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CAMPUS NEWS

## Malcolm X's daughter discusses multiculturalism, father's legacy

KYLE BLAINE  
News Editor

Ambassador Atallah Shabazz, daughter of civil rights leader Malcolm X, spoke to the Vanderbilt community Thursday evening. In the talk entitled "Melting Pot: Cultural Diplomacy/Multi-National Patriotism," Shabazz spoke at length about portrayals of her father and multiculturalism today.

Talking about her multicultural roots as African, Carribean, Arabic and Native American, Shabazz said that embracing and identifying with all parts of one's heritage is important.

"We have to volumize who we are so somebody else doesn't compartmentalize who we are," Shabazz said.

Shabazz is the eldest of six daughters born to Betty Shabazz and Malcolm X Shabazz. She is a producer, writer and diplomat. Appointed as ambassador-at-large by the prime minister of Belize, she is an adviser on international cultural affairs and project development. She is currently completing her memoir titled "From Mine Eyes."

Shabazz has spent much of her career trying to clarify Malcolm X's message and clear up misconceptions about her father. Opening the discussion, Shabazz asked those in attendance to raise their hands if they felt they knew Malcolm X Shabazz.

One audience member stood and called him fearless.

"My father was courageous, but he was not without fear," Shabazz said. "He knew there was a larger purpose that he was working towards."

Three audience members asked Shabazz about the portrayal of her father in the 1992 film adaption of Malcolm X's life. According to Shabazz, director Spike Lee was not concerned with her father's history and did not respect her mother.

Shabazz also discussed her father's relationship with fellow civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., which has been portrayed in the media as antagonistic.

"(Malcolm X and MLK) were more than just friends," Shabazz said. "They understood each others importance."

According to Shabazz, MLK and her father did not always agree on message, but they did respect each other.

The Black Student Alliance and the Muslim Student Association sponsored the event, which was part of "Islamic Awareness Week," a series of lectures and events designed to clear up misconceptions that the media may have accidentally given the general public about Islam.

"I am very happy to have two minority organizations come together for a common purpose," said BSA President Gabrielle Westbrook.

MSA President Hana Nasr said she appreciated the turnout of the event.

"Through this event, we had the opportunity to bring together many minorities for on epurpose," Nasr said.

Islamic awareness week will come to a close on Friday with an open sermon at the All Faith Chapel at 12:20 p.m. where attendees will have the opportunity to observe the Friday prayer and get a firsthand look at the religious lives of Muslims. ■



CHRIS HONIBALL/ The Vanderbilt Hustler  
Ambassador Atallah Shabazz speaks to the Vanderbilt community about her father's legacy and multiculturalism.

CAMPUS NEWS

## Cole Hall evacuated after power outage

LUCAS LOFFREDO  
Staff Writer

A sprinkler leak in a mechanical room at Cole Residence Hall caused a building-wide power outage at about 2:30 p.m. Thursday. It lasted until about 7:45 p.m., when Vanderbilt's Office of Housing and Residential Education (OHARE) and campus electricians were able to resolve the issue.

"When this leak occurred water was in the mechanical room, and the fuses there to protect the equipment tripped, and that shut power off to the building" said OHARE Senior Director of Housing Operations Jim Kramka. "But we immediately got in, cleaned up the water and got electricians working on restoring power to the building, and this evening the power was on, the fire safety systems were working and the building was good to go."

Residents of the all-female dormitory were originally asked to leave the building for the night. They were left with a few lodging options, and they were given time to gather their necessary belongings.

"Someone from housing went around to all the doors and told us that there was an electrical issue," said Vanderbilt junior and Cole resident Andri Alexandrou. "Some people went home because they live nearby, everyone that I heard about got a room in Kissam ... My friend and I are actually staying in a hotel room."

An email allowing residents to return to Cole for the night was sent out after the power had been turned back on. They had the option of either going back or

remaining in their alternative housing for the night.

"We know people have some exams tomorrow or papers due tomorrow, so we want to be as flexible as we can for those students," Kramka said Thursday night. "They've been really wonderful. We've gotten a very positive response from the Cole residents."

Residents expressed some discontent at the way that OHARE handled the situation.

"I feel like for the inconvenience they caused us they could have done a lot more," Alexandrou said. "I had to run around a lot because they weren't operating as quickly as they were telling us they were going to. I understand because you never know these things are going to happen, but it wasn't perfect ... I was definitely upset earlier on today." ■



STEVE GREEN/ VU Media Relations

Cole Hall was evacuated Thursday afternoon due to a power outage caused by a faulty sprinkler.

COLLEGE NEWS

## Students given health insurance protections

LIZ FURLOW  
Staff Writer

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced a new regulation Thursday that will ensure that students enrolled in health insurance coverage through their college or university will be subject to the same consumer protections created by the Affordable Care Act.

Vanderbilt requires each student to carry adequate health insurance and provides Koster Insurance, billed to the student tuition invoice, to cover those needs. If students are already enrolled in a plan, they have the ability to waive the insurance online.

Student health plans are often purchased when family coverage is not available or is unaffordable. Approximately 1,500-2,000 institutions of higher education across the

country offer some type of health coverage; however, there is wide variation in what benefits are covered by these plans, as well as how they're regulated. The proposed regulation would ensure that students enrolled in these plans receive the same consumer protections as those received from individual health care coverage.

HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius envisioned a positive future for students using university insurance policies.

"Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, college students will have more control over their health care," Sebelius said. "This rule would ensure that these plans remain a viable, affordable option for students while guaranteeing that they are regulated consistently and offer transparent benefits to students."

The proposed changes will eliminate lifetime coverage

limits and will prevent insurance companies from dropping students based on accidental application errors or denying students coverage for pre-existing conditions.

On Wednesday, the Department of Health and Human Services sponsored a media advisory conference call for student reporters to discuss the new consumer protections for students under the Affordable Care Act.

Steve Larson, director for the Center for Consumer Information & Insurance Oversight, highlighted the health insurance problems faced by young adults.

"Too many college grads (are) not just worrying about finding a job, they're also worrying about how they are going to get health insurance," Larson said.

"Americans in their 20s are twice as likely to go without health insurance as the average American." ■

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Red Cross Nurses prepare to take blood from Vanderbilt students for the Vandy vs. UT Blood Drive.

## PEER REVIEW

Profiling an interesting student

by ALEXA SIMON

### JOYA HAMPTON

- Class of 2011, A&S
- Psychology/Spanish majors with a minor in Child Development
- From Little Rock, Ark.
- R.A. in Hank Ingram House
- Member of the Mu Rho Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



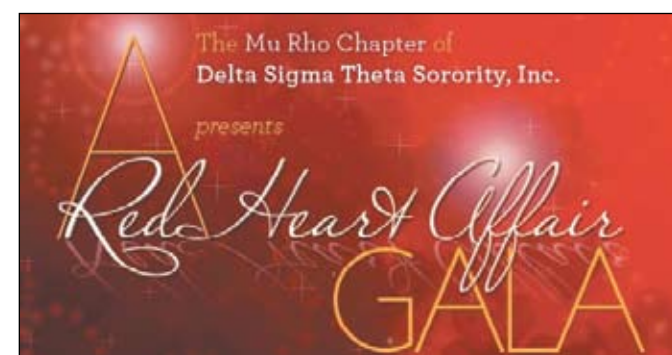
#### WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THE VANDERBILT COMMUNITY?

On Sunday, Delta Sigma Theta will be putting on the Red Heart Affair Gala. The beginning part of it will have appetizers, mingling and a silent auction. We'll have food from Olive Garden, and later, we'll have a speaker and a heart disease survivor. There will also be a live band.

#### WHY SHOULD STUDENTS ATTEND THE RED HEART AFFAIR GALA?

NPHC fraternities and sororities hardly ever put on big events like this. This is our first time doing this, and we're hoping for a diverse crowd. We're hoping it's going to grow throughout the years. All of the proceeds go to the Red Heart Association, which is our main cause. Our goal with this is to raise \$3,000.

Student tickets for the Red Heart Affair Gala are \$15, regular tickets are \$20 and a table of eight is \$150. You can buy them at the Sarratt Box Office, and attire is formal or semi-formal.



## FOOD & SHELTER

by LIZ FURLOW

### DINING LOVE

Vanderbilt Dining offers a few treats for Valentine's Day

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## Valentine's Day Dinner



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## NEED TO KNOW VANDERBILT



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

by VSC MEDIA SERVICES

### John Gore elected to National Academy of Engineering

John C. Gore, professor of radiology and biomedical engineering, has been elected as a member of the National Academy of Engineering for his contributions to the development and applications of magnetic resonance and other imaging techniques in medicine.

Gore is the director of the Center for Imaging Science at Vanderbilt and leads the institute by connecting discoveries in the basic sciences and engineering to applications in biology and medicine. Gore holds additional professorships in physics and molecular physiology and biophysics.

"In addition to his work as an outstanding scientist, John Gore at the same time has established a world-class center that is advancing the state-of-the-art in imaging science, providing engineers and scientists working at Vanderbilt with the tools they need to conduct breakthrough studies in a wide variety of areas, ranging from neuroscience to biomedical engineering. It is very satisfying to see his contributions recognized at the national level like this," said Chancellor Nicholas S. Zeppos. ■

### VU alumnus to seek Senate leadership position

Tennessee Sen. Lamar Alexander, a 1962 Vanderbilt alumnus, will vie for the No. 2 position in the Republican majority Senate that will be made vacant by the departure of Arizona Sen. Jon Kyl, who recently decided not to seek reelection, according to Politico.com.

Alexander will run for the whip position, an aide confirmed Thursday. His opponent is expected to be Texas Sen. John Cornyn. Many on Capitol Hill believe that Cornyn would run for the No. 2 spot and potentially be in a strong position to secure it if Republicans take back the majority in the 2012 elections.

Alexander currently is the No. 3 Republican in Senate leadership, serving as chairman of the Senate Republican Conference, which gives him the responsibility of crafting the party's message, according to Politico.com. Many GOP senators have praised Alexander's ability to stay on message and push back against the Democratic agenda, something that could help in a leadership race.

