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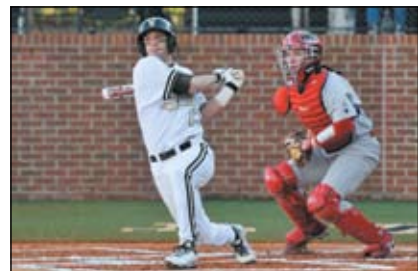
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## UPSET



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Vanderbilt forward Rod Odom (45) puts up a last-second shot against Richmond forward Justin Harper (32) and forward Darius Garrett (1) during the closing seconds of the second half of a Southwest regional second round NCAA tournament college basketball game in Denver. Odom missed the shot and Richmond won 69-66.

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CAMPUS NEWS

## Vanderbilt says 'yes' to Yes Men

BENJAMIN RIES  
Staff Writer

Mike Bonanno, one of the two leading members of the innovative activist group The Yes Men, gave a look into the group's infamous pranks to an audience of approximately 100 students, faculty members and Nashville residents Wednesday night.

The group's exploits typically consist of elaborate pranks they call "identity corrections" in which they pretend to be spokesmen for major organizations and announce changes to unethical practices. The Yes Men gained notoriety for creating a fake, satirical website for George W. Bush, causing the then-president to dismiss them as "garbage men."

The Yes Men's most infamous prank occurred on Dec. 3, 2004, when Yes Man Andy Bichlbaum managed to appear on BBC World News as a spokesperson for Dow Chemical. Bichlbaum announced that Dow would finally take full responsibility for

an industrial catastrophe caused by Union Carbide (which was later acquired by Dow) in 1984, provoking international acclaim, vehement denial from Dow and a brief but catastrophic dip in Dow's stock value.

Bonanno used recent video clips and scenes from the group's two films, "The Yes Men" (2004) and "The Yes Men Fix the World," (2009) to guide his presentation. According to Bonanno, the Yes Men "essentially work as publicists" attempting to draw attention to harmful business activities. Although The Yes Men admit that no word exists to accurately describe their methods, they have considered using "dreamcasting" or "harassatire."

Bonanno conceded that other activist organizations may be more effective or engaged and explained that The Yes Men "opted to take a route that entertained (them) at the same time." He described one of the group's chief goals as providing upbeat inspiration for other

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## ARE YOU CHEATING?

ALEXA SIMON  
Staff Writer

The Honor Council recently released statistics to The Hustler from cases reported by professors in fall 2010. The Hustler offers readers a close look at the numbers with comparable statistics from last semester and explores the issue of student integrity in academics. Faculty members Andrew Van Schaack and John Lachs share their opinions on cheating, their own prevention methods, and their advice for professors and students.

QUESTIONABLE BEHAVIOR

When is the last time you worked with a friend on homework?

Unauthorized aid, which includes group work, is the most common Honor Code violation, but when the line between collaboration and dishonorable conduct is not well defined, students may find themselves before the Honor Council.

According to the Honor Code, "It is the student's responsibility to obtain a clear understanding of appropriate collaboration from the instructor." However, Centennial Professor of Philosophy John Lachs said some of the cheating that goes on is simply collaborative research.

"(The task of the faculty is) to distinguish carefully what is truly cheating from what is the outcome of wholesome efforts of students to work together," Lachs said.

Assistant Professor of the Practice of Human and Organizational Development Andrew Van Schaack said he believes that in the majority of cases, students who cheat know what they are doing is wrong.

"There isn't anything more than a superficial connection between illegally sharing music and sharing answers," Van Schaack said. "The best way for professors to reduce the number of referrals to the Honor Council is to set up super clear expectations, written out in the syllabus. ... I have never in my seven years at Vanderbilt received negative feedback from students about my cheating-related policies."

GENERATIONAL TEMPTATION

Lachs said some students may cheat because they choose not to work hard or because they see cheating as a common practice and think they too can get away with it.

"The Internet is a standing invitation to copy materials, hoping that the same pages will not come up for the teacher spot checking student work," he said.

Van Schaack said he believes students want to maintain their GPAs, and the temptation to cheat is exacerbated from a student's over-involvement in extracurricular activities. "It's hard to maintain a 4.0 when you're an officer in your fraternity, involved in student government and volunteering at the local soup kitchen," he said.

A STUDENT'S OBLIGATION

What many students may not know is they possess the responsibility to report Honor Code violations of other students. According to the Vanderbilt University Student Handbook, "It is the obligation of every student who suspects an honor violation to take action."

"No matter how tough the Honor Council becomes, they can't stop cheating without substantial help from students reporting on others. The trouble there is that such reporting is considered uncool," Lachs said.

