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■ **CAMPUS NEWS**

Cyberbullying growing problem on campus

GRACE AVILES
Staff Writer

Zye Hooks, Arts and Science senator and Vanderbilt Student Government presidential candidate, came under fire earlier this week when an endorsement on his campaign website was listed as "College ACB phenom." The criticism drew attention to College ACB.com, a website known for hosting anonymous attacks directed at students on university campuses.

Hooks said he was unaware of the listing and does not condone College ACB, which stands for College Anonymous Confession Board.

"This was a case of a student trying to be funny, but it clearly was not," Hooks said. "Simply put, College ACB is a horrible site that promotes racist, homophobic and sexist language."

According to the website's

press release, "the ACB" is designed to help build community and engender the open exchange of information ranging from "keg parties to concerns about course selections."

However, a search of Vanderbilt's ACB page turned up no hits discussing academic courses or politics, but 15 pages worth of hits for the search term "hot" and 60 pages of hits for "ho."

According to VSG Chief of Staff and VSG presidential candidate Adam Meyer, College ACB has no redeeming qualities.

"I have never known anything positive to come from the anonymous posts, and given the nature of what is usually posted, I have to believe that the students who write on it have no other forum to speak to," Meyer said.

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Hook, Meyer answer questions in debate



CHRIS HONIBALL/ The Vanderbilt Hustler

VSG presidential candidates debate at a VandyMedia sponsored event in The Commons Dining Center Wednesday..

■ **DINING**

New Central Library cafe open for business

LIZ FURLOW
Staff Writer

A new cafe opened in Central Library on Wednesday, and many students are enjoying the convenience it offers. Situated to the right of the main entrance, the cafe is the latest addition to the renovated library and offers students the opportunity to buy meals or snacks while they study.

Students with snacks and books already filled the small tables inside the cafe. A senior, Elyse Sadeghi, visited the cafe for the second time that day.

"It's really cute," Sadeghi said. "And I think it's good that they have different foods here."

The cafe will serve a selection of paninis, salads, soups, natural sodas, gourmet pastries and the exclusive Library coffee blend. The new multi-purpose Community Room across the hall will provide study space and food-friendly seating when not in use for events.

Megs Wilson, head retail market clerk, stood behind the counter on Wednesday and beamed at the students who filed into the shop.

"We're so excited to offer this service to students," Wilson said. "Hopefully, it will bring more people to the library to study, knowing that they can use their meal plans here. It's totally unlike



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Central Library opened a new cafe Wednesday. According to Spiros Vergatos, general manager of varsity markets and specialty dining, students will be able to enjoy a different flavor profile.

everything else on campus, and the food is amazing."

Spiros Vergatos, general manager of the Varsity Markets and specialty dining, welcomed students and faculty to the cafe on Tuesday to sample food before the opening the following day. According to Vergatos, students should expect to see "a little different flavor profile" on the menu than at other specialty dining facilities. ■

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■ **CAMPUS NEWS**

Vandy Ventures raises intellectual property concerns

LAUREN JANSEN
Staff Writer

Vanderbilt is among multiple institutions of higher education currently taking steps to protect the intellectual property of its students, while also maintaining its status as a non-profit organization.

The World Intellectual Property Organization defines intellectual property as "creations of the mind" and separates IP into two categories, industrial property and copyright. Industrial property refers to "inventions (patents), trademarks, industrial designs and geographic indications of source", and copyright "includes literary and artistic works."

College of Arts and Science Senator Zye Hooks serves as co-chair of Vanderbilt Ventures, a VSG-led initiative that provides students with the capital and resources needed to establish independent business ventures.

Hooks said it has been a complex challenge to protect the interests of student entrepreneurs while also ensuring Vanderbilt's tax-exempt status.

"Right now we are working with the university to figure out a way in which the students can own

and operate the business and then take the idea with them when they leave, but at the same time we want the university to maintain some degree of ownership while the students remain on campus," Hooks said.

Universities have had longstanding rules for inventions by faculty, generally asserting partial ownerships rights to technology created with university resources that have commercial potential. For students, though, policies often were vague because cases did not come up very often.

Hooks said, although the school will receive revenues from the businesses, the university will not pocket this money for anything other than Vanderbilt Ventures.

Hooks said new enterprises will appear possibly by the end of this semester but definitely by the beginning of fall 2011.

The issue of intellectual property has been cropping up on campuses across the nation, spurred by the boom in computer software, with which teenagers tinkering in dorm rooms are coming up with products that rival the work of professional engineers.

Tony Brown, a student at Please see **VANDY VENTURES**, page 3



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Sophomore Shyam Murali performs with Jugal-Vandy during Wednesday night's Doers for Pakistan. The event aimed to raise awareness of and funds for the more than 20 million victims of the recent floods in Pakistan.

PEER
REVIEW

Profiling an
interesting student
by GABY ROMÁN

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WHAT HAS SURPRISED YOU ABOUT VANDERBILT DURING YOUR TIME HERE SO FAR?

It is remarkable how Vanderbilt students think "Natty Light" is potable. I tasted it twice, and have found a better friend in Jack Daniels.

WHAT COMMUNITY MATTERS AT VANDERBILT AND GLOBAL ISSUES INTEREST YOU THE MOST?

I am excited about cultural diplomacy and communication. It fascinates me how people would choose to interact with one another regardless of where they hail from, coaxing new frontiers in human communication.

We often find common ground in the many rich and diverse heritages spread across the world, and it is really up to us to use those bridges to connect with others. Alcohol, for example, is one of those bridges.

ARE YOU INVOLVED WITH ANYTHING ELSE ON OR OFF CAMPUS?

I am also with the Creative Campus Community in Vanderbilt-Barnard, president of Barnard House, a tour guide for the Admissions Office and a happy patron of Play on Karaoke Nights.

DO YOU HAVE SUMMER PLANS YET? IF SO, WHAT ARE THEY?

Yes, and no. I hope to work with Star Alliance in Frankfurt or a Policy Institute in Washington, D.C. After which, I will be dragging my mother to Bali for a well deserved break on Singapore Airlines.

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WHAT MIGHT YOUR PEERS BE SURPRISED TO LEARN ABOUT YOU?

I was chief scriptwriter and Master of Ceremonies with the Singapore Armed Forces from 2006-09. As part of my job, I traveled regularly in the Asia-Pacific region. Unfortunately, I never quite handled a rifle, but there was certainly a gamut of sensitive information upon my fingertips. I suppose if I tell anyone more about my work, I will probably have to kill him or her. ■

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TO KNOW
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The top news stories
from around campus that
you need to know to be
informed this week.

Campus community asked to join national
competition

Vanderbilt is competing this semester with universities across the country for bragging rights and a championship trophy while doing its part to help the environment.

