

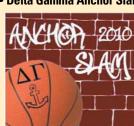
SPORTS After crushing Tennessee, the **Commodores** look toward LSU. See page 6

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TOMORROW Global Health Student

Colloquium The Global Health Student Colloquium will allow students interested in global health and development opportunities to explore summer and internship options as well as the various graduate and professional study opportunities. It is free and takes place from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Godchaux Hall in the School of Nursing. Interested students can register at http://www.globalhealth. vanderbilt.edu/forum/2010global-health-studentcolloquium.

Delta Gamma Anchor Slam



Anchor Slam, a weeklong Delta Gamma philanthropy event that benefits the Tennessee School for the Blind, continues with a basketball competition from 4 to 7 p.m. at the **Student Recreation Center** courts. Tickets are \$5.

TUESDAY, FEB. 16 Hope for Haiti program

"Hope for Haiti: Holistic Perspectives on the Crisis" will present student-made film, expert faculty panelists and personal testimony. While the program in Langford Auditorium from 7 to 8:30 p.m. is free, donations to the Partners in Health Fund are welcome. There will also be a benefit beforehand, for \$10 a



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Incident at NPHC spurs internal investigation

by HANNAH TWILLMAN

Editor-in-Chief

After an incident at the National Pan-Hellenic Council house early Sunday morning, Vanderbilt Police Department officers have been placed on paid leave until an internal investigation by the department is complete.

At 4:50 a.m. Sunday morning, the three officers came to the house in response to an oncampus call complaining about a noise disturbance. According to the VUPD crime log, people were seen throwing furniture through one of the house's

inside of the house.

When the police officers arrived at the scene, they entered the house, drew their weapons, handcuffed several of the students and off-campus guests at the house and then held them outside in the cold weather, according to a statement by Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs Beth Fortune.

To examine the protocol followed, Chief of Police August Washington ordered an internal investigation when he found out about the occurrence, Fortune said. Members of the NPHC fraternities who live in the

windows and also damaging the house declined to comment on the incident.

> second, separate investigation is being conducted to examine the extensive damages to the historic residence, including broken windows and damages to walls and fixtures, which the officers discovered upon arriving. The repairs to the residence are already under way, but the damage done to the house was shocking, said Gary Gunnells, the carpenter foreman of Cumberland Architectural Miller, construction company hired to repair the Please see **NPHC**, page 3



MARGARET FENTON / VSC Media Services

Gary Gunnells cuts a piece of wood to replace a door frame outside the NPHC house Thursday. His company is replacing all the woodwork around two door frames, repairing one door and replacing another.

NICOLE MANDEL / The Vanderbilt Hustler

At peak times, the Rec Center can become overly crowded and popular machines like stationary bikes and ellipticals are often all in use at once.

Rec Center turns 20

by LAURA DOLBOW

Asst News Editor

The Student Recreation Center hosted its annual RecFest last week to celebrate its 20th birthday. To mark the center's anniversary, The Vanderbilt Hustler sat down with Director Samuel Hirt to discuss some questions about what's going on at the Rec.

Why is the outdoor track closed?

The project to resurface the track was meant to be completed last fall, but a series of rainfalls prevented the final painting of the stripes. Completion is dependent upon warmer weather.

"It has to be over 72 degrees for 10 days for it to dry. Once nice weather comes, they can put the striping down," Hirt said.

When it re-opens, a new policy will allow only students and members to use the track. "The entry point will join the recreation center. Community members will come in the front lobby, across the lounge and out the patio onto the track," Hirt said.

Is a food service being added?

Currently, there are no plans to add a food service facility. in the past, the center had a smoothie bar, but due to student demands for more dining options around campus, the dining service pulled out its operation.

Yet a future food service in the center is not impossible.

"We still have that capability. If we wanted to in the future, we could take out the vending machines and go back to some other type of food source," Hirt

Do community members use the facility?

When the center first opened, membership was restricted to students, but availability has gradually expanded.

"Anyone can join now. We have

VSG & The Rec

This year's Vanderbilt Student Government campaigns included multiple platform ideas regarding changes in the Rec, including installation of cameras, though plans have not yet been set in motion. Hirt said it has not been discussed, but the center is always open to discussion with students. President-elect Lori Murphy said her team is working on its budget at large and will then begin moving forward with

"A camera takes a still shot every 15 seconds and uploads it online, so it's not like a streaming video," said sophomore Adam Meyer, who first brought up the idea. "I thought it would be a great way for me to make sure I'll be able to get an elliptical if I make the trek from Kissam to Highland Quad."

"We looked at various options for students who live far away from the Rec," Murphy said. "There is no usable space to add other equipment in different locations, so we thought this idea could allow students to see how crowded the center is before making the long walk."

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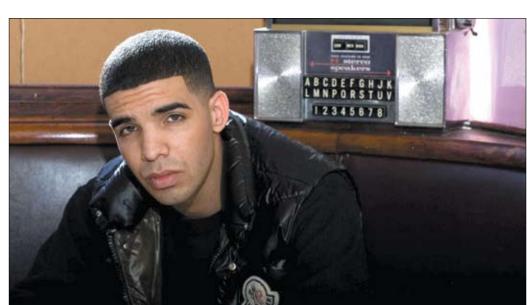
For an audio slideshow of students' opinions on the Rec, go to www.lnsideVandy.com

the community rate, which is higher than what students pay. People can also come as a guest or get a weekend pass," Hirt said.

Though students initially feared community memberships would crowd the facility, most use it during off-peak hours.

