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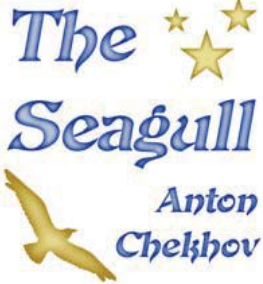


CALENDAR

TODAY

• **Alexander Technique presentation**
Sally Ahner will teach a class on the Alexander Technique, which increases psychological and physical awareness of the body to better allocate energy for tasks, reduce stress and release tension. The class is at 4 p.m. in Sarratt 325/327.

• **VUT premiere of "The Seagull"**



Vanderbilt University Theatre will premiere "The Seagull" in Neely Auditorium at 8 p.m. The performance is free for undergraduate students. "The Seagull" explores the human drama of longing, legacy and love. There will be additional performances Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m.

TODAY THROUGH TOMORROW

• **Dance Marathon**
Vanderbilt Dance Marathon will raise funds for the Monroe Carrell Jr. Children's Hospital from 7 p.m. Feb. 19 to 9 a.m. Feb. 20 in the Student Recreation Center. Admission is \$10 per person and can be purchased at the door.



SATURDAY, FEB. 20
• **Asian New Year Festival**
The Asian American Student's Association will host Asian New Year Festival, a dinner and show. Catered dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., and students will perform at 7 p.m. in the Student Life Center. Admission is \$8 for the show, and \$12 for dinner and the show.

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WEATHER

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TODAY



HIGH 48, LOW 32
Partly Cloudy

Football recruit Rajaan Bennett murdered



BENNETT

by DAVID RUTZ
Senior Sports Reporter

Rajaan Bennett will never make a cut on Vanderbilt Stadium's grass. He'll never score a touchdown, rumble for a first down or catch a screen pass for the Commodores.

Even so, the positive

impact he had on his family, friends and football teams will live on. Wherever he was and whatever he did, Bennett touched people's lives.

Bennett was killed in a shooting at his home in Powder Springs, Ga., early Thursday morning in an apparent murder-suicide involving the ex-boyfriend

of his mother, Narjaketha. A four-star running back according to Rivals.com, Bennett had signed his letter of intent to play football for the Commodores on Feb. 3.

"We're going to miss him," said Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson. "The little bit of time that we've known Rajaan, he

just seemed to be the ideal young man for Vanderbilt and for college football, to tell you the truth."

Details will continue to pour out over how and why this happened, but the undeniable tragedy is that Bennett's time was cut short right when he was entering the prime of his life.

When most kids his age are concentrating on college applications, friends and graduation, Bennett had different responsibilities after his father Charles was murdered when Rajaan was in the sixth grade. In addition to the commitment to becoming

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Hope for Haiti



CHRISTOPHER HONIBALL / The Vanderbilt Hustler

To bring the reality closer to campus, five campus experts spoke at the Dores for Haiti event, "Hope for Haiti: Holistic Perspectives on the Crisis," Tuesday night. Through ticket sales for a catered benefit, donations and a silent auction, \$4,500 was raised for Partners in Health, an organization providing medical relief on the ground in Haiti.



JUSTIN MENESTRINA / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Aaron Thompson and Hamilton Turner show off their new mobile phone applications that allow access to university amenities.

New mobile apps offer campus dining, event info

by MORGAN SMITH-WILLIAMS
Contributing Reporter

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Check out a video of the programmers talking about their new mobile apps at InsideVandy.com.

Students with iPhones and devices running with the Google Android operating system can now be more in touch with what's happening on campus thanks to new applications created by the Vanderbilt Mobile Application Team.

Applications now available include a Vanderbilt event calendar, a campus map and a dining application that offers menus and closing times for restaurants on the Meal Plan and the Commodore Card.

The programs have academic roots. Professors Doug Schmidt and Jules White in the School of Engineering wanted to find a way to integrate mobile data programming into his curriculum.

"Mobile programming — making applications for phones — is what the students are interested in working on as projects in class," said Schmidt. The professors hired senior Hamilton Turner and three other students through the Vanderbilt Undergraduate Summer Research Program to see if it was feasible for undergraduates to learn to program on phones, and the group began work on prototype applications using the Google Android OS. When the prototypes were successful, the group saw an opportunity to allow students to work during the school year on applications for the university.

Turner, who also serves as president of the Vanderbilt Computer Society, then joined forces with computer science engineer Aaron Thompson to become the student leaders on what is now called the Vanderbilt Mobile Application Team, and they have since recruited 25 students to work with Schmidt and White to develop applications for the Vanderbilt community.

"What is unique about this project," Turner said, "is the fact that Vanderbilt is at the forefront for multiplatform mobile programming. Other universities, like Stanford, have developed apps just for the iPhone, but Vanderbilt is one of the first — if not the first — that has developed applications for more than one platform."

To help with development efforts, Google has donated Google G1 phones to the project. Recently, Palm also donated a Palm Pre and Palm Pixi to aid the group in developing applications, and the group is now in talks with Research in Motion to develop applications for BlackBerry smartphones.

The next application the group is working on will be a Medical Center app where patients can use their phone to help them navigate the halls of the Hospital.

"What is really cool about the whole thing," Schmidt said, "is the fact that as an undergrad, that here at Vanderbilt students have the ability to create something meaningful to the university as a whole." ■

More information about the programs can be found at <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/apps>.

A day in the life of Angel Abbott

Disabled student shares perspective on campus accessibility.

by SYDNEY WILMER
Multimedia Editor

Sophomore Angel Abbott follows the same route to class each morning. First, she waits for an elevator to take her to the lobby of Lewis. She heads out the double doors, up 24th Avenue, then cuts through the Bramscomb Quad parking lot.

But Abbott doesn't follow this exact route by choice; it's simply the only accessible way

to class. Abbott is disabled and confined to her wheelchair.

"The campus looks a lot more accessible than it is," Abbott said. "A lot of people don't realize the problems unless they go around with me on the campus where there are curves and see detours I have to take."

Abbott said she worked with both Plant Operations and the office of Equal Opportunities, Affirmative Action and Disability Services this spring to make adjustments. Even still, limited entrances to buildings, curb cuts and small spaces are obstacles she must traverse each day. ■



ABBOTT

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Check InsideVandy.com to watch Abbott describe her day and hear how campus officials address the problems she faces.

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CRIME LOG

compiled by AMANDA NIEMAN

Saturday, Feb. 13, 1 a.m.

A person was staggering down the street. A strong odor of alcohol was coming from his person. He was unsteady on his feet, had slurred speech and red, watery eyes.

