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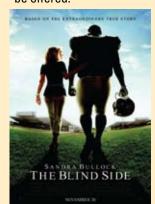
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CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MARCH 26 Dorothy Legros Memorial Service

A memorial service to honor the late Vanderbilt student Dorothy Legros will be held at 5 p.m. in Benton Chapel. Following the service, a reception will be held in Tillett Lounge, located on the first floor of the Divinity School.

"The Blind Side" Vanderbilt Student Government and the Sarratt Student Center will present two showings of the film "The Blind Side" in Sarratt Cinema at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Complimentary drinks, popcorn and candy will be offered.

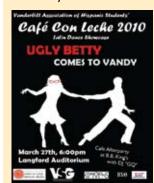


SATURDAY, MARCH 27 • Kissam Field Day

The Kissam Programming Council and the Kissam Quad RAs will host a field day on the Kissam Lawn from noon to 3 p.m. Local children will take on Kissam residents in sack races, a water balloon toss, three-legged races and capture the flag. Hot dogs, corn dogs, funnel cakes, popcorn, cotton candy and snow cones will also be available.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

Cafe con Leche The annual Cafe con Leche Latin dance showcase will be held from 6-8 p.m. in Langford Auditorium, with the theme "Ugly Betty Comes to Vandy.



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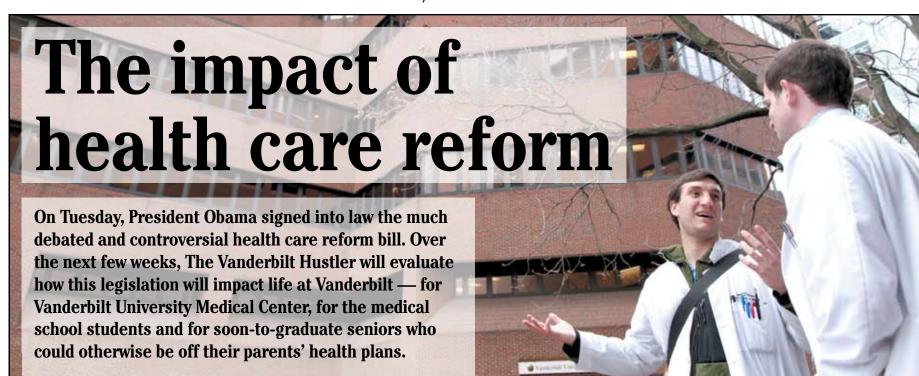
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Health insurance reform act expected to benefit Vanderbilt **University Med Center**

by KYLE BLAINE Asst News Editor

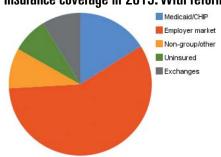
In 2008, Vanderbilt University Medical Center lost \$228,135,792 as a result of uncompensated care charges, the most of any hospital in the region. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will change that, according to Assistant Dean for Health Care Management Jon Lehman.

"Presumably, about 60 percent of those who receive care uncompensated will now be covered under the new plan," said Lehman, a dean with the Owen School of Management. "So Vanderbilt is going to get paid for services it hadn't gotten paid for before as a provider."

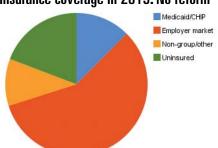
In a joint statement released last Friday, Chancellor Nicholas Zeppos and Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs Jeffrey Balser put the weight of Vanderbilt University's support behind the controversial legislation.

The bill, passed Sunday, mandates that all large employers (more than 50 fulltime wage-earners), such as Vanderbilt, provide a minimum level of coverage for its full-time employees or pay a fine. Lehman said this will have little to no impact on the university because

Insurance coverage in 2019: With reform



Insurance coverage in 2019: No reform

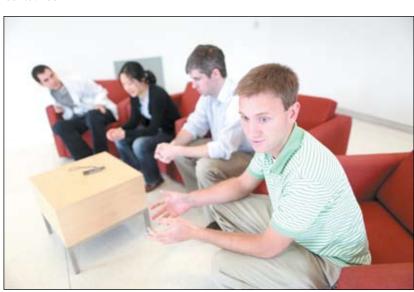


Graphs courtesy WASHINGTONPOST.COM

Vanderbilt already provides coverage for full-time staff.

According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, 907,100 Tennesseeans were uninsured in 2008. To shoulder the cost burden of providing or subsidizing insurance for the currently uninsured, Please see **MEDICAL CENTER**, page 3

MARGARET FENTON /VSC Media Services Third-year medical students Aaron Dawes, left, and Chris Estopinal talk outside the university hospital on Thursday afternoon. Chancellor Nicholas Zeppos and Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs Jeffrey Balser voiced their support of the health care legislation just before its passage through the U.S. House of Repre-



MARGARET FENTON /VSC Media Services

From left, second-year medical students David Marcovitz and Sabrina Poon and first-year medical students Michael Pelster and Tyler Armstrong discuss the future of medicine after the initial passage of the health care overhaul bill.

Med students discuss future of health care

by ERIN PRAH

VSC Media Services

Vanderbilt University medical students sat down with The Hustler to discuss what the health care reform bill will mean for them as future health care practitioners and for undergraduates about to graduate. The bill, which President Obama signed into law on Tuesday, is currently undergoing revisions in the House of Representatives.

David Marcovitz and Sabrina Poon, both second-year medical students, represented a Democratic view on the bill, while Michael Pelster and Tyler Armstrong, both first-year medical students, represented a Republican perspective.

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Students with disabilities sample college life through new program

A day in the life of a Next Step student.

> by MELANIE BRODER Staff Reporter

Edward Nesbitt is 24 years old and began attending Vanderbilt in January as part of the Next Step program. Nesbitt has Down syndrome, but his disability has not stopped him from feeling at home on campus. "Hi," he introduces himself and turns to the right, "This is my good side."

Nesbitt eats lunch with social ambassador (Next Step's

terminology for student mentor) Christine Gerwien, a freshman in Peabody, on Tuesdays. This particular Tuesday, they are dining at C.T. West. Though Nesbitt favors cheeseburgers and beef burritos, lately he has been trying to get more vegetables, so he makes sure to get lettuce, tomato and pickles on his roast beef sandwich.

