

Religious groups to petition for plurality

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The Board of Trust is unlikely to change the enforcement of the university's nondiscrimination policy at their meetings today and Friday, according to Provost Richard McCarty.

"I am respectful of the autonomy of our board, but I do not see that as an outcome of this meeting," McCarty said. "The Board of Trust will not back away from the core principles of the university."

McCarty's statements come as the campus religious community organizes

to persuade the Board of Trust that the university's enforcement of the policy threatens religious plurality.

According to the current President of Beta Upsilon Chi Brant Bonetti, representatives from the religious community have spoken with university ad-

ministrators and members of the Board of Trust. Those representatives plan to deliver a petition calling for the protection of religious plurality to the Board. There are currently 450 signatures on the petition.

Multiple Christian ministries will hold a morning of prayer and praise Friday

at 8 a.m. in the Student Life Center Courtyard. The event is meant to show the Board of Trust the importance of faith and religious community.

"In my heart, I feel people making decisions know our perspective," Bonetti said.

Vanderbilt Catholic began praying for religious

freedom in front of Kirkland Hall earlier this week. Senior Grace Burnworth is president of Vanderbilt Catholic and participates in the daily noon prayers. Burnworth said through this expression of faith, she believes the will of God will prevail.

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Students protest pipeline construction in Washington, D.C.



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Patrick Burton participates in a protest in Washington, D.C.

Vanderbilt students traveled to Washington, D.C. this weekend to protest the building of the controversial Tar Sands Keystone XL Pipeline.

The 24 students joined 12,000 protesters from across the country to oppose the construction. The pipeline, which is set to be built from Canada to Texas, taking advantage of tar sands oil along the way, has been a highly controversial issue since its

inception, inciting protests and complaints from environmental groups, international organizations, and even the Dalai Lama.

"The Keystone XL Pipeline is a tipping point," said sophomore protester Nicole Rodriguez-Fierro, "If it's approved then it will simply lead to construction of many other pipelines that

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Students 'teach-in' against land grab

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A group of students is calling for the university to divest from hedge funds involved in African agricultural development, following reports the investment is forcing small farmers in Africa off the land.

Around 50 students and community members gathered Wednesday night at a "teach-in" in Buttrick Hall. The teach-in focused on the history of land grabs in Africa and the details of Vanderbilt's investment in Africa. The Vanderbilt Campaign for Fair Food organized and led the event that was largely based on a report released in June by the Oakland Institute.

In the report, the California-based policy think tank implicated Vanderbilt in an African "land grabbing" investment scheme. The report is based on investigations of investors, purchase contracts, business plans and maps of the region.

According to the report, Vanderbilt, along with Harvard and other U.S. colleges, is invested in African land development through London-based hedge fund Emergent Asset Management, which runs one of Africa's largest land acquisition funds. The report claims Emergent's investments in African land are forcing small farmers off their lands and creating insecurity in the global food system while not fulfilling promises of increased na-



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tive employment and development. The investments, according to the report, are aimed at developing the land for agricultural exports.

Junior Sebastian Lasaoa Rogers is a member of the Vanderbilt Campaign for Fair Food and led a segment of the teach-in.

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A student speaks at the teach-in in Buttrick 101 Wednesday night about the possible implications of Vanderbilt's investments in Africa.

VSG Senate votes in favor of accountability and transparency

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The Vanderbilt Student Government Senate Wednesday evening voted 6-1 to pass a resolution amending VSG statutes intended to increase VSG transparency and accountability.

The only vote against the resolution came from the proxy for Senator McArthur Gill.

Alumni Lawn Area Representative Kenny Tan and Attorney General Lucas Scholl proposed the resolution, which was co-sponsored by Speaker of the Senate Zye Hooks.

"I felt that a review of the VSG statutes was necessary to make sure that everything that VSG was doing was in the best interest of the stu-

dents," Tan said.

Hooks stated that he did not have a personal opinion on the resolution but sponsored it because it was submitted close to the deadline and needed a Senate member as a co-sponsor.

The resolution proposes amending VSG statute 6.6 to mandate that proposed budgets be sent to student media and senators at least 24 hours before the budget's proposal in the Senate, that the finalized budget be made available online within 24 hours of being approved and that the budget include examples of programming and services funded by the different sections of VSG.

VSG statute 6.6 already requires that the proposed and finalized budgets be made available to student media and the student body.

Scholl said the resolution is meant to "clarify the procedure of how it would be done."

According to the resolution, voting records from VSG legislative sessions and elections would have to be posted online within 24 hours of the session or election.

The resolution also places time limits on the posting of minutes, stating that Senate minutes must be posted online within 24 hours of the session and committees must post updates online before the first legislative session following the end of a month.

Similar to the budget, voting records and minutes are already made available on the website.

Scholl said, "We're just standardizing it in terms of the statutes to make sure that it gets done every week." see **VSG** page 4

DINING

CHICK-FIL-A MEALS COME TO CAMPUS

Soon, it's going to be possible to "Eat More Chikin" on the Vanderbilt campus.

VSG and Vanderbilt Dining will partner to bring Chick-fil-A Meal Plan meals to campus on select nights throughout the rest of the semester. Chick-fil-A will be offered Friday, Nov. 11 at Branscomb Varsity Marketplace at 11 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 1 at Common Grounds at 11 p.m., and Friday, Dec. 9 at Branscomb Varsity Marketplace.

This Spring, Chick-fil-A will be served every Friday at "Branscomb Breakfast."

"Offering Chick-fil-A on campus is another example of the flexibility and variety offered by VU Meal Plans," Camp Howard, Director of Vanderbilt Dining, told VSG. ★



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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

BY **KATIE KROG**

ADAM ALBRIGHT

EDUCATION

- Vanderbilt School of Engineering Graduate, Class of 2010
- Vanderbilt Owen School of Management, Class of 2012
- "I'm a Double-Dore."



ROOTS

- Born in Texas
- Raised in upstate New York, two hours from Niagara Falls
- "I was almost a Canadian."
- Albright now calls Chattanooga, Tenn. home.

THE YOUNG INVENTOR

- Albright started a company, Adam's Yo-Yo and Go, when he was in fifth grade.
- The company sold yo-yo holders, Albright's invention.
- "I've always been an inventor and entrepreneurially minded."

WEBSITE DESIGN

- Albright won a contest that allowed him to take a summer course in software development. Afterwards, he ended up designing websites for people, including a business website for his uncle. What he didn't know, he looked up online.
- "I'm a self-starter, motivated and driven to figure things out."

AWARDS AND EXPERIENCE

- Albright managed a text message service for Eviesays, an online event search engine.
- He was accepted into the ENGAGE program, which gave him guaranteed acceptance into business school, his freshman year at Vanderbilt.
- Albright attended the Owen Graduate School of Management Accelerator program, "an intensive 4-week business boot camp," according to the school's website.
- Last year, Albright won a competition within the business school which gave him money to spend the summer working on Rentstuff.

ADVICE FOR ASPIRING ENTREPRENEURS

- "Do a lot of customer validation. A lot of people think they should keep their ideas secret because people are going to steal them. Actually, though, it's usually helpful to share ideas with as many people as possible to get feedback."

RENTSTUFF

- Currently, Albright is working on expanding and improving Rentstuff, a web-based business he helped to create.
- According to Albright, "RentStuff is a person-to-person rental marketplace similar to EBay, but for renting out stuff rather than selling it. It's also similar to Craigslist because you have to meet up with the person and let them borrow the item."

HOW DID RENTSTUFF START?

- "Senior year [of college] I met with two other guys, and we started thinking about the idea. This summer we did an incubator program run out of an entrepreneur center downtown. At the end of that program, they let us pitch to investors."

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FUTURE

- "We're currently trying to raise \$500,000 to expand into other cities. It's the kind of business model that only really works if you have a ton of transactions. Our plan is to expand into Chicago by the end of the year."

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RELAY FOR LIFE

Cancer never sleeps, and neither will students who attend all 12 hours of Relay for Life this weekend.

Relay for Life is an over-night, relay-style event created to raise money for the American Cancer Society. As of Wednesday night, 555 people have signed up online to attend the fundraiser, which will run from 6 p.m. Friday night to 6 a.m. Saturday morning in the Student Recreation Center. The event will feature musical acts, games, activities, raffles, food, an obstacle course and a Luminaria ceremony in memorial for those lost to cancer.

The year-long fundraiser has already raised over \$53,000 and will continue until the end of the academic year in May to try to reach its \$80,000 goal.

Samantha Kadis, public relations co-chair of Relay for Life, said, "The whole idea is that cancer never sleeps, so neither should we. The 12 hours signify our solidarity towards supporting those who have been touched by cancer and those who have been lost to cancer."

Last year, over 700 people participated in the fundraiser to raise \$72,000.

Participant registration fee is \$10 and available on the Wall or at the door, by cash or by Commodore Card. Students can also register online individually or with teams at www.relay.org/vandy. 73 teams have registered so far. ★

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TIP-OFF COOK-OFF

The competition will heat up this weekend at the Tip-Off Cook-Off, an all-you-can-eat cook-off where teams of students will compete to create the best-prepared meal and the winners will receive free jerseys from Vandy Fanatics.

The cook-off will also feature giveaways, jerseys, food and prizes.

The event will be held Friday in the quad outside of Branscomb and the Student Life Center from 5-7 p.m., right before Relay for Life and the first basketball game of the year.

Tickets are \$6 on the card and will be sold on the Wall, or at the door for cash. All proceeds will benefit the Martha O'Bryan Center, whose mission is to empower children, youth and adults in poverty to transform their lives through work, education, employment and fellowship. ★

Alphatraz



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Alpha Chi Omega sisters Maddy Karon and Laura Mast perform during their event "Alphatraz." The event was held in the SLC on Tuesday to benefit the YWCA of Nashville and Middle Tennessee.

