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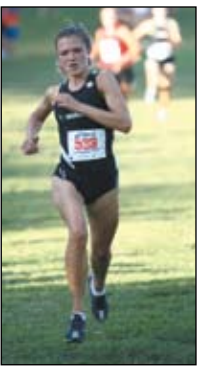
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CAMPUS NEWS

VSG makes internal changes in response to DREAM Act debate

GRACE AVILES
Staff Writer

After the discovery of constitutional ambiguity when Vanderbilt Student Government confronted the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) this past September, several steps have been enacted to clarify pertinent issues to prevent future mishaps.

The changes are being made in response to VSG Senate's indefinite tabling of a resolution

endorsing the DREAM Act in September. Disagreement over the role of VSG in endorsing political policies took center stage during debate over the Act. In addition, confusion over Robert's Rules of Order complicated Senate voting procedures.

"Because VSG is so new, it is natural that we should have some growing pains over the years," said VSG President Lori Murphy. "Our three most recent resolutions address some of these issues."

One of these initiatives has been the development of an internal review board, the Strategic Planning Committee.

The resolution, passed in both the House and Senate, reads: "Whereas, every organization should be constantly striving to improve ... and self evaluation and critique are critical parts of this development, and whereas there is currently no internal oversight body within VSG ... be it resolved that Vanderbilt Student Government establish an ad-hoc committee named the

Strategic Planning Committee whose broad purpose it will be to conduct oversight into the organization."

The head of the Strategic Planning Committee will be Susan Gleiser, current Blair School of Music senator. Gleiser told The Vanderbilt Hustler during debate over the DREAM Act in September that she believes VSG shouldn't lobby congress on behalf of the student body, especially on such an overtly political issue.

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VSG President Lori Murphy helped present the Dream Act measure to the VSG Senate.

CAMPUS NEWS

Vanderbilt names new administration officials

KYLE BLAINE
News Editor

Vanderbilt named a new assistant vice chancellor for treasury and a new assistant provost for faculty this week.

Robert Spencer has been promoted to assistant vice chancellor for treasury effective Nov. 1. Spencer is working with the vice chancellor for finance's office to advance the professional stewardship of the university's working capital and debt portfolios.

"Robert will lead the university's treasury team as it continues to develop robust cash flow models that enable Vanderbilt's academic leaders to make more informed decisions, improve liquidity and restructure the university's working capital and debt portfolios," Vice Chancellor for Finance and CFO Brett Sweet told the Vanderbilt News Service.

Spencer will guide the university's cash management operations, debt portfolio and internal university bank. He also will serve as the university's primary liaison with commercial and investment banks as well as external credit rating agencies.

Spencer's background is in public accounting. He has more than 17 years of experience at Vanderbilt.

From 1998 to the fall of 2010, Spencer served as the university's director of financial planning. Before that, he worked in Vanderbilt's human resources department and the university's public affairs office.

Spencer has a MBA from Vanderbilt's Owen Graduate



SPENCER TURTON

School of Management and a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University. Spencer is a member of the Association for Financial Professionals and a certified treasury professional.

Dawn Turton, the executive director of the Vanderbilt International Office since 2007, will serve as assistant provost for faculty effective Dec. 1. In this position she will oversee Vanderbilt's five-year interim review by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and will work to facilitate the recognition of the University's faculty through awards in memberships in societies.

Turton arrived at Vanderbilt in 2002 to serve as director of the English Language Center. In her position as executive director of the Vanderbilt International Office, she has worked to promote and support international initiatives as well as overseen policies and procedures relating to international programs.

Turton received her B.A. from the University of Birmingham in England. She has taught English overseas in Greece, South Korea and Poland. She has master's degree in linguistics from Ohio University and a Ph.D. in education from the University of Southern California. ■

Delta Gamma sisters anchor performance at "Set Sail with DG"



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Sisters of the Delta Gamma sorority perform at their benefit, "Set Sail with DG," on November 9, 2010, in the Student Life Center Ballroom.

CAMPUS NEWS

Vanderbilt to participate in Head Start program

LIZ FURLOW
Staff Writer

Vanderbilt University's Peabody College will soon be one of several institutions comprising the newly created National Center on Quality Teaching and Learning, an organization receiving \$40 million in federal funds from the Head Start program.

The center's goal is to help prepare foster children for school, and as a participant,

Vanderbilt will receive \$5 million to fund research for the five-year program, scheduled to begin in January 2011.

Mary Louis Hemmeter, associate professor of special education at Vanderbilt, will direct the research at Peabody College.

"For over 20 years, my colleagues and I have been doing research on effective instruction and I am pleased that this center will provide the opportunity to use that knowledge to

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VSG: Three resolutions pass

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"It was very important we determine who should be on the committee to provide the most accurate and transparent reports. For instance, the President and Attorney General should obviously be included as standing members, but neither would be the most effective to lead the committee," Gleiser said. "We finally determined that a VSG member will chair, while an administrative advisor and nine representatives from the different branches of VSG will serve. Additionally, we will seek one 'at large' member from the general Vanderbilt student body to serve by appointment." "Our goal is to have this be

a standing committee that continually pushes VSG to operate at it's best," said Lee Pedinoff, vice president of VSG. "Even though we as individuals serve only one-year terms, this committee will allow us to look towards and plan for long-term solutions and goals."

Another constitutional resolution that passed as a result of prior Dream Act confusion was the issue of abstentions.

