

Football player charged with robbery, burglary in dorm

Simmons in custody, warrant out for arrest of second suspect

MEGHAN ROSE
SPORTS EDITOR

Sophomore Andre Simmons is being held by the Metro Nashville Police Department in lieu of a \$100,000 bond on felony counts of aggravated robbery and especially aggravated burglary for his alleged involvement in an incident involving another Vanderbilt student on Tuesday afternoon.

Simmons, a safety from Lorton, Va., has been suspended indefinitely from the Vanderbilt football program.

Metro Police West Precinct detectives obtained a warrant against a second suspect, Danny Diaz, Jr., 19, for especially aggravated robbery at 3 p.m. on Wednesday. At the time of publication, Diaz was not yet in police custody.

According to an affidavit issued by Davidson County, sophomore Zachary Abelman said that two males — one with a handgun — entered his Lupton House residence.

The pair demanded that Abelman open his safe and hand over approximately \$5,000 in cash. A fight ensued, as Abelman was struck in the head by the handgun. The second suspect fled the room,

while Simmons remained, trying to restrain Abelman in his residence.

Abelman, joined by others, chased Simmons through Vanderbilt campus to Terrace Place Garage, located behind the Baker Building on 21st Avenue. Two sergeants from the Vanderbilt University Police Department arrived on the scene and Simmons was apprehended in the parking lot of 2007 Terrace Place.

Abelman, a forward on the Vanderbilt club hockey team from Rockville, Md., refused to comment when The Hustler asked him for an interview.

VUPD responds

Jerry Bradley, a sergeant in VUPD, said he was patrolling the area of Kensington and 25th avenues when he was flagged down by a male subject who advised him that a white male — claiming he was in need of police assistance — was chasing a black male through campus.

"I started toward that direction, and as I was driving I ran into other persons pointing in the direction of the middle of campus, claiming they were running toward Wilson (Hall)," Bradley said.

According to Honey Pike, assistant chief of police at VUPD, the campus police were notified of the chase and the dorm incident by a number of sources.

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WHO IS INVOLVED?



DEFENDANTS

ANDRE SIMMONS

- Sophomore
- From Lorton, Va.
- Plays safety for the football team
- In custody with \$100,000 bond

DANNY DIAZ, JR.

- Not a Vanderbilt student
- Not in custody
- Warrant issued for arrest



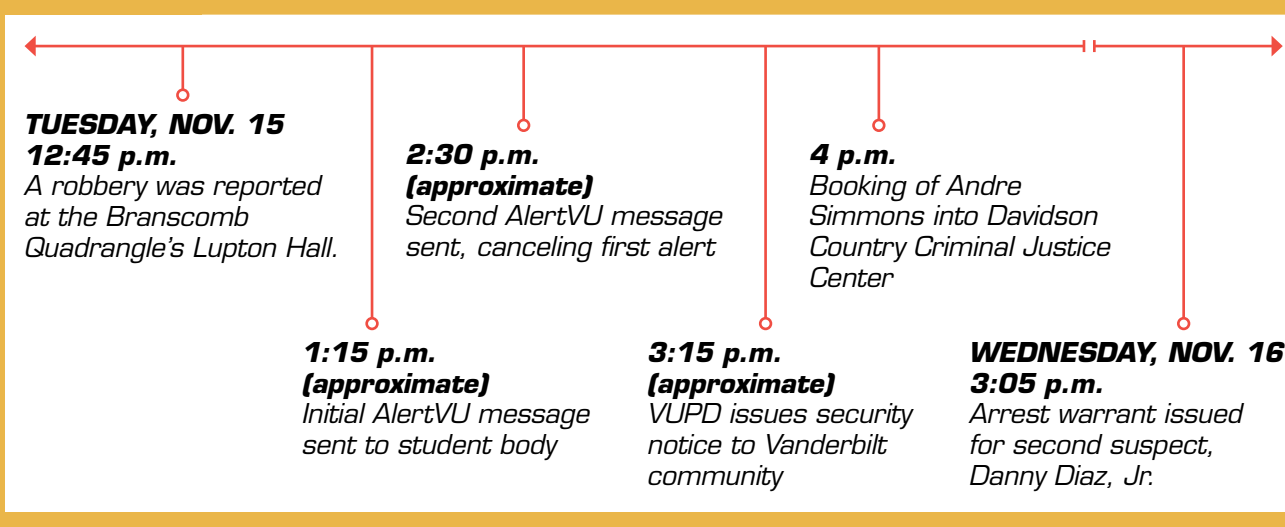
VICTIM

ZACHARY ABELMAN

- Sophomore
- From Rockville, Md.
- Plays on Vanderbilt club hockey team



TIMELINE



VSG House passes accountability and transparency omnibus 18-2

KATIE KROG
STAFF REPORTER

Vanderbilt Student Government House Wednesday voted 18-2 in favor of the Accountability and Transparency Omnibus that passed the VSG Senate last week.

Alumni Area Representative Kenny Tan and Attorney General Lucas Scholl proposed the resolution.

The resolution calls for minutes and voting records from VSG sessions to be made available online within 24 hours, for the proposed budget to be provided to student media and senators at least 24 hours before the senate votes on its approval and for the approved budget to be made available online within 24 hours of its approval.

The resolution also requires committee updates to be posted on the VSG website every month.

In both the house and



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The VSG House meeting on Oct. 26. The House last night passed a resolution calling for increased transparency.

senate, members of VSG questioned the 24-hour deadline.

"I actually endorse the 24 hours," Scholl said during the house session, "I think there's a definite benefit to the fact that if students want to see something that's being published, for example, on The Hustler, or they hear about a vote that's passed, that they want to read our official minutes regarding the legislation then that should be on our website as soon as possible."

He added, "We can take 10 minutes after session and do that. In my mind, there's a definite benefit to the 24 hours versus, say, letting it wait longer."

Although the senate debated the resolution, the house moved to previous question without any debate. The only votes against the resolution came from David Floyd, president of Hank Ingram House and Towers Area Representative David Moore.

"The reason I voted

against this resolution is rather simple, actually," Moore said, "It seems that we keep going back to the exact same topic week after week. Every time we come here, we're going back to the whole budget crisis that we were facing, and I say that with a

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Planned Sarratt renovations announced

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STAFF REPORTER

The Dean of Students Office announced Tuesday the plans for the renovations to Sarratt Student Center.

The plans include: a new dining option, redesigned and expanded Rand dining space; a store supplied with class supplies as well as Varsity Market items; additional meeting, seminar and conference rooms and a student organizations suite.

The remodeled center will also include a bridge from the top floor of Rand to the top floor of the former bookstore.

After gathering student input through an online submission form, Facebook and Twitter, a planning committee of Sarratt and Rand staff as well as four student representatives decided on the renovations.

The planning committee reviewed more than 1,300 student submissions. According to Director of Student Centers Jack Davis, "that feedback has been guiding the decision making process."

"The majority of those student

suggestions have been incorporated into the project," Davis said.

First-year Kathryn Reddic feels that the planning committee succeeded in taking student suggestions into account and that renovations accommodate students' needs well.

"I'm really glad they're keeping a store in Sarratt," Reddic said. "It's not a big deal to trek from Commons to West End once for your books, but I don't want to do it every time I need something small for class."

Other students, however, feel that some student suggestions were ignored.

"I know a lot of people wanted a Chick-fil-A, and I was looking forward to that," Tripp Moss said.

To gauge student opinion on the renovations, Davis says the committee will continue to solicit responses.

"Students will be asked throughout the next couple months to provide feedback on spaces, furniture and overall design," Davis said.

The Dean of Students Office aims to finish renovations before the beginning of the 2012-13 school year. ★



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The Hustler will not publish an issue the Monday after Thanksgiving break. Look for a new issue Thursday, Nov. 24, and check InsideVandy.com for updates in the meantime.