Saturday, Feb. 13, 1:30 a.m.

A person was sitting in the Carmichael Towers East lobby intoxicated with a large contusion over her right eye.

Sunday, Feb. 14, 7:41 p.m.

A person threw his girlfriend to the ground by her hair and neck in Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. He attempted to choke her while she was on the ground. He was cursing and yelling while others were nearby. While in custody, he began kicking the window of the police vehicle.

Tuesday, Feb. 16, 3:30 p.m.

A bystander was struck during an assault in Morgan House.



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BYX fraternity undergoes hazing investigation

By Laura Dolbow, Asst News Editor

Beta Upsilon Chi is currently being investigated by the university, due to allegations of hazing. The Office of Student Conduct is investigating the case.

"The leadership of (Beta Upsilon Chi) is cooperating with the investigation. Until there is a determination and/or resolution to the matter, all other details remain confidential," said Interim Director of Religious Life Gary White.

Food fight mural to be installed in Rand

By Taylor Davis, Staff Reporter

Rand is preparing for a food fight next week.

Starting Monday, students will be invited to participate in the creation of a mural designed by OK Mountain Art Collective on the back wall of the Rand Dining Hall. The mural will feature a fight between healthy food and junk food resembling the Battle of Nashville from the Civil War.

First member of Class of 2014 arrives at Vandy

By Imani Ellis, Staff Reporter

One member of the Class of 2014 has already arrived on campus.

Kenny Ladler has made history at Vanderbilt even before he participates in his first game, as the first mid-year, early-enrollee athlete to attend Vanderbilt. A future free safety for Vanderbilt's football team, Ladler is getting a head start at Vanderbilt by already actively taking classes this semester.

InsideVandy.com, other VSC divisions honored with SEJC awards

By Erin Prah, VSC Media Services

For the fourth year in a row, InsideVandy.com has won the best college newspaper Web site in the 2009 Southeast Journalism Conference's Best of the South Contest, announced last week. Along with InsideVandy.com, students and student publications that are a part of Vanderbilt Student Communications collected a variety of other awards from the competition.

Through a variety of individual and publication-wide awards, nine awards in total were awarded to Vanderbilt's student media. Individual awards were given to Hannah Twillman, current editor-in-chief of The Hustler; former sports editor and writer for the Hustler, David Rutz; photographer Chris Phare, editorial artist Guy Kopsombut, television journalist Andrew Kirkman and Sydney Wilmer, who serves as VSC's multimedia editor.

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Who is: DAVID LEWIS

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ATTENDED: University of California Berkeley (B.A. in Political Science), University of Colorado at Boulder (M.A. in Political Science) Stanford University (M.A. and Ph.D. in Political Science)



IF YOU WEREN'T A PROFESSOR, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
I'd be a sportscaster or a government bureaucrat, probably the latter since I am more passionate about that.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR FREE TIME?
Watch and play sports, spend time with friends, enjoy the outdoors.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SPOT IN NASHVILLE?
If I had to answer based upon my actual behavior, it would be the Starbucks on 21st Avenue. Otherwise it is either the old train station or customs house downtown.

IF YOU DIDN'T LIVE IN NASHVILLE, WHERE WOULD YOU WANT TO LIVE?
Boulder, Colo., or northern California.

compiled by AMANDA NIEMAN

SNAPSHOT

Mr. Engineer 2010



ZACHARY HARDY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Senior Kyle Schroder, a student in the College of Engineering, competed in and won the Mr. Engineer pageant held in Featheringill Hall on Tuesday night.

Vanderbilt and the Nashville Sit-In Movement: A Fifty Year Retrospective

Featured Panelists

Gary Gerstle: Moderator

Rev. James Lawson

John Seigenthaler

Charles Roos

Susan Ford Wiltshire

John Sergent

Crystal deGregory

Monday, February 22nd, 2010

7:00-9:00 pm

Student Life Center Ballroom

Reception: 6:00 pm

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BSA asks for apology; senate campaigns begin

by **SARA GAST**
Senior Reporter

At the Vanderbilt Student Government joint session Wednesday night, four women from the Black Student Alliance asked for a “public and official apology” from Vanderbilt Police Department and the university in response to a Feb. 7 incident at the National Pan-Hellenic Council house. The incident, which resulted in three VUPD officers being placed on leave pending an investigation, has caused “damage to the community spirit,” BSA President Angelica Ibezim said.

The three officers arrived at the house at about 4:50 a.m. in response to a call complaining about a disturbance. According to the VUPD crime log, people were reported to be seen throwing furniture through one of the house’s windows and also damaging the 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 freezing weather, according to a statement by Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs Beth Fortune.

The BSA is asking for administration and VUPD to “acknowledge hurt feelings” after what the BSA perceives to be an “unreasonable response,” said BSA Vice President Gabrielle Westbrook, as well as for events to unite and educate the undergraduate community. Ibezim said it will take a “community effort to make the situation better.”

“The student body feels uneasy,” Westbrook said. “The black community does not feel at home at this university any more.”

Senate campaigns begin

Aspiring student leaders launched their VSG campaigns last night in preparation for next week’s senatorial and college council primary elections.

President Wyatt Smith and Tommy Obenchain, the

senate’s speaker-elect, said they were excited to see the mix of students — both ones who have been involved with VSG before and ones who have not — campaigning for the six senatorial and four college council president positions.

“We’re looking at a lot of very qualified leaders,” Obenchain said. “There’s a strong representation from across the student body. ... I think the senate is going to be a very well-represented and diverse group this year.”

The interest various candidates have shown this week “makes me feel very optimistic about the future of the senate,” Smith said. “I think we’ve gotten to a point where students understand there is a big leadership opportunity there that they can take advantage of.”

Obenchain said he hopes to focus the senate’s efforts on academia, where he wants to see “new ideas and innovation.” He also wanted students to realize the senate wants to support them.

“There are issues that are relevant not just to VSG, but to all of campus,” Obenchain said. “In empowering students, we serve students.”

The primary election will run from Tuesday at 8 a.m. to Wednesday at noon. The general election will take place the following week.

“The biggest thing is students need to vote,” Obenchain said. “The student body is very empowered through our system. Students need to understand this is a very relevant election for them.”

Meyer chosen as chief of staff

President-elect Lori Murphy with the other three members of her executive team appointed junior Adam Meyer to be chief of staff at Wednesday’s meeting.

Meyer has served as deputy chief of staff for Smith.

