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Second year law student Justin Gunter stands with his eyes closed and head bowed before a handful of his peers in a lecture hall at Vanderbilt University's law school.

"Lord God, I thank you for bringing us here together on this day," Gunter says, opening the weekly prayer group meeting for the Christian Legal Society.

Gunter is president of CLS, and as a leader in the organization, required to lead prayer groups like these, as well as Bible studies. That requirement came under scrutiny from the university earlier this year. The administration contends the group's leadership requirements might violate the university's non-discrimination policy, which does not allow discrimination based on religious beliefs.

The disagreement between the university and CLS received national attention, from Fox News Channel and now members of the Congressional Prayer Caucus, who sent a letter to Chancellor Zeppos earlier this month urging him to allow religious organizations to freely choose their leaders.

A closed meeting took place yesterday between the university and members of the religious community at Vanderbilt. According to Gunter, a representative from CLS was not invited, but said he is happy the university is making an effort to meet with leaders of religious groups to ease



## UNDER FIRE

Religious identity comes head to head with university's desire to prevent discrimination

KYLE BLAINE  
SENIOR REPORTER

ZAC HARDY / THE WANDLER

### WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR?

#### LATE AUGUST 2010

Member of Beta Upsilon Chi allegedly was asked to leave because he was gay.

#### NOV. 5, 2010

Hustler publishes an article about a former member of Beta Upsilon Chi, a Christian fraternity on campus, alleges that fraternity leaders encouraged him to leave the group after he came out as gay in the summer of 2010.

#### LATE NOVEMBER

Formal complaint is filed to Dean Mark Bandas that a student was asked to leave Beta Upsilon Chi because he was gay.

#### DEC. 8, 2010

The university removes a clause from its nondiscrimination policy

protecting freedom of religious association for external organizations that associate with the university.

#### SEPT. 14, 2011

Carol M. Swain, professor of law and political science, criticizes the university's revised nondiscrimination policy in a column in the Tennesseean.

#### SEPT. 21, 2011

The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education writes a letter to the Chancellor criticizing the Chancellor's decision to not approve Christian Legal Society's constitution.

#### SEPT. 26, 2011

FOX News airs a story on Vanderbilt's policy towards religious groups on campus.

#### SEPT. 27, 2011

The most updated press release states that four of 36 religious organizations are found to be in violation of the university's nondiscrimination policy. No decision is made regarding the religious groups on provisional status.

#### OCT. 6, 2011

23 members of Congress belonging to the Congressional Prayer Caucus send a letter to Chancellor Nicholas Zeppos, urging him to allow religious groups to freely choose their leaders.

#### OCT. 19, 2011

Vanderbilt holds a closed meeting between the university and members of the religious community at Vanderbilt.

the current tension.

This tension can all be traced back to November 2010, when a former member of the campus Christian fraternity alleged that he had been asked to

leave the organization because he was openly gay.

#### Christian Fraternity ousts openly gay member

In article published

in the Hustler on Nov. 5, 2010, a former member of Beta Upsilon Chi, a christian fraternity on campus, alleged that fraternity leaders encouraged him to leave the group

after he came out as gay in the summer of 2010.

The former member, who wished to remain anonymous, confirmed he was given the opportunity to see **RELIGION** page 2

## Meyer refuses to release VSG financial info

Student Body President urges elected officials to keep quiet on 'anything internal'

KATIE KROG  
STAFF REPORTER



MEYER

Student Body President Adam Meyer refused to discuss the details of Vanderbilt Student Government's budget and said he has a policy for all elected and appointed VSG officials that restricts their ability to speak about matters internal to VSG.

On Oct. 13, The Hustler emailed Meyer asking to "find out more information about the overall VSG budget." Within three minutes, Meyer said in an email, "We don't release our financial information or budgetary breakdown outside of the organization."

In a previous interview on Oct. 11, Meyer said that VSG spends about \$30,000 each academic year on co-sponsorships of events hosted by other student organizations on campus. According to Meyer, this amount is about 30 percent of the overall VSG budget.

"Our budget is split between the different segments of campus for programming initia-

tives, the various school councils, the committees, the cabinet and then other internal VSG operations," Meyer wrote in an email. He declined to discuss any additional details of the VSG budget.

On Oct. 12, Meyer emailed The Hustler to inform the student newspaper about VSG's policy for speaking with the press. "All of the VSG members are aware of our policy to not respond directly to Hustler inquiries," Meyer wrote, "unless they are looped through Matthew Taylor, our Director of Public Relations, and myself... to ensure that the right people are being contacted with the press." **see VSG page 3**

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Email your comments to The Hustler at editor@InsideVandy.com

## Van Jones pushes 'green jobs'

LUCAS LOFFREDO  
STAFF REPORTER

Van Jones, a former advisor in President Obama's White House and the author of the New York Times best-seller "The Green Collar Economy," gave a speech outlining his ideas about how to galvanize the economy by creating "green jobs" last night in Sarratt Cinema.

In his speech, Jones advocated for a greatly expanded "green jobs" sector of the economy, which would entail an increase in conventional alternative energy methods such as solar and wind power, as well as less challenging energy conservation methods such as improved home insulation. Jones be-

lieves these green jobs can be created through entrepreneurship and free market investment as opposed to government subsidies, a goal Jones believes is achievable if government-subsidized fossil fuel sources are reduced.

"Our workers are sitting idle in places like Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, the so-called Rust Belt. Every one of those former auto workers sitting there idle could be standing up right now building wind turbines, for instance. We have all these people who need work, and all this work that needs to be done. The most important work to be done in our country is to repower America so that we can be clean, green, energy secure, **see JONES page 3**



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Van Jones speaks in Sarratt Cinema Wednesday night about green jobs.

### CAMPUS THINGS TO COME VU NEWS SERVICE

#### Vanderbilt Student Media Homecoming Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Reception

Five Vanderbilt alumni, former student journalists, will be inducted into the Vanderbilt Student Media Hall of Fame and afterwards will have a panel discussion this Friday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Student Life Center Ballroom.

Inductees for the 2011 class are Frye Gaillard, writer-in-residence at the University of South Alabama who has written extensively on Southern race relations, politics and culture; Terry Eastland, publisher of The Weekly Standard and political writer; Neil Skene, vice chairman and legal counsel for MedAffinity Corporation and historical writer; Fred

Buc, general manager for WRLT-FM, Lightning 100; and Tyler Kepner, national baseball writer for The New York Times. Please R.S.V.P. at www.VandyMedia.org, where you can read about the inductees.

#### Visiting Professor Explores the Relationship Between Religion and Violence

R. Scott Appleby, Professor of History and Director of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame, will present two separate talks on the relationship between violence and religion in the Benton Chapel: "The Ambivalence of the Sacred: Religion as a Source of Violent and Nonviolent Militance" on Thursday at 7 p.m., and "Strong Religion, Weak

Religion: Religious Extremism and its Violent Accomplices" on Friday at 10 a.m. (7 p.m.) and Friday (10 a.m.). The talks are a segment in the Cole Lecture Series, which was established in 1892 by Col. E.W. Cole for "the defense and advocacy of the Christian religion."