AIRPORT SHUTTLES FOR BREAK

Airport shuttles will run Friday from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. The buses will offer services free of charge and leave every hour, on the hour, from the Commons and Branscomb Quad. The services were organized and funded by Vanderbilt Student Government.

RELAY FOR LIFE UPDATE

Relay for Life, an over-night, relay-style event created to raise money for the American Cancer Society, had over 450 participants in attendance last Friday and raised over \$75,000. The group will continue to fundraise until August to reach their \$80,000 goal.



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Students play rootbeer pong in the Student Recreation Center last Friday night during Relay for Life.

Author of 'The Help' speaks

Writer speaks about experience as author, inspiration for novel, and race issues in her work

Kathrynn Stockett gave a talk about her book, *The Help*, Wednesday night in the Student Life Center to a large crowd of Vanderbilt students and Nashvilians. The Hustler sat down with Stockett to interview her before her speech.

How much of your novel was based on your own life experiences?

The woman in my life was

amazing and very gentle and old school. Her name was Demetri and she was in her 50s and she'd worked with my family for 40 years. Drawing on a certain time and a certain place that had really made me who I was, that was pretty easy. One of the challenges I'm facing right now is trying to write a story about a town that I didn't grow up in and trying to sort of guess what the streets and what the landscape would have looked like in the 1920s. I think for any first time novelist it makes sense to give yourself a break and write about the things that you are absolutely the most familiar with.

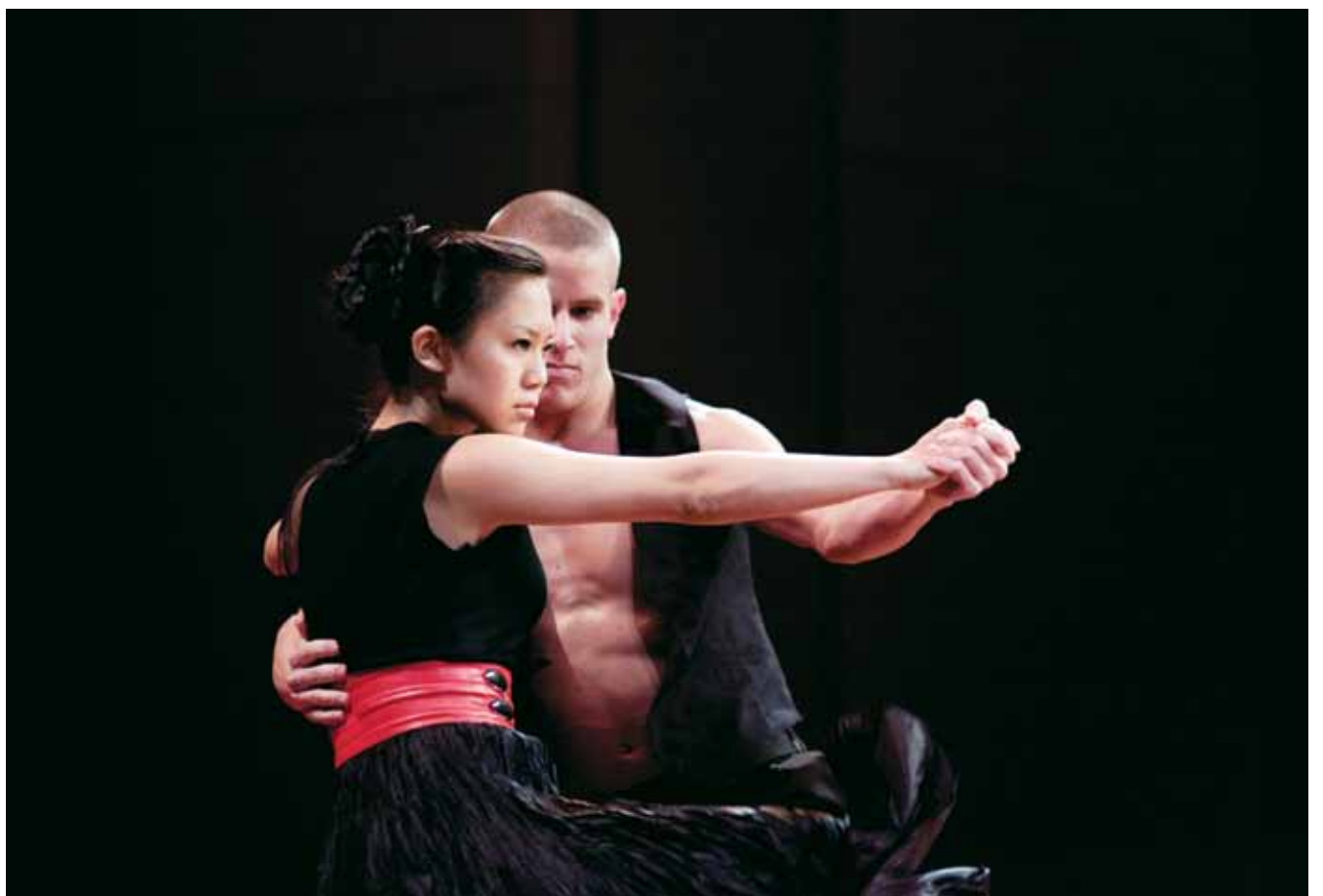
Check InsideVandy.com for the complete interview.



CHRIS HONIBALL / THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER

The author of "The Help," Kathrynn Stockett speaks in the Student Life Center Wednesday night.

Dancing with the Dores



KEVIN BARNETT / THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER

Mengtng Ren and Spenser Schwartz dance during VIDA's "Dancing with the Dores," which showcased the dancing talent of Vanderbilt students on Tuesday night in the SLC. The two went on to win first prize having performed the Paso Doble.

ROBBERY: AlertVU canceled due to 'inconsistencies in the report'

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"We received phone calls from campus, saying that a chase was going on," Pike said.

The chase involving Simmons, Abelman and a number of others continued across 21st to Terrace Place Garage. Fellow VUPD sergeant Daniel Knalls joined Bradley as the two neared the garage location.

"As we pulled up to the garage, we saw several subjects within the garage," Bradley said. "They turned and saw us in the patrol car as we pulled through the alley. The suspect took off again. Knalls pursued on foot while I stayed in the car."

VUPD located the group in the parking lot of 2007 Terrace Place, where two male subjects held Simmons against a van. Knalls ordered Simmons to the ground and he was taken into custody. According to Bradley, at least two male subjects, in addition to Abelman, were involved in the pursuit of Simmons.

AlertVU message issued, canceled

Students, faculty and staff members across campus received text messages, phone calls and email notifications around 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon, warning them of the incident.

The initial text and email message read, "ALERT! Robbery reported at Lupton Hall on Vanderbilt campus. One suspect in custody, one suspect still possibly on campus. More information to follow."

"After we got the victim calmed down, we determined from the witnesses that there was a sec-

ond suspect that might have a gun," Pike said.

The alert was canceled an hour later in a message saying, "CANCEL ALERT. No robbery actually occurred. Incident still being investigated. No ongoing threat on campus."

According to a press release issued by the university on Wednesday afternoon, "After the robbery was reported, a campus wide alert was sent out because the location of the second suspect was unknown. The alert was later canceled because inconsistencies in the report that was filed and other evidence led police to believe that there was not an ongoing threat to campus."

A security notice was then released by VUPD, informing recipients that the earlier messages were sent in an effort to quickly inform the Vanderbilt community of any potential threats.

"We put out an AlertVU when we think there is a immediate threat," Pike said. "At some point, we were able to ascertain that there was no longer an imminent threat on campus. This is when we put out the security notice."

The AlertVU system is in compliance with the Clery Act, a federal law requiring that universities and colleges across the country disclose campus crime information and notify the university community of any ongoing threats in a timely manner. Crimes requiring notification include manslaughter, sexual assault, rape, aggravated assault, burglary, robbery, arson and vehicle theft.

