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## Chapters open doors

*Tradition continues for sorority recruitment,  
but fraternities see a new process.*

by **HANNAH TWILLMAN**  
Editor-in-Chief

Beginning Monday morning, 520 women lined up in the cold weather to participate in Panhellenic recruitment.

Not much has changed for this year's formal recruitment process. The number of women registered is consistent with recent years' trends, said Director of Greek Life Kristin Torrey, with the same number of women meeting the eligibility requirements as last year.

"(Recruitment) has just been pretty much how everybody says it's going to be," said freshman Nicole Peterson.

Halfway through the process, several women said they have enjoyed the process so far.

"It has been fun and relaxed so far," said freshman Tori Clodfelter. "I just wanted to be a part (of Greek life). ... Really once you go Greek, you are finally a part of main campus."

Freshman Kristin Repaci said she's enjoyed getting to know other people on campus through recruitment.

"It's gone well," she said. "It's been fun getting to meet so many new girls I wouldn't have gotten to meet otherwise."

"Panhellenic recruitment has gone very well so far," Torrey said. "Despite the rather cold temperatures, everyone seems to be having a good time."

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Greek Ambassador Sarah Kittrell, a junior from Dallas, takes roll outside the Kappa Delta house during the philanthropy round of Panhellenic recruitment on Tuesday afternoon.



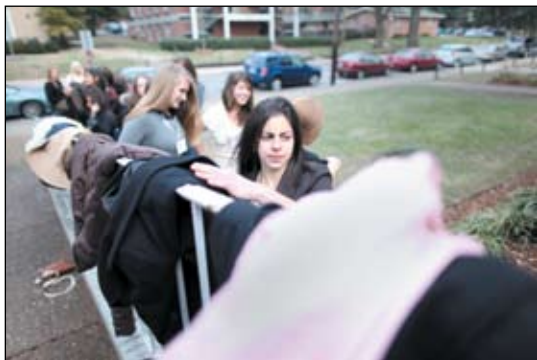
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Margaret Bowers, left, and Kara Cooper talk about their impressions of various sororities during the philanthropy round of Panhellenic recruitment on Tuesday afternoon.



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A group of freshman women stand outside the Delta Delta Delta house on Tuesday afternoon during the philanthropy round of Panhellenic recruitment.



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Carmel, In., junior Abby Fivel throws her coat over the rail outside as she heads into another sorority during the philanthropy round of Panhellenic recruitment on Tuesday afternoon.



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Freshmen Casey Bakker, left, Brenna Casey, Kara Colicchio and Rose Cornelson talk outside the Kappa Delta house during the philanthropy round of Panhellenic recruitment on Tuesday afternoon.

## Gay-friendly frat Delta Lambda Phi to colonize

by **JUSTIN TARDIFF**  
News Editor

Vanderbilt men interested in participating in Greek life will have a new option in the coming months, following the creation of a new chapter of Delta Lambda Phi, a national fraternity for gay, bisexual and progressive men.

The fraternity, which already has roughly 10 men signed up to participate in its initial rush, will start out as a colony, but anticipates becoming a full chapter by the end of the 2010-2011 academic year.

Early planning for the group took place last year under former Lambda president Clint Peebles, who began conversations with both the organization and the Office of Greek Life. But establishment of the organization was pushed forward this fall after a casual dorm room conversation between several Vanderbilt undergrads: sophomores Bryann DaSilva and Jason Elmer and junior Spencer Montalvo.

"It seemed like all of the gay life here happened to be politically active, making it hard to find people just to be friends with," said Montalvo.

DaSilva, who had transferred to Vanderbilt from NYU, was familiar with that school's chapter of Delta Lambda Phi. Elmer also had friends in chapters of the organizations at other schools. "We were talking about it," DaSilva said, "and the three of us decided to try and run with it."

Director of Greek Life Kristin Torrey explained that the fraternity followed a typical path to approval, after meeting with Elmer and other interested students.

"We talked through the plan of how they would come to Interfraternity Council," she said, "and talked about how to

align two processes: what the national organization expects and what we expect."

Following a presentation at an IFC meeting in November, the group was granted approval, and following final approval from Dean of Students Mark Bandas, the national fraternity received a letter from the dean welcoming them to establish a chapter at Vanderbilt.

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—Spencer Montalvo, junior member of Delta Lambda Phi

Delta Lambda Phi will differ from other fraternities with specific niches, such as Beta Upsilon Chi, as the new chapter will be a member of the Intrafraternity Council. "We're exactly the same as other IFC fraternities," Montalvo said. While, unlike many IFC fraternities, the chapter will not have a house at its inception, Montalvo said that is something that would be addressed in the coming semesters.

He added that the group aims to create an environment where its members can feel comfortable on campus, even though campus Greek organizations already have gay members.

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## VUMC opens new DNA databank

by **PETER LETARTE**  
Staff Reporter

After years of collecting genetic information, doctors and researchers at Vanderbilt University Medical Center last month opened BioVU, a massive DNA databank in the Eskin Biomedical Library.

To create the databank, doctors and researchers at the Medical Center collaborated with faculty

and staff at the university to extract strands of DNA from leftover blood samples.

The high hopes for databanks of DNA such as Vanderbilt's are based on the ability to predict susceptibility to disease based on one's genetic makeup.

"Most medical practice today is based on assuming everyone is 'average,' but we know that there are important differences that an individual's

own 'DNA blueprint' cause in their susceptibility to disease and response to medications," said Dr. Daniel Masys, professor and Chair of the Department of Biomedical Informatics.

BioVU is expected to become an invaluable resource for researchers hoping to make progress in finding cures and treatments for a number of common genetic diseases such as diabetes, cancer, rheumatoid

arthritis and several types of heart disease.

Through the analysis of individual sets of DNA, many like Dr. Masys hope to make health care much more effective and precise. Masys said he believes the key to increased efficiency is a shift toward personalized healthcare, and databanks such as BioVU will play a big role in that shift.

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Dr. Dan Masys moves samples near a machine that extracts DNA from blood samples in the BioVU DNA research lab on Tuesday.