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HONOR COUNCIL STATISTICS

37%

Decrease in the number of cases in fall 2010 (24 cases involving 35 students) compared to fall 2009 (38 cases involving 51 students). In fall 2010, 29 percent of students had charges dropped or were found not guilty, 71 percent pleaded guilty or were found guilty, and 72 percent of guilty students pleaded guilty.

11%

Charges in fall 2010 involving plagiarism, dropping from 33 percent of charges in fall 2009. In fall 2010, 77 percent of charges involved receiving/giving unauthorized aid, and 12 percent involved other violations.

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School with the most Honor Code violations in fall 2010 (88%)

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ailure in the course was the penalty for 65 percent of first-time offenders during fall 2010; 26 percent were reprimanded, and the Honor Council recommended failure on the assignment; 9 percent were suspended for one or two semesters. Second offenses resulted in suspension for two semesters. All students found guilty have completed or are in the process of completing an ethical development seminar.

Sophomores

represented 68 percent of students who were accused of Honor Code violations in fall 2010, up from 29 percent in fall 2009. Of the accused students in fall 2010, 16 percent were seniors, 12 percent juniors and 4 percent first-year students.

—Statistics provided by the Honor Council

**??** We seem to have seen an increase in cases where students are collaborating inappropriately on assignments and exams. Internet use plays a role in many violations and is often the source for most plagiarism cases. ??

—DANIEL SWINTON  
Director of the Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity

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ARE YOU IN VIOLATION OF THE HONOR CODE?

1. Do you use or share old tests with peers?
2. Have you worked on a class assignment with another individual in which the work was not designated a group assignment?
3. Do you ask or tell other students what to expect on a test?
4. Have you witnessed another student violating the Honor Code but not told anyone?
5. Do you look at the Internet for ideas for papers?
6. Do you give false excuses for late papers?

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Hannah Clark (16) runs the ball upfield during the women's lacrosse game Wednesday afternoon. Vanderbilt defeated New Hampshire 11-6, putting the Commodores at 5-3 for the season.

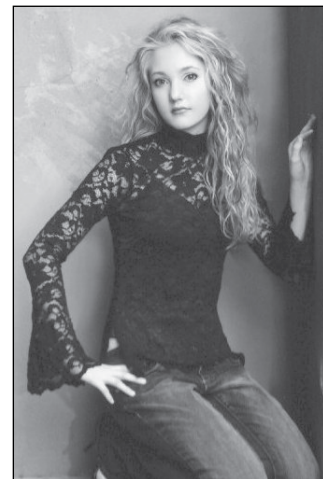
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REVIEWProfiling an  
interesting student

by LAURA COCKMAN

## RACHEL HART

## WHY DID YOU FIRST BECOME INVOLVED WITH VUCEPT?

I became involved with VUcept because I believe in its mission. Being a first-year presents many challenges, and for me, my biggest challenge was losing my grandfather to leukemia only two months after coming to Vanderbilt. Because I felt so alone and even more lost than I already was, I needed to feel like I mattered to someone and to this university. In turn, I also wanted to be that resource, that mentor, that friend to first-year students who may not experience the same things I experienced but similarly feel at times that they have no one or nothing here. I wanted to be their advocate and to empower them to pursue their passions, goals and futures here at Vanderbilt and beyond.



## HOW HAS VUCEPT CHANGED YOUR LIFE AT VANDERBILT?

After being a VUceptor for two years, I have built relationships with 36 first-year students. Some relationships have become stronger than others, and even more have developed over time. No matter the degree of closeness between any of my VUceptees and me, seeing them excel and find their own ways makes me so proud of and inspired by all that they do. Without them, my life at Vanderbilt would not have had the same depth or sense of purpose, and for them, I am truly grateful.

## WHAT DO YOU THINK SETS VUCEPT APART FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS?

VUcept is a well-oiled machine. Working on the executive board has taught me so much about working in teams, how efficient organizations run and how to conduct myself in a professional manner. It also has given me the opportunity to work closely with the Office of the Dean of the Commons staff, all of whom are invaluable resources to this university. The other thing that sets VUcept apart from other organizations is the incredible network of peer mentors from all over campus. We all support one another, whether in our personal endeavors or in the context of our Vanderbilt Visions groups.

FOOD AND  
SHELTER

by LIZ FULROW



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Vanderbilt students are shown during lunch hour in the Rand Dining Hall.

## WHAT TO EAT THIS MARCH

## MONDAY, MARCH 21

Local Market Day at Rand Terrace, serving all local products, including cheese, cupcakes, coffee, jams, jellies, granola, breads, honey, milk and more.

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## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

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## THURSDAY, MARCH 31

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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.

by VSC MEDIA SERVICES

## Large Hadron Collider could be world's first time machine

If the latest theory of Tom Weiler and Chui Man Ho is right, the Large Hadron Collider — the world's largest atom smasher that started regular operation last year — could be the first machine capable causing matter to travel backwards in time.