In the past, Alexander expressed interest in the whip job and ran once already for the spot after the 2006 elections — only to lose to then-Sen. Trent Lott by a single vote. ■

### Vanderbilt-pioneered fetal surgery procedure yields positive results

Results of a landmark, seven-year National Institutes of Health-funded trial demonstrate clear benefit for babies who undergo fetal surgery to treat spina bifida, the most common birth defect in the central nervous system.

The surgical procedure, in utero repair of myelomeningocele, was pioneered at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in 1997, with the first procedure performed on Corey Meyer of Mt. Juliet, Tenn., and her unborn son Daniel.

Enrollment in the trial was halted in December 2010, because researchers at the study's three trial sites — Vanderbilt, the University of California San Francisco and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia — found the procedure demonstrates significant benefit over the current standard of care, surgical repair after birth.

The findings, published in the Feb. 9 online issue of the New England Journal of Medicine, show babies who have corrective surgery for a serious form of spina bifida (myelomeningocele) while still in the uterus, experience a reduction in potentially life-threatening hydrocephalus and have an increased ability to walk.

"The results are very exciting and confirm what our surgeons and researchers found back in 1999," said John Brock III, surgeon-in-chief for the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, and principal investigator for the Vanderbilt site of the trial. ■

### Students meet in Nashville for green seminar

Fulbright students from 60 countries are meeting in Nashville this week for a seminar on the theory and practice of environmental sustainability.

The program that starts Thursday includes speakers from the U.S. Department of State, Vanderbilt University and the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The students will also be volunteering to do cleanup work along the Cumberland River and Radnor Lake.

Nashville is one of nine cities selected for the Fulbright seminar series called "Greening of the Planet." ■

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LOCAL NEWS

# Weary commuters ready for spring after more snow hits metro Nashville

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** — Weary road warriors in Tennessee are looking forward to a warmer weekend after yet another snowstorm fouled traffic.

The Thursday morning commute was treacherous in cities like Memphis, Jackson and Nashville after as much as 5 inches of snow accumulated Wednesday, followed by overnight lows that dropped into the single digits in some spots.

Meanwhile, a possible weather-related death was reported Thursday in Franklin, Tenn. Police said the body of 82-year-old Evelyn Powell was found in the snow outside a home near hers. According to WKRN-TV, she was last known to be at her home around 4 p.m. Wednesday.

While hundreds of drivers slid into ditches, guard rails or each other, the commuter agony was pumping up the

economy for some folks.

"I'm getting about two jobs a day from the weather due to sliding off into ditches and cars hitting things," said Jeff Davis, who owns Davis Body Shop in Union City. "We have actually gone from fixing deer hits to fixing snow hits. I guess I could say the weather is good for my business."

In Jackson, Gene's Tire & Wrecker Services had to add an extra driver after the snow started falling Wednesday.

"We always run three drivers 24/7 and we added a fourth one, once the snow hit," said Kim Latham, the manager.

The wait time stretched to about two hours at the height of the commute as the service took about 40 calls from stranded drivers.

"We had a lot of them that didn't have much damage and just needed to be pulled onto the road," she said.

Vehicles with more serious

damage were towed to body shops or stored at the wrecker lot for insurance adjusters to evaluate.

The National Weather Service said Thursday's sunshine wouldn't warm most places above freezing, but the weekend looked balmy by comparison.

Memphis forecasters expected 58 degrees by Sunday afternoon. Highs in the mid-50s were forecast for Sunday in Nashville, Knoxville and the Tri-Cities. Chattanooga should warm in to the upper 50s.

And beyond the weekend? "Better days are coming," said NWS forecaster Bobby Boyd in Nashville.

He expects highs in the capital city to reach 64 degrees by Thursday.

The state is also benefiting more from seasonal changes.

"We're a month and half from the vernal equinox," Boyd said. "The days are getting



CHRIS HONIBLL/The Vanderbilt Hustler

Snow blanketed campus Wednesday afternoon, leading to traffic delays and slippery sidewalks.

longer and the sun is getting higher in the sky.

That sets up the possibility of serious temperature swings.

Records show that one of the more dramatic came in 1996, when temperature extremes went from minus 3 on Feb. 5 to

65 on Feb. 10. "I'm ready to set out my tomato plants," Boyd wisecracked. ■

## ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

from THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**In 1812**, Massachusetts Gov. Elbridge Gerry signed a re-districting law favoring his party — giving rise to the term "gerrymandering."

**In 1858**, a French girl, Bernadette Soubirous (soo-bee-ROO'), reported the first of 18 visions of a lady dressed in white in a grotto near Lourdes. (The Catholic Church later accepted that the visions were of the Virgin Mary.)

**In 1929**, the Lateran Treaty was signed, with Italy recognizing the independence and sovereignty of Vatican City.

**In 1937**, a six-week-old sit-down strike against General Motors ended, with the company agreeing to recognize the United Automobile Workers Union.

**In 1945**, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin signed the Yalta Agreement during World War II.

**In 1960**, "Tonight Show" host Jack Paar stunned his audience by walking off the program in a censorship dispute with NBC. (Despite his very public resignation, Paar returned to the Tonight Show less than a month later.)

**In 1971**, the Seabed Arms Control Treaty, which banned placement of weapons of mass destruction on the ocean floor beyond a 12-mile limit, was signed in Washington, London and Moscow.

