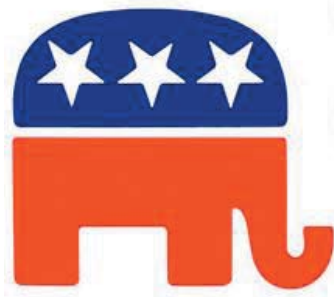




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■ CAMPUS NEWS

## Former Beta Upsilon Chi members allege unfair treatment based on sexual orientation

The organization's Code of Conduct policy does not condone homosexuality.

**LIZ FURLOW**  
Staff Writer

Two former members of Vanderbilt's Beta Upsilon Chi chapter say they were asked to leave the fraternity in recent months due to violations of the organization's policy pertaining to sexual orientation. The fraternity's Code of Conduct states that Beta Upsilon Chi does not condone homosexuality.

Beta Upsilon Chi is a registered religious/spiritual student organization and a Christian fraternity on Vanderbilt's campus. The original charter was established in 2003. Chapter President Greg Wigger and the national organization's Executive Director refused to comment on this story.

A former Beta Upsilon Chi brother and Vanderbilt 2010 alumnus who wished to remain anonymous wrote in an email to the Hustler that he was approached last spring by fraternity president Greg Wigger about his role in the fraternity.

"On April 18, 2010, we met alone in my dormitory and he began asking me about my excessive absences from fraternity events," the 2010 alumnus told the Hustler. "And my attendance was bad, but I knew another brother, also a 2010 graduate, whose attendance was worse. Rather than being forced from the brotherhood, he had been offered early alumnus status. I assumed that my several years of active involvement in BYX would qualify me for the same early alumnus status."

According to the 2010 alumnus, the

discussion turned to the issue of his sexual orientation.

"(Wigger) said that someone had approached the officer corps and suggested that I might be struggling with homosexuality. He would not tell me who told the officer corps, or when, or on what basis my sexuality had come into question, but said that the entire officer corps had been apprised of this person's suspicion," the 2010 alumnus told the Hustler.

According to the 2010 alumnus, he told Wigger that he was gay. At that point, Wigger asked the 2010 alumnus what he meant by "gay."

"(Wigger asked if I) was ... sexually active or just attracted to men? I told him that I was not sexually active," the 2010 alumnus told the Hustler. "He insisted that this information would stay between the two of us. Ten days later Greg told me that I had been deactivated. I was never given the option of entering the BYX alumni association early."

The 2010 alumnus also said that another alumnus, who acted as an advisor to the officer corps, told him that Beta Upsilon Chi's national office had been contacted regarding the issues of the 2010 alumnus's sexual orientation and continued membership in the fraternity.

According to a current member of Beta Upsilon Chi who wished to remain anonymous, another member of the brotherhood left the fraternity in August of this year for similar reasons. The current member told the Hustler that many of the brothers in the fraternity believe the now-former member was pressured to leave the fraternity because he was openly gay.

The former member who left in August, who wished to remain anonymous, confirmed to the Hustler that he was given the option by fraternity president Wigger to leave the fraternity or face



CHRIS PHARE/ The Vanderbilt Hustler

Beta Upsilon Chi brothers cheer on the incoming first-year students at Founder's Walk in front of Kirkland Hall on Aug. 22, 2010. The Vanderbilt chapter received its charter in 2003.

expulsion after having a discussion with Wigger about his sexual orientation.

Recent allegations made to the Hustler state that the organization asked two members to leave because of their sexual orientation, based on a clause stated in its Code of Conduct regarding homosexuals. A former member of the fraternity gave the Hustler a copy of the Code of Conduct, which is only released to Beta Upsilon Chi members and pledges.

The Code of Conduct states its beliefs regarding sexuality in the second clause of the document: "We believe that sex is

a gift of God to be enjoyed only inside the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman. Therefore, we will not condone such activity as homosexuality, fornication, or adultery. (1 Corinthians 6:15-20; Hebrew 13:4)."

Vanderbilt requires, as stated on the student organization website, student organizations to abide by its anti-discriminatory policy, which states that all student organizations must "refrain from discriminating in membership selection, officer or adviser appointments, or practices of organizational activities on the basis

of race, sex, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, military service, or sexual orientation, in compliance with Federal law, including the provisions of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990."

Reverend Gary White, director of Vanderbilt Religious Life, explained the compatibility of written codes of conduct with Vanderbilt anti-discriminatory policies.

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■ CAMPUS NEWS

## Senior Jessie Bullock to serve as Federal Student Ambassador

**KYLE BLAINE**  
News Editor

Senior Jessie Bullock has been selected to serve as a Federal Student Ambassador for the 2010-11 academic year by the nonprofit Partnership for Public Service.

Bullock, a student in Peabody College, will be an on-campus resource for federal job and internship information by providing insider tips on obtaining federal jobs. Bullock will conduct presentations and workshops and collaborate with campus career service representatives.

The Ambassadors program is part of the Partnership's Call to Serve initiative to inspire a new generation to serve. More than 720 campuses and 75 federal agencies have joined the Call to Serve network that carries an important message to students about government service: It's not just making a living, it's making the difference.

"Vanderbilt is full of really smart people. There are so many different opportunities in the Federal Government, but they are not publicized," Bullock said. "Vanderbilt's strong culture of service makes us more than qualified for these positions."

The federal government will fill more than 50,000 entry-level jobs in the next 12 months, along with approximately 60,000 paid internships, according to research conducted by the Partnership for Public Service.

"There is no better place to work on critical issues that affect our country on a grand scale than the federal government," said Caroline Pettit, the Ambassadors program manager. "Our student ambassadors are on campuses now, helping classmates find dream jobs where they can make a difference working on issues ranging from protecting our environment to ending poverty."

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■ CAMPUS NEWS

## Study: BA degrees do not guarantee employment

**GRACE AVILES**  
Staff Writer

Seniors hoping to coast into a job on the Vanderbilt name next fall can gear up for a summer of intense job searching. According to Cindy Funk, director of the Career Center, in today's economic climate flexibility, dedication and, above all, work experience are the name of the game.

According to Richard Vedder's Oct. 20 article in The Chronicle of Higher Education, 17 million Americans with bachelor's degrees and higher are employed in jobs that the Bureau of Labor Statistics says do

not even require an associate's degree. Most glaringly, perhaps, 5,057 individuals with doctorate degrees are currently working in custodial staff positions.

