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Vanderbilt might be 2-9, but the UT game is still huge, writes David Namm. See page 6



## Smith makes the year count



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Larry Smith (10) passes under pressure during Vanderbilt's game against Georgia on Oct. 17. Smith struggled for much of the season and threw seven interceptions against just four touchdown passes, but both he and his teammates saw improvement as the year wore on.

by **DAVID RUTZ**  
Sports Editor

Larry Smith's first pass of 2009 was an incompletion to Alex Washington on Sept. 5 against Western Carolina. His last was an 11-yard touchdown toss to Warren Norman against 11th-ranked Georgia Tech on Halloween.

His first drive of the season ended when he fumbled in the end zone against the Catamounts. His final drive ended after a 35-yard rush, the first big play of a touchdown drive that would give the Commodores a 14-7 lead against the heavily favored Yellow Jackets.

That rush ended his season as he suffered a torn hamstring on the play. It was all too soon for the mercurial redshirt sophomore quarterback.

Reading the stat lines of the Alabama native who completed less than half his throws and had nearly twice as many interceptions (seven) as touchdown passes (four), it's hard to note progress, but Smith and the coaching staff saw it.

"I felt a whole lot more comfortable than I was at the beginning of the year," Smith said. "The game was slowing down to me a whole lot. I was able to read defenses better."

"He was getting better and better every

week," said Vanderbilt head coach Bobby Johnson. "We expect that to continue. He'll be working at it the week we get back after Thanksgiving, if I know Larry."

No bye weeks, a young corps of receivers and a tough slate of Southeastern Conference defenses made the season a challenge. Smith struggled to complete downfield passes early in the season, and the no-huddle offense installed by the Commodore coaching staff fizzled. Going into Smith's final game, Vanderbilt had scored just 40 points total in a four-game losing streak and had only scored one touchdown through the air.

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SCOTT CARDONE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Dr. Dorothy Edwards, director of violence intervention and prevention at the University of Kentucky, speaks passionately at Take Back the Night in the Benton Chapel on Tuesday evening.

## Take Back the Night 'disappoints' some students

by **KAITLIN LEE**  
Staff Reporter

Vanderbilt recognized the 11th annual Take Back the Night on Tuesday, but according to senior Ashley Thomas, "It was not really Take Back the Night."

Take Back the Night is a national event that usually takes place in October but was held in mid-November this year. In the past, survivors of sexual violence decorate T-shirts with inspirational messages and then survivors and supporters walk at night to listen to a keynote speaker, said Thomas, who is involved with the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center and helped plan last year's event. Last year, participants walked from campus to Centennial Park, where there was a speech followed by statements from the survivors.

This year, the event consisted of a lecture by Dr. Dorothy Edwards from the University of Kentucky on how to prevent sexual violence.

"I do think that the speaker this year was really powerful about what people can do, both men and women," Thomas said.

A focus of the event was the Green Dot campaign, a violence-prevention effort that Edwards conceived.

"What is exciting about having (the Green Dot campaign) launch during Take Back the Night is that we really were able to get people's enthusiasm," said Anna Guest-Jelley, associate director of the Women's Center. "What we want to do is do training to get people involved so the energy is not just a one-time thing."

But Thomas said not many people were at the event to hear Edwards' message. She estimated there were approximately 150 people in attendance this year, as opposed to last year, when there were around 500 participants, she said.

Guest-Jelley said about 300 people attended and 32 organizations came to show their support.

Sophomore Laura Bowling said seeing how many organizations were

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To listen to a podcast of Anna Guest-Jelley discussing the Green Dot program and read a story about the campaign, go online.

## Phi Kappa Psi suspension will result in 'brand new colony'

by **ASHLEY DRINNON**  
Staff Reporter

Last spring, Phi Kappa Psi fraternity thought they would be off probation by the end of the year. In August, they were suspended from the university, forbidden to recolonize until the fall of 2011. And within the last month, Phi Kappa Psi nationals have extended the suspension tentatively until 2012.

At that time, all of the former brothers will have graduated, including the sophomores who pledged the chapter right before it was sanctioned.

"I think it was hard on all of us, but I feel worse for my pledge brothers because our first chapter meeting after becoming brothers involved our president telling us we were on probation for the rest of our college careers," sophomore Andrew Hawkins said.

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The Phi Kappa Psi house is the one fraternity house on campus that Vanderbilt doesn't own. The university and Psi Kappa Psi House Corporation are in conversation about its future.

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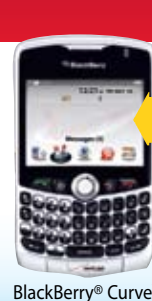
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compiled by LAURA DOLBOW

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## AROUND THE LOOP

### What are you most looking forward to during Thanksgiving Break?

- "Sleep."  
 — **Kelsey Connard, 2011**
- "My grandmother cooking four large meals a day with snacks in between."  
 — **Alyssa Stewart, 2011**
- "My cousins are coming, and I haven't seen them in a year and a half."  
**Kelly Jones, 2011**
- "Relaxing."  
**Jonathan Greer, 2011**

## CRIME LOG

**Tuesday, Nov. 17, 10 p.m.** — The Metropolitan Nashville Police Department received a report of a robbery at the Mellow Mushroom. The suspect entered the business carrying a weapon described as a black rifle and demanded money from an employee. The suspect ran toward Grand Avenue.

**Saturday, Nov. 14, 9:30 p.m.** — A wallet was stolen from Quiznos on West End Avenue.

**Saturday, Nov. 14, 4:11 a.m.** — A vehicle was speeding on West End Avenue at Natchez Trace. A strong odor of marijuana came from the vehicle.

**Saturday, Nov. 14, 1:45 a.m.** — A vehicle was driving erratically in East Garage. The person has red, watery eyes, slurred speech and a strong odor of alcohol.