"Lunch is a time to relax and build friendships," Gerwien says as Nesbitt takes a considerable bite out of his side item, a large cinnamon bun. Though he lives at home, Nesbitt has a Commodore Card and a meal plan, which he uses at various

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Watch a video of Edward Nesbitt and social ambassador Rosie Landau during their skills training session at InsideVandy.com.

dining locales around campus. According to the Web site for the Kennedy Center for Research on Education and Human Development, Next Step provides various programs in order to carry out the mission of providing "transformational

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CHRIS HONIBALL / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Edward Nesbitt, a Next Step participant, sits with his social ambassador Rosie Landau in The Commons Center Wednesday afternoon. The two work on activities such as school projects and practicing money skills.





In the Wednesday, March 24 issue of Versus Magazine, the cover photo was incorrectly credited to Chris Honiball. Justin Menestrina took the picture. The student media staff regrets this error.

CRIME LOG

compiled by JUSTIN TARDIFF

Sunday, March 21, 2010 at noon

A person was found passed out in a puddle of vomit in the women's restroom of the Student Life Center.

Sunday, March 21, 2010 at 8:13 p.m.

A patient at the Vanderbilt University Hospital was advised that he was only allowed to have immediate family as visitors. He became very upset.

Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 1:10 p.m.

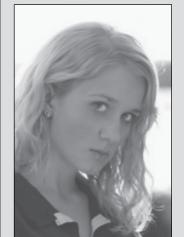
A vehicle ran a red light at the corner of West End Avenue and 29th Avenue. The driver's license was suspended.

Thursday, March 25, 2010, between 7:45 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

A person was loitering inside the Medical Arts Building. He had slurred speech and an open container of alcohol. He was unable to stand and became very loud.



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Student delivers testimony in D.C. this morning

Freshman Dallas Jessup testified in front of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission in Washington, D.C. Thursday.

Jessup, the founder of the non-profit organization Just Yell Fire, testified at the hearing entitled "Human Trafficking: International and National Implications" and spoke about how "young women should be taught to turn the tables on human traffickers."

"The premise is simple — if you make self defense, personal rights awareness and danger avoidance a mandatory part of health class and PE every year for every teen girl — within a few years you will have the most powerful generation of young women in history," Jessup said.



Professors produce record hot temperature By Peter Letarte

Three Vanderbilt professors of physics, along with an international team of scientists, have experienced what it feels like to create temperatures 250,000 times hotter than the core of the sun. At 4 trillion degrees Celsius, the exotic state of matter that they helped create at the Brookhaven National Laboratory in Long Island, New York, is the hottest matter ever to be created in the laboratory.

Victoria Greene and Charles Maguire, both physics professors, and Julia Velkovska, associate professor of physics at Vanderbilt, were all part of a team working with the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider that was able to create quark-gluon plasma by smashing two gold nuclei together that were traveling near the speed of light. Even more recently they were able to measure the temperature of this matter that their collision created.

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WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB?

In high school I worked before school at a gas station, and after school in a sporting goods store. Over the summers I would mow lawns.

WHERE IS YOUR FAVORITE SPOT IN NASHVILLE?

Because of my taste in music, I like spending time at B.B. King's where I can enjoy blues.

IF YOU DIDN'T LIVE IN NASHVILLE, WHERE WOULD YOU WANT TO LIVE?

I do not want to live anywhere else. I came here 38 years ago to serve a two-year program at Vanderbilt as a post-doc and never left.

compiled by ERIC GLASSER

SNAPSHOT

Kasiisi Cafe



Members of Jew Grass, a Jewish bluegrass band, perform at Kasiisi Cafe, a fundraiser to raise money for greater access to education in Uganda. The open mike night was held in the Schulman Center for Jewish Life on Tuesday, featuring a wide variety of student performances.



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MEDICAL CENTER: University responds to new legislation

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the federal government will raise Medicare taxes on individuals who make more than \$200,000 annually (\$250,000 for families) by 0.9 percent. Individual health plans costing more than \$10,200 a year (\$27,500 for families) will also be taxed. Additional revenue sources include fees on drug manufacturers, health insurers and medical device manufacturers.

This shift in cost played a role in the university's decision to support the bill, according to the statement.

"As a center of education for the next generation of health care providers, a major provider of health care regionally and nationally, and as the second Tennessee-based employer in the state, Vanderbilt believes the reforms embodied in the legislation will improve our health insurance and health care delivery systems and is pleased to offer its support for this effort," the statement read. Peer institutions with large

research medical centers, such as Duke, Harvard, Johns Hopkins and the University of Virginia did not release official statements regarding the health insurance reform bill. In response to requests made by The Hustler, Vanderbilt University declined to comment further on the decision to support the bill.

Rep. Jim Cooper, D-Nashville, voted yes on the bill. He cited Vanderbilt University's expertise and endorsement as a consideration he made when weighing his vote, according to a statement he made on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives.

"It meant a lot to Jim that so many local people, like the health care experts at Vanderbilt and all the local hospitals, agreed with his decision about health reform. Those folks are on the front line, and they know the impact this bill is going to have on everyday Middle Tennesseans," said the congressman's press secretary, Peter Boogaard.

STUDENT Q&A: Health care reform bill a 'start' for improving system

Vanderbilt Hustler: What does this bill mean for graduating seniors?

Michael Pelster: After six months, you'll be eligible to stay on your parents' (insurance); if you don't get a job that provides health insurance and if your parents' policy covers dependents, up

Tyler Armstrong: I'm paying right now for my own private insurance. I guess my loans are, but we all love debt. We keep spending. And now I can jump back on my parents' plan and pay far less because I'm in this family plan, get the same coverage, but pay less. So if everybody starts doing that, we're losing a bunch of money from the system. Where's the money coming from? And it's those small sorts of issues that we don't look at the ramifications of in terms of cost control.

MP: I think that's one of the exceptional ideas in the entire bill, but it could have been passed by itself also. A lot of the uninsured are not huge drivers of cost. Out of college without insurance, those are low-risk people, so I think that's a great idea.

VH: How do you envision this bill affecting you as future health

David Marcovitz: It's a start at making a health care system that will be more conducive to providing quality affordable care to everyone who needs it.

TA: By saying it's a start is a good point. I think the bill has its positive points. It works on providing access for all, but I think the affordable part is the issue a lot of us have with it. I don't think the bill addresses the cost-control issues, which I think is the first problem that needs to be solved before we can think about access.

Sabrina Poon: I do agree this bill is just a start, but I also see the bill as something momentous. I think this bill is one of those initiatives that really give everybody an equal chance at

opportunity. It's such a fundamental criteria to have health care in order to become a productive and robust member of society.

DM: This idea of having everybody covered means you don't have as much cost sharing between uninsured patients and patients with insurance. Where if I were to go to a car dealer and be asked to pay \$50,000 instead of \$25,000 because the person before me didn't have any money to pay for a car, that would be absurd, and yet that's what we do with health care.