Metro Police investigate

Simmons is scheduled to appear in front of the Court of General Sessions on Monday at 9 a.m. He was admitted to the Davidson County Criminal Justice Center in downtown Nashville on Tuesday afternoon at 4 p.m. and as of Wednesday night had not posted bail.

"One of the people in our department spoke to Andre's father," said David Williams, vice chancellor for University Affairs and Athletics. "It is my understanding that Andre's father is en route to Nashville."

Last season, Simmons was one of five true freshmen to see action in the Commodore secondary. He played in a total of 10 games, finishing the year with four solo tackles. In 2011, Simmons has been used in a limited capacity, only playing in one game this season with the special teams unit.

"We were informed that an incident occurred on campus, and if the alleged actions are true, it's completely unacceptable," Williams said.

Williams noted that no prior disciplinary actions had been taken against Simmons.

While Simmons, 19, has been indefinitely suspended from the football team after Tuesday's incident, his status as a student of the university rests with the Office of Student Conduct.

The Metro Police will work closely with VUPD as the investigation unfolds.

"With the open investigation, we're not going to come out and say what we think (the suspects) were doing there," said Metro Police Spokesperson Kris Mumford. "We'll hold that for trial." ★

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VSG: Resolution requires president's endorsement

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joking manner because it wasn't really a crisis. It was more like a mishap. But, overall, the reason I voted no on that resolution was because it goes back on something that I feel Vanderbilt Student Government does rather efficiently. We are rather transparent as a student government. We don't hide things in general. There was a mishap, but in general, I find that

student government's rather transparent, and pushing something that we already have doesn't really do a whole lot. I love the idea of it showing the student body that we desire to be transparent, but as a whole, we already are, so it was sort of, in my opinion, an unneeded resolution, however, now that it's in place, I fully support it, and from this point on, I'll act as if it were my own."

For the resolution to take effect, Student Body President Adam Meyer must endorse it. If he vetoes the resolution, the senate and house will vote it on again. A two-thirds majority in both houses is required to override a presidential veto.

Tan said he was pleased that the resolution passed in both the house and senate. ★

Kappa Sigma sanctioned by national organization

LUCAS LOFFREDO
STAFF REPORTER

The Vanderbilt chapter of Kappa Sigma fraternity has been sanctioned by its national organization for alcohol and social function violations. Often, when a national Greek organization sanctions a local chapter, the disciplinary sentence involves probation.

Mic Wilson, national Kappa Sigma Fraternity executive director, said in an email to InsideVandy,

"The chapter has been sanctioned for violation of the Code of Conduct of Kappa Sigma Fraternity and specifically for alcohol violations and social function violations. As a result of these violations, the chapter has been sanctioned by our fraternity. The chapter will move forward with its operations and will complete the sanctions placed on the chapter by the fraternity."

The Hustler emailed Wilson and the president of Vanderbilt's Kappa

Sigma chapter, senior Nick Eisen-Berkeley, on the morning of Tuesday, Nov. 15, asking what the violations entailed and the magnitude of the sanctions, and has not received a response.

Vanderbilt's Director of Greek Life Kristin Shorter said Vanderbilt's Interfraternity Council would support the sanction issued by the national fraternity. She declined to comment further about the violations or the specific sanctions. ★

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Bring financial transparency to Vanderbilt

Last year, The Hustler reported that Vanderbilt was negotiating with the United Arab Emirates — a country notorious for Holocaust denial, institutionalized homophobia and subjugation of women — to build a university there using Vanderbilt's expertise, resources and prestigious name. The potential payoff was steep, and it begged some important questions: What is Vanderbilt willing to do for money, and where do ethics fit into that equation?

We have received no update on the status of negotiations with the UAE, but recent controversy regarding Vanderbilt's investment with London-based hedge-fund Emergent Asset Management calls Vanderbilt's institutional morality into question for the second time in only a matter of months.

As a nonprofit tax-exempt university, it goes without saying Vanderbilt needs to hold itself to a higher ethical standard than other investors. The Hustler believes that an informed community is necessary to ensure that those who control Vanderbilt's purse strings adhere to this standard. As such, the lack of transparency surrounding the African land grab issue is unacceptable. Our administrators owe it to the student body to be more open about the University's investment with Emergent, as well as Vanderbilt's future business dealings and investments.

The land grab controversy began over the summer when the Oakland Institute, a California-based policy think tank, released a report accusing Emergent — and, by extension, Vanderbilt — of engaging in large scale buy-ups of African farmland at the socio-economic expense of local communities and subsistence farmers.

According to an internal investigation carried out by the Vanderbilt faculty senate, the University's African investment is socially and ethically acceptable.

It seems as if the administration is hoping that the African issue will just go away, if only they ignore it long enough.

The Hustler does not have the information or resources to confidently side with either the Oakland Institute or the faculty senate. The student body at large is even less equipped to do so. We do not know the exact size of Vander-

bilt's stake in Emergent, the findings of any research that Vanderbilt has done on the fund, or the nature of communication between our administrators and Emergent's managers.

This is because Vanderbilt, even as it conducts closed-door investigations, refuses to make this information public. Students are attempting to have a conversation about the way Vanderbilt does business, but the University seems to have closed the issue without joining the conversation. Simply put, Vanderbilt administrators are failing to adequately address student concerns about the University's investment with Emergent.

It seems as if the administration is hoping that the African issue will just go away, if only they ignore it long enough. They are counting on apathy among the student body — and, as the UAE controversy illustrated, apathy has come to their defense before.

Until Vanderbilt becomes more financially transparent, however, similar ethical concerns will continue to arise. The Hustler encourages our administration to change course and be more forthcoming about the African investment and other pertinent issues in the coming weeks. Students, after all, are Vanderbilt's customers. We deserve to know where the money goes.

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COLUMN

Concern or conspiracy?



SKYLER HUTTO
COLUMNIST

Recent charges against Tennessee Democrats claim that they would like to conspire to allow corpses and dogs to vote in order win elections. The implicit statement is that this desire leads Democrats to oppose voter identification laws. I am a Democrat, and I believe these new laws are despicable, but that should not be confused with the endorsement of voter fraud.

A voter ID law requires someone to produce a government issued form of identification when they place their ballot at the polls. There are many variations of this type of legislation. For example, in Georgia, if you're not sure if you have the right kind of identification, there are two weeks during which you can place your vote, so if you get turned away on the first day, you can come back a week later and still be eligible to vote. A harsher version of the law has been passed in South Carolina. In this case, there are only three types of acceptable identification (the lowest amount in the country), and that ID must be current and valid. For example, if you plan to vote in a presidential election, which are on Tuesdays, but you get a parking ticket on Monday, then your ID becomes invalid until the ticket is paid, and you can no longer vote. Tennessee's law, I concede, is less extreme. That does not mean, however, that it will not prevent perfectly eligible voters from casting a ballot, which is something we as Americans should fear.

In Tennessee, a person must bring a form of identification issued by either Tennessee or the federal government. It does not have to be current or valid; it need only be real and contain a photo. There is a two-day grace period for someone to return to the polls with the proper identification. So what's the problem? To the affluent and well-informed student, it probably seems like this is a great way to prevent fraud, but there are thousands of voters who are neither affluent nor well-informed about these new regulations.

It wouldn't be hard to find yourself at a great risk of being put into a provisional voting category (the group of people who have to return to their country seat within two days to confirm their vote with a photo ID). This group will likely be comprised unrepresentatively of very young and very elderly voters. Of course, they've done nothing wrong. 125,000 of these registered voters have government issued identification without a photo attached. Some people are unaware that there is an ID requirement at all, and they may not have the transportation or flexibility to return to a polling center a day later. There are others who are perfectly knowledgeable about the new laws and will be denied a government-issued ID because of an undocumented name change or lack of a birth certificate (two common problems in the rural South). There are people who will not have their vote counted for reasons that I can't imagine.

