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### THIS WEEK

**• Yearbook Portraits**  
All undergraduates are invited to stop by Sarratt 112 today through Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. for one additional week of portraits. There is no cost to sit for a portrait. To make a senior portrait appointment, visit [www.vanderbiltcommodore.com](http://www.vanderbiltcommodore.com).

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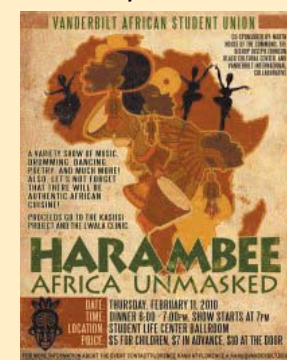
**• Men's basketball vs. UT**  
Men's basketball looks to maintain its undefeated home record this season when its players take on the Tennessee Vols at 6 p.m. in Memorial Gymnasium. Fans are asked to wear white to the game, which will be televised on ESPN.

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10

**• Women's equality in the Muslim world**  
Zainab Al-Suwaj, co-founder and executive director of the American Islamic Congress, will speak at 6:30 p.m. in Wilson Hall Room 103. The topic is "The Struggle for Women's Equality in the Muslim World."

**• Sam Cooke documentary**  
International Lens Film Series presents "Sam Cooke: Legend" at 7 p.m. Written by award-winning author and Vanderbilt professor Peter Guralnick, the film is a look at a singular talent who was one of the originators of soul music. The film is free.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 11



**• Harambee!**  
Come to the Student Life Center Ballroom from 6-8:30 p.m. for a night of skits, a fashion show, Spoken Word, African drumming and authentic African cuisine, hosted by Vanderbilt's African Student Union. Tickets can be purchased for \$7 at Sarratt Box Office or for \$10 at the door. Proceeds will go to Kasiisi Project and the Lwala Clinic.

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# Campus cameras add sense of security

by KATHRYN WEINMANN

Contributing Reporter



Despite being unwatched for the majority of the time, the advanced security camera presence around Vanderbilt has proved successful in helping to improve campus safety.

Vanderbilt has had security cameras installed on parts of campus for more than 20 years, expanding not only its physical coverage over time but also adapting with technological advances, transitioning from the very first in the mid-1980s to the current digital DVR-type technology, said Vanderbilt University Police Department Commander Jason Goodrich.

And while the majority of security cameras run continually, the footage is not constantly monitored.

"The video is stored so that it can be reviewed in the event of a crime, vandalism or violation of university policy," said Senior Director of Housing Operations Jim Kramka. "Footage may not be reviewed unless authorized by the senior housing administration."

In the event of a reported crime, however, the footage can be used as part of an investigation, a system that VUPD has used successfully in the past.

"If you have a good camera system, you can solve cases with them, there's

no doubt. I know we've solved cases in the past based off of getting good pictures," Goodrich said. "What really helps us, especially like in the garages where your entries and exits are covered, (the cameras) give us a really good time frame of when something happened because you have when they came in (and) when they leave."

Due to technological advances, the camera system has the ability to pull footage from a wide window of time.

"It will save it for so long, and then it will automatically burn it to DVDs you can go back and have that record if you need to search it," Goodrich said. "Say you didn't know something happened two months ago, and all of the sudden we have a report. We can go back and pull it."

The cameras also serve as a potential deterrent for crime, as assault offenses on campus have decreased by almost 8 percent in the

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## Honor Council proposes changes to constitution

by LAURA DOLBOW  
Asst News Editor

In an effort to make the organization more productive and efficient, the Undergraduate Honor Council has proposed two amendments to its constitution.

After receiving approval of two-thirds of the Honor Council general body, the changes will be submitted for student vote on Tuesday, where they must receive a majority approval to go into effect.

The first amendment, Article IV, will eliminate quotas for members from each class and school. The purpose is to have more flexibility in selecting the strongest applicants.

"The quality and number of candidates from each school changes from year to year, so we think the proposed changes will be the best way to get the best candidates," said Honor Council President Steven Menendez.

Additionally, Article IV proposes a minimum GPA of 2.5 for members to remain in good standing.

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ZAC HARDY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

A group of students pose for a picture at the Golden Ticket Ball, held in The Commons Center on Friday. For a meal plan swipe, students of all years enjoyed free desserts, drinks and dancing.

## Commons adds programs

by GRACE AVILES  
Staff Reporter

This spring, student and faculty leaders on The Commons have been influential in adding new on- and off-campus activities for freshmen in an effort to better bridge students and faculty as well as provide the opportunity to get to know the region.

Friday night, The Commons hosted the Golden Ticket Ball. Featuring mini hot dogs and hamburgers, chocolate fondue fountains, Krispy Kreme donuts and a dance floor, freshmen and upperclassmen alike braved the cold to go to The Commons Center.

Commons Coordinator Nancy Dwyer credited the Commons House Councils with coordinating the festivities.

"They brought us the idea for an event they wanted to do, worked out a budget and encouraged people to come," she said. "Events like this are why students have an activity fee, so

the house councils really strove to make it as fun as possible."

The Golden Ticket Ball is not the only new event Commons has sponsored in recent weeks. Just one week earlier on Jan. 29, Faculty Head of Crawford House Paul Lim and Head of Gillette House Frank Dobson spun tunes at an '80s-themed dance in the Commons Multipurpose Room.

"I used to DJ during my college years at Yale," Lim said. "Music is such a big part of my life, and I know such a big part of students here. The songs have been carefully selected; (it's) a great opportunity for students to see the different faces of their professors even more so than they do with professors living in the dorms."