#### Commodore Quake to Shake up a Crowd

Headline rock band My Morning Jacket and hip-hop artist Trey Songz will perform at the 11th Annual Commodore Quake this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Gym. Tickets are \$15 for Vanderbilt Students (with a valid student ID), \$40 for General Public-Floor and \$30 for Vanderbilt Alumni and the General Public - General Admission. ★

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# RELIGION: Non-discrimination policy threatens to secularize religious groups



**We expect all student organizations to abide by our non-discrimination policies,” Bandas said. “As an institution, we value our diverse student body. Each and every member of our community is worthy of respect.**

**MARK BANDAS**  
ASSOCIATE PROVOST AND  
DEAN OF STUDENTS

from **RELIGION** page 1

Section by then fraternity president Greg Wigger to leave the fraternity or face expulsion after having a discussion with Wigger about his sexual orientation.

Wigger and the national organization's Executive Director declined to comment at the time the story was published.

The former member filed a complaint with the Office of the Dean of Students after the story was published, and Beta Upsilon Chi underwent an investigation by the Office of Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action and Disability Services. The findings of that investigation have not yet been made public.

Beta Upsilon Chi is a registered religious/spiritual student organization on campus. The fraternity's Code of Conduct states that Beta Upsilon Chi does not condone homosexuality. A former member of the fraternity gave the Hustler a copy of the Code of Conduct, which is only released to Beta Upsilon Chi members and pledges.

The Code of Conduct states its beliefs regarding sexuality in the second clause of the document: “We believe that sex is a gift of God to be enjoyed only inside the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman. Therefore, we will not condone such activity as homosexuality, fornication, or adultery. (I Corinthians 6:15-20; Hebrew 13:4).”

The Code of Conduct appears to conflict with Vanderbilt's nondiscrimination policy, which requires student organizations that all student organizations must “refrain from discriminating in membership selection, officer or adviser appointments, or practices of organizational activities on the basis of race, sex, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, military service, or sexual orientation, in compliance with Federal law, including the provisions of Title IX of the Education

Amendments of 1972, Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.”

“We expect all student organizations to abide by our non-discrimination policies,” Bandas said. “As an institution, we value our diverse student body. Each and every member of our community is worthy of respect.”

## Religious groups under the microscope

The university began reviewing the constitutions of all student organizations at the beginning of the year, following the allegations made against Beta Upsilon Chi.

According to a statement updated by the university

Graduate Christian Fellowship and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Each group's constitution contains a clause which restricts leadership positions to individuals who share the group's core religious beliefs. The university is in the process of determining whether these clauses violate the school's nondiscrimination policy; until a determination is made, the groups will retain provisional status.

Gunter said his organization cannot compromise on the leadership issue.

“A policy that limits religious groups' ability to have religious leaders and activities decreases religious diversity,” Gunter said. “Vanderbilt should ensure its non-discrimi-



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**CAROL M. SWAIN**  
PROFESSOR OF LAW AND  
POLITICAL SCIENCE

those organizations.

“People have come back to us and said ‘what do you mean? This is faith based. This is our values. If we change that, we are not who we are’ and what we've done is we've listened,” Helland said. “We are looking at what all the issues are to make a decision.”

The university also removed a clause protecting religious associations from its nondiscrimination policy in December of last year. The change, made on Dec. 8, 2010, removed a sentence that guaranteed freedom of religious association for external organizations that associate with the university.

“This hastily conceived policy has the potential to destroy every religious organization on campus by secularizing religion and allowing intolerant conflict,” Swain wrote. “Carried to its logical extension, it means that no organization can maintain integrity of beliefs.”

In a phone interview with The Hustler, Swain said the actions taken by the university are part of an effort to secularize religion on campus.

“From my perspective, (the policy) goes too far,” Swain said. “I felt this issue does affect alumni and donors and they need to know what the university is doing.”

Swain and Gunter appeared in a Fox News segment on Sept. 26, 2011 on the controversy.

Then, earlier this month, 23 members of the Congressional Prayer Caucus wrote to Chancellor Nicholas Zeppos, urging him to allow religious groups to freely choose their leaders. Among the signatures were Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) and Rep. Diane Black (R-TN).

“Religious student groups form around specific beliefs, and provide an opportunity for like-minded individuals to assemble to study the tenets of their faith and engage in activities that enrich their religious experiences,” the letter reads. “It follows, then, that religious groups must be allowed to select leaders that share the group's core religious beliefs in order to maintain their religious identities and carry out their primary functions. Selecting leaders that best represent a student organization's mission is not discrimination; it is common sense.”

The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, a free speech group, has weighed on the university's actions, as well. In a Sept. 21 letter to the Chancellor, the group wrote that the decision to not approve CLS's constitution “pits Vanderbilt

against the American tradition of religious pluralism and impairs the freedoms of religion and association of its students.”

## A national debate

Vanderbilt is not the only university struggling to balance the conflicting interests of religious plurality and nondiscrimination.

Just last week, the University of North Carolina ruled that a Christian cappella group did not violate the university's nondiscrimination policy when the group unanimously decided to remove a gay member in August, over what the group said was a difference of beliefs. UNC Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs Winston Crisp told the Daily Tarheel the group could expel a member for not sharing a set of specific beliefs.

An officer of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship at Marquette University in Wisconsin was dismissed after coming out as gay and admitting to an affair with another male. The organization was initially suspended but then given a lesser sentence of probation.

“Marquette expects all student organizations to adhere to the university's Statement on Human Dignity which ‘recognizes and cherishes the dignity of each individual regardless of age, culture, faith, ethnicity, race, gender, sexual orientation, language, disability or social class.’”

University spokeswoman Kate Venne told Life Site News.

According to the Sept. 27 statement by Vanderbilt University, no decisions have been made regarding the religious groups on provisional status.

“Student groups that wish to practice their faith are welcome at Vanderbilt; however, it is incumbent upon them to decide whether they wish to become registered student organizations at the university,” the statement reads. ★



**Vanderbilt should ensure its non-discrimination policy does not undermine the university's religious diversity.**

**JUSTIN GUNTER**  
CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY PRESIDENT

on Sept. 27 of this year, 32 out of 36 religious organizations are in compliance with the university's nondiscrimination policy. All other student groups have complied with the university. The four groups still on provisional status are CLS, Graduate Christian Fellowship, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Beta Upsilon Chi.

The noncompliance issue is the same for CLS,

nation policy does not undermine the university's religious diversity.”

Associate Dean of Strategic Initiatives and Assessment Patricia Helland confirmed the university initially told the three religious organizations to remove provisions from their constitutions that restricted leadership positions, but has now backed away from the position following feedback from

## Critics push back against university action

What began as a standoff between administrators and a handful of student groups, however, has turned national.

The national attention began when Carol M. Swain, professor of law and political science, criticized the university in a column in the Tennessean published on Sept. 14.

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# Strutting his stuff



Drag Queen Jujubee performs in the Student Life Center during Wednesday's annual Lambda drag show.

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# White House recognizes Vanderbilt chaplain

EMILY TORRES  
STAFF REPORTER

Reverend Becca Stevens, Episcopal chaplain at Vanderbilt's St. Augustine Chapel, has been named one of the White House's Office of Public Engagement's 15 Champions of Change for her work with the Magdalene and Thistle Farms programs.

"It makes me feel so grateful. It came out of the blue and will be a great blessing for the work. It is a great feeling to know that our work here in Nashville has had recognition nationally. One of the graduates of Magdalene said, 'From the crack house to the White House is a pretty great journey for Magdalene.'"