"We had never had a vote decided by an abstention before, so the issue was below our radar. Our general guide is Robert's Rules of Orders, but it does not include a section addressing this topic

specifically, so we were at a bit of a standstill. This resolution clarifies that while abstentions will be counted towards the vote total, they will not be counted as a yes or no," Murphy said.

The third and final resolution empowers the Attorney General to be the final authority in future matters of constitutional ambiguity. The resolution reads, "In cases of Constitutional or procedural ambiguity, the Attorney General shall, after consulting Robert's Rules of Order and VSG advisors, be solely responsible for interpreting the governing documents and reaching a final decision." ■

■ CAMPUS NEWS

VIVA to save turkeys this Thanksgiving

LUCAS LOFFREDO
Staff Writer

To get into the Thanksgiving spirit in a unique way, the student organization Vanderbilt Initiative for Vegetarian Awareness (VIVA) has sponsored two live turkeys to not get eaten this Thanksgiving through a program called the Adopt-A-Turkey Project. Farm Sanctuary, a national animal rights group, runs the project.

According to the Adopt-A-Turkey Project, Farm Sanctuary has rescued more than 1,000

turkeys, placed hundreds into loving homes through the annual Turkey Express adoption event, educated millions of people about their plight and provided resources for a cruelty-free holiday.

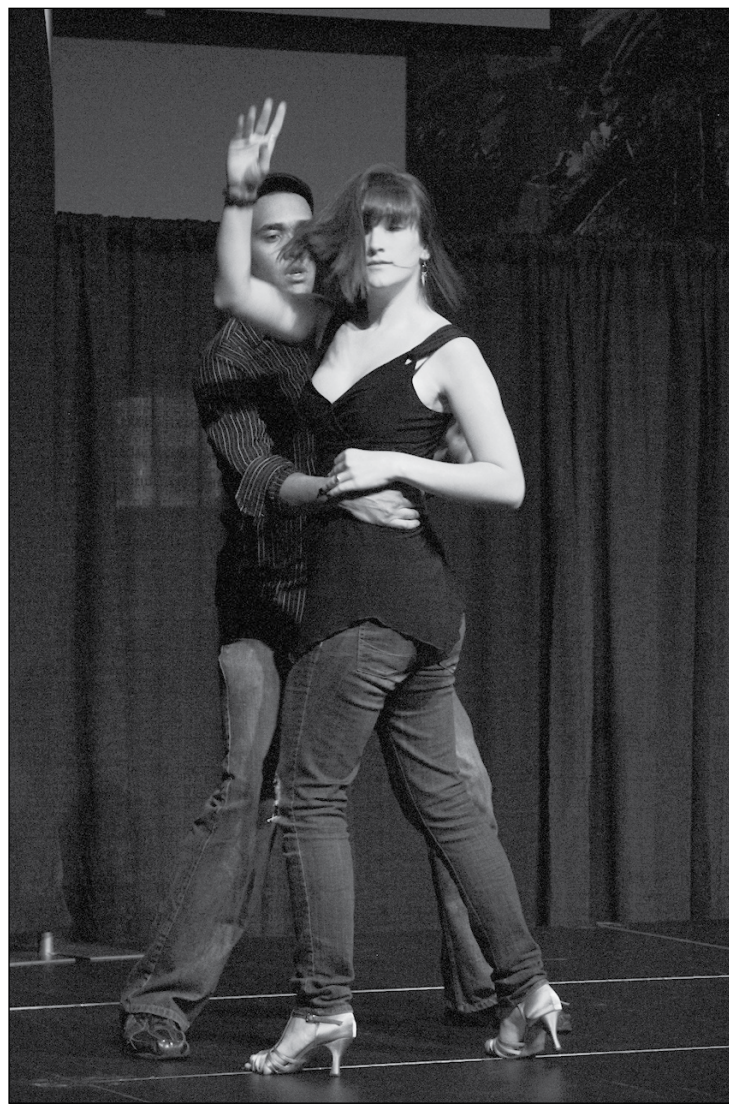
"We just want to open up an alternative Thanksgiving to the campus ... for those who want to make a difference for the environment, and who want to be kind to animals over Thanksgiving ... by helping animals that would otherwise be slaughtered," said VIVA President

Danielle Williams.

This event coincides with VIVA's vegetarian Thanksgiving dinner event at 6 p.m. in Grins Cafe on Nov. 17. It is free and open to the public with vegan desserts provided by Grins. The event is a potluck style dinner.

"VIVA is not for only vegetarians," Williams said. "We welcome anyone who is interested in learning more about vegetarianism or veganism, or who is interested in networking with other vegetarians or vegans." ■

VIDA adds Latin flair to philanthropy event



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Members of VIDA perform at the Delta Gamma benefit held on November 9, 2010 in the Student Life Center Ballroom.

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■ CAMPUS NEWS

HEAD START: Program inspired by Vandy project

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improve the quality of Head Start services all over the country," Hemmeter told the Vanderbilt News Service. "With this center, the federal government has made a long-term commitment to improving the quality and maximizing the effects of Head Start, and I am excited to be a part of that."

The other participating institutions are the University of Washington College of Education Haring Center (which will lead the effort), University of Virginia, Iowa State University, University of South Florida, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the

University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign.

The center, composed of a variety of learning experts, will work to teach Head Start teachers and program staff best practices/evidence-based practices as well as leadership skills. The center will also work with education leaders nationwide to design college courses that will become a part of the future "Head Start University."