"Our theory is a long shot," said Weiler, a Vanderbilt physics professor, "but it doesn't violate any laws of physics or experimental constraints."

One of the major goals of the collider is to find the elusive Higgs boson, the particle that physicists invoke to explain why particles like protons, neutrons and electrons have mass. If the collider succeeds in producing the Higgs boson, some scientists predict that it will create a second particle — called the Higgs singlet — at the same time.

According to Weiler and Ho's theory, these singlets should have the ability to jump into an extra, fifth dimension, where they can move either forward or backward in time and reappear in the future or past.

"One of the attractive things about this approach to time travel is that it avoids all the big paradoxes," Weiler said. "Because time travel is limited to these special particles, it is not possible for a man to travel back in time and murder one of his parents before he himself is born, for example. However, if scientists could control the production of Higgs singlets, they might be able to send messages to the past or future."

In 2007, the researchers, along with Vanderbilt graduate fellow James Dent, posted a paper titled "Neutrino time travel" that generated a considerable amount of buzz.

Ho is a graduate fellow working with Weiler. Their theory is described in a paper posted March 7 on the research website arXiv.org. ■

## Vanderbilt lecture spotlights feminist theology in the 21st century

Theologian Catherine Keller will speak about the future of feminist theology at this year's Antoinette Brown Lecture at Vanderbilt Divinity School.

Keller, professor of constructive theology at the Theological and Graduate Schools of Drew University, speaks at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, in Benton Chapel.

The lecture, entitled "And Truth — so Manifold!: Transfeminist Entanglements," is free and open to the public.

The Antoinette Brown Lecture began in 1974 with sponsorship from Vanderbilt alumna Sylvia Sanders Kelly of Atlanta to honor Antoinette Brown Blackwell, who became the America's first ordained woman in 1853. Previous Antoinette Brown lecturers include Sallie McFague, Stephanie Paulsell, Amina Wadud and Sharon Welch. ■

## Students to hold vigil for disaster victims in Japan

Vanderbilt students will hold a candlelight vigil at 6 p.m. tonight for victims of the earthquakes and tsunamis in Japan.

The Asian American Student Association, Asian American Christian Fellowship, Korean Undergraduate Student Association, Vanderbilt University Chinese Association and Vanderbilt Hillel are organizers for the event that will be held in Benton Chapel.

Information about opportunities to participate in Japan relief efforts is available on the Office of Active Citizenship & Service's website. ■

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## CHEATING: Faculty members employ different strategies to prevent cheating

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### GETTING CAUGHT

Van Schaack relies on various methods to prevent cheating. To prevent plagiarism, he uses a semi-automated online service called SafeAssign. This plagiarism prevention service is offered by Blackboard to its Blackboard Learning System Enterprise and helps point out unoriginal content in student papers.

In class, Van Schaack shows his students what “clean,” “marginal” and “blatantly plagiarized” papers look like. He believes SafeAssign is an effective tool if professors doubt the capability of a student's writing and if “Google-ing” excerpts becomes too time consuming. “It's not enough to swap out a few words in a sentence to make it your own,” he said.

To prevent cheating on exams, Van Schaack employs methods such as printing different forms of each exam, asking for students to put their bags in the front of the room or telling students wearing baseball caps to turn them backwards. “These basic procedures address the vast majority of strategies a student might use to gain an unfair advantage,” he said.

### WHAT'S NEW WITH THE HONOR COUNCIL

In fall 2010, the Honor Council changed its penalty policy from two violations to three violations before mandatory expulsion. Austin Elder, junior and president of the Undergraduate Honor Council, said the penalty process is more education-based with the policy change.

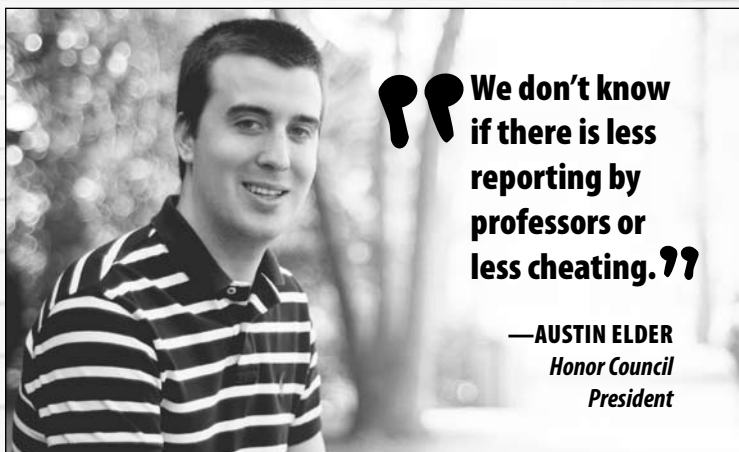
“The Honor Council wants to help students and be an example for other schools to follow,” he said.