LAND GRAB: Ethical investments not top priority

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According to Rogers, the campaign's goals are to persuade Vanderbilt to take three actions: divest from Emergent Asset Management, create a more transparent, ethical and accountable investment policy, and apologize and compensate those negatively affected by the investment.

During the teach-in, Anuradha Mittal, executive director of the Oakland Institute, answered questions and provided more detailed insight into the report

through video chat. Mittal claims Vice Chancellor for Investments Matthew Wright told her ethical investments were not a priority for Vanderbilt.

"I could not believe this, because this was not Goldman Sachs I was speaking to, but the vice chancellor for investments of a well-respected university," Mittal said.

Wright told The Hustler in September university investments undergo a thorough process of investigation and due diligence, but social benefits are not the number one priority.

Provost Richard McCarty said to the best of his knowledge, the university always looks to investment opportunities with an eye towards the effects it will have on the local population.

"Investment in third-world economies does help the local people too," McCarty said. "There is a negative side, but there is also a positive side and I believe we are on the side of having a positive impact."

Representatives from the Vanderbilt Campaign for Fair food met with McCarty earlier

this week. During the teach-in, McCarty was quoted on a slide as saying it was inappropriate for students to have input in investment strategy. According to McCarty, the meetings went well and were successful in clarifying the relevant issues.

The campaign plans to deliver a petition to the Board of Trust at 2:45 p.m. today.

The Vanderbilt Campaign for Fair Food is set to meet with Wright in early December.

Senior Ari Schwartz said the organization cannot assume the university will respond favorably to its requests.

"We have to keep on with awareness, we have to keep reaching different parts of the Vanderbilt community to see if we can build a bigger coalition," Schwartz said.

Freshman Ben Terpstra attended the teach-in and said the event convinced him to take action.

"Vanderbilt's name is being used by Emergent to make themselves look cleaner and legitimate, which automatically stains our reputation and the reputation of everyone who goes here," Terpstra said. ★

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Eco-Dores encourage environmental education

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Eco-Dores, a peer-residential program linking university sustainability programs and campus life, seeks to inspire environmentally friendly habits in dorms that students can take beyond Vanderbilt.

The Eco-Dores program was created in 2009 by the Sustainability and Environmental Management Office and the Office of Housing and Residential Education. Monthly educational sessions provide students with information on environmental topics and green practices, as well as ways in which they can mentor and educate other students living in their residential halls. Currently, there are 24 students that are part of the program.

Kendra Abkowitz, sustainability professional and coordinator of the program for SEMO and Vanderbilt alumna, likened the Eco-Dores to “sustainability RAs.”

She stated that feedback from student Eco-Dore volunteers has allowed SEMO to better understand how students live on campus and devise ways in which Vanderbilt’s sustainability programs can be applied to their lifestyle.

“We learn a lot by talking to residents who participate in the program and listening to their observations regarding behaviors in residential spaces,” Abkowitz said. “At the same time, students get a full picture of what sustainability encompasses.”

Both during and after the meetings, Eco-Dore representa-

tives brainstorm ideas for implementation in their own residence that will encourage sustainability. During November’s session, students suggested various ideas such as long-term plans for hosting energy competitions between dorms and simply taking the time to remind others to unplug their phone and iPod chargers when not in use.

Students’ reasons for applying to become an Eco-Dore range from a broad interest in environmental conservation to a specific desire to raise awareness and reduce energy waste on campus. First-year student Linda Zhang decided to volunteer based on personal experience living under China’s environmental policy.

“I’ve lived in many different places, from Shanghai to America, and I’ve seen how pollution can make a difference in the quality of people’s lives,” Zhang said. “I’d like to help out in the environment because it makes a difference, even if it’s just reminding people to take the stairs if they can.”

In addition to increasing communication between students and the sustainability office, the flipside to this partnership is that peer education is often viewed more favorably by other students.

“Sometimes it’s more effective when your peers tell you something,” Zhang said.

Abkowitz added, “Students learn more and are more receptive to information from a peer rather than being told something from an administrator.”

Students interested in applying to become an Eco-Dore should contact Kendra.j.abkowitz@vanderbilt.edu. ★

Maplewood Mentorship encourages education



LIZ FURLOW
NEWS EDITOR

Students from Maplewood Comprehensive High School took a study break Sunday to play flag football, eat wings and learn about college life with their Vanderbilt tutors.

The ninth-graders are participants in Maplewood Mentorship, a Vanderbilt and Teach for America-sponsored program that seeks to pair students from the low income, low performing public school with tutors from Vanderbilt.

This weekend, the students came to the Black Cultural Center to hang out with their tutors and have some fun in the process.

Toya Jordon, a sophomore at Maplewood, talked about her experience with the program.

“The tutors are actually really good — they teach us more than we need to know and help us more than some of our actual teachers. Most colleges wouldn’t have even done a tutoring program like Vanderbilt does,” Jordon said.

The program has 35 tutors, who work 1-on-1 with Maplewood students on a weekly or bi-weekly basis to help Maplewood at-risk

students raise their performance levels and make them aware of educational opportunities.

Junior Tim Hamilton, president of Maplewood Mentorship, said the program has had positive results.

“More students have definitely expressed interest in college and have taken the right steps to get there,” Hamilton said.

Maplewood Mentorship was founded in part by Jake Ramsey, a Vanderbilt alumnus-turned-TFA teacher who coordinated a tutoring program with Vanderbilt students.

Junior Drew Cornaghe, a mentor coordinator, explained the role of the tutors.

“We mostly teach math. A lot of them have difficulty because people didn’t do a good job in giving them a foundation for what they’re learning. We teach them stuff that should have been adequately taught before,” Cornaghe said.

Larry Farmar, a freshman at Maplewood, said, “They help us with stuff we don’t know, like absolute volumes and stuff with algebra.”

Liz Mullins, the TFA coordinator for the program said, “The college-bound-rate has increased and there’s definitely been a posi-

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Ethan Messenger plays flag football with the Maplewood Kids Sunday.

itive change. Maplewood kids have gotten excited about college.”

According to Cornaghe, the program goes beyond tutoring.

“We’re trying to do more than just tutor. We’re trying to mentor, too. So much of it goes beyond their schools. A lot of it has to do with their home lives, too,” Cornaghe said.

At the end of the evening, Maplewood students ate chocolate cake while their younger siblings danced to “Whip My Hair.”

“There’s no more rewarding feeling than seeing the look on a student’s face when he actually understands a concept. It’s the look in their face when they have the potential to do more and are able to pursue academics, because through their whole lives they haven’t been aware of the possibilities or thought they couldn’t do it,” Hamilton said.

To get involved with the Maplewood Mentorship, email timothy.h.hamilton@vanderbilt.edu. ★



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RELIGION: Religious liberty restricted by limited leadership

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"Personally, I think Vanderbilt Catholic would not be able to operate with integrity if we could not limit our leaders to Catholics," Burnworth said.

Affiliated Chaplain to Vanderbilt Catholic Father John Sims Baker also suggested Vanderbilt Catholic would not be able to function on campus if the university continued its enforcement of the policy.

"This is a serious issue, it's not just a minor change," Baker said. "We need to be able to say we're a religious organization and that religion is an acceptable criteria for leadership."

Campus religious groups began scrutinizing the enforcement of the nondiscrimination policy when the university placed certain Christian groups on provisional status in April after the Office of the Dean of Students concluded that the organizations were not in compliance with the policy.

The noncompliance issue for Graduate Christian Fellowship, Christian Legal Society and Fellowship of Christian Athletes is the same. Each group's constitution contains a clause which restricts leadership positions to individuals who share the group's core religious beliefs.

Beta Upsilon Chi, a Christian Fraternity, is on provisional status following allegations last Fall that its leadership asked an openly gay member to resign due to his sexual orientation. The organization's code of conduct does not condone homosexual activity.

Vanderbilt's actions and the response from the religious community drew the attention of prominent conservative individuals and groups who have spoken out against the university.

The Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission and National Association of Evangelicals addressed a letter to Chair

of the Vanderbilt University Board of Trust Mark F. Dalton. The letter, sent on Nov. 7, takes issue with Vanderbilt's policy towards religious groups.

"Compelling religious student groups to forfeit their ability to have leaders who share the groups' religious beliefs is antithetical to religious liberty," the letter reads. "We therefore urge the University to return to its time-honored commitment to religious diversity and pluralism by again respecting religious groups' leadership decisions."

George Will, a syndicated conservative columnist for The Washington Post,

criticized Vanderbilt's enforcement of the nondiscrimination policy in a column published Nov. 2 titled "Conformity for diversity's sake."

"Illustrating an intellectual confusion common on campuses, Vanderbilt University says: To ensure 'diversity of thought and opinion' we require certain student groups, including five religious ones, to conform to the university's policy that forbids the groups from protecting their characteristics that contribute to diversity," Will wrote.

Despite the criticism, McCarty said the university is not rushing to make a decision but wants to continue

the dialogue with religious groups.

"We want to be as supportive as we can of our student organizations but we start from the premise that organizations abide by our nondiscrimination policy," McCarty said.

However, according to Father Baker, dialogue with the university has not made it clear where religious organizations stand.

"The ball is definitely in the university's court. They can craft any sort of policy or application that they choose. I hope that they choose one that respects the need of religious organizations to be religious," Baker said. ★

PIPELINE: Decision on tar sands lies with Obama

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will destroy ecosystems, increase our dependency on fossil fuels, and ultimately have more long term consequences than benefits."

