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CALENDAR

MONDAY, APRIL 19

• Israel Fest
Celebrate Israel's 62nd Anniversary at Israel Fest, featuring free falafel and music on the grass next to the Wall at Rand. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is sponsored by Dores for Israel.



• Marsha Blackburn
The Vanderbilt College Republicans will present a discussion with Congressman Marsha Blackburn, who represents Tennessee's Seventh Congressional District. Unable to appear on campus a few weeks ago, Blackburn will speak at 7 p.m. in Sarratt 189, and free pizza will be available.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

• Jesus of Montreal
The International Lens film series will present the 1989 film "Jesus of Montreal," directed by Denys Arcand, at 7 p.m. in Sarratt Cinema. Susan Kevra, Senior Lecturer in the Department of French & Italian, will lead an introduction and post-screening discussion.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

• Crazy Sale
Vanderbilt Bookstore's annual "Crazy Sale," featuring \$2 T-shirts, \$8 hats and other discounted school merchandise, will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the bookstore.

• Melosh of the Ring
Vanderbilt's newest a cappella singing group, the Melodores, will hold a concert at 7 p.m. in the Student Life Center. Tickets are \$5 on the card and \$7 at the door, with proceeds benefiting the Pearls for Life campaign.



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HIGH **67**, LOW **48**
Mostly Sunny

Vanderbilt graduate Kyser Miree killed at 23

by **KYLE BLAINE**
Asst News Editor

Vanderbilt alumnus Christopher Kyser Miree was found with a gunshot to his head this past Friday in his Mobile, Ala., apartment. He was pronounced dead Saturday afternoon.

The investigation into his death is ongoing. The Mobile Police Department ruled it a homicide and will be available to make a statement regarding the investigation on Monday.

On his personal blog, Miree's younger brother, Harry, described the loss to the Miree family.



MIREE

"My heart writhes in anguish over the senseless murder of the most peaceful and chipper man this world has ever seen," he wrote.

Miree graduated in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in engineering. He was president of Vanderbilt's chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Fellow fraternity brother Wyatt Smith commented on the death of his former president in an e-mail correspondence with *The Hustler*.

"Kyser was an incredible individual, loved and respected by all who knew him. He was a chipper, energetic guy who modeled the Vanderbilt ideal of academic, social and personal balance. Kyser carried so much promise and the world is most assuredly a lesser place without

him," he wrote.

"This is a tragic loss," Director of Greek Life Kristin Torrey wrote in an e-mail Sunday night. "Kyser was a wonderful young man who will be sorely missed."

Torrey said the brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, in Florida over the weekend for the chapter's spring formal, suspended their traditional formal activities Saturday night to share memories of Miree.

Miree's funeral will be held this Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the Independent Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Ala. The funeral is open to the public. ■

SUPPORT RESOURCES

Grieving students are encouraged to use the campus resources such as the Psychological and Counseling Center (322-2571), the Office of Religious Life (322-2457) and the University's GriefNet service. For more information on GriefNet, call (615) 322-2457 or see <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/religiouslife/test.htm>. Campus residents may also contact their Resident Advisors for assistance.

Diverse enough?

Diversity is a buzzword on college campuses. As a discussion topic — lumped with stereotypes and cliques — it finds its place on the list of Vanderbilt Visions agendas.

And it's a highly valued quality for an institution, too. In the last 10 years, Vanderbilt's undergraduate minority population has surged from 16.2 percent in 2000 to 24.8 percent at the beginning of 2009.

But achieving diversity on paper — and discussing it in abstract classroom settings — may only be half the battle, some students suggest.

To explore the issue, *The Vanderbilt Hustler* and *InsideVandy.com* has taken a closer look at the way under-represented students are recruited and the social and political landscape they must navigate. Look for multimedia online discussing the topic this week. Go to *InsideVandy.com* for a more in-depth, multimedia investigation of the issue.



JUSTIN MENESTRINA / *The Vanderbilt Hustler*

Saturday's InVusion, the Multicultural Leadership Council's annual cultural showcase, featured performances by a variety of student organizations, including Bollywood, Latin and African dances.

Racial divisions on campus, but impact unclear

by **SYDNEY WILMER**
Multimedia Editor

When sophomore Seraiah Vinson arrived on campus her freshman year, her first friends were her hallmates.

Vinson, a black student from Cookeville, Tenn., lived with girls of a variety of racial backgrounds, many of which differed from her own.

Shortly after her arrival, she said she began to notice something odd around campus.

"Whenever I would meet someone black, I wouldn't always be with another black person. It was something I felt like (other black students) would judge me for," she said. "They didn't see me always associating (with black people), so therefore, I wasn't really one of them."

Two years ago, *The Hustler* looked at the issue of self-segregation, specifically, the lunchtime breakdown in Rand.

Two years later, self-segregation is still on the minds of Vanderbilt students. Last week during VanDiversity Week, there were two programs devoted to the topic.

And according to a poll by *The Hustler* and *InsideVandy.com*, 83 percent of respondents said the campus was ethnically not integrated.

But what is at stake when students self-segregate?