Funk dismisses this last statistic as not being characteristic of Vanderbilt students but does emphasize that the successful applicant's job search is not a passive experience. According to a Post-Graduation Report (2009-2010) released by the Vanderbilt Career Center and the Vanderbilt Institutional Research Group, upon graduation 31.4 percent of students looking have secured employment, while 42.9 percent are still searching. Thirty-five

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# JOB: students should rely on knowledge, not charisma

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percent of graduates continue to higher education, while 6.4 percent are waiting to begin the search until after graduation.

“On average, students who have had some type of job experience or internship are more likely to be employed and likely to demand a higher entry salary. For every internship held, applicants tend to earn anywhere from \$3 to 4 thousand more,” Funk said.

Jobs in the finance, real estate and insurance fields, and engineering and IT clusters have the highest range for entry level salary at \$40,000 to \$90,000,

while health care and education, community and non-profits have the lowest, ranging from \$20,000 to \$46,000.

There are definitely steps Vanderbilt students seeking employment can take to stack the deck, however.

“Be prepared,” Funk said. “Interviews are a one shot deal. Do your homework and know about the company you are interviewing with. Often bright, articulate students believe that they can skate on this charisma alone, but there is no substitute for facts and knowledge.”

Another mistake students often make is limiting their

search to online databases.

“Online databases can be helpful, but they shouldn’t be your only option. The usual ratio we recommend is 2:8; if you have 10 hours a week to spend on job search, spend two hours applying online, but then spend the other eight hours exploring contacts and word of mouth. Eighty percent of jobs are never posted and (are) obtained through networking and connections, and the other 20 percent you want to find out about before they are ever posted,” Funk says. “Leverage the Vanderbilt network as much as possible.” ■

# Photo of the Week: Kissam Karnival



SCOTT CARDONE/ The Vanderbilt Hustler

Students help themselves to popcorn on Thursday night at the second annual Kissam Karnival, a fall celebration on Kissam Quadrangle.

# BULLOCK: federal agencies use students’ skills

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The Ambassadors program enlists students to promote public service on college and university campuses nationwide. Forty-seven students representing 40 schools were selected from more than 150 applicants. To be eligible for the program, students had to complete a federal government internship.

Bullock was an intern with the State Department last

summer. She had previously worked hands-on in Tanzania and Argentina.

“I found my internship at the State Department to be more rewarding than any other work I had done before,” Bullock said. “I have always been interested in international relations, and the State Department focus on diplomacy and cross-cultural relations was more effective, in my opinion, in solving the problems of the world.”

Bullock, an Ingram Scholar, is fluent in Spanish and is interested in pursuing a career path within the State Department.

“There are more than 160 federal agencies, and if you have skills such as a foreign language they really utilize them,” Bullock said. “I knew one intern who worked in a Federal Government agency and he was flown to Haiti to be a liaison to the press because he spoke French.” ■

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# BETA UPSILON CHI: no official comment from org. officials

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“They can have a statement of faith and conduct of behavior, and this in itself is not discriminatory. But they would not be able to deny or remove any member based on their Code of Conduct,” White said. “They can have a statement of faith as long as they don’t act on it.”

Courtney Salters, director of Vanderbilt Student Governance, participated in administrative discussions regarding the acceptance of Beta Upsilon Chi as both a religious/spiritual student organization and a Christian fraternity before the organization received its charter in 2003.

“There were a series of meetings over the course of several weeks with Greek Life and the Office of Religious Life to ensure that their Code of Conduct was in compliance with university policies,” Salters said.

Mark Bandas, Vanderbilt associate provost and dean of students, explained in an email the requirements of a student organization regarding the anti-discriminatory policy.

“By registering with the Office of Student Organizations and Governance, a student organization agrees to abide by our policies. We expect student organizations operating on our campus to follow our policies,” Bandas said. “Student organizations that violate our policies are subject to disciplinary action, up to and including loss of registration. Students who believe that they are victims of discrimination as a result of being in one of the protected classifications are

encouraged to file a complaint with the Office of the Dean of Students.”

The Hustler first contacted Greg Wigger on Oct. 21 to discuss policy conflicts specifically applying to Beta Upsilon Chi at Vanderbilt. After a brief phone call with a staff member from Beta Upsilon Chi Nationals on the same day, Executive Director Jason Hoyt sent an email to the Hustler regarding the Hustler’s request to interview Wigger.

According to Hoyt, national fraternity officials “normally direct local chapter officers to send anyone desiring interviews regarding this issue to nationals. Greg Wigger (Vandy President) won’t be able to answer any of your questions regarding this issue.”

Hoyt responded to another Hustler email on Oct. 25, stating, “I am out traveling this week. Please email me your questions and I will do my best to respond.”

After calling and emailing several more times, the Hustler received an email back from Hoyt on Nov. 3.

Hoyt said, “BYX has an executive board meeting coming up in just a few weeks in which we will discuss our approach to responding to requests from student newspapers. In the meantime, we have no comment with regards to your questions at this time.”

When the Hustler requested a copy of Beta Upsilon Chi’s Code of Conduct, Hoyt responded that the Code of Conduct was “an internal document that is only given to members and pledges so I wouldn’t be able to release that.” ■

## BETA UPSILON CHI – BROTHERS UNDER CHRIST

### CODE OF CONDUCT

#### Psalm 69:6

*May those who hope in You not be disgraced because of me, O Lord, the Lord Almighty;*

*May those who seek You not be put to shame because of me, O God of Israel.*

#### Acts 23:16

*So I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man.*

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3. We believe that our conduct should induce praise – not disgrace – of our Lord and Savior from anyone who should be watching us. {Matthew: 5:16 Psalm 69:6} Every believer should strive to be above reproach and to maintain a good reputation with those outside the Church. {1 Timothy 3:2,7} Therefore, with respect to the purity and effectiveness of our witness, we submit the following:

- a. We will continue to uphold the policy of “no alcohol consumption by an officer” and “no alcohol consumption by a member while wearing BYX paraphernalia.”
- b. We will not condone the use of foul language.
- c. If a BYX chapter participates in intramural sports or other competitive activities, we expect our members to compete according to the rules, with good sportsmanship, and with an attitude of love towards our opponents.
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### ■ COLUMN

# Republicans will bring sanity back to DC



**FRANNIE BOYLE**  
Columnist

It seems like the only “midterms” Vanderbilt students cared about this week were ones given in the classroom. People generally aren’t as enthusiastic about midterm elections, but this semester, campus was like an apathetic political ghost town compared to two years ago. The hype, the conversations and the overall turnout for the election night party on Tuesday didn’t even come close to what it was in 2008.

