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■ CAMPUS NEWS

## Vanderbilt changes application in response to alleged abortion law violation

**KYLE BLAINE**  
News Editor

Vanderbilt University has changed language in its nursing residency application after two complaints were filed with the Department of Health and Human Services alleged Vanderbilt was in violation of federal abortion law.

The school sent out an update to its applicants Wednesday notifying them of the changes made to the application and clarifying the policy itself.

“While Vanderbilt expects all health care providers, including nurses who participate in the Nurse Residency Program’s Women’s Health Track, to provide compassionate care

to all patients,” the statement reads, “no health care provider is required to participate in a procedure terminating a pregnancy if such participation would be contrary to an individual’s religious beliefs or moral convictions.”

Vanderbilt University Medical Center received \$313.6 million of discretionary funding in the 2008, ranking fifteenth on the HHS list of the top 50 recipients. The U.S. Code requires federally funded hospitals to give care providers the ability to opt out of abortion procedures for moral reasons.

Previously, the application contained language that stated that nurses in the Women’s Health Track, to provide compassionate care

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## Commodores ride wave of momentum against Georgia



NICOLE MANDEL/ The Vanderbilt Hustler

With help from redshirt junior center Festus Ezeli’s 18 points and 10 rebounds, Vanderbilt defeated Georgia 73-66 to earn its first win in conference play. The Commodores men’s and women’s teams will travel to Knoxville, Tenn. to take on Tennessee Saturday.

■ CAMPUS NEWS

## Two prominent black figures to speak for MLK Day

**KRISTEN WEBB**  
Staff Writer

Civil rights leader Julian Bond and Judge Roger Gregory, the first African American to sit on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, will speak on campus in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Bond, a former NAACP chairman, will deliver the keynote address at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 17.

The title of Bond’s address is “The Road to Freedom: From Alabama to Obama,” which echoes the overall theme for Vanderbilt’s commemoration, “The Road to Freedom.”

Bond, a Nashville native, is an activist, writer, teacher and lecturer. During the early 1960s, while he was a student at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Bond played a role in the founding of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). He was the first president of the Southern Poverty Law Center and served 20 years in the Georgia General Assembly. He was chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the nation’s oldest and largest



**WHO: Julian Bond**  
**WHEN: Jan. 17 at 4:30 p.m.**  
**WHERE: Langford Auditorium**  
**GETTING THE TICKET:**

The event is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. Vanderbilt student tickets are now available. General admission tickets for faculty, staff and the general public will be available beginning Tuesday, Dec. 28. Tickets can be picked up at the Sarratt Box Office in Sarratt Student Center. Vanderbilt students, faculty and staff must show Vanderbilt ID to pick up tickets.



**WHO: Judge Roger Gregory,**  
**WHEN: Jan. 18 at 2:30 p.m.**  
**WHERE: Flynn Auditorium.**  
**GETTING THE TICKET:**

No ticket needed, free and open to the public.

civil rights organization, from 1998 until early 2010.

Currently, Bond is a distinguished adjunct professor at American University in Washington, D.C. and a professor of history at the University of Virginia.

Judge Roger Gregory, the only person in U.S. history to be appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals by two presidents of different political parties, will speak at the law school on Tuesday, Jan. 18 at 2:30 p.m. in Flynn Auditorium.

Judge Gregory’s talk is titled

“Until Justice Rolls Down Like Waters.”

The event is free and open to the public.

Judge Gregory was nominated to the United States Court of Appeals by President Bill Clinton on June 30, 2000. After Judge Gregory did not receive a hearing before the U.S. Senate, President Clinton appointed him to the court by recess appointment on Dec. 27, 2000. Judge Gregory was then re-nominated by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the Senate for a lifetime appointment. ■

■ SPORTS NEWS

## Franklin announces new coaching staff

**ERIC SINGLE**  
Asst. Sports Editor

“Couldn’t be more excited about the direction that the program’s going and the guys that we’ve been able to assemble here. I’d like to start first and talk about our philosophy in putting a staff together. I think the most important thing is I want to surround myself with as many really, really intelligent guys that have a great foundation and knowledge of the game, and these are the guys that we’ve been able to find and feel really good about.”

“The other thing that was important to me is guys who are passionate about coming to Vanderbilt, who want to be here and want to be part of the staff that we’re putting together and part of my vision. Guys that I have history with, guys that I know extremely well and have been to battle with, that I know how to react in adverse situations. Some of these guys I’ve known for 10-15 years and feel really, really good about it. That’s kind of our philosophy, we think we have a chance to do something extremely special here with the administrative support that we’re getting, and these are the young men that we’re bringing here.”

— JAMES FRANKLIN, January 13



**JOHN DONOVAN**

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**PREVIOUSLY:** Maryland running backs coach, four years

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**NOW:** Tight ends coach/Special teams coordinator  
**PREVIOUSLY:** Maryland tight ends coach/Special teams coordinator, two years

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# Quick Hits

A brief look at the news stories happening on campus, in the Vanderbilt community and in the world of higher education.

## Vanderbilt's role in largest digital sky image

Imagine a picture of the sky so big that it would take 500,000 high-definition TVs to view it at full resolution. The Sloan Digital Sky Survey-III collaboration, which includes Vanderbilt University, is making just such an image available to the public. The color image contains more than a trillion pixels and covers about one-third of the entire sky. The digital data included in the image was collected over the last decade by a dedicated telescope at the Apache Point Observatory in New Mexico.