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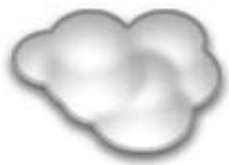
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**HIGH 50, LOW 31**  
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## AROUND THE LOOP

### What did you do over winter break?

"I had my debutante ball and it was fun to share that experience with my friends and family."  
— Elizabeth Thorsness, 2013

"I went to the CRU Christmas conference in North Carolina."  
— Christine Stroud, 2012

"I skied with my family in Park City and cheered on the Longhorns in Pasadena."  
— Kate Goudge, 2012

## CRIME LOG

**Wednesday, Jan. 6, 9:30 a.m.** Money was stolen from a cash box in Vanderbilt Psychiatric Hospital.

**Wednesday, Jan. 6, 6:51 p.m.** A child assaulted a parent during an argument in a parking lot.

**Thursday, Jan. 7, 4 a.m.** A person had watery eyes and slurred speech and refused to leave the Acklen Post Office.

**Friday, Jan. 8, 12:35 a.m.** A person sped, and the vehicle had an odor of alcohol. The person could not follow standardized field sobriety testing instructions.

**Friday, Jan. 8, 9:45 p.m.** Two people threatened a patient's mother at the Vanderbilt University Hospital.

## PROFESSOR SPOTLIGHT

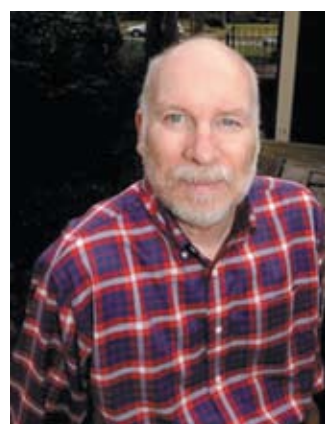


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**John English**  
Department of  
Communication Studies  
22 years at Vanderbilt

### 1. What classes do you teach?

In general, I teach Public Speaking, Persuasion, Organizational and Managerial Communication and a class on the visionary rhetoric of Winston Churchill.

### 2. Where did you go to school and what did you study?

I went to California State University, Northridge in L.A. I was a communication studies major and political science minor. I got my M.A. there, and I took some classes at University of Washington in Seattle towards my Ph.D.

### 3. What was your first job?

I had a really successful band when I was younger. I toured. I was a recording artist. I was a musician growing up. I play harmonica, guitar and piano. I was a serious songwriter and worked in the music business for a long time before I became a professor. I came to Nashville originally to be an executive at a music company in new production. I worked in L.A. at a recording studio called Record One. It was the best recording facility in L.A.; we did everybody who was anybody. It was a great experience, and it was how I broke into doing production. It was a lot of fun.

### 4. If you were not a professor, what would you do?

If I weren't a professor now, I'd be a communication consultant. I have a very successful consulting practice. I go all over the U.S. training senior executives in corporations. I do executive coaching in sales training, persuasion and argument training and speech. When I'm not teaching, I'm usually on the road, training people how to speak. I do some political work. It's an extension of my teaching, but it takes it to the real world.

### 5. What do you like to do in your free time?

I like trout fishing and horse racing. I used to have thoroughbred horses when I was younger. I'd like to train horses.

### 6. What is your favorite spot in Nashville?

In Nashville, my favorite place is the Caney Fork River, which is outside of Nashville. It's a world-class trout stream. I'm a serious outdoors person. I like music spots too because I have a lot of friends in the music business. I like the Bluebird Cafe. I've played there. As a songwriter, it's a good place to go play because you never know who you'll run into there.

### 7. What is one thing students would be surprised to find out about?

I think the thing that I always get the biggest reaction from is when students discover that I was a serious musician when I was younger. A couple of my students last semester Googled me and pulled up all this stuff from the 1960s when I was playing. I think most students look at you and only see you in light of in the classroom, so they have no idea of who you are and what you might've done in the past. I grew up in England. I've had a lot of fun with the fact that I have dual citizenship. I just got an award from the International Churchill Society for having the best academic program on Winston Churchill in the U.S. I'm sort of talking to and negotiating with one of the universities in London because I'd really like to go teach for a summer in London.

### 8. What was your favorite vacation destination?

I have two of them. My wife's favorite place to go on vacation is Lake Tahoe. We go every Christmastime. I love the mountains and snow. My other place to go is the French Riviera. I love Nice in France. I don't speak French, but I had a great time. I love Paris and the French Riviera. I really like Ireland. I love Ireland. The people are the most friendly people I think I've ever met.

### 9. If you didn't live in Nashville, where would you want to live?

I would either live in Oregon or Washington state in the U.S. If I didn't live in this country, I'd live in Ireland.

### 10. What did you do over winter break?

I went to Lake Tahoe. That's my wife's favorite place to go.

## CALENDAR

### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 13

##### • First day of classes

First day of undergraduate classes for the spring 2010 semester.

##### • Auditions for VUT's presentation of "The Seagull"

Cast auditions, as well as crew sign-ups, will be held for Vanderbilt University Theatre's upcoming production of "The Seagull" by Anton Chekhov from 4-6 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. More information is available at VUT's Web site, [www.vanderbilt.edu/theatre](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/theatre).

#### THURSDAY, JAN. 14

##### • Lecture: "Advanced Computing for a Clean Energy Future"

Thomas Zacharia, deputy laboratory director for science and technology at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, will deliver the School of Engineering's Hall Lecture at 4 p.m. in the Jacobs Believed in Me Auditorium in Featheringill Hall. A reception will follow the talk.