VH: Does this bill make it more lucrative for medical students to specialize instead of becoming primary care doctors?

MP: In America, the era of the primary care doctor is over, taken over by nurse practitioners, medical assistants. Whether that's a good thing or not ... probably not.

DM: I am planning to go into primary care. I know organized medicine is worried about its future salaries. I'm not worried about it. In fact, this bill makes it easier for me to feel confident about going into primary care, because of all the steps it takes to improve primary care.

MP: Physician compensation, regardless of the fact that many doctors are pretty selfless, economic principles still apply. The caliber of the people you're going to attract into the field will decrease. If you want the best people, you have to pay them for it, and I think that's really dangerous assuming we can lower physicians' salaries without having any affect on the quality of physicians in America.

SP: Speaking for myself, I'm not sure medicine is something we went into to make the most profit. And I'm sure there are economic ramifications, I'm just not sure that they would tip

DM: We need to be talking about changing the way we pay doctors, not the amount we pay them. I think we need to pay doctors for doing the right things in the right ways. ■

Murphy, new VSG officials inaugurated

by SARA GAST

Senior Reporter

Vanderbilt Student Government officially instated junior Lori Murphy as president Wednesday night in what Chancellor Nicholas Zeppos called an "important historic event."

Murphy is the fourth president to take the helm of the relatively young VSG, accompanied by Vice President Lee Pedinoff and a host of experienced student leaders. All of the recently elected officials were also sworn in to office by presiding Attorney General Tyler

Zeppos opened the evening's festivities with a speech giving credit to the administration of departing President Wyatt Smith, whom Dean of Students Mark Bandas said could "point with pride to (his) many achievements."

"What a remarkable leader Wyatt has been," Zeppos said. "Lori has big shoes to fill, but we're on track to do more exciting things." Addressing the whole student government, he added, "You help govern this university. I view you as a true partner in all that we do."

The outgoing members of the VSG executive board spoke at Wednesday's turnover banquet, which was well attended by several members of the Vanderbilt community, including faculty, staff, administration, students and Vanderbilt police officers. Many, including former Chief of Staff Fabiani Duarte and Smith, acknowledged the behind-thescenes work that goes on in VSG.

Duarte said the organization's "unsung heroes" are what has "made VSG relevant to students." He also said working with other leaders in VSG has made his last four years "the best years of my

Smith, who received praise from both the administration and fellow VSG members, remarked on how grateful he was for the support he was shown and the effort put in by everyone in VSG. He also acknowledged his faith in Murphy.

"Lori Murphy has achieved great successes at our university," Smith said. "I'm confident that VSG can refine its strengths and improve upon its weaknesses and become an even more effective organization in the coming year under her leadership."

In turn, Murphy recognized the work of her predecessor and his part in helping develop her into an effective student leader.

In helping her realize the importance of developing new leadership, Murphy said Smith, Duarte and former President Joseph Williams taught her to help all students "realize that their opinions are valuable ... and help foster that moment when they realize that something they did initiated a real change on this

She closed by saying she was excited and humbled to be in this

"I am one of the luckiest and happiest people on this campus," she said, "because I have the privilege of doing a job — albeit sometimes sleepless and stressful — that I love each and every day." ■

Q&A with former VSG president Wyatt Smith

Senior Wyatt Smith officially passed the baton to President Lori Murphy two days ago, leaving Vanderbilt Student Government after stints as Peabody senator, vice president and president. The Hustler took some time to talk to Smith on his final day in office as he reflected on his time at Vanderbilt, covering everything from what he learned to his relationship with his chief of staff, Fabiani Duarte, and his favorite type of Girl Scout Cookie (Thin Mints). Read the full interview online at InsideVandy.com.

VH: If you had to pick one moment over your last three years as your defining moment, what would it be?

WS: A defining moment for me in student government was a meeting I had with Joseph and the provost when he told us he was going to approve our proposal for the Global Summer Fellows Program and fund something I had invested a lot of hours in researching and in promoting among different people within the university, promoting a lot of ownership among administrators and deans and faculty members and vice chancellors. When that was funded at \$250,000, that was, for me, a defining moment in seeing the impact that I had had and could continue to make through being at the top tier in student government. I remember walking out — it was a sunny day in the spring — and I really felt like because of something I had put a lot of my heart into, we had made Vanderbilt a better place.

VH: What is next for you?

WS: This summer, I will be starting a year of travel and experiential learning as the Keegan scholar. With the fellowship, I will be exploring democracies and the ways in which people achieve forms of citizenship in democracies — is it religious freedom or access to educational institutions or political participation, voting rights? And doing a comparative study, seeing what that looks like in different contexts — Latin America versus the Middle East, in South Africa versus the Balkans versus India. It will be a really incredible experience and opportunity for growth. I've been accepted for Teach for America and deferred that option for one year, so starting in the summer of 2011, I'll enter the Teach for America corps for two years. I hope to be in Alabama, teaching high school secondary social studies, and following those two years I will start at Harvard Business School and go through the two-year MBA program. ■

Cafe con Leche



CHRIS HONIBALL / The Vanderbilt Hustler

More than 250 students are set to dance, act, perform and celebrate Latin culture tomorrow evening at the annual Cafe con Leche event, the largest annual event held by the Vanderbilt Association of Hispanic Students.

Hundreds of people from all different backgrounds will participate in the exhibition. In addition to students, many faculty members are part of the dance lineup. Provost Richard McCarty, various faculty heads of house from The Commons and professors are all set to perform.

'Cafe brings students and faculty together at a cultural celebration," said Cafe Chair and Director Fabiani Duarte.

Tickets for the show are \$10, and the after-party at BB Kings is free with a Vanderbilt ID or Cafe ticket. The show is at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Langford Auditorium. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. ■

NEXT STEP: New mentor program gives students with disabilities real world skills

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learning experiences within an inclusive educational setting" and the eventual goal of increasing career opportunities for its students who are all highly functioning individuals with intellectual disabilities. Currently, there are six students participating in the two-year program.

Nesbitt takes an anthropology class on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, he works as an intern at the Medical Center's Development and Alumni Relations Office. On Thursday nights, he takes a yoga class at the Student Recreation Center. And on Fridays, he and the other Next Step students work on cooking skills by preparing lunch in "Food Foray." Every day, Nesbitt organizes all of his activities by doing daily planning with one of his ambassadors.