## PROFESSOR SPOTLIGHT

interview by HELEN LI

### Elizabeth Lunbeck History Department



JUSTIN MENESTRINA / The Vanderbilt Hustler

- 1. What classes do you teach?**  
 Next semester, I am teaching an honors course called The Freudian Century, which looks at Freud across the 20th century. And by Freud, I do not mean just the man and his work, but the whole psychological perspective on our ways of being in the world.
- 2. Where did you go to undergraduate and graduate school?**  
 I went to Duke as an undergraduate and Harvard for my Ph.D. in history.
- 3. Why did you decide to become a professor?**  
 I decided fall of my freshman year in the context of taking a course called History 1. I was drawn to the possibilities that the life of the mind could offer in a way that I never had seen before. I realized that I loved tackling problems — which was how the subject was presented — for which you would devise research strategies and narrative solutions. It seemed to me an interesting way to think about my life's work, so I decided very early on that I wanted to become a professor. I also really enjoy teaching and working with young people.
- 4. What is your favorite place in Nashville?**  
 Percy Warner Park. There are very few cars. It has an incredible landscape. And what I love the most is the light. It changes week-to-week depending on the leaves, the season, where the sun is, the humidity. I ride through the park a lot, and it is always different.
- 5. What is your favorite food?**  
 The summer peach. Especially peaches that one can get off farm stands in Tennessee at the height of summer. Close second would be the summer tomato, locally grown. I could live off those two foods, if they were grown year-round.
- 6. What was your first job?**  
 My first job, when I was 15, was running a local tennis complex in my hometown. I ran tennis clinics for young people. I gave lessons to older people. I ran the courts and the reservations. I loved doing it. My friends would come by to visit me; I would be there all day.
- 7. What is one thing you carry around with you wherever you go?**  
 I know it sounds like a cliché, but my iPhone. It's great fun, a toy for grown-ups.
- 8. If you could have dinner with anyone, dead or alive, who would it be?**  
 Freud. I think we would have a nice conversation about what women want. And Barack Obama. I was getting lots of e-mails about having dinner with Barack Obama, but then I realized they're not only for me, they're for 50 million other people as well.
- 9. What do you like to do in your free time?**  
 Riding my bike. For vacations, my husband and I usually go cycling. This last summer, we cycled across Italy. It's a great vacation for the Type A person, because you are working hard but it is completely relaxing. Cycling clears my mind.
- 10. What advice would you give students to make the most of their four years at Vanderbilt?**
  1. Push yourself to try new areas of inquiry that fall outside your comfort zone. Take courses in subjects that weren't offered in high school.
  2. Get to know your professors. It is too easy to go through college passively. We professors really like to meet undergraduates. Come to our offices hours; we are waiting for you.
  3. Find really great professors to take courses from. A good professor can take a dry subject and make it come alive.
  4. Take some small classes, at least one a semester.

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### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### FRIDAY, NOV. 20

##### • VU Women's Basketball vs. UC Riverside

Come support the Commodores in Memorial Gymnasium at 7 p.m. Admission is free for undergraduates.

#### SATURDAY, NOV. 21

##### • Undergraduate Residence Halls Close

Undergraduate residence halls close at 9 a.m. Visit [www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd.main/index.php](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd.main/index.php) for more information.

##### • FLiCX screening: "On The Waterfront"

The FLiCX (Faculty-Led interactive Cinematic explorations) crew will be screening several films over the break, including "On The Waterfront" at noon at The Belcourt Theatre. The showing is free as long as viewers agree to stay for the post-screening discussion. Registration is required for each film at [www.vanderbilt.edu/flicx](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/flicx)

#### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2

##### • Men's basketball: Madness

The Vanderbilt Student Government and Vandy Fanatics basketball extravaganza starts before the nationally televised game against Missouri. Madness is a celebration of Vanderbilt basketball and chance for Vanderbilt fans to show their Commodore pride. Get to Memorial Gym early to get one of the 500 No. 0 jerseys and a chance to shoot one of three half-court shots for \$10,000. Bring the best sign and you'll win free textbooks for a semester. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and Madness will begin at 7 p.m.

## SNAPSHOT

### Welding work



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Bryan Edwards uses a Tungsten Electrode arc welder to practice welding technique in an Engineering Machining Lab on Wednesday.

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# TAKE BACK THE NIGHT: Event was missing key components for some students

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supportive of the event was one of her favorite parts of the night.

"It was very motivating," she said.

Senior Erica Santiago, president of Vanderbilt Feminists, said the night was incomplete without the survivors' speeches.

"It builds up to an amazing group where we can speak out," she said. "Students express acts of sexual violence that have happened to them on Vanderbilt's campus. Those are the stories we never forget, and that was just missing this year."

Planning for the annual event has been a central component to an ongoing conflict between the Women's Center and students this semester.

In October, on the day Take Back the Night was originally scheduled, some students staged a protest that evolved into a conversation among the Women's Center staff, Vanderbilt administration, campus leaders and students.

Thomas said one of her frustrations with the Women's Center staff is how they organized Take Back the Night.

"(Last year) the students were really involved," she said. "This year we had a protest and an impromptu meeting with the new staff, and (they) then told us that they were moving it to November. They told us they wanted student involvement but didn't really ask us to help. The only thing (students) were given to do was stuff bags."

Thomas said she also felt the event was poorly advertised.

"(This year's event) was disappointing to all of us," Thomas said.

Santiago said the way the night was run this year has promise, but the organizers should include parts that have been popular.

"I think the new concept of Take Back the Night has the potential to be a change for the better," Santiago said, "but they should not forget why people liked it so much in the past. There should have been stories about sexual violence here. Having a speaker from Kentucky talking about the Green Dot movement makes it seem like it is still an 'over there' problem. We need to discuss the fact that it is a problem on Vanderbilt's campus." ■

—Sydney Wilmer and Diane BeCraft contributed reporting to this story.



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Commander Andrew Atwood accepts a stack of "green dots" from Take Back the Night staff on Tuesday evening. The Green Dot campaign, a violence-prevention effort, was a focus of the event. A green dot is any choice or behavior that displaces a "red dot" of violence.

# 'Picking Cotton' authors tell their story of forgiveness

by **FRANCESCA AMIKER**

Staff Reporter

In July of 1984 in the city of Burlington, N.C., 23-year-old Jennifer Thompson was raped at knifepoint and accused Ronald Cotton. Although Cotton insisted he was innocent, he was taken to court and, based on Thompson's identification of her assailant, was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Eleven years later, Cotton took a DNA test and was proven innocent. Falsely accused, he had been behind bars for a crime he did not commit for more than a decade. Two years later Cotton and Thompson met face-to-face and forged an unlikely friendship. On Wednesday night, they told their story in Flynn Hall of the Vanderbilt Law School.

According to Thompson, discovering that she had accused an innocent man was like discovering that your child wasn't your child after all.