Several governors across the United States have recognized that there are more effective ways to prevent voter fraud than stopping people from voting, and those leaders have had the courage to veto ID laws on their desks. Voting is our constitutional right. Is there ever a circumstance in which it is acceptable to stop a valid ballot from being counted? I believe most Americans would say no. Tennessee and several other states may soon be finding that they've instituted literacy requirements all over again. We should be striving to tear down barriers, not placing new ones.

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COLUMN

Vandy's Turkey Day Top 10



JAMES CRATER
COLUMNIST

Every holiday season, for some reason, everyone likes to sit around and talk about the things they're thankful for. Although I'm not exactly sure whom exactly I am supposed to be thanking, I decided to make a list of the top 10 things I — and, therefore, all of you, Vandy — should be thankful for.

10 Rites of Spring

How many schools have their own mini-Woodstock? Rites is also the perfect opportunity for VPB to make up for their poor artist selection at Quake. My ideal lineup? Wiz Khalifa, Tiesto/Avicii, Mumford & Sons. Everybody wins.

9 The Hustler

They deserve to be mentioned for providing us with interesting, insightful crossword puzzles since 1873.

8 Double Chipotles

Just in case you happen to be on the other side of campus, the good folks at Chipotle decided to open up ANOTHER store for your convenience. Further, the fact that they're both located a slightly inconvenient distance from my place of residence and have taken themselves off of the Commodore Card ensures that I do not eat there literally every day.

7 Chef James

When the Randwich line is too disheartening, when you're tired of resorting to the burger line and when you've become tired of the crapshoot that is waiting for your or-

der at the pub (order 2068 is up? I'm order 2014 and I'm still waiting ...), in swoops Chef James to save us from all the mediocrity and disappointment with a nice flank steak or some king ranch chicken.

6 Down to earth professors

Today we salute you, Mr. Professor that Knows No One Can Legitimately Read Anywhere Near the Amount of Actual Assigned Work. If you assign less than 25 pages a class on average (12 point font, 1-1.5 inch margins, single spaced), consider yourself a member of the reasonable professor category. Also, here's to those who allow paper rewrites and extensions. Your generosity will be rewarded in the next life.

5 Chili's

Chili's gets a nod for being the premier place to get drunk on your parents' money. Also, it's the default choice for pre-date party dinners, as no one there judges you for dressing up like an idiot when the theme requires it.

4 Festus Ezeli

Our loss to Cleveland State showed just how badly we need a post presence to complement Steve. Like Peyton Manning, you really only understand his true worth when he's not there.

3 Tailgates

Despite pointless new restrictions from Greek life and explicit condemnations from the Almighty Himself, our tailgates continue to be what sets Vandy apart. Now, thanks to some choice YouTube videos, we're even more legendary. Tailgating is the best and most distinctive aspect of Vandy culture. Notre Dame has Touchdown Jesus, Florida State has

Chief Osceola (who, coincidentally, was technically neither a Seminole nor a chief, look it up) and his pregame ritual, and Vandy has tailgates.

2 24-hour Munchie Marts

Open every hour of every day and offering a Wal-Mart-esque selection of products, Munchie Marts are more clutch than an Adam Vinatieri-Jason Terry lovechild. In one stop, you can pick up anything from condoms to printer paper to lighters to cookie dough. So in case it's ever 3 a.m. and you have the sudden urge to have sex while writing a paper while smoking and making Slice-n-Bakes, you're golden.

1 James Franklin

If I asked you to name an inspiring, well-spoken African American man that replaced a disappointing old white dude, you'd probably think of Barack Obama. However, unlike Obama, Coach Franklin has already begun to deliver significantly on the change he promised. Looking like he's going to ask you to choose between the red and the blue pill with those sleek Morpheus sunglasses, Franklin has the entire campus believing that Vanderbilt can have a legitimate football program. With the exception of USC and Alabama, we've had the opportunity to win every game this season. With two winnable games left on the schedule, a bowl bid is a very likely possibility. For once, Vanderbilt football has something resembling swagger. Imagine that.

Bring on the Turkey Genocide. Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

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Were you raised in a barn? Or just in Towers East?



ANDRE ROUILLARD
COLUMNIST

The other day I was walking home from class, on way to my increasingly cluttered yet comfortable Towers double. Living on the third floor, I'm always conscious of the scorn I'll receive if I happen to share the elevator with anyone who lives above me, so I decided to give myself a 15 second workout and take the hike up the stairs. Reaching the top, at the door to the third floor, I noticed something as I dug around in my pockets to find my card to swipe in. There it was, precariously perched atop the card reader: a half eaten Yoplait Yogurt container, strawberry flavored, spoon still resting inside.

I was irritated at having to work my usual well practiced up-and-down swipe maneuver around this admittedly minor inconvenience. But this whole incident got me thinking about some other things that I had seen over the past week. On many of the male floors there's an epidemic of not flushing, leading many of the housekeeping staff to post notes around the floor and bathrooms reminding students to please flush the toilets. The other day, I noticed a few of these notes crumpled up and tossed in the toilets, the smartly-penned Sharpie print bleeding through the paper.

Every person on this campus is here to do their job. Some of us are here to study. Some of us are here to keep things running smoothly. Some of us here keep the student body fed, entertained or engaged. And many members of this community are here to keep this cam-

pus clean and looking great, day in and day out, for us to use and for the public to admire. This last facet of the well-oiled machine that is Vanderbilt is perhaps the one from which we benefit the most, and see the least. The housekeeping staff comes in the morning, while we're all in class (or snoozing, as the case may be this late in the semester) and discretely keep our living spaces clean, sanitary, pleasant places to be. More often than not, they do the jobs we wouldn't want to do ourselves.

The housing crew doesn't make our jobs any harder. They don't throw away our notes, make noise while we're studying, or interrupt classes. Why would anyone go out of their way to make the housing crew's job harder?

The point I'm trying to make here is this: Why would anyone want to make someone else's job harder? In this case, those people who clean up after us, keep us happy and healthy and ask so little of us in return? Jesus, guys. The fact that someone would *tear down* a polite notice asking students to *please flush the toilet* and deposit it in said apparatus not only demonstrates a lack of respect for what the housing people do for us specifically, but it also demonstrates a fundamental lack of understanding and unbelievable lack of empathy. The housekeeping staff don't make your job any harder — why would you go out of your way

to demean what they do and what little they ask of us? What kind of person thinks that sort of thing is funny? It's incredible.

The housing crew doesn't make our jobs any harder. They don't throw away our notes, make noise while we're studying, or interrupt classes. Why would anyone go out of their way to make the housing crew's job harder? Who would put used, bloody band-aids on the inside of the shower stall for them to remove? Who tosses bags of food around the stairwell? Who takes the time and effort to balance a cup of yogurt on top of the card reader for someone else to clean up? I know sometimes this is hard to help, like on Friday or Saturday nights (or Thursday ... or Tuesday ...) when the student body is collectively stumbling back from Kensington or downtown, but this is a regular occurrence not endemic to the weekend.

The only thing I'm asking is to please respect the people who work on this campus, especially the housing crew. I don't want to sound like my mom, just someone who understands what happens on this campus every day, whether we see it or not. It's easy to toss out whatever undesirable item you have in the trashcan 10 feet from you, or to just reach up and flush the toilet. This isn't how our parents raised us. The housing crew is here to help us out and to make our lives easier and more pleasant, and I hope we can all do the same for them. Let's make their lives a little easier by doing our part by cleaning up after ourselves like the adults we are.

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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!