### NEW SEMINAR FOR GUILTY STUDENTS

In addition to paying the penalties of failure in the course or suspension, students found guilty must take an educational online seminar offered by the Honor Council.

“The intent of the seminar is to encourage reflection, foster learning and provide a more educational sanction,” said Daniel Swinton, assistant dean and director of the Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity.

The seminar asks students to complete a series of readings pertaining to ethics, ethical decision-making, integrity and responses to specific questions about their readings. ■



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“We don't know if there is less reporting by professors or less cheating.”

—AUSTIN ELDER  
Honor Council  
President

### QUIZ ANSWERS

1. If a professor gives a test back to a student, it is considered to be public information, but students should ask to be certain.
2. If the professor does not designate an assignment as a group assignment, then a student should a) work alone or b) ask the professor before working with others on the assignment.
3. If a student has taken a test, he or she should not share any information about the test or discuss it with other students before the test is returned and graded.
4. Honor Code states: If a student has reason to suspect that a breach of the Honor Code has been committed, he or she must:
  1. Issue a personal warning to the suspect, or
  2. Report the incident to the Honor Council for action by the president, or
  3. Inform the instructor in the course of the suspicions and identify, if possible, the person(s) suspected.
5. All sources from which one draws ideas for papers should be cited.
6. The Honor Code states, “Any action designed to deceive a member of the faculty, a staff member or a fellow student regarding principles contained in the Honor Code.”

—Answers provided by Elder. “It is always best to ask the professor whenever there is a question or concern about the Honor Code,” he said.

For more information about the Honor Code go to Vanderbilt's Honor Council Website > General Information > “The Honor Code,” or go to Chapter 2 of the Student Handbook.

### ■ CAMPUS NEWS

## Vanderbilt programs rated among the best

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Vanderbilt University's education, medicine, law and nursing programs continue to be ranked among the best in the nation.

This year U.S. News & World Report rated Vanderbilt's Peabody College as the No. 1 graduate education program in America. It's the third year in a row that the 225-year-old school was rated the best. The school's special education program was

also ranked No. 1.

Vanderbilt's School of Medicine tied for No. 15 for research hospitals — a ranking it's held since 2009.

The law school tied for the No. 16 slot. And Vanderbilt's Owen Graduate School of Management jumped eight points from last year's rating to tie for No. 28.

The complete list of rankings is on the U.S. News & World Report website and will be published April 5. ■

## YES MEN: Bonanno defends climate reform

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Discussion of The Yes Men's first major target, the World Trade Organization, occupied the first section of Bonanno's presentation. Clips of The Yes Men's Dow hoax — which Bonanno estimated to have been viewed by over 350 million people at the time — and their recent impersonation of the chamber of commerce also drew ecstatic applause, and much of the crowded audience gave a standing ovation at the end.

“We don't have any evidence that what we do works (to change people's minds). The only evidence we have comes from other industries,” Bonanno said.

He went on to explain that The Yes Men rely on well-founded advertising and public relations strategies to make an impact. Bonanno also defended The Yes Men's support for climate reform, asserting that there is no debate about global warming in the scientific community.

The response from the audience was overwhelmingly positive.

“It was inspiring to see their combination of humor and activism,” said sophomore Ben Wibking, who had seen “The Yes Men Fix the World” at a Vanderbilt-sponsored screening last year. “I had wondered how this fits into activism in general. Part of what they do is inspire people to work on their own projects in other areas.”

First-year student Nathan Hay also enjoyed the lecture.

“I thought it was an interesting and inspiring talk,” he said. “I didn't realize how many people just go along with the status quo in these formal forums.”

Martin Grossman, a professor from the University of Sao Paulo in Brazil visiting Vanderbilt, noted the artistic merit of the event, praising The Yes Men for showing that art can relate not “just isolated to basic features like beauty and aesthetics but the state of the world.”

The sentiment of the audience was perhaps best summed up by the response of Philosophy Professor David Wood: “Yes. Yes.” ■

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# LIFE

■ FASHION

## What to wear where: Spring Edition

OLIVIA KUPFER  
Life Editor

Warm weather is finally here. Although a spring fashion article may be trite (no, The Hustler is still not a fashion magazine) the warm weather requires showing skin and figuring out what to wear where. From your closet to class, and hung-over brunch to sunning on Alumni Lawn, the perfect outfit, accessories and shades are a must-have for the spring semester

**Class**

Dresses for class are demure and a Vanderbilt co-ed favorite, but after seasons of sundresses and mini-dresses, it's time to revive pant looks for spring.