In 1997, Stevens created the Magdalene program, a residential community that serves women who have survived prostitution, abuse, and/or addiction. The program serves the women for two years without cost or government assistance and boasts a 72 percent success rate for women after two and a half years.

Coinciding with the success of the Magdalene program, Stevens founded Thistle Farms in 2001 as a social enterprise that sells home and body products. The company employs Magdalene graduates as a mode of teaching practical business skills.

"It has impacted individual lives and has transformed the way Nashville looks at and deals with women who have survived

lives of addiction, prostitution and violence," Stevens said.

The Magdalene program has expanded to six houses that serve 28 women, while Thistle Farms employs 34 graduates.

"She's very involved. She's the heartbeat of this organization. She's involved in raising funds and the logistics and needs of workers. She loves new products and enjoys the creative part. We love having her," said Holli Anglin, general manager of Thistle Farms.

Stevens has become a prominent figure in the Nashville community, receiving awards for her work from the Frist Foundation and the Academy of Women of Achievement. Nashville Scene named her "Nashvillian of the Year," and The Tennessean named her "Tennessean of the Year."

Stevens has authored eight books and has served as Episcopal chaplain at Vanderbilt for 17 years.

The Champions of Change program was created as part of President Obama's Winning the Future initiative, which highlights those making a positive impact within their community.

"We've all come on board for a reason. We've always known. She's a champion of this social enterprise. We're just thrilled she's being nationally honored," said Anglin.

The Champions of Change reception will take place this Thursday, Oct. 20, at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building in the capital. Stevens will



STEVENS

be attending with Katrina Davidson, a graduate of the Magdalene program and the national sales director of Thistle Farms. They will be participating in a panel discussion in Washington, D.C. that will discuss approaches to end domestic violence as part of National Domestic Violence Month.

"I always wanted to believe that love was the most powerful force for change in the world. This work 15 (years) later makes it possible to believe that even more," Stevens said. "It is my strong belief in community to heal and impact systems that led me to become a chaplain at Vanderbilt and to start the work of Magdalene and Thistle farms. I love Vanderbilt. They have been a great partner on this venture." ★

# VSG: Officials not to respond concerning internal matters

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right questions as well as general awareness of who and what is being covered."

He added, "For anyone that is publicly elected, feel free to contact them at any time. When your inquiry relates to responsibilities as an elected official (voting on bills and proposing legislation), they will respond directly to you. When it relates to anything internal, they have been instructed to not respond."

When asked why the policy is in place, Meyer declined to comment on the record through email.

On Wednesday night at 8:26 p.m., an anonymous source forwarded an email to the Hustler that was sent by Taylor to members of VSG. The email was intended to be "a private memo intended only for internal use by members of Vanderbilt Student Government."

In the email, Taylor wrote

that if VSG members are "contacted by an external media source, please forward them on to the Director of Public Relations. Examples of this would be new programs being worked on, new policies being negotiated, and details of programs being worked on, new policies being negotiated, and details of any upcoming projects."

According to Taylor's email, the purpose of this policy is to "ensure that the latest policies, projects, and programs are being communicated to outside media."

He added, "These policies have been in place through the past several administrations and were created in order to allow VSG to function more effectively."

In recent email exchanges with VSG senators about their committee work, The Hustler has in some cases received timely responses.

However, in other instances, senators have declined to comment, citing VSG's public relations policy.

Senator Mark Cherry, chair of the VSG Community Service committee, wrote in an email to The Hustler, "VSG has a rather strict PR rule which complicates things."

Senator McArthur Gill, chair of the VSG Security committee, wrote in an email to The Hustler, "It is VSG policy to notify the president of all official statements made to the paper prior to publishing."

Senator Matthew Brennan, chair of the VSG Environmental Affairs committee, wrote in an email to The Hustler on Thursday, Oct. 13, "I just need to get approval from my boss, which should happen really soon." Brennan told The Hustler on Wednesday, Oct. 19, that he was still waiting for approval. ★

# JONES: Green jobs a bipartisan initiative

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and have energy export," Jones said.

In his speech, Jones insisted that green jobs would please both liberals and conservatives.

"I'm asking questions that liberals and progressives should like: What are we going to do about the earth, and the poor people, and the workers, but I'm giving you answers

that conservatives should love. Notice, I didn't call for green welfare, I called for green work, I'm not asking for entitlements, I'm calling for entrepreneurship. I'd like to see a free market in energy. I think that we can all agree that clean air is better than dirty air. I think that we all should be able to agree that if we can fight pollution and poverty at the same time, that

it would be a good thing for the country," Jones said.

A distinguished visiting fellow at Princeton University, a senior fellow of the Center for American Progress and the co-founder of multiple non-profit organization and movements such as Color of Change and Green for All, Jones is the honorary speaker at the annual Harry C. Howard Jr. Lecture. ★

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# OPINION

## OCCUPY THE HUSTLER

*Multiple perspectives on the OWS movement*

**EDITORIAL**

### Don't ignore Occupy Wall Street

Over the past several weeks, Occupy Wall Street and related protests have gained momentum online and in major cities across America. The movement is attractive to a wide cross-section of groups and individuals who feel disenfranchised by America's current political and socio-economic climate. It has also been widely criticized as a movement without organization, purpose or solutions.

We at The Hustler are not sure we completely understand the full scope and nature of the OWS movement. For that matter, we are not sure that anyone does. The protest is difficult to fathom in this early stage because the protestors seem to have little in common beyond shared anger and a desire to express it.

However, we believe that the issues OWS raises are important and that many of its grievances are legitimate. What it lacks in direction it makes up for in passion, and its reevaluation of American values has the potential to change our nation for the better.

Concerns raised by the OWS protestors include hot button issues such as corporate greed, the ability of big business to buy political influence, income disparity between the financial sector and every other industry, the huge

amount of money spent overseas on wars, high rates of unemployment and the rising price of higher education.

As is noted above, these are legitimate beefs. It takes only a quick look at the 99 percent blog (wearthe99percent.tumblr.com) to find stories of hard-working people who cannot pay their student loans, medical bills, mortgages or credit card debt. When millions of people want to work but cannot find jobs, when CEOs make thousands of times per hour what their workers are paid, and when those workers cannot feed their families on deficient wages, we have a problem. In some ways it is remarkable that it has taken until now for an uprising to occur.

At Vanderbilt, very few of us know how this kind of disenfranchisement feels. That is no excuse for us to ignore our fellow Americans' hardships and the conditions that have caused them.

Critics are correct that OWS has no single leader, that it appears to lack a common agenda and set of goals and that it has yet to offer solutions to its grievances. Additionally, some protestors make unreasonable demands. One widely disseminated video shows a protestor who, when asked why another person (presumably the "one

percent") should pay for his college tuition, responds with, "Why? It's just my opinion." Individuals such as this undermine the OWS movement as a whole. Unfortunately, it is all too easy for the media to focus on this minority rather than explore the very real issues that OWS has broached.

As anyone who has attended Occupy Nashville's ongoing series of meetings and protests at Legislative Plaza knows, however, many OWS protestors are highly educated on the issues and prepared to articulately defend their positions.