"I had failed Ronald Cotton, his family,

my family, the district attorney, the criminal justice system," she said. "I had failed everybody."

For Cotton, however, his release from jail marked a new and unsure beginning. Describing himself as a new baby being born again, learning how to crawl and then to walk, he told the audience that upon his release, he shouted to the sky: "Lord where do I go from here?"

According to sociology professor Roosevelt Noble, who teaches a course on prison life, the students in attendance were amazed at the healing process that had occurred between Cotton and Thompson.

"It's good for students to see that not everyone who comes out of a wrongful conviction is bitter about the system or becomes bitter towards the system, or even the person who wrongfully placed them in the setting," he said. "It's important to understand that there is a multiplicity of different ways that people respond to these circumstances."

"I smiled to keep from crying. I was frustrated, a pipe ready to burst," Cotton said.

Aaron Coonley, a sophomore, said he was shocked by Cotton's story of forgiveness.

"Reading it is one thing, but actually hearing it is another. ... Ronald (Cotton) really kept his cool. If I was wrongfully accused, I would have flipped out," he said.

Tracy Galbreath said the story inspired her as a second-year law student.

"The justice system can get it wrong sometimes," she said. "This is a good story no matter what background you have. Just being a law student, it's motivating to go out there and have a real effect on people's lives."

Senior Gaston Miller saw a relevance to today.

"Their story is insightful. It talks about what has gone on in the past but also what currently goes on today," Miller said. "Things of this nature occur on a daily basis and it is a matter of making justice right." ■

# VSG House OKs resolution against campus smoking ban

by **HAYLEY KARLAN**

Asst News Editor

On Wednesday night the Vanderbilt Student Government House passed a resolution regarding smoking regulations on campus.

The resolution, which passed in the House with one dissenting vote, states that "a smoking ban with designated smoking areas on campus is

not in the interest of the student body," and is a response to a proposal by the Faculty Senate to make Vanderbilt smoke-free.

"This opens up the conversation again," said Theo Samets, the executive adviser who originally proposed the resolution. "Hopefully the Faculty Senate will reopen debate on this issue in the very near future. We're going to do

everything we can to stop this before it's too late."

Speaker of the House Josh Levine was impressed with the depth of discussion the resolution received.

"I think the house members' strong showing of thorough debate and discussion this past Wednesday demonstrates a level of responsibility toward student issues that is in the best interest of VSG and the

student body."

Samets was also pleased.

"It's about time that student government served as a voice for those students who need it most. I look forward to working with the provost and the dean of students to find a new solution that reduces secondhand smoke on campus without banning smoking. I am confident that this can and will be done," Samets said. ■

# PHI PSI: Fraternity suspended until 2012

From **PHI PSI**, page 1

Vanderbilt put the chapter on probation last semester as a punishment for an off-campus party that resulted in an undergraduate being set to the hospital.

On Aug. 22, the Phi Psi brothers broke their probation, violating the university and Interfraternity Council alcohol policies during an incident at the Phi Kappa Psi house that involved freshmen drinking and playing beer pong, according to the Vanderbilt University Formal Notice of Charges that Phi Psi received from Daniel Swinton, assistant dean of student conduct and academic integrity. The chapter was suspended from Vanderbilt until August 2011.

"Phi Kappa Psi was suspended because of a history of repeated risk management violations," said Kristin Torrey, director of Greek Life. "The incident that occurred in August was a violation of their prior probation as well as a violation of their alcohol policy. It was not this incident alone. The chapter needed to make changes related to risk management, and given the repeated violations, those changes were not made."

Phi Kappa Psi nationals extended the sanction earlier this month.

"The national fraternity has also levied a sanction against that chapter. Phi Kappa Psi does not intend to begin their recolonization efforts at Vanderbilt until 2012," Torrey said.

Many of the former brothers are disappointed, feeling the sanctions came at a time when Phi Psi was ready to have a positive impact.

According to former Phi Psi President JD Peters and other previous brothers, Phi Kappa Psi had recently made strides to oppose their reputation on campus.

"The overall attitude of Phi Psi changed greatly from when I first joined. We were near the bottom of the fraternities in GPA and didn't give back to the community," said junior and former member Kyle Brennan. "During my time, our chapter really transformed and started to make the right steps toward being an asset on Greek Row. We finished second in GPA and we had a huge philanthropy week planned out for this fall."

Peters also said Phi Psi had increased efforts to work more closely with alumni.

Vanderbilt now has to deal with the empty Phi Kappa Psi house, which is owned by the Phi Kappa Psi Alumni House Corporation.

Torrey said Phi Psi is the only fraternity on campus that owns their house, complicating the process of filling the empty space. Negotiations are ongoing with the Phi Kappa Psi House Corporation about the future of the property.

"The house is guaranteed for Phi Kappa Psi when they do recolonize in 2012, presuming that the house corporation does not decide to sell the property," Torrey said.

When Phi Psi is allowed to recolonize in 2012, the national fraternity will work alongside the Office of Greek Life to create an expansion plan and recruit new members.

"Phi Kappa Psi will return as a brand new colony," Torrey said. ■

# Phi Delt optimistic about the second recolonizing process

by **ASHLEY DRINNON**

Staff Reporter

Rite of Passage," Torrey said.

Phi Delt President Edin Trto said the colony hasn't been treated any differently during the recolonization process.

"We're pretty much treated as a chartered fraternity," Trto said. "We have the same opportunities and powers as any other fraternity and sorority. The challenge is getting coordinated and involved on Greek row and campus in general, because we don't have a lot of older leadership."

Phi Delt members are optimistic about the future of the colony on its way to gaining a charter.

"Recolonization is nationals' way of saying that they recognize the viability of having the charter here but we have a few more things to accomplish before we can gain it. If we bring in a solid class, they will be able to see that we can charter here and have a successful chapter. It's like a trial to see how things go," Trto said.

The leaders of Phi Delta Theta say the progress they've made so far has been encouraging.

"To see us having grown from 15 men to 46 now and colonizing in three months," Rush Chair Nelson Graham said, "it's been really cool to be a part of the rebuilding of a once-elite fraternity and get to shape how the fraternity will act for years to come." ■

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## COLUMN

# It's hard to stay forever young



**ALLENA BERRY**  
Columnist

There is something alluring about being young. People tell us we're experiencing the best years of our lives, and with glasses raised, we promptly cheer them, assuring them they are, indeed, correct. Advertisers want our sex appeal, employers want our stamina. Young Jeezy, Young Buck, Young Dro and countless others attribute to the appeal of staying young (as opposed to staying "lil," as Bow Wow and Romeo have shown). All of this, and so much more, leads me to conclude that being young equals the bee's knees.