##### • "The Tao of Cellocycling" exhibit opening

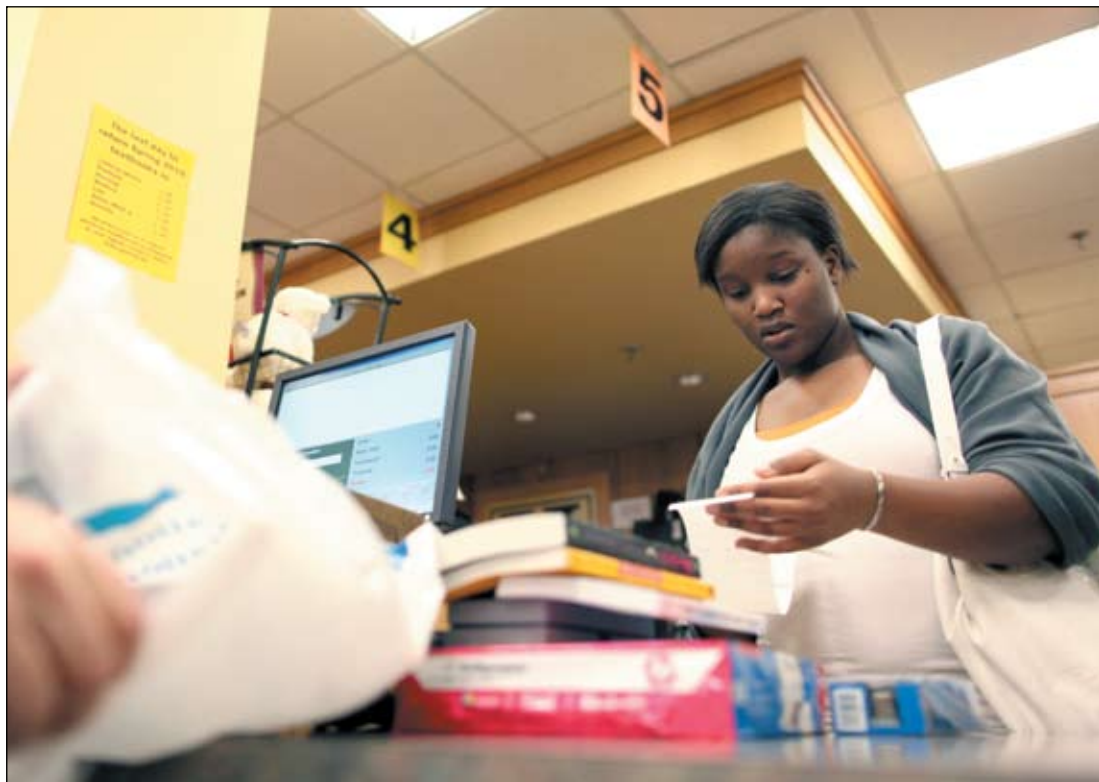
An opening reception will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Ingram Studio Art Center Gallery Space 204 for "The Tao of Cellocycling." The musical installation, created by Vanderbilt alumnus Noah Walcutt, will present a multimedia exploration of the Buddhist concept known as The Tao.

##### • Women's Basketball

Women's basketball plays Georgia at 7 p.m.

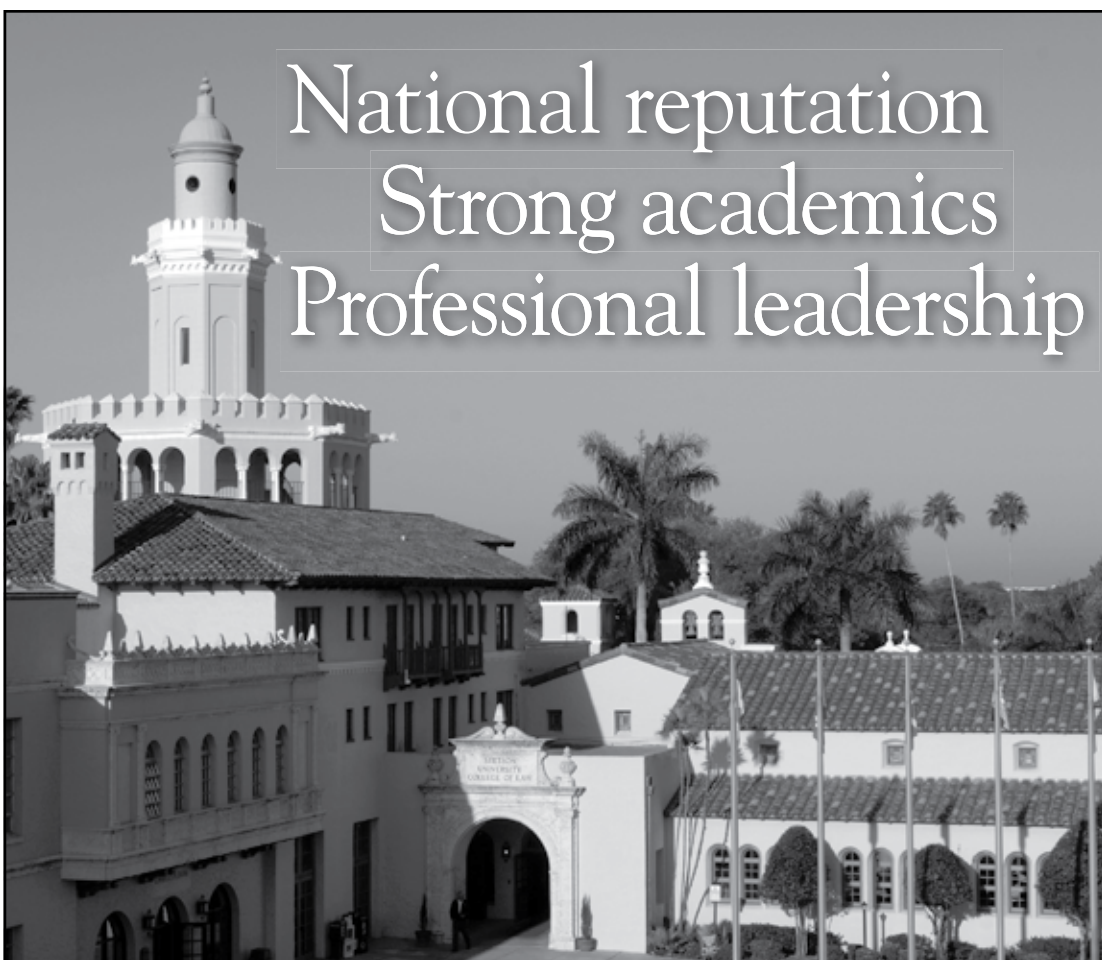
## SNAPSHOT

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Houston junior Tiwa Soyebó takes in the total cost of her books for the semester at register nine, run by Wendy Vickers on Tuesday afternoon.