"The new format of The Commons has definitely helped bridge the student/faculty gap," Dwyer said. "Faculty have become more accessible, less sequestered, and students get the unique chance to see a different face of

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## Potential VUceptors not deterred by site crash

by ALLIE MORRIS

Asst News Editor

Anxiety was high Tuesday night when the Common Place Web site went down, preventing VUceptor applicants from submitting their applications by the Tuesday night deadline.

The deadline for applying to lead the freshman orientation program was extended until Friday and despite the Web site crash, VUcept President Sean Topping said applicant numbers remained high at approximately 360 applicants for 90-92 VUceptor spots, a slight decrease from 390 applicants last year.

The VUcept board now has to choose roughly 200 applicants who will receive interviews, scheduled for Feb. 23 and 24, before making final decisions the following week.

**“When we ... see 100 people writing about the same topic, we look for someone who is going to stir up the pot a little bit.”**

—Sean Topping, VUcept president

"The standard traits (we look for) are the ability to communicate well ... someone who is resourceful, creative," Topping said. "When we go through the applications and see 100 people writing about the same topic, we look for someone who is going to stir up the pot a little bit."

VUcept aims to acclimate first-year students to college life and has helped to satisfy administration retention goals.

"Retention rates keep going up. ... It is around 96 to 97 percent for sophomores," Topping said.

Acceptance of the VUcept program among students remains one of VUcept's biggest challenges.

"VUcept and Visions have become more of an expectation of what is part of the Vandy experience; they didn't see the purpose at the beginning because they didn't know what it was," Topping said.

Many students said they were satisfied with their experiences freshman year.

"I found my experience to be extremely beneficial mainly because I met some of my best friends. A lot of the programming seemed superficial and unnecessary but I went because I loved my VUceptor," said sophomore Tracy Feldman. "I plan on applying for VUcept as a senior."

Some students attribute the success of the program to the student VUceptors themselves.

"Major flaws (in the program) are when VUceptors make the program like class rather than something fun," said junior Leslie Labruto, who has been a VUceptor for the past two years. "If attendance starts to fall, it is hard to 'force them' to come back since there is no grade attached." ■

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**CRIME LOG** compiled by AMANDA NIEMAN

**Wednesday, Feb. 3, 11:59 p.m.**  
A vehicle was speeding. The person had a strong odor of alcohol coming from her breath. She showed indicators of impairment on standardized field sobriety tests.

**Thursday, Feb. 4, 3:28 a.m.**  
A person was in his vehicle, and the alarm was going off. He said that he did not know where his keys were. He found them in his pocket and attempted to start his vehicle. He performed poorly on standardized field sobriety tests.

**Friday, Feb. 5, 1 a.m.**  
A person was passed out in his room in Gillette. He was transported to the emergency department.

**Friday, Feb. 5, 3:30 a.m.**  
Two intoxicated people were yelling in Branscomb. They had been drinking downtown.

## Around the Loop

compiled by ADRIANA SALINAS

### HOW WAS YOUR VUCEPT EXPERIENCE?



“It was good. My faculty guy was Spanish so I liked his accent, and my VUceptor was really smart, personable and laid back.”  
—Ankur Doshi, Class of 2013



“It was a solid experience. I had a great VUceptor who worked really hard at making people feel comfortable. We had a variety of people and good conversations.”  
—Martha Ingram, Class of 2011



“I liked the diversity of my group and the interesting conversations we had, so I wanted to take ownership of that. It was very rewarding (to be a VUceptor) and a good way to give back to the community.”  
—Deno Saclarides, Class of 2011



“My VUcept experience was very positive. I wouldn’t have expected to have long-lasting friends come from my VUcept group, but it did, and I had a good VUceptor.”  
—Patrick McGovern, Class of 2012

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## Who is: CHALENE HELMUTH

**TEACHES:** Spanish for High Beginners (Spanish 103) and a VISAGE Costa Rica course on ecotourism and sustainability

**ATTENDED:** Asbury College (B.A. in Spanish and English)  
University of Ky. (Ph.D. in contemporary Latin American literature)



**IF YOU WEREN'T A PROFESSOR, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?**

Although several aptitude tests suggest I'd make a good librarian, I'd be a writer.

**WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT IN NASHVILLE?**

Believe it or not, it's sitting around our apartment dining room table with students from Sutherland during our weekly Cafecitos.

**WHAT'S ONE THING STUDENTS WOULD BE SURPRISED TO FIND OUT ABOUT YOU?**

I've been certified as an official with USA Boxing for 12 years. I've sat ringside at many amateur boxing shows in that capacity.

compiled by AMANDA NIEMAN

**SNAPSHOT**

## Best Buddies



CHRIS HONIBALL / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Vanderbilt students and their buddies attended the second-annual Best Buddies Gala on Saturday night at the Parthenon, dressing up in semi-formal attire to enjoy dancing and food throughout the evening.

## Do it for Mom!



## Portraits are easier than a 4.0

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Sophomores Karina Mendez Keil, Hanna Chapman and Juliana Bednarski dip cotton candy in the chocolate fountain at The Commons' Golden Ticket Ball at The Commons Center on Friday night.

## COMMONS: New programs offer variety of on, off-campus activities for Vanderbilt freshmen

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academia." "Events such as the '80s dance allow students to see professors in a different light," said Crawford House Head Resident April Aldeen. "It encourages ... the realization that 'professors are people too' outside the office."

In addition to new weekend events, The Commons has begun extending its program to the greater Nashville area and even surrounding states. "The Magic Coolbus" brings students as close as Opry Mills and as far as Graceland in Memphis or the Space Museum in Huntsville.