Part of the reason may be disillusionment, but I think an even bigger reason is that these results were expected. In Wednesday’s Hustler, political science professor Marc Hetherington put it perfectly, saying that it shouldn’t be a surprise to anyone that a minority party makes gains in Congress when the unemployment rate is at 10 percent. The state of the economy is arguably the most important predictor for elections because the numbers show how well political leaders are handling it. Voters can see financial crisis, and many can feel it as well. This election was different, though. The results called attention to economic unrest, but there’s another factor that was just as important this time around.

**“Our Constitution has been breached, and the citizens are upset about it.”**

The Democrats scared the heck out of America. Our Constitution has been breached, and the citizens are upset about it.

Former U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese III was in Nashville two weeks ago to give a speech on this topic. He believes that Americans have noticed how broken the political system is and that the Constitution

has lost a significant amount of importance in the eyes of our government leaders. Meese said, “The Constitution is the will of the American people in written form,” and he gave several examples of how this will has not been respected:

In the executive branch, President Obama has selected an excessive amount of policy “czars” as a way to get around the appointment process. These czars have a fair amount of power, but they are not confirmed by the Senate, they do not have to testify before Congress, and they are protected by “executive privilege” when questioned. The system of checks and balances has been bypassed, and President Obama’s administration of “Hope and Change” also includes an alarming lack of transparency.

Former Congressional leaders also completely disregarded the Constitution. Nowhere in the historic document does it say the federal government has the right to force American citizens to directly pay for a private product like health insurance. Still, the health care bill was passed, and those congressmen who voted in favor of it were unable to point out where in the Constitution it allowed them to do this. When asked, former Illinois Congressman Phil Hare answered, “I don’t worry about the Constitution on this.” Former Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi didn’t even think this was a valid question. Her simple response was, “Are you serious?”

Times change, but history doesn’t, and it should be respected. America is the greatest nation this world has ever seen because she has stood by the principles that were established upon her founding. Meese predicted that Americans would come out strong in this election to reclaim their Constitution. He was right.

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### ■ COLUMN

# If you don’t vote



**KATIE DES PREZ**  
Columnist

Tuesday afternoon came and went this Nov. 2, and I became another one of those people. Despite weeks of saying, “I need to go vote,” by the time 7:00 p.m. rolled around on voting day, I had spent the whole day on campus and let my opportunity to cast my ballot (albeit an under-informed one) slip away. Am I a politically apathetic college student? Not really. I follow politics fairly closely and am one of those few Democrats who is not yet disillusioned by my party’s past couple years of government dominance. I would have happily cast my vote to support them. When push came to shove, though, I was too busy or too lazy to go do it. Unfortunately, the truth is that it probably didn’t make any difference.

This election, though it was covered as if it were the spectacle of spectacles, seemed pretty typical to me. I have heard several interviews with victorious and un-victorious politicians debriefing on election results, and many of them have said that this election was a mandate. Like other “mandates” in the past, though, this election was just a reflection of a highly dissatisfied public in the midst of a highly dissatisfying period, not a referendum on specific policies or specific politicians.

Tapping in to public disenchantment with incumbents drove some pillars of the “Washington establishment” to run as spunky outsiders ready to change the way things are done. These kinds of promises for “taking on Washington” are still empty and confusing promises, though, and the closest thing to political action that they offer is the pledge to be obstructionist. Instead of being

unusual, then, this election cycle might have been an extreme example of some of the hallmarks of our political system: the most typical of the typical. Yes, the Tea Party threw a bit of a wrench into things, but, in the end, this election was still mainly controlled by the amount of money candidates could spend and their ability to run a clever “anti-establishment” campaign while working within the tropes of the system. The Tea Party may have shifted discourse, but the main parties still had the loudest voice.

So should I still feel bad about not voting? Yes. As trite as it sounds, the only way to change some of these increasingly entrenched campaigning behaviors is for more people and a greater variety of them to go to the polls. There is certainly cause for disillusionment with politics, especially when we see that it can be controlled by such hard-hitting issues such as whether or not Christine O’Donnell is (still) a witch. But, as Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert tried to make clear on Saturday, there are still non-crazy people out there somewhere — I would argue that our current president is one of them — who should be voting.

The best way to get me to vote, though, is to make me do it. Despite some of the convincing arguments against it, compulsory voting would solve many of the problems that have sent our electoral game into Sarah Palin and the Tea Party’s court. It’s not only that everyone should vote; everyone should have to vote. Until the unlikely time that compulsory voting becomes a reality, though, I promise that next time I will cast a ballot.

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## THE VERDICT

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“Seven strangers ... picked to live in a house”		Sean Duffy, a cast member of The Real World: Boston (1997), won a congressional race in Wisconsin on Tuesday. Since his time on the Real World, Duffy has been participating in Real World/Road Rules challenges and training as a professional lumberjack athlete. He is the first Real World cast member to be elected to Congress. So it turns out that not all Real World alumni end up as professional wrestlers or reality television stars.
Spray Tanning		In January, Congress will elect its first “orange” speaker of the House: John Boehner. While the Ohio Republican denies ever having used a tanning product or tanning bed, what is his explanation for his Oopma-Loompa skin tone?
Free Weezy		Lil’ Wayne is a free man, per his release from Riker’s Island on Thursday. Wayne’s post-prison plans include spending time with all of his children and partying in Vegas. Does this mean we will finally stop seeing Facebook status updates from Vandy sorority girls that read, “Free Weezy”?
“127 Hours”		“127 Hours,” the new James Franco film, is based on a true story of a climber that performs a self-amputation to free himself from a boulder that pinned the character for five days in 2003. Test audiences have experienced vomiting, seizing and fainting during the most climactic scene. Sounds like quite the cinematic adventure.

### ■ COLUMN

# Radical professor denies Holocaust

**MIKE DURAKIEWICZ**  
Guest Columnist

It’s worse than you think. Kaukab Siddique, associate professor of English at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, is an Islamic radical who demonizes Jews, mocks Holocaust victims and calls on Muslims to “liberate” Jerusalem.

During a Labor Day rally in our nation’s capital, Siddique branded Zionism as “racism,” “genocide” and “terrorism” and called on Muslims to “unite and rise up against this hydra-headed monster.” “Anyone who considers Israel a legitimate entity,” says the professor, “is a Zionist.” “Each one of us should be prepared to liberate Jerusalem,” he blasted.

“The Koran is a book in which there is no doubt. It does not beat around the bush,” Siddique added in a word of warning, “To the Jews, I would say, see what could happen to you if the Muslims wake up.”

The professor’s calls for the next Holocaust go hand in hand with his views on the last one.

“Secret extermination of six million people was not possible,” he wrote in a December 2009 e-mail. “Now ask yourself, where did the bodies of Six Million (sic) go?”