## Seven Vanderbilt University Faculty Honored by AAAS Scientific Society

Seven Vanderbilt University faculty members have been elected Fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), an honor bestowed upon them by their AAAS peers. They are among 503 AAAS members from around the country who achieved this honor because of their distinguished efforts to advance science or its applications.

## New director selected for Vanderbilt's Center for Medicine, Health and Society

Vanderbilt University's innovative center that links the study of medicine to other disciplines will be headed by Dr. Jonathan M. Metz, an expert in American culture, psychiatry and medical humanities. Metz, currently director of the Program in Culture, Health and Medicine at the University of Michigan, begins work at Vanderbilt in the 2011 fall semester.



## Vanderbilt international film series includes midnight movies, documentaries; Films from Germany, United States, France, Cuba and elsewhere will be presented

Vanderbilt University's free international film series begins Jan. 17 with a screening of the classic civil rights movement documentary *Eyes on the Prize* and will feature two midnight movies among a lineup of films from Hong Kong, Germany, the United States and elsewhere. The International Lens series strives to transcend geographic, ethnic, religious, linguistic and political boundaries by promoting conversation and understanding through cinema. All the screenings are free and open to the public. Many will feature introduction by Vanderbilt faculty and a new theater-quality digital projector will enhance the viewer's experience on the screenings utilizing DVDs.

Source: Vanderbilt News Service (<http://news.vanderbilt.edu/>)

## CAMPUS NEWS

# Vanderbilt professor named to anthropology chair

KATIE KROG  
Staff Writer

Vanderbilt Professor Tom Dillehay is the first person to be named the Rebecca Webb Wilson University Distinguished Professor of Anthropology, Religion, and Culture.

"This is a high honor for me to receive this award from a family like Rebecca and Spence," said Dillehay. "In many ways, I feel that I have a life parallel to their own, travel, adventure but more importantly giving something back to society and culture by trying to make a contribution through what I try to do best, in my case the attempt to reveal more about little understood components of human behavior in its individual and collective capacities."

Spence and Rebecca Wilson, Vanderbilt alumni and supporters, bestowed this honor on Dillehay. "Tom's reputation as a scholar is undeniably outstanding, but it is Tom Dillehay the creative, dedicated, generous person that we are particularly delighted to have occupy the chair. He sets a high benchmark," Wilson said.

Dillehay has been involved in anthropology and archeology since he was 13 years old. "When I was a kid and adolescent I traveled a lot to Mexico and decided then I would give something to South America," said Dillehay. Dillehay earned his doctorate from the University of Texas-Austin in 1976 and has spent his professional life living and working in numerous countries, including Peru, Chile, and Argentina. He is currently spending three weeks in the field in Chile.

"I do ethnography and archeology and work with different peoples and different sites in several countries in Latin America, mainly Peru and

Chile. As doctor of the projects I have to do all of the organizational, political and logistical work, in addition to leading the research in the field and in the lab. I work with large interdisciplinary scientific teams drawn from several countries," said Dillehay.



TOM DILLEHAY

After working at many other universities, including Cambridge University and the University of Tokyo, Dillehay came to Vanderbilt in 2004.

"I find that the university is good toward faculty in terms of facilitating teaching and research, but I especially like the quality and demeanor of the students, undergraduates and graduates," Dillehay said. "The Vanderbilt community is very livable professionally and personally."

Dillehay has written 18 books, served as the head researcher on numerous projects, and won various awards throughout his career, but when asked what he considers his crowning achievement, he responded, "I see it being the founder and director of two anthropology programs in Chile during the years of the Pinochet dictatorship." His programs, the only anthropology programs in Chile at that time, graduated 120 B.A. and M.A. students during the Pinochet dictatorship.

"My favorite part of being an anthropologist is embedding myself in the local culture, which is something tourists and others cannot do, and then I live and learn with the locals for many years," said Dillehay. "It is an experience very few humans enjoy and privilege during their lives." ■

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# NURSING: policy in place to allow exemptions

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Health track of the residency program would be required to care for abortion patients.

"If you are chosen for the Nurse Residency Program in the Women's Health track, you will be expected to care for women undergoing termination of pregnancy," the application read.

"It is important that you are aware of this aspect of care and give careful consideration to your ability to provide compassionate care to women in these situations," the application read. "If you feel you cannot provide care to women during this type of event, we encourage you to apply to a different track of the Nurse Residency Program to explore opportunities that may best fit your skills and career goals."

The acknowledgment did not indicate any form of exemption

for pro-life applicants.

At the bottom of the form, the applicant was asked to sign that they were aware they might be performing nurse care for patients having the procedures listed. According to the university's website, if the acknowledgement was not signed, the application was incomplete and could not be considered for review.

The ADF filed the first complaint with the federal Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights on behalf of an unnamed Mississippi woman, who claims that the application materials violates a federal law that states recipients of federal funds cannot require someone to perform or assist in abortions if it violates his or her religious beliefs or moral convictions.

"The specific issue here is the language of acknowledgment that says applicants will be

expected to care for women undergoing termination of pregnancy," said David French, senior counsel for the Alliance Defense Fund. "That is in clear violation of federal law."