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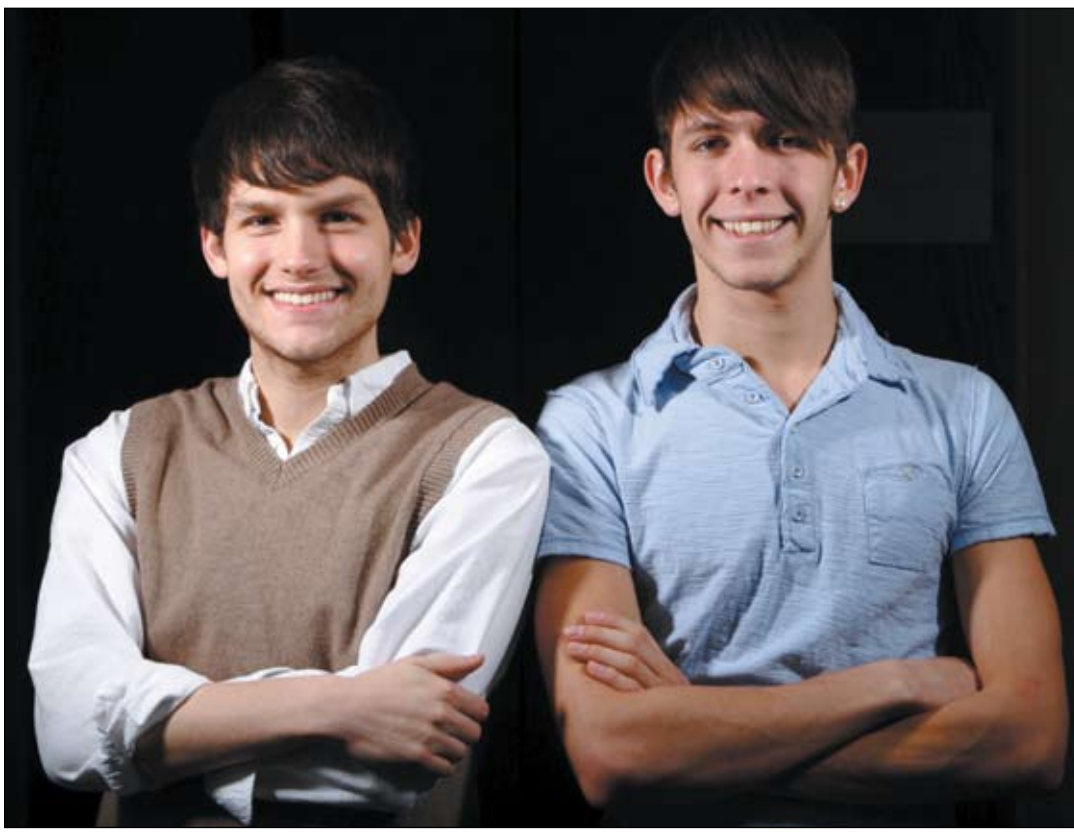
# DELTA LAMBDA PHI: Group to offer new Greek option

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"Most of the time, either it is public knowledge and the member is ostracized, or it's kind of an unspoken secret and they are not allowed to be the person they want to be," Montalvo said. "We want to offer people the ability to create that sense of fraternity and friendship without having a you that you're forced to be."

Peebles, currently a student at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, said he saw many changes in the LGBTQI environment during his time as an undergrad.

"The LGBT social environment at Vanderbilt is a very interesting one at this point as support has exponentially increased in recent years yet is entirely



ZAC HARDY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Junior Spencer Montalvo and sophomore Bryann DaSilva, along with sophomore Jason Elmer (not pictured) have been working since fall semester to start a chapter of Delta Lambda Phi, a gay-friendly fraternity, at Vanderbilt.

ensconced in an overall environment that remains precarious and far from accepting," Peebles wrote in an e-mail.

"As such, it is obvious that those students who identify as LGBT would wish to carve a niche for themselves in which they can experience their undergraduate years

in a completely supportive environment surrounded by those they can truly call 'peers.'"

But Nora Spencer, Director of the Office of LGBTQI Life, felt that the organization would not turn into the only Greek option for gay men.

"There will still be LGBTQI students in many other Greek

organizations. Students who become involved with Delta Lambda Phi will likely be drawn to the organizations' core values and national history, just as they would be to any other organization."

"All we really think this will do is add a new dimension to Greek life on campus," Elmer said. ■

# DNA DATABANK: Researchers aim for personalized health care

From DNA DATABANK, page 1

"BioVU will help guide us to an era of 'personalized medicine,' where rather than assuming everyone is the same, we will be able to measure and make important decisions based on how they are uniquely different from one another."

By using DNA to find "exactly the right medicine for you," as Dr. Masys puts it, amazing strides could be taken in making healthcare more efficient and cost effective.

"(T)here is still much to know about this amazing organism called a human being, but we can look forward to a future where health care becomes more effective and more tailored to each individual." ■



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Masys' research will help to create specialized health care based on a patient's unique genetics.

# RECRUITMENT: 270 men to participate in first IFC formal recruitment process

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While potential new members for Panhellenic sororities have been participating in rounds since Monday, the estimated 270 men interested in joining Interfraternity Council fraternities will attend their first tonight.

A more formal recruitment process than in the past, the men will be invited to a maximum of six houses for the first round Wednesday and then a maximum

of three Friday night before Bid Night on Saturday. After each round, the men will rank their preferred houses and the chapters will do the same for lists of who to invite back.

"It is a mutual selection process," Torrey said. "Potential new members will go to places that they want to visit and chapters will have potential new members visit who they want to see again."

Even though the process is more

formal this year, it is still an evolving one, Torrey said, especially in determining the balance between more informal events in the fall and the formal rounds in the spring.

