Editor

Quietly overshadowed by the giant to the east that is Pat Summitt and her Lady Volunteers, for years Vanderbilt women's basketball has

succeeded but gone unnoticed.

This past season, the Commodores finally received recognition as a team to be reckoned with and lived up to the billing, and for that they are our Vanderbilt women's Team of the Year, winning the Southeastern Conference tournament championship and advancing to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament.

With a star-packed lineup led by All-American Christina Wirth and Defensive Player of the Year Jen Risper, Vanderbilt used Melanie Balcomb's well-coached combination of crisp shooting and stellar defense to roll to its best conference start ever under her tenure at 10-2.

Although Wirth and Risper led the team all year long, other players emerged as forces. Merideth Marsh, despite being just 5-foot-6, became the SEC's best 3-point threat, making nearly 50 percent of her shots from beyond the arc. Hannah Tuomi was among the nation's leaders in shooting percentage and led the team in rebounding.

Despite not having Tuomi for the postseason, Vanderbilt rolled to the SEC Tournament championship, with Wirth earning MVP honors



Vanderbilt women's basketball knocked off Tennessee for the first time in 16 tries and went on to make a deep run in the postseason.

and the team earning its 10th straight NCAA Tournament bid. The Commodores didn't stop their run there, defeating Western Carolina and Kansas State in the NCAA Tournament to advance to a second straight Sweet 16. Fourthseeded Vanderbilt met top-seeded Maryland in the regional semifinal, losing a thriller 78-74 despite leading the first 38 minutes of the game.

It was a heartbreaking end but the season was still another major triumph for a very underrated program. ■

Men's and women's Athletes of the Year

Dynamic, versatile Moore was a major spark for Commodore football. by DAVID SHOCHAT

Sports Reporter

D.J. Moore has been a starter since he stepped foot on campus three years ago, and he was one of the most critical components of Vanderbilt winning a bowl game for the first time in 53 years last season. For his versatility and star power while with the Black and Gold, he's our Vanderbilt men's Athlete of the Year.

As the Commodores were going for their sixth win against Kentucky, Moore had a huge game catching two touchdowns and picking off two passes, the second one to seal the game and make the team bowl eligible for the first time since 1982. Moore was named the Walter Camp Player of the Week.

He also was one of the most versatile players in the country last year as he was the only player in the SEC to play four different positions: quarterback, wide receiver, defensive back and punt returner.

Moore's versatility was on display against Miami (Ohio) and Rice as he had 91- and 67yard punt returns, respectively; both returns led to touchdowns. Moore finished the season with five interceptions and 59 tackles and



D.J. Moore (17) did it all this past year for the football team: cornerback, wide receiver, quarterback and punt and kick returner.

was named an SEC First Team All-American. In this coming weekend's NFL draft, Moore should be drafted in the first or second round, and throughout his career, he has helped to bring exposure to the football program as Vanderbilt was on national television five times last season.

Whoever gets Moore in the NFL will be getting a star; that much is for sure.

Wirth and Risper formed formidable tandem and were drafted by WNBA.

by MIKE KRANZLER

Sports Reporter

Smash and Dash, Double Trouble or even the Dynamic Duo. No matter what you call seniors Christina Wirth and Jennifer Risper, the fact remains that they have done a fantastic job complementing each other for the past four years.

And now, they are our Vanderbilt women's Co-Athletes of the Year.

With Wirth leading the way on offense and Risper locking down opponents on defense, the Commodores have given opponents fits on the hardwood during these two stars' decorated

Wirth came to Vanderbilt already a heralded player, as the McDonald's High School All-American was also named the Gatorade Arizona Player of the Year. She lived up to those expectations, being twice named to the All-Southeastern Conference First Team and leading the Commodores to two SEC Tournament Championships. She was also recently named to the All-Senior All-America Team by the Lowes Senior CLASS award committee.

Risper made a name for herself with her play on defense and was recently named the WBCA



Jen Risper (2) and Christina Wirth (34) were an outstanding pair yet again in 2008-09 for the Vanderbilt women's basketball team.

National Defensive Player of the Year for her efforts. She was also a two-time Second Team All-SEC Pick for the Commodores, and her efforts setting the tone on defense keyed some major victories for the team, as well as the nearupset of top-seeded Maryland in the Sweet 16 of the Women's NCAA Tournament.

Both were recently drafted into the WNBA, with Wirth going to the Indiana Fever and Risper going to the Chicago Sky.

Vanderbilt fans should be proud of what Christina Wirth and Jennifer Risper have accomplished in their four years in Nashville, because no matter where their games take them, they will always be Commodores at heart.