The Recyclemania contest will measure the total recycled waste at all participating schools from Feb. 6 to April 2. Vanderbilt will be competing in several categories from per person waste minimization to overall trash generation.

Past champions include California State University at San Marcos, which recycled 78 percent of its waste stream, and Rutgers University, which recycled more than 2 million pounds of materials.

See the Sustain VU website at www.vanderbilt.edu/SustainVu for more information. ■

Free performance of 'Women of Will'
Thursday at Blair

"Women of Will" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Ingram Hall, Blair School of Music. This two-person show examines the evolution of the heroine in Shakespeare's writing.

Tina Packer, who plays all the female roles, is one of the country's foremost experts on Shakespeare and theatre arts. The show combines the performance of scenes with the discussion of themes.

Packer believes that as Shakespeare developed as a playwright, his women increasingly became his artistic alter egos — marginalized figures who stood to the side of the power makers. Together, she and prominent Shakespearean actor Nigel Gore chronologically trace this evolution in this free performance. ■

Slant launches second annual
Llamapalooza benefit

Students will get the chance to have their say in the pages of the next issue of the campus humor publication and simultaneously benefit families in need.

The Slant will sell \$5 ads to students on the wall and at the Commons from Jan. 31 to Feb. 4 for its second annual Llamapalooza fundraiser. All proceeds from the ad sales go to Heifer International to purchase farm animals to help impoverished families.

Since 1944, Heifer has helped 13.6 million families in more than 125 countries move toward greater self-reliance through the gift of livestock and training in environmentally sound agriculture, according to the organization. ■

Rock 'n' roll pioneer documentary to be
screened Feb. 9

A documentary about seminal American musical figure Sam Phillips will be screened Feb. 9 with writer Peter Guralnick speaking after the presentation.

The free showing of "Sam Phillips: The Man Who Invented Rock 'n' Roll," part of the International Lens series, is 7 p.m. in Sarratt Cinema. The film was written and co-produced by Guralnick, writer in residence. Last year Guralnick presented the documentary he wrote on Sam Cooke, an outgrowth of his prize-winning biography, "Dream Boogie: The Triumph of Sam Cooke."

Phillips, who died in 2003, almost singlehandedly revolutionized American music. He discovered Presley, Howlin' Wolf, B.B. King, Jerry Lee Lewis and Johnny Cash, among others, and his tiny storefront label, Sun Records, dominated the charts for close to a decade. ■

Black History Month to feature lecture by
daughter of Malcolm X

Ambassador Attallah Shabazz, daughter of civil rights leader Malcolm X, will give a talk, "Melting Pot: Cultural Diplomacy/Multi-National Patriotism," at 8 p.m., Feb. 10, in Room 103 of Wilson Hall.

Her lecture is among several free public events during the university's Black History Month commemoration in February. A light reception in Wilson Hall from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. precedes Shabazz's talk.

A producer, writer and diplomat, Shabazz is the eldest of six daughters born to Betty Shabazz and Malcolm X Shabazz. Appointed as ambassador-at-large by the prime minister of Belize, she is an adviser on international cultural affairs and project development. ■

Alum argues case before the U.S.
Supreme Court

Josh Farley, a 2003 graduate of the College of Arts and Sciences, had an opportunity this month that many lawyers never get in a lifetime: arguing a case in front of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Farley, who attended the Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville, serves as an assistant attorney general for the state of Kentucky. He argued in the case *Kentucky v. King* on behalf of Kentucky. The case examines the exclusionary rule in the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which forbids the use of illegally seized evidence except in emergency situations.

"Appearing before the Court at age 29 makes me one of the youngest individuals to ever appear before the Supreme Court," said Farley. "I wouldn't be here without the education that Vanderbilt provided." ■

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CYBERBULLYING: Idea of anonymity on the Internet is a myth, says Funk

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Abuse, a volunteer organization founded in 1997 to fight online harassment through education of the general public, education of law enforcement personnel and empowerment of victims, reports that an average of 100 requests for help a week come from people 18 and older. In 2007, the site documented 249 cases of online harassment, with white females between the ages of 18 and 30 comprising more than 60 percent of the victims.

Nora Spencer, director of Margaret Cunningham's Women Center and the Office of LGBTQI Life said that even on campus this is a present issue.

"Cyberharassment is a growing issue on campus. We have quite a few students who come to Project Safe in the Women's Center to report harassment and talk through their options for responding to it," Spencer said. "These posts (on College ACB) which often aim at extremely triggering topics such as race, sexual orientation, sexuality, and body image — are extremely malicious."

Spencer said that the anonymous nature of College ACB contributes to its volatility.

"I suspect some students feel anonymous and therefore more free to say things online they would never communicate face-to-face," Spencer said. These sites aren't always as anonymous as one thinks, and there are serious consequences for students who are found harassing other students — either in person or

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—MARGARET SPENCER, Director of Margaret Cunningham's Women Center and the Office of LGBTQI Life

online." Anonymous Web communication has been a recent source of contention for the U.S. legal system. Traditionally, the First Amendment, which safeguards spoken and written speech, regardless of what might be perceived as decency, has protected Internet communication. The Communications Decency Act (1996) protects Internet Service Providers (such as College ACB or Juicy Campus) from liability for messages posted on their servers.

Cindy Funk, director of the Career Center, said the idea of anonymity is a myth and that posting on one of these sites could have consequences for the aggressor.

"The Internet is one of the least anonymous forms of communication that exists today. For students who

CYBER BULLYING FAST FACTS

- The primary cyber bullying location where victimizing occurs is in chat rooms (56 percent). Following chat rooms, 49 percent are victimized via instant message and 28 percent via e-mail. (Cyber-bullying Research Center)
- More than half of adolescents and teens have been bullied online, and about the same number have engaged in cyber bullying. (iSafe Foundation)
- More than 1 in 3 young people have been threatened online. (iSafe Foundation)
- Over 25 percent of adolescents and teens have been bullied on more than two occasions through their cell phones or the Internet. (iSafe Foundation)
- Girls are somewhat more likely than boys to be involved in cyber bullying. (Harford County Examiner)



are implicated in a case of cyberbullying, their actions will be viewed by employers in a negative light and will impact their ability to secure internship and full-time opportunities," Funk said. "Before engaging in this type of behavior, really think if this is the impression that you would like to be portraying to the outside world."

Hooks has been working with Chaloea Williams, president of the Vanderbilt chapter of the NAACP, to bring a Bias Reporting system to campus.

"The Bias Reporting system will allow students who believe they have been discriminated against or bullied to report it to university officials and reach an acceptable resolution. This system can be used to report perpetrators both known and unknown, as in the case of anonymous College ACB posts. Chaloea has looked at

this system implemented at a number of peer institutions, and the results have been overwhelmingly positive" Hooks said.

Associate Provost and Dean of Students Mark Bandas said he urges students to rise above malicious gossip.