"We tried to do some things to promote opportunities for potential new members to meet the fraternities in multiple settings to decide where else they might want to visit and get to know people," she said. "So we'll see (how it turns out)." ■

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# Alternative Winter Break creates community through service

by LAURA DOLBOW  
Asst News Editor

While most were at home relaxing with friends and family, 54 Vanderbilt students spent the last week of their winter break participating in service trips with Alternative Winter Break. The organization, which was founded in 2006, had its largest participation ever this year.

"I think one thing that contributed to the success of AWB this year was that it didn't run over New Year's," said co-chair Anthony Landsberg, explaining that recruitment and class schedules often required the trips to overlap with the holiday. "Also, AWB doesn't take up the whole break. Students can go home, see family and do service as well."

Landsberg said he got involved with AWB after participating in Alternative Spring Break for two years. "I thought AWB would be a great way to do service. Normally I'd just stay at home and be unproductive," he said.

"I got involved my freshman year because it was something that was raved about in orientations, and I loved it," said co-chair Yvonne Carter. "I was so attracted to the aspect of being able to go to another part of the country and learn about another community then bring it back to my community. I didn't really get that opportunity in high school."

The organization has grown over the past four years and the co-chairs said they hope it will grow more in future years.

"I think people genuinely love doing service at Vanderbilt and want to take advantage of as many opportunities as they can," Landsberg said. ■

## AWB SITES IN '09

### New Orleans, La.

The group worked with non-profit organization Phoenix of New Orleans to do hurricane relief work with the city's reconstruction. They gutted a house that was damaged during Hurricane Katrina in preparation for the house to be rebuilt.

### Brownsville, Texas

The group worked with convicted youth to build homes that the youth would then live in as an effort to provide affordable housing. They also worked with an organization called La Esperanza, which is a home for boys, many of whom were illegal, couldn't speak English and whose parents did not live in the U.S.

### Huntsville, Ala.

The group helped with various community development efforts to help break the cycle of poverty. Students worked to rebuild the community by renovating houses, tutoring children, weeding gardens and working at food banks.

### Atlanta, Ga.

Students worked with Project Open Hand to learn about and assist in providing comprehensive nutrition care and medical nutrition therapy to patients with chronic diseases. They delivered meals and helped in kitchens.

### Pittsboro, N.C.

Students helped the Carnivore Preservation Trust take care of threatened wildlife. They also worked to maintain and improve sanctuary facilities.

# Engineers Without Borders install water pump in Peru

by JUSTIN TARDIFF  
News Editor

Four Vanderbilt members of Engineers Without Borders, an organization that works to improve the quality of life around the world through engineering products, traveled to Peru over break to survey villages and install a water pump.

The five participants arrived in the isolated city of Iquitos, Peru, and after assessments of four nearby villages, chose to construct a new pump in Llanchama — the community with the poorest quality water. After conducting meetings with the village members, they conducted a full implementation, installing a generator that allowed the pump to bring water up from the well and into a tank where the villagers could get water. Villagers assisted in building a hut for the generator and digging trenches for the pump's wiring.

"Our goal is to continue to go to this area to create new projects," said junior Jessica Canfora, one of the EWB participants. ■



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Members of EWB stand next to their project. With the assistance of villagers, the group worked to survey and set up a new water pump in the village of Llanchama, Peru.



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# Spring semester brings returning annual traditions to campus

## Dance Marathon to support craniofacial center at children's hospital



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Sophomore Lisa Branding served as Moraler for last year's Dance Marathon, which raised more than \$146,000 to benefit the Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.

by ERIN PRAH  
VSC Media Services

Organizers of this year's Dance Marathon are focusing their support for the Children's Hospital on its Craniofacial Treatment Center, which helps children with congenital and acquired deformities of the skull, face and jaws.

The 14-hour event, now in its eighth year here, will take place in the Student Recreation Center overnight

on Feb. 19, beginning at 7 p.m.

The student organizers decided this year that, in order to build a closer relationship with the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital, they would identify a specific center within the hospital that is of greatest need.

Through the past seven dance marathons, more than \$500,000 has been raised for the general funding of the hospital, said Kristin

Torrey, director of Greek Life. Students fundraise in a variety of ways, including online donor drives, letter-writing campaigns, signing sponsors and soliciting donations during the marathon. Torrey said despite the troubled economy, the student leadership is still optimistic, hoping they will be able to have their most successful Dance Marathon yet.

Torrey said it's hard to tell how many students get

involved because so many of them participate as dancers, "moralers," volunteers and committee members. She said at least 1,000 people would come through the doors of the Rec Center during the marathon.

Anyone interested in getting involved can sign up online at [vudm.org](http://vudm.org), and all participants will need to register in the Greek Life Office in 339 Sarratt Student Center. ■

## MLK series: Civil rights activists to speak about education, justice



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Attendees honored Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy at a candlelight vigil as part of last year's commemorative series.

by ERIN PRAH  
VSC Media Services

Two civil rights champions will discuss "restorative justice through education" at the keynote address for Vanderbilt's commemorative series honoring Martin Luther King Jr. Monday at 6 p.m. in Benton Chapel. Bob Moses and Rita Bender, both civil rights workers in Mississippi in the '60s, will deliver the address, titled "The Deliberate Denial of Education."

Moses, an instrumental organizer for the civil rights movement, developed the Algebra Project, which uses mathematics as an organizing tool to ensure quality public school education. Bender is the widow of civil rights activist Michael Schwerner, who was one of three Congress of Racial Equality field workers killed in Philadelphia, Miss., by an alleged Ku Klux Klan leader in 1964, after he and two other workers tried to open a school

in that town. She is currently a professor of restorative justice at the University of Mississippi and works to provide representation to the poor and underrepresented in criminal and civil proceedings.

A candlelight vigil will follow the keynote address "in memory of MLK and in honor of the many activists who still fight for the ideals and values he represented," according to the series' Web site.