Opponents of the pipeline say that the processing of tar sands oil leads to even greater greenhouse emissions than processing normal oil, and have raised concerns over the pipeline's placement over an important aquifer in Nebraska that provides water and irrigation for crops.

"I think folks in Nebraska, like all across the country, aren't going to say to themselves,

"We'll take a few thousand jobs if it means that our kids are potentially drinking water that would damage their health," said President Obama in a recent interview with Nebraska's KETV.

Proponents of the pipeline, however, point to the dangers of relying on oil from far less secure countries in the Middle East and laud the pipeline's enormous potential for job creation and economic stimulation.

For Vanderbilt students, the protest was an empowering experience in speaking out for a cause about which they

are passionate.

"Being accompanied by 24 students who I knew shared my belief in stopping this pipeline, I saw the other 12,000 people as a grand multiplication of something I believed in, which was exciting, and gave me a clearer sense of purpose for being there," said President of SPEAR Katie Ullman.

The president is expected to make his decision in conjunction with the State Department by the end of the year, although some predict the unexpected strength of the recent protest will delay the decision — possibly

until after the next election.

In the meantime, protesters continue to emphasize the importance of placing continued pressure on Obama to stand by his election promises to "free America from the tyranny of oil."

"I think conquering climate change is the biggest issue for our generation," said SPEAR member and protest attendee Julie Kvedar, "Going to the protest gave me the power to have my voice heard and show the big oil companies that we aren't going to back down." ★

VSG: Resolution intended to inspire confidence

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After the resolution passed in the Senate, Tan said, "I'm really pleased that the VSG Senate has taken a step to demonstrate that it's willing to hold itself accountable for its actions and to be transparent to the entire student body. I hope that the passage of this resolution will inspire renewed confidence in the student body in the continued effort by VSG to represent the needs and interests of the students, and I hope that it has the same effects next week in the House."

In response to a question about the purpose of the resolution, Scholl said, "It's not necessarily to prevent corruption or something like that, but it's more along the lines of al-

lowing students to see where their representatives or their senators are voting on certain issues, and it just keeps us more transparent."

Student Body President Adam Meyer said that he disagreed with the 24-hour time limits in the resolution, stating that 48 or 72 hours would be "more reasonable."

Scholl responded, "Students may read about this the next morning; I'd like for them to be able to go on our website and read our official minutes versus something that's being reported."

The resolution must pass in the House next Wednesday before it can take effect.

To view the full resolution, please visit InsideVandy.com. ★

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Keystone XL: Pipeline to danger

SKYLER HUTTO
 GUEST COLUMNIST

It is not often that a single signature can change the face of the Earth. But in the coming months, President Obama will be faced with the choice of whether or not to extend the Keystone Tar Sands Oil Pipeline across our border from Canada. In the interests of the world, we hope that he decides against it.

The proposed goal of the pipeline is to take extracted oil from the plains of the uppermost part of North America across the heartland of the United States to refineries in Texas. The whole project is a private enterprise by Exxon and TransCanada. When a piece of infrastructure such as this stands to pass into the borders of the United States, however, an executive order must approve it. The decision lies in Obama's hands and the ramifications are extreme.

Tar sands — or, more aptly, oil sands — used to be a place where you might go looking for fossils. More recently, however, technology has been developed to allow extraction of fossil fuels from these sands. One of the largest known oil sand reserves is located in Alberta, Canada. Exxon has called it the “North American Saudi Arabia,” and intends to harvest its oil. Rather than build a new set of processing plants in Canada, oil and gas companies are attempting to funnel the gas through a continuous pipe, well over 3,000 miles, from Alberta to the Southern United States.

A tremendous amount of potential fuel could travel through this line, enough to significantly offset foreign oil imports. Our first reaction is one of nationalism.

Wouldn't it be great if we could become independent of Middle Eastern oil? It would be, but there are problems, and there's an alternative.

First of all, imagine one, nonstop pipe through the entire middle United States — from Western Canada through Kansas, Nebraska, Illinois, Oklahoma and finally Texas. It's 3 feet wide and travels, in large part, above ground, across a tremendous span of farmland. A pipeline burst in Montana earlier this year gives us an idea of Tar Sands' real dangers. This Montana line carried about 50,000 barrels per day, and it caused serious damage to central Montana's farms and ranchland.

Imagine one, nonstop pipe through the entire middle United States — from Western Canada through Kansas, Nebraska, Illinois, Oklahoma and finally Texas.

The Keystone pipes would carry close to 1,000,000 barrels per day, and considering that its smaller and more manageable cousin has ruptured 11 times (and that they're run by the same company), this unruly new line is not unlikely to lead to spills. A 1,000,000-barrel-per-day spill would rival the British Petroleum accident in less than a week, and — to make things worse — the petroleum from oil sands is acidic. A break could endanger not only our land, but some of our primary sources of food and

water as well. Even more dangerous is what the Keystone pipeline stands to do to the atmosphere. At present, the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is about 400 parts per million. That number is rising, and a vast 97 percent of climatologists concur that the earth is warming due to elevated carbon levels. While the safe amount to have in our air is about 350 ppm, burning all of the oil and gas trapped in the tar sands of Alberta would raise atmospheric carbon levels to about 550 ppm, according to noted author and scientist Bill McKibben. That's enough to rapidly increase the warming of the earth, which is not acceptable.

The central plea that Exxon and TransCanada are pushing to Americans in the Midwest is that this Pipeline could give them a job — 20,000 jobs to be exact. But that number includes people who already work in oil refineries as well as their managers and executives; there will actually be about 4,000 new employees. On the other hand, green energy stands to create 1 million or more jobs in the next two years. This alternative also alleviates the rate at which we put carbon into our atmosphere, and it cannot spill or explode. We do not need this pipeline.

This single decision lies in the hands of our president. The long-term ability to change how we create our energy belongs to the voters.

—*Skyler Hutto is a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences, and co-president of Students for the Promotion of Environmental Awareness and Responsibility (SPEAR)*

COLUMN

Hustled in Orlando?

MICHAEL GRESHKO
 COLUMNIST

Orlando is certainly not the first place to come to mind when one begins thinking about college newspapers.

A playland for families and their anthropomorphic, cinematically inspired idols, the theme-park Mecca benignly disguises reality with impressive facades, all in the hope of creating a sustained immersion in a wondrous, dreamlike environment.

But such cloaking of truth doesn't come naturally to the world of journalism — at least, it shouldn't.

The Associated Collegiate Press, a member organization for collegiate newspapers across the country, held its annual conference in Orlando Halloween weekend and doled out the Pacemaker Award, one of the biggest honors in all of collegiate journalism. The Hustler has done well for itself historically, having won it four times in the last decade; however, this year was not our year, despite becoming a finalist for the Pacemaker earlier this fall. We came away empty-handed, folks—

And I couldn't be happier.

You see, the fact that we were even finalists made me indignant enough, given the way that last year's paper went. Instead of being a paper of repute, The Hustler was a mere vehicle for Sudoku puzzles and crosswords, our relevance hamstrung by spotty news selection, a preponderance of fluff and an opinion section depressingly masterful at self-parody. We had, in the words of one professor, “plunged into the depths of irrelevancy.”

But the spirit of Orlando — in the form of the Associated Collegiate Press, which momentarily called Orlando home — bedazzled a grim reality, tossing us a nomination for the Pacemakers as we flailed about. We were finalists for an award that we frankly didn't deserve.

This grim reality, clumsily covered in Floridian frivolity, is worsened when students, disappointed by a lackluster college newspaper, exclusively inform themselves through other news sources. That works to a point, but there's one type of news that then goes neglected: news about Vanderbilt itself.

The Hustler has a duty to inform Vanderbilt about current campus events and issues, highlight community members' standout contributions and — most importantly — keep people in power accountable for their actions. This “social contract” between The Hustler and Vanderbilt is a serious one, for without it, we'd be but a glorified newsletter-cum-fashion blog — and our collective ability to question our community's status quo would take a serious hit.

And we at The Hustler are, by my admittedly biased estimation, making substantial progress at fulfilling this duty to Vanderbilt. I've noticed an overall upswing in The Hustler's news quality, an increased focus on campus activities, and a growing boldness to ask the tough questions that any news organization ought to do. I'm proud to say that I work for The Hustler alongside such talented, dedicated writers.

I find it puzzling, then, when other campus entities express bewilderment and frustration at our increasingly assertive journalistic efforts:

Since when does The Hustler investigate alleged “land grabs” in Africa?

Since when does The Hustler ask to see VSG's budget?

Since when does The Hustler cover campus religious issues, in all their prickly forms?

We're not overstepping our bounds. This is what we're supposed to do.

And your job, as a reader, is to ensure that we don't overstep our bounds. Raise your expectations. Write a letter to the editor if something in these pages grinds your gears. Read our work critically. And if you think you can do it better, join the staff; we'd love to have you.

But the most important thing you can do is question the way things are the way they are at Vanderbilt. How many Orlando facades are there here at Vanderbilt, hiding dingy realities that we can bring to light and, as a community, improve upon?

As a newspaper and as a campus, we're here to find out.

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COLUMN

The Democrats' latest conspiracy theory


STEPHEN SIAO
 COLUMNIST

The latest conspiracy theory in the Tennessee Democratic Party's plan to allow dead people to vote has befallen college students. The new voter photo ID law simply requires all voters (with a few exceptions) to present a government-issued photo ID when they show up to vote. Yes, really, that's it.

Since the Democrats' mythical allegations that this new commonsense law will disenfranchise the elderly, the poor and minorities have all been debunked, they have decided to accuse Republicans of attempting to disenfranchise college students. The Tennessee College Democrats claim that this new law has “stripped a fundamental right from thousands of Tennesseans, and college students are among the major targets,” because college IDs will not be accepted at the polls.