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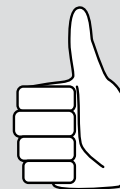


What did Jon Stewart ever do to Illinois? Last week, a high school government and politics teacher was suspended for showing clips of "The Daily Show" with Jon Stewart to his sophomore class. Apparently, some parents were upset that clips included obscenities, sexual humor and what some called "liberal bias." School administrators say that the teacher will be reassigned when he returns from suspension.

"I look at what happened out at Penn State," said one parent of student in the class. "Even though this doesn't rise to that particular level, I would ask that this board look at these allegations and respond with appropriate resolve."

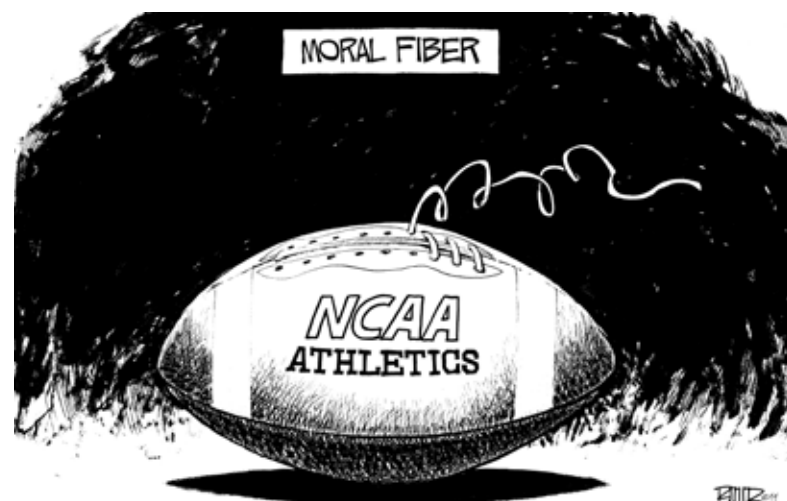
Here at The Verdict, we're just glad no one's overreacting

ANONYMOUS (?)



After their Nov. 5 deadline passed for an attack on Facebook, most people just took the "hacktivist" group's warning as an empty threat. However, a massive spam attack (remember those disturbing images of injured animals or photoshopped Justin Biebers on your newsfeed?) a few days ago has revived speculation, although Anonymous has not yet taken credit. Perhaps this is just their little way of teaching us that if a link looks sketchy, that's probably because it is. For your friends' sakes, be careful where you click.

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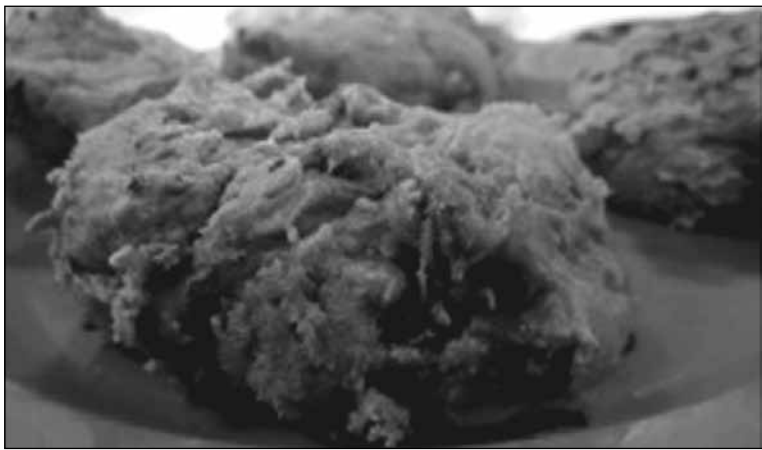
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Easy Thanksgiving recipes

Craving the flavors of Thanksgiving? Try these quick and easy recipes that can be made in any dorm's kitchen.



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NEIL COTTER
STAFF REPORTER

Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Muffins

1 box spice cake mix
1 15-ounce can pumpkin puree
½ cup chocolate chips

Mix the pumpkin puree into the spice cake mix in a large bowl. You don't need to add eggs, oil or water — just the pumpkin! Once the batter is smooth, fold in the chocolate chips and spoon into a lined muffin tin. If you don't have a muffin tin, you can make "muffin tops" by spooning 12 mounds of batter onto a cooking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 18-22 minutes, and enjoy a treat that tastes just like pumpkin pie but is way easier to make.

Simple Mashed Potatoes

3 tablespoons butter
1 cup milk
1 teaspoon salt
1 package gravy mix
1 cup water

Skin and boil potatoes until soft (about 15-20 minutes). Heat up butter and milk in a small saucepan, and stir together until the butter is completely melted. Add potatoes to large pot on low heat, and pour milk and butter mixture over the top. Add salt, and mix thoroughly with electric beaters until smooth. Stir water into gravy mix in a small saucepan, and cook on medium heat until the gravy starts to boil, then let simmer for 1 minute, stirring constantly. Top mashed potatoes with gravy and serve immediately. To make your job even easier, get baked potatoes from the Commons or Rand and skip the boiling altogether. ★

If you're staying on campus this break (or simply want to celebrate with friends beforehand) find out how to use what's in the Munchie Mart for your Thanksgiving festivities.

NISSA OSTROFF
ASST. LIFE EDITOR

Thanksgiving doesn't have to involve sitting next to your runny-nosed cousin as you realize its going to be another few years before you get to move up from the kids table. With these recipes, you can be thankful for whatever you'd like, be it that you may live in a laundry room next year, or that you are safe in your coveted Lupton double. Without further ado:

APPETIZER: Cheese plate

Rumors have it that the British have created a new blue cheese infused with gold flakes. Though the Commons munchie does have an "international" section, it seems the black and gold has not gone blue and gold just yet. For now, you'll have to tell your snobby side to mind its own business and endorse the much more fun "easy cheese" which sprays cheese just like silly string. Substitute crackers for "Bugles," which are incidentally shaped like mini-cornucopias.

MAIN DISH: Roast turkey with sage and thyme

Regardless of all the talk of tryptophan, turkey is clearly still the main event on Thanksgiving, and you should settle for no less. Apparently, neither sage nor thyme are carried in the on-campus munchie marts, which makes this recipe a problem. That's okay though, Hormel's "Compleats: Turkey & Dressing" has you covered, and you can cook your main dish in just 90 seconds, a perfect intermission for your friend to tell her favorite long-winded, mediocre joke.

SIDE DISH: Sweet potato cups

Thanksgiving is a time for truthfulness, and the truth is that it's time to ditch the sweet potatoes. Microwave "jet-puffed marshmallows" and everyone will be happier.

DESSERT: Apple pie a la mode

The fireworks dwindle for a few lingering seconds. Avicii exits the stage without playing "Levels." At last, it's time for the grand finale: apple pie. Apple sauce can be found at Quiznos, and graham crackers are available in the munchie. Throw them together with a pint of Ben and Jerrys and have a happy Thanksgiving. ★

Beware of Black Friday

CAROLINE ALTSHULER
STAFF REPORTER

Friday, Nov. 25 is important for many reasons. It follows Thanksgiving day feasts, so all have bountiful heaps of leftovers (and it's safe to say they're usually better than the night before). It is also the first day to play Christmas music without drawing harsh judgment and criticism from others. Last, but most certainly not least, it is Black Friday — the mecca of all things shopping. Black Friday can be intimidating for those less experienced. The long lines, the frenzied department store workers and the complicated math involved with price slashes can frighten those not prepared. Therefore, follow the comprehensive dos and don'ts listed below to make your shopping day a little less hectic.

DO:

- Plan ahead: Make a list of the stores you want to visit ahead of time. It's best to take into account the locations of these target stores so you aren't backtracking throughout the city during the day wasting precious time (and gas).
- Detailed lists: Know exactly what to buy ahead of time. Visit store websites to find the best deals on these desired products.
- Spend wisely: Do not fall victim to insane markdowns on items you don't even need.