"These programs have been an astounding success," Dwyer said. "Freshmen can't have cars on campus, so this is a great opportunity to take advantage of all that Nashville and the surrounding states have to offer. Since it has met with such great success we will

definitely be trying to continue this program."

"People like to have options," said Crawford House resident adviser Matthew Fillmore. "Going to the same group of places every weekend can be fun, but sometimes you need to mix it up a bit." ■

## Vanderbilt Hospital goes green

by ALLIE MORRIS  
Asst News Editor

After nearly two years in the works, the Vanderbilt University Hospital has successfully installed a recycling system after overcoming inhibiting space constraints.

The hospital now maintains 75 recycling bins, mostly placed in staff break rooms in the VUH, in public waiting rooms and in the Medical Center North Round wing. These bins are used for the collection of aluminum and plastic and the deposited recyclables are collected five days a week.

Although the exact poundage numbers of recyclables haven't been calculated yet, "we do know the program has been extremely successful and a number of the bins are filled to capacity frequently," said Andrea George, the director of the Sustainability and Environmental Management Office, one of the main people involved in the hospital's recycling program.

The biggest challenge for the project team was lack of space. Hospitals have specific rules regarding requirements of space and regulate items placed in the hallways.



VU MEDIA RELATIONS

Vanderbilt University Hospital, pictured to the left, has seen success with a new recycling program implemented last semester.

"We had to figure out how to address each of the issues before putting out the first (recycling) bin," George said. "We walked every square foot of the hospital with environmental services crew to figure out where it would make sense where the bins could go."

Also as a result of the space constraints, the hospital cannot put out separate bins that separate aluminum cans from plastic bottles; there is one barrel for all recyclables. The older Medical School's recycling program helps sort the

recyclables after they have been collected.

There are no paper recycling bins at the hospital because paper has its own recycling process through confidential information services. ■

## HONOR COUNCIL: GPA standard for members proposed

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"We feel like our members should hold academics to high standards, and achieving a GPA standard is a good way to do this," Menendez said.

The second amendment suggests structural changes to the executive board, which will give three officers — the president, the public affairs vice president and the hearing vice president — the ability to chair panels.

"In 2007, they changed the

structure of the executive board from 12 members to six members," he said. "This has helped us handle cases more efficiently and in a more timely manner. We think the proposed changes will help us to run more efficiently and define each position, so that we can accomplish more for the student body."

The changes are the culmination of about four years of work, Menendez said.

"This is not something I started," he said. "The past couple of Honor Council presidents and executive boards have been working on it."

Students can read the proposed articles when they vote online.

"We encourage students to look at the documents and vote in favor of these changes because we think they will help us serve the student body better," Menendez said. ■

## SECURITY: No office has authority over all campus cameras

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past three years, during which time the number of cameras on campus has increased. Kramka said, however, that the trends cannot be attributed solely to an increase in security cameras, but are likely a result of augmented security measures.

"It is difficult to directly correlate the rate of incidents to cameras because one can't know for sure if a change of incident rates is due to cameras or some other factor," Kramka said.

Despite the effectiveness of the security cameras, Goodrich suggests that the system still lacks a level of uniformity.

"There's no real centralization of those systems," he said. "So for the campus parking garages, Traffic and Parking would administer those cameras. At the Medical Center, Plant Operations would administer the cameras."

There is some discussion of centralizing the system in the near future, but the cost of that initiative may delay its completion.

"This is just a preliminary discussion at this point,"

Goodrich said. "What we are looking at is with the compartmentalization, there's nobody who has the authority over the whole campus, so you are dealing with separate entities and who has cameras and what different budgets are."

Even with the advances in both technology and number of cameras, some students still think there are some flaws in the system, particularly in coverage of all parts of campus, mainly Highland Quad and the surrounding areas.

"I lived in Lewis last semester, and there were a few times that I did not feel safe walking from campus to my room at night," said junior Courtney Dillard.

While there may still be perceived gaps in the system, Kramka said the system is always undergoing a constant review.

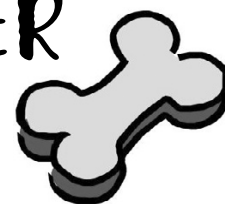
"We are looking at adding cameras to cover the exteriors of the Chaffin apartments and Mayfield lodges," he said. "We believe we have a very effective system. We always attend to improvements in technology and implement as appropriate." ■

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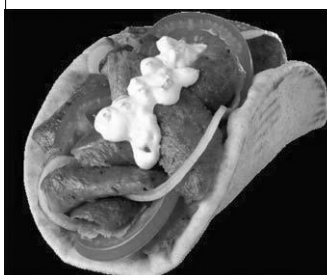
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## COLUMN

# Bring it back, Adam Smith



**MIKE WARREN**  
Columnist

Look, I'm not exactly the coolest person on campus, as anybody who knows me will tell you. I don't have a 4.0 GPA, and I don't even have a job post-graduation. I eat too much, and I drink too much. I don't have chiseled abs or a chiseled jaw or any other statuesque features. Women find my right-wing politics and chest hair repulsive.

So I think it's clear I'm not descending from some mountain of awesomeness when I say I feel sorry for all of you. I'm afraid you poor, helpless souls are all paying way too much for housing.

I live just off campus, no more than 10 minutes away from most of my classes and in a relatively safe neighborhood. I'm paying less than you are and probably have, on average, twice the square footage. I have my own bathroom, my own kitchen, my own bedroom. I don't pay extra for parking. I don't pay for a meal plan that rips me off.