Pastel skinny jeans are retro. Take a note from trendsetter Whitney Port, who wears a button-down chambray shirt and M2F Brand Denim's skinny in "Tigerlily" wash (light orange). M2F makes its skinny jeans in a variety of pastel colors, all perfect for spring weather. Shop M2F at m2f.com; skinny jeans retail for \$130.



Photo of Whitney Port provided

**Evening**

Showing skin for spring is always in, but without a glowing tan, what's a fashionista to do? Opt for darker hues or a pattern since bright colors look loud in April. A structured bodice is on trend and compliments every figure.

Nikki Reed of Twilight fame donned a flirty silk dress with tailored bodice and layering from Hype Apparel. Shop Hype Apparel online at hypestyle.com; the "Linda Dress" retails for \$215.



Photo of Nikki Reed provided

**Brunch**

A white tee is appropriate for any affair and is versatile enough to be worn with a skirt, wind shorts or jeans (hey, if it's long enough, wear a white tee alone). But the basic white tee — crewneck or V-neck — is boring. Fortunately, One Grey Day's messaged white tee (OMG) with strategic rips is cool enough that hipsters everywhere are jumping for joy.

Perpetual party girl Kristin Cavalleri is pictured wearing the One Grey Day's OMG white tee, which retails for \$132. ■



Photo of Kristen Caralleri provided

**IN**  
Retro sunglasses



Photo by William Courtesy

**OUT**  
Plastic neon wayfarers

■ MUSIC

## R.E.M.'s "Collapse Into Now" doesn't disappoint



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R.E.M. revives its '90s sound with their new album "Collapse Into Now." This album marks the band's fifteenth studio project and succeeds their 2008 studio album "Accelerate."

**BENJAMIN RIES**  
Staff Writer

R.E.M. is largely responsible for the hype surrounding the release of their new album "Collapse Into Now." Guitarist Peter Buck identified the album as their best work to date in a February interview with Rolling Stone, while bassist Mike Mills has called it their strongest album in 20 years. While these claims are exaggerated — "Collapse Into Now" pales in comparison to R.E.M.'s best works — it successfully delves into the group's past to produce a refreshing and enjoyable sound.

Fans typically cite the 1997 departure of drummer Bill Berry as the catalyst for a major change in the group's approach to songwriting. R.E.M. spent the next decade producing a series of introspective and increasingly lackluster albums that threatened to destine the group to present-day irrelevance. Fortunately, R.E.M. struck back and reinvigorated their fan base with a surprising knockout in 2007's "Accelerate," a 30-minute adrenaline rush filled with lyrics like "I'm gonna DJ at the end of the world."

"Collapse Into Now" is nearly as good and confirms that R.E.M. is experiencing a late career resurgence. Opening pair "Discoverer" and "All the Best" maintain the exuberance and zeal of "Accelerate" while filtering its defiant tone through a more relaxed treatment

that recalls R.E.M.'s defining records from the 1980s. "If the storm doesn't kill me/the government will" on "Houston" from "Accelerate" now becomes "The storm didn't kill me/the government changed" on "Oh My Heart" from "Collapse Into Now."

"Collapse Into Now" offers a variety of styles and carries the spontaneity and spark of a group that enjoys playing together. "Alligator\_Aviator\_Autopilot\_Antimatter" achieves tongue-in-cheek perfection with lines like "I feel like an alligator climbing up the escalator." Elsewhere, the somber beauty of "Walk It Back" provides the album's most poignant moment, while Patti Smith's vocals enshrouds closing track "Blue" in a layer of mystery and finesse.

The more stripped-down approach does reveal a problem that "Accelerate" ingeniously covered through its slick production. As hard as the group tries to recapture the spirit of their early music, Stipe's voice on "Collapse Into Now" often betrays an out-of-place weariness. His tendency to speak rather than sing his lyrics makes it easy to miss his once bellowing vocal performances.

Still, "Collapse Into Now" is undoubtedly R.E.M.'s most natural sounding record in well over a decade. R.E.M. is still producing great music after 30 years, and that is reason enough to be thankful. ■

■ FASHION

## Lauren Conrad's designs high-end clothing line

CAROLINE ALTSHULER  
Staff Writer

Lauren Conrad is certainly the quintessential modern businesswoman: Conrad balances several roles, including author, reality television star and, most recently, designer.

Fans know her from her days as the girl next door and star of MTV reality show "Laguna Beach" and her spin-off show "The Hills." Teens across the

nation fell in love with Conrad as they watched her struggle with boy troubles, catfights, and the quest to make a name in the fashion industry. Conrad's new clothing line, Paper Crown, displays her fashion success and transition from a Californian teen to fashion icon.