"One of the goals of the center will be to develop and implement a coaching and mentoring system to help Head Start teachers implement evidence-based practices related to teaching

and learning," Hemmeter told the Vanderbilt News Service. "My colleagues and I have developed and evaluated a coaching approach. We are excited to be able to scale up that approach with teachers all over the country."

The Head Start program was inspired, in part, by Susan Gray's Early Training Project in the 1960s at Peabody College. The Project was one of the first experimental studies to implement a preschool curriculum and family-based intervention for low-income children.

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■ COLUMN

Support for Israel is a bipartisan issue

DAVID PASCH

Guest Columnist

Last night, over 40 leaders from student organizations across campus gathered for dinner and a briefing on the geopolitical climate in the Middle East and the impact of the 2010 midterm elections on U.S. foreign policy. This followed last weekend's Falafel at Midnight, a bimonthly event sponsored by Dores for Israel, a student organization that promotes Israel advocacy and cultural awareness. At Falafel at Midnight, hundreds of students come together to enjoy free hummus, pita and falafel — a common Israeli street food. And at the beginning of October, Christians United for Israel, a new group at Vanderbilt, worked with other organizations on campus to host Holocaust survivor Irving Roth for a conversation about his experiences and Israel today; the event drew well over 100 students.

At Vanderbilt, as well as at many college campuses around the country, Israel advocacy and activism are at an all-time high. Why is this the case?

There are many reasons to support Israel. One need look no further than the vibrant, diverse pro-Israel community at Vanderbilt to see the extent of American support for Israel and for a strong U.S.-Israel alliance. Support for Israel is as bipartisan at Vanderbilt as it is in Washington, D.C. Vanderbilt's pro-Israel community is made up of Jews and Christians, Democrats and Republicans, as well as students who don't identify with any of those labels. A McLaughlin poll released just before the midterm elections showed that 53 percent of the American public "could not vote for an anti-Israel candidate even if they agreed with that candidate's other positions," and support for a strong U.S.-Israel relationship consistently polls higher than almost any political issue.

The United States and Israel have an impressive history of close friendship and cooperation that relates back to shared values and common interests between two peoples. In the 21st century, as our nation juggles two wars in the Middle East and the extant threat of domestic terrorism on the home front,

our special relationship with Israel is more valuable than ever. No other country is in a better position to help us achieve our goals and realize our national priorities. Israel presents us with a product mix that we cannot find anywhere else in the world: unconditional loyalty as a friend, unrivaled cooperation as an ally and unquestionable value as a partner. It is a flourishing, pro-American democracy in a region that knows no other.

Israel provides safe harbor for the United States in a region of critical importance. No other country provides the range of security cooperation that Israel provides to the United States. Israeli technology keeps our soldiers safe in battle and our citizens safe at home. Unmanned aerial drones, reactive armor tiles and the emergency field bandage, all developed in Israel, keep Americans fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan safe every day. Israeli cooperation in the fields of airport security, border protection and food and water safety helps Americans sleep better at night.

Israel is a world leader in solar technology, geothermal energy, bio-fuels, battery-powered cars and water desalination. Many consumer products that Americans enjoy, from text messaging and instant messengers to pill-sized medical imaging cameras, were developed in Israel. Israel isn't only an important ally for military reasons; as the home to the most startups outside of Silicon Valley and with more companies listed on NASDAQ than any country besides the United States, Israel is an essential economic ally as well.

Israel is uniquely positioned to help us achieve energy independence, foster economic growth in science and technology and maintain an effective defense against the next generation of threats to our country. These are the challenges that our nation faces going forward, and there is no greater strategic asset that can help us accomplish these goals than the state of Israel.

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■ COLUMN

Organic doesn't matter



THOMAS SHATTUCK
Columnist

I think I've made it pretty clear I dislike the current food situation in the US. Let's be honest, going to the supermarket is an adventure in sorting through large amounts of junk food to find something that's actually healthy (as opposed to being marketed as such). Now, of course, the savvy shopper goes to Whole Foods where everything is peachy, great, wonderful, etcetera. Except for when it isn't.

I don't like ragging on Whole Foods or farmers' markets and the like; I shop at these locales a fair amount myself. I even buy organic baby leaf spinach — unmanly, yes, but easy to cook. Unfortunately, organic isn't going to save the planet and neither is buying locally.

As it probably doesn't surprise you, there are hungry people in the world. It doesn't take a rocket scientist or Vandy alum to figure out in many parts of the world there is some sort of food shortage. These people aren't buying organic — at least not intentionally. And that's the crux: Organic food didn't become passe because evil corporations wanted to mess with the average grocery shopper, it's just that growing organic can't really feed the planet.

First of all, there are the pesticides. True, spraying food crops with poison doesn't seem to be a great idea, but it's actually a numbers game. A University of Guelph study showed that some organic pesticide uses were in fact worse than just buying the normal kill-all kind of stuff. When your organic pesticide works by smothering all the stuff you don't want, it takes

a lot of it to get the job done. Also, since it's not targeted like many synthetic pesticides, the organics might actually kill beneficial species like ladybugs. True, that synthetic crap is pretty nasty, but it's good at what it does.

Then there's the organic fertilizer — compost, guano, bone meal and even seaweed. This stuff does work and work well when you're planting a garden. Seriously, if you're planning to grow some tomatoes or zucchini, you really might want to start a compost heap. Unfortunately, however, when you're growing corn by the ton, a little bit of guano doesn't go a long way. To get a serious agribusiness up and running, you need easy-to-apply, nutrient-dense fertilizer, and that means going to chemically produced compounds. There are issues with runoff and algae blooms, but going organic isn't going to help. It's not what the fertilizer is made of, but how much of it you need. Many of the issues with modern farming have to do with mismanagement of resources and runoff, not the fact that they don't use bone meal.