But as I was perusing Hulu this past week, I had to ask the question: If it's so sweet being young, how come no decent television shows exist that depict our awesomeness? And when there is a decent television show about the younger set, it either gets canceled or goes on for several more seasons of mediocrity before finally calling it quits. "Freaks and Geeks" and "My So Called Life," two critically acclaimed shows depicting our most melodramatic but entertaining years were promptly cut. Apparently, no one else was ready to see our peers in all their angst glory. Other pop culture staples (see "The OC" and "Gossip Girl") had amazing first seasons to only peter out into ridiculous and completely non-relatable fantasies. Why is it so hard for American media to put their fingers on us accurately, while still making a decent profit?

It wasn't always this way. "Saved by the Bell" and "The Fresh Prince of Bel-

Air" were rooted in the amazing-ness of young people (although only one of them transitioned well into the college years; we can't win 'em all.). There once were family sitcoms that rode on the coattails of their adolescent costars. Do you think "Growing Pains" would have been so wonderful without lovable Mike (a.k.a. Kirk Cameron)? I shudder to think. It seems that with all the "Desperate Housewives" and "Cougartown" in the world, there is no room left for a show about people pre-menopause. Throw us a bone, baby-boomers.

There seems to be a light shining in the dark void left by the absence of the 16 to 20-something crowd on TV. This shining light finds its roots in "Glee," the upbeat, quirky comedy about a group of misfits and outcasts who find their place in the high school glee club. After this first season of popularity, though, I can't help but wonder if "Glee" is doomed to the same fate as all of our recently contested and eventually rejected programs.

Maybe our age group wasn't meant to be shown on TV. Maybe there is something so inherently wonderful about being us that no one can bottle it up and duplicate it for mass enjoyment. Or, perhaps, no one is as interested in the plights and triumphs of us as, well, us. As for me, however, I will continue to hold out for that one show that defies the odds. Otherwise, I'll be left with "Dawson's Creek" reruns for company. And no one wants that.

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## Most important number in self-loathing today!

BY **KATHERINE MILLER**

The Redskins overcame what feels like the 100 Years War worth of despair to defeat a mostly Kyle Orton-free Denver Broncos team at FedEx. So, bully for us. ESPN decided to spit on our parade, though, with one of those "Which of the following SHOCKS AND APPALLS YOU MORE?" polls about the biggest upset of the day. But, fun fact. We have even lower expectations for ourselves than the rest of the country.

## VANDY ABROAD

### A risky weekend for the risk-averse

BY **CLAIRE COSTANTINO**

Don't let the cynics get you down. Venice has it's overpriced, over-touristy bits, but it also has lots of beautiful and cool parts. As a generally cynical person, I thought I would be turned off of Venice by its weird, expensive time capsule of yesteryear-ness and the pervasive sense of decadence that ignores all the serious problems that are literally coming up through the floorboards and paving stones of the city. But once I saw the Grand Canal and heard the cutely quiet bustle of a city without cars, I realized how freaking dumb it was to fight Venice's undeniable charm.

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## This week in Quotes

1. "WHY WAS THE PALIN FAMILY BEING MADE OVER FOR THE TWO DAYS OF THE CONVENTION ANYWAY? ... DO WE REALLY LOOK THAT BAD?"

*Sarah Palin, in her book "Going Rogue," discussing the makeover McCain's team gave the Palin family before the National Republican Convention.*

2. "I WOULD BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT CHANGING A PRACTICE THAT SEEMS TO WORK."

*Dr. Goodman, director of the fellowship program in gynecological oncology at Massachusetts General Hospital, on a federal advisory panel's to reverse the advice for women to receive mammograms at age 40 to reduce overtreatment. The new recommended age is 50.*

3. "HERE, WE REPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT AND PERSISTENCE OF A REPRODUCTIVELY ISOLATED POPULATION OF DARWIN'S FINCHES ON THE SMALL GALAPAGOS ISLAND OF DAPHNE MAJOR IN THE SECONDARY CONTACT PHASE OF SPECIATION."

*Peter and Rosemary Grant in a paper published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences in which they observed speciation happening within seven generations of finches. They have proved it to be possible for speciation and evolution to happen very rapidly.*

4. "I DON'T KNOW WHY PRESIDENT OBAMA THOUGHT THAT WAS APPROPRIATE. MAYBE HE THOUGHT IT WOULD PLAY WELL IN JAPAN. BUT IT'S NOT APPROPRIATE FOR AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT TO BOW TO A FOREIGN ONE."

*Bill Kristol, a political analyst, commenting on Obama bowing to Emperor Akihito while visiting Japan.*

Compiled by David Lee

## COLUMN

# China and the US, a unique relationship



**KATIE DES PREZ**  
Columnist

The nature of the relationship between China and the United States is a question that has been lurking behind discussions of the most important international issues for at least the past year. This week, that relationship is at the forefront of the news as President Barack Obama and Chinese President Hu Jintao meet to discuss the economy and related topics. So how are we supposed to understand our relationship? Is China our friend or our adversary? Although the association between China and the U.S. may seem complicated, it's actually fairly straightforward. We are frenemies.

If you missed middle school, you may not know what a frenemy is (but don't try to say it's not a thing; it's in the dictionary). A frenemy is more than just an enemy who seems like your friend or a friend who seems like your enemy. It is a strange amalgamation of the two concepts. One essential characteristic of all frenemies, though, is that you cannot avoid them. Once they are in your life, they are there forever, even if they are just a distant reminder of how awkward your life used to be (again, think middle school). Why don't they just go away? Because despite what you may want to think, you need your frenemies. Even if the U.S. wanted to forget about China and just keep being the coolest kid at the G-20 lunch table, China's increasing economic power and sheer size makes that impossible.

Still confused? Let's turn to the most

popular example of frenemies: "Mean Girls." The U.S. is Regina George (Rachel McAdams) and China is Cady Heron (Lindsay Lohan). Even though China hangs out with us at summits, it is secretly planning our downfall with its smart and creative friends. On some level, though, China wants to be more like us. Why do you think Hu Jintao was wearing the exact same tie as Barack Obama when they met to discuss climate change? Like Cady, China can see the things that make us powerful and adopt them into its own behavior. Of course we are concerned and recognize the threat China poses, but we are still convinced we are the most popular country and that we are in control.