These people have started an important conversation about American values and the direction we are headed as a country. Controversial as OWS is, hopefully this conversation will lead to a search for solutions to the issues it raises. Our generation will be largely responsible for this search. Vanderbilt students are in a position to help determine America's direction in these historic times, but only if they choose to get involved in the formation of constructive solutions. We hope that you do.

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### THE VERDICT

The opinion staff weighs in on the pros and cons of various topics found in recent headlines from around the world. Obscure references mixed with humor? THUMBS UP!

**OCCUPY WALL STREET**



It's occupying national attention, downtown Nashville, and even our page today. We're not sure what it means yet, but it's clearly moving up. Fight on, friends — we want free tuition.

**WHITE AMERICA**



"The end of White America" has come, at least according to controversial commentator Pat Buchanan. In his new book "Suicide of a Superpower," Buchanan warns that if minority populations continue to increase, "America is going to look very much like California right now." We doubt that's the case, but if the end of White America means beaches, year-round sun and legal marijuana, then we say good riddance.

**NCAA**



The NCAA ruled this week to suspend our favorite basketball player, Festus Ezeli, for the first six games of the upcoming season. His crime? Accepting a meal and hotel room from a Vanderbilt alumnus during a chance out-of-town encounter. Doesn't sound like a bribe to us. We'll miss you, Festus.

**FACEBOOK**



What if all that procrastinating was actually constructive? Turns out it might be. A new study from University College London finds "a direct link between number of friends on Facebook and the size of certain brain regions." So put down those books, and get on Facebook — it's good for your brain.

**GUEST COLUMN**

### OWS 'movement' lacks substance

**DAVID WEBSTER**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

When I first saw coverage of the Occupy Wall Street movement, I was uncertain as to exactly what the individuals were protesting. I assumed that, given the rapidly growing hoards gathering throughout Manhattan's Zuccotti Park, the movement was driven by an articulated mission. However, after hearing the demands of the protestors, it became apparent that the protest was a tenuous, amorphous narrative. And as more and more angry protestors join the fray, the message becomes even more difficult to discern.

The general goal appears to be set on displacing corporate greed, which, according to the protestors, is the central cause of every woe in the world. The closest thing to a unifying indictment came from author and celebrity guest "occupier" Naomi Klein, who claimed the protests were about "the people who got rich looting the public wealth and exhausting natural resources." The protestors' list of demands, which includes mandatory free college tuition, \$1 trillion spent towards planting trees and an all-encompassing forgiveness of "debts," reads like a deranged child's Christmas wish list. My problem is not that the protests are occurring — the rights to free speech and expression are sacrosanct. My problem is that the energy poured into OWS has no plausible implementation plan. What's more, these protests, which have aggregated into a general expression of pent-up frustration with the world, have somehow been publicized as a movement.

To call OWS a movement does a disservice to actual social movements throughout history. It does a disservice to anyone who has

actually taken the time to give intellectual character to his or her fight in affecting positive social change. Martin Luther King Jr.'s fight for civil rights was a social movement. OWS is a farce. The sentiment behind OWS is a catchy storyline shared by government officials and given credence by an insatiable media that is hungry for an easily understandable street fight. It's the byproduct of the White House's mantra: "Millionaires and

various fat-cats are the enemy, so let's go get 'em! It's all about those evil financiers — it has nothing to do with the past administrations that established untenable federal housing and entitlement programs."

Without a doubt, there is corporate greed in the world, and Wall Street is home to some of the most egregious offenders. However, it would be ignorant to say that Wall Street alone caused the financial crisis, let alone the litany of seemingly random grievances brought forth by the protestors. So after a while, one has to ask — what are these protestors really protesting? At the end of the day, most appear to be anonymously protesting just for the sake of protesting. The White House has outlined the bad guys, so what more is there to figure out? Because it's not like millions of people have been mindlessly compelled by nondescript sloganeering in the past. I mean, there's no way that three words, like "Occupy Wall Street" or "Yes We Can," could bring the intellectual debate to the lowest common denominator of haves vs. have-nots? I sure hope these occupiers get some of the change they believe in — or at the very least figure out what it is they believe in.

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**COLUMN**

### We are the 1 percent



**JESSE JONES**  
COLUMNIST

What's with all this rage against the top one percent?

Ever since I was a young boy, I've been scoring in the top one percent of test-takers on exams like the TCAP. I was put through the "gifted" track of TAG in middle school, and Honors and AP classes in high school. Then I was accepted into a Top 20 university and I was even given a scholarship to attend.

Does this story sound familiar to you? Show some solidarity already!

As Vanderbilt students, we have many opportunities to get involved in virtually anything. We could choose to earn a comfortable living as doctors, lawyers, or businessmen, or we have the choice to forgo a large salary to pursue a special calling.

Hooray! Right?

But now the 99 percent are trying to make us feel guilty about our achievements. I know there are a few bad apples among us, as there are in any collection of people, but how can they use them to demonize our entire group? Throughout history, we have been the ones innovating, discovering cures for disease, ensuring justice, making great art and helping create a better standard of living for all. We're not just a bunch of Napoleons or Gordon Gekkos. How do we, as a group, harm anyone?

I guess the loudest members of the Bottom 99 percent are just resentful because we worked hard while they were out having a good time. If they really want to climb the social ladder, what they should be doing now is working hard, improving their lives and join the ranks of the top 25 percent, who still have it very good (if indeed they aren't already a part of that

group). Even the bottom 25 percent still has it relatively good in America, compared to the lower class in many other countries.

In many ways, this "99 percent vs. 1 percent" way of looking at things is unhelpful, divisive and, yes, "class warfare." Instead of getting mad at someone who's richer, why doesn't everybody just go home and put their own houses in order? Anybody's life could be a little better, but only by helping himself or herself, rather than waiting around for someone else to help, or demanding something for nothing.

As one percenters, deep down we all know this inconvenient truth. And yet, over the past few weeks, it seems that many students at elite colleges around the country have bought into the propaganda, and have become self-hating one percenters. But I can't help but wonder, why would anyone protest against a system of capitalism that, despite all its current problems (most stemming from corporatism, or government intrusion), still works better than any other economic system ever devised?

Sure, it would be great if we could have free healthcare, free college education, \$1 trillion in infrastructure and \$1 trillion in environmental spending and debt forgiveness for everyone. But there is no free lunch; someone always pays the bill, and right now our country is so far in the red that if we continue down this path of overspending we'll default like Greece. Good luck finding a Germany to bail us out!

To counter-protest, I would call upon my fellow students of the one percent to Occupy Vanderbilt, but guess what, we already do. Oh well. I guess I'll just go occupy the library by myself. I've got law school applications to send off.

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## Americana music rocks on

**CAYLA MACKEY**  
STAFF REPORTER

What do the lead singer of Led Zepelin, Emmylou Harris and the saxophonist for the Rolling Stones have in common, besides the fact that they all live in Nashville? Give up? Each is a performer of Americana music. This past weekend, these great artists were just a few drops in the sea of talent that flooded Nashville as part of the Americana Music Festival. The crown jewel of the festival, The Americana Honors & Awards Show, highlighted the accomplishments of musicians who are continuing in the tradition of roots music.