Other series participants include Pulitzer Prize-winning author Douglas Blackmon, veterans of the Nashville lunch counter sit-ins, and Kerry Kennedy, the daughter of Robert F. Kennedy. Vanderbilt's MLK lecture series started in 1985 with a mission of educating Vanderbilt and the Nashville community about King's "historic achievements and his enduring influence."

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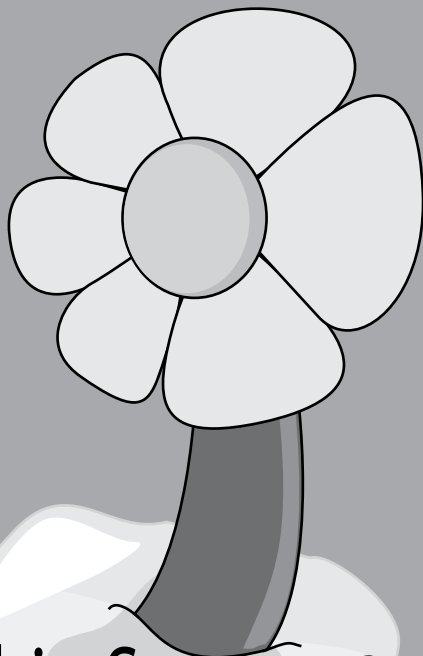
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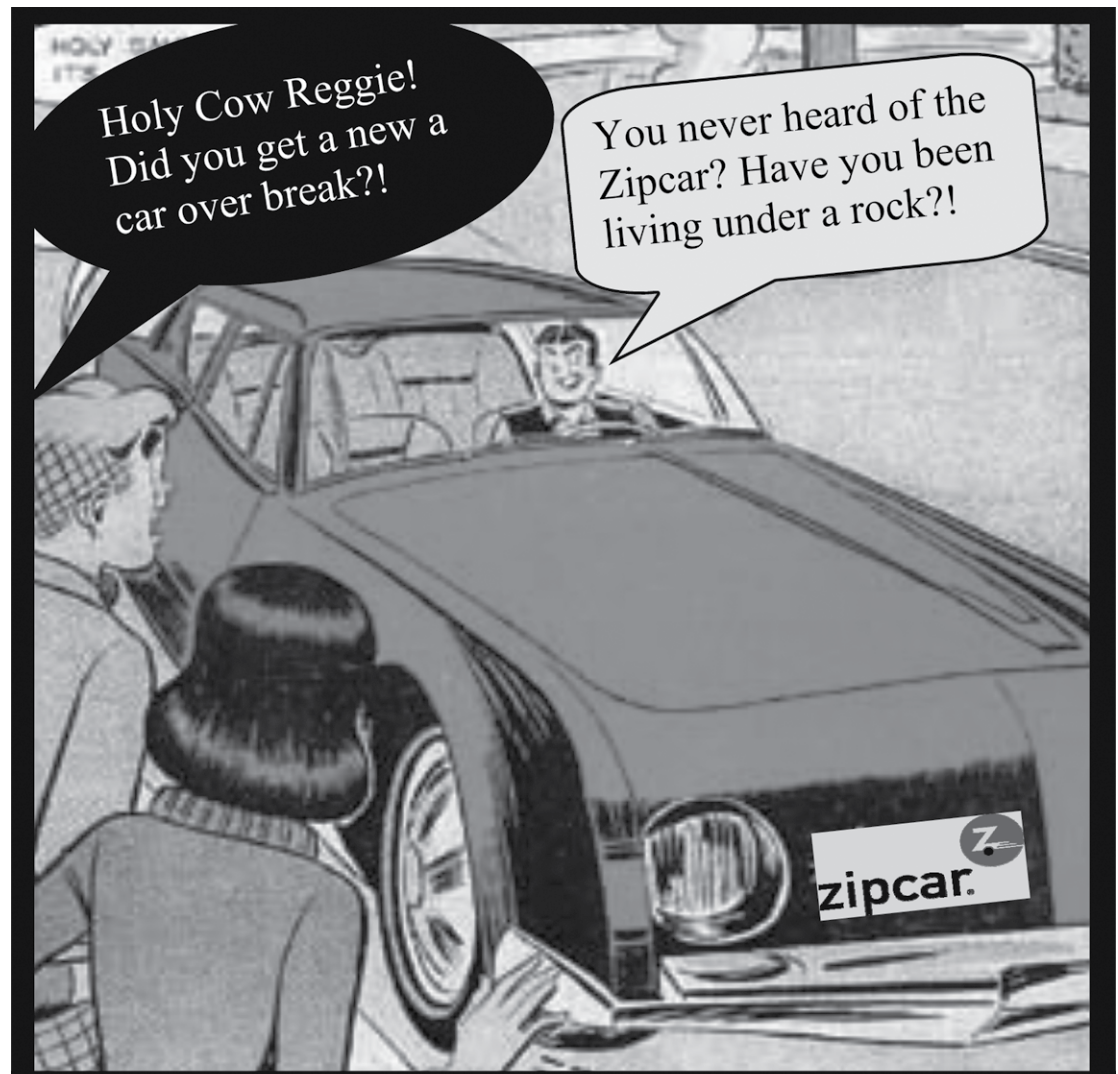
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# Sports

## Top 10 Commodore storylines of the spring

by DAVID RUTZ  
Sports Specialist

# 10

### Can Commodores lacrosse get out of the first round?

Vanderbilt has reached three consecutive NCAA Tournaments, but that's as far as the Commodores have gotten each time. Vanderbilt lost five players to graduation in 2009, but the good news is that the nucleus of the scoring attack returns, with Sarah Downing leading the way. Another tournament bid looks likely, but the Commodores have their eyes on a deep run rather than just a short visit in 2010.



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### How will football recruiting be impacted?

Unfortunately, the ramifications of Vanderbilt's difficult football season don't stop at simply losing 10 games. Recruiting has already taken a hit, with the loss of tight end Davis Dudchock to fellow academic powerhouse Stanford after he backed out of a verbal commitment to the Commodores. Will the Commodores be able to remain competitive in the SEC after their worst season since 2002? That remains to be seen.