The primary reason college IDs will not be accepted at the polls is because fake college IDs are very easy to acquire. Do a Google search if you don't believe me. Second, I'm really not sure how exactly this has stripped anyone's rights. IDs are free, and having my vote canceled out by a dead person or a dog voting in Memphis is more likely to violate my fundamental rights than carding me at the polls.

I am also curious how the Democrats arrived at the conclusion that the new law is designed to prevent students from voting for Obama. Contrary to popular belief, college students in Tennessee are not heavily skewed to the left. In the 2008 mock election held at Vanderbilt, students were split almost evenly down the middle between Obama and McCain. And that was a bad year for Republicans, especially among students. There are, at most, a handful of campuses more liberal than Vanderbilt in Tennessee, so if the Democrats' allegations that this would disenfranchise college students were true, this new law would actually benefit them.

This upcoming election will have more consequences for our generation's future than any other in the past. It is time to make our voices heard.

Wednesday, at the College Democrat-College Republican debate, we were pleased to have an official from the Secretary of State's office join us to talk about the new voter photo ID law. Conversations like this are far more productive than perpetuating false scare tactics.

Over the next several months, the College Republicans will be working hard to

educate students on our campus about the new law, so by the time the critical 2012 elections come around, everyone will be ready to vote. Additionally, we will be providing free rides for students without a government-issued photo ID to the Driver Service Center, where you can get your free photo ID. We invite everyone who does not have a photo ID to take advantage of our free shuttle service; we don't care if you are a Democrat, Republican, independent or even a socialist. Free rides will commence next week and will accommodate your schedule. Please email me to sign up.

Across Tennessee, College Republicans chapters will be implementing similar programs to educate students and give them free rides to the Driver Service Centers to acquire photo IDs. We call on our Democratic counterparts to join us in this mission at Vanderbilt and across Tennessee. Their time would be much better spent embarking on a PR campaign to educate students instead of their present PR campaign furthering their party's pathetic talking points.

We often forget that in this world voting is not a guaranteed right for all; it is a privilege we ought not take for granted. As Americans, I believe it is our responsibility to vote. This upcoming election will have more consequences for our generation's future than any other in the past. It is time to make our voices heard. ★

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editor's discretion.

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COLUMN

Weekend in DC: Protesting the pipeline



MICHAEL DIAMOND
ASST. OPINION
EDITOR

This Sunday, a group of Vanderbilt students and I traveled to our nation's capital to protest the proposed Keystone XL pipeline that would bring dirty tar sands crude from Alberta, Canada, through middle America.

Now, I could use this column to talk about how such a diverse group of individuals (12,000 in total) from all across North America gathered to surround the White House. Or, I could write about the enormous risk of an environmentally and economically catastrophic spill in the Ogalla Aquifer, which the KXL pipeline runs straight through. I could even discuss the destruction of large swaths of virgin boreal forest to strip mine the tar sands or the displacement of indigenous peoples all along the pipeline's path. It turns out, however, that I don't have to — for, in the words of the Council on Foreign Relations' Michael Levi, the economic analysis that KXL's supporters base their argument on is "dead wrong."

I could remind everyone that tar sands oil burns with much higher net carbon emissions than conventional oil, but that would be unnecessary given Levi's analysis that the fossil fuel industry's numbers are built upon pillars of sand (pun may or may not have been intended). The Perryman Group's study, which was commissioned by TransCanada, KXL's sponsor, claimed that 250,000 jobs would be created by the pipeline through direct and indirect stimuli. Numerous critics have

called out the Perryman report's numbers as baseless, but the criticism from Levi, who actually supports the KXL project, is especially noteworthy. Levi is "suspicious" of the entire approach that Perryman took to arrive at his numbers; however, he finds that, even using the Perryman methodology, the numbers being cited are off by at least an order of magnitude. And that's still without taking into account externalities such as spills, environmental degradation, health risks, and climate change.

12,000 demonstrators know that we cannot move to a brighter tomorrow with yesterday's energy. President Obama would do well to listen.

I could lament the loss of migratory routes for countless species, including those of the majestic sandhill crane, but that would be completely superfluous in the light of the Sierra Club's calculation that the job estimates from the Perryman report are a full 19 times greater than the State Department's contractor's estimate. In addition, much of the KXL spending has already occurred or will occur outside of the U.S. (in Canada or in Asian imports), further limiting any economic effects in the US.

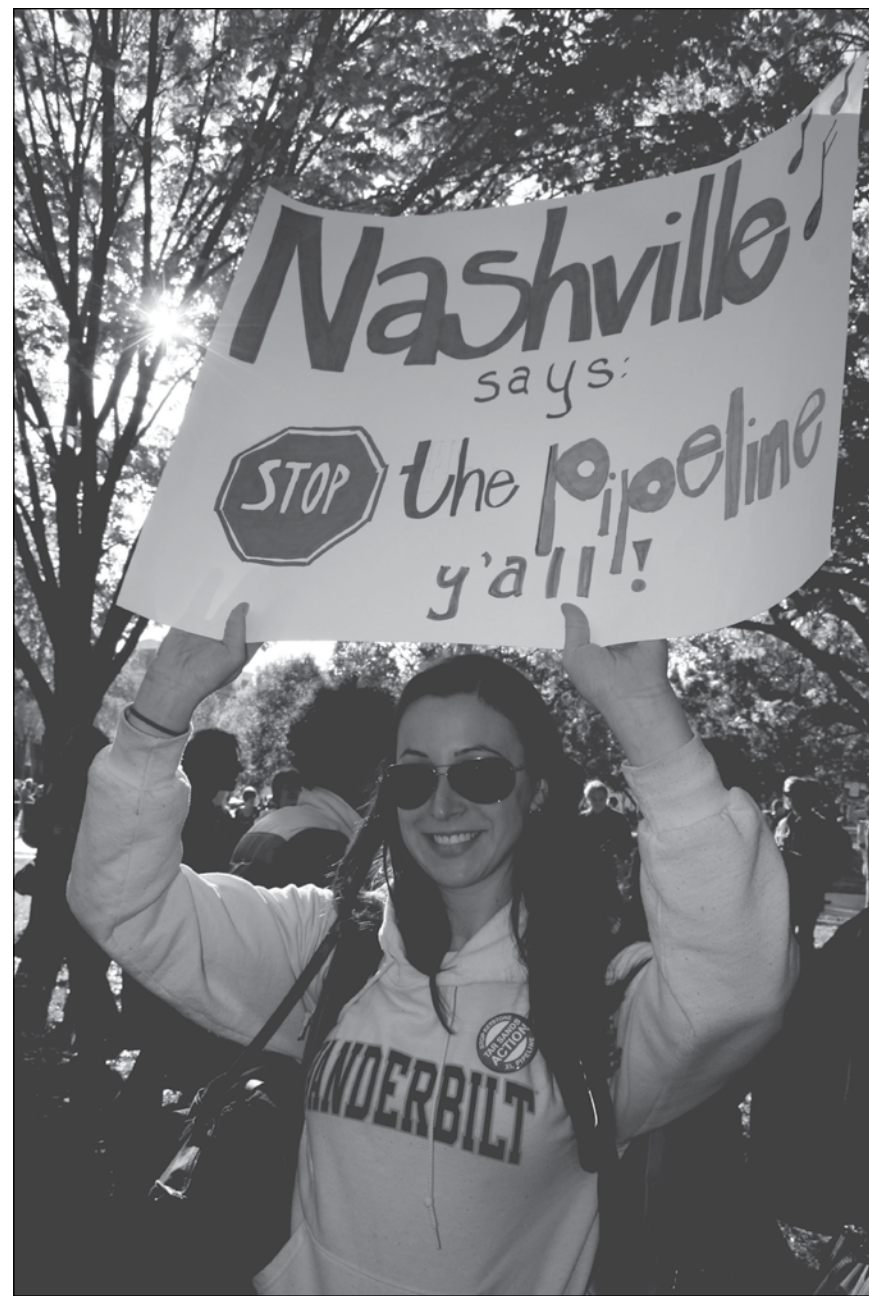
I could go on to detail the cozy relationship between TransCanada and the State Department, as revealed by internal letters released in a FOIA request, but why even bother when, even if all of KXL's job claims were true, they

would still be "at best (a) round-off error for the states along the pipeline route and especially for the broader regional and national economies," according to Ian Goodman, who worked on the Cornell University Global Labor Institute's study of KXL's economic impacts.

I could take the time to rebut claims that if we do not purchase this dirty oil, China or India will, but the Department of Energy has already pointed out that building a Pacific pipeline is in no way mutually exclusive, or even largely tied to, approval of the KXL pipeline. I could also address the claim that more Canadian crude will lower US gas prices. TransCanada itself admits that gas prices would rise in the Midwest, since prices there are artificially low due to the refinery bottleneck that KXL "solves." Moreover, since oil is a global commodity, the additional production will have a negligible impact on prices in the rest of the country. Ironically, approving KXL would have a net increase on gas prices in the US.

I could conclude with heart-wrenching images of drowning polar bear cubs or frightening warnings about increasing storm strength due to climate change, but instead I think it would be better to mention that the Cornell University Global Labor Institute's report includes scenarios in which the KXL is a net job destroyer, not a creator. When the effects of higher gas prices, spill cleanups, impacts on health and climate instability, and the "chilling effect" reduced future expectations for tackling climate change would have on alternative energy investment are internalized, negligible job creation from the project could easily become job losses in reality.