The senate and house both unanimously passed the proposition to establish Meyer’s new position for the 2010-2011 school year. ■

VSG candidates announced

The candidates for the next round of Vanderbilt Student Government elections have officially begun their campaigns. Polling for the primary elections for senate and college council positions will open Tuesday at 8 a.m. and will run through Wednesday at noon. The final election will be held the following week.

A&S

Senate (3 positions)
• Jake Karlsruhe
• Keith Neely
• Lucas Scholl
• Maryclaire Manard
• Paul Yeh
• Turi Clausell
• Zye Hooks
• Mark Cherry

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• Jeremy Strickland
• Jeremy Williams

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• Amit Shintre

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• Matthew Denuzzo
• Sabrina Smith

Junior Representative

• Avi Chavda
• Vann Bentley

Sophomore Representative

• Ahsley Hoffman
• Hillary Knudsen
• Maryli Cheng

BLAIR

Senate (1 position)

• Susan Gleiser

President

• Thomas Crespo

ENGINEERING

Senate (1 position)

• Amanda Palmer
• Matthew Goldstein
• Aladine Elsamadicy

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Vice President

• Mason Hickman
• Matthew DeVito

Secretary

• Luke Steensen

Treasurer

• Zachary Roth

Sophomore Representative

• Chelsea Stowell

*There are no candidates for senior or junior representative

PEABODY

Senate (1 position)

• Madison Hurwitz
• Mark Madden

President

• Michael Feldman
• Tim Gilbert
• Judy Lewis

Vice President

• Kristen Ayers

Sophomore Representative

• Cara Rosenthal

*There are no candidates for secretary, treasurer, or senior or junior representative

Early decision admission rate drops to 18 percent for incoming class

by **KRISTEN JACOBSON**
Contributing Reporter

Applicants to the Class of 2014 have raised the bar higher than ever before, with newly released statistics indicating that the early decision applicants are among the most qualified in the university’s history.

In all, almost 22,000 students applied to become part of the Class of 2014, meaning that Vanderbilt will admit a projected 18 percent of applicants, down from last year’s 20 percent acceptance rate. As Vanderbilt’s acceptance rate lowers, Vanderbilt is increasingly compared to schools such as Washington University in St. Louis, Duke University, Emory University and members of the Ivy League.

“To the current student, the increased value of the Vanderbilt degree and selectivity transfers into the job market. It is a direct correlation to real-world opportunities,” said Dean of Admissions Douglas Christiansen.

Christiansen attributes the growth in Vanderbilt applications beyond strong recruiting and a beautiful campus to what matters most: a solid educational experience.

“If at the end of the day, you aren’t receiving a core education, nothing else

matters. Because of the accessibility the student receives from the faculty, the undergrad experience is more positive,” Christiansen said.

As the university as a whole becomes more competitive, the pool of applicants strengthens as well. Compared to the Class of 2013, the middle 50 percent of SAT scores has risen 30 points so far, and it is expected to rise even more with the regular decision applicants. The average class rank of the early decision applicants was up 1.5 percent from the Class of 2013 early decision applicants.

Not only have the test scores once again exceeded the previous year, but the strength of extracurricular involvement and community leadership has also increased the competitiveness of a Vanderbilt application. According to Christiansen, the amount of prospective students who “have had books and songs published; are leaders in their school, community and on a national level and have held very successful fundraisers” is on the rise as well.

While the overall Class of 2014 statistics will not be available until late March, the numbers from the early decision applicants project that the Class of 2014 will surpass all previous academic and extracurricular application statistics. ■



CHRISTOPHER HONIBALL / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Junior Claire Borgschulte holds a pose, pretending to consume a fountain drink for three minutes straight, Tuesday afternoon in Sarratt. Members of Vanderbilt Dance Marathon froze at 2:25 p.m. for three minutes to promote the event.

Dance Marathon will benefit craniofacial treatment center

by **LAURA DOLBOW**
Asst News Editor

It won’t be a normal Friday night in the Student Recreation Center tonight, where students will fill the facility for the annual Vanderbilt University Dance Marathon.

A record 820 people have signed up to participate in the 14-hour-long event, said graduate assistant Joe Gurrieri. The event, which begins at 7 p.m. tonight and will end Saturday morning at 9 a.m., is expected to have its highest-ever attendance this year.

To keep attendees entertained throughout the night, there will be an 80-foot inflatable obstacle course, student organization performances, air hockey tables, a mechanical bull, inflatable jousting and sumo wrestling.

All proceeds from admission fees and pledges will benefit the Craniofacial Treatment Center at Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt. The center provides treatment for children with

congenital and acquired deformities of the skull, face and jaw. Families of Children’s Hospital patients will be at the event, so attendees will have the opportunity to meet them.

To increase funds raised, there will be a silent auction held throughout the night, featuring items including a week stay at a timeshare in Daytona, rounds of golf, Kaplan and Princeton Review graduate courses, iPods, guitar lessons and an autographed ESPN banner.

Dance Marathon event planners expect to keep the party alive all night with “morale dances,” games, trivia and performances by ’80s cover band Ronny Raygun and hypnotist Jon Taylor. The event will also feature a line dance teacher from the Wildhorse Saloon and Big Bang piano players. In addition, a variety of food from local restaurants will be provided throughout the night.

Students have signed up in various teams related to residence halls, student organizations, fraternities, sororities and

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For more Dance Marathon coverage and live Tweeting from the event, check out InsideVandy.com.

other groups. Participants have the option to sign up as a “morale” to come in for four hours and try to raise \$175, or to participate as a “dancer” to stay the whole night and try to raise \$250. Anyone can buy a ticket to attend the event; admission is \$10 per person and free for children five and under, and tickets can be purchased at the door.

The largest student-run philanthropic organization on campus, Vanderbilt’s Dance Marathon fundraises year-round through individual solicitations and a letter-writing campaign, with efforts culminating every year in the dance event. Currently in its eighth year, Dance Marathon has raised more than half a million dollars for the Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt. ■

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COLUMN

No such thing as 'safe sex'

Abstinence education is proven to be more effective than its many detractors claim.



FRANNIE BOYLE
Columnist

John and Loretta Jemmot brought it back. Earlier this month the husband-and-wife team released the results of a University of Pennsylvania study, and what they found has completely reopened the conversation on abstinence education.

The study involved 662 youths, all around the age of 12. The students were randomly divided into separate sex education classes, each with a different curriculum. Two years after completing the selected course, each student was asked whether he or she had been sexually active since. Nearly 33 percent of the students from the abstinence-only course had become sexually active during that time. Around 42 percent of students who took a more comprehensive course, including lessons on abstinence and condom use, had become sexually active, and so did 52 percent of those who attended lessons solely focused on safe condom use.