# 4



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### Is this the year for Commodore baseball to shake off its NCAA struggles?

At this point, qualifying for the NCAA field is expected under coach Tim Corbin. A youthful team last year barely made it after a strong run in the Southeastern Conference tournament, and

they came one win short of finally advancing to a Super Regional.

That's the primary goal for Vanderbilt. As usual, they will have to navigate a tough SEC slate to get there. However, with

sluggers like Aaron Westlake, Curt Casali and Andrew Giobbi, and young pitching phenom Sonny Gray, will this season be that Vanderbilt finally shakes off its postseason struggles?

# 9



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### Can Vanderbilt women's basketball fix what's ailing them?

Vanderbilt women's basketball has won three SEC titles since 2004, but expectations were significantly lowered for this year's team after the loss of Christina Wirth and Jennifer Risper to graduation. Senior Merideth Marsh even openly questioned whether this young

team was coachable enough to take things to the next level after a recent rough patch. Now, losers of three of their last four games, the Commodores must get back to winning ways before they can even think of another run in the SEC Tournament.

# 3

# 8

### Is the women's tennis team as good as advertised?

The Commodores look like a force again. Not surprisingly, the team — led by Jackie Wu, Catherine Newman and Chelsea



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Preeg — is ranked 22nd in the nation. They seek their 12th trip to the NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 in the past 13 seasons.

Anything other than a deep tournament run in May and June will be a disappointment under Geoff Macdonald.

# 2

### Will Marina Alex continue her climb?

It's safe to say Marina Alex has never heard of the sophomore slump. After a standout freshman campaign that culminated in a trip to nationals and a summer that included a berth in the U.S. Women's Open, Alex led the Commodores in the fall with three top-3 finishes at major

tournaments. Vanderbilt coach Greg Allen has commented Alex is as impressive now as Lorena Ochoa, the current No. 1 player in the world, was at her age. Allen coached Ochoa when she played at Arizona, so he knows what he's talking about.



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### Does Ryan Lipman have what it takes to be a dominant No. 1 singles player?

Freshman phenom Ryan Lipman showed his potential during the fall, compiling a 10-3 record against heavy competition. He's the unquestioned No. 1 singles player for the Commodores heading into the rigor of conference play.

For a team that was achingly close to many victories last season, having a consistent winner at the top position will go a long way to deciding matches. Lipman's headiness and versatility will be essential if Vanderbilt is to get back to the NCAA Tournament.



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### 7 Will Vanderbilt bowling reign supreme?

Since 2007, the question has been the same each season: Can the Commodores recapture that magic and win another national title? Vanderbilt's No. 1 ranking

is self-explanatory: John Williamson has the most talented team in the country, but in each of its last two trips to the national finals, they have faltered.

Led by two-time National Player of the Year Josie Earnest, the team will try to maintain its consistent play from the first half of the season on into the spring.

### Will A.J. Oglivy step up in conference play?

A.J. Oglivy has the ability to take over games. And as he goes, the Commodores tend to, as well. Vanderbilt's rousing victory over Florida was in large part due to Oglivy's ability to assert himself in the post.

He has shown flashes of this kind of dominance over and over, but there have also been times where he has disappeared. But when he takes over in the paint, everything opens up for the team's outside shooting threats like Jermaine Beal and John Jenkins.

# 6



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### 5 Will the swim program take the next step?

Bringing a program back from the dead is not easy. Just ask the Vanderbilt swim team. Since December 2006,

the swim program under Jeremy Organ has grown in size and talent, and slowly but surely they have seen

results in meets. Now, Organ's goal is for the team to capture an SEC meet.

# 5

# Top 5 sports moments of the 2000s

by DAVID RUTZ  
Sports Specialist

## 1. Women's basketball third SEC championship in six years

This is one achievement that can't be understated. In a powerhouse conference for women's basketball, which includes legendary Pat Summitt and the Tennessee Volunteers, Melanie Balcomb and the Commodores have won three Southeastern Conference tournament championships since 2004.

They cut down the nets for the third time in March of 2009 and stamped their 10th straight bid for the NCAA Tournament, playing stand-out defense against powerhouses Georgia, LSU and Auburn. The Tigers went 25-4 last season, and half their losses were thanks to the Commodores. Star seniors Christina Wirth and Jen Risper

keyed Vanderbilt on both sides of the ball.

A second straight Sweet 16 run, and one that came just short of an Elite 8 berth, has asserted Vanderbilt as one of the nation's top programs. Balcomb's ingenious offensive schemes and hardnosed defense have put her Vanderbilt teams in consistent position for success.



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## 2. No. 1 knock-offs (UF and UT)

It doesn't snow often in Nashville. But for whatever reason, the weather cooperated with the White Outs at Memorial Gym in February 2007 and 2008 when No. 1 teams came to town.

The red-hot Florida Gators saw their 17-game winning streak snapped before an electric crowd at Memorial Gym in 2007, while the Vols of 2008 were handed their loss by a hungry Vanderbilt team smarting from a 20-point defeat they'd been handed a month earlier in Knoxville.



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## 3. Women's bowling national title, April 14, 2007

For over a century of competition in college athletics, Vanderbilt had come close to being the best. The Commodores had won conference titles, even finished second in the nation. But they'd never held the treasured title of national champions in any of their sports.

The 2007 Vanderbilt women's bowling team changed that forever under first-year coach John Williamson. Led by freshman phenom Josie Earnest, the Commodores

surged past the eight-team field and broke away from Maryland Eastern Shore in the final game of the best-of-seven series for the title.

After squandering a 2-0 lead against UMES to allow a 3-3 tie, Vanderbilt's players seized the moment under the most pressing of circumstances. Two clutch strikes by Earnest in the anchor position in the 10th frame sealed the deal, and the trophy was theirs.

Vanderbilt was finally the best.



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## 4. Music City Bowl Win

Commodore football capped its best season in decades with its first bowl win in exactly 53 years, defeating No. 24 Boston College 16-14 in the Music City Bowl on Dec. 31, 2008. Bryant Hahnfeldt, a Nashville native, kicked a game-winning 45-yard field goal in the fourth quarter, and Myron Lewis's late-game pick secured the ground-breaking win.