You may be confused as to what strain of music these artists share. As a broad term, Americana music refers to folk, country, blues, R&B and rock-n-roll. The definition of the word itself reflects the melting pot character of America. Though these genres all trace their origins to traditions cultivated in the United States, Americana goes back even farther and claims influence seeded from Africa. As a product of the slave trade, African musical

traditions were brought across the Atlantic where they were combined with other influences, generating a sound that eventually led to rock-n-roll. Like a coat of many colors, Americana music is a weave of diverse artists and sounds.

Reflecting this history, The Americana Honors & Awards Show acknowledged a breadth of accomplishments. Well-established artists such as Robert Plant and the Band of Joy, guitarist Buddy Miller and Gregg Allman of The Allman Brothers were acknowledged along with the next generation of Americanians including Mumford & Sons, Justin Townes Earle and The Avett Brothers.

Performances outside of the awards show included the North Mississippi Allstars, revered blues guitarist Keb' Mo' and sax legend Bobby Keys. In all shapes and forms, innovative and experimental artists displayed their efforts to push the boundaries of Americana. One such act is duo Hymn For Her, which performed as part of Americana-rama at Grimey's on Saturday afternoon. The couple travel around the country in a retro trailer crafting an enchantingly cor-



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**Robert Plant, former lead singer of Led Zeppelin.**

rupted breed of folk songs.

In terms of sheer diversity, this festival is a cut above. Only such an event could so accurately capture the spirit of Music City and, as Emmylou Harris said, be "the shining star of Nashville and music everywhere." ★

## Let your geek flag fly

**LIZ DEBELL**  
STAFF REPORTER

Vanderbilt students, I firmly believe, are divided in two groups: those who embrace their geekiness, and those who pretend that they just got in here because of their good looks. While one might not think it's very cool to hang with the geek squad, I beg to differ. Plus, I'm pretty sure I read somewhere that "The geeks will inherit the earth."

If you think it's chic to be geek, head downtown to the Maxwell House Hotel this weekend for the Geek Media Expo. The convention offers something for just about every variety of geek: Trekkies, Potterheads, W.O.W. addicts, Dungeonmasters ... you name it. Opportunities for indulging your inner fanboy/fangirl are endless. You can check out a full-size TARDIS à la Doctor Who (time travel not included), get crazy with Butterbeer at the "Fun Foods of the Potter-verse" expo or flirt with the GMX Girls at the Mario Party over a game of pin-the-moustache-on-the-Mario.

Don't think that because this conflicts with Homecoming weekend, you'll be missing all the good parties. Cash bars are available at some events, and those 21+ will receive a free drink ticket upon check-in. The festivities kick off with '80s Dance Party II, featuring the ladies of the '80s, including Tiffany of "I Think We're Alone Now" fame. Other options include: the Room Party Rumble, which pits convention visitors against one another in a battle for the best party, to be voted upon by the attendees and the Orion Slave Girl Comedy Mixer, where you can bid to spend time with your own irresistible, Star Trek-inspired slave. Proceeds from the auction go to the Oasis Center.

The Geek Media Expo isn't just fun and games, though. The more serious-minded convention-goers can see an Olympic fencing demonstration, participate in a discussion of favorite tea types in the British fandom portion of the programming, or get tips on how to get your sci-fi or fantasy book published.

Between comic swaps, workshops on rope safety in bondage (21+) and a full on panel devoted to Joss Whedon fandom for all you Buffy lovers out there, Geek Media Expo offers something for the geek inside each and every one of us, whether we acknowledge it or not. Tickets are \$35 at the door, and the fun begins Friday at 6 p.m. See [www.geekmedia.expo.com](http://www.geekmedia.expo.com) for more information on programming. ★

## Get in the Halloween mood

**DAVID SCHUMAN**  
STAFF REPORTER

I still remember when Halloween scared the hell out of me. It started with me grabbing my mother's leg in fright as a 4-year-old seeing all the scary big-kid costumes. It continued freshman year of high school when the seniors wanted nothing more than to nail us with eggs merely for sport. Now Halloween is about doing things that make Christian fanatics tell us to repent. I'm totally down for those things, but if you're like me and also still enjoy being scared, I have no better advice than to settle down under a thick blanket and watch "The Exorcist."

Even today, the story still has the power to frighten people. A cute, adorable little girl gets possessed by the devil? That's positively terrifying. Just put yourself in her mother's shoes for a moment. Your daughter sounds like she's been smoking two packs a day for sixty years, spider-walks down stairs and spins her head around 360 degrees. Oh, and not to mention she occasionally flies up and down through the air while lying on her bed. You may be thinking I just gave away all the best parts, but honestly, seeing it in context with the rest



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of the movie is not the same as reading about it in black and white. The ending is pretty nuts too, so I won't give that away.

I contend "The Exorcist" is the best horror movie of all time. What it did for the genre is unmatched and contemporary horror films owe a lot to little Regan and the Prince of Darkness inside of her.

It's fine to get your kicks with the likes of "Paranormal Activity" and "Final Destination," but just know where it all started. It's the same reason I could never, and I mean never, put a television show like "Modern Family" or "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" above "Seinfeld." Please. Respect your elders. ★

## WRVU DJ bio: Victor Clarke

**HIGH VOLTAGE RADIO  
HARD ROCK/HEAVY METAL  
SUNDAYS 10-11 P.M.**

**KRISTEN WEBB**  
LIFE EDITOR

### On the type of music in the show:

We try to focus more on local rock and metal, or completely foreign stuff. There's a station in Nashville just like there's a station in every other city that does the token classic rock thing, which is great, but we don't need another station that just plays "Stairway to Heaven" and "Freebird." I think the whole genre has become a little bit of a joke to some people, because they know it from just a couple of songs, like Tenacious D. And they're great, but the people that do it seriously are great too.

We've started including some other stuff recently too, because my trainee became my co-host. He's really into ska, so I like to throw him a bone every once in a while.

### What's your top-played artist of the past several weeks?

Probably the Protomen. They're maybe one of the top-played artists of all time on my show. They're just such a great niche

thing, they're just about a totally random topic and their live shows are just fantastic.

### If you could have one dream group or artist on the show, who would it be?

It would probably still be the Protomen. I've had a couple different bands on the show, but they're all pretty much just bands. Not to put those guys down or anything, because they're fantastic people, and doing interviews and live sets is always great. From people who have gotten to interview Protomen, from what I've heard they don't break character for anyone. It would just be immensely entertaining.

### If you could only listen to one style of music for the rest of your time at Vanderbilt, what would it be?

I'm actually pretty musically omnivorous. People know me as the rock guy because I play the part, I look the part. I don't know if I could actually just go down to that.

### If you didn't play hard rock, what would you play?

Probably jazz. My favorite is Sinatra. The combination of jazz and swing, stuff like that.



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**Victor Clarke is the DJ behind the "High Voltage Radio" show, which plays Sundays from 10-11 p.m. The show focuses on local and foreign rock.**

### What's your favorite concert that you've ever been to?

I'd probably have to say Iron Maiden. On the one hand, you can't beat 30-ft. tall animatronic zombies, and their stage show is just incredible with the costume

changes, they get really into it. I've seen a lot of bands from coffeehouse to arena, and they're one of those bands that are just the consummate professionals. They're still doing what they're doing because you can tell they love doing it. ★



# HOMECOMING

## VANDERBILT 2011

Many past graduates get their first in-person look at a side of Vanderbilt football they may not remember from their time on campus this Saturday, as the Commodores welcome the Army Black Knights to Vanderbilt Stadium for the Homecoming game. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. CT. If you can't catch the game live, follow along on Twitter for complete coverage from @IVSports.