According to French, VUMC was in violation of the Church amendment, which states that no entity which receives federal funding may deny admission or otherwise discriminate against any applicant, including applicants for internships and residencies, for training or study because of the applicant's reluctance to counsel, suggest, recommend, assist, or in any way participate in the performance of abortions or sterilizations contrary to the applicant's religious beliefs or moral convictions.

"If I am pro-life and there is no indication of an exemption on this form, I am most likely not going to sign the document," French said.

VUMC spokesman John Howser told the Tennessean that the acknowledgment was created to inform applicants that they will be asked to provide care to women who have had, or are seeking, abortions but did not mean to suggest that residents with religious or moral objections would be required to participate in the actual procedures.

According to Howser, a long-standing policy exists at the university that exempts employees, including nurse residents, from participating in activities due to religious beliefs, ethical beliefs or other associated reasons.

"This policy also applies to applicants to our nursing residency program who may be requested to participate in the care of women who seek medical care associated with the termination of pregnancy," Howser told the Tennessean. ■

## EDUCATION

# Study suggests writing exercise could improve test performance

GRACE AVILES  
Multimedia Editor

As Vandy students transfer dates from syllabi to planners, wait in lines wrapped around the bookstore and already start to fill cubicles in Stevenson, it is clear that the semester is underway and with it, a dreaded event — first exams. However, recent research demonstrates that a simple writing exercise can relieve students of test anxiety and may even help them score higher than otherwise.

The report, published in Friday's edition of the journal *Science*, says students who spend ten minutes before their exam writing about their thoughts and feelings can free up brainpower previously occupied by testing worries and do their best work.

"Sometimes I just freak out," said sophomore Simon Lee. "I start thinking about failing the test and forget things I knew a second ago. Usually, when I actually get the test, I calm

down and just focus on the questions, but the few minutes of anticipation beforehand can get pretty intense."

The University of Chicago researchers found that students who were prone to test anxiety improved their test grades by nearly one grade point — from a B-minus to a B-plus, for example — if they engaged in a writing exercise. The study suggests that worrying competes for computing power in the brain's "working," or short-term, memory. If working memory is focused on worrying, it can't help a person recall all the information his brain stored in preparation for the test. It also affects the working memory's ability to stay focused.

As for Vanderbilt undergraduates, however, most scoff at the idea of spending time before test writing about feelings.

"I would hate that," sophomore Ben Hodges offered. "When I finally get into the classroom, I just want to get it over with." Sophomore Ali Yuen offered an

alternative test anxiety strategy.

"I learned about mood congruence in PSY 245, which has really helped," Yuen said. "It's when you study test material in a setting similar to test conditions. I have found that this really helped decrease any anxiety I had."

Senior Genna Greenberg also suggests that it can take some time for students to find the strategy that helps them best prepare and relieve test anxiety.

"Some people work best in more interactive settings, like groups, while some people need more quiet and to be a way from distractions," Greenberg said. "It's all about finding what works best for you."

Yet for many, there's no substitute for good, old fashioned studying.

"Usually I just try and prepare as thoroughly as I can," sophomore Hannah Gaxiola said. "When I feel like my head is about to explode, I go do something relaxing, like listen to music." ■

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### ■ COLUMN

# Disobedience out, enter civil discourse

**MATT SCARANO**  
Columnist

As America reels from the recent Arizona shooting of Democratic Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, the media has already engaged in endless speculation over why and how such an atrocity could come to pass. Should authorities have known that the shooter, a disturbed 22-year old whose unpredictable and violent behavior got him kicked out of his community college classes, was a threat to society? How did he manage to legally buy a gun despite warning signs that he was dangerous? Is the answer more gun control — or less?

Despite all these uncertainties, however, one factor seems to have contributed to political and civil conditions under which the shooting occurred: politics in this country have in recent years become increasingly radical. Pundits, talking heads and the politicians themselves speak in black-and-white terms that sometimes hide troubling threats beneath thin veils. A map that Sarah Palin publicized in which Democratic congressional districts, including Gifford's, were targeted for Republican takeover with red bulls-eyes has received significant attention in recent days.

But Palin's map is only one, albeit rather glaring, example of the political mood set by our pundits and elected figures. Republicans just took over the Senate on the platform that they will not compromise with Democrats. On the other side of the aisle, President Obama passed a healthcare initiative through regulation that was previously struck down in Congress.

It is only natural that citizens follow suit—

choosing sides, yelling more and talking less. In short, America has forgotten the importance of Civil Discourse, and this has led to the social and political climate in which a disturbed youth may have been egged on not only by the voices in his head, but also by those on TV and the internet, to shoot his Congresswoman.

At a university such as Vanderbilt, we live in what should, theoretically anyway, be a hotbed of just the sort of discourse that our country has drifted away from. Cliché as it sounds, we represent the future of this country, and it is up to us to determine our own socio-political tone. If our future is to be a bright one, then we must promote a climate in which Civil Discourse is valued and engaged in on campus and beyond. Unfortunately, however, many universities across America are leading the charge toward radical political polarization instead.