"Our Community Creed is as an aspirational statement of our communal ideals. We expect civility in discourse. Refraining from participation in vicious forums or engaging in vicious communication sustains our community and our values," Bandas said. "On the proactive side, our Green Dots program provides instruction in community building and violence prevention skills."

The Green Dot program used the concept of a single moment in time when someone chooses to do something, to intervene, when they see or

hear something that isn't right. The moment is called a Green Dot.

College ACB came under new management in earlier this week. In a release dated on Jan. 24, former owner Peter Frank said he was selling his stake in the controversial website.

"I'm proud of the growth of the site under my watch — from use at only a few schools, to the largest college anonymous confession board in the world, with over 20 million monthly page views from over 400,000 unique visitors," Frank wrote. "Mostly, though, I'm proud of the occasions when the site has helped people share feelings and discuss sensitive topics in a sincere fashion that might not otherwise have been possible."

Frank said he knows the new managers share his goal of raising the level of discourse on the site.

"We've certainly had our

share of controversy, but we've responded to users and have deleted over 30,000 posts, while preserving the site's essential identity as an open anonymous forum," Frank wrote.

Bandas said students receiving threats of physical harm or are being harassed by cyber bullies have options through the criminal justice system and the university.

"We have a number of resources available to help students who are experiencing cyberbullying," Bandas said. "Project Safe is a good starting point and can help coordinate support and services."

Project Safe is a coordinated campus-wide effort aimed at education, prevention, and response services for Vanderbilt students, faculty, and staff affected by sexual assault, intimate partner abuse, and stalking. To contact project safe, call (615) 936-7273. ■

VANDY VENTURES: Apps pose challenge

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the University of Missouri, saw the need for an uncomplicated system to supply information to prospective homebuyers and apartment hunters. NearBuy, a free iPhone application with more than 250,000 downloads since its release in March 2009, is the product designed to solve this problem.

The invention sparked controversy when university lawyers abruptly demanded a 25 percent ownership stake and two-thirds of any profits.

"We were incredibly surprised and intimidated at the same time," Brown said. "You're facing an institution hundreds of years older than you and with thousands more people. It was almost like there were no other options than to give in."

Missouri relented in Brown's case. It also wrote rules explicitly giving student inventors the legal right to their unique ideas developed under specific circumstances. If the invention came from a school contest, extracurricular club or individual initiative, the university keeps its hands off. If the student invention came about under a professor's supervision, using school resources or grant money, then the university can assert an ownership right — just as it does for faculty researchers.

No estimate exists on the number or value of student inventions or apps on the market. The Association of University Technology Managers and other industry groups don't track the number of schools that have defined legal protections for student inventors. But technology managers at Missouri and elsewhere suggest the argument for protecting student rights is growing.

"We need to be able to adopt policies that reflect our culture,"

said Chris Fender, director of technology management and industry relations at the Columbia campus.

The financial stakes in campus-born inventions are substantial enough that faculty members and universities periodically wind up in lawsuits over them. But Missouri and some other universities are hoping that giving students more rights, along with other incentives to invent, will make the institution more attractive to young entrepreneurs.

Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh sponsors a project that offers off-campus incubator space, faculty guidance and institutional support to student entrepreneurs who have created dozens of new businesses in recent years. The program recently earned the Pittsburgh school a \$100,000 award from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation in Kansas City.

Yale University is also trying to promote student entrepreneurship.

"We had a great many students trying to create their own inventions, but we really hadn't paid them much attention," said Jim Boyle, director of the Yale Entrepreneurial Institute. "It's not just the faculty, and the things they create in the labs."

Since its start in early 2007, the Yale University student club has helped launch more than 40 businesses, raised \$25 million for start-up costs and led to the creation of 90 full-time jobs in New Haven, New York and Boston, Boyle said.

"We're learning as much from the students as they're learning from us," Boyle said. ■

—The Associate Press contributed to this article.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Presidential debate highlights differences between campaigns

LIZ FURLOW
Staff Writer

Two large banners hung in the foyer of The Commons Center on Wednesday night in support of the candidates for the Vanderbilt Student Government presidential election.

The fourth annual VSG Presidential Debate, sponsored by The Vanderbilt Hustler, brought candidates Zye Hooks and Adam Meyer, along with their respective running mates, Kate Goudge and Maryclaire Manard, together to present their platforms and answer questions about their campaigns.

Moderator and Hustler News Editor Kyle Blaine stood between the opponents and opened the debate by allowing each of the opposing sides three minutes to introduce themselves to the audience and present the basics of their platform before questioning began.

Hooks began by stating his and Goudge's goal to place Vanderbilt above VSG by transforming the culture of the organization to allow for more student involvement in the future.

"VSG has come to be synonymous with VIP," said Hooks. "But Kate and I want to make it more open and accessible."

Vice-presidential candidate Manard then introduced herself and Meyer and stated their commitment to real results from VSG, focusing on the areas of student life, campus service, classroom and community.

"Our combined five years of experience in VSG have gained us an intense

network of student leaders and administrators around campus that will allow us to achieve our goals," Manard said.

During the debate, Meyer spoke of his commitment to service through his plan to publish course evaluations and enact Syllabi Central, two changes which would help students select courses during registration.

Hooks focused on the uniqueness of his platform by emphasizing his focus on accountability and making VSG more open by creating Traveling Office Hours, an idea that obligates VSG to make an active effort to talk to students instead of waiting for students to come to VSG.

A particularly salient topic for both of the candidates was that of the restructuring of VSG, and what those changes would mean for Vanderbilt students.

"The student body needs to have direct access to VSG," Hooks said. "We need to bring other decision makers to the table, and fill Senate seats and Cabinet positions with student organization leaders, who would act as go-betweeners of VSG and the community."

Meyer focused his response on the separate issue of the apathy of the student body surrounding VSG.

"We're here and we're listening," said Meyer. "We ask you: What do you want from us? Real results. We hear your voices, and we'll act upon them."

The applause and cheers that followed each campaign's closing remarks marked the disparity between the support of the teams in the debate. Supporters for Meyer and

Manard greatly outnumbered those who came for Hooks and Goudge, an uncomfortable situation that both teams smiled at and ignored.

Students stayed after to discuss the debates and the campaigning ahead.

"(Hooks and Goudge) did a really great job of addressing the issue of disconnect between VSG and the student body," said senior Ekow Ankumah, who supports Hooks and Goudge.

Lauren Holroyd, a Chi Omega sorority sister and supporter of Manard, talked of the positive points of the debate.

"It was really helpful for people who might not have known about the platforms of the two candidates," Holroyd said.