DON'T:

- Go alone: Always bring a family member or friend to help with the decision process. Also, it's the Holidays and it's simply more fun with a friend around.
- Forget local boutiques: The quality is always nicer and the staff always friendlier.
- Stress: Feeling overwhelmed and claustrophobic? It's probably best to leave the frenzy behind. But, never fear for there's always Cyber Monday to finish your shopping needs. ★

Give thanks for holiday releases



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The Hustler reviews movie trailers for this Thanksgiving's upcoming film releases

BRITTANY MATTHEWS
STAFF REPORTER

BREAKING DAWN — PART 1 (NOV. 18)

Sex under a waterfall and supernatural fight scenes. What more do you need in a movie trailer? With its swarms of tween and adult fans alike, "Breaking Dawn — Part 1" promises to be the top grossing movie of 2011. With its horrid make up and cliché lines, the trailer just emphasizes what we all knew would happen anyway. Bella and Edward together forever. At least now, Team Jacob can die a shirtless death.

THE MUPPETS (NOV. 23)

The muppets are a childhood classic for a generation that's all grown up. That's emphasized in the casting: Jason Segel, known for comedy a la "Bad Teacher" (which was just Bad) and "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" (in

which he also kept the company of puppets), Amy Adams of "The Fighter" fame, plus a whole slew of celebrity faces — Whoopi Goldberg, Sarah Silverman and did anybody else see Manny from "Modern Family?" A whole reason in itself to see the film. With the exception of Manny, these are all adults who are long past their childhood. Rashida Jones said it best, "You guys aren't famous anymore." But by the looks of that trailer, they might just make a comeback.

TYRANNOSAUR (NOV. 23)

The trailer for "Tyrannosaur" doesn't tell us much of anything. We see varying scenes of senseless violence and a connection between two down-trodden adults, and have to infer for ourselves the action of the film. Peter Mullan and Olivia Colman won the World Cinema Best Actor and Best Actress at the Sundance Film Festival of 2011 for their performances in "Tyrannosaur," and the film itself won numerous awards at film festivals all over the world. If that's not an endorsement, then I don't know what is.

Still not sure what the Tyrannosaur stands for. ★

Wilderness Skills: An outdoors insider

Nature-loving type, loves long walks, seeks long-term relationship

KRISTEN WEBB
LIFE EDITOR

For the outdoor-inclined on campus, there are two options. The Outdoor Recreation Center offers a weekend of fun with low commitment: the one-night stand of weekend trips. WilSkills, on the other hand, is a committed relationship, in it for the long haul.

Wilderness Skills (more commonly known as WilSkills) is a student-run, zero credit hour course which incorporates wilderness education, outdoor trips and a social



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Junior Kelly Dennen boulders on a WilSkills trip in October of 2010.

atmosphere into its curriculum.

"The way the course is set up, nothing requires you to pass," Equipment Chair and WilSkills instructor Blake Green said. "We have lots of people who come to the lectures and hang out with us and go on trips, but don't necessarily pass the course. It's really as much as you want to put in to it."

WilSkills is open to any level of experience, including those who have never participated in

A WILSKILLS SURVIVAL GUIDE

In the style of their survival lectures, Dennen and Green offered up their own WilSkills outdoor survival guide based on past trip experiences.

Snuggling is key: "If you're into the whole snuggling thing, we are a Green Dot snuggling community. It keeps you much warmer at night," Green said.

Bring on the cheese: "We eat a lot of cheese. It's a huge staple of our diet... And it also keeps you warm at night," Dennen said.

Give up the cotton: "We don't own cotton socks anymore, just wool. Wool insulates so much better than cotton when it's wet, and you never know when you're going to run into water. Unless you're on a paddling trip, and then you know you're going to have wet feet," Green said.

Never leave without a headlamp: "I use my headlamp to read in bed," Dennen said.

"I have a headlamp in my school backpack with me," Green added. "I never know when I'm going to need something from my car, or when my school pack will become a daypack. If I ever decide to go on a last-minute trip, I can just take out my computer and put in my climbing stuff. My headlamp and my first-aid kit are just always in my backpack. We're just always prepared."

outdoor activities before. The course's lectures are geared toward skills necessary for each type of trip, but also to fostering a social community.

"We also lecture about conservation and 'leave no trace' so there's a strong environmental portion as well," Secretary and WilSkills instructor Kelly Dennen said. "Part of the course is really about being a steward to the wilderness and leaving it in the same condition you found it."

Overall, WilSkills emphasizes the community fostered by the group and the unique experiences offered.

"You'd be surprised how well you get to know people, and what good friends you make when you're all together in that kind of setting," Dennen said. "Whether you're backpacking, conquering a mountain together, encouraging each other up a climb or paddling a really rough rapid, you get really close with the people you're with." ★

Memphis: The musical



PHOTO PROVIDED

KELLY HALOM
STAFF REPORTER

As horns blare rhythm and blues at a city nightspot, stage lights reveal a pack of black singers and dancers harmonizing to a soulful, extravagant opening number that instantly hooks the audience of “Memphis.”

The soulful music, dynamic group dance numbers and talented cast members make Memphis a must see show.

The musical depicts Memphis, Tenn. in the 1950s, highlighting the racial tension of the time period. White disc jockey Huey Calhoun’s love of good music soon crosses racial lines when he begins to play the rhythm and blues of black singers on a white radio station.

Steve Buckingham, professor of Music and the Fall of Segregation, attests to music’s role in the period. He notes that “Rhythm and blues and soul music did so much to tear down the walls of segregation and brought us to where we are today.”

The production does capture music’s ability to bridge the gap between blacks and whites. After listening to Huey’s radio show, white teenagers venture into predominately black churches to hear gospel music and black and white youths are shown dancing together in the streets. One gospel number highlights this theme by invoking all to “say a prayer that change is coming.”

While a common love for music does help

to close the racial divide, “Memphis” also depicts the frustration and injustice of the period.

The musical shows the open racism that black performers faced in the era. After Huey’s radio show becomes a television show, he is asked to replace his black dancers with white ones in order to gain a contract with a major network. This works to reestablish the conditions of the 1950s, circumstances that can easily be forgotten when following the progressive character of Huey Calhoun.

The mixed relationship between Huey and black singer Felicia also establishes the role of race in society. Their relationship must be hidden from the public and inevitably leads to Huey’s downfall in the music industry. The couple is skillfully characterized by actor Bryan Fenkhart’s portrayal of Huey’s naiveté contrasted by actress Felicia Boswell’s ability to capture Felicia’s realism as a black woman growing up in the age of segregation.

While “Memphis” depicts a devastating period in our country, it shows the universality of music and its ability to bring people together. With lively soul music and dance numbers that make you want to jump on stage to share your own moves, the musical is able to depict an unjust era with a grace that establishes a common humanity among us all, regardless of race.

“Memphis” is showing at TPAC from Nov. 15-20, with tickets ranging in price from \$43 to \$65. Go to www.tpac.org/broadway for more information. ★

PRE-BREAK PREVIEW

COMPILED BY **KRISTEN WEBB**/ LIFE EDITOR



PANCAKES UNDER THE STARS THURSDAY, NOV. 17 8 PM - 12 AM

From 8:00pm to 12:00am on Thursday, November 17, members of the Programming Council will be serving hot and fresh pancakes for \$5 on the Commons Center Patio. All proceeds from the event will benefit the annual VSG Philanthropy, Angel Tree, on December 2nd. In addition to the pancakes, the Vanderbilt Observatory will have telescopes set up to investigate the November skies on the South patio of the Commons Center.

Tickets are available for purchase from any VSG CommonDores Programming Council member and at the door. Please contact VSG Director of Public Relations Matthew Taylor for additional information.



FOOTBALL TEAM SEND-OFF FRIDAY, NOV. 18 12:30 - 1 PM

This Friday, Nov. 18, the Commodores will depart for Knoxville for Saturday’s game against Tennessee. Buses will leave promptly at 1:00 p.m., but anyone wishing to take part in the festivities should arrive at McGugin Center at 12:30 p.m. for free popcorn and soft drinks.