Vanderbilt is home to a more centered political environment than most other institutions. As such, we are well-positioned to obtain a comprehensive and unbiased understanding of the critical issues facing our country. It is important that we engage in the important conversations that will bring us, and America, into the future—conversations in which all different viewpoints have a seat at the table, a chance to speak, a desire to understand one another and a willingness to compromise—and then, gun control aside, hopefully we won't feel the need to shoot anyone.

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### ■ COLUMN

# Staying sane at Vandy



**KATIE DES PREZ**  
Columnist

For the last few days, it has been hard to turn on the television or radio without hearing about last week's shooting of Representative Gabrielle Giffords. What happened in Tucson on Saturday is horrifying, and it has caused our national conversation to take on a self-reflective tone. While some politicians are still on the defensive, most have admitted that this incident demonstrates how the heated rhetoric usually at play in the political back-and-forth can be terribly destructive. In this pre-election year, we need to think about what the costs may be of increasingly negative and outrageous claims about the opposition. After Saturday's shooting, though, I hope that another national conversation will take place not about politics but about mental health.

Talking heads are on the fence about whether Jared Lee Loughner's assassination attempt had anything to do with political philosophy, but most agree that Loughner was mentally ill. His shooting spree calls attention to the importance of monitoring and treating mental illness. Mental illness is by no means an automatic indicator of violent behavior; it can manifest in all kinds of ways, from depressed moods to bouts of incredible productivity. Mental illness should not be stigmatized and go unaddressed but rather be openly recognized as a regular part of many people's lives.

For the most part, Vanderbilt does an excellent job of providing mental health care to its students. The PCC is a great resource—you have no idea what a big deal free therapy is. Even so, some people still do not seek treatment for mood disorders or other mental health issues, either because of stigma

or because they don't know how to go about getting help.

Students and professors need to be aware of what treatment is available and be on the lookout for other students or colleagues who may need care. This can be difficult, since mental health issues do not necessarily manifest themselves on the surface the way that some physical ailments might. Even though many problems that may call for counseling or other treatment have a general profile of symptoms, the profile of the person who has these symptoms can be widely varied. One would probably not guess, for example, that Kay Redfield Jamison, a psychiatry faculty member at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and the author of *An Unquiet Mind*, suffers from manic depressive illness. Highly successful people are not supposed to have "unquiet minds."

At Vanderbilt, we are surrounded by highly successful people—and by highly stressed people. It's important to recognize that, in some ways, we live in an unreality. Parts of the Vanderbilt bubble are much kinder than the real world, but in it, we are also subjected to unrealistic expectations for success that breed high degrees of everything from anxiety to eating disorders. These problems are not only real, but they are also common and, thankfully, treatable with the right resources. Even though Vanderbilt students are incredibly dedicated to their physical fitness, mental fitness does not garner the same degree of dedication from many of us. As college students, mental illness poses a much greater threat to our health than most of the physical ailments for which we are at risk, and our university should continue to dedicate its resources to promoting the mental health of its students.

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### ■ COLUMN

# Diversity of thought



**FRANNIE BOYLE**  
Columnist

Here at Vanderbilt, we consider ourselves members of an open-minded community, drawn together by an academically rigorous curriculum and an environment open for civil discourse. Students from all regions of the world bring their faiths, their values and their political beliefs to this university so that they can learn more about themselves and what this world has to offer. Students understand that even though classmates might think differently, they are still to be listened to and respected.

Or do they? Here are a few of the more notable comments that this columnist received last semester, in response to what some might characterize as controversial pieces.

One correspondent, Matt, sent an e-mail asking, "What raised you? You are insane." I received another e-mail anonymously which read, "I hope you never write another article again you uninformed biased columnist."

My favorite message was, "You my misinformed friend are in fact, retarded...Have a nice day." You too, Cole!

The InsideVandy comments were uplifting as well. I would like to thank 'ballsmcgee' for his input: "For the sake of the world, I hope you're not pursuing journalism. At least your name is tied to this though, that way any potential employers can see how much of a moron you are."

Here are some of my other favorites:

'Duncas20903' writes, "It really is a natural thing for a young person to trust the government. I doubt that Mz. Boyle is anything but a pawn in their game." Yes, the Obama administration

had me at hello.

'Onboard' is not a big fan: "It's really not about the topics that Ms. Boyle decides to write about anymore, it's all about Ms. Boyle. We all learned that lesson before we could talk; the infant that cries the loudest gets the most attention." Yep, you caught me.

'Reasonable Person' writes, "I respect your ability to hold any opinion you may wish, but please, in the future, do not support anything you believe with the half-truths and blatant lies you claim for fact..You need to be censored." Well that doesn't sound very reasonable.

'Notanhod' says, "I mean, I know Frannie Boyle is an ignorant hater, but I really didn't think she was quite this stupid."

'Martha' starts with, "I am not a bigot," but later informs us that, "Yes, there is something wrong with Frannie Boyle (or anyone) taking the Bible seriously as a moral guide."

'Aesop ox' insightfully asks, "Why am I not surprised this is your first semester of college." Thank goodness that's not true!

While Vanderbilt certainly isn't the worst campus for a conservative, some in the community here do as much as they can to quiet those who don't follow the same liberal, relativistic mindset.

A mentor of mine, Kevin Kookogey, addressed this perfectly in a talk he gave in December. On campuses, "the idea of diversity is celebrated, but the diversity of ideas is not."