We do not need Canadian tar sands. We do need to move beyond



MICHAEL DIAMOND / THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER

Julie Kvedar, Junior, protesting in Washington, D.C. over the weekend.

oil and toward renewable energy sources. Tapping more and more unconventional sources and developing riskier and riskier technologies only kicks the can down the road and makes the inevitable transition to a sustainable economy that much harder. We're better than this.

that we cannot move to a brighter tomorrow with yesterday's energy. President Obama would do well to listen. ★

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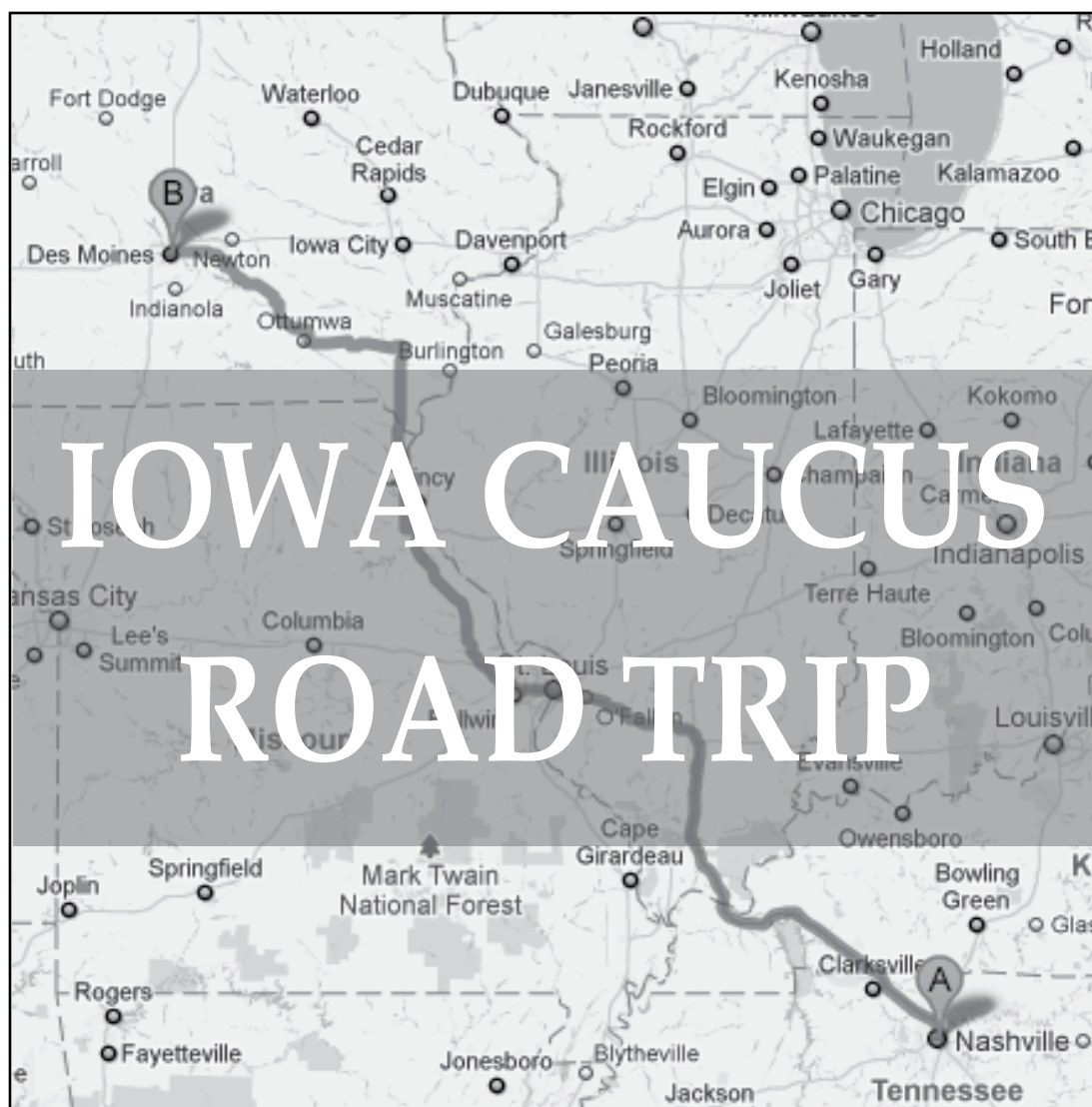
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LIFE

Dom Mazzetti vs. McFadden's Restaurant

YouTube sensation Mike Tornabene to host event at McFadden's Restaurant and Saloon on Thursday evening

JACKSON MARTIN
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

For those of you looking to spice up your Thursday night bar crawl, YouTube sensation Dom Mazzetti will be hosting an event on Nov. 10 at McFadden's Restaurant and Saloon. The Hustler caught up with one of the creators of the series, the man who plays Dom Mazzetti, Mike Tornabene.

Vanderbilt Hustler: You've taken on everything from white rappers to teen pregnancies to single girls. What's next for DomMazzetti?

Mike Tornabene: The next step for us is to take our Dom Mazzetti YouTube channel to the next level. This means pumping out more content and gaining a larger subscriber base.

VH: You've built up almost a cult-like following on the Internet. How did you do it?

MT: The two of us have been filming sketches and writing comedy for a few years now. Dom Mazzetti was our first sketch to go viral, so we pounced on the opportunity and have been running with it since. Thus far, we couldn't have asked for a better following. Our fans are good people with great senses of humor who ap-

preciate the writing behind each sketch.

VH: What's it like interacting with fans on twitter?

MT: Our @DomMazzetti Twitter account is huge for us when it comes to user interaction. Because the platform is so quick, we can go back and forth with a large volume of fans per day. The best is when our followers send us funny Dom Mazzetti related TwitPics, like Diesel Rockets or a Whattup Boosch sign that appears on ESPN during gameday.

VH: What plans do you have for your trip to Nashville?

MT: Just looking to take in the culture and have a couple drinks with the locals. It's always good to experience different scenes with fans from various parts of the country.

VH: Any more great stories from your college experiences in your apartment-style dorm?

MT: None that are safe to put in writing.

VH: What tips do you have for Vandy students looking to write a resume as good as yours?

MT: Confidence is key. If you don't have experience, but you're confident that you'll get it one day, put it on the resume. Employers primarily base the hiring process on MPH so put more focus on how fast you can run as opposed to school and work experience.

Thursday's event at McFadden's is hosted by Not Some Kid, and will feature \$1 drafts and \$4 Jaeger bombs.★

From '90s to now: It's still all for you

IN HONOR OF THEIR SHOW THIS FRIDAY, SISTER HAZEL'S KEN BLOCK SPEAKS ON TOURING AND FANS

KRISTEN WEBB
LIFE EDITOR

Write, record, tour. Repeat. For most bands, this pattern dictates the group's entire musical life. Sister Hazel blends them all at the same time.

"We don't go out on 6-month runs where we don't see our house anymore," lead singer Ken Block said. "We don't even come off the road for long chunks of time. We're always on tour."

Sister Hazel, who will headline a performance at the Wildhorse Saloon on Friday, plays about 120 shows every year, spacing them out to about 10 shows a month. During the time between shows, they write and record new content, as well as planning for special fan events.

Among these events are performances such as Lyrics for Life, a fundraiser for children's cancer research, and Rock Boat, a four-day cruise featuring over 20 bands and musical artists.

"It started as a thank you to the fans, as answering their call to do something special as part of our first platinum record," Block said. "We wanted to do something for them to thank them for literally putting us up on their shoulders and carrying us to really great things."

Above all, the band focuses on building relationships, whether with fans or with family.



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"What we value most is how well we're getting along with each other and that we continue to respect each other and have a great time, a good sense of humor and not take certain things too seriously," Block said.

Although Sister Hazel is best known for hits such as 1997's "All for You" or 2000's "Change Your Mind," they still continue to churn out successful albums, building on almost 18 years of fan support.

"For us, it's about a balanced plate, trying to strike a balance between taking care of the fan base and taking care of our desire to evolve musically, to continue to write and make new

music that we're proud of," Block said. "We're just really fortunate that we have sort of a built-in base that allows us to get out there and tour, but is still really hungry to hear new music."

Whether you're an old fan wanting to jam out with the band or a casual fan looking to rehash some middle school favorites, Friday's show at the Wildhorse won't disappoint.

Tickets can be purchased for \$20 and up from the venue (located at 120 2nd Ave North), but students can receive a 2-for-1 discount with a valid student ID. The show begins at 9 p.m., but doors open at 6 p.m., so get there early for better seating within your section. ★



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Daniel Radcliffe as Harry Potter and Ralph Fiennes as Lord Voldemort in Warner Bros. Pictures' fantasy adventure "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2," a Warner Bros. Pictures release.

Weekend preview

KELLY HALOM
STAFF REPORTER

CAFÉ CON LECHE SIGN-UPS
Friday, Nov. 11, 5 p.m.
Calhoun 109

Sign-ups for Vanderbilt Association of Hispanic Students' annual Café con Leche event will take place on Friday at 5 p.m. Interested students can sign up to take part in one of ten Latin style dances, including the salsa, tango, or samba.

RELAY FOR LIFE
Nov. 11, 6 p.m. - Nov. 12, 6 a.m.
Student Recreation Center

Because cancer never sleeps, Relay for Life is an all-night event used to celebrate, remember and fight back against cancer. All fundraising helps benefit the American Cancer Society.

Participants can join teams that work together to fundraise, create a campsite at the event and alternate walking the track.

To get involved, visit relayforlife.org/vandy to donate, sign up for a friend's pre-existing team or sign up as an individual. After registering, you will be led to a fundraising page where you can send letters to friends and family explaining the charity and how they can donate.