“Notice that Jews wiped out entire PALESTINIAN villages but failed to hide the atrocities (sic) in spite of their control of the media.”

To call Siddique “cozy” with anti-Semitic conspiracy theories would be an understatement: “The Germans were against Jews for their key positions in Communism. The Jews, as in America today, controlled the entire economy.”

“You have not read the Jewish Holocaust stories,” declared the professor. “They are quite funny because they contradict each other. The Jews-Communists in the camps were well organized and sent propaganda to the outside world.”

But the professor’s activities don’t stop at Jew-bashing and Holocaust denial. In a 2002 speech to the New Black Panther Party, he declared that the United States was “at war with Islam” and expressed his camaraderie for Islamic terrorists.

“I really loved it,” he said, referring to an extremist rally in Pakistan. “You now have women sending their children for Jihad.”

One gets the flavor of what kind of a person Kaukab Siddique is fairly quickly. Despite outrage from Anti-Defamation League and an open letter from two state senators, Lincoln University President Ivory V. Nelson ensured the public that the anti-Semite will stay right where he is: “Dr. Siddique has made it apparent that his opinions are his own and not part of the curriculum.”

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## LIFE

## MUSIC

# Venue of the week: the historic Ryman Auditorium

**PETER CANNING**  
Staff Writer

Located just a short cab ride away from Vanderbilt on 115 5th Avenue North is the historic Ryman Auditorium. Opened in 1892, the Ryman, then called the Union Gospel Tabernacle, was built by Nashville businessman Thomas Ryman as a place of religious worship. Years later, it became famous as the site of the Grand Ole Opry radio broadcasts from 1943 to 1974. While the Opry may have moved elsewhere, the spirit of music never left, and the Ryman has come to be considered an American music landmark.

In its long, illustrious history, the Ryman Auditorium has played host to countless musicians. Icons like Bob Dylan, Hank Williams and Johnny Cash have stood center stage performing to sold-out crowds. It has become a dream venue for any aspiring band to play. In recent memory, the Ryman has featured Coldplay, Kings of Leon and Arcade Fire, to name a few. The hallowed stage can humble even the

most famous of acts, usually leading to an expression of sheer gratitude to be able to perform in such a historic concert hall.

The 2,362-seat auditorium provides an intimate concert feel that's hard to replicate. As a reminder of its origins, the Ryman still has pews for the audience. This seating arrangement, combined with its renowned acoustics, makes any performance incalculably better. It's hard to imagine how much of an impact the venue has on a show until you go to a show at the Ryman. Tickets do tend to go fast for any band, but every seat in the house has a good view of the stage. They may be on the pricey side, normally varying between \$30 and \$50, but it's always well worth it. No matter your major, a Vanderbilt student's time in the Music City is never truly complete without a concert experience at the Ryman Auditorium. ■



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## MUSIC

## WRVU's Simply Nashville

This week, staff writer Xiaoyu Qi sat down with WRVU DJ Kelly Tobakos to talk about her Wednesday show, taste in music and guilty pleasures.

**NAME OF SHOW:** Simply Nashville

**TIME:** Wednesdays from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m.

**GENRES:** Local music, singer-songwriter, indie rock

**VANDERBILT HUSTLER:** Do you have a DJ name?

**KELLY TOBAKOS:** (Laughs) No, it's just Kelly.

**VH:** Any songs stuck in your head this week?

**KT:** I've been listening to a song called "Flags" by Brooke Fraser.

**VH:** Do you sing in the shower?

**KT:** I sing everywhere, so yeah (laughs).

**VH:** Are you a singer?

**KT:** I do sing, yeah. And I play the guitar — I'm not trying to be a singer, but I do. I like to.

**VH:** But you're not in a band?

**KT:** No, no. I just want to sing like backup. You know Damien Rice had that backup singer ... I want to be that girl. I would love to do that (eventually), but I'm not banking on it.

**VH:** Have you ever dated a musician?

**KT:** No, but I'm open to it.

**VH:** Do you want to go into music in the future?

**KT:** Yes, I want to work in the music industry. I'm interning at a label right now, so either at a label or as an artist agent.

**VH:** Songs you're sick of hearing?

**KT:** Anything by the Black Eyed Peas. I hate the Black Eyed Peas. I just can't handle them.

**VH:** What about them bothers you?

**KT:** I think it's just Fergie.

**VH:** How do you feel about Justin Bieber?

**KT:** ... Guilty pleasure

**VH:** Favorite Justin Bieber song?

**KT:** Um ... that song with Usher. "Somebody to Love."

**VH:** Have you been to any great live shows recently?

**KT:** I was at Quake, obviously (laughs). I saw a show at the Bluebird (Cafe) a few weeks back that was really cool. It was a special show, with some of the really well known singer-songwriters in the area.

**VH:** Favorite local venues?

**KT:** I like the Mercy Lounge, the Bluebird

and the Ryman, of course. I saw Arcade Fire there this summer, and it was the best thing in the world.

**VH:** Can you recommend some local artists?

**KT:** Madi Diaz, Keegan DeWitt.

**VH:** Do you listen to WRVU?

**KT:** (Laughs) I do.

**VH:** Favorite WRVU show that's not yours?

**KT:** Alphabet Soup. (The DJ for that show) actually trained me when she was a freshman.

**VH:** Why should people listen to your show?

**KT:** Well, we're in Nashville, so if you want to find out about people playing around Nashville ...

**VH:** Which is a shame, because lots of people don't know.

**KT:** It's a total shame, and you can see these people for \$3, \$5. There's a show this weekend I might go to for \$6 in Edgehill Village, right by Vandy. It's a good place to discover local music and find out about shows and hear people on air — we (also) have lots of studio guests. ■

## LIFE

## THIS WEEK IN NASHVILLE

**PETER CANNING**  
Staff Writer

FRIDAY, NOV. 5

**OK GO @ MERCY LOUNGE**

You may have seen their incredibly elaborate videos on YouTube, but do yourself a favor and check them out in person at Mercy Lounge. Put on some dancing shoes and head to 1 Cannery Row Friday night for a great show. (\$15, 9:00 p.m.)

SATURDAY, NOV. 6

**BEER, BOURBON & BBQ FESTIVAL**

All these great things combined with live music and a charitable cause like Hands On Nashville make for one event that's not to be missed. The Municipal Auditorium will host this outrageously fun festival Saturday, so make sure to bring a hearty appetite. (\$20 to \$40, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., 417 4th Ave. N.)