Today, that ambassador is Harry Stimmel, a sophomore in the College of

Arts and Science. Stimmel usually eats lunch with Nesbitt and Gerwien, but today he couldn't make it.

"He's really lazy," Nesbitt says. "Not stylish. He sleeps all day long. He loves girls."

In reality, Nesbitt looks up to Stimmel. They call each other "dawg" and "man" and tease each other relentlessly. Sitting at a table in Lupton Lounge, Nesbitt writes down his daily joys and challenges in a journal. Today's joy was that he finally got his Commodore Card to work. His challenge was that he couldn't do the same with his iPod. Then, Nesbitt opens a small yellow Dell laptop that Next Step has provided for him, which has a touch-screen and other special amenities. He reads his Vanderbilt Gmail and finds an invitation to speak about Next Step at a reception at the Kennedy Center next Thursday. He also checks Facebook, where he finds many friend requests awaiting him, and he and Stimmel discuss the girls in a new picture he was tagged in.

On Wednesday afternoon, Nesbitt meets with ambassador Rosie Landau, a first-year Peabody graduate student, in The Commons Center, for life skills training. They share a chair, and Nesbitt tells Landau she looks "festive." They first work on Nesbitt's iPod issues, and Rosie writes out instructions for removing songs from his device. He has mistakenly uploaded rap songs, but he instead prefers pop music by Miley Cyrus and Selena Gomez.

Next, Nesbitt must purchase milk on his own at Common Grounds. The milk costs 97 cents, and after selecting the appropriate dollar bill, Nesbitt calmly walks up to the cash register and pays as Landau looks on from a distance. When he is finished, he walks away grinning. This is the second time he has done this. Landau gives him a hug and tells him she is proud of him.

"You know, I'm not just your ambassador ... you're one of my good friends," Landau says to Nesbitt as they walk back to the couches. ■



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A day at the races



BOYLE Columnist

I was outside Rand eating with a few friends on Wednesday afternoon when three girls walked up to our table. One was holding a paper cup with a big chunk of change and \$1 bills in it and 'Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital" scribbled in black ink around the outside. They asked if any of us could donate some spare change to "help the children."

My friends, being guys, didn't really know what was going on, but they were intrigued. One, because they were girls. Two, because they were asking for money to put in a sketchy paper cup. I knew exactly what these sorostitutes were up to, so I immediately replied (perhaps a little too loudly):

"Absolutely not!" The girls and I glared at each other for a bit. One in particular I remembered from a late hit in a violent flag-football match last March. The guys sat there awkwardly, not knowing what to do.

Eventually the girls walked off, but they managed to get in one last snide comment. "Fine, I guess you don't want to help the children."

When they were finally gone, I told the boys why they weren't allowed to "help the children." They wouldn't be helping the kids at all, I told them. They would be helping that sorority win the "Penny Wars" on the Wall, one of Sigma Chi's many competitions to raise money as a part of their weeklong philanthropic event, Derby Days.

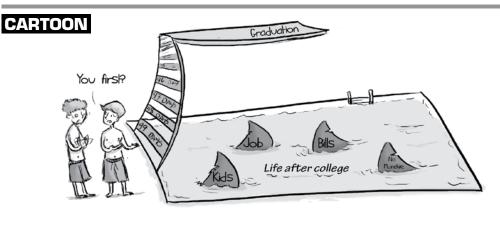
That's where I stopped myself and when I officially realized how brilliant Sigma Chi really is. Throughout my three years as a sorority member, I always thought Derby Days was a time to get tighter with the girls in my sorority while making war and wreaking havoc on all of the other houses. In no way did I think that the hacking into roommates' e-mail accounts, the peeking over shoulders in class and the lying to other sorority girls about where the derby hunt clues were hidden had any part in raising money "for the children."

It's funny to think that all of the malice I hold in my heart for other sororities comes out of the late-night derby hunting and epic battles on the Natchez fields, and it is even funnier that these same events benefit Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital. Kudos to Sigma Chi for figuring it out.

They officially have fundraising down, playing human nature (or in this case, feminine nature) in order to make the biggest profits possible. Sorority girls are selling ads, buying T-shirts and dropping \$50 bills in other houses' jars on the Wall — not to help the children's hospital — but to win bragging rights on Greek Row. Ultimately, though, these Greeks will be saving the kids as well. Brilliant!

Just like fiscal conservatives, these frat guys are using human nature to drive forward for a better good. Of course there have been some instances when the authorities have had to step in and regulate, like with the dog pile of biting and scratching girls fighting over the derby found four years ago. Other than these rare occasions, Sigma Chi uses a hands-off approach, and it works.

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49 Days until graduation



COLUMN

In the year of the Tiger

Tiger Woods epitomizes the problem of ethics in the entertainment industry. It's just not there.



ALLENA **BERRY** Columnist

We all learn from a very young age that winners never cheat and cheaters never win. Parents, coaches and teachers tell us that it is better to do our best on our own than to cheat and get ahead. In many fields, that is more or less true. However, the dos and don'ts of cheating rarely extend beyond the public sector into private lives. There is hardly a book of decorum

telling us when and in what circumstances it is OK to cheat, least of all in our relationships. Relationships are a touchy subject, and most of us would be willing to leave most of those conversations behind closed doors. Some of us would even say that cheating in your personal life has no effect on how you act in business, politics or professional life. At some point, though, one must ask the question: Is it OK to cheat in your personal life when you remain good at what you

It seems as though the professional golf community and the media have vindicated a certain man, and his name is Tiger Woods. The man that made golf into a lucrative and ratingsgrabbing sport is returning to the game — with pomp and circumstance. And while some would argue that his 2009 mishap has in no way affected

his ability to play the sport, I think it should affect our willingness to watch him.

I am not suggesting that one mistake does a bad person make. If anything, America is more receptive to a rehabilitation story: Man does something wrong, man apologizes, man is good. Being morally ambiguous in your personal life has had little to no effect on most celebrity figures; however, placing a man so high on a pedestal of invincibility is only going to encourage him to act as though he is invincible. Athletic ability aside, should we really schluff off the character of certain people who just happen to be exceptional at knocking a ball around? Are we so starved of entertainment that we will disregard common decency to see someone do what he or she is talented at, regardless of character? Society scrutinizes another set of public figures - namely, politicians and businessmen — to a much higher degree: Why should a celebrity be exempt?

But, perhaps I am a little too old-fashioned. Perhaps a moral compass has no place in the world of entertainment. If that's the case, we might as well start separating the little kiddies in kindergarten into categories to determine whether or not they will be expected to live to a certain degree of ethics. I mean, if we aren't going to expect it from them later in life, let's just save the effort of teaching them for something else. I hear golf is a nice pastime.