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DIVERSITY BY THE NUMBERS

64.7%

of all respondents think Vanderbilt's campus is ethnically diverse

54.9%

of minority respondents said they believe Vanderbilt's campus is ethnically diverse

IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS:

45.8%

of non-minority respondents have eaten a meal 1-2 times with an individual of a different race

3.9%

of minority respondents did not have a meal with a student of a different race

65.2%

of non-minority respondents have eaten a meal with an individual of a different socioeconomic status more than three times

63.1%

of all respondents never had a meal with an international student

83%

of all respondents said the campus is not ethnically integrated

92.2%

of minority respondents said the campus is not ethnically integrated

85.0%

of all respondents do not think Vanderbilt should set quotas or specific goals on the number of ethnically diverse students it admits

47.1%

of minority respondents estimate that 11-17% of Vanderbilt students self-identify as minorities. In 2009, 24.8 percent of all undergraduates were self-identified minorities

The data came from a poll conducted by The Vanderbilt Hustler and InsideVandy.com from April 7 through April 11. Of 500 randomly selected students e-mailed the closed online survey, 184 responded.



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CRIME LOG compiled by JUSTIN TARDIFF

Thursday, April 15 between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.
A cell phone was stolen from a first-floor room in Sutherland House.

Thursday, April 15 at 7:50 p.m.
A person was very unsteady on her feet at the corner of Vanderbilt Place and 29th Avenue S. Her speech was slurred, and she smelled of alcohol. She did not have any identification on herself, and she had no one to contact to verify who she was.

Friday, April 16 at 4 a.m.
A person was found vomiting in her dorm room. She was very intoxicated and was arrested. She reportedly had eight or nine drinks at several bars downtown.

Friday, April 16 at 6 a.m.
A person was sleeping on the floor in the hallway of the third floor of Vaughn Hall. He was coherent and stated that he was trying to see his girlfriend. He also admitted to consuming alcohol and was arrested.

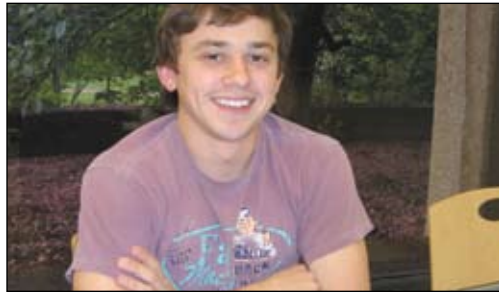
Around the Loop

compiled by ADRIANA SALINAS

DO YOU BELIEVE THERE IS ETHNIC SELF-SEGREGATION ON CAMPUS? IS IT WORTH ADDRESSING?



"It's not really something you can address because it is self-segregation. I think it just kind of is what it is. People are going to hang out with whomever they want to."
—Varun Kumar, Class of 2012



"There's obviously self-segregation, but it's to an extent. I think it's all a personal choice. You can't tell someone, well, because you're white and you're white, you can't hang out together; I think that's just causing problems more than it's trying to solve anything."
—Mathew Getzin, Class of 2012



"I do believe there is self-segregation on campus. I think it is worth addressing because a lot of it is based on preconceived notions."
—Allie Trant, Class of 2012



"I think it's probably both self-segregation and natural segregation. ... It's a problem, but I don't really know how you could change it."
—Ravi Nath, Class of 2012



"I think it's more of a mindset or attitude; it's not so much because we don't like them, they don't like us. People migrate to people they are comfortable with, that's just the way it is."
—Phillip Shaw, Class of 2011

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

I was the only person in my undergraduate college to earn a varsity letter in sports (football) and a varsity letter in music (traveling choir).

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

Be a research scientist in a national laboratory.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR FREE TIME?

Read Western novels, go to the beach and occasionally play golf.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE VACATION DESTINATION?

Paradise Island, Nassau, Bahamas.

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

My son once asked me while we were on a trip to Africa, "Dad, you have traveled all over the world. If you could live any place you wanted, where would it be?" I said Nashville. I do not have a second place.

(Professor Hamilton was most recently part of the team that discovered a new element, Element 117.)

compiled by JUSTIN TARDIFF

SNAPSHOT

Pongo's play day



ERIC GLASSER / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Junior Karen White plays with a puppy at VandyPAWS's Puppy Play Day on Library Lawn on Saturday afternoon. The group brings dogs from local rescue shelters to campus once a semester to give students a study break as well as to raise awareness and funds for the rescue organizations.

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DIVERSITY: University grapples with self-segregation

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Dr. Frank Dobson of the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center said he would challenge students like Vinson to re-evaluate their concerns about self-segregation.

"Race is a political reality, not a social one," Dobson said. "When we are with our friends, eating dinner, lunch, it's social, nothing else. The kids in the lunchroom — they're just eating with their buddies."

Dobson said he worries that by focusing on where and with whom students eat lunch, they

turn an innocuous social action into a political one.

"Nashville was one of the sites of the sit-ins. We have to realize the fact that those courageous students were doing something was against the law, they were challenging an unjust law," he said. "If students eat together in The Commons, they aren't breaking unjust laws."

And he is not convinced that it is an enormous problem.

If there are racial issues that need to be addressed, this action will not solve real problems, he said. It is simply another sign of

political correctness that marks most college campuses.

But Vinson said she still sees self-segregation as an important issue on campus.

Sophomore Nate Marshall, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, said self-segregation can be an exaggerated problem, but that students suffer from the reality, nonetheless.

"There are two sides of the coin. What happens in the lunchroom is an overblown problem; people take it as more than it is."

What may be lost, instead, is

the opportunity to connect with other students.