The abstinence instructors were told to eliminate moral overtones and correct students on any false impressions they might have about condoms, and it worked. A majority of the students who received their message are free from HIV, STDs and unplanned pregnancies. Despite the positive effects of abstinence education, it has been brushed aside in this country, and President Obama did not allocate any funding for it in the 2011 federal budget.

As college students, we are past sex ed and on to a life of freedom and independence in the bedroom. Not everyone here condones premarital sexual activity, but even the chaste students would recommend that those with active sex lives take the necessary safety precautions. It appears that some of our resident advisers share this mentality. On Valentine's Day, everyone on my hall received a goodie-bag full of candy, condoms and a note that says, "Two-thirds of all STIs occur in people 25 years of age or younger so ... USE CONDOM SENSE." Another note we received says, "Use a condom every time. Do It For Your Country."

COMMON sense tells us that this "safe sex" mentality is misleading. According to a study by the Medical Institute for Sexual Health, approximately 15 percent of women who depend on condoms as a form of birth control become pregnant within the first year of use. There is no clinical proof that condoms are fully effective against chancroid or HPV transmission, and the risk reduction for chlamydia is only about 50 percent; gonorrhea, 62 percent; and HIV, 85 percent.

Consistent condom use protects those participating in sexual activities, but it doesn't make sex a "safe" activity, by any means. Giving students the impression that they can enjoy a sexually active lifestyle without risk is incredibly naive. As seen in the Jermott study, it actually increases their chances of leading one. One thing we can do for our country is present the only foolproof way of preventing contraction of HIV, STDs or an unplanned pregnancy — abstinence.

—Frannie Boyle is a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences. She can be reached at mary.f.boyle@vanderbilt.edu.

CARTOON



LETTER

Join the cause

To the Editor:

In response to the despicable vandalism that occurred last Wednesday night at the Al-Farooq Mosque, I would like to offer a call to action to all students within the Vanderbilt community and to the greater Nashville community as well. We cannot ignore acts of vandalism like this, and we should pledge to work with each other and the greater Nashville community to prevent them in the future.

As a Christian and a future religious leader, I deem it wholly necessary to respond to this incident. An attack on the Muslim community is an attack to my own religious community and to anyone who believes in religious freedom. The destruction of anything sacred is unacceptable. An incident like this is antithetical not only to my Christian faith and convictions but also as a student at Vanderbilt University and a resident of Nashville. I cannot be idle when the security and well-being of another religious community is at stake. No person should remain idle: Christian and Hindu, Muslim and Jew and nonbeliever.

A line has been drawn. People of faith and non-believers who seek to build a safe, understanding and cooperative world are on one side and bigots on the other. The line is dividing citizens who strive for peace with each other and radicals who carry out campaigns, like the aforementioned, to suffocate anyone who does not believe, live or look exactly how they do.

The duty of an interfaith leader, who can be anyone who believes in peace and cooperation between religious and nonreligious communities, is not just to respond to these events as they happen but work toward preventing them. We all have a responsibility in this type of interfaith work. I am committed this year to helping build that beloved community through Mosaic, the interfaith student group at the Divinity School, but I hope that many of you today will articulate to your own communities why such acts of vandalism are affronts to us all: people of faith and those with no faith. Anyone who wishes to strive for justice, I encourage you to send me an e-mail. Mosaic and other students from Vanderbilt and Belmont worked to clean the Al-Farooq Mosque, but you can still get involved. Mosaic is raising money to help them invest in a new security system and also planning a number of service projects and other programs that will educate others on the importance of working together toward a greater good.

As students, we have a voice that can enact change. I think it is time that we speak against bigotry and ignorance, with words and with actions.

Join the cause.

Anthony Fatta
Community Service Chair of Mosaic
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THE RANT



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Compiled by Thomas Shattuck

Why has the red pick-up truck on 24th Avenue not been towed yet? It's been abandoned for 3 months!

Since when did Rand become THE place to hang out; don't you people have something better to do? Go to the library! Go out! Do something!

Dear person criticizing the Admissions Office: Ever think she got rejected for a reason? Chill out.

Why is it that the most sensational thing that has happened in my life recently has been that Facebook changed again?

To the girl in my 8 a.m. math class: STOP BEING PEPPY!! We all hate you; please stop trying.

When did people forget how to walk? Right is right, left side means you're British. We beat the Redcoats for a reason, guys.

COLUMN

Guns and responsibility

Campuses not a place for guns, schools need to take action to prevent more shootings.



ALLENA BERRY
Columnist

Guns can be scary things (regardless of your position on gun control legislation). People with guns can be even more frightening; crazy people with guns is just downright "Friday the 13th." However, it seems like more of the latter seem to be making headlines.

As frightening as the concept of an unstable individual having ready access to a fatal weapon may be, it is a reality that many people around the country live with every day. While the shock of the University of Alabama shooting was very real and almost immediate, for me, its details are less surprising. And sadly, its occurrence at a place of learning is probably the least surprising detail in the story. This fact got me wondering: Why have some of our nation's most disturbing occurrences with gun violence taken place on educational campuses?

Schools seem to be ripe with opportunities for exploitation of the innocent. It's a classic "dove vs. hawk" scenario: If the world were composed purely of doves that wanted to live peaceably, there would

be more opportunity for a hawk to take advantage of (and gain from) a dove society. Students go to school with the intention of learning, not in the mode to protect their lives. Those who get upset at the system find a chance in schools to seek retribution for their circumstances — and generally take their wrath out on the wrong individuals.

So what can we do about it?

Gun control legislation isn't going to happen anytime soon. So the solution involves schools taking more rigorous measurements of the psychological well-being of their faculty and students and outlining clear steps to either facilitate these people in becoming more stable or, in a worse case scenario, to remove them from the learning environment. It may sound taboo to say this, but the fact of the matter is that events like these are far too common.

Campuses should be places where minds are enriched, not where lives are threatened. Where community sets the precedent, not where one selfish individual's actions can define the environment. Schools need to take responsibility for what happens on their campuses before such a tragedy occurs.

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COLUMN

Party for God

Religion is invoked too frequently, often for trivial reasons; personal responsibility comes first.



PHIL INGRAM
Columnist

Looking around the toolbox of the typical household, one might find some screwdrivers, a hammer and a tape measure. One may even find an array of utility knives or a saw. However, the one tool in every American household is religion.