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Denying Tennessee a bowl berth would be oh-so-sweet

ERIC SINGLE
 ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Vanderbilt fans have a right to be thinking selfishly. With last Saturday's victory over Kentucky, the Commodores have two shots at that precious sixth win required for bowl eligibility and all the program-building accessories that come with it. But as we approach the holiday season, keep in mind that sometimes what you give is far more fulfilling than what you receive.

An extra month of practices and team activities, window dressing on the sales pitch to recruits, an additional source of revenue for the program and an infamous influx of swag for the players — the bowl bid earned by beating the 4-6 Tennessee Volunteers on Saturday would bring all these things. But sweetest of all, a Vanderbilt victory would make the 4-6 Tennessee Volunteers the 4-7 Tennessee Volunteers, eliminating the outside shot the Commodores' in-state rivals currently have at making the postseason and condemning the 2011 football season to the depths of Knoxville's collective memory.

It has been a long season for Tennessee, the lofty goals for Derek Dooley's second season as head coach wrecked by injuries and an alarming power outage on offense. Last weekend's 49-7 loss to Arkansas was the fifth straight contest in which the Volunteers have not scored in the second half. To lose to Vanderbilt would demoralize the last pocket of

the Big Orange faithful that had hoped for a silver lining in a manageable November schedule and set up a dogfight the following weekend against Kentucky with the title of the Eastern Division's worst team on the line. For Commodore fans, it would serve as a delightful undercard to a Vanderbilt-Wake Forest game later that afternoon in which a seven-win regular season could be on the line.

On Vanderbilt's end, it is hard to deny that Tennessee would punctuate a list of conquests that so far reads Elon-UConn-Mississippi-Army-Kentucky more forcefully than Wake Forest ever can, and not just because one game happens a week before the other does. The Commodores are playing hard and earning the national attention they have received, but their season lacks a statement victory to hold the interest of casual fans outside the SEC.

Beating Tennessee would not bring the house down by any means — in fact, the Commodores opened as a 1.5-point favorite in Saturday's game, if you're into those kinds of things — but it would be as close to an upheaval of the standing order as Vanderbilt can get this year.

Of course, the reason why this entire column has been phrased as hypothetically as possible is rooted in historical evidence. Five times since 1990, Vanderbilt has entered Tennessee week with a shot at a winning record and come away with a loss. Gerry DiNardo was denied in this way



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The Commodores are poised to make a statement against their reeling in-state rivals to the east this weekend.

three times in his four seasons as head coach, capped off by a 65-0 massacre in 1994, his final game before leaving for the top job at LSU. In 2007 Bryant Hahnfeldt missed a 49-yard field goal in the final minute to seal a 25-24 loss in Neyland Stadium and drop the Commodores to 5-6.

The way James Franklin is building his program, Vanderbilt has no more than

a handful of seasons to enjoy the spoiler role they never asked for before the rest of the conference wizens up and treats a loss to the Commodores with the same respect as a loss to anyone else in the SEC. For now, the opportunity to twist the knife deeper into a Dreamsicle-orange wound the size of East Tennessee could be the gift that keeps on giving. ★

VANDERBILT-TENNESSEE RIVALRY

ALL-TIME SERIES:

Tennessee leads 72-28-5. The Volunteers' record at home for the series is 37-10-1.

LAST VANDERBILT VICTORY:

Jay Cutler's 5-yard touchdown pass to Earl Bennett with 1:11 to play gave the Commodores a 28-24 victory in Knoxville in 2005.

LAST TIME VANDERBILT ENTERED TENNESSEE GAME WITH FIVE WINS OR MORE:

One week after the Commodores had clinched bowl eligibility with a win over Kentucky, Tennessee scored all 20 of its points in the second quarter and held on for a 20-10 victory in 2008.

Breaking down the enemy: Tennessee


DANIEL MARKS
 SPORTS REPORTER

KEVIN BARNETT/ THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER
Tim Fugger (42) leads a defensive line charged with pressuring whoever lines up at quarterback for UT.

It's amazing the difference a year makes. That expression is used frequently, but in the case of Vanderbilt football, it is incredibly accurate. Heading into last year's Tennessee game, Vanderbilt was an utter disaster. The team had been blown out three times in the last month, and Robbie Caldwell was essentially a lame-duck head coach. Now, one year later, James Franklin is on the verge of taking Vanderbilt to a bowl game, an accomplishment that seemed so unthinkable just one year ago, and he has them playing and thinking with a confidence that was non-existent last year.

"Confident, we feel real confident," said defensive end Walker May on Monday.

"We feel good, loose, ready to go, it's so fun. We are looking forward to this weekend, not looking back on the Kentucky win. We looked back yesterday (Sunday), but we are looking forward now."

The significance of this game cannot be understated for Vanderbilt. The program is quickly gaining momentum with some of the state's top recruits, and a big win in Knoxville could be a program-defining win for Franklin in his first season as head coach. This past weekend, star offensive lineman Andrew Jelks of Henry County High School chose Vanderbilt over Tennessee and multiple other SEC suitors. This is significant not only because Vandy got a blue-chip prospect to commit

to the program over a hated rival but also because Jelks' family has been long time Tennessee boosters and season-ticket holders. If Vanderbilt can go into Neyland Stadium and pull off a win, it would do wonders for in-state recruiting.

While Tennessee has dominated the rivalry in recent history, Vanderbilt should be favored in this week's matchup. Coming off a blowout win over Kentucky, the Commodores are playing inspired football, something that can't be said about the Volunteers. Tennessee is winless in the SEC thus far, and ever since quarterback Tyler Bray went out with a thumb injury in a loss to Georgia, the offense has been anemic, shuffling between equally ineffective backups under center in Justin Worley and Matt Simms.

Bray practiced for the first time in over a month on Tuesday and could be back this week, which might make this game a bit more difficult for Vanderbilt. When Bray was healthy early in the year, he played like one of the top quarterbacks in the SEC and allowed the Vols some flexibility on offense, and if he returns, expect him to be fully capable in the pocket. For the Commodores, the key to beating Tennessee will be capitalizing on his mistakes.

"You look at the turnover battle, that should be an advantage for us if we continue to do what we've been doing, protecting the football and getting turnovers," Franklin said on Monday.

Tennessee has frequently shot itself in the foot this year with poorly timed interceptions and fumbles, while Vanderbilt's ability to create turnovers has been a game-changer all season. If the Commodore defense can force Tennessee into turnovers and protect the ball, they should be making bowl reservations at the end of this game. ★

Southeastern Conference Power Rankings: Week 11

 BY JACKSON MARTIN
 ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

1. No. 1 LSU (10-0, 6-0 SEC)

With Ole Miss next on the schedule, Les Miles and his team can start looking ahead to No. 6 Arkansas in Baton Rouge on Nov. 25. The Tigers will still have to get through the Razorbacks and probably Georgia in the SEC title game. That's no easy feat, but if any team in the country can accomplish it, it's LSU.

2. No. 3 ALABAMA (9-1, 6-1)

If the Crimson Tide can take care of Auburn in the last game of the season, they should wrap up a Sugar Bowl bid, provided nothing else crazy happens in the final weeks of the season. Of course, given the way this season has gone, the Tide might not want to get too comfortable.

3. No. 6 ARKANSAS (9-1, 5-1)

The Razorbacks still have an outside shot at a national championship game berth if they can upset LSU in the last game of the season and get a little help from the polls. Bobby Petrino is an offensive mastermind, but he may need to coach his best game yet at Arkansas to beat Les Miles' defense.

4. No. 14 GEORGIA (8-2, 6-1)

A win against Kentucky this upcoming Saturday would clinch a berth in the SEC Championship Game for the Dawgs for the first time since 2005. After losing the first two games of the season, few thought Mark Richt would survive the season, much less have a shot at a BCS bowl.