**In 1975**, Margaret Thatcher was elected leader of Britain's opposition Conservative Party.

**In 1979**, followers of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini (hoh-MAY'-nee) seized power in Iran.

**In 1990**, South African black activist Nelson Mandela was freed after 27 years in captivity. ■

CAMPUS NEWS

## Brief: Vanderbilt Medical Center joins international Alzheimer's project

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** — Researchers at Vanderbilt University Medical Center have joined an international project to discover and map all genes relating to Alzheimer's disease.

Dr. Jonathan Haines, director of the Vanderbilt Center for Human Genetics Research, said it is a "fantastic opportunity" for the Nashville school to participate in a worldwide effort to understand the mysteries of the disease.

The project will initially compare the genetic data of more than 20,000 Alzheimer's patients with about 20,000 healthy elderly subjects. As the study progresses, 10,000 additional people with Alzheimer's and the same number of healthy elderly subjects will be added.

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, neurodegenerative disorder that is fatal and has no cure. ■

## Jessica Jackley talks social entrepreneurship



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Jessica Jackley, co-founder of Kiva.org, a website that provides financial services to the poor, speaks in Langford Wednesday night.

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■ CULTURE

# Valentine's Day

## List

The Life staff has compiled its Valentine's Day list – first for cynics and then for romantics. Below is a list of what to do, what to wear, what to give and what to listen to if you are in the throngs of a new romance or ridin' solo.

## If You Are Taken



CHRIS HONIBALL/ The Vanderbilt Hustler

### Where to go

**OLIVIA KUPFER**  
Life Editor

Do you want to gaze into your significant other's eyes under the cover of near-darkness? How about escaping the hectic world of papers and fraternity parties in the isolation of an intimate booth? If you said yes, then venture to Patterson House, the prohibition-era drinking den located on Division Street.

Your sweetheart is sure to be impressed with knowledge of various sophisticated liquors — drinks at Patterson are made with champagne, whiskey, or gin — but also the expensive price tag. Every romantic knows the cardinal rule: You have to spend some to get some. And if that formula doesn't work, a couple of drinks will.

A tip: Arrive to Patterson on the early or late side since this lounge is busiest around 8 p.m.

### What to gift

**LEX ARDELJAN**  
Asst. Life Editor

Regardless of spring break on the horizon, chocolate is still the way to a woman's heart.

And what better way to demonstrate propriety and old-fashioned, southern manners than to give "southern artisan chocolate" that is "hand crafted, slow roasted, and stone ground."

Olive and Sinclair Chocolate Co., located in Nashville, is the perfect stop for someone you're sweet on. The chocolatier was founded in 2009 and has quickly become the creme de

la creme of candy in the city. The company says its chocolate is a "combination of traditional methods, modern European technique and classic southern flavors."

Whether looking for single-bean 67 percent cocoa from Ghana or 75 percent cocoa from the Dominican Republic, Olive and Sinclair is a way to make this Valentine's Day that much sweeter.

Purchase Olive & Sinclair at Hillsboro Village's Fido or on-campus at the Commons' Munchie Mart.

### What to wear

**CAROLINE SESSOMS**  
Staff Writer

A date night with a special someone calls for festive attire.

Don't be afraid to wear some red!

Although it's fine to embrace the holiday spirit, don't don an all-out pink, red and hearts ensemble. Instead, a classic dress

(in a shade to compliment your particular complexion — orange-red for fairer skin tones and purple-red for darker skin tones) is a wonderful option.

Pair the red dress with some on-trend neutral pumps for a look that is subtly sexy and perfect for a special night.

### What to listen to if..

**KYLE MEACHAM**  
Asst. Life Editor

**...things are still in their infant, infatuation stage**

"Weekend" — The Smith Westerns  
"Weekends are never fun, unless you're around here too."

**...you are ready to progress to the next level of adoration**

"I Saw Lightning" — Telekinesis  
"Watching raindrops stream down on the windowsill, let's be in love."

**...you desire to seduce your date with some passionate violin riffs**

"Why?" — Andrew Bird's Bowl of Fire  
"You'll get your punishments when you show me your crimes."

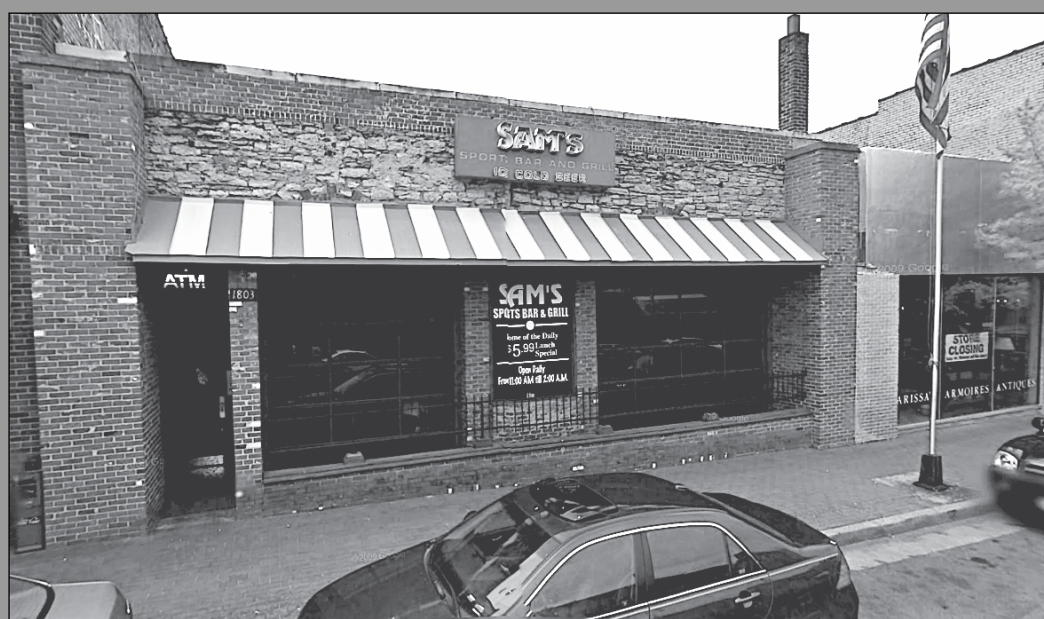
**...you want to extend gratitude toward your significant other**