So throw out personal attacks all you want, guys, but remember that you are destroying the diverse community Vanderbilt is striving for.

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## THE VERDICT

Stand and be judged by the Hustler opinion staff! Compiled by the staff of The Vanderbilt Hustler

<b>Sarah Palin</b>		Just when Sarah Palin was starting to get the public's sympathy after being inappropriately targeted by the media as the inspiration for the assassination attempt against Gabrielle Giffords, Palin released a video calling said media accusations "blood libel." While she was probably unaware of it, blood libel and libel are very different. Blood libel, in fact, refers to the false claim that Jews use the blood of Christian and Muslim babies when they bake matzo for Passover. We're guessing that probably got her cut from the guest list for Jon Stewart's next Passover Seder.
<b>Ted Williams</b>		When a video featuring Ted Williams, a homeless man with a golden radio voice, went viral, Williams was invited to appear on CBS' The Early Show and NBC's Today and hired by MSNBC and Kraft. A week later, he's been detained by police after an altercation with his daughter and, with Dr. Phil's encouragement, is on his way to rehab. Anyone think he's wishing he had just been left alone?
<b>Ted Williams</b>		In other news, Red Sox great Ted Williams — the only Ted Williams we had ever heard of before last week — remains cryogenically frozen in a lab in Arizona. We hear he's upset that there's another Ted Williams on the scene.
<b>New zodiac signs</b>		Astrologists have recalculated the zodiac to more appropriately reflect when the sun is in each sign's house. The results are astronomical, even including a new sign. So if you were born between Nov. 29 and Dec. 17, you're now an Ophiuchus. No word yet on which your compatible signs are.

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## LIFE

## ■ MUSIC

Exit/In to host  
The Walkmen

BENJAMIN RIES

The Vanderbilt Hustler

The bustle of returning from break to start a new semester may make it easy to miss the fact that one of the best rock groups around will be playing within easy walking distance of campus this weekend. The Walkmen will be performing at the Exit/In on the night of Saturday, January 15. Aided by the consistent quality of their work and knockout single "The Rat," The Walkmen have emerged over the last decade from their base in New York City as prominent figures in the indie rock scene. Last September, The Walkmen's winning streak continued with the release of their sixth album, "Lisbon," which ranked on numerous publications' lists of the Best Albums of 2010.

The power of many of The Walkmen's greatest songs derives from the combination of lead singer Hamilton Leithauser's smooth delivery of downbeat lyrics and the style and grace embedded in the song's melodies by energetic performances from the rest of the band. Most of the songs Saturday night will likely be from "Lisbon," which shows perhaps the most sustained and successful implementation of this formula. Its best track, "Angela Surf City," features Leithauser crying out, "I used to see the signs/Now I dream of the time I was holding onto you" amidst a barrage of percussion and guitar riffs. Slower songs like "All My Great Designs" and "While I Shovel the Snow" act as refreshing breathers with gentler melodies.

The intimacy of the Exit/In makes it an ideal venue for the vibrant live performances for which The Walkmen are famous. It's a perfect concert for Vanderbilt students looking for a way to celebrate the end of the first week of the new semester. ■

- Show: Saturday, January 15; Doors open 8:00 p.m.
- Tickets are \$17.00/advance and \$19.00/day of concert

## ■ FILM

## "King's Speech" speaks volumes

HOLLY MEEHL

The Vanderbilt Hustler

I live for the Academy Awards—call me a movie snob, elitist, whatever you'd like. This year, however, I am disheartened by most of the current contenders. "The Fighter" is entertaining, but I've seen the story before. "True Grit" is a solid Coen Brothers production, but Jeff Bridges is no replacement for John Wayne. Natalie Portman is the clear favorite for Best Actress with "Black Swan," but my stomach's inability to cope with self-mutilation killed—no pun intended—the film for me. I had yet to leave a theatre this year with the profound feeling that I'd seen a unique cinematic treasure... But then there was "The King's Speech" directed by Tom Hooper.

The film tells the story of Bertie (Colin Firth) as he overcomes a speech impediment to become the future King George VI. Bertie is poised to take the throne when his father King George V dies and his brother Edward (Guy

Pearce) quickly abdicates to marry a wild American divorcée. The fear of responsibility looms over Bertie, who must become king, but seems to lack a voice worthy of the Crown.

Firth's performance as a hotheaded man with a severe stammer evokes the sympathy and frustration of the audience. Bertie at first refuses the help of Lionel Logue (Geoffrey Rush), an eccentric but patient speech therapist. With some pushing from his devoted and determined wife (Helena Bonham Carter), Bertie reluctantly submits himself to Logue's unorthodox methods. A surprising friendship forms, but eventually becomes strained with the advent of the radio.

The film captures human frailty with grace and sharp British wit, evoking both laughter and tears with each scene. The tight script, strong acting and beautiful cinematography leave "The King's Speech" with no impediment of its own, and thus the film has earned my humble vote for Best Picture of the year. ■



THE WEINSTEIN COMPANY

## ■ FILM

## Jeff Bridges displays "True Grit"



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For anyone who loves "The Dude" and a good helping of shoot-'em-up action, "True Grit" is a must-see. Technically, the film is a remake, but there is still enough unique Coen Brothers flavor for the film to stand on its own merit.