Paper Crown hits the nation this fall. The line is a more sophisticated version of Conrad's previous collection for the budget department store

Kohl's. The collection consists of fun faux-leather shorts, delicate chiffon dresses and muted silk blouses. The collection resembles contemporary lines like "Graham and Spencer" because of the variety of comfortable knits.

Conrad claims that she found the inspiration for the name of the line by delving into childhood memories. She recounts making paper crowns while playing dress up in order

to reflect her sense of glamour. This consideration influenced the collection, as each piece of clothing reflects a modern look and soft, romantic look — a style that fittingly describes Conrad's personal style.

While her days gracing the small screen may be over, Conrad's legacy continues with this refreshing collection. Conrad's line is darling but edgy, guaranteeing that the collection will be a hit this fall. ■

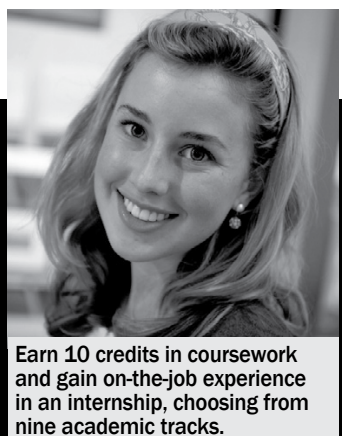
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## SPORTS

■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Anderson spouts off for 25 as Spiders oust Vandy

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Not again. These two words were written all over the Vanderbilt Commodores' faces as they failed to make it out of the first round of the NCAA Tournament for the second straight year. In a matchup that had upset written all over it, the 5-seed Vanderbilt Commodores fell to the 12-seed Richmond Spiders, 69-66.

Thursday's game was all too familiar. In the first few minutes, Vanderbilt had complete control, starting off on a 12-5 run. Junior center Festus Ezeli (21 points, 8 rebounds) scored at will inside, creating space for sophomore guard John Jenkins (21 points, 3

assists) to work his magic from the perimeter.

Vanderbilt dominated the boards in the first half, holding a rebounding advantage of 21-11. On the defensive end, the Commodores were able to shut down Richmond's star player, junior forward Justin Harper who struggled mightily, shooting a quiet 1-for-6 from the field in the first half and ultimately finishing with just 13 points.

Despite their early woes, the Spiders cut into an 11-point Vanderbilt lead with precision passing and stellar 3-point shooting, going 6-for-13 from behind the arc in the opening 20 minutes. By halftime, Vanderbilt's lead was down to just three.

In the second half, Vanderbilt fell apart despite hitting its first five shots. The Commodores went away from their inside-outside basketball and Richmond scored 12 unanswered points to take the lead 51-48 with 12:05 remaining. Richmond's senior point guard Kevin Anderson was lethal down the stretch. Vanderbilt had no answer for Anderson, who finished with 25 points despite being covered by Jeff Taylor, one of the SEC's top defenders. Taylor was not able to carry over his offensive momentum from last weekend's conference tournament, shooting a mere 1-for-10 from the field and finishing with only four points.

Missed free throws haunted the Commodores, who shot 13-for-20 from the charity stripe and failed to tie the game at the line on multiple occasions. With the lead at three in the final seconds, freshman forward Rod Odom's desperate 3-pointer with was well defended and well short of the basket.

Richmond will advance to take on 13-seed Morehead State on Saturday, and the Commodores will head into the offseason looking for answers. If the starting five returns as expected, the team has another chance at a tournament run. Until then, Commodore fans can only dwell on what could have been. ■

## VANDERBILT VS. RICHMOND BY THE NUMBERS

**3**  
Times out of Vanderbilt's last three trips to the NCAA tournament that the Commodores have been upset in the first round

**42**  
Points combined for John Jenkins and Festus Ezeli

**24**  
Points scored by the rest of the Commodores

**12**  
3-point shots made by Richmond, the most any team has hit against Vanderbilt this season and the most the Spiders have hit all year

**3**  
Turnovers by Richmond

**11**  
Biggest lead of the game by Vanderbilt



JACK DEMPSEY/Associated Press

Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings and the Commodores were frustrated in their first game of the NCAA Tournament for the third time in four years.



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Forward Lance Goulbourne, left, and center Festus Ezeli look on from the bench after Vanderbilt's 69-66 loss to Richmond on Thursday.

■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Tourney talk

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Sports Writer

### No. 4 Louisville falls to No. 13 Morehead State

The Big East Tournament runner-up Cardinals came into the game as clear favorites, but Morehead State managed to keep the game close. Eagles guard Demonte Harper hit a game winning 3-pointer from the top of the arc with 4.2 seconds left to play, and then Kenneth Faried blocked a final desperation 3-point attempt to secure the 62-61 victory. The Cardinals were outrebounded 41-29 and shot 7-16 from the free-throw line. Louisville also played the last eight minutes of the game without their best scorer, Preston Knowles. This is the second year in a row that the Cardinals have fallen in the first round.