You see, I'm one of a small number of upperclassmen the university allows to live off campus, and we're only allowed to do so because there ain't no room for us in the dorms. Vanderbilt has a near monopoly on the student housing market in this area. There's not much incentive for Housing to make big improvements or fix major maintenance problems. Highland Quad residents who have experienced broken elevators

and Towers residents with hot water issues know exactly what I mean. It's not Jim Kramka's fault or Jason Jakubowski's fault; it's the system of market control that's the problem.

Now imagine a less restricted market, where students were allowed to live off campus after their freshman year in Club Commons. If we introduce a little competition, the Midtown and Hillsboro Village neighborhoods might see some new, more affordable apartments move in. Existing housing options would have to lower their rates or improve the quality of their services to compete. And Vanderbilt Housing — spoiler alert — would have to do the same to keep students on campus and in the dorms.

Having a large number of students living in the dorms is a good thing. We can focus on school, not paying our utilities bills, at a time when we're all learning to grow up. There's something in the university's effort to keep us all on campus that's to be commended, but the strict rules and the stranglehold on the market sort of diminish the achievement. It's like forfeiting every game and then celebrating the fact that you had an undefeated season.

Let's work so that every student wants to live on campus and isn't just forced to do so. I'd much prefer the Invisible Hand to the Commodore's.

—Mike Warren is a senior in the College of Arts and Science. He can be reached at michael.r.warren@vanderbilt.edu.

## At a Glance: InsideVandy Blogs

### Barcelona: This is not a fashion blog

BY NIKKY OKORO

but, i tend to have fashion tendencies.

(i can't help it. my homepage is "the sartorialist").

either way, i knew coming to europe, especially barcelona, to study abroad would mean sidewalk street staring & outfit inspiration. though the space in my luggage did not seem to agree, i was able to still bring some of my essential clothing must-have's. my current observations include ...



## COLUMN

# Let there be mascots



**CLAIRE COSTANTINO**  
Columnist

Sports aren't really my thing. The only teams I've ever been a part of that really meant something to me were my high school academic quiz bowl and flip cup ones. That said, I'm going to get into the spirit of things and pontificate about the Super Bowl. You might think I'm unqualified to talk about football since my only real areas of team expertise are trivia and flipping, but I've felt more confident ever since I heard some thick-necked idiot on ESPN say, "What the Saints really need to do is get control of the ball and score some touchdowns." Well, no shit, Sherlock. What an insight: Scoring touchdowns sure does seem like the right way to go about winning a football game. After I saw that guy and his overly shiny suit get airtime, I decided to toss my own ignorant hat into the ring of Super Bowl insight.

I don't really care who wins, so it doesn't matter that my guess would be outdated anyway by the time you read it on Monday. I prefer to imagine how the game would turn out if their actual

mascots played each other: Saints versus Colts gets a lot more interesting with Peyton Manning as a baby horse. How will he perform without opposable thumbs? Who will win the point if a saint were to ride a colt into the end zone? Will God be looking out for the Saints? Hopefully they leave the patron saint of sissiness on the bench and put the patron saint of a mean defense on the field because it's going to take

a lot to stop the literal stampede of horses coming at them. Personally, I'm putting my support behind the Saints. They've all performed three miracles already, so what's one more in the form of a Super Bowl win? Plus, I really don't think the importance of thumbs in regards to successfully holding and throwing a football can be overstated. That said, once the Colts got the football in their mouths, it would likely take an act of God for the Saints to get possession again.

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The only real obstacle to a Saints victory might be Peyton Manning. Although the saints would technically have the Christian faith behind them, there seems to be a rival Church of Peyton Manning that is quickly establishing congregations all across America. He's getting so absurdly famous and idolized that I'd say he's more like a low-level deity than a football player. There aren't many athletes I know by name, team and position (the list is short: Michael Jordan, Tiger Woods and Mia Hamm), but His High Holiness Mr. Manning has now carved out a spot in my own limited sports awareness. In my fantasy football game between animals and miracle workers, maybe the deified baby horse version of Peyton Manning would throw off my prediction of a Saints victory. In the end, I guess the only thing the Saints can really try to do is get control of ball and score some touchdowns.

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## THE VERDICT

Stand and be judged by the Hustler opinion staff. Compiled by Peter Nygaard

New Orleans, or possibly Indianapolis		The (Colts/Saints) put on a (gutsy/impressive/mediocre) performance en route to a victory in Super Bowl XLIV. I was particularly (impressed/underwhelmed) by the performance of (Peyton Manning/Drew Brees) as he (led his team to victory/flat-out blew it/tackled a streaker).
Parties		President Obama recently stated that the dip in unemployment numbers was "cause for hope, but not celebration." Well, damnit. It would have been nice if he had told us that before we hired the party planners. Sorry, guys. You're fired.
Fresno		The California city was recently named America's drunkest city, according to "Men's Health" magazine. Attempts to contact Fresno mayor Ashley Swearengen were denied as she "doesn't get up until at least like ... 1ish." Her deputy released the following statement, though: "I think I'm- ... I ... Hold my hair."
Polygamy		South African polygamist President Jacob Zuma recently apologized over an affair that he was apparently having outside of his marriages to five different women. Apparently, the "Are you sure we're not married? I honestly stopped counting after three" defense isn't as fool-proof as he thought it was.

## LETTER

# Amendments to improve work of Honor Council

To the Editor:

Tomorrow, students will have the opportunity to vote on proposed amendments to the Undergraduate Honor Council Constitution. These amendments deserve our attention. If approved, we believe these changes will allow the Honor Council to better serve the student body.