"Most community members come in the morning hours. The vast majority of them are going to work at 8 a.m.," Hirt said. ■

Rites of Spring lineup provokes mixed reactions



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BEN HARPER AND RELENTLESS7

by CONRAD GOERINGER Staff Reporter

This week's much-anticipated release of the Rites of Spring lineup has led to a wide variety of student reactions.

However, after a long selection process where student surveys, weekly discussions and feasibility assessments were taken into account, the final lineup has been determined.

"I sincerely feel that this is the best lineup I have been a part of, and perhaps the best in the last decade," said the Music Group Co-Chair Owen Canavan. "When you take into account what the students requested, what the Nashville community needed (an eclectic, affordable festival), and what we as The Music Group felt would be the freshest and most entertaining acts, I think we've succeeded on all levels."

Choosing an effective lineup is more

difficult than one may think, said Director of Student Campus Events Dwayne Elliot. As Vanderbilt is located in Music City, a lot of artists want to come and perform. However, Nashville's popularity as a musical destination can also be negative.

"We try and choose artists who have not performed here within the last six months or so," Elliot said. "We also have to compete with Bonnaroo and Coachella, so it is often hard to choose a band due to competition with Nashville and the surrounding area."

Although student responses to the lineup have varied, many only recognized a few of the band names. Canavan said, however, exposure to unknown bands is a benefit for

"(One of the benefits of being in Nashville is that) we are able to give folks a taste of what we think are the bands on the verge Please see RITES OF SPRING, page 3



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CRIME LOG

compiled by AMANDA NIEMAN

Saturday, Feb. 6, 12:55 a.m.

A person was laying on the sidewalk at the corner of 25th and Highland Avenues. She stated that she had three to four drinks.

Saturday, Feb. 6, 1:30 a.m.

A person was urinating in public view outside of the Student Life Center.

Sunday, Feb. 7, 2:29 a.m.

Two people were arguing in Lewis House. One grabbed the other's arms. A friend stepped in to help, and she was pushed by the ex-boyfriend.

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2:45 a.m.

A person was unsteady on his feet in Towers West and staggering in the middle of the road. He gave the officer a license that came back under a different person's name. He was also being disorderly and exposed himself in the police vehicle.

Around the Loop

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE LINEUP FOR RITES OF SPRING?



"The undercards look fun. It would be nice to have a headliner that has an album."

—Clark Ramev, Class of 2010



"I'm excited for Phoenix and Passion Pit and to see a lot of artists I haven't heard of before."

—Dominik Cvitanovic, Class of 2010



"I'm really excited about Drake, but I don't really know any of the others."

—Jence Rhoads, Class of 2011



"I'm just tired of seeing rap stars headlining that will probably give us only four or five sound bites, dance around drunk and not really give a great musical performance."

—Chris Cole, Class of 2011



"I'm excited about a lot of the performances; however, my expectations were a little higher. But it's about having fun with your friends and celebrating before finals."

-Maryclaire Manard, Class of 2013

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I would be in Haiti working with my friends in human rights and teaching.

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WHAT'S ONE THING STUDENTS WOULD BE SURPRISED TO FIND OUT ABOUT YOU? I was a professional dancer.

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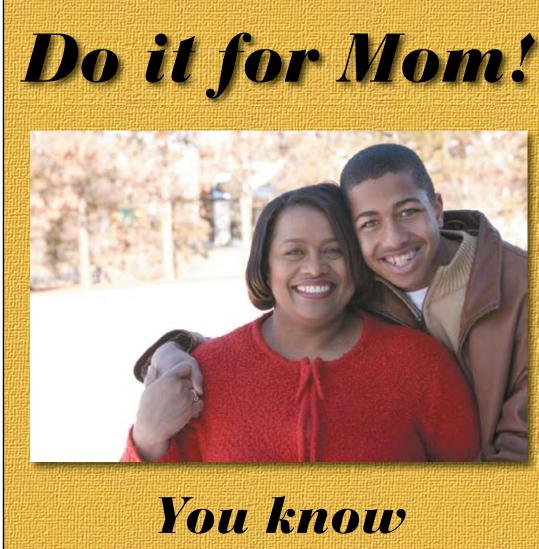
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Very important project



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Sophomore Anjali Sood explains her housing project to Vanderbilt Interest Projects Coordinator Shawn Mosher in The Commons Center Atrium on Thursday night.



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Laundry less than ideal in many campus dorms

by ALLIE MORRIS

Asst News Editor

During the housing selection process, proximity to laundry facilities is often overlooked. However, while many campus dorms lack laundry within the building, the situation does not seem likely to change soon.

"I loved living in Cole, but living there without laundry was pretty awful," said junior Ariel Albertie. "It was one of the main reasons I chose to leave. I had to put off doing laundry for two to three weeks at a time, especially in the winter, because walking to Towers was a huge inconvenience."

Two years ago, administrators responded to student complaints by enlarging laundry facilities in Kissam Hall, where the laundry facility that serves the entire Kissam Quad is located. But

students shouldn't expect more laundry room additions in the near future, as such facilities can only be added to dormitories by eliminating student rooms, which creates a permanent loss

"It's probably not going to happen because in most of our buildings, there is almost no unused space," said Director of Housing Operations Jim Kramka. "It's a large hit (to revenue) to take out many rooms to create a meaningful laundry space."

Vanderbilt uses a third-party laundry company that works off a formula to dictate the number of students per washing machine.