According to data Professor Roosevelt Noble has been gathering over the last seven years in a research project on the topic, 30 to 40 percent of graduating black students he has interviewed say they regret having not maintained connections that they had made with non-blacks.

"Vanderbilt can have the tendency to make people feel more sensitive about race," Noble said. "If you came as an African-American, you leave as a super African-American. If

you come in as a Hispanic, you leave as a super Hispanic."

Noble said he thinks students lose out on opportunities because of this effect. While it is a difficult problem to address, he said, institutionally, there are ways the university can help.

Respondents of the Hustler poll seem to agree, with 62.9 percent saying achieving ethnic diversity should be an institutional priority.

Dobson, however, said it would be difficult to totally solve the problem from an institutional standpoint.

"You can't force friendships," Dobson offered.

Some students agree with him, saying it isn't the institution's job to foster these relationships, it's the students'.

"Vanderbilt is as diverse or as little diverse as you want to be," said sophomore Desmond Dennis. "It's about stepping out of your comfort zone. And that is up to every student."

But Noble said he would like to see additional programming.

"This is a loss in connections — which is hard to see — but it is there," he said. ■

Minority recruitment efforts focus on multicultural campus

Steady increase of minority population with recruitment efforts like MOSAIC Weekend.

by CONRAD GOERINGER
Staff Reporter

In 10 years, the number of incoming self-identified minority students has spiked 11 percentage points, increasing from 17.2 percent — an outcome likely fostered by recruitment events like MOSAIC, the eight-year-old multicultural recruitment event that aims to encourage students from a diverse background to attend Vanderbilt.

Dean of Admissions Douglas Christiansen explained that Vanderbilt's focus on building a well-rounded student body has led the university to be ranked among the most diverse top schools.

"We have a task force that looks at the types of high schools and where we are recruiting to make sure we are recruiting from areas that were not just the highly successful privates or in suburban public schools," he said.

Christiansen explained that Vanderbilt focuses on recruiting from different geographic areas and socioeconomic levels, as well as ethnicities.

"We try and get the message to a cross-section of what the world has to offer, not just the same type of student," he said.

As part of this strategy, a minority student might receive general admissions information in the mail, but also specific information and offerings tailored to their background. One such example would be an invitation to MOSAIC, which stands for Medley of Students and Ideas Connecting.

"The overall goal of MOSAIC

is to highlight all of the opportunities that students have at a predominately white institution who are not Caucasian," said coordinator and Senior Assistant Director of Admissions Brandi Smith.

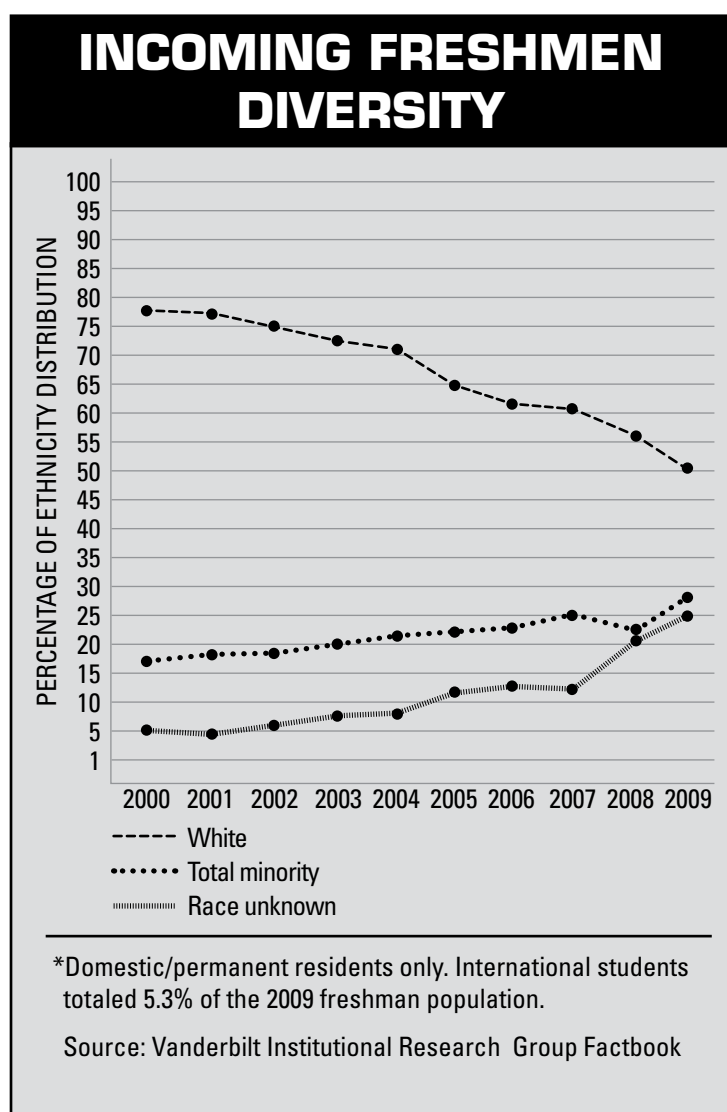
According to former MOSAIC attendee and committee member Cathya Olivas, the event offers potential minority students an in-depth glance into campus life.

Students who participate in the program arrive on Thursday night and stay with student hosts through Sunday. Activities for the prospective students include visiting classes, interacting with other students, listening to presentations from cultural organizations and attending events like the National Pan-Hellenic Step Show and MOSAIC Lounge, an event that includes live music, entertainment, food and more. The ultimate goal of the weekend is to persuade prospective students, all of whom have been offered admission, to attend Vanderbilt.