So by all means, shop at the farmers market for organic kale — I'll probably be there with you. But please don't get into your Prius looking all smug and judge all the normal people who buy normal food stuffs. To produce enough food for everyone, the use of synthetic chemicals in farming is going to have to continue. Sure, there are problems with this business of farming, but it's a hell of a lot better than trying to grow enough food for the masses organically.

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THE VERDICT

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Underage drinking		Every eight-year-old's idol, Demi Lovato, was checked into rehab last week for "emotional and physical issues." Is that code for cocaine and alcohol? Reports say yes. The pressure on the Camp Rock 2 tour and spending a significant amount of time with ex-boyfriend Joe Jonas (who was also on the tour) contributed to the star's downfall.
Senior Cruise 2011		This one goes out to all Vanderbilt seniors that just put their deposit down on the traditional senior spring break cruise: A Carnival cruise pulled into port last night back after the vacation from hell. The ship lost power on Monday, and passengers spent four days without air conditioning, hot food and hot water. Sorry for hatin'...
Paper Trail		The Ireland division of PricewaterhouseCoopers is under corporate investigation after an office e-mail chain has hit the Internet. The e-mail, originally circulated between 17 male employees, ranks the 10 best-looking female employees in the office. The e-mail doesn't have any particularly racy details, but is still one of the stupider things to hit the corporate world in a while.
Child Porn		Apparently child pornography on college campuses is a sweeping trend in 2010. Following the arrest of a Vanderbilt alumnus and medical student this past weekend, a Duke senior has been charged with obtaining and possessing child pornography. Who will be the next to join in this exciting and illegal phenomenon?

■ LETTER

Fear at Vanderbilt

To the Editor:

Perhaps a large part of the reason for the reluctance to discuss the sensitive topics lamented by Claire (Constantino) in her recent column is not due to the presence of "apathy at Vandy," but to fear. I confess I had to overcome a bit of it myself in deciding to voice my own opinion. Aside from the practical consequences of the recent allegations against BYX and the obvious tension it highlights between conservative and progressive minds, the article in The Hustler last week exposed a much deeper issue. It provides an example of how the desire for diversity and open-mindedness can promote a lack of conviction and stifle discussion when taken to extremes.

It makes sense that Vanderbilt would require its student organizations to act in accordance with its policies, and I don't deny the legitimacy of the anti-discriminatory clause stated as grounds for BYX's removal. Despite this, the clause makes little sense and clearly creates conflict to expect organizations, such as BYX, not to act according to their stated beliefs. It also makes little sense not to expect a strong reaction against the actions taken when they conflict with the stated ideals of the Vanderbilt community. The policy is questionable, but more important is the message that it sends to the student body, as explained by Reverend Gary White in the original article, that you can have "faith" as long as you don't "act on it."

This message can only encourage a lack of conviction. What sort of faith is not also a call to action? A sort that offends less people, certainly. But not a sort lending itself to vigorous and worthwhile discussions. Of course, not all ideas should be tolerated, especially in the context of this university and its anti-discriminatory stated ideals. Naturally, those based on discrimination are vehemently denounced, and they should be denounced. But the vehemence has gotten to a point where it is difficult to have any kind of productive discussion or true exchange of ideas. Any idea with even a hint of discrimination is pounced on, and the person or persons holding it often vilified. In an atmosphere where an absolute commitment to any value besides diversity is discouraged and the fear of offending someone or being perceived as "narrow minded" is at times palpable, it is no wonder Vanderbilt students seem reluctant to discuss sensitive issues.

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LIFE

■ STUDENT PERFORMANCES

No “Butterflies” for these actors



OLIVER WOLFE/The Vanderbilt Hustler

Vanderbilt University Theatre goes into its second and final weekend of “Butterflies are Free,” a play by Leonard Gershe. The show runs this Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. Tickets are free for all undergraduate students. Here, senior Sean Hills and junior Jessica Owens perform as Don and Jill.

■ STUDENT HEALTH

New study sheds light on nocturnal eating habits

LAURA DOLBOW
Staff Writer

Oprah has long been an advocate of cutting out late night snacks to help lose weight, but now scientific research suggests that the claim that when you eat affects your weight just might be true.

Many factors have been blamed for the recent obesity epidemic, and now light may be added to the list. Light plays an important role in regulating the biological clock, including preparing metabolism for routine events like eating and sleeping. Research on mice has shown that the genes involved in this regulation can be manipulated to make animals fatter.

The latest research, conducted by a group at Ohio State University, now shows that simply changing light intensity can have the same effects. It does not show, however, whether simply changing light has the same effect.

In a study led by Dr. Laura Fonken, a group analyzed the ways nocturnal light impacts body fat, weight and glucose intolerance in male

mice. Published in “Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences,” the results found that consistent exposure to light at nighttime leads to increases in all three factors.

In experiments, Dr. Fonken found that mice in environments with more light than natural gained 50 percent more weight and gained more fat than those in a normal light-dark environment. The only thing different between the mice in the two different environments was when they ate; they ate similar amounts of food and moved a similar amount as well. Other follow-up experiments found that mice that were forced to eat “out of whack” with their biological clocks ate 10 percent more than those that ate at regular times.