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Compiled by Thomas Shattuck

Mike Warren is one of the only Hustler columnists with an ounce of common sense.

Please change the title of your recent article to "Chancellor Zeppos, Vandy alienate selfish, white male named Mike Warren."

So, why did someone poop in the third-floor stairwell in Towers East? Don't we have cameras to identify and publicly shame this fool!

Why do librarians gab like their convos are stuff everyone wants to hear? Is it too much trouble to even take it down a notch?

Dear Hustler, please don't take yourself so seriously. I mean really, you only come out twice a week.

The pseudo-intellectualism on the Hustler staff concerns me more than anti-intellectualism at Vanderbilt.

ATO: You need paint for a PAINT party. Otherwise just call it a wet T-shirt party.

COLUMN

Reflecting on the error of our ways



THOMAS

SHATTUCK

Opinion Editor

Let's be entirely honest, most people consider science and morality two different kettles of fish. It's not that you should consider the moral implications of science or the effects of scientific advancement on common morality. It's something more along the line of there is not a unified theory of ethics. Perhaps Emmanuel Kant would disagree, but he's dead.

Kant is not alone, however; the author Sam Harris has made comments implying that there is a science to morality. Fundamentally, that which is moral is that which helps a society to prosper. This is not a new

concept. The idea of the greater good triumphing individual needs or acts has been around since the beginning of utilitarian philosophy.

Utilitarianism is not exactly new or particularly newsworthy. What's important to remember is that most of national politics operates on the principal that the government should support the majority while protecting the minority. This rarely plays out, but the influence of this type of thinking inspires plenty of bills and even more debate. The arguments over the recent health care proposals has heavily involved whether the increase in taxes would negatively impact more Americans (and corporations) than it would help by making insurance more

It can get a little more complicated — and certainly more dubious — when other subjects are brought to the table. For example, Harris states that torture, including water boarding, is morally acceptable as long the U.S. continues to bomb civilian-occupied areas in the process of hunting terrorists. Why? He argues that torture inflicts less pain on a fewer number of innocent people than the collateral damage bombing

But that's over there in that sandy, mythical land called Afghanistan. Sure, the war has some serious political problems, but the whole thing rarely bothers American citizens on a day-to-day basis. Issues like abortion legislation and the importance of evolution seem to come up a wee bit more frequently. Arguments on both sides focus of the immorality of infanticide or the rationality of choice, but the only reason to validate federal policy is that the issue is of such importance that not passing legislation will prevent the nation as a whole from flourishing. This justification generally doesn't pan out.

I mean, most Americans would agree that letting the country prosper is a good thing. Unfortunately, I have yet to find a congressman who can see the future. Political arguments are made on the basis of improving the nation (or state or world, etc.), but it is rare that these views reflect reality. We as a species tend to assert our views as those that support the greater good. We're normally wrong.

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COLUMN

Heinous housing

With no need to compete

with markets, there is no

incentive to improve the

quality of housing.

Vanderbilt's virtual monopoly on housing prevents students from having good options.



INGRAM Columnist

A black hole is due to appear between main campus and Highland Quad early next fall. While many scientists may refute this claim as bogus, the fear in my roommate's eyes convinces even the most skeptical of believers.

The monster that is the housing process picks and chooses its victims so as to spread the seed of discontent as far and wide as possible. Instead

of keeping all groups who applied for a Towers suite together, either through total rejection or through total acceptance, it splits groups apart. These

groups must then scramble to either find a fourth person for a Chaffin or two doubles (unless a group of three votes one off the island). The second round of destruction then begins, and the monster continues on in this manner until it has crushed as many peoples' spirits and friendships as possible.

My true problem with housing, however, is the quality. Students pay \$4,100 for housing per semester, which amounts to \$1,000 per month. While Vanderbilt is in a wealthy area of Nashville, one can easily find not only cheaper but also better housing. One does need to consider that the \$500 includes amenities such as water, electricity and heating, along with a cleaning service and a good location, but even considering all these costs, the total for living in a comparable residence nearby would differ by a substantial amount.

So, why do students agree to pay for it? The housing department has something akin to monopoly. In fact, what it has is even more potent than a monopoly, and a word to describe it may not even exist due to the absurdity of the situation. A monopoly entails one corporation controlling an entire market; however, consumers are still able to decide whether or not to buy the goods at the inflated prices. Students at Vanderbilt, however, are offered no choice. All who attend are required to live on campus.

With no need to compete with markets, there is no incentive to improve the quality of housing. Doing so would only incur avoidable

> costs that decrease profit, and Vandycorp would n e v e r want that. The green fungus that hangs off the side

of the shower faucet, along with the half-functional clothes dryers in the basement, will forever sit there. And this is in Lupton, one of the "good" dorms on campus.

In the end, Vandycorp needs to remember that the students are what make Vanderbilt a great school. Any school with money can hire the best teachers and provide a great education similar to that available here; however, one spends many more hours each day in his or her room than in class. If Vanderbilt wishes to keep students happy and its acceptance rates low, it needs to recognize the importance of housing and its current shortfalls.

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COLUMN

No country for honest men

Dishonest and deceitful behavior is routinely rewarded at the expense of others. Something needs to change.



JESSE JONES Columnist

Nice guys finish last, or so it's said. Why is this? After all, most women say they would like to marry a man who treats them with respect, but in the dating scene many stand-up guys end up on the sidelines. A "nice guy," although honest and respectful, can strike a woman as overly clingy or

as a pushover. A "bad boy," who can tease her, take her out of her comfort zone, shows self-confidence. Women realize that "bad boys" who stop at nothing to secure their own interest are well equipped to fend for themselves in the world and, by extension, to provide for the family. "Nice guys" learn a painful and non-intuitive lesson: that honesty actually harms their chances for romantic success.

Does this hypothesis hold true in other areas in life? It depends — every career path has its rotten apples, but some careers seem to have dishonesty inbuilt by the very nature of the job. For example, politicians are famously dishonest. After all, they are in the business of spending money that is not theirs, so they may as well lavish it upon those who helped them get elected. The GOP, the "Party of the Rich," favors cutting taxes for the wealthy and corporate donors,

while the Democrats favor redistributing wealth to poorer constituents. No matter the party, each individual congressman fights to get government money for his or her district, to the effect that any bill that passes Congress must be laden with pork-barrel projects. In the meantime, meaningful work is left undone. Voters share the blame for this situation; we respond favorably to platforms that promote our narrow interests and promises that can't be kept.