But not all believe that MOSAIC paints an accurate picture of the university. Senior Nancy Tan, who has hosted prospective students for the program, said the weekend fails to expose prospective students to anything more than multicultural programs and groups.

"I have never seen Greek Life on display for these MOSAIC kids. Even things like ASB or Dance Marathon are not sold to them. Why do we only sell a limited view of Vanderbilt?" Tan explained how she believes this restricted glimpse fosters self-segregation, as students inevitably limit themselves to the events they are exposed to during MOSAIC.

Junior Teresa Temkin, the incoming president of Vanderbilt Association of Hispanic Students, said these problems are becoming less of an issue, as the initiation of Live VU — a showcase of various student groups — had



led to more organizations taking part in MOSAIC. But Temkin acknowledged that it is a "work in progress. ... We are trying to make it more all-encompassing."

Olivas agreed that MOSAIC has come a long way and that certain accusations are less warranted today than in the past. While she felt her experience at MOSAIC was not representative of actual life at Vanderbilt, she noted that she was told up front that the multicultural population rose during the event.

"But that was four years ago," she said. "Now, I think (those in charge of) minority recruitment have done a pretty good job getting more multicultural students here."

Statistics from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions indicate that MOSAIC has been a proven success. MOSAIC's

yield rate, or the number of attendees who choose to enroll, is between 50 and 60 percent, compared to Vanderbilt's 41 percent overall rate.

"Any time you host a program where the yield rate is better than the overall yield rate, we feel pretty good about it," said Director of Admissions John Gaines.

"The truth of the matter," explained Gaines, "is that diversity at Vanderbilt has improved drastically in the past decade, and I think MOSAIC has to have been part of that."

But raw numbers are just one manifestation of diversity. "Pure diversity is when one can understand diversity of thought and think through a different opinion because they've been exposed to multiple viewpoints," Christiansen said. ■

Student panel: MOSAIC doesn't tell whole story

by SYDNEY WILMER
Multimedia Editor

Four students with a variety of experiences with MOSAIC and multicultural programming on campus sat down with The Hustler to discuss diversity and ethnicity on Vanderbilt's campus. Three of the students, junior Teresa Temkin, senior Nancy Tan and freshman Trevor Gellar, each of whom has served as either a host or participant at the four-day-long recruitment event, shared their different perspectives on MOSAIC. To view other portions of the panel discussion, covering self-segregation, the definition of diversity and pressure to conform in certain ethnic groups, go to InsideVandy.com.

TERESA TEMKIN: MOSAIC itself is both (about) socioeconomic and ethnic diversity. They're also looking at students who are interested in Vanderbilt and would contribute to Vanderbilt's community, and who gets invited to MOSAIC — even amongst the minority students — just depends on when they read your application. They do try and pull from all sorts of areas and try and get people who are interested in coming here. Because of that, they think those people then have a higher chance of being interested overall in coming to Vanderbilt. That's the purpose of MOSAIC.

NANCY TAN: (MOSAIC is) put on the weekend that the Step Show is going on, when you have "multicultural events" tailored for these specific people and they only go to multicultural events. I've never seen Greek Life on display for these MOSAIC kids. I've never seen even other things like ASB or Dance Marathon. Why do we only sell a limited view of Vanderbilt to these MOSAIC kids? That's been my issue with it. It's kind of like whenever anyone comes to Vanderbilt, they have to take time to find their mold and see where their little niche is. And MOSAIC kind of pre-carves their little niche for them. And a lot of those things are cool — they are — but I feel like the kid that comes to MOSAIC weekend automatically goes to that, self-segregates himself because that's comfortable, that's what they have seen. I guess that's the frustrating part. I think that it's effective; the stats show that it's effective in bringing these students here because those programs are great, the things we show them are great. But we do a lot of other things great, too. And why can't we show them that as well?

TT: It is a multicultural weekend, so they do display the multicultural groups on campus. But when they do have those things, you're not forced to go to your multicultural group.

NT: Yeah, that's good, and within the multicultural world, the different cultures are being more accepting of each other. But at the same time, there's not that much non-multicultural presence.

TT: But it has been invited. And it is a work in progress.

TREVOR GELLAR: I just think it's bad to give prospective students a false representation of what Vanderbilt is like. And I'm not saying Vanderbilt is not diverse, because I think it is very diverse, but to only allow them access to one group of people or groups of people and not Vanderbilt as a whole is an issue. I think it does

a disservice to those students who are making a decision about where they want to spend four years of their life.

NT: But at the end of the day, it's still a recruitment event to get more diverse students to get here or to choose Vanderbilt. And I think what Teresa's saying is that we are taking the steps to try and expose them to a larger view of Vanderbilt. What we have seen in the past is it's been limited.

TT: We're spearheading it to try and change it. And it's not just me, there's multiple other people on board, who we've all been talking to the admissions office to go, "OK, what can we do to make it as completely open to Vanderbilt as we possibly can?" But at the end of the day, these students were already applying to Vanderbilt. Vanderbilt's not an affirmative action university — they didn't get in because they were a minority. They are already in so it's an extra weekend that they can come visit is what it comes down to. ■


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Feminist jurisprudence hurts men and women



MIKE DURAKIEWICZ
Guest Columnist

For feminism, spring is an aphrodisiac for histrionics and unadulterated stupidity. The University of New Hampshire's Womyn's Club spent all of last week fighting the local fire department over the right to burn smutty magazines wherever the "womyn" pleased. Last month Sen. Harry Reid uttered perhaps the stupidest remark by a feminist in history: "Women don't commit domestic violence."