Similar effects can be expected for people because they are physiologically similar to mice. However, mice are nocturnal and humans are diurnal, which adds complications. Many nutritionists do believe that eating late at night can influence weight gain. Though nothing is set in stone, this research indicates that when you eat may impact your weight gain just as much as what you eat.

■ ENTERTAINMENT

Sarah to prove other shows “Palin” comparison

JIM WHITESIDE
Staff Writer

The television event of the season is upon us. No, it’s not some “Dancing With the Stars” or “Glee” special; it’s the series premier of TLC’s “Sarah Palin’s Alaska.” That’s right — everyone’s favorite rogue momma grizzly vice presidential candidate has decided that she needs to add one more feather in her hat: reality TV host. The first of eight episodes of “Sarah Palin’s Alaska,” brought to us by “Survivor” and “The Apprentice” producer Mark Burnett, premieres at 8 p.m. on TLC this Sunday.

The show is being promoted as part travelogue, part documentary, and Palin herself described the show as portraying “the wonder and majesty of Alaska to all Americans.” Based on previews, the

show seems to show Palin snowshoeing, boating and mashing her way through the Alaskan wilderness, as well as depicting her daily life as a mother of five. Personally, I’m keeping my fingers crossed for appearances by daughter Bristol Palin, baby-daddy Levi Johnston and first dude Todd Palin. I wouldn’t cry if she shot something out of a helicopter, either.

“Sarah Palin’s Alaska” promises to be a highly entertaining show, regardless of where you fall on the political spectrum. For those on the right, Sarah Palin’s Alaska will be a look into the life of a true American and a model mother. For those on the left, it will most likely be a laugh-a-minute farce (I sense a drinking game coming on). For all of us, “Sarah Palin’s Alaska” will certainly be worth a short study break this Sunday evening.

■ STUDENT PERFORMANCES

“Merry Wives” take the stage this weekend

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It’s two hours full of “sex, drinking and debauchery,” said junior voice performance major Tom Mulder. Surprisingly, Mulder is not referring to an especially rambunctious college party, but to Vanderbilt Opera Theatre and Vanderbilt University Orchestra’s upcoming performance of Otto Nicolai’s “The Merry Wives of Windsor.”

An adaptation of Shakespeare’s Elizabethan comedy of the same title, the opera was originally written in German but will be performed in English and paints a picture of deception, revenge and love.

“The Merry Wives of Windsor” follows an aging knight named Sir John Falstaff, played by sophomore Ben Edquist, whom Edquist explains as a man with “no shame, (who) is absolutely disgusting and for some reason believes himself to be quite the lady-killer.” Falstaff courts two married women simultaneously by attempting to woo them each with identical love letters but never suspects that the clever two have banded together in revenge to teach him a lesson. Meanwhile, the young Anne Page strives to outwit her parents in their decision of whom she will marry, as both her mother and father are proponents of vastly different and equally unfit suitors. The opera is essentially a

farcical interpretation of the perpetual battle between the sexes, sprinkled with a great deal of droll tomfoolery and accompanied by the exquisite vocal and musical talent of Vanderbilt students.

Much more comical and amusing than the conventional notion of an opera, “The Merry Wives of Windsor” is far from the elitist, pretentious conception that many people associate with opera,” said senior Kathryn Heaton (Alice Ford).

In fact, sophomore Ali Cole (Anne Page) called the short opera “the perfect way to spend a classy Friday evening.” No matter what your age, there is no arguing that one can ever have too much class.

Directed by Dr. Gale Shay of the Vanderbilt Opera Theatre and Musical Director Robin Fountain, Vanderbilt’s production of “The Merry Wives of Windsor” is fully staged and costumed and promises to be thoroughly entertaining for all who attend. For those desiring their weekly dose of outrageousness, the show will be performed both tonight and Sunday for free at Ingram Hall. Don’t miss the chance to see what could easily be explained as the sidesplitting, Shakespearean version of a modern television sitcom.

Free and Open to the Public — Nov. 12 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. Ingram Hall

■ DINING

Three locales for the Taste of Nashville wishlist

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(1) Fido

Located in Hillsboro village, this Nashville classic becomes a favorite for Vandy freshman during their first year on Commons. Once the obsession has developed, it’s hard to stay away. Fido serves breakfast food all day, which is a huge draw for all you breakfast lovers, but don’t forget about the great soups, salads and sandwiches as well. Daily specials and homemade baked goods are the cherry on top for why this dog-themed coffee shop proves to be a longtime favorite for Vandy students. Whether you like to drop in for a hot cup of coffee or post up for the day doing hours of homework, I think we all agree that this would be a great addition to the card.



(2) Jackson’s Bar & Bistro

Another Hillsboro standard. The outdoor seating is prime for people watching on a sunny day. It is great for a weekend brunch with family or a late night dinner or postgame with friends (it is open until 2 a.m.). Their unique menu includes “The Tasty,” which, according to the menu, is a “hangover-inspired cheeseburger omelette folded with fries.” And let’s not forget the unforgettable Cookie Dough Eggrolls; the name pretty much says it all. If you haven’t tried these creations, head on over now and give them a try ... Or, I guess, you could wait until it’s on the card.



(3) McDougal’s: Chicken Fingers & Wings

Vandy guys flock to McDougal’s when they are looking for the best chicken fingers and wings. A great casual atmosphere draws in tons of college students, and the basic but delicious food keeps them coming back. Always greeted with smiling student faces at catered events on campus, this restaurant never seems to disappoint its loyal fans. The only thing that would make this place better is if it were on the card.