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THURSDAY, NOV. 4 — SATURDAY, NOV. 6

**THE RITE OF SPRING**

If you're in a classier mood, head downtown to see our spring concert's namesake. Stravinsky isn't normally on the weekend's playlist, but make an exception this one time; your cultural side will thank you. (\$39 to \$89, Thursday: 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday: 8 p.m., 505 Deaderick St.)

SUNDAY, NOV. 7

**OH STEREO @ EXIT/IN**

Oh Stereo, composed of Vanderbilt sophomores Scott Marquart and Mason Hickman, headlines a night of rock at nearby venue Exit/In. Marquart describes the group's sound as "halfway between" and electronic and rock sound. (\$12, 11 p.m., 2208 Elliston Place)



Matt Preston

SUNDAY, NOV. 7

**FANG ISLAND @ THE END**

Sure, it sounds like something straight from a bad horror movie, but it'll be a Sunday night worth remembering. These progressive rockers are anything but traditional and will electrify The End with their energetic musical styling. (\$12, 9:00 p.m., 2219 Elliston Place)

## ENTERTAINMENT

## A good comedy is "Due"

**HOLLY MEEHL**  
Staff Writer



"The Hangover" is no doubt one of the most popular comedies of the past few years. The genius film had all of us college kids eager to fly to Vegas and perhaps be lucky enough to have a night where we black out and find Mike Tyson's pet tiger in our bathroom. Now, director Todd Phillips has a new outrageous bromance hitting theatres this Friday, complete with more of Zach Galifianakis's brainless, albeit hilarious, banter.

Galifianakis shares the screen with my biggest older-man crush, Robert Downey Jr. If you haven't seen both "Iron Man" movies yet, please go do so immediately. In "Due Date," Downey plays Peter, an uptight businessman who must drive from Atlanta to LA with idiotic aspiring actor, Ethan (Galifianakis). The plot thickens as Peter races home for the birth of his first child, and Ethan copes with the loss of his father, whose ashes he carries around in a coffee can.

Other members of the cast include Michelle Monaghan as Peter's expecting wife, Jamie Foxx as Darryl, a man they encounter on the road, and even small appearances by Juliette Lewis and Danny

McBride. But there's no doubt this story focuses on the battling relationship of Downey and Galifianakis who, I hope, will spark as much chemistry together as the actors of "The Hangover." Downey's comeback has put him in multiple major motion pictures in the past several years, and Galifianakis has seen his career skyrocket since his previous collaboration with Phillips.

Galifianakis continues to stir up controversy off the screen as well. This past Friday, he pulled out a joint and started smoking marijuana on a live taping of Bill Maher's late show on HBO. Galifianakis was asked on the show to discuss the upcoming vote in California on the decriminalization of marijuana. It seems clear where he stands. The trailer of "Due Date" also gives snippets of a comical scene where high Ethan tells a cop his eyes are red because of glaucoma.

Hopefully, the comical moments in the "Due Date" trailer are only small pieces of the vast amount of humor one can expect to see in this film. With any luck, we'll walk out of the theatre raising our drinks to a new "wolf-pack" monologue. ■

## ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

## New film society starts rolling

**BEN RIES**

Staff Writer

Vanderbilt University continues to provide film fans with an assortment of high-quality, invigorating programs. To name just a few, the International Lens series provides students with regular screenings of culturally-expansive movies, the Faculty Led interactive Cinematic eXplorations (FLiCX) program allows students to register to attend screening/lecture events at the nearby Belcourt Theatre, and the film studies department often draws renowned speakers to campus.

The 10 members of the newly-founded Vanderbilt Film Society aim to give a unified voice to the film world at Vanderbilt.

"It's the end all be all when it comes to film," said senior Co-President Ashley

Zeiger, a film studies and American studies major. "We connect you to other students, professors, events, jobs, internships, lectures, films — anything and everything to do with film."

The organization works closely with the faculty of the film studies department but is entirely student led. Most members are film studies majors or minors, but anyone with a passion for film is welcome to join.

The Film Society intends to hold its own film screenings for members and invite guest speakers. It will also run the annual Vanderbilt Student Film Festival in the spring. Last year's festival — the first that was student led — was spectacular, and under the Film Society's leadership, this year's promises to be even better.

Students interested in the Film Society or just the film scene in general are encouraged to attend the Film Society's first event, a Film Gala on Wednesday, Nov. 10.

"It's a good opportunity to get involved with and learn about the film studies program and how it's grown into what it is now," said junior Matt Winkelried, a film studies major.

The Gala will take place from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Buttrick Hall's atrium. Film-related programs like International Lens and VTV will be promoted, and a representative from the Career Center will be present. Student films will also be played — anybody who would like to submit an entry should e-mail noldcw@gmail.com no later than today. ■

## GREEK LIFE

## THROW DOWN LOW DOWN

Here's your comprehensive guide to this weekend's fraternity parties.

## FRIDAY:

**AEPI:** Hollywood  
**SAE:** Rep Your City  
**ZBT:** Blood, Sugar, Sex, Magik

## SATURDAY:

**ZBT:** Afternoon Delight (Day Party)  
**Sig Chi:** Postgame Tailgate (Day Party)

**Beta:** Betarobics  
**Sigma Nu:** Cowboys and Navajos  
**KA:** Lazers and Blazers



# SPORTS

■ FOOTBALL

## Commodores will need complete performance to slow down Florida



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Florida freshman quarterback John Brantley overcame early season struggles and a three-game losing streak to lead the Gators past Georgia in overtime this past weekend in Jacksonville, 34-31.

**BRUCE SPENCER**  
Sports Writer

How do you beat a team you have lost to 19 times in a row, dating back to 1988?

Figure out a way to turn punts into points.

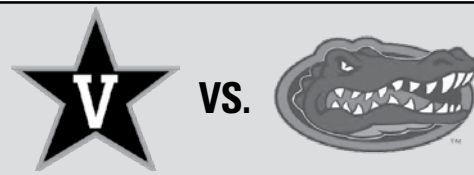
The Vanderbilt Commodores are on pace for setting a team record for most punts in a season, and to make it worse, they must now face a Florida defense that comes in ranked 23rd in the nation in total defense and is just outside the top 10 nationally in forced turnovers.

This doesn't bode well for Caldwell's Commodores, as their offense has about the same firepower as Mount Fuji. Coming into this weekend's game, the Commodores have managed to find a way to become the 105th-ranked scoring offense in the NCAA, with their passing attack posting a pathetic 144.1 yards per game through the air. The rushing game has been better, but not by much. Going into this weekend's game, the Commodore ground game has run for 142.6 yards per game, which is enough to put them at ninth in the SEC and 76th in the nation. However, the Commodores will be without star running back Warren Norman, who will likely sit out the rest of the season with a dislocated right wrist he suffered in last week's Arkansas game. Norman was one of the Commodores' most versatile players, leading the team in rushing and touchdowns while also taking kick return duties. However, seeing as Florida's last four opponents have run for more than 100 yards against them, anything is still possible for backup running back Zac Stacy.