"Right now we are already over the limit; we have got more machines per hundred students than their normal formula," Kramka said. ■



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Junior Jessica Miles, a resident of Cole Hall, begins her journey across Alumni Lawn to Vandy/Barnard in order to do her laundry.

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VSG rejects elimination experience requirement, passes Free Enterprise Act

by SARA GAST

Senior Reporter

The Vanderbilt Student Government senate passed the Free Enterprise Act at the joint session Wednesday night, moving closer to allowing the establishment of student-run businesses on campus.

But the senate failed to pass a resolution to move toward eliminating the presidential

experience requirement. The Free Enterprise Act, which President Wyatt Smith proposed along with Senator Josh Sirchio and a host of others, asserts that students should be allowed to create both for-profit and not-for-profit businesses on campus, something they are prohibited

"We want to promote creativity," Smith said. "Right now we lack the structure for promoting those opportunities."

VSG wants to launch a pilot business program in the fall with students who win the Vanderbilt Entrepreneurial Challenge, which will be held this spring. Submissions for the competition are due March 1, with the grand prize including \$2,500.

Both resolutions were co-proposed by Smith, but the initiative to eliminate the experience requirement — currently, students have to hold an official position within VSG for 30 days to run for president — received the most debate before a vote failed to garner a two-thirds majority.

Ultimately the student body would have voted on the resolution if it also had cleared the House.

Sirchio led the debate against the

proposal, saying the skills needed to be the leader of VSG are those that "you can't get outside of a VSG experience."

Arts and Science College Council President John Gaffney agreed, saying in his opinion, "experience within VSG is a vital part of being president."

Senator Tommy Obenchain, a cosponsor of the resolution, said VSG should "look to follow a democratic model" and "the opportunity to run (for president) is simply a function of government."

Smith said he believes in the capabilities of students to elect a competent leader.

"Vanderbilt students on the whole are pretty smart," he said. "They're not going to elect someone (who isn't fit to lead)."

Peabody College Council President Jane Slatton noted the "symbolic gesture" the resolution would put forth to tell students "your opinion matters," she said.

"It's easy to become entrenched in the views everyone in VSG holds," Slatton said. "VSG needs to open up. This bill is a good way of doing that."

Smith echoed the idea of the "insular" perception he believes this policy gives off to the student body.

A resolution to revoke the experience requirement, which many peer institutions do not have, was proposed two years ago by now-Chief of Staff Fabiani Duarte and Smith, and though it cleared the senate and house, the student body failed to approve it. Smith blamed the outcome of the election on "opaque" wording of the ballot, with students confused as to whether a yes or no vote removed the requirement. ■

ELECTIONS

Obenchain was elected to be speaker of the senate. Towers Area Representative Gabe Horton was elected to be speaker of the

Obenchain said he was "humbled" to be chosen from the "exceptional group" of leaders in VSG and excited to be a part of an executive board he felt brings a strong range of experiences and is unified in focusing on students' interests over the coming year.

"We want to continue being (oriented) toward student needs," Obenchain said. "We want to work to advocate student needs and empower student groups. That's who VSG needs to work toward supporting."

Horton was excited to "bring decisions down" and "make sure representatives have a larger role," he said. Specifically, Horton said he hoped to take the Kissam programming model and extend it

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house.

to the rest of campus.

RITES OF SPRING: Students react to Music Group choices

From RITES OF SPRING, page 1

of blowing up," Canavan said. "Many of them reside locally and subsequently are far more

Although students did not deny the variety of artists performing this year, over half explained that they thought last year's lineup was superior. Most students praised last year's Flaming Lips performance and thought this year's lineup did not compare.

"The lineup has been better in previous years. One good band could've made up for it," said freshman Melanie Gonzalez, who added that most her friends also felt let

Sophomore Juliette Cilia, however, said she is thrilled with this year's selection and loves six of the bands. "Between Passion Pit and

Drake, I just want to dance,"

"What other student-run college music festival can say that the Sierra Leone Refugee Allstars will be playing the same stage as Paris-based sensation Phoenix, or that potential hiphop throne successor Drake will be singing next to a deep funk band from Leeds known as the New Mastersounds, and before them, the local, starbound country artist Chris Hennessee?" Canavan said. "Rites of Spring can." ■



NPHC: Investigation, house repairs ongoing

woodwork in the house.

While the repairs are ongoing, the students residing in the house have been temporarily relocated. Fortune said the housing office is currently working to finish the repairs so the house can be reopened to the students as soon as possible. It has yet to be decided who will be ultimately responsible for the repairs, but the housing office is handling the process for now.

Fortune said the administration is concerned about the incident and will ensure the appropriate actions are taken, which Chancellor Nicholas Zeppos echoed.

"We greatly value the safety and sense of community that our officers bring to campus," Zeppos said. "However, it is imperative when weapons are drawn and students are held in this manner, that we ensure our procedures and protocols for such actions are clear, that all on our campus understand those procedures and that the overall safety and community of our campus is one that we believe meets the unique demands of a college campus where we live and work together. The security and well-being of our students is always our paramount concern." ■



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Slant donates llama, other animals to charity By KAT ZHANG

From Russian phrases to pictures of a favorite dining employee, readers of the "The Slant" may have noticed a different look to the paper's last page on Wednesday, but the personal ads raised over \$250 to purchase a llama and other animals for a South American family.

OACS offers cars for community service

Thanks to the Office of Active Citizenship (OACS), not having a car on campus does not prevent students from doing community service at off-campus sites in Davidson County, thanks to the university's insurance policies.