■ GREEK LIFE

THROW DOWN LOW DOWN

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

FRIDAY:

Sigma Lambda Gamma: Definitely a Nashville Party

SATURDAY:

AEPi: How AEPi Stole Christmas

Beta Theta Pi: Get Lit: Dwali Afterparty

KA: Disco

Phi Delt: Ferris Bueller’s Night Off

Sigma Nu: Christmas Comes Early feat. Bubba Sparxx

ZBT: Public vs. Private



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SPORTS

■ FOOTBALL

Vandy game key to Kentucky bowl hopes



UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY ATHLETICS

Junior Randall Cobb represents Kentucky's most dangerous offensive threat with 11 touchdowns on the season.

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Through 10 weeks of the 2010 season, Kentucky has learned that the best individual efforts of its most versatile playmaker do not always translate to wins. Through the same 10 weeks, Vanderbilt has learned that its best playmakers cannot catch a break. On Saturday afternoon in Lexington, one of the two teams will prevail over its shortcomings and earn its second Southeastern Conference win of the season.

First-year Head Coach Joker Phillips and the Wildcats have enjoyed an offensive resurgence, jumping from 93rd in total offense in 2009 into the nation's top 30 this year, thanks in large part to dynamic wide receiver Randall Cobb. The junior's 176.8 all-purpose yards per game are the most in the SEC and the third-most in the country.

Two games into 2010, Cobb had already scored a touchdown four different ways for Kentucky. After rushing for the game-winner against Louisville,

he added receiving, punt return and passing touchdowns the next week against Western Kentucky. His 11 touchdowns this season put him seventh in the SEC in scoring among non-placekickers.

In the teams' two meetings since Cobb's arrival on campus, the Commodores have fared no better than the rest of the country in stopping the Wildcats' biggest threat. As a freshman in 2008, he put up 216 yards of total offense and a rushing touchdown in a losing effort, and last year he ran for 99 yards and two touchdowns in Kentucky's 24-13 win in Nashville.

Cobb grabs most of the highlights, but the play of senior quarterback Mike Hartline in 2010 is a big reason why the Wildcats sit on the verge of a fifth-straight season of bowl eligibility. Hartline has grown from being a question mark on the Kentucky offense into a reliable, consistent presence under center. Hartline leads all SEC quarterbacks with 22.2 completions per game and 21 passing touchdowns, and his 264 yards of average total offense rank behind only Ryan Mallett and Cameron Newton in the conference.

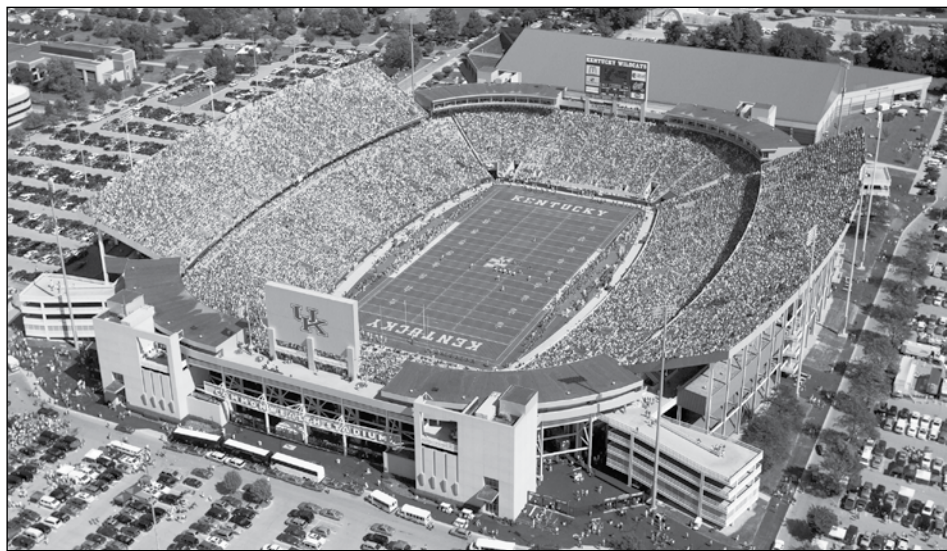
Cobb's game-breaking capabilities have brought his team just one SEC victory this season, but it was a significant one. Four weeks ago, his 24-yard touchdown catch from Hartline capped off an improbable rally from an 18-point halftime deficit, as the Wildcats beat 10th-ranked South Carolina for the first time in 11 years. Kentucky has lost its other five SEC games, holding only Mississippi State out of those five opponents to under 30 points.

The Wildcat rush defense has been a liability at best in SEC play, allowing an average of 196.5 yards through six games. Georgia's Washaun Ealey and Florida's Trey Burton both scored five rushing touchdowns in their teams' respective games against Kentucky this season. With all four Vanderbilt running backs on scholarship nursing injuries, look for backup cornerback and key special teams contributor Eric Samuels as well as safety Micah Powell, among others, to lead the Commodores on the ground as they test Kentucky's embattled defensive line.

If Kentucky loses to Vanderbilt this weekend, Kentucky faces an all-or-nothing shot at bowl eligibility in two weeks against Tennessee, whom the Wildcats have not beaten since 1984. With their own bowl hopes dashed last week against Florida, the Commodores have an opportunity to push an East Division rival one step closer to staying home with them for the holidays. ■

■ FOOTBALL

Commonwealth Stadium at a glance



UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY ATHLETICS

The Wildcats are 4-2 in Lexington this season, with wins over Western Kentucky, Akron, South Carolina and Charleston Southern. They hope to add Vandy to that list this Saturday.