We hope all we have to do is act nice to China and promise not to spread mean rumors about them, because if we don't keep China close, they're going to ditch us and take all our friends. If you've seen "Mean Girls," you know Cady uses math to get close to what Regina needs most — a good-looking guy. I'm not saying China is going to feign ignorance to get into our inner circle, but we know China is better than we are at technology and science, and that is becoming a greater and greater asset. So what's the outlook? Well, at the end of "Mean Girls," Regina George gets hit by a bus before she realizes what's really going on. I hope the U.S. is a little better at seeing what's coming, because China is here to stay.

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## COLUMN

# Guantanamo trials: A Sheikh to the past



JESSE JONES

Columnist

Last Friday, Attorney General Eric Holder announced Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, principle architect of the Sept. 11 attacks, and four other detainees held in Guantanamo Bay would be tried in New York's southern district court. Settling down to enjoy their Saturday morning coffee, Americans were greeted with Mohammed's leering eyes, even as his overgrown beard, too large to be captured in a single photograph, spilled out of sight. "What in the world?" we wondered. "He wasn't hurting anyone in Gitmo — why bring him out now?"

The short answer? To fulfill a campaign pledge. In January, President Barack Obama signed an executive order mandating the closure of Guantanamo Bay within one year. Applauded at the time, Obama's decision now appears shortsighted, as legal hurdles have since prevented the enactment of this order. As the deadline approaches, the Obama administration rushes to get the Guantanamo detainees out the door.

The civilian trial offers an advantage — Mohammed will face his accusers — but it also brings many disadvantages. I don't think any jury of Americans, let alone New Yorkers, could credibly feign impartiality in this case. Security will be a nightmare. Our media, which goes bananas for Paris Hilton's D.U.I.'s, may explode. Calling these men "enemy combatants" is an understatement, and I can think of no better candidates for our military tribunal system. Some will argue military tribunals offer no justice, but no one, least of all Mohammed, believes the outcome of this trial is in doubt. The civilian trial seems to be less about serving justice than burying

the ghosts of Guantanamo. We may score a propaganda victory when Mohammed begs for martyrdom and claims his deeds as a "badge of honor," or perhaps Mohammed's 183 counts of waterboarding will tarnish our image. Either way, common sense shouldn't take a back seat to theatrics.

Obama will justly receive much criticism for his decision, but let's not forget the Bush administration's role. If not for Guantanamo Bay, justice may have been served years ago, now the Bush administration's torture policy will give the prosecution a headache.

All of this ignores the fact that Mohammed's trial is a red herring. The real issue at stake isn't Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, it's "Mohammed Mohammed" — the metaphorical Guantanamo everyman. We don't have enough evidence to prosecute the majority of these detainees. We can debate the wisdom of releasing them, but before we do, let's consider a few facts. A total of 759 detainees have been held at Guantanamo, while only 460 are held currently, with 136 approved for release or

transfer. Meanwhile, 340 convicted terrorists are being held in U.S. prisons. That's a lot of numbers, but the key statistic is that since Sept. 11, no terrorist attacks have occurred on U.S. soil.

Obama did not open Guantanamo Bay, but he has made it his job to close it. He has made the hard choice, taken the high road, and he is no doubt aware that one terrorist act from a former detainee could make his decision blow up — literally — in his face. Let's hope the swift and peaceful resolution of this drama gives us all something to be thankful for.

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"Vanderbilt Student Government, you made a poor choice. I don't want your cancer-causing second-hand smoke around me. Smoking is a dying trend ... take your addiction elsewhere."

"Anti-student rights Ranter, I'm glad you're for the administration banning smoking. When they try to ban drinking next, remember to take your drunk whining self elsewhere."

"To the people who can't stop coughing in Physics 116b lecture: Cough drops are sold at the Munchie. No one wants to hear you coughing for 50 minutes every MWF."

"Really? You chose to have your group meeting in the Baseball Glove Lounge? Are you dumb?"

"Really? When is the Baseball Glove Lounge a designated independent study room? Are you intolerant?"

"The word 'douchiest' has no place in this allegedly excellent newspaper. Why not reverse the rankings and make the column about the classiest coaches?"

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"Hustler: Since when has it been OK to quote the same person in three separate articles in one issue? How hard is it to find someone with an opinion on this campus who's not your roommate or best friend?"

"To a small percentage of Vanderbilt men: Thank you for showing us girls that chivalry is not dead. To the rest: You still have some room (and time) to improve."

"A presentation at 4 p.m. the day before Thanksgiving break? Have a heart."

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## Sports

COLUMN

## Let's end the season right

by DAVID NAMM  
Sports Reporter

Dear Vanderbilt football,

You know, there is something special about the start of the holiday season. Somewhere between the succulent, sliced Thanksgiving turkey, the glorious Claymation movie marathons on ABC Family and the seasonal shortcomings of OASIS, there seems to be a slight shift in our society's overall outlook. Instead of overwhelming scrutiny, we become more sympathetic this time of year; instead of unrelenting criticism, we become more understanding of circumstances. Hence, in a year when you've been bitten by Bulldogs, chomped by Gators and disarmed by Army, optimism is in short supply for both your short and long-term future as you enter the final game of the season against archrival Tennessee.

You can change that.

Listen, I'm not writing you to pardon your underwhelming 2009 season. After your seven wins last year, the nine losses this season are inexcusable. Period. Quarterback play has been subpar, the offensive line has been atrocious, and the play calling has been more bafflingly wretched than a Soulja Boy poetry reading. However, instead of leaving coal in the Commodore fans' stockings, you have a chance to play the part of kind-hearted Santa Claus in proving something to yourselves, your recruits and the rest of the Southeastern Conference by taking down the Volunteers in Knoxville Saturday.