Polls will open online at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 3, and will close on Friday, Feb. 4, at 12 p.m. The results will be announced 20 minutes after polls close in the Sarratt Promenade. ■

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LETTER

The Vanderbilt Green Fund

To the editor:

Vanderbilt students: This is our time. As President Obama told us in his State of the Union address last Wednesday: "This is our generation's Sputnik moment." Our country is struggling, lacks jobs and depends on dwindling sources of energy that threaten our economic development, national security and climate system. To ensure a prosperous and peaceful future for humanity, we must invest in energy efficiency and clean energy today. So, let's start here at home, with the Vanderbilt Green Fund and be part of the national college movement to create environmentally sustainable campuses.

This is our moment — for engineering students to construct alternative power, for economics students to measure the price of energy, for HOD majors to organize behavioral change, right here on campus. It's time to support Vanderbilt University's mission for "scholarly research, informed and creative teaching, and service to the community and society at large" through the Vanderbilt Green Fund.

The Vanderbilt Green Fund would provide up-front capital for environmental sustainability projects on campus. Any student could propose a project to reduce energy consumption and save money. You could pitch a laundry appliance replacement project to increase energy efficiency, solar panels on Sarratt to generate sustainable energy or a behavioral campaign encouraging students to take shorter showers in residence halls. Students will conduct financial analyses to prove the repayment of projects from energy savings and we will publicize all this outstanding work. The opportunities are endless and will provide us with the skills we will need in the future economy.

We are going to enter the workforce to a flourishing green job market and, hopefully, a nation that uses 80 percent clean electricity by the time we're in our 40s. In just a few weeks, Obama will send a bill to Congress for clean energy research. The country is divesting in oil, as the former chairman of Shell Oil admits, "(it is) clear that there is not much chance of finding any significant quantity of new cheap

oil." Hundreds of universities realize this and have already implemented successful green funds, including eight schools in Tennessee.

The green fund model has proved to bring immediate economic benefits. Harvard University's Green Loan Fund has a median return on investments of 27 percent, compared to my bank account, which earns 0.64 percent interest. After just five years, projects have saved Harvard about \$3.8 million per year. A green fund would help trim Vanderbilt's \$37 million energy bill.

Along with timely and economic reasons for a green fund, Vanderbilt students have already shown support. According to 803 students surveyed by Students Promoting Environmental Awareness and Responsibility (SPEAR), representing 11.6 percent of the undergraduate population and all majors, more than 75 percent of students agree that Vanderbilt has a duty to invest in environmental sustainability, improve energy efficiency and invest in clean energy; 77 percent would also be willing to increase student fees to fund these initiatives.

Further, many faculty members support this student environmental action. Professor John Geer, chair of the Political Science Department said, "Both Democrats and Republicans understand climate change is an important issue that will affect everyone, and are searching for ways to solve the problem." The administration has responded, promising \$75,000 toward a green fund, and is currently working with SPEAR and Vanderbilt Student Government to negotiate an appropriate structure for this fund.

Vanderbilt students, this is our generation's moment. Think like creative entrepreneurs, and send your ideas to SPEAR. "We'll fund the Apollo projects of our time," the president stated on Wednesday. And I believe that we, too, will fund the timely sustainability projects of our time here at Vanderbilt. With the Vanderbilt Green Fund, we'll help our nation take off to a bright and prosperous future.

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State of the Union



KATIE DES PREZ
Columnist

What an incredibly revealing State of the Union address we heard on Tuesday. The speech was not only a reminder to me of everything I appreciate about President Obama, but also of the strange moment our country finds itself in as this year begins. While Obama's speech was a call for our country to look toward the future, it also contained reverberations of the political discourse of our past, reminding us that no matter how much progress we make, our country has a basic narrative we love to fall back on.

The most immediate moment in the past to which Obama's future-focused address brought me back was his candidacy and election. Despite some of the differences in his message, President Obama made me think again about candidate Obama and why I voted for him in the first place. I won't even feign political neutrality when I talk about Obama; he's wonderful. He is smart, has a flair for the symbolic without being kitschy, is a great negotiator, speaks beautifully (and comically, when appropriate) and is not afraid to wax philosophical. Also, his gray hair is dignified, and I still have a president crush on him. Yes, Obama has lofty ideals, which came through in his speech yesterday, but I think you need those to be president. At the same time though, Obama has shown he has the capacity for practical compromise. Even though the presidency surely has more ability than any other job to turn the officeholder into a cynic, he keeps making progress on his agenda.

How interesting, then, that for all of the refreshing things that our president has to say, some of the most tired themes of our political

discourse also crept into the State of the Union. On one hand, key words in the address (aside from jobs, jobs and more jobs) were Facebook, Google and the Internet. I doubt computer technology has ever had such an important public political platform, and its centrality to Obama's speech on the United States' future prospects would make one think the address was all about "out with the old, in with the new." On the other hand, though, our country's favorite fallback line was also central to the address: We are a nation of winners, and we will kick the other countries' asses.

The thread holding the State of the Union address together was that the U.S. will "win the future." The way the future was cast in Obama's speech, one would think it is some kind of patriotic video game where the big, bad boss is Hu Jintao and an army of scientifically inclined tiger babies. Usually, I would expect Obama's intellectual streak to inspire more thoughtful rhetoric. Part of what we heard on Tuesday was philosophical: Who knows what the future holds? The other half, though, was pure American aggressiveness: Whatever the future holds, we'll beat you at it!

In all likelihood, Obama was just responding to the country's real need for reassurance. Our sluggish economy surely can make us feel like a nation of losers, and in his typical fashion, Obama put a nation's emotional tone to words with great accuracy. I wish his message had been more nuanced, though, and more of a testament to his skill of traversing grey areas.

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THE VERDICT

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

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| Michelle Bachmann | | Conservative loony bin and Republican Congresswoman Michelle Bachmann decided to give her own "Tea Party" response to the State of the Union, not content with the Republican Party's chosen rebutter, Paul Ryan. One of the many problems: She looked into the wrong camera for the entire speech. Either that or she is actually possessed by the spirits of the original Tea Partiers. |
| Girl Scout cookies | | Somehow, this announcement didn't make the cover of The New York Times, but it should have. The Girl Scouts are cutting the varieties of cookies they produce from 11 to six. While Thin Mints aren't affected by the cuts, The Verdict's favorite (Dulce de Leche) will be no more. We can't even make a joke about this — we are too shattered. |
| Freshman budgets | | The budgets of college freshmen these days are getting tightened by parents, increased costs and, according to the Los Angeles Times, rave parties. The Times got hold of a letter USC's student body president wrote to students, encouraging them to refrain from purchasing ecstasy and attending raves. And you thought Lori Murphy's e-mails were interesting. |

COLUMN

The Chomsky defect

MIKE DURAKIEWICZ
Columnist

Should you be inclined to take a course in English literature taught by Professor Robert Barsky, you'll be required to purchase a copy of "The Chomsky Effect." Rest assured that I write this piece with you, the inquisitive young scholar, in mind; that is, I intend to save you \$29.95. I hope you kept that receipt.