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## 5. Women's tennis 11 straight Sweet 16s (May 10, 2008)

For sheer consistent excellence, no team has done it better at Vanderbilt than the women's tennis team. Under coach Geoff Macdonald, the longest-tenured coach at the university, the Commodores reached their 11th consecutive

round of 16 in the NCAA Tournament in May 2008 with wins over Indiana State and Kentucky.

During MacDonalld's tenure, the Commodores have finished ranked in the top 10 five times over the last eight years.



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# Men travel to Tide Town for road opener

by DAVID NAMM  
Sports Editor

Tonight, the Vanderbilt men head to Tuscaloosa — home of NCAA football champion Alabama — to face the Crimson Tide in their Southeastern Conference road opener.

Coming off a weekend in which Vanderbilt (12-3, 1-0) was able to chomp the Florida Gators 95-87 in their SEC opener, the team hopes to keep up their momentum as conference play continues at Alabama, where the Crimson Tide (11-4, 1-0) is riding high after a dominant 66-49 win over LSU. Such a test is an embraced challenge for the Commodores, who put together a six-game winning streak over winter break that included their marquee victory over rival UF.

"It raises the confidence level of everyone," coach Kevin Stallings said after the Florida win. "When your marquee guys start to play big, it gets everyone going. Our big guys were getting loose, and I think (we) were playing with confidence offensively."

One of those marquee guys stepping up is junior center A.J. Ogilvy, who put together one of his finest performances as a Commodore against the Gators. Ogilvy led the team with 24 points and chipped in with eight rebounds, a good sign for the 6-foot-10-inch big man who had previously been hampered this season by injuries and consequent inconsistency.

"I went out there with a more aggressive mentality," Ogilvy said. "My foot is feeling great, and I think we're a lot more successful, and they were able to get me the ball and putting it inside worked for us."

Establishing themselves in the paint has been a major key to



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Vanderbilt's John Jenkins carries the ball past DePaul's Will Walker during a men's basketball game Dec. 5, 2009. Vanderbilt won 67-54.

Vanderbilt's recent hot stretch, with Ogilvy and company giving sharpshooting guard John Jenkins more room to work on the perimeter. The freshman, who has averaged 15 points per game during the current winning streak, has made the most of his recent chances.

The impact of his rapid development is not lost on his teammates.

"I'm not surprised with John anymore," said senior guard Jermaine Beal. "He's proven himself to this team and to our fans."

In order for the Commodores to continue to prove themselves in the SEC, however, they first will have to deal with Alabama's ferocious one-two scoring punch. Sophomore forward JaMychal Green and senior guard Mikhail

Torrance combine to average just over 30 points per contest, with Green dominating on the block and Torrance lighting it up from outside. Vanderbilt is all too familiar with this dynamic duo; after all, Torrance poured in 20 points for the Crimson Tide in Alabama's victory over the Commodores in last season's SEC tournament.

"Right now we're a team that is trying to figure ourselves out," said first-year Alabama head coach Anthony Grant in an interview with Rolltide.com at the start of SEC play. "I think with every game we learn a little bit more about what it takes to be successful."

Tipoff for the game is scheduled for 8 p.m. CDT tonight, with the radio broadcast on 104.5 The Zone in Nashville. ■

# Commodores aim to rebound against UGA

by DAVID NAMM  
Sports Editor

With rival and eighth-ranked Georgia (16-0, 3-0) looming as their next opponent on the conference slate, the Vanderbilt women's basketball team (12-4, 1-2) is looking to find rhythm and consistency, especially at the offensive end of the floor. In their three Southeastern Conference games to date, the Commodores have turned the ball over 57 times, including 26 costly miscues in their 63-53 loss to Kentucky on Sunday.

"We had 16 turnovers at half, and with 16 turnovers to have a lead is not usually where you are at that point," said coach Melanie Balcomb on the 26-25 halftime advantage Vanderbilt built over the Wildcats. "Then they made a run and picked it up again and picked up their intensity."

"We weren't able to pick it up."

The loss came in spite of a 10-point advantage the Commodores had put together over the team ranked 11th in the SEC to start the season. According to players, it was a direct result of shifting into cruise control far too early.

"When you get up on a team, you feel like you have to hold it," said junior guard Jence Rhoads. "We were feeling good (and) then, all of a sudden, they went on a run, and we weren't able to stop it."

If Vanderbilt is going to stop the high-octane Bulldog attack, they will have to shut down a very balanced team on both ends of the floor. Six Georgia players average at least seven points per game (led by Ashley Hout's 12.9 points per game), while four of



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Lauren Lueders (5) takes a layup past Tara Breske (30). Despite rallying back from an initial 18-point deficit, Vanderbilt women's basketball lost 66-60 to Bowling Green.

their players average more than five rebounds a game (led by Angel Robinson's 8.5 boards per contest).

Additionally, the Commodores will certainly have to take much better care of the ball, as the Bulldogs sport a plus-86 turnover margin on the season; they force about six more turnovers a game than they commit themselves. This will very possibly be the key hurdle for a young Vanderbilt squad

to overcome throughout the season, especially as they enter the crux of SEC play.

"We just have to get tougher and be more aggressive," Balcomb said. "I have three freshmen on the floor a great deal and right now it's 'Welcome to the Southeastern Conference.' I still think they're in a shock in the locker room that we played (three) games, and this is the level of physical play."

"They're going to have to wake up." ■



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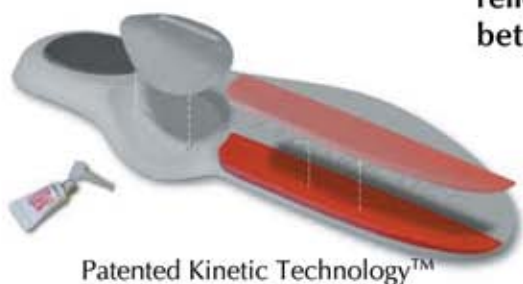
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