"My Favourite Book" — Stars  
"I never knew there was someone to make me come alive."

**...your romance is long distance**

"Darling, Please Come Home" — Math and Physics Club  
"And I have no doubts you're still angry, but baby we can work this all out."

## If You Are Single



### Where to go

**DAVID SCHUMAN**  
Staff Writer

Monday is Valentine's Day, the dreaded Hallmark holiday that only exists to serve the lucky few that happen to be in a happy, committed relationship. On Monday, I don't want anything to do with those people, and I will assume that neither do you, because to me, you are all single. Misery loves company.

The question then becomes: "What you are going to do to get away from your roommate and his attached-at-the-hip girlfriend?" (In fact, their inseparableness has gotten to the point where it's hard to tell them apart.)

Why not make Valentine's Day a guy's night, where the only girls you have any interest in talking to are the cute bartenders that you have no shot with? For all the single guys out there, I give you Sam's Sports Bar and Grill located in Hillsboro Village.

Sam's is a 21-and-up establishment with plenty of televisions for all sports-viewing pleasure.

It's a great place to go watch Monday evening's two great college basketball matchups. First at 6 p.m., No. 17 Syracuse takes on Big East rival West Virginia. Syracuse has been struggling lately but bounced back with a statement win against National Player of the Year candidate Kemba Walker and UConn. Then, at 8 p.m., Kansas takes their No. 2 ranking on the road to take on Kansas State in the latest edition of their annual in-state rivalry.

We all know, though, that it's more fun to watch sports with the boys when you are having a few drinks. At Sam's, keep it simple: Irish Car Bombs and Firebombs. These explosive drinks will definitely liven up the night and take your mind off all those good-for-nothing girls. On Monday night, the special Valentine's Day two-for-one drink promotions should also do the trick.

This Valentine's Day, head to Sam's for an evening without candle-lit dinners, Russell Stover chocolates and pink teddy bears.

### What to gift

**OLIVIA KUPFER**  
Life Editor

Since you aren't buying a gift for anyone else this holiday, gift yourself with

a liquor-induced haze and debauchery. What to drink? Beer.

"We offer the best two-for-one beer specials in Nashville. Our best beers on tap are the Yazoo Pale Ale and the Yazoo Dos Perros, both Nashville-brewed," said Sam's Sports Bar and Grill bartender Jessi Morrow.



### What to wear

**CAROLINE SESSOMS**  
Staff Writer

As stylist Rachel Zoe says, "shut-it-down attire" is required for

a Valentine's night on the town with girlfriends. Planning and styling your perfect Valentine's

Day outfit in advance is wise. The demure combination: a sexy, sequin dress, black platform pumps and black sheer tights. This look will attract just the right amount — and the right kind — of attention.

### What to listen to if..

**KYLE MEACHAM**  
Asst. Life Editor

**...you are dying to start something with someone you are crazy about**

"Please, Please, Please Let Me Get What I Want," — The Smiths  
"For once in my life, let me get what I want. Lord knows, it would be the first time."

**...you are optimistic about your future romantic endeavor**

"Hell of a Life" — Kanye West  
"Grab my hand and baby, we'll live a hell of a life."

**...you are perfectly content in your individuality...**

"Ramblin' Man" — The Allman Brothers Band  
"When it's time for leaving, I hope you understand."

**...you are absolutely fed up with your recent ex...**

"Next Girl" — The Black Keys  
"It was a painful death, but I've got a second chance."

**...you have entered a peaceful, romantic form of nostalgia about your past relationship...**

"No Woman, No Cry" — Bob Marley and the Wailers  
"Good friends we've had, good friends we've lost along the way."

■ CAMPUS CULTURE

## Vanderbilt visiting writers series

**BEN RIES**  
Staff Writer

Bookworms and fans of quality literature should check out the Gertrude and Harold Vanderbilt Visiting Writers Series. The university-sponsored series brings dozens of current writers to campus each year to lead question-and-answer sessions and read from their work. Events take place on Thursdays at 7 p.m. in Buttrick, Furman or Wilson Hall and are free for students and open to the public.