Our university was founded on principles of honor, integrity and trust. The Honor Council works on behalf of students to uphold these values and to preserve the integrity of every Vanderbilt degree. Contrary to what some think, the Honor Council isn't a secret society intent on prosecuting students. Rather, every Vanderbilt student plays a role in the honor system at this university. Think about the last time you stayed up all night working hard on a paper or studying to do well on a test. By making the decision to work hard and not take an easier way out, you were helping us in our efforts to preserve integrity on this campus. In addition to your everyday efforts in upholding personal integrity, you now have the opportunity to help us by making your voice heard regarding our governing document: the Honor Council Constitution. All amendments to the constitution must be approved not only by members of the Honor Council, but also by a majority vote of the student body.

Two proposed amendments to the Honor Council Constitution will be submitted to the student body for approval on Tuesday. The first, Article IV, focuses on the process of selecting new Honor Council members and membership structure. The proposed changes will improve the Honor Council's ability to choose the strongest candidates to serve the student body as Honor Council members by eliminating the current class and undergraduate school quotas. These changes would increase the Honor Council's flexibility to choose the strongest candidates as the number, quality and distribution of applicants shift from year to year.

The second section of the proposed Article IV amendment establishes a minimum GPA of 2.5 to remain in good standing as a member of the Honor Council. We feel that a minimum GPA of 2.5 reflects the commitment to academics necessary for members of an organization dedicated to protecting academic integrity on campus.

The second proposed amendment, Article VII, deals with the structure of the Honor Council Executive Board. The new structure helps to better define each position's role and allow a sharing of certain duties. We believe these changes would enable the executive board to serve the student body more efficiently.

I encourage all students to vote tomorrow to approve the changes to the Honor Council Constitution. If you're interested in learning more about these proposed changes or the work of the Honor Council, please visit our Web site at <http://studentorgs.vanderbilt.edu/HonorCouncil>.

**Steven Menendez**  
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## LETTER

# IMPACT sparks discussion

## To the Editor:

Hudson Todd is correct in his analysis that this year's IMPACT Symposium does not feature a Democrat. However, the lineup that the Speakers Committee developed over the last six months has depth and promises to be the most compelling IMPACT in several years. Both major parties are sympathetic to capitalism, and, as such, the committee needed to go beyond the labels of Republican and Democrat, as we have many times in the past, to find speakers who would cause us to ask the deepest question: Is capitalism right?

The goal of our committee was to focus on a domestic issue for this year's IMPACT, as the past few years have dealt with foreign policy. We selected former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney as the keynote because he

has the experience of an American businessman and politician. He was CEO of Bain & Company, a management-consulting firm, not to mention a former presidential candidate and a strong contender for the Republican nomination in 2012. Yes, he will present a more conservative economic dialogue, but we hope that his perspective will be refreshing and balanced.

As for the evening with journalist John Stossel and former presidential candidate and consumer advocate Ralph Nader, it will not be a "debate." It will be a point-counterpoint discussion that will provide two unique outlooks on the current economic situation and what the future looks like for our capitalist system. We hope that following this event students will take both the

positions and information provided to them and form their own opinions. We have chosen two speakers who are radically opposed in their viewpoints in an attempt to cover the entire spectrum during the discussion. The tradition of IMPACT is to have controversial discussions about current events, and Speakers Committee expects Stossel and Nader to disagree with each other in the spirit of this tradition.

Stossel will not be discussing global warming, and Nader will not be dwelling on his presidential campaigns. Their discussion, as well as Romney's speech, will focus entirely on the American economy and its future. Since 1964 IMPACT Symposium has enhanced the political dialogue on campus by inviting diverse speakers. This year's symposium follows up on last year's (which did not feature a

Republican) in returning IMPACT to its great days of the 1960s and 1970s. In one year, IMPACT hosted Stokely Carmichael, Martin Luther King Jr. and Strom Thurmond, and the committee more recently convinced Ann Coulter and Al Sharpton to share a stage. We've also brought Bobby Kennedy, George H.W. Bush and Margaret Thatcher to campus.

Ralph Nader and John Stossel will speak on March 30, followed by Mitt Romney on March 31. Both events are free and will take place in Langford Auditorium.

Ethel Mickey  
Sophomore, A&S  
Speakers Committee

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# Sports

## Bulldogs upend Dores, Vols come Tuesday

by DAVID NAMM  
Sports Editor

Though the Vanderbilt Commodores (17-5, 6-2 Southeastern Conference) were able to escape one Bulldog team early last week, they were nipped by another Saturday night. Led by standout sophomores Trey Thompkins (17 points, seven rebounds) and Travis Leslie (17 points, eight rebounds, five assists), Georgia (10-11, 2-6) was able to manhandle a Vanderbilt team that looked nothing like the one that had a previously unblemished SEC road record.

"We had some breakdowns (defensively)," said Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings. "Our defense on (Thompkins) broke down, and then everyone collapsed."

The Commodores were led once again by senior guard Jermaine Beal, whose 21 points led Vanderbilt for a fourth consecutive game. Sophomore guard Brad Tinsley also put together a strong performance, notching 18 points for an offensive attack that shot just over 32 percent from the field on the night.

"We've been shooting around 50 percent, and tonight it didn't seem like anyone could get one to drop," Stallings said. "It's tough to deal with when you get into point blank range and you can't get anything."

"(Tinsley) and (Beal) were really good, but no one else could get anything going."