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The Southeastern Conference boasts some of the largest athletic venues in the United States. Neyland Stadium of Tennessee seats over 100,000; Tiger Stadium of Louisiana State, Sanford Stadium of Georgia and Bryant Denny Stadium of Alabama surpass 90,000. So, Commonwealth Stadium, at a relatively modest capacity of 67,600, may not reside at the forefront of that list.

But while the Lexington arena may not compare in size to its larger counterparts, it has nonetheless given its host Wildcats a home-field advantage over its 38 years of existence — in 212 games, Kentucky owns a record of 110-97-4.













During the program's revival under then-head coach Rich Brooks in the mid-2000s, that advantage was in full effect. In 2006, the Wildcats finished the home slate with a record of six wins and one loss. Kentucky added nine more wins in 15 contests over the next two seasons. Moreover, that two-year period witnessed new highs in attendance: 65,000 fans passed through the turnstiles for every single game, and four games drew attendance figures above 70,000.

Of course, the recent success of Wildcat squads has contributed to the surge in turnout. Yet, as Commonwealth Stadium received \$27.6 million worth of renovations in 1999, the structure's novel design and moderate capacity also facilitated the attendance spike. In addition to the new stands behind both end zones, 40 suites — 10 per corner — were also introduced. In addition to the new seats — which upped the stadium's capacity from the 57,800 that had been the count since the stadium's inception in 1973 — developers added two video boards, a new sound system and new scoreboards.

In spite of the improvements made to the football team and the stadium, the Commonwealth of Kentucky continues to be a "basketball state." However, the football program has certainly made notable strides. Four consecutive winning seasons under Brooks, including three bowl wins, has caused the attendance to climb, a hike that Phillips hopes to see continue throughout his tenure.

Regardless of what the future holds, Commonwealth Stadium will continue to provide a fierce home edge for the Wildcats, regardless of its size. What else can you ask for in a stadium? ■

SEC FOOTBALL POWER RANKINGS by David Mendel

	<p>1. No. 2 Auburn (10-0 overall, 6-0 Southeastern Conference) Despite all the allegations against him, Heisman favorite Cameron Newton continues to shine. The Tigers can run the table and make the National Championship Game; however, the last week of the season will be a formidable challenge when Auburn travels to Tuscaloosa and plays reigning champ Alabama.</p>		<p>7. No. 17 Mississippi State (7-2, 3-2 SEC) After the tragic death of teammate Nick Bell, Mississippi State returns to the field Saturday in Tuscaloosa. The Bulldogs are currently on a six-game winning streak, and with a win against Alabama, they can make this season one to remember for a long time to come.</p>
	<p>2. No. 5 LSU (8-1, 5-1 SEC) Despite LSU's high ranking, nobody saw the Tigers beating Alabama last week. But once again, Head Coach Les Miles worked his magic, this time with a clever reverse on a crucial fourth down conversion. The Tigers face Ole Miss next week, then travel to Fayetteville to face the Razorbacks.</p>		<p>8. Georgia (5-5, 3-4 SEC) Although Georgia's SEC Championship hopes are gone, the Bulldogs can play a spoiler role this weekend against Auburn. A win Saturday would eliminate any hope for Auburn to play for a national championship.</p>
	<p>3. No. 11 Alabama (7-2, 4-2 SEC) There will be a new national champion this year in college football. Although their national title hopes are shot, Alabama can both play the role of spoiler against Auburn and earn a spot in a respectable bowl game for themselves.</p>		<p>9. Kentucky (5-5, 1-5 SEC) Last week, the Wildcats defeated Charleston Southern 49-21, with Randall Cobb having another big game. In order to become bowl-eligible, Kentucky needs a win against either Vanderbilt or Tennessee, both extremely winnable games.</p>
	<p>4. No. 14 Arkansas (7-2, 4-2 SEC) The Razorbacks torched South Carolina last week in Columbia, 41-20. Quarterback Ryan Mallett continued to impress, throwing for 303 yards and a touchdown in the game. Arkansas plays UTEP next week and then finishes the season against No. 5 LSU and No. 19 Mississippi State.</p>		<p>10. Ole Miss (4-5, 1-4 SEC) The Rebels might not have star quarterback Jeremiah Masoli when they take on Tennessee this weekend. With a win, Ole Miss keeps its bowl chances alive; however, a loss will add to what has been a rough season for the Rebels. Ole Miss finishes the season with a trip to Baton Rouge and a home date with in-state rival Mississippi State.</p>
	<p>5. No. 22 South Carolina (6-3, 4-3 SEC) After being embarrassed by Arkansas at home, the Gamecocks have a chance to redeem themselves. They head to Gainesville to take on the Florida Gators this weekend with the SEC East title on the line. A win Saturday would earn South Carolina its first trip to the SEC Championship Game in school history.</p>		<p>11. Tennessee (3-6, 0-5 SEC) The Volunteers are still without an SEC victory and lucky that they played Memphis last weekend. Tennessee needs to win out against Ole Miss, Vanderbilt and Kentucky in order to reach the postseason.</p>
	<p>6. No. 24 Florida (6-3, 4-3 SEC) Although this season is not nearly what the past few have been, Florida is still one win against South Carolina this weekend away from reaching the SEC Championship Game. In addition, the Gators are starting to play better, with a thrilling overtime victory over Georgia two weeks ago and a 55-14 thrashing over Vanderbilt last week.</p>		<p>12. Vanderbilt (2-7, 1-5 SEC) Injuries have plagued this team all season, but that's not the reason the losses keep coming. Last weekend, Florida led 41-0 by the end of the first half. After that, it's safe to say that the Commodores are the worst team in the SEC.</p>

CROSS COUNTRY

Vandy eyes NCAA championship bid



ZAC HARDY/ The Vanderbilt Hustler

Jordan White and the Commodores hope to earn their first appearance at the NCAA Championships.