### No. 4 Kentucky sneaks by No. 13 Princeton

The streaking Wildcats barely escaped a colossal upset at the hands of Ivy League champs Princeton. The Tigers managed to cool down Kentucky's elite trio of freshmen that had lifted the team to an SEC Tournament championship; Terrence Jones scored 10 points, Doron Lamb scored seven points and Brandon Knight was held 0-7 for most of the game. Brandon Knight redeemed a horrendous shooting performance with a go-ahead running layup in the final seconds to win the game, 59-57. With the freshmen off their game, Kentucky hung tough thanks to upperclassmen Darius Miller, who scored 17 points, and Josh Harrellson, who had 15 points and 10 rebounds. Princeton guard Dan Mavraides tied the game in the final minute with a fade-away jumper and led the Tigers with 14 points.

### No. 7 Temple drops No. 10 Penn State

Neither team led by double digits at any point in this plodding defensive struggle that came down to the final seconds. Junior Temple guard Juan Fernandez sank a contested jumper with less than a second left, and the Owls held on for a 66-64 victory. Fernandez and teammate Ramone Moore both scored 23 points in the game and were two of only five players to score for the Owls all afternoon. The Nittany Lions could not pull out the victory in their first tournament appearance in 10 years despite a 23-point performance by senior guard Talor Battle. ■

■ FOOTBALL

# Commodores start spring ball Friday

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For the 2011 Vanderbilt Commodores, Friday afternoon can't come soon enough. Vanderbilt, complete with a new coaching staff, a renewed energy and a fresh outlook, will open spring practice at the John Rich Complex ready to work.

After being named to the helm of the Vanderbilt football program in the middle of December, Head Coach James Franklin will have his first opportunity to implement new schemes and interact with returning players on the field. While the Commodores understand that a learning curve may accompany Vanderbilt's first few weeks in pads, Franklin stresses that the team will play aggressively from day one.

"Practices are going to be fast tempo and very aggressive," Franklin said. "Our job is go out there and be aggressive in everything we do — on offense, defense and special teams — and force our will on our opponents."

The Commodores will open spring practice with back-to-back afternoon sessions on Friday and Saturday, holding a total of 14 practices before the team's Black & Gold Spring Game on Sunday, April 17 at 6 p.m. CT in the stadium.

"It's been a while since we've actually put on some pads, so of course there's excitement there," said redshirt senior offensive guard Kyle Fischer. "Everyone wants to prove themselves to the new coaches."

For the Commodores, staying healthy this spring will be of key importance to the team's progression and ability to lay a new foundation. Vanderbilt returns 21 of 24 starters from last year's squad, only losing defensive end Theron Kadri and linebackers Nate Campbell and John Stokes to graduation.

"We have to learn how to practice and practice smart," Franklin said. "We have to



CHRIS HONIBALL/The Vanderbilt Hustler

James Franklin will oversee his first official practice as a collegiate head football coach on Friday afternoon when Vanderbilt takes the field for the first of 14 spring ball sessions.

get through spring by gaining confidence and staying healthy."

Vanderbilt has supplemented its roster with the addition of six walk-on players after the Commodores hosted tryouts in February. Director of Performance Enhancement Dwight Galt ran prospective players through position and agility drills before the coaching staff selected the new additions. The walk-ons will help to fill out the Commodore roster, while adding depth to a number of key positions hindered by injuries.

A total of eight Commodores will be limited in spring practices, as they look to return to full health. Junior tailback Warren Norman will miss the entirety of spring ball, as he continues to nurse a 2010 season-ending

hand injury back to health. Redshirt junior defensive tackle Rob Lohr will likely return to practice in mid-April after undergoing a nasal procedure last month to improve his breathing. In addition, Austin Monahan, Jordan Rodgers, Mason Johnston, Walker May, Thad McHaney and Grant Ramsay will be limited in drills this spring.

For Franklin and the Commodores, the opening of spring practice marks the program's next step in its goal of changing the culture of Vanderbilt football.

"I'm concerned about dramatic changes to the results," Franklin said. "We're going to install our offense and install our defense."

"After spring, we'll have a better idea of what our kids can do." ■

■ BASEBALL

# Q & A with

## Freshman baseball player Conrad Gregor

Hustler sports writer Isis Freeman caught up with Vanderbilt freshman Conrad Gregor this week. The Commodores' top young power hitter discussed the fast start to his collegiate career so far.