Among the struggling Commodores was junior center A.J. Ogilvy, who, in spite of pulling down nine rebounds, was plagued by foul trouble and the physical play of the Bulldog frontcourt. Redshirt sophomore forward Andre Walker (who did not score on 0-3 shooting), freshman guard John Jenkins (one point on 0-9 shooting)

and sophomore swingman Jeffery Taylor (eight points on 2-6 shooting) were off the mark as well, making it easy for Georgia to turn this one into a rout.

It took the Bulldogs about five minutes

in the second half to erase an eight-point Commodore advantage and establish a 50-45 lead they would not relinquish.

"We had a good lead in the second but then fell apart defensively," Tinsley said. "It helped (Georgia) that they got to the line a lot. We broke down mentally and physically, and they just capitalized."

Indeed, Georgia knocked down 16 of 22 free throws (73 percent) in the second half and out-rebounded an overmatched Vanderbilt squad 43-28 on the night, as Thompkins and Leslie were simply too much for the Commodores to handle.

"In the first half, they were rushing," Tinsley said of the Bulldogs. "But they calmed down and started to run ... in the second."

Up next for the Commodores is rival Tennessee (18-4, 6-2), who dismantled South Carolina 79-53 on Saturday and is looking to avenge an earlier loss to Vanderbilt. In that game, Beal put together his best performance of the season (25 points), and his leadership will be key in getting the Commodores back on track after a disheartening defeat.

Since their loss to Vandy a few weeks ago, the Vols have been on a roll, winning three straight SEC games and looking like a conference powerhouse. Senior leader Wayne Chism has played exceptionally well as of late — he's averaging 22 points per game since the Commodore loss.

The game will be held Tuesday night at Memorial Gym, with tipoff at 6 p.m. CST. ■



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Senior leader Jermaine Beal (0) looks to continue his hot shooting and build off his stellar SEC performance this Tuesday against the Tennessee Vols.



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The women's basketball team puts a three-game winning streak on the line as No. 5 Tennessee comes to Memorial Gym on Monday night. Pat Summitt's team sits at the top of the conference after extending its SEC record to 8-1 with a 74-57 win over Arkansas. Junior guard Angie Bjorklund is averaging 14.8 points per game for the Vols and has hit 69 3-pointers this season. The Commodores, also hot, are shooting 46 percent overall during their current streak. In the teams' first meeting on Jan. 17 in Knoxville, Tennessee rode 17 points from sophomore Glory Johnson and dominating inside play from redshirt sophomore Kelly Cain to a 64-57 win.

## Men's lacrosse drops home opener to Georgia Tech

by ERIC SINGLE  
Asst Sports Editor

Despite a frantic comeback, the Vanderbilt men's club lacrosse team could not fully recover from its slow start on a frigid Saturday afternoon in Nashville.

Late goals from junior Brian Kearney and sophomore Cary Corrigan helped the Commodores rally from a late four-goal deficit in their home opener before losing to Georgia Tech in overtime, 9-8. Senior Alex Del Pozzo scored the game-winning goal for the Yellow Jackets, who were playing in their first game of the season.

"I think we played a hell of a game," said junior defenseman Cameron Roth. "It was the best I've seen the offense play ever. They played with a lot of heart in the fourth quarter, and it's good to see that. There's only one way to go, and that's up."

The Commodores opened their 2010 season on Jan. 31 with a 14-2 win at Alabama, but the two-time Southeastern Lacrosse Conference Champion Yellow Jackets proved early on to pose a much stiffer challenge. Junior Casey Timmerman scored two early goals, and goalkeeper Sam Karpowicz made several point-blank saves on the Vanderbilt attackers as Georgia Tech jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the second quarter.

"It took us a half to wake up. But with the help of (junior Timothy) Maloney winning the face-offs and the ability to attack and middies getting the ball in the net, it really helped us in the second half, especially with that fourth-quarter surge," said head coach Tyler Hirsch, who took the Vanderbilt job in 2008.

Senior Nick Marino added a goal and an assist for the Commodores, who scored four unanswered goals after trailing 8-4 in the fourth quarter.

But the Yellow Jackets won the opening face-off of the sudden death overtime period and did not

relinquish control of the ball until Del Pozzo's goal on a shot from close range that bounced past junior keeper Daniel Rosenzweig and sent Yellow Jacket players pouring onto the field.

The Commodores missed several early opportunities to cut into the Georgia Tech lead and shot only 17 percent for the game.

"The shooting was horrendous," Hirsch said. "We went eight for 47, so that's something we have to work on. But you change it, and you go nine for 47, and that's the game-winner."

The men's lacrosse club team was founded in 1964. The Commodores currently play in the Central Division of the Southeastern Lacrosse Conference, along with Clemson, Kentucky and Tennessee. At a school with large contingents of students from lacrosse-crazed states such as Maryland, New York and New Jersey, Roth recognizes the potential in the Vanderbilt student body for a new tradition of serious interest in the team.

"It's good to see a good group of kids from all across the country who want to come out and play lacrosse and absolutely watch it," he said. "And I think we have the potential to go real deep in the playoffs and maybe go to the championship. And if we just keep getting support, more people will want to come out and watch us, more people will want to keep playing harder."

The Commodores host Indiana next Friday at 7 p.m. before heading to Clemson to kick off divisional play against the Tigers on Feb. 20. Their next homestand comes when they play three consecutive games the weekend of Feb. 27-28, when Virginia Tech, North Carolina State and Purdue travel to Nashville in midseason battles that will test the team's fortitude.

The culmination of their season will come April 23, when the SELC playoffs begin. ■

### COLUMN

## Commodores still need to put it together

by DAVID RUTZ  
Senior Sports Reporter

The Commodores entered the halfway point of Southeastern Conference play at last-place Georgia brimming with optimism after winning 11 of 12 games, and they left asking themselves some hard questions.