Let's start with what this could do for your place in the



**Vanderbilt (2-9, 0-7 SEC) at Tennessee (5-5, 2-4 SEC)**

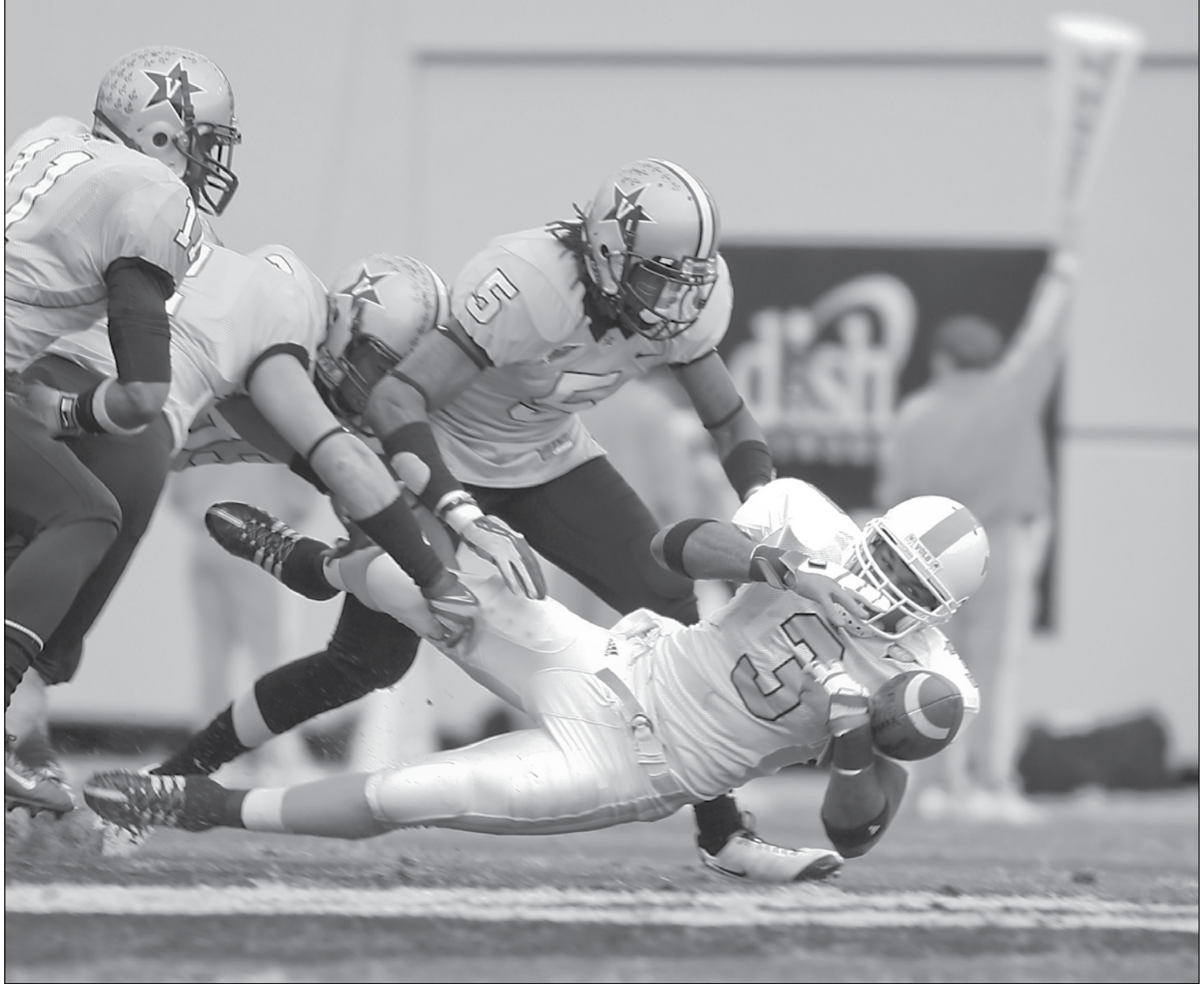
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Kickoff is at 6 p.m. CDT  
TV: ESPNU

The Commodores face their oldest rival in their season finale, not only trying to avoid falling to 2-10 but also trying to beat the Volunteers for the second time in five meetings.

Tennessee has won the last three games between the teams, most recently a 20-10 victory in Nashville last Nov. 22. With a win, the Vols would be bowl eligible once again.

SEC. So far this season, you have scored about as often as Steve Carell in "40 Year Old Virgin," failing to notch more than 13 points in a conference game this season. Even so, if you go to Neyland Stadium against defensive mastermind Monte Kiffin and ace defensive back Eric Berry and finally put it all together — explosive running plays from Warren Norman, accurate passing by Mackenzi Adams and at least semi-comprehensible play calling by the offensive staff — you can take a step towards removing the stigma of "pushover" when your name pops up on next season's schedule. What is perhaps most perplexing about this year is that it seems the pieces were in place, but the execution was not. Hence, by executing Saturday, you can prove you're at least capable of doing so against a decent opponent.

This leads us into the sensitive subject of recruiting. Just a year ago, Vanderbilt



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Myron Lewis (5) throws down Tennessee's Lennon Creer (3) during a 20-10 loss last season to the Volunteers. The Commodores, who are trying to defeat the Vols for only the second time since 1982, will be without Lewis for the game after he tore his meniscus against Kentucky on Nov. 14.

looked like an optimal place to combine athletics and academia in a welcoming collegiate environment (note: Insert shameless Commons promotion here), and, as such, you had lined up one of the best recruiting classes in school history. Now, though, consider this: If I'm a competitive, fiery football player and you're not

a competitive program, I'm going to reconsider playing for you. By beating Tennessee, you can show you're more than just competently competitive.

You can show you have a direction.

Finally, though, win for yourselves. Give your seniors — members of Vanderbilt's most accomplished graduating class

of late — a memory to cherish. Give your underclassmen a victory that could resonate into the offseason and beyond. Most of all, though, give your Bobby Johnson-led program a reassuring sign that progress is being made.

Thus, as the season of joy and cheer begins, this weekend is the perfect opportunity to

barge into Knoxville and give yourself something to cheer about. Besides, even if you leave UT and their fans void of good cheer, take comfort in this fact:

Lane Kiffin is secretly the Grinch.

Sincerely yours,  
Tiny Tim

## Commodores pack their bags

## Vanderbilt faces tough slate at Maui Invite.

by DAVID RUTZ  
Sports Editor

Vanderbilt generally likes that it operates outside of the spotlight that shines on teams like Kentucky and Tennessee.

But if the Commodores can emerge from a stacked field at the Maui Invitational in Hawaii, they'll come back with more than a little bit of extra sun.