The event will be a memorable evening of food, live music and games. Though you might not have registered early, it is never too late to help a great cause. ★

The end of the Potter era

A POTTER TESTIMONIAL

JUNIOR MEREDITH QUAST

"When my mom handed me my first Harry Potter book in 3rd grade, I doubt she knew what kind of a fanatic she was about to create or how much Harry Potter would change my life. I grew up with Harry and learned with Harry. Trying to imagine my childhood and teenage years without midnight book releases and movie premieres is impossible. I even personalized my license plate to say 'STUP3FY' in honor of the spell! I'm immensely sad (and maybe a little bit lost) now that the books and movies are complete, but I know Harry's legacy will live on and continue to change the lives of readers for years to come."

LAST POTTER FILM TO HIT THE SHELVES FRIDAY... BUT NOT FOR LONG

CAROLINE ALTSHULER
STAFF REPORTER

As Harry Potter lunges towards Lord Voldemort in an effort to defeat him once and for all, he famously cries, "Let's finish this the way it started. Together." Strangely, this exclamation also precisely describes the sentiment of the end of the Harry Potter era. Thousands of fans have fallen in love with the magical Rowling books and subsequent mov-

ies and look back upon their formative years with joy by acknowledging the strong presence of Harry in their respective lives.

As the Potter journey comes to a close with the DVD release of the final movie, "The Deathly Hallows Part 2" on Friday, many fans express their undying gratitude for the magical world of Hogwarts. This year's purchases will be spurred by an extra incentive as well — beginning on Dec. 29, no more Potter films will be shipped to stores, sending the magic back into the vaults Disney-style.

Yes, Harry's legacy will live on forever and readers will always find joy in this mystical world. However, generations to come will never know the special experience of growing

alongside Harry.

"I know my kids will read the Harry Potter series, and they will enjoy it, but they will never know what the anticipation waiting for the next book or movie felt like, and then what it felt like to finally have the new one in your hands," senior Kim Ingraham said. "I feel so lucky to have been a part of that."

Thus, the release of this final movie is monumental in that it leaves everyone a little bit lost. Nothing can replace the magic of Harry's world, not even "Twilight." It's best to save a piece of childhood by buying this final DVD, which comes with deleted scenes and cool bonus features. Snuggle up this weekend with some Butterbeer and watch magic unravel with this final movie. ★

Beirut plays short but sweet concert



KRISTIANNIA SMITH / PHOTO PROVIDED

KYLE MEACHAM
ASST. LIFE EDITOR

According to Last.fm, Beirut's similar artists include Bon Iver, Fleet Foxes, The Antlers and Grizzly Bear. It seems the oft-cited indie music website would be better off leaving this section blank, however, as there is not a single artist in today's market that offers anything close to Beirut's unique sound.

The band has released three immensely popular albums since their inception in 2006 and is currently touring in support of their most recent effort, "The Rip Tide." On Monday, Zach Condon and gang stopped by the Cannery Ballroom in their first trip to Nashville. Despite the abnormally high ticket price (\$25), the venue was packed with fans itching to hear a bit of the band's unique indie folk sound.

The concert was short, sweet, and scrumptious. Much to the enthusiastic audience's chagrin, the band only played for a little over an hour. During their short set list, the crowd got exactly what they came for, however, as the band played all of their hits in beautifully crisp fashion. It is rare to find a full horn sec-

tion in today's indie landscape, and still rarer find a band without a single guitar.

Highlights of the show included a particularly delectable ukulele riff on "Postcards from Italy" that had most of the crowd singing along. "Nantes" and "East Harlem" sounded absolutely perfect. The best song of the night, however, was the lyrical masterpiece "Goshen." For a band already so grounded in their unique vintage sound, the relatively overlooked track off of "Rip Tide" took the nostalgic set to another level.

The encore was four songs long. After the first song, Condon awkwardly told the audience that "had the band not just come from Mexico, they might be able to play for another hour." This was not received well by the audience, who were clearly expecting a set lasting longer than an hour.

Their disappointment was short-lived, though, as the band closed with a phenomenal instrumental piece that showcased a beautiful trumpet solo by renowned multi-instrumentalist Kelly Pratt. Despite the short set, the audience left Cannery Ballroom in generally good spirits, having seen one of the best bands in the indie sphere give an undeniably great performance. ★

THIS WEEK ON VANDERBILT TELEVISION

POINTS OF VU
FRIDAY, NOV. 11, 4:30 P.M.
HOSTS: SID SAPRU AND BRITT JOHNSON

In this week's installment of Points of VU, Sapru and Johnson will be continuing their series on the economy, focusing on the controversy surrounding unpaid internships. Economics professor Kathryn Anderson will also make a guest appearance to discuss her opinion on the controversy.

VTV NEWS
FRIDAY, NOV. 11, 7 P.M.
HOST: SCOTT HEAD

This week's VTV News will feature a special report on the new off-campus housing policies and how the demolition of Kissam Quad will affect the 2012-2013 housing process. Tune in for more information, as well as a video from last week's Diwali performance.

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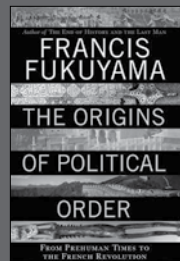
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Follow the leader

Talented Commodores seek leader to guide senior-laden squad through 2011-12 season

REID HARRIS
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

What will it take for this team to win a championship? The 2011-12 Vanderbilt basketball team has every piece to the championship puzzle: an elite scorer in ESPN Second Team All-American John Jenkins; a freakish athlete in two-time Second Team All-SEC forward Jeff Taylor; a tough, enforcing big man in projected NBA draft pick Festus Ezeli; an experienced distributor at the point guard position in Brad Tinsley.

Returning every key member of last year's 23-11 squad, this team has loftier expectations than any team Kevin Stallings has ever coached. There's no doubt in anyone's mind that Vanderbilt has the talent and experience to make a deep run in the NCAA Tournament.

But what will it take to win a championship?

As the media all too often reminds the Commodore faithful, Vanderbilt has seen a premature exit in each of its last three NCAA Tournament appearances, most recently losing to the Atlantic-10 Conference's Richmond Spiders, 69-66, in the first round of the tournament. Will this year's team fare any differently?

Kevin Stallings thinks so.

"I think that maybe because of the expectations we've seen a step up in the leadership department," Stallings said. "Hopefully that will manifest itself in good ways, and I think it will."

Taking the next step to becoming an elite basketball team will require someone to step up and lead this team. Jenkins could be that player. The SEC's leading scorer a year ago as a sophomore, he averaged 35 minutes per game and led his team throughout the regular season. Over the summer, Jenkins led Team USA in scoring in the World University Games in China, another team with a disappointing early exit, falling to Lithuania in the quarterfinals.

Taylor could be that player. Like Jenkins and Ezeli, Taylor turned down a shot at the NBA to return to Nashville to pursue a championship. Last season, Taylor had a remarkable tendency to explode for minutes at a time, only to disappear late in the second half. Can he develop the ability to use his talent to close out games?

Ezeli could be that player. The redshirt senior dominated in the paint, but often found himself in foul trouble,



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limiting his minutes and presence in key games. This preseason, Ezeli strained ligaments in his ailing knee, sidelining him for at least eight weeks. Will he be able to avoid foul trouble and pesky injuries during the grueling conference schedule?

Maybe Tinsley could be that player, emerging to lead this team deep into the NCAA tournament. He did lead the SEC in assists last season. As the only senior in a deep and talented backcourt, can Tinsley avoid the turnovers that plagued him in late-game situations a year ago?

In a league full of one-and-done superstars, Vanderbilt has something that most other teams do not: experience. For this team to reach its championship potential, that experience must develop into a leadership that can guide the team through a challenging conference slate into postseason play. If not, the 2011-12 Commodores will fare much like Vanderbilt teams from years past — one step away from being great. ★

Preseason SEC Basketball Power Rankings

BY JACKSON MARTIN, ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

1. No. 2 KENTUCKY (0-0, 0-0 SEC)

For all the (deserved) hype about Kentucky's No. 1-ranked recruiting class in the country, people seem to forget that the Wildcats return three double-digit scorers from last season's Final Four team in Terrence Jones, Doron Lamb and Darius Miller. The Wildcats may be the best team in the entire country, especially by the end of the season when the freshmen have had time to adapt.

2. No. 7 VANDERBILT (0-0, 0-0)

The Commodores return every meaningful player from last season and add redshirt freshman Josh Henderson as well as big time recruits Dai-Jon Parker and Kedren Johnson to the rotation. After losing in the first round of their last three NCAA Tournament appearances, the Commodores are looking to dispel the notion that they are a team that chokes under pressure.

3. No. 10 FLORIDA (0-0, 0-0)

Florida lost three starters from last season but returns its two leading scorers in Erving Walker and Kenny Boynton, as well as many of the backups who played parts in the Gators' 2011 SEC championship team that was a missed shot away from a Final Four berth.

4. No. 17 ALABAMA (0-0, 0-0)

After missing out on the NCAA Tournament last year despite winning the (admittedly weak) SEC West, the Tide are looking to make a run in the SEC this year. All-SEC forward JaMychal Green and wing Tony Mitchell are two of the best players in the SEC. Without divisions in basketball this year, Alabama won't get the benefit of being in the weak SEC West like last year, however.

5. MISSISSIPPI STATE (0-1, 0-0)

After some serious off-court troubles last year, much-hyped center Renardo Sidney appears to have finally figured out how to behave at an SEC program. If he and UTEP transfer Arnett Moultrie can gel, the Bulldogs have a serious shot at a run in the NCAA Tournament.

6. GEORGIA (0-0, 0-0)

It's hard to see Georgia returning to the NCAA Tournament after losing Trey Thompkins and Travis Leslie, but coach Mark Fox has shown himself to be one of the best coaches in the SEC. Incoming 5-star recruit Kentavious Caldwell-Pope should fill some of the holes left by Leslie and Thompkins.