Religion is the all-purpose, one-size-fits-all panacea. No matter what the problem, some obscure Bible verse can be found to support it. For example, I Googled "bible verse supporting pot," and in the very first hit, the author alleges that God supports the use of marijuana. Not only that, but the author declares that Biblical references to pot can be found in Genesis 1:12: "And God saw that it was good." Clearly a pot reference.

Sometimes religions are pretty explicit on certain things. In the Qur'an, a verse reads, "Do not take life, which Allah has made sacred, except through justice and the law. He orders this so that you may acquire wisdom" (6:151). And yet, somehow I feel the Qur'an is telling me to vote for Sarah Palin in 2012. Religion has become warped by society to serve individual interests no matter what the context.

This is especially clear the week of Fat Tuesday and the beginning of Lent. Hundreds of Vanderbilt students made the trek down to New Orleans last weekend to prepare for the suffering ahead. Never would I have thought there were so many Catholics on campus, but Vanderbilt does surprise. Even people who I know worship at Jewish temples or Muslim mosques felt they also needed to share the coming woes of the Catholics.

Now that the partying has occurred, the purging can begin. Maybe even more people than went to Mardi Gras will participate in Lent and sacrifice the one thing that they hold dear in life to honor God. For some of us it may be sweets or fatty foods, for others it might be a completely sedentary lifestyle. The truly dedicated, however, may even give up sobriety on Tuesday nights. It's a hard life, but somehow we'll make it through until Easter. And even if we don't, our waistlines will be skinnier, and that's what truly matters in life anyway, right?

Undoubtedly, good things do come out of Easter; however, it's hard to say that Lent and religion are as important as they seem on Vanderbilt's campus. Lent has been transformed into something akin to a second New Year's resolution, and, honestly, it rubs me the wrong way. If you are interested in going on a diet, then go on a diet. Do not invoke God and expect life to be perfect. For anything.

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COLUMN

Republican misinformation



HUDSON TODD
Columnist

Democrats are having a hard time right now. Predictions are looking grim for the 2010 elections. Of course, the party of the president nearly always takes a hit in the midterm elections. Rather than using this to explain their decline in polls, however, I will instead examine why the alternative is much, much worse. I'll start out with Sarah Palin. Sarah Palin, who was recently here in Nashville at the first "Tea Party" convention, provided tea-party-goers (aka Republicans) with a speech that bashed anything from Obama to Obama. Curiously, after having criticized Obama for using a teleprompter, she scribbled notes on her hands for the Q & A session following her "speech." She was asked what issues were important for the tea partiers going into the future. She looked at her hand and said, "Energy, tax cuts and lift American spirits." The vice-presidential candidate of the Republican Party could not remember what the central issues are of her so-called "movement." She could not remember to say "tax cuts."

Sarah Palin called for Rahm Emanuel to resign after he called the liberal critics of President Obama "f***ing retardards." She called his comments "indecent," "sick" and "offensive." It just so turns out that one of Palin's close buddies, Rush Limbaugh, has repeatedly used the word retard to describe those he disagrees with. When asked if Palin thinks Limbaugh should resign as well, she said "They are kooks, so I agree with Rush Limbaugh." Palin, who has not ruled out the possibility of a run for president in 2012, claimed Obama may declare war on Iran to score political points. Aside from the fact that the president cannot declare war (Palin also could not describe what the vice president did while running for that position), declaring war on Iran would be a terrible decision and would most certainly not make the president more popular.

Why do I sit here and trash Sarah Palin? Aside from the fact that she is the de facto leader of the tea party movement, Republicans think she is more qualified to be president than Obama, which, considering everything she has said, could not be further from the truth. Typically the leaders of a group tend to represent the best that group has

to offer. The fact that Palin is leading in the polls in the 2012 Republican primary speaks poorly of the foot soldiers of the movement. A recent survey by Research 2000 found some very interesting data on Republican beliefs.

These results aren't very surprising. I could go through the poll and examine the utter absurdity of Republican beliefs, but the poll speaks for itself. Republicans are living in some alternate reality. As Obama has found out the hard way, it is difficult to reason with people who are so ignorant. Perhaps it would be more effective to question why it is Republicans have such ridiculous beliefs. It has to be in part because there is a media outlet that lets such beliefs go unchallenged. For a recent example, Fox News chose to cut out of the health care Q & A session with Obama just over

Question	Yes	No	Not Sure
Should Barack Obama be impeached?	39	32	29
Do you believe Barack Obama was born in the United States?	42	36	22
Do you think Barack Obama is a socialist?	63	21	16
Do you believe Barack Obama wants the terrorists to win?	24	43	33
Do you believe ACORN stole the 2008 election?	21	24	55
Do you believe Sarah Palin is more qualified to be president than Barack Obama?	53	14	33
Do you believe Barack Obama is a racist who hates white people?	31	36	33
Do you believe your state should secede from the United States?	23	58	19
Should openly gay men and women be allowed to teach in public schools?	8	73	19
Should contraceptive use be outlawed?	31	56	13
Do you believe the birth control pill is abortion?	34	48	18

Research 2000 for the Kos Poll of Republicans

halfway through when they witnessed how well Obama was doing. It wasn't going according to their narrative of Obama being an unreasonable socialist foreigner who hates white people, so they cut out.

There is one party in America that identifies problems and attempts to come up with solutions to fix them, and another party that manufactures fake problems. Obama should absolutely be scrutinized, but all criticisms should be reasonable. There are a few centrists who have voiced reasonable concerns with him, but their concerns, however legitimate, are being drowned out by the voices of the Republican Party. The Republican Party has become a haven for conspiracy theorists and anti-intellectuals. If the Republicans win big this year, it speaks poorly of this nation.