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**COLUMN**

## Homecoming victory a crucial step toward bowl eligibility

*Important SEC dates await, but a loss to Army could tank Vanderbilt's postseason prospects*

**MEGHAN ROSE**  
SPORTS EDITOR

It's been a long and tiring month for the Commodores. After a hot 3-0 start to the season, Vanderbilt's perfect mark was tarnished by three consecutive conference losses, relegating the Commodores to fourth place in the SEC East. But with the team halfway to bowl eligibility at the midseason mark, this Saturday's match-up against Army certainly isn't the time for the Commodores to let their guard down.

So far, Vanderbilt's season has played out according to script. Simply put, Vanderbilt has won the games it was supposed to win and folded in the games the team was expected to lose.

Vanderbilt handled its pushover season-opener before edging Connecticut with a comeback bid. The Commodores then turned in a convincing victory over a struggling conference foe before the team met the meat of its Southeastern Conference schedule.

Few people expected the Commo-

dores to escape the month of October unscathed with matchups against the likes of South Carolina, Alabama and Georgia. After failing to score a touchdown against the Gamecocks or the Tide, Vanderbilt gave the Bulldogs a run for their money before falling, 33-28, in Nashville.

The honeymoon may be over, but head coach James Franklin insists that Vanderbilt hasn't lost the positive momentum the team drew from early in the season.

"We're in SEC play, and we're facing more athletic players at receiver, at tight end, at running back," Franklin said. "We just have to stay consistent and trust the process. It's a combination of factors and a combination of talent that's escalating each week."

And with a one-week break before the Commodores settle back into SEC play, Vanderbilt will have the opportunity to show naysayers that it does have the patience necessary to notch a victory against a less talented Army team.

With a win, Vanderbilt can move one step closer to a bowl bid ahead of daunting matchups against Arkansas and Florida in the next two weeks. With a loss, the Commodores could feasibly take a six-game slide into the meeting with Kentucky on Nov. 12.

While the past month has given crit-

ics ample time to raise concerns about the program's supposed culture change and new direction, Franklin has noted the progress he has seen even in defeat, confident that it will translate into the second half of the 2011 campaign.

"From a competitive standpoint, a fight standpoint, you see us growing in certain areas, especially on the offensive side of the ball," Franklin said.

But when a typical Vanderbilt team might fold after a number of disheartening losses at the hands of conference foes, Franklin's squad has the opportunity to reverse that trend.

"When I got here, everybody told me about how when something bad used to happen, the whole team used to hang its head," Franklin said. "I don't think that's happening anymore; I look in their eyes, and they're competing. Every time they're challenged, they step up and embrace it."

And there's no better time for the Commodores to step up than against Army. A trio of beatable opponents in Kentucky, Tennessee and Wake Forest rounds out Vanderbilt's 2011 schedule, but history suggests that the Commodores can't afford to wait until November to make their move.

According to Franklin, things have changed. This weekend, we'll see just how much. ★

## Homecoming highlights

*Players weigh in on the high points of Homecoming*



**JAVON MARSHALL, #31**

*"Seeing all the guys who taught me things when I was young come back to see us play, and then executing the things they taught me. That's the best part about Homecoming week."*



**ZAC STACY, #2**

*"My favorite part about Homecoming is pretty much the fan base. We have a lot of people, alumni, coming in, so we basically just have more support."*

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## Breaking down the enemy: Army

**GEORGE BARCLAY**  
SPORTS REPORTER

To celebrate Homecoming, Vanderbilt (3-3, 1-3 SEC) will take on the Army Black Knights (2-4) this Saturday.

Coming off a painful 33-28 home loss to Georgia last Saturday, the Commodores will try to regroup and work their way back toward bowl eligibility.

While the upcoming game may appear to the casual fan as an "easy victory" given the Black Knights' record and lack of national airtime, Vanderbilt head coach James Franklin knows that is not the case.

"One of the things that I know about when you play any of these military academies that I learned as an assistant is that you're playing a team with a bunch of guys who are willing to die for a cause they believe in," Franklin said. "That's how committed they are. Our guys better know what they're about to face."

In addition to tremendous dedication, the Black Knights will bring a productive offense that is difficult to defend.

"They run a triple-option," Franklin said of Army's atypical offensive style where the quarterback, running backs and fullback are all constant threats to run the football.

Army enters Saturday's game with the top-ranked rushing offense in the country, averaging a total of 361 yards per contest. Out of the backfield, Vanderbilt will have to contain Army junior quarterback Trent Steelman. In six games alone this season, Steelman has rushed for 536 yards on 109 carries and 11 touchdowns.

If Vanderbilt can neutralize Army's ground attack, the Black Knights will be forced to utilize a passing game that records a mere 58 yards per game. However, even though the running game is Army's strength, coach Franklin does not want to over-play it defensively.

"(Army is) forcing you to defend every player on the field, and then the minute that you over-emphasize or try to pack the box or you get too aggressive to stop the run, they hit you for the big play in play-action," Franklin said.

Ultimately, Saturday's game will be decided by the turnover battle. Vanderbilt has a great chance to capitalize against an Army defense that allows 29 points per contest and win the game if the Commodores can avoid turnovers and force Army into making mistakes.

If not, Saturday could be another long day at Dudley Field. ★



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### FOOTBALL UPDATES:

- Franklin named redshirt junior Jordan Rodgers the starting quarterback for Saturday's game against Army. Rodgers will be making his first career start.

- The SEC suspended Vanderbilt center Logan Stewart for the first half of this Saturday's game against Army in response to a flagrant personal foul the sophomore committed early in the fourth quarter of the Georgia game. The SEC has not yet issued a ruling in response to the post-game altercation between the two teams.

### HISTORY WITH BLACK KNIGHTS

In a battle of the Black and Gold, Vanderbilt is looking to avenge a heartbreaking 2009 overtime loss to Army this Homecoming weekend. Many upperclassmen may remember Alex Carlton's 42-yard go-ahead field goal that put the Black Knights ahead 16-13 that year, spoiling a Commodore victory. The bitter taste of defeat still resonates for many veterans on the team, as Zac Stacy, Brandon Barden and Larry Smith all made significant offensive contributions during that game.

When Army enters Vanderbilt Stadium on Saturday night, it will be the ninth meeting between the two teams and the Black Knights' first trip to Nashville in 21 years. Since the series began in 1968, the two squads have played each other tightly, with six of the eight games decided by 10 points or less. The only time the Commodores enjoyed a blowout victory was in 1991, when they won by a score of 41-10 at West Point.

Vanderbilt has struggled against Army on its home turf, holding a 1-2 all-time record in Nashville. The team's last home victory came almost 36 years ago under Fred Pancoast in 1975. Although each of the three games have been decided by single digits, Army still owns a 72-67 scoring advantage at Vanderbilt Stadium.