7. OLE MISS (0-0, 0-0)

With the addition of transfer forward Jelani Kendrick, a 5-star recruit who left Memphis before ever playing a game, the Rebels will be a strong team inside the paint. The question is whether Dunderous Nelson and a group of inexperienced guards can provide enough scoring in the backcourt as the Rebels enter the post-Chris Warren era.

8. ARKANSAS (0-0, 0-0)

Mike Anderson is a brilliant head coach, and he will win at Arkansas. However, it may take him a few years before the Razorbacks make an NCAA tournament. Making Anderson's life even more difficult is the loss of leading scorer Rotnei Clarke.

9. AUBURN (0-0, 0-0)

The Tigers were so bad last year that they may have cost Alabama a spot in the NCAA tournament just by appearing on the Tide's schedule twice. Tony Barbee is an elite SEC coach, and he should carry the Tigers to a surprisingly good season.

10. LSU (0-0, 0-0)

LSU will be more experienced and talented than last year, but it's hard to see a competitive team emerge from basically the same pieces that finished dead last in the SEC last year.

11. SOUTH CAROLINA (0-0, 0-0)

Point guard Bruce Ellington has shown himself to be an incredibly dangerous scorer who can win games on his own for the Gamecocks. Unfortunately for him, the Gamecocks lost their only other major perimeter scoring threat in Ramon Galloway, so teams will gang up on him this year.

12. TENNESSEE (0-0, 0-0)

Bruce Pearl is gone. Scotty Hopson is gone. Brian Williams is gone (Thank God). Tobias Harris is gone. Melvin Goins is gone. Relative unknown Cameron Tatum is the only player returning who averaged more than 3.0 points/game last season. It looks like Rocky bottom Tennessee for the foreseeable future. ★

Roundball road trips

Every year, SEC fans travel hundreds of miles to watch their teams play in the largest and most storied venues in college basketball. Below, *The Hustler* profiles 3 prime road trip destinations on the 2011-12 schedule for the opportunistic Vanderbilt fan.

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3 at NEW ORLEANS ARENA SEC TOURNAMENT, MARCH 8-11



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Vanderbilt has often been plagued by its struggles away from home, and the matchup against Louisville will be compounded by the loss of center Festus Ezeli, who is unlikely to return until late December. Kevin Stallings' Commodores and Rick Pitino's Cardinals share an unfortunate bond, both teams having been upset in the first round of the Denver pod last year, and both will be looking to prove their worth in the eyes of the tournament committee early on. You want to see the real world of Vanderbilt basketball? The one they don't show you within the friendly confines of Memorial Gym? Make the three-hour trip to Louisville to see the Commodores take on an experienced, well-coached Cardinals team in as hostile an environment as they come — the KFC Yum! Center. ★

If you call yourself a college basketball fan, you must go to a game at Rupp Arena. With a capacity of 23,500, it is the largest basketball arena in the country, and every blue-clad fan in the stadium cares more about basketball than you ever will. It truly is a unique experience, with indoor fireworks and the famed student section known as the eRUPPtion Zone. Additionally, with the Wildcats holding a No. 2 preseason ranking, expect a great matchup Feb. 25 when the No. 7 Commodores come to Lexington. That game may determine the SEC Champion, as well as the No. 1 seed in the SEC tournament. Plus, you may just get to see actress Ashley Judd at a game. ★

With three teams in the AP preseason top 10, the Southeastern Conference is as strong as it has been in recent memory, which makes for good basketball being played in New Orleans for the SEC Tournament. With the elimination of Eastern and Western divisions in basketball, Vanderbilt will likely be seeded highly and will have the opportunity to win its first SEC Tournament Championship since 1952. Located just across from the Superdome in the heart of New Orleans, New Orleans Arena is a prime venue for basketball and a great location to take in the sights a few weeks after recovering from Mardi Gras. If this Vanderbilt team plays to its potential and can string together four wins in the NCAA Tournament, be prepared to make the trip again on March 31 for the Final Four. ★



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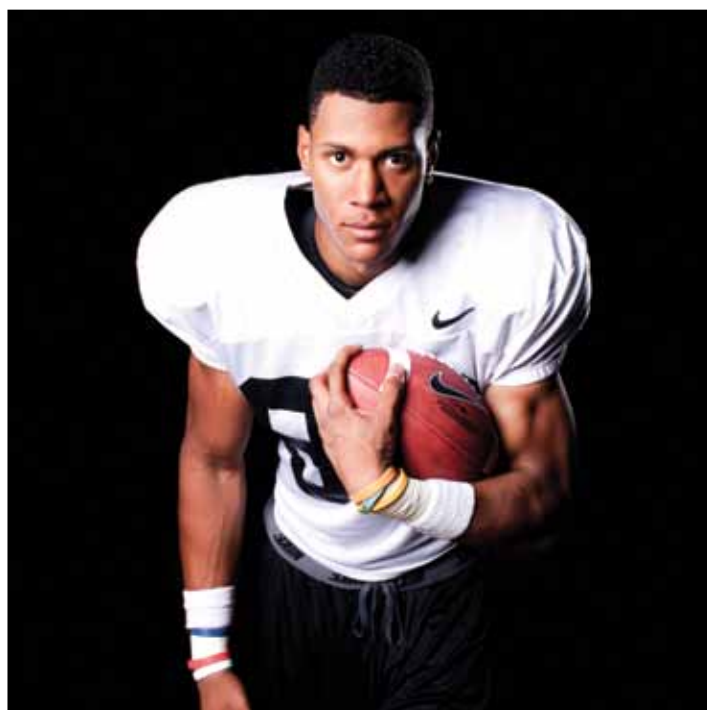
Coming off another heartbreaking SEC loss on Saturday, Vanderbilt looks to rebound this weekend against Kentucky. Redshirt freshman Chris Boyd sat down with *The Hustler* to talk about the team's progress, staying confident and competing in the SEC.

I think people are starting to realize that we belong in the SEC. We have battled all season with some of the best teams in the league. We are feeling more confident right now, but we still have a long way to go. The key is to get better, and I know we will.

I always tell myself to never be too satisfied because that is when mistakes happen. I think we all recognize that there is still a lot of room to improve. We just need to continue to listen to the coaches and trust the process. I see that our team can only go uphill from here, so I am confident that we are all about to take off.

We are going to do exactly what the coaches tell us to. They have a game plan for us, and we will stick to it. They key is also to trust my teammates and not try to do too much on offense. The bottom line is that I am going to give my best effort on every play.

When you come to play football at Vanderbilt, you sign up for the competition. You don't come to the SEC and expect an easy schedule. In our conference, we play



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against some of the best players in America. I am going to play my game and step up to the challenge.

We don't care who our opponent is, and we don't look ahead. We focus our attention on one game at a time.

We're out for blood this time around. ★

Commodores back in action on Friday

Men's and women's basketball squads open the 2011-12 regular season in Memorial on Friday

KRISTEN-LEIGH SHEFT
SPORTS REPORTER

The start of college basketball is finally upon us as both the men's and women's teams open their seasons this weekend. After posting impressive victories in their respective exhibition games, the two squads are looking to notch their first wins of the 2011-12 season Friday night.

MEN LOOK TO IMPRESS EARLY ON

While both Commodore teams have generated preseason buzz around the league, it is the men that everyone will be focusing on this weekend. They enter Friday's game ranked No. 7 in both the AP and USA Today/Coaches Poll — their highest ranking since All-American Clyde Lee led the team in 1965.

Vanderbilt looked the part of the No. 7 team in the nation as it crushed Xavier, 102-62, in exhibition play, but Coach Stallings is still looking for more from his talented team.

"We'll have to be better against Oregon," he said. "We have to do a better job in transition, a better job on the backboards and better playing defense without fouling."

The Commodores should not be complacent on Friday, although they are playing an Oregon squad that finished last season just 21-18 (7-11 Pac-10).

The Ducks have one of the top freshman guards in Jabari Brown and will be relying on him for offensive production. The 6-foot-5-inch youngster has already posted impressive double-digit performances in the team's two preseason games and should keep things interesting in the backcourt.

While Oregon turns to its crop of young talent, Vanderbilt will be guided by a group of veterans to set the game tone. The team returns all five of last year's starters, a group that finished the season 23-10. Guard play will continue to be Vanderbilt's biggest strength, as Stallings looks to play two or three point guards at a time.

"We need to be a team that pushes the tempo," Stallings said.

WOMEN STRIVE FOR CONSISTENCY ON FRIDAY

When asked by the media what her hopes were for the season, junior forward Tiffany Clarke responded, "Consistency is definitely one of my goals this year."

After earning SEC honors her freshman campaign, Clarke struggled to find a rhythm last season as she moved in and out of the starting lineup. This year, Clarke assures us that things will be different.

The Vanderbilt team, a unique blend of veteran maturity and youthful talent, looks to build on last season's 20-12 (10-6 SEC) record. After what started as a promising postseason run, fueled by a semifinal appearance in the SEC Tournament, Vanderbilt unexpectedly lost to Louisville in the first round of NCAA play.

As the bitter sting of defeat still lingers, the team will be looking to rebound from last year's disappointing finish this Friday against Alabama A & M.

The women will tip off first at 6 p.m. CT, followed immediately by the men at 9 p.m. CT. ★

Breaking down the enemy: Kentucky

GEORGE BARCLAY
SPORTS REPORTER

With the toughest part of their schedule in the rear view mirror, the Commodores (4-5, 1-5 Southeastern Conference) will take on the Kentucky Wildcats (4-5, 1-4 SEC) this Saturday in their final game at Vanderbilt Stadium this season.