Visiting professor Ford considers Senate race in NY By TAYLOR DAVIS

Former Tennessee congressman and Vanderbilt visiting professor Harold Ford Jr. has made national headlines after announcing his 30-day leave of absence from Bank of America's Merrill Lynch. He plans to use this time to tour New York and decide if he will enter the Democratic senatorial primary race against the incumbent, Kirsten Gillibrand.

From cocaine possession to jump-starting cars, a look at VUPD's duties

After reporting on the off-campus duties of Vanderbilt University police officers earlier this month, InsideVandy.com staff reporter Conrad Goeringer was invited to ride around with VUPD Lieutenant Eric Heath to get a first-hand look into the office's typical Friday night duties on Feb. 5.



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Nothing has changed

Racism isn't history, it is still around; society's complacency has only buried the truth.



ALLENA BERRY Columnist

It's Black History Month, in case you forgot. It is easy to do, seeing that your English teacher isn't here to assign you your umpteenth essay on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in commemoration of the occasion.

Black History Month, started in 1926 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, was meant to recognize the African-Americans who have

impacted history (but were frequently left out of the textbooks). We — a collective "we" meant to describe America at large — have had over 80 years of celebration; but if there is one thing this week has taught me, it's that while we have spent a good amount of time celebrating, the transformative effects of this celebration are questionable. I began to ask the question: What does Black History Month look like now?

During Black History Month, I see more glazing over differences than genuine discussion; I see more back-stepping of offensive comments that were made than progression (yes, that means you, John Mayer — use of the "n" word while comparing your genitalia to a white supremacist in an interview is not hip, you aren't "down with it," and I, as well as any reasonable human being, find you, at this moment, disgusting); I see more ostracism than inclusion. And what is worse is that we all seem to be OK with it. When fellow Vanderbilt students, after they were identified as

such, can be detained by the Vanderbilt police, handcuffed and made to leave their area of residence without just cause, we have a problem. When I can feel like an outsider in the very community that is supposed to enrich me, we have a problem. When someone presumes that what I listen to, whom I talk to, or the manner in which I speak does not align with his or her preconceived notion of "blackness," we have a problem. My dear Vanderbilt community: We have a problem. And I think it is a problem of

When we use the word "history," it automatically implies something in the past — it happened, it's over, it's history. The trouble with black history is that it is happening — it isn't over, it is just beginning. If we don't approach every dialogue as a discussion of the here and now, instead of the has and been, we run the risk of absolving ourselves of the past and starting back at square one every time an issue comes up (and they will come up).

The problem of history won't be solved by counting how many black friends you have it; won't be solved by citing how intellectual you are, therefore making you above the simple-minded construct of prejudice; it won't be solved by being excited for Drake to come to Rites. We (this means black, white, purple or green) need to stop being complacent and start looking at what is actually happening in our world and on our campus. Otherwise, we are not truly recognizing what the history is all about.

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CARTOON



COLUMN

Life's little problems



THOMAS SHATTUCK **Opinion Editor**

Harry Truman is famous for the phrase "The buck stops here." It is a statement expressing the acceptance of responsibility. Though the age of responsibility has passed — the commies lost, by the way — we are in the information age. Now we can lambaste others for their foibles in complete anonymity and stalk people secretly for as long as we like (woo Facebook!).

Normally, more privileges are packaged with more responsibility. These days we've somehow attained the former without the latter. I like the idea, but people need consequences.

Experience is what makes us human — along with all that other stuff I forgot about in Biosci 110A. People have a habit of deviating from the straight and narrow, which isn't always bad; however, it does tend to lead to bad things. Consequences keep everything in balance. For example, maybe

someone took Chumbawamba's lyrics too seriously and had a whiskey drink and then a vodka drink and then a lager drink and then wakes up nearly dead. Seriously, hangovers are God's way of saying last night got a little too real.

And this hypothetical human is not alone; I've made my fair share of mistakes. In fact, in some situations some might suggest I am not being of sound judgment.

So the next time someone backhands you, remember that it was probably for a good reason. We all make mistakes, but as you linger in the drunk tank remember what the journalist Mitch Ratcliffe once said: "Computers have enabled people to make more mistakes faster than almost any invention in history, with the possible exception of tequila and hand guns."

-Thomas Shattuck is a junior in the School of Engineering. He can be reached at thomas.w.shattuck@vanderbilt.edu.



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Dear the girl in Physics B: Stop complaining about your grade. Maybe you would do better if you didn't play WoW every class.

National Singles Awareness Day??? Are you joking? Grow a pair and ask a girl out; please don't make Valentine's Day the next joke holiday.

How, in Nashville, does the Music Group continually fail to get decent country artists?

To the freshmen at Rand: You will NOT live in Towers next year. Let me repeat, you WILL BE KISSLAMMED. Get over yourselves.

I get better Internet connection in my classes than in Stevenson library. Way to create a healthy learning environment Vanderbilt ...

When will the girls on Commons realize that wearing rain boots in the snow is just stupid?

Can someone tell the Asian kid on Commons that wearing sunglasses during the darkest and rainiest weather is socially unacceptable?

COLUMN

A few things to consider

Frannie Boyle suggests some alternatives to the ever-present Alternative Spring Break.



FRANNIE BOYLE

So there's about a month left, and you still don't know what to do for spring break this year. You're kicking yourself too because midterm season is heating up, and it would be nice to at least anticipate a relaxing week off. You might even be jealous of your friends in the ASB cult because they know what they're doing and have been attending meetings about it for months now.

