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Biodiesel false alarm



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The Nashville Fire Department departs after an all-clear is called at the Vanderbilt Biodiesel production facility Wednesday night. An alarm was sounded when smoke was sighted in the plant.

BASKETBALL BY MEGHAN ROSE SPORTS EDITOR

VANDY REBOUNDS IN EZELI'S RETURN TO COURT

Led by 30 points from senior Jeff Taylor, the Commodores topped Davidson on Wednesday night, 87-83.

Fellow senior Festus Ezeli didn't start, but logged 21 minutes and 15 points in his first game action of the season. Ezeli sprained his MCL and PCL ligaments in his right knee during practice on Oct. 25.



FILE PHOTO

Can Washington help what ails American higher education?

JUSTIN POPE
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At a meeting with college leaders this week, President Barack Obama was looking for ideas. Amid record budget deficits, can Washington actually do anything to help make American colleges less expensive and more productive?

Those related challenges are front and center for everyone from Occupy protesters to business leaders concerned about American competitiveness. And expert opinion on what Obama — or any president — can do

about the problem varies, from very little to quite a lot.

Where you stand depends on where you think the cause lies — with inexorable economic forces that make it virtually inevitable college costs will rise faster than inflation, or with inefficiencies and shortcomings in higher education itself that government policy could help correct.

The administration does have one model of which it's proud. That's the \$4.3 billion "Race to the Top" fund for K-12 education reform, which used a relatively small slice of stimulus dollars as a prize to nudge doz-

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The next step forward

Next Steps students graduate in ceremony Wednesday

GRACE AVILES
MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

On Wednesday evening in the Wyatt Center Rotunda Vanderbilt Next Steps graduated its first class of six students.

Vanderbilt Next Steps is a two-year, non-residential certification and college experience program for students with intellectual disabilities. Next Step students audit a Vanderbilt class, participate in extracurricular activities which may include Best Buddies, Alternate Spring Break, art classes in Saratt or dance classes in Memorial gym. Students who graduated Wednesday have been with the program since it began in January 2010.

Reflecting upon the past two years of the program, Next Steps Program Director Tammy Day says that the program has wildly exceeded expectations. "Seeing the growth, confidence, and independence of the Next Steps students as they become life-long learners has been wonderful, and the reciprocity of benefit between the Next Steps graduates and the larger Vanderbilt community is also greater than I could ever have anticipated. The ways in which the Vanderbilt students and professors have welcomed the Next Steps students into their class and extended their support speaks volumes."

Each Next Step student is supported by several Ambassadors who are Vanderbilt students who volunteer several hours a week spending time with the Next Steps students.

Christine Gerwein, a senior and Ambassador for two of the graduates, has mixed feelings about the graduation. "On the one hand, I'm excited for the graduates as they begin the next chapter of the lives," Gerwein said. "They all



ZAC HARDY/ THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER

Next Steps member Will McMillan and audience members sing the alma mater during the Next Steps graduation Wednesday night.

have employment lined up and I know they are going to continue to grow and thrive. On the other hand, I've spent so much time developing friendships over the past two years that it really is going to be a hole."

Next Step graduate Sean Faulkner said that he will miss Vanderbilt, but is excited to use the skills he has learned in the job he has secured for after graduation. "My Ambassadors and classmates have helped me develop better conversational skills," Faulkner said. "Making new friends and doing fun things with them has been my favorite part of Next Steps."

Another graduate, Elizabeth Story, is equally excited about her post-graduation opportunities. "I'll be working at Susan Gray, so I'll still be around to visit and help out. It's really cool being part of the first class of graduates."

While the Vanderbilt Next Steps program is considered the model for similar transition programs among institutions of higher education both in the United States and abroad, its future at Vanderbilt remains uncertain.

"I am so proud to be part of an institution that is working to change

the landscape of students with intellectual disabilities," Day said. "At the same time, Next Steps, like all programs part of the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center, are continuously searching for funding. Programs such as these are expensive, and only by obtaining grants and the generosity of private donors can we continue to do good work."