The aim of the book is outlined on the back cover, in the form of faint praise from other professors, presumably asked for by the author: "'The Chomsky Effect' by Robert Barsky is a magnificent book showing Chomsky as the leading linguist of our time, the philosopher whose analytic powers and prophetic vision are unparalleled, yet matched only by his moral and ironic outrage." Such commentary reveals that the party providing it neglected actually to read the book beyond the first couple of pages, as it contains no discussion of linguistics. It is therefore no surprise that Barsky's colleague slyly shifts from praising a book he hasn't read to praising the "analytic powers" and "prophetic vision" of the adored cult figure.

To understand why the aim of the book is corrupt, we must assimilate a few facts about Chomsky himself. Noam Chomsky rose to fame in the 1960's as a critic of the Vietnam War and an open supporter of Indochinese Communists. To Chomsky, the totalitarian regimes of Ho Chi Minh and Pol Pot were spontaneous democratic movements resisting domination by an imperialist United States. When the Communists turned to genocide, Chomsky first tried to deny the slaughter, later minimized the atrocities, and finally decided that if anything had actually happened, the US was to blame. For example, when the Khmer Rouge boasted of slaughtering 2 million people in 1976, Chomsky whitewashed the extent of the killings by writing that, "Deaths might only be in the thousands."

Imagine the benevolence of a regime whose body count lies, I repeat, only in the thousands! This bogus figure Chomsky fished out of official regime broadcasts, while subjecting widely accepted eyewitness accounts (e.g. Schanberg, Swain, Ponchaud, etc.) to ad hominem refutation. This is someone who sees the left-leaning New York Times as an organ of US imperialist propaganda.

The book reveals no inclination to deal with serious criticisms of Chomsky's work. Though the author claims not to "fall into the kind of blind worshipping that he (Chomsky) himself condemns," we are presented with what looks like a scrapbook, cooing with adoration for a figure whose actual substantive achievements are not sufficiently explained. The book shifts from discussing how rock bands such as the pornographic Rage Against the Machine dedicate concerts to Chomsky to likening Chomsky's personality to other ideological idols. At one point, the book fawns, "Noam Chomsky is a humble, decent person who speaks in a language that is informal and recognizable to most people, even when the subject matter is complex." I suppose that if one sees libelous ad hominem, academic fraud, and apologia for genocide as evidence of decency and humility, then one may eye Barsky's critique with some regard.

"The Chomsky Effect" is in no sense a serious analysis of Noam Chomsky's work and influence. It is, rather, a fawning serenade to the most disgraceful charlatan in American academia. As one of the half-dozen people who actually read the book, I would advise Mr. Barsky's students to grab their receipts and march right back in the bookstore.

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LIFE

FASHION

STYLE SPOTTER

Scarves in the city



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MARGAUX ANDREWS
Staff Writer

Not only providing extra warmth while walking to class in the frigid cold, scarves are also stylish accessories to complement any outfit. Lately, the “infinity” scarf has been a popular trend on college campuses. Fall runways incorporated scarves into the collections, including scarves at Rag and Bone, Moschino, Anna Sui, Alexander Wang and Peter Som.

When shopping for scarves, try to look for pieces that will make an outfit unique. Although bold, plain colors are essential to a wardrobe, try mixing up a look by adding scarves with fringe, sequins and distinctive details. A bold scarf adds more punch to an outfit, making it memorable. Another great way to add versatility when wearing a scarf is to tie the scarf in an unconventional way. Either knot a scarf at the top or let it hang loose, this accessory is versatile enough to work with any wardrobe. ■

MUSIC



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Cold War Kids release album

BEN RIES
Staff Writer

The release of the Cold War Kids' latest album, “Mine Is Yours,” has generated a lot of buzz among music lovers. Have the kids from California finally put together a great album? While “Mine Is Yours” starts off well, the answer is a definitive “no.”

The runaway success of their first album — 2006’s “Robbers and Cowards” — made the Cold War Kids easily the most popular indie rock group to produce moralistic story-songs, singing of the dangers of alcohol addiction, trustworthiness and redemption through the embracement of Christ. Their 2008 follow-up, “Loyalty to Loyalty,” mostly eschewed the smooth hooks and pop choruses, which empowered early hits like the terrific “Hang Me Up to Dry,” in favor of cluttered, sparsely-produced jazz excursions and frenetic political laments.

As with their two earlier albums, the songs on “Mine Is Yours” vary wildly in quality,

with all the best tracks in the first half of the album. The Cold War Kids are at their best when they focus their efforts to produce riveting rock anthems like “Mine Is Yours” and “Louder Than Ever,” which easily rank alongside earlier knockouts like “Meet Me In the Morning” and “Mexican Dogs.” The perfect partnership formed in the rhythm section by bassist Matt Maust and drummer Matt Aviero adds an epic feel to “Out of the Wilderness,” surpassed in excitement only by the uplifting clap-beat and strong melody of “Royal Blue.”

Unfortunately, “Mine Is Yours” falls flat when it slows down and embarks into the same lyrical pretension that marred the group’s earlier releases. The album’s second half is riddled with painfully literal lyrics (“My mom’s going out with my best friend’s dad”), overly simplistic rhymes (“They sold the house/ left the photo albums there/ no silverware/the walls were bare”), and obvious metaphors

(“Bulldozer runs right over us”). Nathan Willet’s Herculean vocal performances at least keep all the songs entertaining, but nobody can pull off cliched clunkers like “a sensitive kid starts acting like a grown-up.”

Despite the promise offered in the opening tracks, the Cold War Kids have once again failed to produce a consistently high-quality album. Tellingly, the Cold War Kids’ strongest release so far is 2010’s five-track “Behave Yourself EP,” where the succinct length prevented the Kids from having a chance to veer off course. Still, the Cold War Kids have more than enough music to put on a great live show — as those who saw them perform at last year’s Rites of Spring can attest to — and the songs that work on “Mine Is Yours” will likely translate well onstage. Watch out for their upcoming appearance at the Cannery Ballroom on March 28. But in the meantime, enjoy another five tracks of great music. ■

DEAN OF STUDENTS
OFFICE OF HOUSING AND RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION
Housing Selection Calendar 2011-2012

The dates are set and we are ready for this year’s Housing Selection Process! Currently enrolled, returning, single undergraduates will participate in the general random selection process for housing for the 2011-2012 academic year between March 15 and April 7. Listed below are the important dates and processes that you will need to know and attend.

Housing applications were accepted during the period of February 7-14. **If you have not yet applied for the housing assignment process, please do so immediately.** To apply, direct your Web browser to <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd> and follow the link to the upperclass housing application. Your Vunet ID and e-password are required for logging in to the application.