While Vanderbilt's running game has its hands full trying to replace its leading rusher, Vanderbilt's passing game must find a way to fly through the air less like a RC helicopter and more like a G6. As long as quarterback Larry Smith can pilot drives like the first two he managed for touchdowns against Arkansas, there may be some glimmer of hope for Vanderbilt. However, Smith must face a Florida passing defense that has four players with at least three interceptions. The wide receivers will also have a tough time flying through the Florida secondary, as Florida's cornerbacks were able to hold Alabama wide receiver Julio Jones — who averages 125.5 receiving yards per game — to only four catches for 19 yards. The leading receiver for Vanderbilt, tight

end Brandon Barden, averages 11.6 yards per game.

The Vanderbilt defense also has a tough challenge ahead. Florida quarterback John Brantley and running back Jeffrey Demps expect to let their 14th-ranked Florida offense, which averages 457.19 yards per game, right over the Commodore defense. Although Brantley hasn't thrown a touchdown pass in four games, his arm is still deadly, as he's been hitting 62.2 percent of his targets. Brantley is also poised to put the ball in the hands of playmaking all-purpose man Trey Burton, who leads the team with 11 total touchdowns. However, Vanderbilt's defense has some playmakers of its own, as cornerback Casey Hayward leads the NCAA with five interceptions and defensive end Tim Fugger is third in the NCAA with four forced fumbles. The main concern with the Vanderbilt defense is whether they can have long enough of a break off the field to keep up a fight against Florida. Currently, the Vanderbilt offense is converting an abysmal 38 percent of their third downs and only holds onto the ball an average of 25:35 per game, which forces the Commodore defense to stay out on the field longer than it needs to. And if the defense doesn't get much of a rest this weekend, the ears of Commodore fans in the stands won't get much of a rest from the clap of the "gator chomp," either. ■



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## SEC FOOTBALL POWER RANKINGS by Dan Marks

	<p><b>1. No. 2 Auburn (9-0 overall, 6-0 Southeastern Conference)</b> As long as the Tigers remain undefeated — and there is no reason to believe they won't with Cam Newton under center — they will have a stranglehold on the top spot. Don't expect them to face a serious challenge from UT-Chattanooga this week.</p>		<p><b>7. Florida (5-3, 3-3 SEC)</b> Florida put a stop to their three-game losing skid in Jacksonville at the "World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party." If but only for this reason, they stay ahead of Georgia for another week.</p>
	<p><b>2. No. 6 Alabama (7-1, 4-0 SEC)</b> With their bye this past week, the Crimson Tide remain in the No. 2 spot in the rankings. That could change this week as the Tide go into Death Valley to face LSU.</p>		<p><b>8. Georgia (4-5, 3-4 SEC)</b> After consecutively beating up on the three teams at the bottom of the SEC East (Tennessee, Vandy and Kentucky), the Bulldogs couldn't beat Florida, despite the best efforts of A.J. Green to win the game for them.</p>
	<p><b>3. No. 10 LSU (7-1, 4-1 SEC)</b> LSU, like Alabama, had a bye this week, so they stay at No. 3. If the Tigers want to maintain their outside chance at winning the SEC West, then they must beat Alabama this week at home.</p>		<p><b>9. Kentucky (4-5, 1-5 SEC)</b> While Kentucky's defense had its best game in conference play thus far by allowing only 24 points, Mike Hartline and Randall Cobb couldn't capitalize on the defense's effort on the offensive side of the ball.</p>
	<p><b>4. No. 18 Arkansas (6-2, 3-2 SEC)</b> After their blowout of Vanderbilt, in which quarterback Ryan Mallett set a school record with 409 yards, the Razorbacks jumped a spot in the rankings.</p>		<p><b>10. Ole Miss (3-5, 1-4 SEC)</b> Ole Miss put up 31 points against Auburn, but offense hasn't been the problem for Ole Miss this season as their defense gave up 51 points for the Rebels.</p>
	<p><b>5. No. 19 South Carolina (6-2, 4-2 SEC)</b> The Gamecocks stay in the driver's seat in the SEC East after their win over Tennessee. However, since beating Alabama, SC has been very unconvincing against Kentucky, Vandy and now UT.</p>		<p><b>11. Vanderbilt (2-6, 1-4 SEC)</b> After their second blowout loss in three weeks, the Commodores are not in good shape heading into their game with Florida this week. Luckily for them, Tennessee is having a terrible year, or else Vandy would be at No. 12.</p>
	<p><b>6. No. 20 Mississippi State (7-2, 3-2 SEC)</b> Dan Mullen's team continues to impress, as they won their sixth straight game against Kentucky this weekend. The Bulldogs can use a bye this week to prepare for a big test against Bama on the 13th.</p>		<p><b>12. Tennessee (2-6, 0-5 SEC)</b> As the only team in the conference without a conference win, the Vols don't have many positives to take out of this season, but an out-of-conference date with 1-7 Memphis should give UT a temporary confidence boost next week.</p>



## ■ BASKETBALL

# Q&A Women's coach with Melanie Balcomb



ZAC HARDY/The Vanderbilt Hustler

Coach Melanie Balcomb has led the Commodores to the NCAA Tournament in each of her eight seasons.

**ERIC SINGLE**  
Asst. Sports Editor

**Vanderbilt Hustler:** What has the general mindset been in practices these last few days before the first exhibition?

**Melanie Balcomb:** I think we've had a lot of energy. Obviously, our defense is ahead of our offense this time of year — it's pretty normal. So I like our defensive energy and rebounding. Offense is the part that is going to be a little behind.

**VH:** Have you made a big deal in the offseason about the way last season ended against Xavier, or is that something the players don't need to be told?

**MB:** We had a team goals meeting last week and talked a lot about what we wanted to change and do. But I think the big thing was last spring, we made a big change in what we did after the season, so we don't have to talk about it so much. We had the hardest, toughest spring we've ever had, and they responded really well.

**VH:** What is the team going to miss most about Merideth Marsh and what she brought to the team?

**MB:** Definitely her toughness ... (she was a) really tough player mentally. (We will miss her) competitiveness and obviously ... her 3-point shooting. Her being such a threat all the time got other people open since she was so heavily guarded. Her player never helped off, and that made other people better.