5. No. 12 SOUTH CAROLINA (8-2, 6-2)

Even though the Gamecocks probably won't be returning to Atlanta and the SEC Championship Game, Steve Spurrier has done an excellent job just keeping this injury-ravaged team in the hunt.

6. No. 24 AUBURN (6-4, 4-3)

After this week's embarrassing 45-7 loss to Georgia, the Tigers appear to be destined for 7-5 and a mid-tier bowl bid. It says a lot about the top-heavy makeup of the SEC this year that the Tigers are this high in the power rankings even after that loss.

7. FLORIDA (5-5, 2-5)

The Gators will gain bowl eligibility with a win this weekend against Furman, but Will Muschamp's first season in Gainesville will still have to be seen as a disappointment.

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

The Bulldogs looked like a solid SEC team Saturday despite the 24-7 loss to Alabama, but this team has been far too inconsistent all season to be truly taken seriously. A win against Arkansas or Ole Miss will make the Bulldogs bowl eligible, but many around Starkville expected much more.

9. VANDERBILT (5-5, 2-5)

Even though Kentucky isn't the strongest of opponents, this weekend's 38-8 victory over the Wildcats was extremely impressive. The offense is no longer a weak link for James Franklin's team, and a win against either Tennessee or Wake Forest will have the Commodores bowling for the first time since 2008.

10. TENNESSEE (4-6, 0-6)

Things look bleak for the Volunteers, who have to beat rivals Vanderbilt and Kentucky to become bowl eligible. However, the Volunteers have had a remarkable amount of success against those two programs, so don't count Rocky Top out just yet.

11. KENTUCKY (4-6, 1-5)

The Kentucky Wildcats basketball team improved its record to 2-0 on the season with a 75-65 win over No. 11 Kansas in Madison Square Garden Tuesday. Next up for the Big Blue Nation is Penn State Nov. 19.

12. OLE MISS (2-8, 0-6)

There's not much else to say about the Rebels after a 27-7 loss to Louisiana Tech at home on Saturday. Maybe football just isn't their sport. ★

This Thanksgiving break: What to watch

Men hit road for first time on Saturday

REID HARRIS
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After splitting games against Cleveland State and Bucknell in the preliminary rounds of the Legends Classic this week to start the season with a 2-1 record, No. 18 Vanderbilt enters a critical stretch of its nonconference slate this week as they travel to East Rutherford, N.J. to continue play in the Legends Classic.

In the absence of an injured Festus Ezeli, Vanderbilt has struggled to find a presence below the basket this season.

John Jenkins also missed Tuesday's game with a sprained right ankle suffered in the loss to Cleveland State. In his place, both Jeff Taylor and Kedren Johnson had impressive performances to avoid Vanderbilt's second straight loss.

While Vanderbilt fans have come to expect big numbers from Taylor, Johnson's performance against Bucknell marked the first time the true freshman has put up double digits in his young collegiate career.

Although Stallings has said he expects Jenkins to play this weekend, whether or not he will be at full strength is unclear. Looking ahead, Vanderbilt will face a series of tests that will determine how well it can play without Ezeli.



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North Carolina State — Nov. 19. Legends Classic, East Rutherford, N.J.

Junior forward Richard Howell leads a young Wolfpack lineup in scoring, while head coach Mark Gottfried is in his first year coaching at NC State.

Oregon State or Texas — Nov. 21. East Rutherford, N.J.

Depending on the results of Saturday's matchups, Vanderbilt will face either Oregon State or Texas in the Legends Classic Finals or consolation game. Both teams feature talented lineups that could cause problems for the Commodores.

Monmouth — Nov. 25. Memorial Gymnasium

After finishing last season with a disappointing

9-21 record, Monmouth brought in former Vanderbilt assistant King Rice, making his return to Nashville as the Hawks head coach.

No. 13 Xavier — Nov. 28. Memorial Gymnasium

Former Vanderbilt forward Andre Walker transferred to Xavier after last season and will return to Memorial Gym in Xavier's starting lineup. The matchup against the Musketeers is the Commodores' first test against a ranked opponent this season. ★

Runners to nationals for first time

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The Vanderbilt women's cross country team will be making its first appearance at the NCAA Championships on Nov. 21 in Terre Haute, Ind. The Commodores clinched a berth in the meet by placing second in the NCAA South Regional on Nov. 12 in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

The second place finish came on the strength of top-10 finishes by Louise Hannallah (fifth), Alexa Rogers (seventh) and Jordan White (10th). White is one of two



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Vanderbilt runners to ever qualify for the NCAA Championships, finishing 112th last year. Pamela Johnson became the first to qualify in 1997.

The Commodores qualified with 54 team points in the South Regionals to earn an automatic bid to the NCAA Championships, while national No. 1 Florida State

won with 34 points. Other qualifying teams include No. 3 Colorado and two-time defending national champion No. 2 Villanova. ★

Commodores continue hot start at home

JACKSON MARTIN
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Led by sophomore guards Jasmine Lister and Christina Foggie, the Vanderbilt women's basketball team is off to a 3-0 start with runaway wins over Alabama A&M, Western Illinois and USC Upstate. Lister leads the SEC with seven assists per game in the young season.

Over the break, the Commodores will host Sam Houston State before hosting a Thanksgiving tournament featuring Lipscomb, No. 13 Oklahoma and Liberty. The tournament begins at 2 p.m. on Nov. 25, when the Commodores take on Lipscomb, with the Oklahoma-Liberty game to follow. The consolation and championship games will take place the next day, starting at 2 p.m. ★



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- 16 Piece of mind?
- 17 Pirates' home
- 19 Complete, in Cannes
- 20 Committed to
- 21 "Divine Comedy" poet
- 22 High-tech printer capability
- 26 Group working on tips?
- 28 Playwright Pinter
- 30 Six-pack muscles
- 31 Laundry room brand
- 32 About half a million square miles of Asia
- 35 Dept. of Labor arm
- 39 Bugs, or what's literally found in 17-, 26-, 48- and 59-Across
- 42 Caesarean inflexible
- 43 It parallels the radius
- 44 John Barleycorn
- 45 "Sera, Sera"
- 47 One with goals
- 48 Jersey Shore city popularized by Springsteen
- 54 Pol. convention attendees
- 55 Swing vigorously
- 56 Flexible wood
- 58 Down the drain
- 59 Trudeau comic
- 64 Largest of the Near Islands
- 65 Ornamental vases
- 66 Aqua ____: alcohol
- 67 Singer who said, "Men should be like Kleenex—soft, strong and disposable"
- 68 Enlightened response
- 69 Frost and others

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- 1 Clean, in a way
- 2 Israeli gun designer
- 3 Turn bad
- 4 Exterminator's target
- 5 Diminished state
- 6 Brown
- 7 Robin's weapon
- 8 Traces
- 9 "That's rich!"
- 10 "Everything's fine for now"
- 11 Write a 16-Across
- 12 Gossipmonger
- 13 Final word at Orly
- 18 Give a little
- 21 Add (in), as music to a film
- 22 Piece of the pie
- 23 "The Stranger" writer
- 24 Most Egyptians
- 25 Conclusion that doesn't follow
- 27 Scott of "Happy Days"
- 29 Back muscle, for short
- 32 Hair goop
- 33 Have
- 34 Uplifting garb
- 36 CurSED
- 37 Not brown or blue, perhaps
- 38 Australia's ____ Rock
- 40 One of three duck brothers
- 41 Letters after C or MS
- 46 www address
- 47 Arcade game starter
- 48 Company with a spokesduck
- 49 A deadly sin
- 50 Moistened while cooking
- 51 Standard partner
- 52 In cahoots
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- 59 SADD focus
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- 61 Colorado native
- 62 Informer
- 63 Celebratory cry

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