For detailed information about assignment policies and procedures, please consult *A Guide to the Housing Assignment Process: 2011-2012*. A downloadable version of the *Guide* can be found on our website www.Vanderbilt.edu/ResEd. For more information, visit our website at www.Vanderbilt.edu/ResEd. Students with questions should contact their Assistant Director or the Housing Office at (615) 322-2591. The following dates are important as you prepare for the random selection:

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| February 1 | Greek applications begin. Greek applications due by February 18, in Branscomb Quadrangle-room 4113, by 4:30 pm. |
| February 1 | Special Needs begins on February 1. Special Needs due February 11, in Branscomb Quadrangle-room 4113, by 4:30 pm. |
| February 2 | Mayfield and McGill applications due, Branscomb Quadrangle-room 4113, by 4:30 pm. |
| February 4 | McTyeire applications due, Branscomb Quadrangle, room 4113, by 4:30 pm. |
| February 7-14 | Online registration for housing selections 2010-2011 and off campus applications. Online registration for housing selections and off campus ends at 6:00 pm, on February 14. |
| February 11 | Special Needs due, in Branscomb Quadrangle-room 4113, by 4:30 pm. |
| February 18 | Greek applications due, in Branscomb Quadrangle- room 4113, by 4:30 pm. |
| February 23 | CCRE, LH, VIP, KXP applications due, Branscomb Quadrangle-room 4113, by 4:30 pm. |
| February 24 | Announce off campus decisions. |
| February 25 | KXP applications due |
| February 25 | Mayfield/ McGill/McTyeire notifications. |
| March 3 | Deadline to accept Mayfield/McGill/McTyeire. |
| March 4 | CCRE/LH/VIP notifications. |
| March 4 | Special Needs decisions. |
| March 4 | Deadline to decline off campus authorizations without penalty, in Branscomb Quadrangle, room 4113, by 4:30 pm. |
| March 15 | Apartment/Suite reservations, from 1:00-5:00 pm, Branscomb Quadrangle, room 4113. |
| March 16 | Online 6/3 person suite/apartment ballot process opens at 12:01 am. |
| March 17 | CCRE/LH/VIP acceptances due. |
| March 17 | Local Selections for upper-class residence halls: Carmichael Towers-6:00 pm-Formal Lounge Tolman-6:30 pm-TV lounge Cole-7:00 pm-TV Lounge Kissam-6:00 pm-Mims lobby Stapleton/ Lupton-7:00 pm-Housing Assignments Office |
| March 17 | Deadline for 6/3 person suite/apartment ballots. Online ballot process closes at 6:00 pm. |
| March 21 | Check OHARE Website (www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd) for 6/3 person suite/apartment posting at 6:00 pm. |
| March 21 | CCRE/LH/VIP selection events. All events at 7:00 pm in Branscomb Recreational Room. |
| March 21 | Mayfield/McGill/McTyeire selection events. |
| March 22 | 6/3 person suite/apartment selection event-Branscomb Recreational Room, 1:00-7:00 pm. |
| March 22 | Online 4/2 person apartment ballot process opens at 12:01 am. |
| March 23 | Deadline for 4/2 person apartment ballots. Online ballot process close at 6:00 pm. |
| March 25 | Check OHARE Website (www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd) for 4/2 Person Apartment ballot posting at 6:00 pm. |
| March 26 | Online upperclass ballots open at 12:01 am. |
| March 28 | 4/2 person apartment selection event-6:00-8:00 pm, Branscomb Recreational Room. |
| March 28 | Deadline for upperclass ballot process. Online ballot process closes at 6:00 pm. |
| March 29 | Online ballots for rising sophomore singles/doubles ballots open at 12:01 am. |
| March 30 | Check OHARE Website (www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd) for upper class ballots posting at 6:00 pm. |
| March 31 | Female upper class selection event for males and females in Branscomb Recreational Room: Vanderbilt/Barnard-5:30pm Branscomb Quadrangle-7:15 pm Kissam-6:00 pm Carmichael Towers-8:00 pm Cole-6:30 pm |
| March 31 | Deadline for rising sophomores singles/doubles process. Online ballot process closes at 6:00 pm. |
| April 1 | Male upper class selection event for males and females in Branscomb Recreational Room: Vanderbilt/Barnard-5:30pm Branscomb Quadrangle-7:15 pm Kissam-6:00 pm Carmichael Towers-8:00 pm Tolman-6:30 pm |
| April 4 | Check OHARE Website (www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd) for rising sophomore singles/doubles ballots posting at 6:00 pm. |
| April 6-7 | Rising Sophomore singles/doubles selection event-6:00-10:00 pm, Student Life Center. |

Live Chat

The VCC's new "Live Chat" service is now up and running, offering students a quick and easy way to chat online with Career Center representatives at times when the office is closed. Live Chat is offered every Sunday and Wednesday night from 8-10 PM.

UPCOMING CAREER EVENTS: ON CAMPUS INTERVIEWING:

- 1/30 Live Web Chat - 8-10pm
- 2/2 Live Web Chat - 8-10pm
- 2/3 Spring Engineering Industry Career Day
InfoSessions: Microsoft Corporation, National Instruments
- 2/6 Live Web Chat - 8-10pm
- 2/7 InfoSessions: Houston Independent School District, Peace Corps, Unum, Pattonville R-III School District
- 2/8 Nashville Area College Career Fair & Teacher Recruitment Fair
- 2/9 InfoSession: Gwinnett County Public Schools

Visit our webpage for more details on events and use CareerLink for more details about InfoSessions and other On Campus Recruiting activities.

Upcoming Application Deadlines:

- 1/30 Deloitte - Human Capital Analyst Summer Scholar
- DISH Network - Corporate Summer Internship
- 1/31 Bank of America Merrill Lynch Global Commercial Banking Summer Analyst Program
- Trane - Sales Engineer, Sales Engineer Intern
- 2/2 Piedmont Natural Gas - Summer Intern
- Regions - Management Assoc. Program
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SPORTS

■ TENNIS



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TAKE 2 with

ALEX ZOTOV and RACHAEL DILLON

Sports writer Brian Linhares sat down with senior tennis standouts Alex Zotov and Rachael Dillon for this week's edition of "Take Two." The two described their pregame rituals and their leadership roles on the team.