Well, do not fret a minute more. It's not too late to plan for Spring Break 2010, and listed below are 10 suitable options you still have time to consider.

of your friends are gallivanting about Europe? Well, why not join them for a week? If you've got the money and no problem with jet lag, this might be a great opportunity to get the abroad experience you're missing out on (and you won't have to pay for a hotel!). Seniors, if you still haven't figured out your future, spring break

1. Are you having significantly less fun this semester because over half

- might not be a bad time to finish applications, visit grad schools and make some solid decisions about your life.
- Yeah, right! Is there still time to sign up for that senior cruise ... or any cruise for that matter?
- There's always that friend with a "beach house" in Florida. That option may provide for a relaxing break, but be warned: The location of that relaxing break will probably end up in the middle of a retirement community. Those people are taking a relaxing break that will last them the rest of their lives.
- One potentially cool college kid-type spring break option could be a road trip. Young and free on the highway, using parents' money to pay for gas and living out of a car for the week ...
- ... or you can just stay here. Maybe you have the means to leave, but you'd rather hang in your suite, play FIFA and contemplate life. By all means, save your energy and stay put. Just keep the windows open while we're gone.
- Panama City!!!!!
- 8. Talk to your WilSkills friends and put an adventurous camping trip together. The Outdoor Rec Center can hook you up with gear, and hey, maybe you can use those camo hats, North Face jackets and CamelBak water bottles the way they were made to be used.
- As lame as its sounds, you could just go home. It would be relaxing, you'd see family and friends that never left town, and you could perhaps detox a little? "What spring break? I have way too much work to do ... will
- Stevenson still be open?" Yes. But only until 6 p.m. every night.

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COLUMN

Genital mutilation violates women's rights

Moral relativism leads to acceptence of brutal practices like genital mutiliation.



JONES Columnist

This Feb. 6, the world little noted International Day Against Female Genital Mutilation. Yet the barbaric practice deserves more than a footnote in the United Nations bylaws.

Female genital mutilation, known as female circumcision, is the removal of all or part of a young girl's external genitalia. Amnesty International estimates that 130 million women around the world have undergone some form of FGM. In some cultures, the operation is often performed in public, with much dancing, music and general brouhaha, as an adolescent rite of passage. In others, it is a way to ensure a wife's fidelity, or perhaps even a form of birth control.

Most Americans would agree genital mutilation is brutal and repulsive. I would argue that it is wrong. Yet when the topic came up at the dinner table — nearly making me choke — I found myself on the defensive against a couple of my friends, including an anthropology major. They urged me to be open-minded, to not pass judgment and to look at the practice within the context of their respective societies.

Indeed, a study anthropologist Rogaia M. Abusharaf found that "circumcision is seen as 'the machinery which liberates the female body from its masculine and Afghanistan show it is a properties,' and for the women risky proposition to attempt she interviewed, it is a source of empowerment and strength."

But try as I may to pry open my small little mind, I cannot stomach such conclusions. I believe it is more likely that these women have succumbed to cultural brainwashing or have developed a psychological coping mechanism to deal with a dehumanizing procedure that

Having never had a taste of freedom and prosperity, what rational basis could these women have for imagining a better, freer life? "

they did not choose to undergo. FGM is also often linked with early and forced marriage, relinquishing the woman's say in choosing a sexual companion or a life partner. In light of such observations, I think Abusharaf's proper title would be "Anthr(a)pologist." We should not confuse her interviewees' quiet compliance with true support. Having never had a taste of freedom and prosperity, what rational basis could these women have for imagining a better, freer life?

How to end this barbaric practice? Not through "cultural imperialism"; the wars in Iraq

to impose our way of life upon societies that are not prepared to adopt them. Yet social mores can and do change over time. For example, the work of Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King Jr. and countless others have greatly expanded freedom within our own borders.

Egyptian authorities banned the procedure in 2007, yet it remains culturally accepted, and FGM has been performed on an estimated 78-97 percent of Egyptian women. A grassroots approach seems to work better: In Senegal, 4,203 communities have voluntarily given up the practice. The only way genital mutilation will end is for men and women within these cultures to take a stand against it.

America is far from a perfectly equitable utopia — we still have plenty of residual racism, lack equal pay for women and fail to recognize gay marriage. Yet we are lucky to have freedom enshrined in our founding documents and preserved by our legal system.

But freedom is not just an American luxury. It is a universal value. As such, we should not be afraid to condemn barbaric practices wherever they rear their ugly heads, even if our outspokenness gets us labeled small-minded hypocrites. No matter the culture, the trajectory of history certainly gives us reason to be optimistic for a more equitable future. Believing that only America can be free is the truly bigoted position.

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LETTER

VUPD officers used excessive force

To the Editor:

"How does it feel to be a problem?" This question opened W.E.B Du Bois' treatise on the state of black Americans over a century ago, and, to many, it remains a relevant inquiry. On Sunday, Feb. 7, in the early hours of the morning there was a disturbance at the National Pan-Hellenic Council fraternity house. Early reports suggest that officers were alerted to some unidentified disorderly conduct and possible vandalism in progress, and they followed up on the call. Details remain murky, but what is known is the following:

The three residents of the house, all undergraduate members of fraternities in good standing, along with their guests were handcuffed and escorted out of the house. Many of the young men were poorly dressed for the below-freezing temperatures and yet still were made to sit outside in cuffs for some time before being moved to police cars. As of this writing, the house remains closed pending repairs. According to the account of the residents the police entered the house and busted through doors using physical and verbal aggression that should have quickly been ruled excessive once a visual of the scene was taken. Some of the young men were even sleeping in their beds to be awoken by guns being pointed at them and expletive-laced orders barked without pause.