Does a really good team squander an eight-point advantage against a far weaker opponent? Do they get killed on the boards (43-28) by a smaller team? Do they only have five assists and shoot 32 percent from the field?

No, but then again, that didn't look like the Commodores we'd been accustomed to over the past few weeks. No. 18 Vanderbilt (17-5, 6-2) was out-hustled and out-played worse in the final 15 minutes of a 72-58 loss to Georgia than it had since losing to Western Kentucky nearly two months ago.

The play of the Commodores these past few weeks has indicated two things: This team is immensely talented, and this team still has not hit its ceiling.

That's an exciting thing; after all, despite the loss, Vanderbilt still has a great record, excellent RPI and the easier half of the schedule on the horizon.

But its up-and-down play over the past three games still puzzles to a certain degree. The Commodores have such a deep roster that any given night a different player can take over. Unfortunately, too many took Saturday night off against Georgia (10-11, 2-6), who's better than its record but still a mediocre squad.

Besides the continued inspired play of senior guard Jermaine Beal, who led the team in scoring for the fourth straight contest with 21 points, and the marked improvement of sophomore guard Brad Tinsley, who had 18, the rest of the Commodores looked like they just wanted to get on the bus back to Nashville.

Beal and Tinsley were a combined 14-28 (50 percent) from the floor; everyone else shot 6-33 (18.2 percent). The 43-28 rebounding disadvantage was embarrassing. After being harassed with great defense for the first half and the beginning of the second, Georgia solved Vanderbilt's press and routed them down the stretch, outscoring the Commodores 42-20 over the final 15 minutes.

In a squeaker win over Mississippi State Wednesday night, Vanderbilt looked terrific for most of the night before nearly falling apart in the final four minutes with mental

errors and tight play.

Perhaps most emblematic of the mercurial Vanderbilt squad is the underwhelming play of junior center A.J. Ogilvy. Routinely referred to by commentators as one of the conference's top big men, Ogilvy has not shown that ability on a consistent basis. Rather, he's consistently been out-muscled, out-rebounded and out-played by smaller, more skilled players. He had just six points on 2-8 shooting against

the Bulldogs and

struggled mightily

against Kentucky's

DeMarcus Cousins

and Tennessee's

Wayne Chism.

Ogilvy has the

ability to be a game-

changer, though.

Look no further

than his outstanding

play in wins over

Florida, Missouri

and Arizona. So

do sophomore

forward Jeff Taylor,

who has been in a

mini-slump over

the last few games,

and freshman guard

John Jenkins, who

had a rare off night

against Georgia,

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CHRISTOPHER HONIBALL / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Vanderbilt junior center A.J. Ogilvy (4), like many of his front-court teammates, struggled against Georgia's defense on Saturday night. He scored just six points in the 72-58 loss.

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# SEC MEN'S BASKETBALL POWER RANKINGS

by MEGHAN ROSE \*Records through Monday morning

	<p><b>1. Kentucky (22-1, 7-1 Southeastern Conference)</b> The No. 4 Wildcats pounced on the struggling Tigers Saturday night in Baton Rouge, routing LSU 81-55. Although the Tigers held freshman phenom John Wall to a season-low six points, LSU was no match for the Kentucky's aggressive rebounding and play in the paint.</p>		<p><b>7. Arkansas (12-11, 5-3)</b> Sitting atop the SEC West, the Razorbacks have won their last four games. Arkansas needed overtime and an outstanding performance from sophomore Courtney Fortson to edge Auburn 82-79. Fortson scored 10 of the Razorbacks' 15 points in overtime.</p>
	<p><b>2. Vanderbilt (17-5, 6-2)</b> The No. 18 Commodores fell short in Athens Saturday night, as Vanderbilt's defense struggled in the second half. Holding a slim three-point lead at halftime, the Commodores were unable to outlast the Bulldog's timely and composed shooting late in the game. Vanderbilt will host in-state rival Tennessee at home Tuesday night.</p>		<p><b>8. South Carolina (13-9, 4-4)</b> Senior Devan Downey's 26-point performance was not enough to help the Gamecocks escape a large deficit late in the game against Tennessee. Shooting a dismal 27.6 percent from the field, South Carolina was no match for the Volunteers' aggressive play in the paint.</p>
	<p><b>3. Tennessee (18-4, 6-2)</b> The Volunteers gave fans in Knoxville a show on Saturday, as they trounced the visiting Gamecocks 79-53. Senior Wayne Chism scored a career-high 30 points, leading Tennessee's charge. Since losing to Vanderbilt on Jan. 27, the Volunteers have won three consecutive games and travel to Commodore Nation Tuesday night.</p>		<p><b>9. Alabama (13-10, 3-6)</b> The Crimson Tide was unable to preserve a 20-point halftime lead over the Rebels, as Alabama failed to halt a second-half rally by Ole Miss. The Tide could have used the confidence boost, as they travel to Lexington this week to face the formidable Wildcats.</p>
	<p><b>4. Florida (17-6, 6-3)</b> Despite a late game run by the Bulldogs, the Gators edged Mississippi State at home on Saturday. The Bulldogs cut a 12-point Florida lead to four with 22.4 seconds remaining in the game. However, the Gators were able to hold on, beating the Bulldogs 69-62.</p>		<p><b>10. Georgia (10-11, 2-6)</b> The Bulldogs turned in an impressive second-half performance against the Commodores on Saturday night, earning the team a 72-58 victory in Athens. Breaking a three-game losing streak, Georgia earned its second conference win. The Bulldogs travel to Auburn on Tuesday to face the Tide.</p>
	<p><b>5. Ole Miss (17-6, 5-4)</b> Finding themselves down by 20 at the half, the Rebels needed a stellar second-half performance for a shot at a comeback against Alabama. Shooting 60 percent from the field in the second half, that's just what Ole Miss got. The Rebels' 74-67 victory over the Crimson Tide snapped the team's two-game losing streak.</p>		<p><b>11. Auburn (11-12, 2-6)</b> Auburn's efforts came up short on Saturday, as the Tigers were unable to edge the Razorbacks after sending the game into overtime. Frankie Sullivan and Tay Waller each scored 18 for Auburn, however, Sullivan's half-court shot to send the game into double overtime rimmed out, ending the game and the Tigers' hopes for a win.</p>
	<p><b>6. Mississippi State (16-7, 4-4)</b> The Bulldogs have fell short in back-to-back games, dropping contests to Vanderbilt and Florida in the past week. Ravern Johnson's 20-point performance against the Gators was not enough to lift the Bulldogs over Florida on Saturday. The Bulldogs are set to begin their three-game homestand, as they host in-state rival Ole Miss on Thursday.</p>		<p><b>12. LSU (9-14, 0-9)</b> Still looking for their first conference victory of the season, the Tigers jumped out to an early 6-1 lead over the Wildcats. However, LSU was unable to combat Kentucky's aggressive play throughout the duration of the game. The Wildcats turned in another impressive performance, beating the Tigers, 81-55.</p>