| QUESTION | RACHAEL DILLON | ALEX ZOTOV |
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| Looking back, what are your thoughts on this past fall's slate? | I think it went pretty well, but I don't really like the individual tournaments — you play your teammates. But it went pretty well overall. I think all our freshman did pretty well. Our seniors had a good season. Overall, it was a good thing, but I prefer the spring. | The fall went really well. I think it has one of the best fall (seasons) I have had — and the team has had — over the four years I have been here. We played really well in the tournaments. A lot of people won their tournaments in their divisions, and I think we're ready to start the season and win a lot of great matches. |
| What's your outlook on the spring schedule? | The spring is kind of cool because you can turn an individual sport into a team sport; you're playing in a line-up, and you've got teammates rooting for you. It's all of us against everyone else on the other school. So, it's kind of different, and it's much better, more exciting. It's more intense and nerve-racking. | People started practicing earlier, right when school ended in December. And we've been training a lot. I think, right now, everyone is ready to go. We've already played two matches this past week, on Saturday — we beat Lipscomb and Tennessee Tech. I think we're going to have a great season. |
| What advice do you have for youngsters, as both a senior and a leader? | When I was a freshman, I really looked up to the seniors, so I try to put myself in their shoes, when I was their age. It's difficult, trying to balance academics and tennis at the same time. It's a difficult phase, especially your first semester. The spring is a little bit easier because you're traveling a lot and you've got your teammates there with you. It's a different dynamic, but, definitely, the fall is when you have to look out for (the freshmen) and try to help them out where you can. | We currently have one freshman; his name is Blake Bazarnik. He is a great tennis player — he can be an all-American this year. As to how I directly influence him, (other seniors and I) try to do as much as we can on and off the court, so he can achieve his best academically. |
| How do you get "psyched up" for matches? | We have a routine that we warm up with right before the match. I try not to think about it too much, because I get nervous — I think everyone else does, too, so I try to stay relaxed and do the best I possibly can. | Usually, I get psyched up for matches by going into the locker room and getting the music going, getting loud. We have a special cheer before every single match, and we talk about every single person — something positive — and it brings up the attitude and emotions. |
| What's your favorite breakfast meal? | I would have to say a continental breakfast. I grew up in France, so maybe croissants and pastries and toast. Or, if I'm feeling adventurous, maybe an Irish breakfast of fried food. | I think Rand omelets are the best. I usually get them before I go to class every single morning. And, because I live in Tolman, it's not as bad to go and get breakfast there. |

■ BOWLING

Vandy ready to roll



VANDERBILT ATHLETICS

Josie Earnest (left) rejoins her younger sister Jessica and the Commodores as an assistant coach after a decorated four-year career. Vanderbilt won its first tournament of the year in Arkansas earlier this month.

DAN MARKS
Sports Writer

The Vanderbilt women's bowling team became the first team in school history to win a national championship in 2007. While they haven't won a championship since then, they have remained one of Vanderbilt's most competitive teams.

This season, they got off to a slow start, falling out of the national top 10, and they had a losing record heading into the Mid-Winter Classic before picking up their first victory at the tournament in Cabot, Ark., earlier this month.

Vanderbilt's first tournament of 2011 was a huge momentum builder for the team. Assistant Coach Josie Earnest — a former Commodore and sister of current bowler, sophomore Jessica Earnest — said, "We had a very disappointing first half of the season, and this was our first tournament back from break, and I thought the girls were incredibly focused and took care of business the way they knew how to."

The Commodores lost their first match of the tournament before reeling off 12 straight wins to top Central Missouri by only nine pins. Earnest and senior Samantha Hesley led the

Commodores, both throwing strikes in the ninth and 10th frames of the final match to will the team to victory. Not only did the tournament provide the Commodores with momentum, but it was also a sweet way to end a sad week.

Early last week, Harry Stoddard, the general manager of the team's practice facility, passed away, and the girls attended his funeral as a team, in addition to embroidering Harry on their sleeves. The team also shouted his name before leaving every huddle.

The team competed and finished second this past week in the Big Red Invitational in Lincoln, Neb. Assistant Coach Josie Earnest described the performance as such: "We had a tough start the first two days but really picked it up on the third day, which I thought was one of our best days of the year."

This weekend, Vanderbilt travels to Reading, Pa., for the three-day Kutztown Invitational, as the team looks to return to its championship trajectory.

"This team can definitely get to nationals, we have the talent and chemistry to advance really far this year," Earnest said. ■

This week in Vandy sports



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■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Jeffery Taylor scored 25 points, including a contested dunk off of a crucial steal of Brian Bryant with less than 20 seconds left in the game to help Vanderbilt secure its first conference road win of the season Thursday night with a 81-74 victory over Mississippi State. John Jenkins added 21 points for the Commodores on 5-of-11 shooting, and Festus Ezeli was perfect from the field on his way to a 14-point effort. The Commodores improved to 3-2 in Southeastern Conference play, while the Bulldogs dropped to 2-3. Ravern Johnson and Dee Bost combined for 37 points in 75 minutes of playing time for Mississippi State, who led by as much as nine in the second half. Jenkins scored nine points during a critical 12-0 Vanderbilt run that gave the visitors a 5-point lead with under five minutes left.



JUSTIN MENESTRINA/File Photo

■ MEN'S TENNIS

Vanderbilt's 2011 signing class received recognition as the No. 1 incoming class in the nation on Monday. This is the third straight year that Vanderbilt's recruiting class has ranked in the top 10 in the country. Two years ago, the 2009 recruiting class, headlined by top recruit Ryan Lipman, earned the No. 7 spot in tennisrecruiting.net's polls. South Carolina and Tennessee join Vanderbilt in the top five this year, as the two fellow Southeastern Conference schools finished third and fifth, respectively. The team travels to Palo Alto, Calif., this weekend for the ITA Kick-off, facing Nebraska in first round action on Friday. Last weekend, the Commodores defeated Tennessee Tech and Lipscomb at home in Nashville to open play in 2011.



BECK FRIEDMAN/File Photo

■ WOMEN'S TENNIS

Senior Keilly Ulery was named SEC Women's Tennis Player of the Week Wednesday, after her contributions in both singles and doubles play over the weekend. The Commodores edged No. 9 Northwestern, 4-3, on Friday as Ulery prevailed 7-5 in the third set of her No. 6 singles match. The senior dropped the first set, 1-6, but came back to win the second set, 6-4, forcing a decisive third set. Earlier on the afternoon, Ulery partnered with freshman Lauren Mira for a 8-4 No. 3 doubles victory.

BASKETBALL

QA with Lance Goulbourne

Asst. Sports Editor Reid Harris sat down with junior forward and SEC Basketball Player of the Week Lance Goulbourne on Tuesday. The two discussed his increased role on the team and his development as both a reliable scorer and dominant rebounder. Since the start of conference play, Goulbourne has led the SEC in rebounds per game.



CHRIS PHARE/The Vanderbilt Hustler

Junior forward Lance Goulbourne stepped into a starting role for the Commodores after Andre Walker suffered an ankle sprain in late December.

REID HARRIS
Asst. Sports Editor

VANDERBILT HUSTLER: What's it like for you to be named Southeastern Conference Player of the Week?

LANCE GOULBOURNE: It's a pretty big honor; it's my first time getting it. I have played pretty well throughout the week, and it's nice to get some recognition for the way I've played.