This scene, abbreviated extremely for print, is troubling for a few reasons. With the understanding that, given the call, the police had the right to enter and take necessary precautions, the actions of the officers in question seem to be uneven. I find it hard to believe that members of an Interfraternity Council organization living in their house would be sat out on the lawn in a similar manner or possibly assaulted by officers though they were unarmed and docile. Perhaps because the young men fit the description of many of the VU Crime Alerts (black male, 5-foot-8 to 6-foot-1, etc.) we all receive, the officers felt empowered to immediately subdue what they viewed as a possible "criminal element" before gathering appropriate facts.

The chief of the Vanderbilt University Police Department spoke to the NPHC this Monday about ongoing investigations both to solve the vandalism that did occur as well as to inquire about any possible misconduct of the officers. He spoke with the council at length and answered what questions he could. As a member of the council who was present, I believe he is sincere. I also believe that any accusation or jump to make this a racial matter on the part of students needs to be tempered with time and a full understanding of the facts. I urge all involved to cooperate and all interested to be vigilant but not intrusive or accusatory.

I grew up on the South Side of Chicago. I learned quickly as I matured that the police were more likely to look upon me as a problem or possible perpetrator than as a citizen to protect. I lived under that specter for at least 18 years. I pray for myself, this campus and for my brothers in fraternity, race and academia that this is not the reality we live under at Vandy. I pray that those young men, and all black men on this campus, are not seen as a "problem."

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Sports

Vandy stomps Vols, eyes weekend matchup with LSU

Vanderbilt v. LSU



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No. 22 Vanderbilt, winner of 12 of its last 14 games, takes on a struggling LSU team that has yet to earn a conference victory. Kevin Stallings' team is coming off one of its most complete games of the season, throttling archrival No. 12 Tennessee 90-71 at Memorial Gymnasium on Tuesday. Jeffery Taylor put together an inspired performance, leading the Commodores by pouring in 26 points and making countless solid cuts to the basket. Senior leader Jermaine Beal also continued his strong play, posting 20 points highlighted by his knack for the dagger 3-pointer. The Commodores have defeated the Tigers in their past three meetings.

by PETER NYGAARD

Sports Reporter

The stage was set for an epic showdown on Tuesday evening. The ESPN crew was present, the crowd in Memorial Gym was rocking, and the Commodores were as fired up as they've been all season. Unfortunately, Tennessee never quite got off the bus.

In a stunner, if for nothing else but the margin, the No. 22 Commodores (18-5, 7-2 Southeastern Conference) were never tested by the No. 12 Vols (18-5, 6-3), cruising to a 90-71 victory and a season sweep of Tennessee for the first time in five years. Sophomore guard Jeffery Taylor paced the Commodores with a game-high 26 points while senior point guard Jermaine Beal added 20. Senior guard J.P. Prince led all Tennessee scorers with 19 points.

"We jumped out on them right away," Taylor said. "We got a lot of stops and scored on them right away."

The outcome was never really in question, as Vanderbilt led throughout the game. The Commodores raced to a 19-4 lead less than eight minutes into the contest, and the margin never dipped back into single digits. The closest it got was in the second half when a string of successful possessions led to Tennessee cutting the deficit to 46-36. Vanderbilt responded with a 20-3 run to stretch the lead to 27 and effectively ice the game.

"We know Tennessee is a good team," Beal said, "But we just kept pushing every time they made a run."

In addition to strong individual performances, the Commodores succeeded in out-rebounding the smaller Vols lineup and stifled the Tennessee offense, limiting the Vols to 40 percent shooting from the field. On the offensive end, the Commodores earned a plethora of trips to the free throw line, sinking 37 of 43 from the charity stripe.

"If you take both sides of it, offense and defense, I thought this was the best that we've played," said Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings. "We've had some other games where offensively or defensively, we've been as good, but to combine the two, this is probably the best we've had."

Most impressive about the 90-point output is that the Commodores did it without freshman guard John Jenkins, who missed the game after being hospitalized with a stomach virus. In his stead, sophomore guard Lance Goulbourne contributed seven points and four

Beyond the on-court play, Stallings attributed a measure of the team's success to "Memorial

"This place is a special place, and our fans were ready to play tonight," Stallings said. "We appreciate it, and the fans played well."

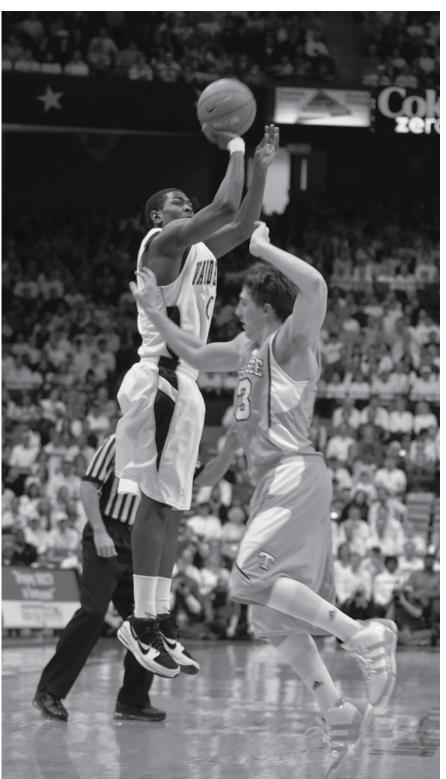
Looking ahead, the Commodores will attempt to continue their home-court dominance Saturday as they host the last-place LSU Tigers (9-15, 0-10). The Tigers are currently winless in the SEC and are coming off a 35-point road loss to Arkansas.