Lawyers are also widely distrusted. Paid to advocate for their client, no matter the client's guilt or innocence, they run the risk of becoming professional shills to the highest bidder. Even quantitative careers like science, engineering and finance, which place a premium on honesty, are susceptible to dishonest acts. Remember the South Korean research team that erroneously announced cloning of a human being? The Enron debacle? The battles over evolution and global warming? The more scientific and political discourse become intertwined, the more science will become suspect to dishonesty.

At the top of any hierarchy, those in charge get to bend, break or rewrite the rules with impunity. Nothing is left to check his power but the leader's own character. Leaders like Jefferson, Lincoln, Churchill, King and Mandela were "good" people, articulating a better society and having the wherewithal to complete their visions. Others, like Hitler, Robert Mugabe and Kim Jong Il, brought ruin upon their countries.

Barack Obama was supposed to be our transformational leader, given a mandate by independents on a promise

to reform the Washington lobbyist culture, but he has caved into partisanship and politics-as-usual, as the recent passage by budget reconciliation of the health care bill demonstrates. Obama promised a new nonpartisan era, but what he has achieved instead is a rewriting of the rules which spells the death of bipartisanship; reconciliation will now and forever be used in all cases, and the filibuster will now have no power to stop sweeping legislation. Though Obama and the Democratic congress have proven themselves to be spendthrifts, the fiscal irresponsibility of the Bush administration accounts for an even larger portion of our current budget deficit. If Republicans are elected in this year's elections, it will be because Americans are fed up with the excesses of the ruling party, same as when Democrats captured Congress from the Republicans in 2006. Neither party has proven itself a good steward of the economy, willing to seriously engage the issue of the already enormous and continually growing deficit.

We are college students at a top-20 university; bright-eved and idealistic, we've been told by parents and teachers that we can change the world if we stay true to ourselves. As long as our society continues to reward dishonest behavior, there will be no country for honest men. If our generation wants one, we will have to build it, one by one.

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At a Glance: InsideVandy Blogs V±NDY ABROAD

Florence: See ya later, midterms!

Readers, I apologize. I have been a horrible blogger this past week. But I do have an excuse. An awful excuse: midterms. Oh midterms, how I so loathe thee. You suck the life out of my week, one test at a time. Over the past four days, I have taken four tests, two of which involved copious amount of art history. Don't get me wrong, I'm an art history major so I love art, but in the span of 24 hours, I wrote one essay on Michelangelo's Last Judgement and another on the Sistine Ceiling. The only way I could write any more about that chapel is if I held a seance to chat with Michelangelo himself. My brain is fried, but I am happy because guess where I'm going tomorrow ..

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Back-to-back blowouts carry Commodores into SEC home opener

by ERIC SINGLE

Asst Sports Editor

Vanderbilt baseball may have found its offensive swagger at

Senior Brian Harris hit a grand slam, and sophomore Jason Esposito hit a three-run home run to cap off a 10-run third inning for the No. 24 Commodores on Wednesday night as they defeated Wright State, 18-2, in the team's last game before its



ZAC HARDY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Vanderbilt fifth-year senior shortstop Brian Harris slides head-first into second base during Tuesday's 10-4 victory over crosstown rival Lipscomb.

Southeastern Conference home opener against Kentucky on Friday night.

After a disappointing weekend series in Tuscaloosa, during which the Commodores (18-4) dropped two of three games to Alabama and scored just eight runs, the team rediscovered its offensive production in both Tuesday's 10-4 victory over Lipscomb and Wednesday's win, the first two games of a sevengame homestand in Nashville.

> Harris's grand slam in the third on Wednesday, his second home run of the season, hit off of the top of the left-field foul pole and broke the game wide open for Vanderbilt. Immediately afterward, Bryan Johns walked and Aaron Westlake was hit by a pitch, setting the table for Esposito's three-run shot that cleared the left-center field bleachers entirely.

> The Commodores did not seem to be playing the same Wright State team who defeated No. 1 Virginia on March 5. The Raiders (6-10) had no answer for the home team's third-inning explosion and used six pitchers in total, all of whom gave up at least one run.

> Senior Drew Hayes (2-0) started the game and earned the win for Vanderbilt, allowing one run in four innings that were limited by pitch count concerns. Will Clinard, Richie Goodenow, Navery Moore and Russell Brewer also allowed just one earned run on four hits in their five innings of combined work.

> This weekend Vanderbilt will host Kentucky (16-5), another team who dropped two of three in its opening SEC series despite a hot start in non-conference play. Wildcat pitchers Taylor Rodgers (3-1) and Logan Darnell (3-1) each picked up their first loss of the season against Ole Miss, who won the first two games of the series by scores of 9-0 and 7-6.

> On Sunday, sophomore Braden Kapteyn hit two three-run home runs, and Alex Meyer (4-2) struck out 10 batters in 6.2 innings of the Wildcats' 12-3 win over the Rebels in Lexington.

> The Wildcats had been ranked No. 20 in the nation by Baseball America but were dropped from the rankings in the newest release. The Commodores slid from 19th to 24th in the new rankings after their performance against the Crimson Tide.

After faltering against dominant starting pitching in

losses to UCLA and Alabama, Vanderbilt heads into SEC play still searching for consistency out of its offensive playmakers. Aaron Westlake, 2009 SEC batting champion, is hitting .346 with four home runs and 21 RBI, and Esposito has added 10 stolen bases to his five home runs and 28 RBIs already this season.

The late innings of Wednesday's game provided an opportunity for some of the younger players to see playing time, and head coach Joe Corbin substituted liberally as the game wore on.

The most consequential shift made by Corbin occurred in the seventh inning, when regular starting first baseman Curt Casali came in to pinch hit with two outs. Casali, who has three home runs this season, is being eased back into the lineup after missing six games with a hamstring injury. Regular catcher Andrew Giobbi started at first for the Commodores.

Last season, Kentucky took two out of three from the Commodores in the regular season series by scores of 3-1 and 6-2. No. 1 starter Sonny Gray picked up the save in the last game of the series, a 4-2 Vanderbilt victory.

Vanderbilt will face Kentucky at 6 p.m. on Friday, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, and at 1 p.m. on Sunday. ■



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Women's track takes it outside

by PETER NYGAARD Sports Reporter

After setting the pace with a solid indoor season, the Vanderbilt women's track and field team is looking to hit the ground running in the outdoor season. And they'll be doing it with a highly decorated new addition.