VH: You're the fourth Vandy player to be named POTW. What does that say about this team?

LG: It says we're pretty well balanced and we have a lot of good players. Any given day, somebody else can step up and play well for our team.

VH: What's the biggest difference for you between this year and last year?

LG: Probably my work ethic and my approach to the game. Last year, I didn't work as hard as I do now. This year, I'm working pretty hard and staying consistent. I've been pretty injury free this year as well. That helps. I'm a junior now, and I wanted to make sure I didn't go out not doing everything I could have.

VH: You're now leading the SEC in rebounding since SEC play started. How has your rebounding game changed over the past year?

LG: I don't think there's a huge difference. I play more, so I'm rebounding more since I'm in the game longer. My focus is to go get the ball. We've had some problems as a team rebounding the ball, and I want to change that.

VH: How big of a difference will having Andre Walker back have on the team?

LG: It will just give us another option. Andre has been our glue guy for the past two years. He does a lot of things for this team that go unnoticed. He's a great defender, great rebounder, great passer. When we get our whole team back healthy, it's going to be great.

VH: Coach Kevin Stallings has said he believes you can be the best offensive rebounder in the league. Do you have a difference in mentality going up for offensive and defensive rebounds?

LG: Defensive rebounding, I'm just trying to get the ball back. We don't want to give any teams second and third chance points — those are pretty hard to defend. Also, on offensive rebounds, we're trying to get second chance

points because they're equally hard to defend. I just try to attack the boards, get the ball and try to score.

VH: The team has been very good at home. How much does the atmosphere of playing at home with the fan support help?

LG: They call it a home court advantage for a reason. It's much easier to play at home when you have our crowd behind you. You have to be a little more touch and play with some smarts and savvy on the road. We should be a good road team this year. We've had some struggles and let some leads go, but I think we have that behind us now.

VH: You're known for your explosiveness and athletic ability. What do you think is the biggest part of your offensive game?

LG: I just try to be aggressive. The biggest part of my game is probably driving to the basket, creating driving lanes and getting to the rim or kicking it out to a teammate. I'm pretty quick. My first step can get by people.

VH: With the injuries, you've had to play the post quite a bit. What is it like playing with Steve and Festus?

LG: It's really not that much of a difference for me. I guard all different types of players. I can guard one through four, and with those guys out sometimes I do guard the five. But on offense, it's different. The guys might be bigger than me but I'm quick. I use my athleticism to my advantage. ■

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- Named SEC Player of the Week
- 8.8 pts/game
- 8.0 rebounds/game
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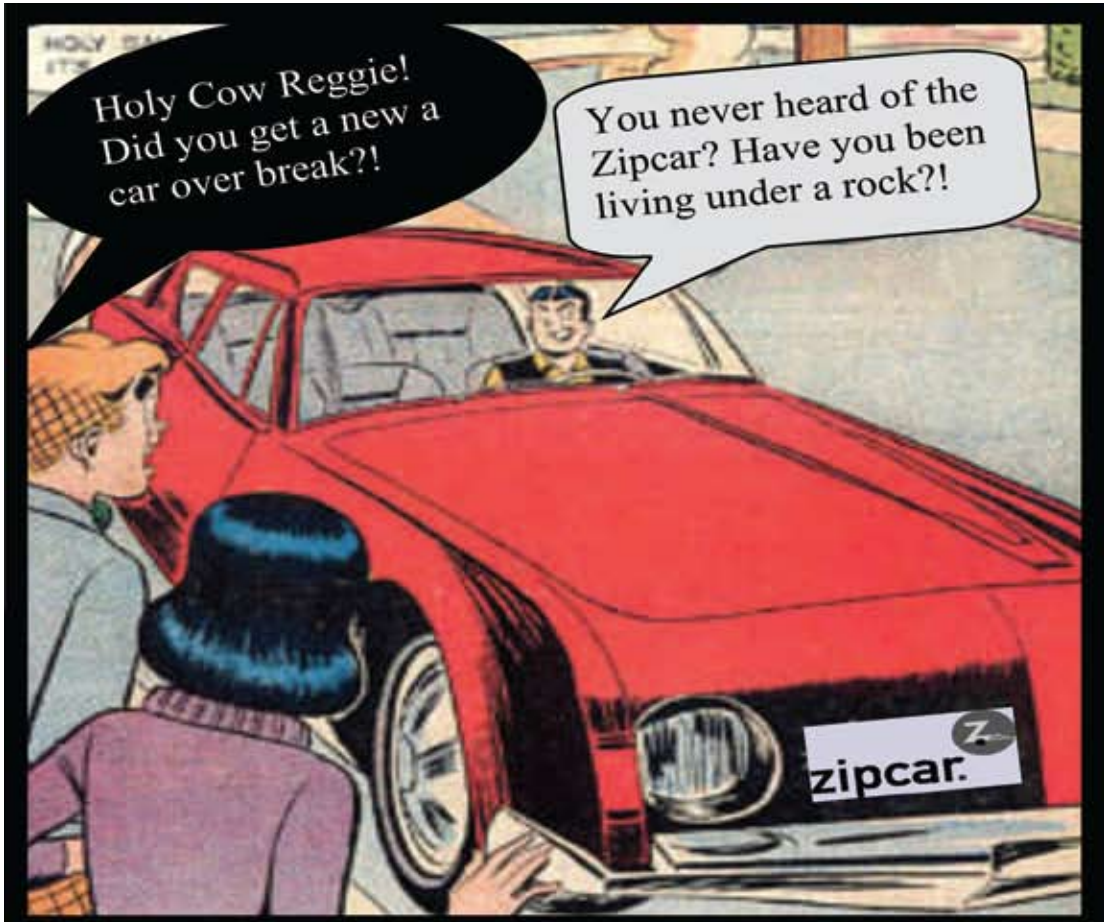
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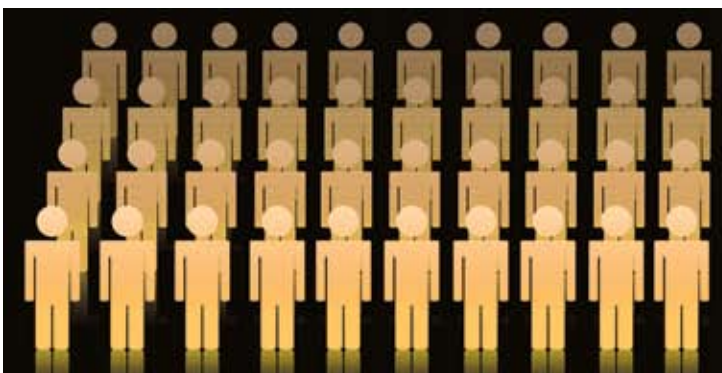


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