Next Steps is currently in the process of seeking federal approval in becoming a Comprehensive Transition Program that will allow its students to apply for FAFSA tuition assistance. This assistance could be used to help students pay the \$15,000 dollar a year fee for participation in the program. In 2008 an amendment was made to the Higher Education Opportunity Act that would allow students with intellectual disabilities to apply for financial aid if participating in an approved transition program. Currently, only six such approved programs exist in the United States. ★



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President Barack Obama speaks at Osawatimie High School on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2011, in Osawatimie, Kansas.



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DINING NEWS BY LIZ FURLOW

FRIDAY

Chick-fil-A sandwiches and waffle fries will be available Friday on the Meal Plan at Branscomb Market from 11 p.m. to 12 a.m.

SATURDAY

Rand will host an unlimited entry brunch Saturday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the first day of finals. Students will be able to leave and re-enter with only one Meal Plan swipe.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

COMPILED BY LIZ FURLOW

VSG BRINGS PRINTING SERVICES BACK TO COMMONS

A new print station on the VUPrint network was installed last week across from the information desk in the lobby of the Commons Center.

The addition of the print station was the result of a joint project between Vanderbilt Student Government, the Commodore Card Office, the Commons Center and the Office of the Dean of Students.

"The ability to print out last minute papers is crucial to have on campus," VSG Director of PR Matthew Taylor said in a press release. "With this new printer, it will be easier than ever for first years to print a paper and pick it up on the way to class."

VSG is working with the stakeholders to add more VUPrint locations on the VUPrint system over the next few months. More information on the VUPrint system can be found on the VUPrint website. ★

Holiday in New York



CHRIS HONIBALL / THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER

Students line up for "Holiday in New York," a dining event in Rand Dining Center, Wednesday night. At points the line extended all the way to the lobby of Sarratt Art Gallery.

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ens of states competing for it into reforms like expanding charter schools and developing common standards. The structure also helped at least dilute, though not avoid, criticism that Washington was stepping on the states' toes.

Could something comparable be in the works to push reform in higher education? Race to the Top started in 2009, when the administration was looking for smart ways to spend stimulus dollars. These days, new spending is out of the question.

Still, the federal government spent \$50 billion in grants to college students last year and more than \$100 billion in loans, not to mention the billions more in aid to states and research. That adds up to a lot of carrots. Participants in the White House meeting on Monday said there's clear interest in better leveraging that money to encourage reforms at the state and institutional level — reforms like performance funding, giving students incentives to stay tightly on their academic track without taking extra courses, and redesigning the giant introductory classes where students often get lost and never recover.

"We put on the table the notion of having some sort of program, maybe modeled

on Race to the Top, where could there be some incentive provided that states could compete for if they were willing to make certain policy changes," said William "Brit" Kirwan, chancellor of the University System of Maryland. Other ideas discussed included ways to make sure financial aid is allocated to the neediest students, to encourage states not to cut higher education funding, and to encourage experiments already under way in many states, such as handing out government aid dollars as students meet benchmarks toward graduation, not just once they enroll.

"They're really interested in using resources they do have to get a lot more results," said Kirwan. "What they were trying to figure out here is, 'What can we do in terms of the innovation that's out there and translate that into reasonable federal policies?'"

He emphasized, along with other participants, that Obama and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan wanted to hear what was working and get ideas for how Washington might help scale up reforms. But they gave the impression substantial policy proposals will be in the works as the administration draws up new budget plans in the coming months. The White House declined to

comment further.

Obama has called for the United States to regain its now-lost global lead in college completion by 2020, and the administration's interest clearly reflects a spate of recent attention on college costs. Average tuition and fees at public colleges rose 8.3 percent this year and, with room and board, now exceed \$17,000 a year, according to the College Board. High costs are certainly one reason about a third of students at four-year colleges seeking a bachelor's degree fail to complete one — a huge source of waste in the system.

Duncan and Vice President Joe Biden were scheduled to talk about college affordability Thursday at a high school in Florida. Current high school seniors, the White House noted in promoting the event, have seen college prices triple since they were born. Biden planned to highlight steps the administration has already taken on affordability but also to call on colleges to "do their part to contain costs and ensure college remains within reach for the middle class."