This is false. In a report published in 2003 in the Florida State University Law Review, Professor Linda Kelly from the Indiana University Law School states, "Men and women commit violence at similar rates." Kelly's research, which cites various in-depth studies from over three decades of legal scholarship, found that "women match, and often exceed, husbands in the frequency with which they engage in violent behavior," and "wives were found to engage in more severe acts of violence than husbands." In 1975, for example, 3.8 percent of husbands and 4.6 percent of wives engaged in "severe violence," defined as "kicking, biting or hitting with a fist; hitting or trying to hit with something; beating up; and threatening with or using a knife or gun." Kelly identifies another disturbing trend: since the 1970s, the incidence of male violence "has declined steadily"; female violence "has remained virtually the same."

To add insult to injury, or rather, injury to injury, "female violence is not recognized within the extensive legal literature on domestic violence" and is instead "denied, defended and minimized" by the legal and judicial establishments. "Female violence," Kelly writes, "presents both a threat to feminist theory as well as to the practice of domestic violence law." According to feminist theory, "society is controlled by an all-encompassing patriarchal structure," and

"no aspect of male-to-female relations can be considered without first accepting the male as all-powerful and the female as powerless." Men batter their wives not due to psychopathology, but out of a desire to subordinate and control women. The feminists have spoken. Abusive women cannot be recognized. Men cannot be victims.

Feminist "theory" has not only infested the justice system, but it has also elevated its leftist lunacy to the level of disinterested scholarship and is now ubiquitous in this country's major universities. In 2006, Crystal Gail Magnum, a prostitute and drug abuser, falsely accused three Duke University men's lacrosse players of beating and gang-raping her in their fraternity house. The district attorney, in line with Kelly's research, withheld exonerating DNA evidence from the judge for over one year. But before the case even entered the courtroom, 88 Duke professors, including 72 percent of the women's studies department and 80 percent of the black studies department, published a letter in *The (Duke) Chronicle* citing anonymous reports of "racism," "sexism" and "terror" on Duke's campus. Even after the charges were dropped, the three men were ostracized, given failing grades and eventually driven from the university. Even liberal New York Times columnist Peter Applebome was appalled.

The relevance of Kelly's study to the Magnum case became apparent when, on Feb. 18, 2010, Durham police received a disturbing 911 call from Magnum's nine-year-old daughter. Ms. Magnum now stands charged with identity theft, communicating threats, damage to property, resisting an officer, misdemeanor child abuse, arson and attempted murder. Kelly's study, which states that punishing female batterers protects not only men, but also women and children, was not only near-prophetic but a bold call to action.

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LETTER

Faith, not scandals, define the church

To the Editor:

The abuses taking place in the Catholic Church have captured the attention of worldwide media and Vanderbilt students alike. As a representative of Catholic undergraduate students, I appreciate this opportunity to explain our response to the scandals taking place in the Church and to offer an alternative perspective of the situation.

More than anybody, Catholics themselves are concerned about the safety and well-being of all members of the church, particularly the most vulnerable. No one condones the perpetration of the vile crimes of sexual abuse, least of all the faithful members of an institution that was founded on the Gospel of Love — a church that centers itself on the family and that preaches the inherent dignity of every human person. Therefore, the presence of such grievous offenses within the Catholic Church is a tragic abomination, and righteous indignation is an appropriate response to the grave abuses of these last decades.

While these injuries that came at the hands of the church's representatives are horrendous, the crimes are not reflective of the Catholic faith. In both the sexual abuse and the

resulting clericalism, these acts of infidelity betrayed the priestly commitment to be an imitator of Christ on earth and a proponent of his greatest commandment — to love. Sexual perversion and the failure to eradicate it are extreme violations of the truly selfless vocation of the priesthood as lived by thousands of faithful priests.

Despite this terrible example of sin within the clergy, the Catholic Church remains a legitimate source of good in the world. At the heart of the Catholic faith is the recognition of the dignity of every human person as a child of God, created in his image and likeness. This is the foundation for Catholic teachings on social justice, global health and education, family values and moral ethics. The Catholic Church takes these responsibilities seriously, both in philosophy and in action, boasting an impressive record of service through religious orders such as Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity, organizations including Catholic Relief Services and thousands of schools, hospitals and other humanitarian aid establishments.

It is clear that pedophilia and clerical abuse are not products of the Catholic Church but rather problems that have tragically arisen within it, just

as it has surfaced in too many other religious and secular organizations in the past. In the Catholic cases, the scandal has resulted from both the sexual perversion of individual priests and a disregard for the canon and criminal disciplinary protocols that exist for such circumstances. Blame can be assigned to innumerable failures, including the lack of fraternal accountability among priests, poor moral formation and correction and the absence of firm, open discipline by the appropriate authorities.

The exposition of these crimes has forced a recommitment to the church's disciplinary actions and reinforced the standards to which its leaders are held. Efforts by the Catholic Church in the United States have dramatically improved the protection of young people. While outraged by the scandals, American Catholics are grateful that public scrutiny has produced effective reform for future generations. Still, the majority of Catholics are proud that the church continues to be a leader in the fight for justice and the welfare of every human person.