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2010 SCHEDULE



"There's a decent amount of experience on the field, and a lot of our players have gotten over a hundred at-bats. With the experience of the Southeastern Conference championship game and regional play, the team's state of confidence far exceeds the level of last season." — Head Coach Tim Corbin



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Feb. 19-21 — NIAGARA
 Feb. 23 — AUSTIN PEAY
 Feb. 26 — at UCLA
 Feb. 27 — at USC
 Feb. 28 — Oklahoma State (in Los Angeles, Calif.)
 March 2 — TENNESSEE TECH
 March 5 — KENT STATE
 March 6 — ILLINOIS STATE
 March 7 — INDIANA
 March 10 — TENNESSEE
 March 12-14 — OHIO
 March 16 — W. KENTUCKY
 March 17 — at W. Kentucky
 March 19-21 — at Alabama

March 23 — LIPSCOMB
 March 24 — WRIGHT STATE
 March 26-28 — KENTUCKY
 March 30-31 — WOFFORD
 April 2-4 — at Florida
 April 6 — BELMONT
 April 9-11 — SOUTH CAROLINA
 April 13 — MIDDLE TENNESSEE
 April 16-18 — AUBURN
 April 20 — at Lipscomb
 April 21 — at Middle Tennessee
 April 23-25 — at Tennessee
 April 27 — at Austin Peay
 April 30- May 2 — GEORGIA
 May 7-9 — at LSU
 May 11 — LOUISVILLE
 May 14-16 — at Mississippi State
 May 20-22 — ARKANSAS

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MIKE YASTRZEMSKI, CF
 #18, Freshman
 Bats: Left, Throws: Left

QUICK FACTS

- Selected by Boston in 36th round of 2009 MLB draft
- Grandfather, Carl, was inducted into the Hall of Fame after playing with the Red Sox for 23 seasons



AARON WESTLAKE, LF
 #36, Sophomore
 Bats: Left, Throws: Right

QUICK FACTS

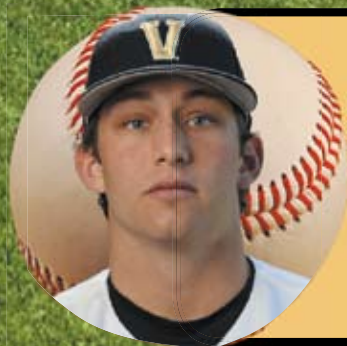
- Led the entire SEC last season with a .377 batting average
- Named to the All-SEC freshman team, leading the Commodores in hits (90) and homeruns (10)



JOE LOFTUS, RF
 #7, Sophomore
 Bats: Right, Throws: Right

QUICK FACTS

- Helped Vanderbilt's efforts in the outfield last season, starting 55 games for the Commodores
- Sound defensive player, committing only two errors in 2009



BRIAN HARRIS, SS
 #6, 5th-Year Senior
 Bats: Right, Throws: Right

QUICK FACTS

- Known for impressive agility and quickness
- With a smart offensive eye, led the team in runs scored (65) and walks (39) last season



RILEY REYNOLDS, 2B
 #8, Sophomore
 Bats: Left, Throws: Right

QUICK FACTS

- Boasted a .967 fielding percentage with 160 assists his freshman season
- With 12 steals last season, was named a freshman All-American



SONNY GRAY, P
 #2, Sophomore
 Bats: Right, Throws: Right

QUICK FACTS

- Won three games for Team USA last summer, limiting opposing hitters to a .139 batting average
- Compiled a 5-1 record for the Commodores



JASON ESPOSITO, 3B
 #22, Sophomore
 Bats: Right, Throws: Right

QUICK FACTS

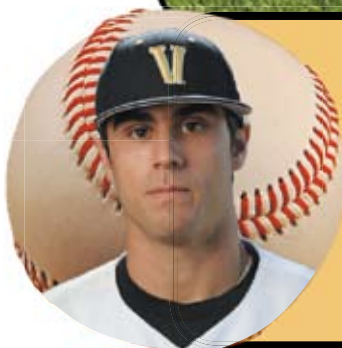
- Started all 64 games his freshman season
- Led the Commodores base running efforts, with 20 stolen bases in 25 attempts last season



CURT CASALI, 1B
 #9, Junior
 Bats: Right, Throws: Right

QUICK FACTS

- As a sophomore, started all 64 games for the Commodores
- Hit an impressive .336 in 2009, leading the team with 59 RBIs



ANDREW GIOBBI, C
 #5, 5th-Year Senior
 Bats: Right, Throws: Right

QUICK FACTS

- Led the Commodores defensively with a .995 fielding percentage in 2009
- Vanderbilt will rely on Giobbi's leadership from behind the plate



BRYAN JOHNS, DH
 #11, Junior
 Bats: Right, Throws: Right

QUICK FACTS

- Captured the NJCAA Division I Championship Title last season with Howard Junior College in Texas
- Named to the All-Tournament team, finishing last season with 99 hits

Full Roster

21	Jack Armstrong	RHP	Right/Right	6-6/226	SO
31	Russell Brewer	RHP	Right/Right	6-0/210	JR
9	Curt Casali	C	Right/Right	6-2/216	JR
46	Will Clinard	RHP	Right/Right	6-4/224	RS FR
22	Jason Esposito	INF	Right/Right	6-1/198	SO
45	Drew Fann	C	Right/Right	6-3/204	SO
12	Regan Flaherty	1B-OF	Left/Left	6-1/184	FR
28	Grayson Garvin	LHP	Left/Left	6-5/217	SO
5	Andrew Giobbi	C/INF	Right/Right	6-1/212	SR
13	Anthony Gomez	INF	Right/Right	5-11/178	FR
43	Nate Gonzalez	C	Right/Right	5-8/224	FR.
15	Richie Goodenow	LHP	Left/Left	6-2/202	JR
2	Sonny Gray	RHP	Right/Right	5-11/195	SO
20	Connor Harrell	OF	Right/Right	6-2/200	FR
17	Andrew Harris	INF	Left/Right	6-0/194	SO
6	Brian Harris	INF	Right/Right	5-8/182	SR
33	Drew Hayes	RHP	Right/Right	6-0/212	SR
34	Taylor Hill	RHP	Right/Right	6-3/222	JR
11	Bryan Johns	INF	Right/Right	5-8/166	JR
27	Keenan Kolinsky	LHP	Left/Left	6-0/200	FR
44	Mark Lamm	RHP	Right/Right	6-4/215	JR
7	Joe Loftus	OF	Right/Right	6-2/202	SO
10	Navery Moore	RHP	Right/Right	6-1/200	SO
19	Sean Murphy	2B-OF	Right/Right	5-6/152	FR
42	Chase Reid	RHP	Left/Right	6-3/212	JR
8	Riley Reynolds	INF	Left/Right	6-1/200	SO
39	Sam Selman	LHP	Right/Left	6-2/168	FR
36	Aaron Westlake	1B/C	Left/Right	6-3/236	SO
24	Corey Williams	LHP	Left/Left	6-1/200	RS FR
26	Jordan Wormsley	OF	Left/Left	6-0/198	JR
18	Mike Yastrzemski	OF	Left/Left	5-10/168	FR

2009 in perspective

- Commodores finished the season with a final record of 37-27
- Key Wins: LSU (May 20 — Southeastern Conference tournament), Florida (April 4-5), Arkansas (April 10, 11 and May 23 — SEC tournament), Louisville (April 22)
- Reached the SEC Championship game, but lost to then-No.1 LSU, 4-1, after beating the Tigers in the tournament opener
- Edged by Louisville, 5-3, in the NCAA Louisville Regional championship game
- Sonny Gray, Riley Reynolds and Aaron Westlake named to the freshman All-American Team
- Westlake's .377 batting average led the Southeastern Conference
- Gray made Team USA, compiling a 3-1 record for the national team over the summer
- Mike Minor was drafted by the Atlanta Braves as the seventh overall pick in the 2009 MLB draft

Corbin's corner

On the team's trip to Japan:

We got the chance to play good, SEC-level competition in November. The guys got game-ready in November. We've been in that mode since then and just took a hiatus.