Men's and women's Freshmen of the Year

Hard-throwing righty passed up the major leagues to play for Vanderbilt.

> by MEGHAN ROSE Sports Reporter

Appearing in 14 games to date this season, Sonny Gray has become a vital part of the Commodore pitching rotation from the start and our Vanderbilt men's Freshman of the

Gray recorded his first career win in game two of doubleheader action against Ole Miss in the middle of March, holding the Rebels to one run throughout three and two-thirds innings of work, securing a 7-6 win for Vanderbilt.

Despite earning his first loss of the season in a tough outing against Southeastern Conference foe Alabama on Friday night, Gray has shown a promising maturity and confidence while on the mound. While the Smyrna native (3-1) notched impressive wins against Florida and Middle Tennessee this season, Gray has made the most impact while in the relief role.

Transitioning from high school ball to collegiate and conference play is often an overwhelming process for pitchers. However, Gray has found success in working with Commodores' pitching coach Derek Johnson location fastball, change-up and curve.

While Gray's physical strength and arm speed has played a vital role in his successes, his mental game sets the freshman apart. Gray's determination, knowledge of the sport and desire

CHRIS PHARE / The Vanderbilt Hustler Pitcher Sonny Gray's strong arm and competitiveness have made him an instant success for Commodore baseball.

to win has made the right-handed pitcher a volatile threat to opposing lineups.

In fact, winning is nothing new to Gray. In high school baseball play, the four-year starter and varsity letter winner helped the Smyrna Bulldogs to a No. 3 Tennessee state ranking during the 2007 season.

In the end, it was the combination of Gray's physical talent and intangible assets that got the pitcher noticed by major league scouts and made him a success for Vanderbilt.

With impressive pitching form, mental savvy and a competitive drive, Gray will be a crucial asset in the Commodores' pitching staff over the course of his collegiate career.

Highly touted Wu has starred for tennis team with a 25-9 record.

by BRIAN LINHARES

Sports Reporter

The transition for many high school athletes to the college level is certain to be difficult. At the Division I level, the difference can be even

Someone forgot to tell Jackie Wu, our Vanderbilt women's Freshman of the Year.

In her first year as a member of the Vanderbilt women's tennis team, Wu has notched an overall record of 25-9 (through April 16).

The New Jersey native has earned the 57th position in the national rankings. In addition, she joins doubles partner freshman Heather Steinbauer to form the 49th-ranked tandem.

Wu started the fall hot. She won in her first eight contests through mid-October, emerging from the Furman and Hoosier Classics unscathed.

After a three set victory in her second match of the June Stewart Invitational, over No. 94 Katarina Zoricic of William and Mary, Wu's initial defeat of her career came against a fellow Commodore in 40th-ranked Catherine Newman.

loss, Wu reeled off three consecutive triumphs at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Southeast Regional, the final over No. 23 Katrina Tsang of North Carolina.

In doubles, the

Wu and Steinbauer partnership not have matched (pun intended) her

season on fire and hasn't let up, compiling a 25-9 record for the women's tennis team.

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Jackie Wu started her freshman

singles play, yet the two still have proven to be formidable foes.

The unit opened with three consecutive victories over Middle Tennessee State, Yale and South Carolina.

In the No. 1 slot, the twosome has faced considerable opposition. Despite struggles, Wu and Steinbauer have demonstrated their prowess, most notably in defeats of No. 26 Hilary Bartlett and Taylor Marable of Princeton, and No. 20 Noelle Hickey and Christy Stiplin of

The leader of a talented class of freshmen, Wu will figure to be a mainstay of the program for the next several years.



OLIVER WOLFE / The Vanderbilt Hustler Vanderbilt students came out in droves for the live broadcast of ESPN's "College GameDay" on Oct. 4 at The Commons, the first time the popular college football show had ever come to Nashville.

"College GameDay" made its first ever visit to Vanderbilt's campus.

> by MIKE KRANZLER Sports Reporter

Has Vanderbilt Stadium ever rocked as hard as it did on "College GameDay" against Auburn?

With a rare sell-out followed by an even rarer performance in a 14-13 victory over the visiting Tigers, Vanderbilt finally arrived on the national scene. No single event in years has energized the student body and the Vanderbilt community as a whole more than the "GameDay" performance. It was truly a watershed moment in the history of Vanderbilt athletics, and the Moment of the Year in Commodore sports.

The excitement all across campus was palpable in the week leading up to the game, and there was an electricity felt in the air that rarely remained this deep into the football season. The stadium was filled to the brim well before the opening kickoff, and for once, Vanderbilt Stadium seemed like it belonged with its Southeastern

Conference brethren.