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LETTER

Todd misrepresents Catholic Church

To the Editor:

For his 13 years of parochial education, Hudson Todd's recent article, "Catholicism poses problems" (**April 16, 2010**), makes it painfully clear that he knows very little about the church he claims to reject. Despite his implication to the contrary, the Catholic Church does not teach that Pope Benedict XVI is unable to sin. Papal infallibility extends only to a very small portion of basic Christian doctrine, not to the pope's moral conduct. This power, by the way, has been used exactly once since its concrete articulation in 1870.

Next, Todd articulates the (unfortunately) common belief that Catholic priests' vows of celibacy amount to a repression of their sex

drives, making them more prone to sexual misconduct. If repressing sexual desires simply meant not acting upon them, he might have a point. Repression, however, is an involuntary refusal to consciously acknowledge one's desires, not a voluntary refusal to fulfill them. A Catholic priest is not asked to repress his sexuality, but to control it. Everyone is free to decide whether this is a fair request, but the facts indicate that it is not a dangerous one.

Todd then jumps to the Catholic Church's stance on birth control and the HIV/AIDS pandemic. For the record, I am not Catholic and do not agree with Catholicism's anti-contraception doctrines. I do think, however, that Todd drastically oversimplifies Africa's HIV/AIDS crisis. Given that many African

men believe that condoms are an affront to their masculinity and refuse to use them, I find it rather odd to believe that condom distribution is an effective method of HIV/AIDS prevention. More importantly, despite the vast influx of condoms to Africa over the last years, the HIV/AIDS pandemic has not abated. If condom distribution alone were so terribly effective, surely we would be seeing results by now. On the contrary, some of the countries with the greatest condom availability — Botswana, Zimbabwe, Kenya and South Africa — also have some of the highest HIV/AIDS rates. I don't expect Todd (or most Vanderbilt students, for that matter) to agree with the Catholic Church that abstinence is the best tool for HIV/AIDS prevention. But given the mixed results

of other prevention methods, abstinence isn't as backward as Todd makes it out to be.

So much, then, for Todd's gross misrepresentations of Catholicism. The larger issue is that he seems determined to judge the Catholic Church in general and Pope Benedict in particular solely on the basis of their failures. No one is arguing that then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was right to resist the defrocking of Rev. Lawrence Murphy. However, it is worth remembering that Ratzinger was following the standard canon laws of the 1980s. Since then, he has been instrumental in changing those laws to better protect children from clerical abuse. As head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Ratzinger pushed to prosecute

sex abuse cases against the wishes of his superiors. As pope, he instituted a zero-tolerance policy for clerical sex offenders. He may not be blameless, but Todd cannot reasonably claim that Benedict has not worked to atone for his mistakes. Ditto for the Catholic Church as a whole; its mistakes were serious, but let's not pretend that it hasn't tried to remedy them. More importantly, let's not pretend that we can judge the Catholic Church without considering its radical commitment to social, economic and legal justice for all, especially the marginalized. I trust that is a goal that all of us, religious or not, can support.

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Sports

Vanderbilt baseball searches for consistency, as 6-game road trip, final SEC games loom

by ERIC SINGLE
Asst Sports Editor

For a team with three starting pitchers capable of stifling top-10 offenses, they have struggled to find one among them capable of stringing together consistent outings. For a team that has scored in double digits 11 times already this season, they have a nasty tendency to run dry against the top half of their Southeastern Conference competition.

And for a team with only a month left to make a move up the SEC East standings before the SEC Tournament in Hoover, Ala., the Vanderbilt Commodores have some important questions left to answer about how exactly they will be able to challenge the best baseball teams in the conference.

After losing three starters from last year's rotation, the pitching staff's impressive play has proved itself a pleasant surprise for Commodores fans. Sophomore Jack Armstrong is 5-1 on the season and was moved up to the Saturday slot in the weekend rotation for the Auburn series. Taylor Hill and Chase Reid have given quality innings both as starters and in long relief in a variety of situations for head coach Tim Corbin.

Sonny Gray's success on the mound has been much less of a surprise. The sophomore right-hander has established himself as the staff ace and Friday starter after entering the season with high expectations to fill the hole left by first-round draft pick Mike Minor. Gray is 5-4 with a 2.34 ERA and 61 strikeouts this season and has pitched at least 13 more innings than any other member of the Vanderbilt pitching staff.

However, the early story of the second half of the season has been the Commodores' inability to provide run support to Gray and to the rest of the pitching staff. Vanderbilt has not scored more than two runs in any of Gray's four losses this year.

It has been a trying stretch for the Vanderbilt hitters. After scoring just seven runs in three games against South Carolina, Vanderbilt beat Middle Tennessee at home last Tuesday by a score of 1-0. They were again stymied at the plate in Saturday's 12-2 loss to Auburn, as Tigers starter Cory Luckie threw a complete game five-hitter.

Opposing pitchers have kept the ball low in the zone for the Commodore hitters as of late, neutralizing the home-run power that broke so many games open earlier in the year for Vanderbilt and forcing groundout after groundout. A hamstring injury to slugger Curt Casali early in the season has not helped the offense's cause either.