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Coming off the school's highest-ever finish at the Southeastern Conference Championships, Cross Country Coach Steve Keith has the women's team primed to make a strong bid for its first team appearance at the NCAA Championships.

In order to realize this goal, the Commodores will likely have to place in the top two at the NCAA South Regionals this upcoming weekend. Standing in their way is a field of 35 other teams, including Florida State, who sits at No. 2 in the latest national rankings, as well as SEC champions Florida, who finished 16 points ahead of the Commodores at the conference meet.

"Third place has absolutely been a goal," Keith said. "But now that we are just 16 points shy of Florida, an aggressive goal is for us to make nationals, and (the team has) wanted to do that."

Last year, the Commodores followed up a sixth place finish in the conference with a fifth place showing at regionals. Now, the Commodores are hoping that they can leapfrog Florida just as they did Auburn a year ago. Due to the way that the NCAA breaks down its regions, SEC second-place finisher Arkansas will compete at the South Central Regional in Waco, Tex., which leaves a target on the backs of Florida's runners.

"We'll need to be a little bit more aggressive," Keith said, "but still not really go out of the character of what the team has shown this fall, and that's been (to) run tight together, and even if you're not having a great day, it's still a pretty good race."

Cross country meets are scored by adding the finishing places of each of a team's first five finishing runners. This means that every second matters, especially when 36 teams are in the mix. At the SEC Championships, the Commodores finished six runners ahead of Florida's fifth finisher and a seventh just over one second behind. The abundance of teams at the regional meet not only crowds the field for runners but also provides an opportunity for other teams to help out the Commodores.

The Commodores also have several runners who could possibly punch their own ticket to the NCAA Championships. Junior Jordan White and senior Rita Jorgensen finished 10th and 11th, respectively, at the conference meet and could clinch individual bids with strong performances. Runners from the top two teams automatically qualify, while the next four finishers from non-qualifying teams also qualify. If White and Jorgensen run well enough, though, that may be enough to help the entire team qualify.

If Vanderbilt fails to lock up an automatic bid with a top two finish, the Commodores would still be eligible for an at-large bid. However, Keith is uncertain as to whether or not the team's resume is impressive enough to warrant a bid.

In spite of this, Keith believes that his team is better than their full-season body of work suggests and is excited to see how his team can build off of their strong finish in the conference.

"To be honest, third was really something that I thought we'd be close to," Keith said, "but as the season was going on — and watching how consistent they were and how focused they were — I've been anxious (to get keep the momentum going.) After one race is over, I'm anxious for the next race because I think that they're still ready to race." ■

CROSS COUNTRY

Q&A Cross Country with Coach Steve Keith



ZAC HARDY/ The Vanderbilt Hustler

Steve Keith coached Vandy to a program-best third place finish at the SEC Championships in November.

PETER NYGAARD
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Vanderbilt Hustler: Coming off your highest finish ever in the SECs, what are your expectations for regionals?

Steve Keith: Last year, we were sixth at conference and fifth at region. Third place has absolutely been a goal. Same story with at conference. Now, our goal is to make nationals. And the best way to do that is to go for one of the top two automatic spots. Florida State is kind of a shoe-in; they're ranked second in the country. Arkansas goes to another region, so it's going to be Florida State, Florida and us, and we're trying to match up with Florida.

VH: What needs to get done for that to happen?

SK: If you look at the conference results, we were probably two to three seconds off of Florida's runners, and we're going to try to keep our tight pack. We were 23 seconds, 1-5, we're going to try to keep the top five around 20 seconds. Instead of 12 teams at the conference, there's 30 teams at the region. We're hoping that there's a little bit more numbers between our fifth and their fifth, and if we pack up around their third to fourth runners, we'll just see how the numbers fall.

VH: Switching over to the men's team, did you expect this to be a difficult season?

SK: The guys just still take a little bit longer to adjust to a 5-mile race, and we've only got one senior in our top eight, and he's an alternate. I've been real happy with the guys who have been running within about 30 seconds of each other, and it's just a matter of seeing them move that group to just a little bit better placing. Our goal was to have five in the 40s and 50s at conference, and we had one in the 40s and then (several others in the) high 50s and 60s. So, we're just trying to gradually inch our way up. Now, the region's going to be a much better meet for us because there are 30 teams, and there's 15 or 16 I know we can compete with and/or beat. So, their interest level in the middle of the race is going to be a lot better (because) there's more people around them. At conference, you end up getting isolated a little bit.

VH: Do you have any individual goals for any of the men's runners at regionals?

SK: First page is top 50 on the results. We joke about that, but I think it's got to be more team-wise for the guys.

VH: What about the women's team?

SK: On the ladies' side, if Jordan (White) or Rita (Jorgensen) has a great race and the team doesn't make it, they still might make it as an individual. The qualifying is the top two teams and then the next four individuals not on those two teams. We can finish third as a team and we have a chance, but the at-large process is really complicated, and we might not have beaten all the teams that a team in that at-large consideration would have to beat. ■

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