Though LSU shoots a shade over 40 percent as a team, the Tigers play stout enough defense to keep any game close, and conference games have a tendency to produce surprises. The Tigers are only a week removed from taking Tennessee to the wire in a 59-54 loss in Baton Rouge.

Senior forward Tasmin Mitchell is LSU's go-to offensive player, as he leads the team in scoring and rebounding. Junior guard Bo Spencer and sophomore forward Storm Warren also carry a lion's share of the team's scoring. The trio accounts for nearly 72 percent of LSU's scoring.

With such a heavy concentration of points coming from the wings, this game could play into Vandy's hands. Taylor and fellow sophomore forward Andre Walker are more than capable defenders, but will be tested against the aforementioned scoring threats.

Tipoff for the game is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. at Memorial Gymnasium. They have defeated the Tigers in their past three meetings overall. ■



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Senior guard Jermaine Beal (0) shoots over Skylar McBee (13) in Vanderbilt's 90-71 victory over Tennessee. It was their first season sweep of the Vols since 2005.

SEC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL POWER RANKINGS by GEOFF HUTCHINSON

*Records through Thursday afternoon



Tennessee traveled down to Nashville this week, and defeated the Commodores 69-60 in an impressive showing, further proving that Tennessee should be recognized as the toast of the SEC this season. After struggling last season, the Lady Vols have stormed back and silenced all nay-sayers and are on the way to clinching a No. 1 seed in the tournament this year.



Mississippi State has been one of the most inconsistent teams in the SEC this year. They have victories over teams such as Georgia and Vanderbilt but have lost twice to Florida this season. The upcoming matchup versus South Carolina will go a long way to help the Bulldogs' NCAA tourney chances.



2. No.17 Kentucky (20-3, 8-2)

The hottest team in the conference, Kentucky, has reeled off seven straight victories in the conference. The Wildcats have not lost at home this season, with a perfect 14-0 record, joining Tennessee as the only SEC teams to win every game at home this season thus far. A trip to Tennessee in two weeks will be the Cats' opportunity to possibly snatch the conference title from UT.



8. South Carolina (13-10, 6-5)

While South Carolina may not have a great record on the season, they have played one of the strongest schedules in the nation, and they have an RPI worthy of an NCAA bid. They have won two straight and will get the chance to pad their resume with upcoming games against Mississippi State and Arkansas.



3. No. 19 Georgia (19-5, 6-5)

After starting off the season as one of the hottest teams in the nation, the Georgia Bulldogs have cooled off significantly, losing four out of their last five games. A road matchup versus Kentucky will be a great opportunity to try to back on track before the SEC Championship.



9. Florida (13-10, 6-4)

The Gators are one of the major surprises in SEC play thus far, winning three out of their last four games, including wins over both Ole Miss and Mississippi State. Their next five games will be a major test for Florida, as they will face the top five teams in the conference.



4. Vanderbilt (17-7, 6-5)

The undersized and undermanned Commodores tried their hardest to match up with the size of the Lady Vols, but unfortunately they were unable to stop Tennessee in the paint. This Vanderbilt team has problems with teams able to score and rebound effectively around the hoop this year.



10. Auburn (12-12, 3-8)

Auburn has lost six out of their last seven and fallen out of the race for the SEC West crown. Interestingly enough, the only win in this stretch was a 14-point win over Georgia at home. The Tigers have fallen off immensely after their great run last season.



5. Mississippi (15-8, 6-4)

After losing three straight, the Rebels rebounded with a much-needed victory over the LSU Tigers on Monday. The Rebels were one of the hottest teams in the SEC, starting conference play winning five out of their first six. Ole Miss played a rather unimpressive non-conference schedule and will need to finish



11. Alabama (10-14, 2-9)

The bottom of the SEC West has been an enigma this season, as evidenced by the abysmal play by the three "A" teams in the conference. Alabama has lost four of the last five and provided Arkansas with their only win on the season thus far.



conference play strong, if they want to play in the NCAA tourney.



12. Arkansas (9-14, 1-9)

The distinction of being the only team in the conference with losing records at both home and on the road belongs to Arkansas. However, they do have a winning record at neutral sites for the season.



6. No. 23 LSU (15-7, 4-6)

LSU has struggled against the upper echelon teams in the SEC as of late, losing four out of their last five. The schedule gets much easier for the Tigers, as they will face more of the bottom-feeders in the league. Even with all the team's recent struggles, the Tigers are still ranked in the polls and should be a lock to make the tournament this year.



This weekend in sports



ZAC HARDY / The Vanderbilt Hustl

Friday, Feb. 12 Women's track at ISU Classic in Ames, Iowa, & Tyson Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark.

After turning in an impressive performance at the Rod McCravy Memorial Invitational in Lexington two weeks ago, the Commodores head to lowa and Arkansas this weekend. Looking for another weekend of personal bests, Vanderbilt is hitting its stride right in time for their final meet before the Southeastern Conference Championships.

Saturday, Feb. 13

Women's track at ISU Classic in Ames, Iowa, & Tyson Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark.

It's day two for the Commodores in Iowa and Arkansas. Vanderbilt will use its last day of competition to prepare for the SEC Championships at the end of February.