The Commodores currently sit in third place in the SEC East after the weekend's games, looking up at No. 10 South Carolina and No. 7 Florida. Their 3-2 win on Sunday afternoon over Auburn moves them one game over .500 in conference play.

The Gamecocks have found a rhythm over the past two weekends, using dominant pitching to take two out of three from Vanderbilt in Nashville and then clinch a home series win over No. 14 Mississippi with a 9-5 win on Saturday. The Gators have won three SEC series in a row, going back to their series victory in Gainesville over the Commodores at the beginning of April.

If Vanderbilt has any hope for a hot streak of its own, it will need to start coming through away from Hawkins Field, an assignment it has had trouble with all season. Tuesday's game at cross-town rival Lipscomb marks the start of a six-game road trip for Vanderbilt in which they visit Middle Tennessee, Tennessee and Austin Peay. The team is 5-6 on the road so far this year and must improve that mark if they intend to contend.

The Commodores play two more SEC series at home against Georgia and Arkansas, before the SEC Tournament starts on May 26. ■








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Sophomore Aaron Westlake and the Commodores have looked equal parts impressive and inconsistent. Westlake's walk-off homer Sunday afternoon could spark a final month surge in the SEC.

SEC BASEBALL POWER RANKINGS

by GEOFF HUTCHINSON

	1. South Carolina (28-8, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) The Gamecocks have been the most consistent team in SEC play, as they are the only team to win every weekend series this season.		7. Mississippi (24-13, 8-7) The Rebels have struggled as of late, losing four of their last five matchups. Junior starter Drew Pomeranz has been phenomenal for Ole Miss this season with a 6-0 record and a 1.38 ERA.
	2. Arkansas (31-6, 12-3) Arkansas swept the lowly Georgia Bulldogs this weekend to maintain their one-game lead over the LSU Tigers.		8. Alabama (22-15, 5-10) Alabama suffered a tough 6-5 loss in 14 innings on Sunday to complete a weekend sweep at the hands of the LSU Tigers.
	3. Louisiana State (30-6, 11-4) LSU came into the weekend as one of the hottest teams in the SEC and continued its dominance, sweeping the Alabama Crimson Tide.		9. Kentucky (22-14, 5-10) The Wildcats avoided a weekend sweep by defeating No. 7 Florida on Sunday afternoon 6-5.
	4. Florida (25-10, 10-5) Florida went on the road to Lexington and took the weekend series from the Kentucky Wildcats. It marked the first time the Gators won a series in Lexington since 2004.		10. Mississippi State (19-17, 5-10) Mississippi State is holding onto its slim College World Series hopes after winning the rubber game against Tennessee on Sunday afternoon.
	5. Vanderbilt (29-9, 8-7) The Commodores took two out of three from the Auburn Tigers this past weekend, ending the series with a 3-2 win on Sunday. An Aaron Westlake walk-off solo home run was the difference.		11. Tennessee (18-19, 4-11) Tennessee dropped to under .500 for the season, losing two of three to Mississippi State this weekend in Starkville.
	6. Auburn (24-13, 8-7) The SEC leaders in home runs were unable to win their weekend series against the Vanderbilt Commodores. The loss put them into a tie with division foe Ole Miss.		12. Georgia (11-25, 3-12) The Bulldogs have struggled mightily this season, and the team has failed to win a weekend series thus far.

COLUMN

Still in the Woods

by DAVID NAMM
Sports Editor

Dear Tiger,
"Have you learned anything?"

Those words, spoken by your late father in your newest Nike commercial, echoed across national airwaves in an attempt to convince your faked-out fans that you have changed, that you have improved, that you are better.

The scene was a captivating one: You stood there in black and white bearing a somber stare as you were confronted by the most prominent voice from your past. Nice touch, really, and it almost worked, except for one minor, ironic detail:

You haven't learned anything.

The sincerity of your Nike message — or lack thereof — comes to light when examining the wise, now-bastardized words of your father. Let's examine them, shall we?

"Tiger, I am more prone to be inquisitive to promote discussion."

Your father and I have this in common, Eldrick, and this is my question: Did you ever consider your family when composing this appalling, self-promoting attempt at manipulation? Imagine, if you will, your mother watching this commercial.

Imagine her hearing the voice of her deceased husband clouding the firestorm that is her son's sex scandal. Imagine her seeing you staring blankly into a corporate-sponsored camera with forged remorse and forced guilt. While you are essentially at the mercy of the sporting behemoth that is Nike, you showed about as much class here as you do when you shank a drive.

You had a chance to change here, Tiger. When this marketing tool crossed your desk, you could have said, "No, this is unfair to my family. No, I don't want my two young children to see this when they are old enough to understand. No, my wife has been through enough." Instead, you threw your family under the bus once again, sacrificing the sanctity of your loved ones' privacy for sneaker sales. Seeing as you are the world's first billion-dollar athlete, I can't help but wonder why.

"I want to find out what your thinking was. I want to find out what your feelings are."

I have no clue how you could have posthumously abused your father — whom you idolized — in this manner. If your father were alive, do you think he would have approved of this? Do you think he was the type of man who would be fine with you using a shortcut in any situation, not to mention at the most important juncture of your life?

As the story goes, Earl was a man who pushed you at every turn, who was obsessed with perfection, who believed in your power. Though his incessant parental pressuring could have contributed to the massive fracturing of your psyche, do you think he would want you to use a cheap hoax as you attempt to answer your critics and resurrect your career?