The amazing cast — led by Jeff Bridges, Matt Damon, Josh Brolin and newcomer Hailee Steinfeld — plays an interesting array of characters. Each actor deftly plays the darker scenes while still allowing for comic relief to shine through at ideal moments.

Despite the skill of the entire cast, there is no question that Jeff Bridges' impeccable performance as "Rooster Cogburn" makes the movie. Cogburn is essentially a Wild West version of Bridges' character "The Dude" from "The Big Lebowski." Cogburn demonstrates the dude with 'true

grit,' toting around a dirty flask of whiskey and a hand-rolled cigarette — frequently rolled by the hands of Hailee Steinfeld's character Mattie — in lieu of a White Russian and a joint. The parallels do not detract from "True Grit"; they simply evoke fond memories and a sense that we already understand the character of Rooster. Moreover, Rooster does not chill in L.A., partaking in shenanigans in a bathrobe and drinking straight from the milk carton. This "Dude" faces the harsh elements of the wild, fires at anyone who crosses him, develops a surprising bond with the young Mattie and — dare I say it — even learns compassion for others, without, of course, losing any of his manly grittiness.

The film sometimes veers into the laughable, but it lets us in on the joke. We laugh at the incredulous and clichéd moments, and the comedic ones provide a perfect balance for this film's dark violence. ■

## ■ BOOKS

## Looking for Señor Right

OLIVIA KUPFER

Life Editor

Not sure what to do with your Vanderbilt degree? Take a cue from Vanderbilt alum, author and Internet celebrity Katherine Chloé Cahoon, who penned the text "The Single Girl's Guide to Meeting European Men," which was released last October.

The author spent her summers at Oxford

University and the London School of Economics and in Madrid and Bilbao, Spain. With experience traveling, being wined and dined by European men and living abroad, Katherine was inspired to write the book, which reads as part travel guide and part comedic self-help text for savvy 20-somethings. As the back cover of her book reads, "Each fall when she returned to school, her girlfriends wanted to know about the European men she had met, so she started writing."

I had the opportunity to speak with Katherine this week; she divulged that her inspiration for writing the book also came from a screenwriting course she took while at Vanderbilt. Yes, going to class does have relevance and purpose. The author moved to Los Angeles after graduation, continued writing and was soon discovered by a producer who liked her "American girl perspective" on meeting Europeans.

In addition to the book, Katherine also created instructional YouTube videos detailing "How to Meet European Men." Katherine's formula for success — writing a book based on exploits abroad — resulted in offers for a television show, product endorsements and a movie, which is in development.

Katherine's tip to meeting European men: "Be yourself. It's simple, but in reality, so many girls look to their friends or society for cues regarding how to act around men. Europeans want you to embrace the culture and be carefree."

To view Katherine's instructional YouTube guides to "Meeting European Men," visit InsideVandy.com. ■



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## ■ FASHION

## From runway to Rand

CAROLINE ALTSHULER

The Vanderbilt Hustler

Runway collections are like art — exquisite, chic and often rather abstract. High-end designers have the power to dictate what clothes and trends will fill our closet each season, yet the pieces from their collections are outrageously priced for the average college student. Few can wear outfits straight from the runway, but that shouldn't deter us from dressing like a diva. For winter, minimalism has reigned on runways in New York, Paris and Milan. This trend is one that can be easily incorporated into any wardrobe, even for those of us on a budget.

**How to take the minimalist look from the runway to Rand:**

Top designers Stella McCartney and Marc Jacobs have used very little color in their winter collections, instead opting for a sophisticated, tailored trend. The staple item for minimalist collections is the camel hair coat. Pair a camel coat with an oversized, colored scarf and some refined, leather gloves to create a chic, runway-worthy ensemble. Use the splash of color from the scarf to not only individualize your outfit but also to keep you from appearing completely pale, as nude hues can wash out fairer skin tones. Add the quintessential "Vandy Girl" riding boots and dark jeans under your outfit, and you'll be set through winter.

The classic coat is another huge trend this



OLIVIA KUPFER/The Vanderbilt Hustler

season, a great take on minimalism and a staple for every wardrobe. Large collars and lapels, as well as trapeze-cut camel coats, were seen on the runways at Gucci, Burberry and Chloé. While these fashion houses sell coats for well into the thousands, retailer Ann Taylor offers a sophisticated camel hair coat, now on sale for under \$200. ■



## SPORTS

■ BASKETBALL

# Vanderbilt vs. Tennessee preview: GameDay spotlights Knoxville showdown

REID HARRIS  
Asst. Sports Editor

Both men's and women's basketball programs will be showcasing their teams in Knoxville this weekend as they participate in a double-header against Tennessee as a part of ESPN's College GameDay. This matchup is the first time in College GameDay history that both men and women's teams play on the same day and just the second time a women's team has been featured.

Following a pregame show, hosted by the likes of Bobby Knight, Andy Katz, Digger Phelps and Jay Bilas, the men's game will tip off at 11 a.m. CST.

After a convincing win over the No. 24 Georgia Bulldogs, the men will look to ride that momentum to take down the rival Volunteers in what is sure

to be a hostile Thompson-Boling Arena.

"When you first come here and you're recruited, you know that's the enemy," said sophomore guard John Jenkins before a practice session this week. "It's going to be a huge game." When asked about the pressure surrounding the appearance on GameDay, Jenkins said, "We're just going to play our game."