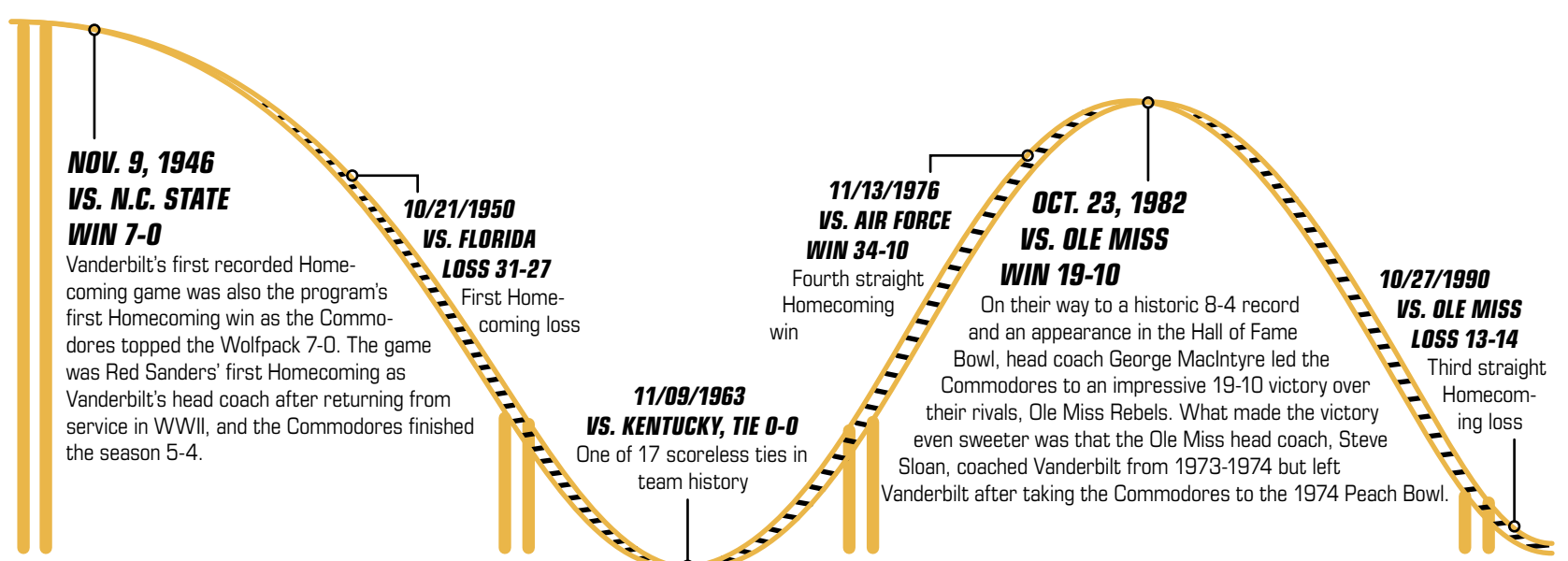
This Saturday, Coach Franklin will be the seventh head coach to tackle Army, joining the ranks of Bill Pace, Steve Sloan, Fred Pancoat, Watson Brown, Gerry Dinardo and Bobby Johnson.

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## The roller coaster of Vanderbilt Homecoming

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Since WWII, Vanderbilt is 25-37-3 in its Homecoming games, with just one win in the last decade. The Hustler takes a look at the highs and lows of Commodore Homecoming history.



### COMMODORE BUZZ:

The women's cross country team earned a No. 3 ranking in the national polls after its second-place finish at the Wisconsin Adidas Invitational last Friday. The Commodores trail only Florida State and Washington after a standout performance against a strong field. ★



COLUMN

# Late-half touchdowns are killers



MICHAEL FRASCELLA / THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER

**Momentum on the line when Commodores yield scores in half's final seconds**

**ERIC SINGLE**  
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The expression applies to everything: Once is an accident. Twice is a pattern. Three times is a trend. We can only assume that South Carolina running back Marcus Lattimore's 52-yard touchdown catch and run through the Vanderbilt defense with 13 seconds left until halftime back on Sept. 24 was an accident. How else could the Gamecocks' most dangerous offensive threat have found such a gaping hole up the middle of the field on a screen pass? And there's nothing wrong with conceding Alabama receiver DeAndrew White's impressive catch in the back of the end zone for a touchdown with 21 seconds to go in the second quarter of the Tide's 34-0 win over Vanderbilt two weekends ago. But tack on Georgia quarterback Aaron Murray's 27-yard strike to Marlon Brown that punished the Commo-

dore secondary for a blown coverage with 27 seconds to play in the first half last Saturday night, and Vanderbilt and its fans have a disturbing trend on their hands heading into the second half of the 2011 season. To wit: The Commodores have given up a touchdown in the last 30 seconds of the first half in each one of their three consecutive losses. Each of those three touchdowns has extended a slim one-possession lead by a heavily favored Southeastern Conference opponent out to a deflating double-digit margin. While Vanderbilt's second-half response to the late scores has differed from week to week, the inability of this year's team to get into the locker room has left the same bitter aftertaste in three straight games that many Commodore fans argue were more closely contested than the final score indicates. The sane way to deal with all this would be to step back and recognize the impossibility of connecting three isolated plays over 180 minutes of football with the intention of drawing a responsible conclusion. Unfortunately, many college football fans dwell only casually in the sane, and half-

**COSTLY FINAL SECONDS:**

**Sept. 24:** Marcus Lattimore takes a screen pass 52 yards for a touchdown with 13 seconds left to put South Carolina up 14-3 heading into the half

**Oct. 8:** AJ McCarron's 5-yard touchdown pass to DeAndrew White caps off a 13-play, 78-yard drive and makes it 14-0 Alabama with 0:21 to go in second quarter

**Last Saturday:** Aaron Murray's 27-yard touchdown pass to Marlon Brown extends the Bulldog lead to 20-7 with 0:27 to play in second quarter

time provides a convenient 20-minute break for everyone in the stadium to pore over mistakes and hypotheticals like offensive and defensive coordinators over the play charts. For a first-year head coach like James Franklin and a fatalistic fan base such as Vanderbilt's, the combination is counterproductive, to say the least. There is no one good way to stop such an imprecise trend. All three scores came from different areas of the field, on different types of plays, at the hands of very different caliber of playmakers. It is even worth considering that in this season of sweeping fundamental change around the program, the touchdowns could be some final transmission from the last outpost of the "Same Old Vanderbilt" inevitability that has haunted the football team for decades, its exorcism finally at hand. Just a thought. Commodore fans can only hold their breath in those final seconds of the first half until the defense proves it is ready to put this strange trend in the past. On the bright side, all it takes is a simple accident to turn things around. ★

# Commodores host Fullerton



NICOLE MANDEL / FILE PHOTO

**Weekend series final baseball action before spring season**

**REID HARRIS**  
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

After the Black & Gold Series last weekend, the Vanderbilt baseball team returns to Hawkins Field to host the Cal State-Fullerton Titans in a two game set on Saturday and Sunday to wrap up fall practice. The series marks the first-ever fall exhibition series hosted in Nashville by the Commodores. A year after being eliminated in their own NCAA Regional in Fullerton, the Titans are led by new head

coach Rick Vanderhook, a former player and assistant at Cal State-Fullerton after the departure of former coach Dave Serrano, now the head coach at the University of Tennessee. Most recently, Vanderhook was an assistant at UCLA from 2009-11 and part of the Bruins' trip to the College World Series in 2010. The talented duo of first baseman Carlos Lopez and right fielder Michael Lorenzen, both of whom batted .342 last season, lead the Titans on the field. Besides leading the team in batting average last season, Lorenzen tallied 31 RBI and 19 stolen bases. His numbers came as a true freshman, earning him a spot alongside Vanderbilt's Tony Kemp on Collegiate