According to Master of Fine Arts and TA Graduate Assistant Margaret Quigley, the events attract large and

diverse crowds.

"We get people from all over Nashville: senior citizens, Vanderbilt undergraduates, graduate students, kids from the local high schools — a lot of people benefit," Quigley said. These presentations are primarily for graduate students in Creative Writing and members of the Nashville community who want to hear readings from talented writers."

The program has attracted great speakers since its creation on campus decades ago.

"It's been around in various forms for at least 50 years," said English

Professor Kate Daniels, who teaches in the Creative Writing and Master of Fine Arts Program. Endowment money left by Gertrude Vanderbilt provides most of the current funding.

The typically well-attended events offer wonderful opportunities to learn firsthand from accomplished writers, but the positive influence of the series is not limited to the readings and Q&A sessions. The program also arranges for writers to have dinner with Creative Writing faculty members and to meet with graduate students in the program to share their experiences and offer advice.

"I believe everyone this semester is getting into classrooms in some form or another," Daniels said.

The writers from this semester's lineup will represent a variety of genres and perspectives. One evening not to miss is a presentation by Director of the Creative Writing Program Mark Jarman, who will be reading selected poetry, including excerpts from his new book "Bone Fires" in Wilson 126 on Thursday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m.

Additional upcoming highlights include the March 30 reading by Bobby Ann Mason, whose works are considered instrumental in instigating the 'New South' movement in fiction, and appearances on April 7 by poet Ciaran Carson and Director of the Poetry Society of America and former

New Yorker Poetry Editor Alice Quinn.

The fall 2011 series is set to begin with a bang. The first event of the new semester will feature two winners of 2010 National Book Awards — Terrance Hayes, winner of the poetry prize for his poem "Lighthouse," and Jaimy Gordon, winner of the fiction prize for the novel "Lord of Misrule." Hayes and Gordon are scheduled to present on Thursday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m.

More information about the Visiting Writers Series, including a complete list of this semester's speakers, can be accessed by contacting Martha Quigley at [creativewriting@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:creativewriting@vanderbilt.edu) or by visiting the series' website at <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/creativewriting/gertrude-harold-vanderbilt-visiting-writers-series>. ■

## SPORTS

■ FOOTBALL

# QA with Head football coach James Franklin



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James Franklin spoke with The Hustler earlier this week about his success in the first two months of his tenure as Vanderbilt's head football coach.

**Sports Editor Meghan Rose sat down with head football coach James Franklin to discuss the aftermath of National Signing Day, how his days as a college quarterback have influenced his coaching mentality, and the next steps he plans to take to develop Vanderbilt's football program.**

**VANDERBILT HUSTLER:** With signing day over and your coaching staff in place, what are you planning to do in the next month to keep building your staff and your program?

**JAMES FRANKLIN:** The next month really is a time for us to start working on our program and our players here. I'm excited because it gives me the opportunity to get to know the guys that are already on our roster. The day I got hired was the last day of exams, and they were going on break. Once they got back on campus, we were running around recruiting and not really on campus very often. It gives us the chance to get to know our players. We had our first morning workout (Wednesday) from 5:45 to 6:45, and it was like chaos. They responded really well to it. Now, we're breaking up offense and defense, putting our playbooks together and getting organized for spring ball. It's really (about) the specific, hands-on football development and making sure everyone understands the message I want.

**VH:** Can you describe the success of signing day, and also how you felt that the community received that night's celebration event?

**JF:** Looking at signing day overall, we were able to do something new. I think we had success and were able to do some really good things. I

think we finished really strong. The signing day celebration, all the different things we did and the website, I think that went really well. Being able to get the campus and the community involved in that was important. We went around to the sororities and the fraternities and invited them. We had a pretty good response — especially with the fraternities because there was free food. We need to do as many new things as we can do to get people excited around here. I had a lot of people come up to me and tell me that they had lost hope, and now hope is back. There's an excitement right now and electricity to what we are doing. It's just one step, and we have a lot of steps we are going to have to take to change the culture here and develop the type of program that we want. I really think we're heading in the right direction; we just need to continue to keep people involved and keep people excited.

**VH:** You've had previous coaching relationships with a number of the offensive and defensive coaching hires you've made. Can you talk about the diverse perspectives that these coaches will bring to Vanderbilt?

**JF:** There's a level of trust that I have with these guys that I've known for a long time. This isn't an easy job. We work a lot of hours, so you better have a group of guys that work well together. You don't want everyone to be the same because you want them to complement each other. But I'm looking for the same core values. I'm looking for smart guys, I'm looking for aggressive guys, and I'm looking for guys that are hungry and excited to be a part of something really special. This is a big challenge, but it's also a big opportunity. They are the type of people that I've surrounded myself with. Some people

would view our staff as young, but look at their experience. Some people would say I'm young, but I've coached at every level. I've coached in the NFL, I've been around a lot of different conferences and schools and I've had success. That's really the same with my staff. I want a bunch of enthusiastic, passionate, smart, great communicators and educators. I want guys who are going to represent this university, our program and this community the right way. I feel really good about we've put together.

**VH:** With Vanderbilt's high academic standards, you have to recruit a unique type of student-athlete. How do you hope to continue strong recruiting in the future?