Jenkins, who is leading the Commodores with 18.5 points per game, will need to step up to ensure a win over the Vols. His matchup with Tennessee's Scotty Hopson will most likely prove to be critical in the contest. Hopson's 16.5 points per game are integral to Tennessee's success — when Hopson struggles, Tennessee struggles. Jenkins will be looking to outplay him at shooting guard on Saturday to beat Tennessee

for the third consecutive time.

Junior center Festus Ezeli will also play a crucial role against Tennessee. Ezeli is coming off of an 18-point, 10-rebound performance against Georgia on Wednesday. As impressive as his play was, Ezeli has been inconsistent — he registered just seven points and four rebounds while fouling out against South Carolina on Saturday.

"We're hungry because we're still mad about that game," said Ezeli referring to the loss against South Carolina. "Still got a bad taste about that one." If he brings the same passion and drive, Tennessee will be in for a long day trying to control him.

Tennessee head coach Bruce Pearl will be serving the third game of an SEC-mandated suspension on Saturday and is not allowed any contact with his players before the game. In his

absence, the Vols have lost their first two SEC games to quickly fall to last place in the SEC East division.

After the men's game, the women's teams take the court at 7 p.m.

"We are looking forward to the opportunity to represent Vanderbilt University and women's basketball on such a national stage," said Vanderbilt head coach Melanie Balcomb.

The Commodores will be looking to pull off an upset of the No. 5 Lady Volunteers after falling to Tennessee in both contests last year. Vandy looks to add a third SEC win while handing Tennessee their first conference loss of the season. Following a big win over Auburn on Sunday, the women's team has won seven of their last nine games and will look to continue their strong play in Knoxville. ■

## ESPN GAMEDAY SCHEDULE



### WHAT

Double-header action, featuring Vanderbilt and in-state rival Tennessee. The men battle first, followed by a women's basketball matchup between the Commodores and the No. 5 Lady Vols.

### WHEN

January 15, 2011

### WHERE

Thompson-Boling Arena, Knoxville, Tenn.

### SCHEDULE

- 9 a.m. CST: ESPN begins broadcasting live from GameDay
- 11 a.m.: Tipoff for the men's basketball game
- 6 p.m.: Live GameDay broadcast resumes
- 7 p.m.: Tipoff for the women's basketball game

## KEY MATCHUPS



<< SOPHOMORE GUARD  
**JOHN JENKINS**  
vs.  
JUNIOR GUARD  
**SCOTTY HOPSON** >>



**VERDICT:** Both players have the ability to win games on their own, but Hopson's inconsistent play has led to several losses for the Volunteers. Jenkins gets the edge here because of his reliable scoring.



<< SENIOR GUARD  
**JENCE RHOADS**  
vs.  
FRESHMAN GUARD  
**MEIGHAN SIMMONS** >>



**VERDICT:** Rhoads' experience will play a big part in this matchup, but as a freshman Simmons has already become one of the SEC's top performers, putting up 16.2 points per game. Rhoads benefits from being one of five Commodores who average better than ten points per game, while Simmons often has to carry the scoring load for the Lady Vols.



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Lance Goulbourne and the Commodores punctuated last year's sweep of Tennessee with a 90-71 victory in Memorial Gymnasium.

■ BASKETBALL

## Taylor quietly passes scoring milestone



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Jeff Taylor returns to earth after a spin-around dunk against Georgia in the first half of Wednesday night's game. The junior is averaging 14.5 points per game.

PETER NYGAARD  
Staff writer

When a player scores 1,000 points in his college career, it can be easy to lose track of the count. For junior forward Jeff Taylor, it was even easier, considering that he never even counted in the first place.

"I didn't even know it was coming up," said Taylor about reaching the career milestone. "Not until I got real close. Then, someone told me."

With a fast break dunk to start the second half of Vanderbilt's home win over Davidson last Sunday, Taylor became the 41st player in Vanderbilt basketball history to reach 1,000 points.

After Taylor broke 1,000 points, though, his immediate focus was point No. 1,001.

"It's nothing that I'll think about too much after this," Taylor said after the game. "It's something to think about tonight, but after that it's just business as usual."

1,000 point-scorers are a rare breed, but for those who have watched the junior grow up, his accomplishment was no surprise.

"When he came in, he was already an excellent scorer, great rebounder and good teammate," said senior Darshawn McClellan, who was with the team when Taylor joined as a freshman in 2007. "And I think right now, he's just benefiting from the perks of his hard work." ■

■ BASKETBALL

## Basketball Recap:

### Ezeli's double-double helps Commodores power past Georgia

Festus Ezeli scored 18 points and pulled down 10 rebounds, recording his third double-double of the season, as the Commodores took down No. 24 Georgia, 73-66, on Wednesday night. John Jenkins also had 18 points, while Jeff Taylor added 15, helping Vanderbilt snap the Bulldogs' nine-game winning streak. The win improves the Commodores record to 1-1 in the SEC and 12-3 overall.



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### Women's basketball earns rare road win in romp over Alabama

Inside threats Hannah Tuomi and Stephanie Holzer combined for 36 points and 14 rebounds, and Vanderbilt cruised to its third straight conference victory with an 82-66 win over Alabama on Thursday night in Tuscaloosa. Jence Rhoads led all scorers with 20 points, while adding six assists.