**VH:** One of the girls taking Marsh's place in one of the central leadership roles is going to be Jence Rhoads. What do you think her ceiling is this season?

**MB:** I don't think Jence has a ceiling. I think that's what makes her a player instead of a position. When you're a position, I think you get really good at being a great shooter, a great post, a great point. I think she was a great point guard, and now I look to her more as a great player. Players make plays, and she's going to have to make big plays for us this year.

**VH:** You talked recently about how tall this team was. How is that going to change the personality of the team, and what you want to do on offense and defense?

**MB:** We're definitely going to have a low post threat. Again, our biggest low post threat might be (5 feet 11 inches) or 6 foot. Tiffany Clarke and Hannah Tuomi are playing really well right now, and we brought in a lot of size. Our two biggest players are hurt. It's deceiving; we have a lot of posts but not a lot of height. I think Stephanie Holzer will make a big difference inside with her height, and Rebecca Silinski's playing really well and came on at the end of the year last year.

**VH:** There are a lot of games between now and then, but how much have you thought about the Tennessee game in Knoxville that will be the focus of ESPN's College Gameday?

**MB:** I think it gives us something to shoot for earlier this year. What we try really hard to do is peak in March and not peak too soon ... it's best to be in constant improvement. But at the same time, here's a situation early in the season, early in the SEC, that we're going to be on the biggest stage possible, and we need to be ready. So everybody's aware of that, and I think it's making them practice harder and improve quicker.

**VH:** Is there a certain player who you think is flying under the radar right now but will have people talking by the last few months of the season?

**MB:** I'd watch out for our two freshmen, Jasmine Lister and Christina Foggie. I think everyone kind of knows Tiffany Clarke, but her sophomore year is going to be exciting, there's no doubt. I think she made the biggest changes from freshman year to her sophomore year, but I don't really think Tiff flies under the radar anymore, because she had enough impressive games last year. But I think two freshmen, Foggie and Lister, are just going to keep getting better and have picked things up extremely well and quickly this year so far as freshmen.

**VH:** What do you think is the one thing that can keep this team from accomplishing the goals you all have set this year?

**MB:** I think attitudes. My favorite quote is 'Your attitude determines your altitude.' And we can only go as high as our attitudes allow us to go. If we're truly going to be a team like we strive to be and put the team first, then that's attitude, and I think we can go as far as we want. And if we don't do that, then we'll struggle.

**VH:** What does that streak of consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances going back to before you were head coach mean to you personally?

**MB:** It means obviously that we have a program instead of a team. I say this a lot, but I'm proud of having a good program because in recruiting, you want kids to go to a good program, you don't want to just have a good team. And some years some team's good, another team's good, and there's always good teams out there. But I think once you have the streak that we've had, we can start talking about tradition and legacies and what kids want to leave. And I think it means a lot more to them instead of just having a good team this year or last year. It really gives them a bigger picture to focus for. ■

# Q&A Men's coach with Kevin Stallings



NICOLE MANDEL/The Vanderbilt Hustler

Coach Kevin Stallings looks to lead the Commodores to their fourth NCAA Tournament in the past five years. Entering his 12th season at Vanderbilt, Stallings has compiled a record of 213-137 to date.

**MEGHAN ROSE**  
Sports Editor

**Vanderbilt Hustler:** What have the players been doing in the offseason to prepare for this season?

**Kevin Stallings:** I think there are only so many things you can do. You can work on your shooting, you can work on your strength and conditioning, you can work on your ball-handling. A tremendous amount of work has gone in by the players. We're not allowed to work with them during the summer months, yet that did not deter them from working extremely hard in the gym (and in) the weight room. They've conditioned their bodies, and they have done everything and more than what we could have expected as a coaching staff.

**VH:** How would you describe the perimeter game this season?

**KS:** We expect that certainly to be a strength of our team. Those guys are all experienced and have played a lot of important minutes for us. That needs to be a strength and needs to be an area of our team that we can count on night after night. Their consistency will be very important for our team.

**VH:** Did you change your game plan after losing Jermaine Beal and A.J. Ogilvy at the end of last season?

**KS:** I don't think it's so much of a mentality. There's always turnover, so, when Shane Foster and Derek Byers left, we had to have other guys fill in and become those kinds of players. Jermaine (Beal) and A.J. (Ogilvy) kind of stepped into those roles. With them leaving, other guys will do it. It's a natural process of guys maturing, getting better and assuming more responsibility. A lot has been made about those losses to our team, but I feel like our team is capable of handling the scoring loss, handling the leadership loss and handling the whole thing. I'd be surprised if anything less than that happened.

**VH:** How would you describe the team's defensive mentality on the court?

**KS:** I think that it is still evolving. If our guards play well defensively, I think we'll have a very good defensive team. Our forwards are very good defensively, and our big men are good defensively. That responsibility of how good we are defensively will rest with our guards because if they play well, our team will play well.

**VH:** What does the presence of your big men under the basket bring to the team?

**KS:** I think Festus (Ezeli) and Steve (Tchiengang) have a physicality that is very significant. Their toughness and strength will be something that our team really needs. It'll need to show up just like the perimeter offense night after night. We won't win without them exerting their physical will and strength on people and creating some advantages for us because of that.

**VH:** How important is it for the team to make an effort to get to the foul line this season?

**KS:** It's always important because it's an easy way to score points. We were particularly good at it last year, and I'm not sure if we'll be as good at it this year. We were the best in the league by a wide margin last year. That will be something that has to evolve and unfold. I think we'll be good at getting to the line.

**VH:** What are your thoughts about the Commodores' predicted 5th-place finish in the SEC East?

**KS:** The division is one of the toughest in college basketball. I was surprised after only having lost two guys and finishing second in the league a year ago that we were picked to finish fifth. I don't think that's where we will finish. I think we're better than that. It will be interesting to see how it plays out. I have extremely high hopes for this team. I think that this team can do very well. We'll need some things to go right, but everybody does. If we can get lucky and stay away from some injuries, I think that we have a chance to have a great year. ■

# Five key games for the Commodores



NICOLE MANDEL/The Vanderbilt Hustler

Sophomore John Jenkins and the Commodores will encounter several hurdles this year in their quest to schedule a return trip to the NCAA Tournament.