Though the level of success in the outdoor season generally mirrors that of the indoor season, for the Commodores, there will be one key difference between the two seasons: highprofile transfer Buky Bamigboye. Bamigboye, a four-year athlete at Georgetown, graduated with one season of outdoor eligibility remaining and chose Vanderbilt as the beneficiary of her talent and experience.

A multi-event athlete, Bamigboye brings to Vanderbilt a resume that includes All-ECAC honors in the long jump, 400-meter hurdles and 4x400 meter relay, as well as Top 15 performances in the heptathlon at the USA Track and Field Championships and U.S. Olympic Trials.

For Bamigboye, a Brentwood, Tenn., native, this season will represent an opportunity to compete closer to home. For the well-traveled Commodores, this season will also include a rare homestand.

"We're all very excited to be starting our outdoor season on our newly resurfaced track," head coach D'Andre Hill said. "Although this weekend's meet will be small, it's our first opportunity to host a meet in two years."

Hill, a former NCAA National Champion sprinter at LSU, is entering her third year at Vanderbilt, and the team is beginning to take on the coach's trademark signature of speed, speed and more speed.

"I think the sprint corps is really coming

along," Hill said. "(Sophomore) Anna Carr, our school record-holder in the 60m, is primed to also get the 100-meter record. (Junior) Taylor Jackson's had a breakout year and should continue to improve in the 200-meter."

While the sprinters remain a work in progress, a number of the long-distance runners emerged as serious threats to the Southeastern Conference elite during the indoor season. The distance medley team made up of junior Rita Jorgensen, sophomore Louise Hannallah, Carr and freshman Kristen Findley placed sixth at the SEC Championships. Hannallah also scored points on the individual level, finishing seventh in the 3000-meter run. Jorgensen and fellow junior Kristabel Doebel-Hickok also had top-10 finishes in the one-mile run and 5,000-meter

While the goal is ultimately to place at the SEC Championships, the season is a long process, and the team does have certain meets circled.

"Obviously, the SECs are the big one," said distance coach Steve Keith. "But for the distance kids, we're looking at trying to get some good, long races next weekend at the Florida Relays and then about three weeks later at Penn Relays. Those are their two big focuses right now."

The field events are also looking to make an impact, led by a duo of pole-vaulters who traded school records in the winter in junior Katherine Hendricks and sophomore Meagan Martin.

"The vault group has really excelled," Hill said. "We see more school records falling in that event

If the Commodores can get improved performances from their top competitors in each area and an impressive contribution from Bamigboye, look for Vanderbilt to — wait for the obligatory awful track pun — vault into their most competitive season in the SEC in years. ■



ZAC HARDY / The Vanderbilt Hustle

The women's track team looks to stay ahead of the pack as outdoor season begins for the Commodores.

Bowlers look to strike again

by DAVID NAMM Sports Editor

While both the basketball on Vanderbilt's campus suffered painful Commodore Nation at its core, the women's bowling team is still striking fear into the hearts of their opponents in the hopes of a second NCAA crown in four years. Capping another successful regular season that led them to the No. 2 ranking in the country, Vanderbilt qualified for the Great Eight NCAA Bowling Championship in two weeks. The championship match will be held on April 10, the conclusion of the three-day event in New Brunswick, N.J.

"Every year, it is special to make the championship field," said Vanderbilt coach John Williamson, who led his team to the school's only national championship in its history three years ago. "It is an accomplishment and reward for the hard work the team has invested during the year, and every year it gets a little tougher to make the field as more and more quality teams are developing."

Including Commodores, four of the squads participating in this year's Great Eight have won

the NCAA Tournament in years past; Nebraska, Fairleigh Dickinson University and Maryland-Eastern Shore have all hoisted the hardware and are eager to do so again. However, another four viable opponents stand in their way, as host school New Jersey City, Arkansas State, Central Missouri and Delaware State will all roll into the tourney seeking a title of their own. Even so, Vanderbilt — led by national championship victor and two-time NCAA Player of the Year Josie Earnest — remains as confident and motivated as ever.

"This year, hearing our name called feels different," Earnest said. "For us seniors, this is our last shot at another national championship. Like I've said before, when you realize you have a finite number of games left in your college career, there is an appreciation and a sense of urgency that comes over you."

Vanderbilt certainly displayed a sense of urgency in their last match before the Great Eight, rallying from a 3-1 deficit to defeat



STEVE GREEN / Vanderbilt University

Vanderbilt senior leader and two-time National Player of the Year Josie Earnest looks to lead the Commodores to their second NCAA title in her illustrious career. The Great Eight begins on April 8 in New Brunswick.

> Nebraska 4-3 in the championship match of the Columbia 300 Music City Classic. Earnest once again played the role of hero, converting a rare 6-7 split that sparked the comeback. This was the Commodores' second consecutive Music City Classic title and gave them momentum to spare heading into April's title tilt.

> practice double-elimination tournaments all the time, although there is no way we can create the environment we had out there (at the Classic)," Williamson said. "But our kids know that being down 3 to 1 doesn't mean all is lost. The situation wasn't new to

> The Commodores finished their regular season with five wins total, two of which came in their last two weeks of competition. The title game will air live April 10 on ESPNU at 7:30 p.m. CDT, and will re-air the following day at 2 p.m. CDT on ESPN. Information from VUCommodores.com contributed to this

Hope abounds for 2010

DANIEL **MARKS** Columnist

While Vanderbilt's season ended far too quickly for the Commodore faithful, fortunately for both the team and its fans next year looks

endlessly promising. Only one person won't be along for the ride next year, and that is Jermaine Beal. The senior point guard will leave a void in leadership and scoring that will be hard to replace, but luckily everyone else from the team will return with another year of experience and the incoming freshman class is highly touted.

The first reason for optimism is the team has an incredibly talented core returning. Despite his perceived shortcomings in the post and his lack of assertiveness on occasion, A.J. Ogilvy is still an all-Southeastern Conference talent at the center position. His offensive skill set for a 6-foot-11-inch player is off the charts. He also draws a good number of fouls and can convert at the line, and he poses a threat down low that other teams must respect. Also returning is Jeff Taylor, who may be the best athlete in the SEC. When Taylor doesn't play passively, he is a force that cannot be stopped. He is so quick and athletic that if he continues to work on his midrange jumper he will be impossible to stop because a defense will have to pick its poison, having him shoot and score or drive and score. If Taylor and Ogilvy become consistent on a night in, night out basis next year, the NBA may come calling for both.