On beating No. 1 LSU in the SEC tournament opener:

The LSU game was two-fold — we needed to regain some confidence, and we did that with that win. We got into the winners bracket after beating the number one team in the country. In retrospect, it gave us renewed confidence and showed the kids that they're capable of beating any team.



NEIL BRAKE / Vanderbilt Photo

Explosive offense anchors Vanderbilt's potent attack

The Commodores will rely upon their experience at the plate this season, using both speed and power to the team's advantage.

"We're a very balanced offensive team," said head coach Tim Corbin. "We have the capability to hit with power, get extra base hits and run." Vanderbilt returns a majority of last

season's lineup, featuring seasoned hitters ready to face tough conference pitching.

"We have two five-year guys — Andrew Giobbi and Brian Harris — with a lot of at-bats in the (Southeastern Conference)," said Corbin. "Our kids will continue to progress over the season."

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*stats from 2009 season	A. Westlake	C. Casali	R. Reynolds	B. Harris	A. Giobbi
avg.	.377	.336	.332	.299	.289
at-bats	239	235	217	234	180
runs	53	62	40	65	31
hits	90	79	72	70	52
2B	15	16	15	21	9
3B	0	0	1	0	1
HR	10	10	0	9	6
RBI	57	59	22	45	41
stolen bases	5	2	12	10	7

The Rotation

"We're looking for them to fulfill the role they're in and give us good quality starts. In your time as a coach, you're going to lose experienced players, but you're not looking to replace them."

— Head Coach Tim Corbin



TAYLOR HILL, #34, RHP
Junior, Old Hickory, Tenn.
2009: 17 appearances, 41.0 IP, 2-1, 5.05 ERA, 43 K
Highlights: Struck out six in 10-3 win over Lipscomb, worked six innings in 8-6 win over Belmont.



JACK ARMSTRONG, #21, RHP
Sophomore, Jupiter, Fla.
2009: 6 appearances, 7.2 IP, 0-0, 12.91 ERA, 8 K
Highlights: Worked three innings of relief in 10-2 win over Georgia, pitched perfect eighth inning in 8-5 loss to South Carolina.



CHASE REID, #42, RHP
Junior, South Lake, Texas
2009: 19 Appearances, 34.1 IP, 3-0, 4.46 ERA, 38 K
Highlights: Wins over Western Kentucky, South Alabama and Wright State; picked up save in 5-4 victory over South Carolina in 2009 SEC Tournament.

Bullpen Standouts: RHP Russell Brewer (JR), LHP Richie Goodenow (JR), LHP Grayson Garvin (SO)

Q&A with Sonny Gray



CHRIS PHARE/The Vanderbilt Hustler

Vanderbilt Hustler: Could you describe the experience of being invited to the Team USA trials as a freshman last year?

Sonny Gray: Being invited to Team USA was a great experience. We got to do a lot of things that many 19-year-old kids don't get to do. I think any time you can do something for your country it is a great feeling.

VH: How would you describe beating Japan last summer and finishing 3-1 with the team?

SG: Beating Japan was probably the greatest experience of the whole summer because of the rivalry that has evolved over the last couple of years. There are some great players, and I was fortunate enough to pitch well and get the win against them.

VH: How would you say your time with Team USA has enhanced your play this season at Vanderbilt?

SG: After playing a full summer with Team USA, I walked away with a lot more baseball knowledge. I was able to understand the different types of hitters that there are. I didn't have (Derek Johnson) there with me giving me pointers if he saw something I was doing wrong. I had to figure these types of things out on my own.

VH: What were your feelings when you found out you were invited back to trials this year?

SG: Being invited back to the team again this summer is a big honor. It lets me know that I did the right thing throughout the summer and left a good impression. As I mentioned earlier any time you get the chance to play for your country it is an honor. Hopefully I will be able to go out and have another great summer of baseball.

—interview by Meghan Rose

Freshmen expected to make early difference

by ERIC SINGLE
Asst Sports Editor

Bolstered by the decision of three players not to sign with the Major League teams that drafted them, Vanderbilt's incoming freshman class will look to make an immediate impact in the opening weeks of this season.

Mike Yastrzemski, who was drafted by the Boston Red Sox in the 36th round in June, will start at center this weekend in the Commodores' first series against Niagara. Yastrzemski committed to Vanderbilt in the fall of his junior year at St. John's Prep in Massachusetts, and head coach Tim Corbin hopes to move him up in the batting order later on in the season.

"He has a professional approach to how he plays," said Corbin. "Mike's been around baseball all of his life. He's taking great pleasure in the ability to compete. As a hitter, he's going to rise and probably hit at the top part of the order as time progresses."

Regan Flaherty and Connor Harrell add much-needed depth to the Vanderbilt outfield and will back up Joe Loftus and Aaron Westlake at the corners. The Seattle Mariners drafted Flaherty, the younger brother of former Commodore All-American shortstop Ryan Flaherty, in the 28th round last summer. Flaherty, who won three state championships in high school, chose to come to school instead and will spell Westlake in left field.

Connor Harrell will begin the season backing

up Loftus in right. A three-time first-team all-conference player out of Houston, Texas, Harrell is expected to see playing time early on in the season.

Sam Selman provides a precious left-handed option out of the bullpen for the Commodores. Drafted in the 14th round by the Angels, Selman is a two-time Under Armour preseason All-American.

"Sam (Selman) had the opportunity to sign out of high school but chose to come to school," said Corbin. "Eventually, he will be counted on in a big way."

Freshman catcher Nate Gonzalez missed most of the fall with a hand injury but is expected to provide the Commodores coveted stability behind the plate in the future, especially with team leader Andrew Giobbi entering his final season at Vanderbilt.