**JF:** (The players) we're going to recruit here are the best and the brightest in this country. If you look at some of the models, like Stanford and Northwestern, what's nice is that you've got Stanford the whole way over on the west coast, and you've got Northwestern in the middle of the country. We have the chance to do something really special in the southern part of the United States, and we play in the best football conference. There are a lot of things that are going to be very attractive. We're going to attract a very specific population of kids and families — kids that don't want to settle, kids that want to play big time college football, want to get a world-class education and live in one of the greatest cities in America.

**VH:** How have your days as a college quarterback influenced your coaching mentality and the way you approach the recruiting and developing of players in that particular position?

**JF:** There are a lot of guys who have been successful at coaching the position without playing it, but

I think it helps. There's just some aspects of the game that maybe you've seen or watched or read about, but unless you've actually played the position, you might not know what to do. Whenever you can tell a story, because we all know that's what life is about, it can really help you in recruiting. The fact that people can see a history of success, there's a trend there, it is going to be attractive.

**VH:** With your most recent coaching experience at Maryland, you've gotten the opportunity to see a true football culture in action. Will your prior coaching experiences at various levels influence how you approach changing the football culture here at Vanderbilt?

**JF:** I think all of my experiences — my experience at Washington State in the Pac 10, my experience at Kansas State in the Big 12, my experience with the Green Bay Packers in the NFL, and my experience most recently at Maryland — allowed me to tell my story during the interview process. At Maryland and under Ralph Friedgen, we went to seven bowl games in the past ten years. While we were there, we were able to help change that culture. I said the same thing to our administration that in four to five years, it isn't just good enough to go to a bowl game. The expectation will have changed; people will want to go to the big bowl games. With my personality, I understand that we can't do this alone. We need the support of the community, the students on campus, the faculty, the deans, and the administration. We need an environment in the stadium that creates excitement.

**VH:** Can you talk about the importance of recruiting visits in selling these players on the university?

**JF:** We really feel that if we can get a kid to visit, we have a very high chance of getting him. Looking at the statistics of how many kids we brought in and how many we got, I think the evidence is there. If you can get a kid to come here and spend time around the talented people we have here on campus, it's going to be impressive. The opportunities that this place is going to present to them while they're here on campus academically and how it's going to set them up for life 40 to 50 years from now is going to be impressive for these kids and their families. Being around my coaches and staff and their excitement is contagious. That's what I want people to feel — the excitement and passion of my staff. The reality is that college is an amazing time to grow academically and grow socially. Looking back on my college experience, I had a lot of fun. Recruits are going to have the opportunity to have a really good academic experience and a really unique social experience.

**VH:** Vice Chancellor David Williams talked about how big of a community event the spring game can be. Can you talk about your plans for that game?

**JF:** We're playing on Sunday, April 17, after Rites of Spring. We'd like for it to be a whole event. We want it to be a celebration and the first opportunity for the public to see our team and the strides we've taken. We want to build on that, and take it into our first game against Elon. ■

■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Vandy ready for No. 18 Kentucky



ZAC HARDY/ The Vanderbilt Hustler

Last February, Jeff Taylor and the Commodores were unable to edge then-No. 2 Kentucky in Memorial, falling 58-56.

**BRIAN LINHARES**  
Sports Writer

Last February, John Wall blocked John Jenkins' 3-point attempt on Vanderbilt's penultimate possession. That block, plus three free throws by Wall in the final minute, sealed a two-point Wildcat victory.

Though Wall delivered late, forwards DeMarcus Cousins and Patrick Patterson did plenty of work for most of the night. Collectively, the big men added 31 points and 18 rebounds. Due to foul trouble, center Festus Ezeli played only seven minutes. Moreover, he left the contest with nearly five minutes remaining in the second half.

One year later, Ezeli would rather not discuss that night. Nonetheless, he will recognize — rightfully so — that he is a different player.

"Obviously, I'm better now than I was last year," Ezeli said. "I'll be more of a factor this year than I was last year."

Over the 2010-11 campaign, Ezeli has averaged 12.8 points and 6.1 rebounds per game, enough for third- and second-best on Coach Kevin Stallings' unit, respectively.

Yet his contributions extend beyond the scoring column. In particular, he has facilitated the development of Rod Odom.

"What (the veterans) have been doing is taking it one game at a time," said the 6-foot-8-inch Odom. "We're all taking it one game at a time and trying to get better every day in practice."

That said, as Vanderbilt (16-6, 4-4 Southeastern Conference) is deep into the league slate, Odom realizes that his maturation is crucial to the squad's success.

"In terms of nerves, (SEC play) has really been helping us a lot. We have me and Kyle, especially, who have a lot of talent as freshmen," Odom said. "So, we get the nerves out, and we're ready to play."

Odom will have to be ready on Saturday afternoon. He, along with Ezeli and Steve Tchiengang, will attempt to neutralize Kentucky's (17-6, 5-4 SEC) frontcourt.

Freshman Terrence Jones leads the Wildcats in scoring and rebounding. Though Jones is (relatively) undersized — listed at 6 feet 8 inches and 244 pounds — he averages 17.6 points and nine boards per game. Supporting his efforts, Josh Harrellson averages 8.7 rebounds per match. Furthermore, the 6-foot-10-inch, 275 pound senior adds a formidable presence.