Perhaps the team's most exciting storyline, however, comes in the form of John Jenkins, the freshman shooting sensation who hit his stride late in the season. Jenkins lived up to the hype in his first year, as Vanderbilt's first five-star recruit nailed almost 50 percent of his 3-pointers and will only improve with a year of experience. Behind these big three, there are plenty of roleplayers returning: Brad Tinsley provides solid outside shooting and a lot of intangibles; Andre Walker plays a great complementary forward; and Festus Ezeli and Steve Tchiengang provide a strong interior presence off the bench.

In addition, the incoming crop of freshman talent is impressive, to say the least. Point guard Kyle Fuller is expected to come in and play right away. Fuller is a three-star recruit with a solid outside shot and aggressive mentality who chose Vanderbilt over Marquette and UCLA. The most touted recruit in the class is 6-foot-9-inch forward Rod Odom. The scouting report on Odom is he is a sweet shooter with great passing abilities who has the potential to be a solid point forward, and if he can come off the bench and replicate what



ZAC HARDY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Jeffery Taylor (44) is known for his high-flying, highlight-reel dunks and will likely bring these skills back to the Commodores next season. Another year of improvement should make Taylor a prominent force in the SEC in 2010-2011.

Walker does, that would be a huge bonus. The third recruit is Josh Henderson, a 6-foot-11-inch big man out of Virginia who probably won't play right away because Ogilvy, Ezeli and Tchiengang will all be back, but who will provide invaluable depth should any of those guys go down with an

Ultimately, however, the collective chip on the shoulder of Kevin Stallings's club should define next season. Nobody likes to lose in the first round, especially not when you are a top seed with the talent and depth to make a deep run. Next season's team will come back stronger because of this year's disappointment. They will not let another opportunity for success and a national title go down the drain so early. With a renowned senior force at center, a sharpshooting sophomore and a highrising junior, the Commodores will be a force to be reckoned with both in the SEC and on the

This weekend in Vandy sports

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

Women's tennis at Alabama Tuscaloosa, Ala. — 3 p.m. CDT

Led by senior Catherine Newman and sophomore standouts Chelsea Preeg and Jackie Wu, the No. 17 Commodores head to Alabama to face Alabama on Friday afternoon and Auburn at home on Sunday afternoon. Vanderbilt has now won 15 consecutive matches against the Crimson Tide.

> Men's baseball vs. Kentucky Nashville, Tenn. — 6 p.m. CDT

The Commodores (18-4, 1-2 Southeastern Conference) open a three-game home series against the Wildcats on Friday night at Hawkins field. Vanderbilt rides a three-game winning streak into the contest against Kentucky, after outscoring opponents 28-6 in its games against Lipscomb and Wright State this week.

> Women's golf at Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational

Austin, Texas — All day

Vanderbilt is part of a 16-team field competing in the three-day tournament this weekend in Austin, Texas. Sophomore Marina Alex and five other Commodores will play in the invitational hosted by the University of Texas.

> Women's track hosts Black and Gold Invitational

> > Nashville, Tenn. — All day

The Commodores will debut their new Mondo track surface as they host the Black and Gold Invitational at the track complex this weekend. The men and women's hammer events will begin at 6 p.m. CDT.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

Men's baseball vs. Kentucky Nashville, Tenn. — 2 p.m. CDT

Vanderbilt continues its series against Kentucky on Saturday afternoon. Vandy Fanatics and Branscomb will co-host a baseball tailgate before the game from noon to 2 p.m. in the Branscomb Courtyard. Stop by early for free Chick-fil-A, hotdogs, drinks and other giveaways.

Women's golf at Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational

Austin, Texas — All day

The golf team will continue their play in Texas today. Two weeks ago, the Commodores finished 11th among a field of 23 teams in the LSU Golf Marina Alex finished sixth individually in the tournament. Alex and her fellow golfers will look to improve upon that performance during the duration of this weekend.

> Women's track hosts Black and Gold Invitational

Nashville, Tenn. — All day

Day two of the Black and Gold Invitational begins with the discus, javelin, shot put, high jump, long jump and pole vault events starting at 9 a.m. CDT. The invitational will conclude with relay events at the Vanderbilt Track Complex.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

Women's lacrosse at Delaware Newark, Del. — Noon CDT

After upsetting No. 11 Notre Dame, 10-9, on Wednesday night, the Commodores travel to Newark to face Delaware on Sunday. Boasting a five-game winning streak, No. 12 Vanderbilt (6-3) has received outstanding play from senior Sarah Downing, sophomore Ally Carey and junior Katherine Denkler this season.

Women's tennis vs. Auburn Nashville, Tenn. — Noon CDT

After facing the Crimson Tide in Alabama on Friday afternoon, the Commodores return home to host the Auburn Tigers on Sunday.

> Men's baseball vs. Kentucky Nashville, Tenn. — 1 p.m. CDT

Sunday afternoon will conclude the Commodores' series against conference foe Kentucky. Last season, Vanderbilt dropped two of three games to the Wildcats in close contests on the road.

> Men's tennis at Auburn Auburn, Ala. — 1 p.m. CDT

After overwhelming Alabama, 5-2, last weekend, the No. 32 Commodores travel to Auburn to face the Tigers in conference action on Sunday. Led by the efforts of two-time SEC Freshman of the Week Ryan Lipman, Vanderbilt is 8-1 at home on the season, but will test its play on the road this weekend.

> Women's golf at Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational

> > Austin, Texas — All day

The women's golf team will conclude their play at the Longhorn Invitational on Sunday. Vanderbilt then heads to the Bryan National Collegiate tournament in North Carolina next weekend for their final rounds of play before the SEC Championship.

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Visit the OHARE website at www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd for posting on Friday, April 2.

Actual room selections will be held on April 5-6, in the Branscomb Recreational Room. Random selections are conducted separately by gender.

April 5-Men's Singles and Doubles Selections April 6-Women's Singles and Doubles Selections

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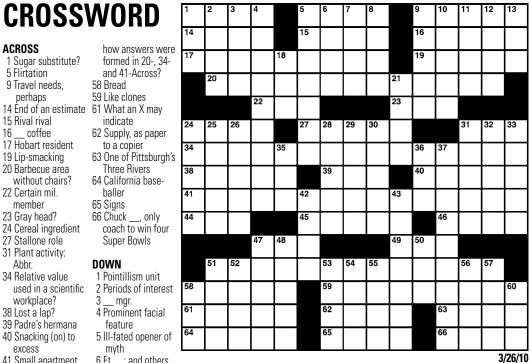
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

For the solution to today's puzzle, please go to the bottom of the homepage at www.InsideVandy.com



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