Baseball's Freshman All-America roster. On the mound, the Titans return just one pitcher who started more than one game in junior Dylan Floro. Floro was 2-0 as a starter while carrying a 4.23 ERA over his 25 total appearances. After pitching five shut-out innings during his start in the Black & Gold series last weekend, sophomore lefty Kevin Ziomek will likely return to the mound as a starter for the Commodores. With a similarly impressive start of five scoreless innings, sophomore Sam Selman should expect to see plenty of time on the mound as well. In the field, Vanderbilt returns much of the talent that led the team to the College World Series in June, including the entire outfield of Tony Kemp, Connor Harrell and Mike Yas-

trzemski as well as second baseman Riley Reynolds and shortstop Anthony Gomez. Conrad Gregor, who spent most of his time as the designated hitter last season, is expected to start at first base this year. For Vanderbilt, the exhibition series against Cal State-Fullerton serves as an opportunity provide valuable experience to a young team and finish fall practice with an authentic game simulation against a high-quality opponent. "We are extremely excited to have a program of Cal State-Fullerton's caliber come to Nashville to conclude our fall season," said Vanderbilt coach Tim Corbin. "We feel strongly that this experience will be valuable for both ball clubs." Both games of the Saturday-Sunday series begin at 11 a.m. at Hawkins Field. ★

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**VANDERBILT VS. CS FULLERTON**

**SATURDAY, OCT. 22 — 11 A.M. CT**

**SUNDAY, OCT. 23 — 11 A.M. CT**

**HAWKINS FIELD — NASHVILLE, TENN.**

**10/18/1997 VS. GEORGIA LOSS 34-17**  
Sixth straight Homecoming loss and ninth Homecoming loss in the last 10 Homecoming games

**OCT. 9, 1999 VS. THE CITADEL WIN 58-0**  
The biggest Homecoming win in Vanderbilt history came at the expense of FCS program The Citadel in a blow-out that saw the Commodores rush for 313 yards. The Vanderbilt defense had its way with the Bulldogs, holding them to only 119 yards of total offense and forcing four turnovers. This game was also a revenge game for the Commodores, as The Citadel had upset Vanderbilt in 1979 by a score of 27-14.



**OCT. 23, 2010 VS. SOUTH CAROLINA LOSS 7-21**  
In a season that started off on the wrong foot with the resignation of head coach Bobby Johnson, the Commodores put up a fight against the then-19th-ranked Gamecocks but ultimately fell 21-7. Freshman sensation Marcus Lattimore was out for the game, but South Carolina was able to rely on quarterback Stephen Garcia's 355 passing yards and third-string tailback Brian Maddox's 146 rushing yards to carry the team to victory.

# Southeastern Conference Power Rankings: Week 8

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- 1. NO. 1 LSU (7-0, 4-0 SEC)**  
The Tigers stuck to the formula this week, punishing Tennessee with a physical defense and a potent running attack. Despite the 38-7 final score, Les Miles didn't think his team played its best game, and it's hard to disagree with him. The only thing standing between LSU and the Nov. 5 showdown with Alabama is No. 20 Auburn this Saturday.
- 2. NO. 2 ALABAMA (7-0, 4-0)**  
If you're looking for an argument to support the BCS instead of a playoff system, look no further than this year. Alabama-LSU on Nov. 5 and Oklahoma-Oklahoma State on Dec. 3 will essentially serve as national championship semifinals, provided none of the teams (or at least the winning teams) slip up before then. Alabama shouldn't have any trouble surviving Tennessee this Saturday, setting up the epic game with LSU next weekend.
- 3. NO. 9 ARKANSAS (5-1, 1-1)**  
As it stands right now, Arkansas is probably only going to lose two games all year, and those two losses would be to No. 2 Alabama (38-14) and No. 1 LSU on the last weekend of the season. It's a shame the SEC can only have two teams in BCS bowls, because the Razorbacks absolutely deserve a bid.
- 4. NO. 20 AUBURN (5-2, 3-1)**  
The Auburn defense, much maligned in the beginning of the season, has really come into its own. The Tiger D forced three turnovers against Florida, and the offense generated just enough to pull out a 17-6 victory over the Gators. The offense needs to generate a lot more than that against LSU this weekend if the Tigers have any hope of pulling out a victory.
- 5. GEORGIA (5-2, 4-1)**  
It wasn't pretty, but the Bulldogs escaped Nashville with a win on Saturday, keeping the Bulldogs as frontrunners in the SEC East race. Some frightening patterns emerged on defense and special teams for the Bulldogs, but Mark Richt has a bye week to fix those issues before the Dawgs take on hated rival Florida on Oct. 29.
- 6. NO. 14 SOUTH CAROLINA (6-1, 4-1)**  
It's odd to see a team drop two slots after a conference win, but losing the most important player on your team will do that. Marcus Lattimore's injury strikes a huge blow to South Carolina's SEC East hopes, but the Gamecocks can certainly still get to Atlanta with solid play from quarterback Connor Shaw and a surging defense.
- 7. FLORIDA (4-3, 2-3)**  
It's almost time to write off this season as a transition year for the Gators. With three losses, their SEC East chances are all but eliminated. One way to salvage the season would be to upset the rival Georgia Bulldogs, effectively ending UGA's Eastern Division hopes as well.
- 8. VANDERBILT (3-3, 1-3)**  
After a solid performance against Georgia, Jordan Rodgers takes over as starting quarterback for the Commodores. He'll need to get going quickly, because Vanderbilt needs to beat Army this weekend to have a shot at a bowl game.
- 9. MISSISSIPPI STATE (3-4, 0-4)**  
Though the Bulldogs lost to South Carolina, the team showed huge improvements. With games coming up against Kentucky, Tennessee-Martin and Ole Miss, the Bulldogs could certainly still make a bowl game this year.
- 10. TENNESSEE (3-3, 0-3)**  
The Volunteers faced No. 1 LSU this past weekend, gets No. 2 Alabama Saturday and then plays No. 14 South Carolina next week in what may be the roughest three-game stretch anyone has this season. Quarterback Tyler Bray won't be back until the last two weeks of the season, so Tennessee will struggle to post a winning record this year.
- 11. OLE MISS (2-4, 0-3)**  
The Rebels didn't put up a fight against Alabama, falling 52-7. It almost seems as if the team has quit on Houston Nutt. The Rebels will have to beat Kentucky, Mississippi State and Louisiana Tech and upset either LSU, Arkansas or Auburn to make a bowl.
- 12. KENTUCKY (2-4, 0-3)**  
The last sure win of the season for the Wildcats comes this Saturday when Jacksonville State visits Lexington. Fortunately for the Wildcat faithful, basketball season is only three weeks away.

Redshirt senior center Festus Ezeli will miss the first six games of the regular season while serving a suspension for an NCAA violation committed over the summer. Ezeli accepted a meal and hotel room from a Vanderbilt University alumnus, a violation of NCAA rules. He is scheduled to return for the Commodores' Nov. 28 game against Xavier. ★