For the Commodores, Andre Walker's return may play a large role. The forward, who sprained his ankle on Dec. 31, returned to practice on Tuesday.

"It would be huge because we need him in the game," Jenkins said of Walker's potential reentry. "It would be a lot easier for me and everybody else."

Regardless, Jenkins and the remainder of the backcourt face a daunting task.

Lauded Kentucky freshman Brandon Knight has easily made the transition to college basketball. One of the most decorated athletes in high school basketball history, the point guard is first for the Wildcats in minutes played and second in points, with 17.3 per contest.

Another key contributor from last year's recruiting class is guard Doron Lamb. The Las Vegas product is Coach John Calipari's third-leading scorer, at 13.8 per game, and leading free-throw shooter, at 83.8 percent.

However, neither Kentucky's pedigree nor its talent fazes Jenkins and the rest of the Commodores.

"We have a three-game stretch versus top-25 (teams), and we have two more games to reach our goal of being 3-0, so it's definitely do or die time against Kentucky," Jenkins said. "So, we're trying to get these wins to build our confidence up." ■

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Vandy looks to avenge GameDay loss as Lady Vols head into town



ZAC HARDY/The Vanderbilt Hustler

Jence Rhoads (22) is one of the few Commodores who has tasted success against instate rival Tennessee over the course of her career.

ERIC SINGLE  
Asst. Sports Editor

Head Coach Melanie Balcomb felt like her team got caught up in the bright lights of ESPN's College GameDay and the bright orange of the partisan crowd just under a month ago as Vanderbilt stumbled out of the gate in its first meeting of the season with Tennessee.

"I felt like the first half we were on our heels," Balcomb said. "We had a lot of players that had never played on that court, had never played in that environment, and our eyes were wide open, and we were hesitant.

We can't play like that at home, and I'm hoping the comfort level seeing the black and gold and being on our own home court hopefully will give us a lot more confidence the second time."

The Commodores were never able to get back within striking distance after scoring just 17 points on 18.9 percent shooting in the first half and dropped to 3-2 in the Southeastern Conference after the 68-56 loss in Knoxville.

But since that setback, Vanderbilt has found its poise, winning four of the ensuing five games, capping off the run with a double-overtime victory on the road at Florida last weekend. On Sunday afternoon, the Commodores welcome the Lady Vols into Memorial Gymnasium for the teams' second meeting of the season, this time in front of a more hospitable crowd.

"I think in the first half of the Tennessee game, when we played them earlier this year, that we waited too long to believe that we could win," said redshirt freshman center Stephanie Holzer, who was named last week's SEC Player of the Week on Monday. "We've totally mentally refocused since then. We've been very successful winning at home, and we have this feeling of comfort here — our fans are here, this is where we practice every day. So, having the confidence in this building is going to be a great lead going into this game, and it's really going to help us."

Last season, that confidence almost lifted Vanderbilt to its second straight home victory over Tennessee. The Commodores held a seven-point lead with 8:41 to play, but center Kelly Cain and the Lady Vols staged a late rally to come away with a 69-60 victory. The two teams met a third time in 2010 in the semifinals of the SEC Tournament in Georgia, where the Lady Vols rolled to a 68-49 victory.

This year, Vanderbilt is 12-0 at home and 16-7 overall, having built itself back up to contender status in the SEC East after a shaky start to the 2010-2011 campaign by drawing on the two-way contributions of Holzer as well as the consistency and balance from the team's veteran leaders such as Jence Rhoads and Hannah Tuomi. Holzer leads the team in both blocks and rebounds per game and is one of four players averaging 12 points per game or more.

Tennessee has won five in a row since the College Gameday matchup with Vanderbilt, including four wins by 15 points or more. Freshman Meighan Simmons led the Lady Vols with 17 points in that game and is averaging 14.8 points per game for the season.

A highly-touted underclassman in her own right at Vanderbilt, Holzer battled a foot injury as a redshirt in her first year with the team, so her first on-court experience with Tennessee came on national television in January. After a week of play that brought her conference honors and two straight 23-point games against LSU and Florida, Holzer summarized the opportunity the Commodores have before them against their biggest rival as both teams hit their strides in the thick of conference play.

"Vanderbilt and Tennessee have always been head-to-head, battling on everything," she said. "It's competitive, and I think that this game is going to prove a lot." ■

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PLAYER'S CORNER

with Jence Rhoads

On the difference between Sunday's game and playing in Knoxville earlier this year:

I think we'll be more relaxed. I think we'll know what to expect now. We'll be more ready, more relaxed, more prepared to handle the atmosphere, the size and caliber of their team. We'll be more calm and collected.

On the importance of beating Tennessee at home:

It's a pride thing, beating them on our own court. You feel a sense of pride for the team that's here now and the history of the program. It's an awesome feeling. Being able to be a part of that game was amazing, and I want everyone else to be able to share that.

On the importance of playing Tennessee as a senior:

Everyone wants to go out with a bang. This would be a step in that direction — to be able to beat them on my last chance.

On what it will take to beat Tennessee:

We have to know that they're very capable of that because they are a great team. You can't undermine that they're a great team. As long as we bring our strengths, we should be able to pull through.

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