No way, but that thought never crossed your mind. Instead, you let your brain trust think for you. You let your brain trust fail you again. You let the world see that you are as obsessed with yourself as your father was with you.

"And did you learn anything?"

No, Tiger. You most certainly did not.

Sincerely,

Your missing conscience

Weekend update for Vanderbilt sports

by PETER NYGAARD
Sports Reporter

Women's golf

Women's golf had a chance to win the conference title but came up short, finishing second at the Southeastern Conference Championships at the North River Yacht Club in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Vanderbilt entered the final round in a first-place tie with Alabama at 3 under par. However, the Commodores faltered, and Alabama pulled away, leaving Vanderbilt four

strokes behind at even for the tournament. Sophomore Marina Alex tied Tennessee's Erica Popson for the best score of the tournament at 5 under par. Senior Brooke Goodwin posted 2-under on Friday but slid back to even by the tournament's conclusion.

Men's golf

The men had a rougher go of it, finishing 11th out of 12 in the SEC Championships at the Sea Island Golf Club in Seaside, Ga. Vanderbilt finished at 27 over par, 23 strokes behind winners

Georgia. Senior Hudson Johnson paced the Commodores with a team-best of 4 over par. Sophomore Trey DelGreco finished a step behind at 5 over par.

Baseball

The runs that were absent last weekend against South Carolina appeared in No. 18 Vanderbilt's weekend series against No. 23 Auburn, as the Commodores took two of three in a high-scoring series. Vanderbilt outscored their entire South Carolina series in the first game, scoring 11 to earn sophomore Sonny Gray his fifth win of the season. Freshman Connor Harrell belted a grand slam to give the Commodores a 4-0 lead, and they never looked back. Game two went the other way, as Auburn raced out to an early lead, dominating Vanderbilt 12-2. The decisive game came down to the bottom of the ninth inning when sophomore Aaron Westlake crushed a walk-off home run, giving Vanderbilt a 3-2 victory.

Women's tennis

No. 30 Vanderbilt romped against Kentucky Friday, taking the overall game 6-1 as they concluded their regular season. The doubles team of senior Hannah Blatt and junior Rachel Dillon combined for a perfect 20-0 in games on the day, taking their doubles match 8-0 and winning both of their singles matches in straight 6-0 sets. No. 29 senior Catherine Newman, No. 32 sophomore Jackie Wu and junior Keilly Ulery were Vanderbilt's other singles winners on the day. Vanderbilt finished 12-8 overall and 7-4 in the Southeastern Conference. They will open the SEC Tournament on Thursday against Mississippi State.



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Sophomore Ally Carey scored four goals and added two assists for the Commodores in their 12-7 victory over Florida yesterday. Vanderbilt has won 10 in a row, establishing themselves as a national power in the process. The No. 8 team in the country finishes their regular season Saturday against Northwestern.

Men's tennis

The No. 31 Vanderbilt men's team was less fortunate against No. 8 Kentucky on Saturday, dropping their season finale by a 7-0 tally. Despite entering on a three-match winning streak, the Commodores were unable to close out any of the number of evenly contested sets on the day. The Commodores finish at 13-9 on the season with a 5-6 conference record. The men will also open the SEC Tournament on Thursday against Mississippi State.

Women's track

School records fell at the Vanderbilt Invitational, Vanderbilt's last home meet of the season. Sophomore Anna Carr rewrote her own school record in the 100-meter dash, beating her previous time of 11.92 with a new mark of 11.80.

Carr finished third in both the 100- and 200-meter dash. Junior Taylor Jackson was hot on her heels, finishing fourth and sixth in the same events, respectively. Buky Bamigboye posted two top-10 finishes on the weekend, garnering fourth place in the javelin and eighth in the long jump. The Commodores also got very impressive runs out of the distance team, with four top-10 finishers in 1500-meter run. Junior Rita Jorgensen posted a personal best and nearly beat multi-time national qualifier Heidi Dahl, finishing second. Sophomores Alexa Rogers and Louise Hannallah and freshman Kristen Findley finished fifth, sixth and seventh, respectively. On Saturday, Jorgensen finished second place in the 800-meter run and inched closer to the school record. Freshman Morgan Toone and junior Katherine Hendricks captured

the school outdoor pole vault record, each clearing a height of 11-11 3/4.

Women's lacrosse

In their penultimate game of the season, No. 8 Vanderbilt won their 10th in a row, defeating Florida by a score of 12-7. Senior Carter Foote and sophomore Ally Carey scored four goals apiece with Carey also adding two assists. Junior Katherine Denkler scored a pair of goals and notched three assists, adding to her impressive season totals. Sophomore goalie Natalie Wills turned aside 10 of the 17 shots she faced, earning her 11th win on the season. The Commodores finish the regular season Saturday against Northwestern before turning their attention to the American Lacrosse Conference Tournament. ■



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Nationally-ranked sophomore Jackie Wu and the Commodores beat the Kentucky Wildcats 6-1 in their regular season finale. They finished their season 12-8 overall and will be the sixth seed in the SEC tourney.

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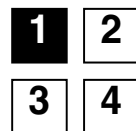


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- 9 Mötley Crüe duo?
- 10 Destroy
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- 13 Sailor's "Mayday!"
- 21 Duo
- 22 __ fixe: obsession
- 26 Voice amplifier, briefly
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