After battling St. Mary's this Friday in California, Vanderbilt goes even further west for the annual tournament, where Cincinnati awaits in the first round of the eight-team bracket on Nov. 23, as well as possible match-ups with perennial NCAA Tournament teams Maryland, Gonzaga and Arizona.

The Commodores know the implications of success at the nationally televised event, and the fact that it's in Hawaii doesn't hurt.

"Growing up as a kid you always want to go there," said senior point guard Jermaine Beal. "I'm pretty sure we're going to have fun, but at the same time it's like a business trip to us."

Maui is certainly a warm spot all year, but in November it really heats up for the annual showcase of teams that tend to look like serious contenders by March. If the Commodores want to make a splash early, this will be their opportunity.

Four of the past five champions have advanced to at least the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament.

It will be a change from recent seasons, where non-conference play was pedestrian compared to the Southeastern Conference slate. Redshirt sophomore center Festus Ezeli, starting in place of junior A.J. Ogilvy as he continues to work his way back after suffering a concussion in October, admits not knowing too much about Hawaii itself, just that strong opposition awaits.

"I'm expecting warm weather and to go play some good basketball," he said. "We're just going



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John Jenkins (23) will travel to Hawaii with Vanderbilt for the Maui Invitational after missing the summer trip the team took to Australia.

to go play and have fun."

One person certainly looking forward to the trip is freshman guard John Jenkins, who missed the last trip the Commodores took when they traveled to Australia for five exhibition games over the summer. He scored seven points and knocked down a 3-pointer during Vanderbilt's opening 95-73 win over Lipscomb.

There's only one thing that concerns him.

"I hate flying, so I've got to get used to that," Jenkins joked. "I'm not going to miss this trip. It'll be fantastic for our team chemistry and hopefully we'll get some wins down there."

Australia and now Hawaii? Beal was asked what it was like to be part of such a pampered team.

"It's Vanderbilt," Beal said, laughing. "They've got that money, so they might as well put it to use." ■

## Japanese competition, culture awaits Vandy.

by MEGHAN ROSE  
Asst Sports Editor

Leaving for the Orient Saturday morning, the Commodores will say goodbye to Nashville and "Konichiwa" to Japan. Vanderbilt will play four exhibition games against some of the top collegiate competition the country has to offer.

On Sunday, the Commodores will play Hokei University in Tokyo, before Monday's back-to-back games against Aoyama Gakuin University and Meiji University. On Tuesday, Vanderbilt will conclude the four-game series against Waseda University.

"Our kids will be able to perform against a country that has excelled in this particular sport at the amateur and professional level," wrote coach Tim Corbin in an e-mail. "Baseball is a very important part of the Japanese culture."

Vanderbilt alumnus Bill Kay personally financed the team's trip, giving the program a chance to experience overseas baseball.

"This is going to be something we will remember for the rest of our lives," said sophomore pitcher Sonny Gray.

While the Commodores' offense has focused on hitting consistency, the pitching staff has prepared for the aggressive Japanese hitters.

"We have heard that the hitters are tough to strike out and battle well throughout long counts," said sophomore pitcher Navery Moore. "They are extremely competitive and are all tough outs at the plate."

While much of the team has not played internationally before, the level of play found in Asia is not foreign to Corbin or Gray.

In the summer of 2006, Corbin served as the manager for the U.S.A. Baseball National Team — a squad that featured three Commodores that year — as they took home first-place honors at the International University Sports Federation World University Championship.

Selected as a member of the 2009 U.S.A.



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Sonny Gray has faced Japan before as part of the U.S. National Team, but many of his teammates will travel there for the first time this weekend.

National Team, Gray compiled a 0.75 ERA and recorded wins against Guatemala, Prince George (British Columbia) and Team Japan.

"We played the best competition (Japan) had to offer last summer and competed very well," Gray said. "I am looking forward to playing in Japan once again."

"Many of our kids have never traveled out of the country before," Corbin wrote. "The value of a trip like this and its effect on team building is paramount."

After the series concludes on Wednesday, the team will have the opportunity to sightsee around Japan, and Vanderbilt's trip to the Orient culminates with two days spent in Hong Kong.

"On the baseball field we hope to gain a different outlook on how to play the game," Gray said. "Off the field, we want to experience the unique cultures of Japan and Hong Kong." ■

# SMITH: Quarterback makes strides in '09

From SMITH, page 1

The Commodores were reeling, but Smith wasn't despairing.

"I could see his confidence building every game and saw his completions going up and him becoming a leader," said redshirt sophomore receiver Udom Umoh. "He was trying to lead the team and the offense and trying to pick us up. He doesn't get mad. He'll just tell you 'forget about that play, let's go on to the next.' So I really just saw him maturing game by game."

Against Army, after struggling all day, Smith led a game-tying field goal drive at the end of regulation and had a game-winning touchdown taken away by a penalty. At South Carolina, he faced a tough defense in the Gamecocks and passed for 133 yards, despite a number of drops by his receivers, and nearly led a comeback touchdown drive. And in his final game, against Georgia Tech, Smith led the Commodores on their first game-opening touchdown drive of the season.

Before those games, it had been rough for him. He passed for just 69

yards in a 23-7 loss to Ole Miss, and completed less than 40 percent of his throws in a 15-3 defeat to Mississippi State. Cries for his replacement by redshirt Mackenzi Adams were loud among Vanderbilt fans, but the coaching staff stuck with the strong-armed Smith who had been trusted to start the Music City Bowl on Dec. 31 and rewarded that confidence with a steady performance in a 16-14 victory.

Losing was a new feeling for Smith. In high school, it never happened. At Vanderbilt, he won his first two starts, something fairly uncommon around West End. It weighed heavily upon him as the defeats piled up over the last two months, especially in the wake of the program's first winning season since 1982.

"I think at moments he might have gotten down, so that's where we as a team came in to say, 'Don't worry about it,'" Umoh said. "We have to play our part also. I think he understood that. It's a team effort; when he's down, we're going to pick him up, and we expect the same thing from him."

Since the injury, Adams has taken over at starter and Smith has called signals from the sideline, but that doesn't mean he's stopped practicing.

"Most definitely taking mental reps," Smith said.

The torn hamstring will still take a few weeks to heal. The burden of a losing season will sting for a little longer, at least until 2010 rolls around.

But Johnson thinks the year was ultimately very beneficial to Smith, who is still looked at as the quarterback of the future.