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FOOTBALL

# New year, new coach call for shift in mentality

ERIC SINGLE  
Asst. Sports Editor

James Franklin saved it all for last, made sure it was the final impression he would leave before opening the floor up for questions from the reporters who were minutes away from publishing their first opinions of him for the information of Vanderbilt fans and rivals alike.

"The last thing I would like to mention is this: the next phase that needs to happen is that we need our Commodore Nation — the people across the country, the alumni, the fans, the community of Nashville — to be all in because this administration is in, this coaching staff will be all in and we are going to do some special things at Vanderbilt University," said Franklin at his introductory press conference as head football coach at Vanderbilt on December 17th. "But we can't do it alone. We need everybody to be all in."

This was not just a call for the community to make up the over 6,000-seat gap between last year's average attendance at the Commodores' seven home football games and Vanderbilt Stadium's official full capacity. It was a call for a complete attitude shift towards Vanderbilt football, from a coaching staff and athletics department that needed to start building and recruiting towards championships to an occasionally fatalistic fan base that needed to start thinking like winners.

No one will say there isn't a long way to go at every level, but the smallest initial steps in the Vanderbilt football program's journey to respectability are steps in the right direction.

Rod Williamson, Director of Communications for Vanderbilt



ZAC HARDY/ The Vanderbilt Hustler

The turnout for Vanderbilt's October 9th game against Eastern Michigan was especially low despite the Commodores' 52-6 victory. Vanderbilt ended its 2010 season with an average attendance of 33,629.

Athletics, has high hopes for Coach Franklin's ability to drum up belief and enthusiasm among Commodores fans in the coming months.

"He very much wants this to be a fan-friendly deal," said Williamson. "I think you're going to see he has a lot of energy and really wants to promote the program. He's been tremendous on things of that nature."

On the school's official athletics site, [www.vucommodores.com](http://www.vucommodores.com), a suggestion box was set up at the end of December encouraging Vanderbilt fans to submit ideas of their own that "would make game day more enjoyable... for both inside and outside Vanderbilt Stadium, before, during and after our games."

According to Williamson, the response to the suggestion box has been overwhelming.

"I think it's been terrific," said Williamson. "I have probably somewhere north of 125

suggestions that were e-mailed in, and we've printed every one off and put them into a three-ring binder."

Williamson outlined plans for a half-day retreat later in January during which the contributors of some of the better suggestions will meet in person with Vanderbilt Athletics staff members and discuss their ideas.

"People are so pleased to feel like they're being heard," he said. "It actually kind of took me aback because I never felt like we were some kind of a closed society, but the idea that you have an idea about something that you care about and that there's actually a place where you can go and offer that and feel like it's been read and considered makes people feel pretty good."

A few weeks before an official suggestion box was set up, the readers of the college

football humor blog Every Day Should Be Saturday flooded the university's Facebook page with one specific suggestion: that the program hire former Kansas State head coach Ron Prince. Their tongue-in-cheek comments continued a long-running joke on the blog centered around Prince's unremarkable personality and lack of head coaching success, and they completely overshadowed the few serious comments about the coaching search that were made by Vanderbilt supporters on the school's page.

"It was the best opportunity in that it was entirely accidental when Vanderbilt announced they were going to do it," said Spencer Hall, creator of Every Day Should Be Saturday, of Vanderbilt's decision to announce the next head coach on Facebook. "And part of the fun of writing and running a

## EXCERPTS FROM THE SUGGESTION BOX

*Straight from Vanderbilt Athletic Communications, here are samples of three out of the over 125 suggestions that have been submitted into the athletic department so far by Vanderbilt fans. To submit your own suggestion, go to [www.vucommodores.com](http://www.vucommodores.com) and click on "Suggestion Box."*

- Combined with some other encouragement (like maybe an event in Vandyville 30-45 min before kickoff so they leave the fraternities to go to the event and then go into the stadium), I bet having a McGugin side student entrance would mean more students in Vandyville which would pick up the atmosphere and increase interest.
- Vandy needs student tailgating. Desperately... I really believe that getting everyone together in a parking lot next to the actual stadium, starting several hours beforehand, would encourage more students to actually attend the game and to do so closer to kickoff time.
- At the very least, ask ushers to go into the student section every once in a while to check the IDs of fans in opponents' gear. That's our section.

blog is that the people you write for are much funnier than you are. So when I pointed people in that direction, I didn't really anticipate what was going to happen."

Hall, a Florida graduate who pulled for Vanderbilt growing up in Nashville, has noticed that SEC fans have a unique relationship to Vanderbilt in comparison with the rest of the conference as a result of the Commodores' unimpressive recent history on the field.

"I think generally speaking people are just terrified of losing," said Hall. "You don't want to lose to Vanderbilt, and it's entirely possible. Vanderbilt

on many occasions played Florida far tighter than I think they were comfortable with."

For the Commodores to make the jump in respectability from a humiliating potential defeat to a competitive presence in the weekly grind of conference play, Hall is one of many who believes the program needs the perfect storm — "The right coach and the right system at the right pay grade as well." But until the games themselves start up again, Vanderbilt will be busy enough just trying to manage all of the external buzz, both positive and negative, that has long eluded its football team. ■

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