Men's basketball vs. LSU- Nashville, Tenn. 12:30 p.m. CST

After handling Tennessee at home on Tuesday night, the Commodores will look to extend their 7-2 conference record against the struggling Tigers. LSU remains winless in conference play after losing by 25 points to Arkansas on Wednesday night.

Sunday, Feb. 14

Women's lacrosse vs. Duke 1 p.m. CST

The Commodores open the 2010 season on Sunday against the Duke Blue Devils. Vanderbilt returns 11 starters from last year's squad, which reached the NCAA Tournament for the third year in a row. The Blue Devils return from a 15-6 effort, with four of the team's losses in 2009 coming on the road.

Women's Basketball vs. Kentucky 5 p.m. CST

Vanderbilt looks to get back on track after Monday's 89-80 loss to the Lady Vols. The Commodores are 10-4 in Memorial Gymnasium this season and will use their home-court advantage against the hot-shooting Wildcats. Vanderbilt encourages fans to support its "Pink Out" against Kentucky to raise awareness for the fight against breast

cancer.

—Compiled by Meghan Rose



BRYANT

SALCEDO

Junior Bryant Salcedo, of men's tennis, and senior Carter Foote, of women's lacrosse, discussed their off-season efforts, outlooks on the upcoming season and their favorite animals with The Hustler.





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1. What were your off-season goals? Were they accomplished?

I'll start off personally; yes, I definitely accomplished my off-season goals. I didn't start off well this fall. I set out to accomplish much more. But I still gained a lot, and it's been evident in the first two matches of the season. For the team, we've definitely been working hard together, everyone being accountable and helping each other out. I feel like we're off to a great start, and we'll accomplish great things this year.

JAMES WEAVER /Vanderbilt Hustle

Our off-season goals were to prepare for the season and go into the season being in the best possible shape we could be in.

2. Any freshmen that have stood out?

We had two — one is no longer on the team. But, our other freshman (Ryan Lipman) is ranked No. 1. He's made a tremendous impact on everyone, and he's made everyone better.

Honestly, I think all of them are great. They've really helped the team as a class.

3. Best advice from your coach?

My coach is a big believer in staying in the moment and not thinking too much. That's something I tend to do—think too much when I'm playing. He finds ways to keep it simple for me, and I can play to my full potential.

To be confident. She gave us this book over Christmas break and told us to read it. It's called "Mind Gym." It's all about the mental part of the game, being confident and sure of yourself when you're playing.

4. Contests on your schedule that you've already circled?

I'm looking forward to the Georgia match. I guess every Southeastern Conference match, but the ones that stand out are Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee and Ole Miss. Our first game is against Duke, and it's on Sunday; if you're not at Mardi Gras, you should come. That's a big one, and (Johns) Hopkins is always a big one — they're our rival.

5. Favorite animal?

I'm pretty biased on this; I have a black lab. I feel like labs are the best things ever.

Dogs and tigers.

Was that you with your friends supporting Dance Marathon? ... Take a peek at p. 219

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March 5	Deadline to decline off campus authorizations without penalty, in Branscomb Quadrangle, room 4113, by 12:00 noon.						
March 8	McTyeire notifications.						
March 16	Apartment\Suite reservations, from 1:00-5:00 pm, Branscomb Quadrangle, room 4113.						
March 16	McTyeire acceptances due.						
March 17	Online 6/3 person suite/apartment ballot process opens at 12:01 am.						
March 17	VIP, CC, and LH acceptances due.						
March 18	Local Selections for upper class residence halls: Stapleton\Lupton\Vanderbilt\Barnard Halls-6:00 pm. Tolman\Cole-6:30 pm. Carmichael Towers\Kissam-7:00 pm.						
March 19	Deadline for 6\3 person suite\apartment ballots. Online ballot process closes at 6:00 pm.						
March 21	Check OHARE Website (www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd) for 6/3 person suite/apartment posting at 6:00 pm.						
March 22	VIP, CC, LH, and McTyeire selection events. All events at 7:00 pm in Branscomb Recreational Room.						
March 23	6/3 person suite/apartment selection event-Branscomb Recreational Room, 1:00-7:00 pm.						
March 23	Online 4/2 person apartment ballot process opens at 12:01 am.						
March 25	Deadline for 4/2 person apartment ballots. Online ballot process close at 6:00 pm.						
March 27	Check OHARE Website (www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd) for 4/2 Person Apartment ballot posting at 6:00 pm.						
March 28	Online upperclass ballots open at 12:01 am.						
March 29	4/2 person apartment selection event-6:00-8:00 pm, Branscomb Recreational Room.						
March 29	Rising sophomore ballots available at the Commons Center and 4113 Branscomb Quadrangle						
March 31	Deadline for upperclass ballot process. Online ballot process closes at 6:00 pm.						
April 1	Ballots due for rising sophomores singles / doubles by 4:30 PM in 4113 Branscomb Quadrangle						
April 2	Check OHARE Website (www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd) for upper class ballots posting at 6:00 pm.						
April 5	Upper class selection event for males in Branscomb Recreational Room: Carmichael Towers-6:00 pm Tolman-8:00 pm Vanderbilt\Barnard-8:30 pm Kissam-9:00 pm						
April 5	Check OHARE Website (www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd) for rising sophomore ballot posting at 6:00 pm.						
April 6	Upper class selection event for females in Branscomb Recreational Room: Carmichael Towers-6:00-7:00 pm Cole-8:00-9:00 pm Kissam-9:00-9:15 pm						
April 7-8	Rising sophomore selections-6:00-9:00 pm, in Commons Multi-Purpose Room.						



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