"It was great experience for him," Johnson said. "Nothing could be more instructive than overcoming some adversity and he's going to have to do that, come back from a tough season, and I expect him to be great next year."

Smith learned valuable lessons of his own as well.

"Can't win them all," he said, smiling. "This year's been pretty rough, but that I'll have the confidence to bounce back next year." ■



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Larry Smith (10) is helped off the field after tearing his hamstring on Oct. 31 against Georgia Tech. It came after a 35-yard rush that started a long touchdown drive for the Commodores, but the injury was significant enough to shelve Smith for the season.

## Vandy dives into WKU Tourney



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Betsy Galenti starts the second leg of the 400-yard free-style relay as Jennifer Molchan finishes the first leg at a home meet against Souther Illinois on Oct. 17. The Commodores travel to the Hilltopper Invitational this weekend in Western Kentucky for three days of meets.

## WEEK 12 SEC POWER RANKINGS

Compiled by Eric Single

	<b>1. Florida (10-0, 8-0 Southeastern Conference)</b> The Gators spent yet another Saturday holding a very game SEC opponent at arm's length for a full 60 minutes. They've been far from flashy, but they're the champions until they lose, which most likely will not be this Saturday against Florida International.
	<b>2. Alabama (10-0, 7-0)</b> Every time Mark Ingram crashes through the middle of the line for a big gain, every single fan in the SEC gets a little more excited about Dec. 5 in the Georgia Dome, when Brandon Spikes and Joe Haden will be waiting for him downfield.
	<b>3. LSU (8-2, 4-2)</b> Two losses by 10 points or less to No. 1 and No. 2 in the Bowl Championship Series this season. On Saturday night, Louisiana Tech almost caught the Tigers brooding over what might have been.
	<b>4. Ole Miss (7-3, 3-3)</b> Who pissed off Dexter McCluster? His four touchdowns against Tennessee on Saturday doubled his season total, and the Rebels looked like the team many thought they would be in August.
	<b>5. Tennessee (5-5, 2-4)</b> Or was it just another egg from one of the most confusing teams in the SEC? The Volunteers have two shots at bowl eligibility left in Vanderbilt and Kentucky. For Lane Kiffin's sake, they better convert one of them.
	<b>6. Georgia (6-4, 4-3)</b> Will their emotional last-minute victory against Auburn give the Bulldogs enough confidence to lock up second place in the SEC East against Kentucky and beat in-state rival Georgia Tech in Atlanta in consecutive weeks?
	<b>7. South Carolina (6-5, 3-5)</b> The Gamecocks ran out of magic in the fourth quarter against Florida, extending another unsettling late-season SEC losing streak in Columbia to three games.
	<b>8. Auburn (7-4, 3-4)</b> The loss in Athens hurt, but pulling off a huge upset in the Iron Bowl on the day after Thanksgiving would heal all the wounds from an inconsistent season.
	<b>9. Arkansas (6-4, 2-4)</b> An easy win over Troy made the Razorbacks bowl eligible. Ryan Mallett's breakout season has confirmed that there will be life after Darren McFadden and Felix Jones in Fayetteville after all.
	<b>10. Kentucky (6-4, 2-4)</b> The Wildcats will likely be playing in December themselves after dispatching Vanderbilt for their sixth win in front of a supportive crowd in "Commonwealth Stadium West," as one sign dubbed the site of the Commodores' fourth SEC home loss. Sanford Stadium next Saturday will be less complacent.
	<b>11. Mississippi State (4-6, 2-4)</b> The Bulldogs played Alabama tough for a quarter and continued to show that they are fed up with looking up in the SEC West standings. Bowl eligibility is improbable, but not impossible.
	<b>12. Vanderbilt (2-9, 0-7)</b> The Commodores will be playing for pride and the utter collapse of the Tennessee football program on Saturday in Knoxville, and not necessarily in that order.



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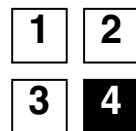
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### ACROSS

- 1 Symbol of gentleness
- 5 Torah's homes
- 9 \_\_\_ Ababa
- 14 Fridge problem
- 15 R-rating reason, perhaps
- 16 Longship sailors
- 17 Maximum tolerance for a stand-up comic's jokes?
- 19 AT&T Park player
- 20 Start of a memorable 1961 admonition
- 21 Force
- 23 Gripe
- 25 Slippery swimmer
- 26 "All Trotsky, all the time" channel?
- 33 In favor of
- 34 Flight-related
- 35 Clichéd
- 36 It's often left in the copier: Abbr.
- 38 Wolf (down)
- 41 Mountain ride
- 42 Marine threats
- 44 Edible seaweed used for sushi
- 46 Clear
- 47 When dogs can't run loose?
- 51 Estuary
- 52 Senior golfer Aoki
- 53 Lover's sweet talk?
- 58 Precipitated
- 62 Cuban boy in 2000 news
- 63 Nuts about Danish toys?
- 65 Confuse—or what to do to four common phrases to form this puzzle's theme answers
- 66 Plus-size super-model
- 67 To be, in Brest
- 68 Hull damagers
- 69 Signs of nervousness
- 70 Interpret, as tea leaves

### DOWN

- 1 1970 hit by the Kinks
- 2 Summer coolers
- 3 Religious ascetic
- 4 You can count on a lot of bucks from one
- 5 Stirs up trouble
- 6 CD follower?
- 7 Songwriter Kristoferson
- 8 Den piece
- 9 Saintry
- 10 Knock off
- 11 Big bore
- 12 "\_\_\_ that special!"
- 13 Clockmaker Thomas
- 18 Doonee in Exmoor
- 22 Relig. title
- 24 Capital northwest of Rome
- 26 He played Ugarte in "Casablanca"
- 27 "All My Children" vixen
- 28 "\_\_\_ behold!"
- 29 Sad sound
- 30 Skater Slutskaya
- 31 Best way to sing
- 32 Veto from Lenin
- 33 Mislead
- 37 Great time, slangily
- 39 Rice-A-\_\_\_
- 40 Sistine Chapel features
- 43 Sacred sites
- 45 "I, Robot" author Asimov
- 48 Come out on top
- 49 Aerie newborn
- 50 More morose
- 53 Adjacent
- 54 Quaint retail adjective
- 55 Sand castle's undoing
- 56 Even share, perhaps
- 57 Huge hauler
- 59 Fill
- 60 Biblical reformer
- 61 Like blue hair
- 64 Tracker maker

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