The performance on "College GameDay" gave the country a close look at a Vanderbilt program that had spent much of its time in the shadows previously, and Bobby Johnson's crew did not disappoint. The Cardiac Commodores made sure to provide the fans with an edgeof-your-seat game that kept fans in the stands long after the final whistle.

Not only that, but it also exposed Vanderbilt football to an extremely important demographic — the current high school stars looking to take their games to the next level. "College GameDay" made Vanderbilt relevant on the national stage for the first time in recent memory, and it was reflected in February by Johnson's best recruiting class since he came to Nashville.

"College GameDay" The experience set the stage for Vanderbilt to take the next step to becoming a consistent winner against the Goliaths of the college football world.

But perhaps nothing says it better than the thousands of Commodore fans in attendance, screaming in one unified voice:

"Vanderbilt, all hail!" ■

Moment of the Year | Head Coach of the Year

Bobby Johnson helmed Commodore football's best season in a generation.

> by DAVID RUTZ Sports Editor

When you think of how great the 2008 Vanderbilt football season was, you have to compare it to the 2007 season, which ended in excruciating fashion.

The backbreaker wasn't the concluding rout by Wake Forest; it was the 25-24 loss at Tennessee when the Commodores blew a 15-point fourth-quarter lead. Bryant Hahnfeldt missed a 49-yard field goal just to the left at the end and everyone in Commodore Nation groaned.

Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson looked up as the kick missed and the collapse was complete. He calmly took off his headset and prepared to walk to the middle of the field and shake Phil Fulmer's hand, while the players and coaches around him looked despondent.

And Johnson went right back to work for next week. Disappointed, sure. But despairing? Never.

Bobby Johnson always gets up after he gets knocked down, and that's why he was an easy choice for our Vanderbilt Coach of the Year for 2008. Thirteen months after that debacle in Knoxville, Johnson and Hahnfeldt were heroes after winning the Music City Bowl, Vanderbilt's first bowl win since 1955, with Hahnfeldt drilling a 45-yard field goal for the winning points.

Johnson never stopped believing in himself and his coaching staff, and more importantly, he never stopped believing in his players. The end result was Vanderbilt's best football season in a generation.

It was supposed to be a rebuilding year. It turned out to be a monumental one

Johnson is all about hard work, discipline and development. Vanderbilt doesn't get five-star recruits, but he and his staff turn their players into four or fivestar talent. You have to if you want to win, let alone compete, in the Southeastern Conference.

Johnson has the respect of his players and staff because he respects them and puts them first. And in doing so, he has



Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson looks on after the Commodores scored a touchdown against South Carolina on Sept. 4. The eventual 24-17 Vanderbilt victory marked the second straight year Johnson defeated legendary coach Steve Spurrier.

turned around a program long beset by failure. Nothing could make him happier than seeing his hard-working players rewarded by their success.

"This is what coaches live for," he said after the Commodores beat then-No. 13 Auburn on Oct. 4. "I live to walk into the locker room and see how happy our players are."

A team of defensive playmakers developed by Johnson's staff bullied South Carolina, Ole Miss, Auburn and Kentucky into 12 turnovers. In the national spotlight almost all season, Vanderbilt delivered; in all three games they played on ESPN, the Commodores took down ranked opponents. In every interview he did after Vanderbilt's big wins, Johnson said he was happy most of all for his players and staff. After winning the Music City Bowl, the man who had endured six seasons of consistent defeat didn't take a welldeserved moment to say it was a moment of personal vindication, because that's not how he operates.

At the same time, he's never satisfied either. To Johnson, success should beget more success; a 7-6 record shouldn't be the top of the mountain.

And with him at the helm of the Commodores, it won't be. ■

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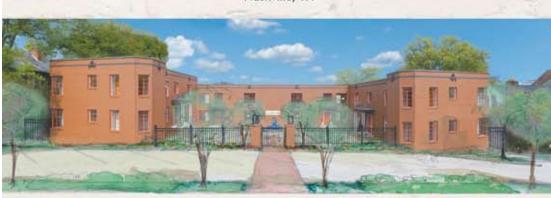
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- disturbance 25 Guiding lights
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- 42 Approach midnight
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- 56 Minuteman II and Trident I
- _-a-brac 61 Send out
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- DOWN 1 Evening song
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 - 29 Like certain mosses 32 Knickknacks
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 - 36 Nabors' role

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 - occurrences 48 Mandates
 - 50 Laborer 51 Brass
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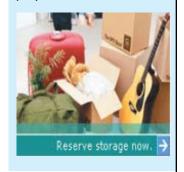
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