For Vanderbilt, Saturday begins a crucial three-game stretch in which head coach James Franklin and his team have the chance to secure both bowl eligibility and a winning record in the same season. A Vanderbilt team has accomplished either of these feats only once since 1982.

Although Kentucky and Vanderbilt possess the same overall record, the Wildcats have benefitted from a considerably weaker schedule than the Commodores. Kentucky's sole win against a BCS opponent came in a 30-13 victory over Ole Miss, a game in which the Wildcats trailed 13-10 heading into the fourth quarter. In games against SEC opponents, Kentucky has been outscored by an average of 22 points.

Yet, while Kentucky's weaknesses are evident, Franklin remained level-headed about the upcoming game.

"I think this is going to be a tremendous opportunity for both programs," he said. "It should be a great environment here. I expect Kentucky to bring a lot of fans. Looking at the last eight games we've played Kentucky, we've lost six of them, so it's going to be a real challenge for us."

While Kentucky's defense ranks 57th in the nation, allowing almost 26 points per game and its offense ranking 114th, scoring just 18 points per contest, Vanderbilt will have to win both the turnover and penalty battles in order to make the most of its advantages on both sides of the ball.

"Winning the turnover battle is going to be very important," Franklin said. "I think we have the advantage there. We're ranked No. 4 in the SEC; Kentucky's No. 10."

Most importantly, Saturday's game against Kentucky will be decided by whichever team can finish in the fourth quarter. While Vanderbilt has demonstrated flashes of brilliance against top-25 opponents, the Commodores failed to close in each of those games.

"I think we're heading in the right direction," Franklin said. "There are some good things happening and I think there's no doubt that there's been a change." ★

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Southeastern Conference Power Rankings: Week 11

BY JACKSON MARTIN, ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

1. No. 1 LSU (9-0, 6-0 SEC)

It wasn't quite the "Game of the Century" that everyone was expecting, but LSU's 9-6 overtime victory over Alabama was an old-fashioned defensive slugfest that finally determined the best team in the SEC, and probably the country. At least until next week.

2. No. 3 ALABAMA (8-1, 5-1)

It seems trite to say that if Alabama had a better kicker (or kickers) it would be No. 1 this week. But if Alabama had a better kicker it would be No. 1 this week. Now all the Crimson Tide can do is wait. At the least, this team should be going to the Sugar Bowl in January, but a slim possibility exists that the Tide could still find themselves in the National Championship Game.

3. No. 8 ARKANSAS (8-1, 4-1)

Arkansas may have settled the other half of the SEC championship picture this weekend with a victory over South Carolina that puts the Gamecocks SEC title hopes in serious jeopardy. The Razorbacks will have another chance to shake up the SEC championship game Nov. 25 in Baton Rouge.

4. No. 15 GEORGIA (7-2, 5-1)

With a win over Auburn this upcoming Saturday, the Dawgs would essentially clinch a berth in the SEC championship game. Unfortunately, Georgia fans remember the last time they played a top-5 team in the Georgia Dome.

5. No. 20 AUBURN (6-3, 4-2)

In "The Deep South's Oldest Rivalry Game" on Saturday, Auburn has a chance to derail Georgia's SEC championship hopes, something that has happened repeatedly in the seventh-most played rivalry game in college football. The Tigers are coming off a bye week, so expect offensive coordinator Gus Malzahn to have a few tricks ready for the Bulldogs.

6. No. 13 SOUTH CAROLINA (7-2, 5-2)

With a loss to Arkansas Saturday, the Gamecocks no longer hold the lead in the SEC East. A loss to Florida this upcoming Saturday would essentially eliminate the Gamecocks from having any chance to reach Atlanta in December, outside of the Chick-Fil-A Bowl.

7. FLORIDA (5-4, 3-4)

The Gators bounced back nicely from a rivalry loss to Georgia last week, holding on for a 26-21 victory over Vanderbilt. The Gators are a win away from being bowl eligible, and should pick up that win when Furman visits The Swamp Nov. 19, but tough games against South Carolina and Florida State still loom.

8. VANDERBILT (4-5, 1-5)

Another week, another close loss for James Franklin's Commodores. There are still three very winnable games coming up on the schedule, with Kentucky, Tennessee and Wake Forest left. The Commodores will probably need to win this Saturday at home against the Wildcats, as the Tennessee and Wake Forest games are both on the road.

9. MISSISSIPPI STATE (5-4, 1-4)

The Bulldogs keep creeping closer and closer to bowl eligibility, but with the next two games coming against No. 3 Alabama and No. 8 Arkansas, it looks like Dan Mullen's team will have to come up victorious in the Egg Bowl against Ole Miss, a game that looks more winnable by the week.

10. TENNESSEE (4-5, 0-5)

A win against Middle Tennessee State this weekend gives the Volunteers hope for a bowl game after a dismal stretch in the middle of the season. With a trip to Fayetteville to face No. 8 Arkansas this weekend, the Volunteers will almost certainly need to win their last two games against Vanderbilt and Kentucky to gain bowl eligibility.

11. KENTUCKY (4-5, 1-4)

Don't look now but the Wildcats, written off for dead by many esteemed publications including this one, could actually become bowl-eligible. Games remain against Vanderbilt, Georgia and Tennessee, but it's unlikely anyone in Lexington will notice, as basketball season kicks off Friday.

12. OLE MISS (2-7, 0-6)

As head coach of Arkansas, Houston Nutt complained that he didn't get to play Vanderbilt enough. Nutt resigns as the head coach at Ole Miss with a 2-4 career record against the Commodores. There's something beautiful about the way SEC football works. ★

COMMODORE BUZZ:

Vanderbilt's John Jenkins, Jeff Taylor and Festus Ezeli were all named to the coaches All-SEC Preseason first team on Wednesday. While the first team has representatives from five total conference schools, Vanderbilt is the only team with three players to garner first team honors. ★

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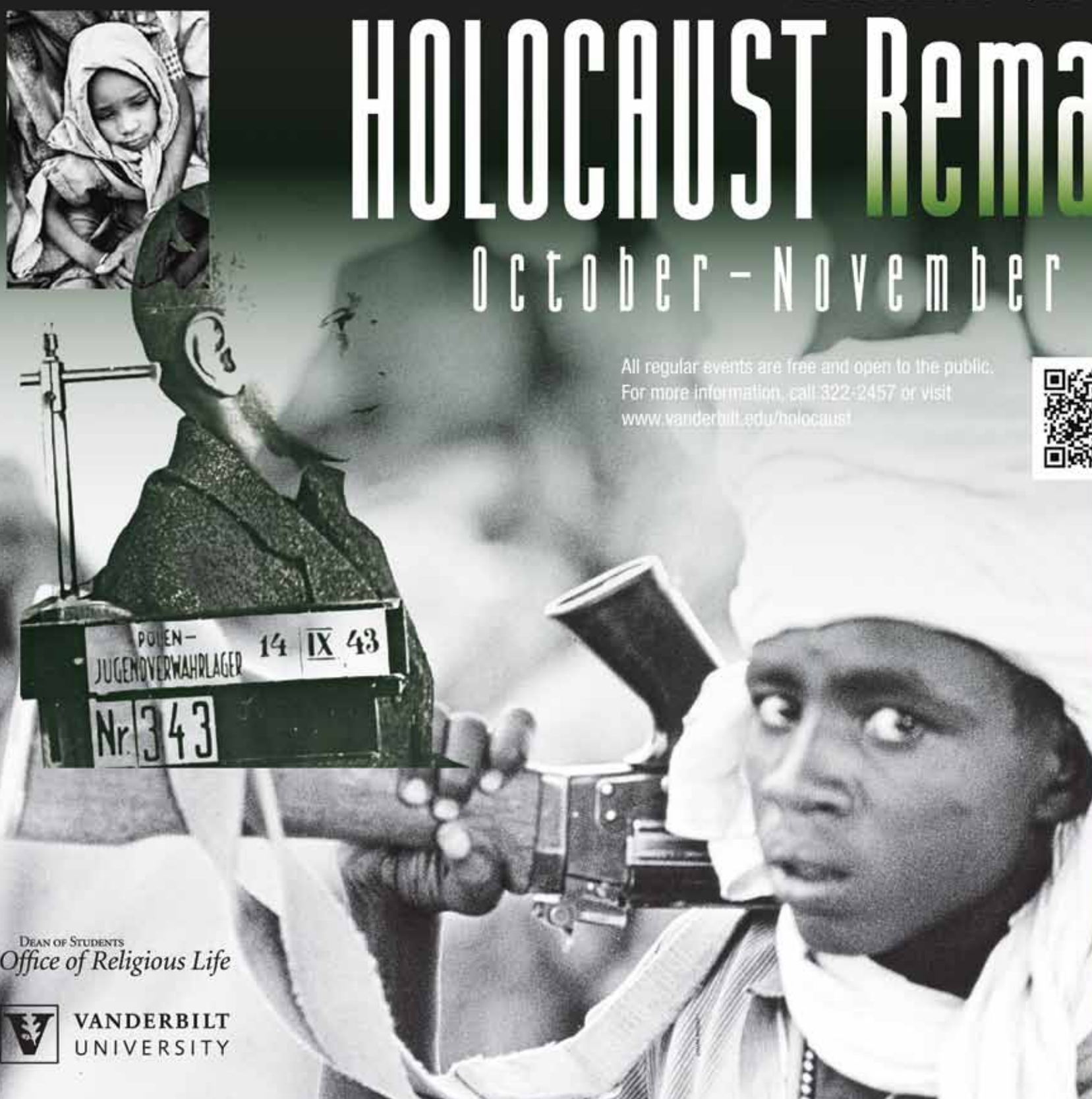
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