**PETER NYGAARD**  
Asst. Sports Editor

## Wednesday, Dec. 8 at Missouri

For a Commodore backcourt undergoing a changing of the guard — point guard, to be specific — taking on a team whose tenacious style of play has earned it the moniker "40 minutes

of hell" would appear a daunting task. Factor in that the game is at Mizzou Arena where the preseason-No. 15 Tigers compiled a 16-2 record last year, including wins over tournament teams Kansas State, Texas, and Oklahoma State, and the matchup would seem to be less than ideal. While Missouri is replacing over half of their starters, high school All-American Tony Mitchell is a top-level talent on the wing. This is a Missouri team that Vanderbilt defeated 89-83 last year at Memorial Gym, but it will be a different story when they're playing in front of the Zou Crew.

**PREDICTION:** Vanderbilt falls behind early, and Mizzou matches the Commodores shot-for-shot for the rest of the game, as the Tigers win.

## Wednesday, Dec. 29 vs. Marquette

Last year, this game would have been a near-guaranteed win for Marquette. Lazar Hayward was exactly the kind of post presence that turned A.J. Ogilvy's hair gray (ever wonder why he dyed it?), and as the respective premier option for each team, that matchup would have decided the game. Fortunately, for the Commodores, both have moved on to professional basketball, and this year's contest should favor Vandy. All-everything senior swingman Jimmy Butler has the type of inside-outside proficiency that Jeffery Taylor dreams about, but Andre Walker's defensive expertise is tailored to give Butler nightmares.

**PREDICTION:** If Marquette were in the SEC, this game would be circled on both teams' calendars. Instead, a lucky few will be on hand over winter break for a game nailbiter that closely

resembles last season's January shootout with Florida, right down to the Vanderbilt win.

## Saturday, Jan. 15 at Tennessee

It's hard to leave this game off a list of "key games." The rivalry between Vanderbilt and Tennessee runs deep, and this year, the Vols will be venomous when it comes to Vanderbilt. As the Commodores learned last year, take Knoxville, and the game in Nashville will fall. That increases Vanderbilt's urgency to try to steal their road matchup with Tennessee. Junior guard Scotty Hopson leads a talented offense that, if playing with discipline, can compete with any team in the SEC on a given night.

**PREDICTION:** Unfortunately for Vanderbilt, the first of two matchups is in Tennessee, making it all the more likely that it will be one of those nights. The Commodores have a fighting chance on the road, but Rocky Top should emerge on top.

## Tuesday, Feb. 1 at Florida

On paper, Vanderbilt and Florida are at different stages of a rebuild. The Commodores are looking to replace key cogs from a team that had already been remodeled in the past two years, whereas the Gators have struggled to retool their program in the wake of consecutive championships. Make no mistake, though, this year's editions are two very similar teams. Both deadly from the outside and tough on the interior, each team is seemingly a year away from making a major splash on the national scene. While many are picking Florida as a possible SEC East winner, their key players still

lack the necessary experience to make up for the talent differential in the East.

**PREDICTION:** The two meetings between these teams will be hard-fought and likely both come down to the wire. The first game, at Florida, will be crucial for the Commodores. Someone will have to step up in order to win in Gainesville. Look for the Commodores to win; the only question is who the X-Factor will be.

## Saturday, Feb. 12 vs. Kentucky

Ask any Commodore fans about last year's home date against Kentucky, and they'll be sure to have a story. A crowd of 14,316 packed into Memorial Gym to see Vanderbilt fall an open runner by A.J. Ogilvy short of forcing overtime against the then-No. 2 team in the nation. Vandy got strong performances from Jeffery Taylor, Andre Walker and Steve Tchiengang, and while the Wildcats' stars have moved on, the majority of Vanderbilt's roster from last year is back and will be looking for revenge. Kentucky is led by freshman point guard Brandon Knight and Turkish transplant, center Enes Kanter, but the approach should be the same. Kentucky has a wealth of talent across the board. Fortunately for the Commodores, the cupboard does not seem to be as full as last year's.

**PREDICTION:** If you waited on line for last year's game, don't be shy this year. The Commodores will likely fall in Lexington, but they have this game circled and will not let it slip away so easily this year. To be succinct, I'm calling for the upset: Vanderbilt beats Kentucky. ■



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## CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

- 1 Tic
- 5 Travis of country
- 10 Arrange in a tournament
- 14 Eliza's greeting
- 15 2009 Man Booker International Prize Winner Alice
- 16 Poi base
- 17 Favorable time to place an online bid?
- 19 "\_\_\_ Almighty": 2007 film
- 20 Sacred scroll
- 21 Silent
- 23 Wellness gp.
- 24 \_\_\_ de toilette
- 26 Nobelist Bohr
- 27 Online networking site trainee?
- 31 What odes do
- 34 1987 Costner role
- 35 Hope-Crosby destination
- 36 Pay for periodic use
- 37 Coll. of 12 signs
- 38 Afghanistan's Tora \_\_\_ region
- 39 2007 honor for Hugh Laurie: Abbr.
- 40 "\_\_\_ Ben Adhem"
- 42 Warned, in a way
- 44 Detective's job concerning a personal online relationship?
- 47 Bottom bits
- 48 Word before or after pack
- 49 27-Down, e.g.
- 52 Colorful fish
- 55 Kirin beer rival
- 57 Starting stake
- 58 Spinner seen in an online video?
- 60 Bakery buys
- 61 Seaside flock
- 62 Bit of Marx's legacy
- 63 It may number in the thousands
- 64 Ones changing locks
- 65 Agile

### DOWN

- 1 Effectiveness
- 2 "Tuesdays With Morrie" author
- 3 Light smoke
- 4 Milk source
- 5 "I didn't need to know that!"
- 6 Accumulates
- 7 Chinese leader?
- 8 Defeated decisively
- 9 Student renters, perhaps
- 10 "\_\_\_ By Starlight": jazz standard
- 11 Gather information secretly
- 12 Some are named for music genres
- 13 Slips into
- 18 Milk by-products
- 22 Winter mos.
- 25 Suffix with lip-
- 27 49-Across from which Buzz Aldrin turned down a full scholarship
- 28 Actress Aimée
- 29 53-Down's homeland
- 30 Fly catcher
- 31 27-Down fig.
- 32 Sitcom whose theme song was sung by its star
- 33 Toastmasters' stock
- 37 Albee play, with "The"
- 38 Buzzer
- 40 Put oneself at risk, in a way
- 41 Messed up a hole, maybe
- 42 "Hey, ewel!"
- 43 Cornerstone abbr.
- 45 He played Marty in "Marty"
- 46 Serious depression
- 49 Prepared to take notice?
- 50 Church area
- 51 Wide-haunched
- 52 Cop stopping traffic?
- 53 Singer born Eithne Patricia Ni Bhraonáin
- 54 Odd character
- 56 Movies with "11" in their titles: Abbr.
- 59 Sub letters

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