VANDERBILT'S 2010 ROOKIES:

- OF Regan Flaherty
- IF Anthony Gomez
- C Nate Gonzalez
- OH Connor Harrell
- LHP Keenan Kolinsky
- OF Sean Murphy
- LHP Sam Selman
- OF Mike Yastrzemski

BENNETT: Vanderbilt loses 'ideal young man' both on, off the field

From BENNETT, page 1

Johnson got a chance to visit him at his home earlier in the recruiting process, and it was there that Bennett told him he wanted to play for the Commodores over numerous other programs that had expressed interest.

"I felt great because, in my opinion, it was the best place for him," Johnson said, choking up. "It was going to change his life."

The McEachern community is still reeling from this news. For Vanderbilt, it's an all-too-familiar feeling. This tragedy comes just over 5 years after another young Commodore, Kwane Doster, was shot and killed in his hometown of Tampa in December of 2004.

It doesn't get any easier. "The questions just go through your mind right away; how could this happen, why did it happen, why did it have to happen to a good guy like Kwane or Rajaan?" Johnson said. "Unfortunately, we don't have the answers to those."

No one does. All we can do is grieve for Rajaan, pray for his family and emulate not only who he was but also who he was striving to become.

Rest in peace, Rajaan. You'll always be a Commodore to us.

He played football that well, too. Bennett tore up opposing defenses his senior year at McEachern High School, rushing for 1,857 yards and 28 touchdowns, and he was named the Class 5A Player of the Year. His bruising running style drew favorable comparisons to NFL stars Knowshon Moreno and Ricky Williams.

What made Bennett even more special, however, was his personality, a "humble and hard-working kid," according to his high school coach Kyle Hockman. He included his young siblings in everything he did and took especially good care of his special-needs younger brother, who also attends McEachern.

Bennett was a perfect fit for Vanderbilt, a school he chose because he wanted to compete but also get a first-rate education.

He was eager, according to friends, to take the next step in his life and be a college football star.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution contributed to this article.

This weekend in sports

by GEOFF HUTCHINSON
Sports Reporter

Friday, Feb. 19

Women's bowling at the Hoosier Classic

The Vanderbilt bowling team will be in action for the first time since winning the team championship at the McKendree Baker Challenge.

Women's swimming at the Southeastern Conference Championships

Friday marks the third day of the SEC Championships for the women's swimming squad, who is looking to finish the year strong.

Men's tennis at Louisville — 2:30 p.m. CST

The men's tennis team travels to Louisville to face the No. 16-ranked Cardinals tennis squad. Vanderbilt defeated Purdue 7-0 in its last outing.

Men's baseball vs. Niagara — 4 p.m. CST

The Commodores open up their 2010 baseball campaign on Friday with a three-game series against MAAC member Niagara.

Women's lacrosse at North Carolina — 5 p.m. CST

The Commodores suffered a tough loss 19-10 to the No. 5 Duke Blue Devils last weekend and will travel to Chapel Hill for another tough match up against the No. 4 North Carolina Tar Heels.

Saturday, Feb. 20

Women's tennis at Princeton — 11 a.m. CST

Saturday begins a two-day road trip for the women's tennis team, with stops at both Princeton and Yale. The last time the team was in action, they were defeated narrowly by Tennessee, 4-3.

Men's basketball vs. Kentucky — 5 p.m. CST

After an impressive 82-78 conference road victory over Ole Miss, Vanderbilt will host the No. 2 Kentucky Wildcats at Memorial with a chance to move into a tie for first place in the SEC East. They lost to UK 85-72 in their first meeting this season.

Sunday, Feb. 21

Men's golf at the Mobile Bay Intercollegiate — All day

Sunday marks day one of a three-day competition for the men's golf team, who has not been in action since a fourth-place finish at the Hummingbird Intercollegiate in November.

Women's basketball at Ole Miss — 1 p.m. CST

The Vanderbilt women's basketball team will travel to Oxford to face the No. 6 Ole Miss Rebels. This will be the second time the two teams will face this season, as Vanderbilt defeated Ole Miss in Nashville 86-72.

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ACROSS

- 1 Unceremoniously breaks up with
- 6 1996 film that won Best Original Screenplay
- 11 Pro bono TV ad
- 14 As a friend, to François
- 15 Greg Evans comic strip
- 16 Pumpjack output
- 17 Newly certified coroner's assignment?
- 19 Wash. Nats' division
- 20 Daffy duo?
- 21 Generation
- 22 In pursuit of
- 24 Lord's ointment?
- 29 Isn't wrong?
- 30 Flood deterrents
- 31 Words spoken with a yawn, perhaps
- 33 TV palomino
- 34 Mutt with a conscience?
- 35 Annoying negotiator
- 38 Sitting Bull telling raunchy jokes?
- 42 Cops may keep them on suspects
- 46 Rabbittlike rodents
- 47 Gulf War reporter
- 49 Peddle
- 50 Taxi with no empty seats?
- 53 Disappointed post-game comment
- 55 Back muscle, for short
- 56 Nest builder
- 57 Seventh-largest st.
- 58 Topping for schnitzel?
- 63 Legal ending
- 64 Bugs once sought by cops
- 65 Havens
- 66 Old map inits.
- 67 Steamed
- 68 Take forcibly

DOWN

- 1 Stand up for
- 2 Combat outfit
- 3 Candy "whose success is out of this world"
- 4 Downing St. bigwigs
- 5 Pose
- 6 Botanist's study
- 7 Hearing-related
- 8 Wiper
- 9 Migratory African critter
- 10 Fit to serve
- 11 Firebird maker
- 12 Guest letter?
- 13 Siren, for one
- 18 Predicament
- 23 Pride follower, so they say
- 25 It's not true
- 26 Breaks up
- 27 Baroque stringed instrument
- 28 Raison d'
- 32 "No Exit" dramatist
- 34 Half of MMCCX
- 45 Positions
- 47 Aqua Velva competitor
- 48 Exam given intrademically, for short
- 51 Like the nerve near an arm bone
- 52 Rear
- 54 "South Park" rating
- 59 H+, for one
- 60 Work unit
- 61 Plant
- 62 Rhine feeder

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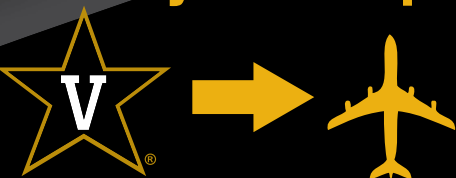


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