**Vanderbilt Hustler:** Do you feel any extra pressure on the team as a freshman in a starting role?

**Conrad Gregor:** Not really, the older guys have helped us out; they took us in from the beginning. I've felt no pressure at all.

**VH:** Since you are here for another three years after this season, are there any traditions you would like to see implemented by the student body during baseball season? Football has major tailgating events and basketball has big rivalry game turnouts; what kind of support do you want to see for the baseball program?

**CG:** Really, I would like to see crowds for the big games. We are beginning the SEC play right now, and things are getting really competitive. If the student body could come and support, that would be great.

**VH:** Do you have a pregame ritual or a specific pep talk you give yourself before each game?

**CG:** Not really. We are pretty relaxed as a team. We go into the games knowing each and every role that we have to do.

**VH:** While you seem to have no trouble stepping up into college athletics, what was the biggest adjustment you had to make in order to progress from high school baseball to Vandy baseball?

**CG:** Probably just balancing all of the academics and the athletics together. We have a whole day that we are either here or in the classroom, so it's really the balance of that has been the hardest. I think

I have adjusted quite well, though.

**VH:** What do you think your freshman class, as a whole, brings to the team?

**CG:** I think that we are a pretty mature freshman class with a lot of experience prior to coming here. I think that guys like Tony Kemp, Kevin Ziomek and T.J. Pecoraro have already proved themselves out on the playing field and that guys like Joel McKeithan and Will Johnson are on the rise as well. And I think that as a whole we have a great freshman class that will accomplish a lot in the near future.

**VH:** So your first career hit was a home run that gave Vandy the 2-1 series win over Stanford, a pretty epic debut. Tell us about that experience.

**CG:** Unbelievable. It's unbelievable that it happened like that, the first hit and against a team like Stanford. At the time it was a great shift of momentum in our favor. It couldn't have come at a better time.

**VH:** Coming into a top-notch team, which the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association considers to be the best in the nation, what do you feel you have to offer?

**CG:** I think my maturity as a player, both defensively and offensively, helps the team. I work hard every day. I think I am a great team player; it's the best attribute I bring to the team.

**VH:** As a very versatile player, what is your favorite position or the most

rewarding spot to play?

**CG:** Probably hitting is most rewarding. I love to hit, have always loved to hit, and I would probably see that as the most rewarding position for me. ■



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Vanderbilt freshman Conrad Gregor hit his team's first home run of the 2011 season, in the first home weekend series of the season against Stanford.

■ BASEBALL

## SEC play begins



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Vanderbilt puts a 10-game winning streak and a consensus top-3 national ranking on the line as the Commodores welcome Mississippi State into Nashville on Friday for the season's first Southeastern Conference series.

The Bulldogs enter conference play with a 14-4 record and have won five of their last six games, with the lone defeat coming at the hands of Sacred Heart last Sunday. On Tuesday, senior third baseman Jarrod Parks went 2-for-3 with two walks and two runs batted in as Mississippi State rolled over Lipscomb, 14-4. Parks leads the team in batting average, hits and RBIs.

After a three-game sweep of Illinois-Chicago last weekend, the Commodores were voted the nation's No. 1 team by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers of America poll. On Saturday, they rallied from a 7-1 deficit against the Flames to force extra innings, where a Mike Yastrzemski double in the bottom of the 10th inning allowed Tony Kemp to score from first base and lift Vanderbilt to an 8-7 victory. The next day, Anthony Gomez singled up the middle with the bases loaded and the score tied at one in the bottom of the ninth to bring home Joe Loftus for the game-winning run.

"Even the games we haven't been playing well, we always find a way

to come back and win," said first baseman Aaron Westlake of his team's recent flair for the dramatic. "That just shows our DNA and how we never give up until the end. It gives us the confidence knowing that if we are down in the later part of the game, we always have a shot to come back."

Four Vanderbilt pitchers combined for a two-hit shutout of Purdue to bring the streak to 10 games on Tuesday night. Third baseman Jason Esposito hit 3-for-5 with four RBIs, registering his final two on a deep line drive home run in the eighth inning. The defensive effort earned freshman pitcher Kevin Ziomek his first collegiate win.

Westlake stressed the importance of the freshmen such as Ziomek, Conrad Gregor and Tony Kemp who have taken advantage of the considerable playing time they have seen so far.

"Getting the youngsters' feet wet is good because we may need them off the bench and especially in years to come," he said. "Getting experience now helps them with confidence."

In its weekly national rankings on Monday, Baseball America listed four SEC teams among the top 10, including Florida at No. 1 and Vanderbilt at No. 2. All 12 SEC teams kick off their conference schedules this weekend.

In order, pitchers Sonny Gray, Grayson Garvin and Taylor Hill have been slotted to get the start this weekend for the Commodores. ■



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