## Review: This weekend in Vandy sports



CHRISTOPHER HONIBALL / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Senior Vijay Paul was sharp on Friday afternoon, helping the Commodores outlast the Northwestern Wildcats.

### Men's tennis defeats Northwestern, 6-1

Junior Alex Zotov won his seventh consecutive singles match, and the No. 48 Commodores improved to 5-2 in duals play on the season with a 6-1 victory over Northwestern on Friday at Currey Tennis Center. The 38th-ranked Wildcats earned their lone point after Sidarth Balaji defeated 71st-ranked singles player Vijay Paul, 6-4, 6-4, but Vanderbilt rallied on the strength of straight-set wins by Adam Baker, Bryant Salcedo and No. 29 Ryan Lipman to earn the victory.

### Women's swimming falls to Tulane

In its final dual meet before the Southeastern Conference Championships in Athens, Ga., the Vanderbilt women's swimming team lost to Tulane, 183-89, in New Orleans, La. Freshmen Amy Salce won the 1,000-yard freestyle, and Sarah Lynch placed first in the 100-yard breaststroke for the Commodores, whose record dropped to 2-8 overall and 0-4 in the SEC. Sophomore Laura Dillon's victory in the 200-yard breaststroke rounded out the Commodores' three first-place finishes on the day.

### Women's bowling rebounds

After an unusual series of events last weekend, the Commodores righted the ship in a big way Saturday, vaulting their way to second place heading into the final day at the McKendree Baker Challenge. With superstar Josie Earnest sitting out a few games to get her teammates additional playing time, other Vanderbilt stalwarts stepped up, especially Amanda Halter. The junior bowled six consecutive strikes in three separate games, giving the Commodores a much-needed spark. Their 5,014 pins through Saturday trailed only NAIA school Weber International, who had 5,047 pins.

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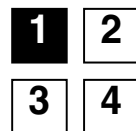


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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

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## CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

- 1 Grandmotherly nickname
- 5 Hershey's caramel candy
- 9 John who married Pocahontas
- 14 The yoke's on them
- 15 In the sack
- 16 Sci-fi staple
- 17 Small salamander
- 18 Therapist's response
- 19 Domesticated
- 20 Pool legend
- 23 1860s White House nickname
- 25 Midsection muscles, briefly
- 26 Pecan or cashew
- 27 Mingle at the party
- 28 NBA center who was a three-time MVP
- 34 Big name in elevators
- 36 Spider's creation
- 37 Shoe without laces, e.g.
- 38 Emulate Rembrandt
- 39 Holiday of the Old West
- 41 Lady's man
- 42 It's in the eye of the beholder
- 45 Cavern Alley
- 47 Top draft status
- 48 Wild West show markswoman

### DOWN

- 51 \_\_\_ Lanka
- 52 Food from a shell
- 53 Female sheep
- 54 Immigrant's subj.
- 55 Meteors, and what 20-, 28- and 48-Across all are
- 61 Dog from Wales
- 62 Supermodel
- 63 Hops drier
- 66 Fire station signal
- 67 Age, as tires
- 68 "\_\_\_, be a pal!"
- 69 Actress Zellweger
- 70 Stitches
- 71 Mild-mannered Clark

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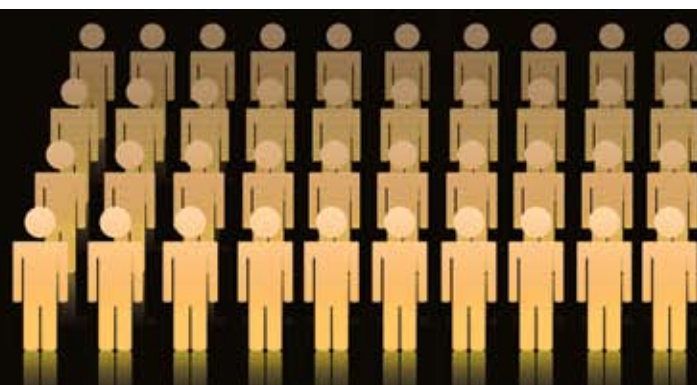
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