What can Washington actually do about the problem? American higher education is highly decentralized, and most federal student aid goes to individual students who are free to use it where

they wish, which limits leverage.

Money alone clearly isn't the answer. Washington has poured billions more into higher education in recent years — the Pell Grant program alone has doubled in just two years to roughly \$35 billion. There's also been billions in support for cash-strapped states. But that has mostly backfilled cuts by the states themselves, and the tuition numbers show it's hardly contained price increases.

One theory on college costs favored by many economists holds that it's virtually inevitable college prices will increase faster than overall inflation. The reason: Higher education is a face-to-face industry where it's very hard to improve productivity — to serve more people with fewer workers. In any such business, it's almost certain costs will rise more than in other industries, like manufacturing, where productivity gains are easier. Other face-to-face businesses, from symphonies to barbers, face the same problem, but college costs get more attention for obvious reasons — customers have to write much bigger checks, and feel strongly that access to higher education is the ticket to social mobility.

If that's the case, it isn't something any president can

do much about, particularly in the complicated system of independent and state-supported universities.

"The word 'education' is not in the Constitution," said Robert Archibald, an economist at The College of William & Mary and co-author of the recent book "Why Does College Cost So Much?" "We have an incredibly decentralized system of higher education, and it's hard for the federal government to get at these kinds of issues. I can't think of a way that they could be very effective."

But at the other end of the spectrum, many experts contend what ails higher education isn't just global economic tides but fixable cultural and policy shortcomings — bulky bureaucracies, too little accountability, too much emphasis on enrolling students but not enough on moving them through. They believe higher education can in fact be more productive — for instance, with online classes that cut overhead costs for things like heating classrooms. Some colleges, like the University of Maryland-Baltimore County, have demonstrated substantial performance improvements are possible in large introductory classes where students used to fall through the cracks.

The improvement camp includes the Lumina Foun-

dation for Education, whose president and CEO Jamie Merisotis was also at the White House meeting. Lumina has studied experiments across the country including policies in Florida and Pennsylvania that target funding based on how colleges perform, not just how many students they enroll. There are also student incentives, like in Texas, where students can receive \$1,000 for completing a degree within three credits of the minimum. That encourages them to limit their electives, and avoid taking up space and aid dollars.

"These are experiments that haven't been applied at a broad scale," Merisotis said. "Those are the kinds of things (the White House) really wants to see if there's potential at the federal level."

Jane Wellman, one of the country's leading experts on productivity in higher education, said she believes there are ways to encourage reform, but it's important that Washington take a supporting role.

"I don't want to see our federal government accomplish better policies with the states by increasing its regulatory role in higher ed," said Wellman, who was also at the White House meeting. "The states are different, they need to be able to find their own solutions." ★

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Exercise and mental performance linked

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STAFF REPORTER

Amidst the stress of final tests and papers, new research suggests a trip to the Rec may be a wise choice for a study break.

A recent study by Irish scientists asked college male students to take a memory test followed by strenuous exercise. The men were shown a series of photos with names and faces of strangers, then asked to recall the names after a break.

After the initial test, half of the students rode a stationary bicycle for 30 minutes, while the other half remained sedentary. Both groups took the test again, and this time those who

exercised performed significantly better than they had on their first try, while the sedentary volunteers showed no improvement.

The biological explanation for the increase in memory is attributed to an increase in levels of a protein called BDNF, or brain-derived neurotrophic factor, which is known to promote the health of nerve cells. Blood samples indicated that exercise increased levels of BDNF while those who remained seated had constant BDNF levels.

Scientists have established a connection between BDNF and mental functioning improvements with exercise, yet they haven't fully decrypted which parts of the brain are affected or how those effects influence

thinking. The Irish study suggests that BDNF enhances memory and recall specifically.

Other studies have produced similar results, testing both humans and animals of all ages. Dr. Ahmad Salhei, an associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Stanford, has conducted some of these studies. As reported in the New York Times, Salhei said, "For everyone, the evidence is very, very strong that physical activity will increase BDNF levels and improve cognitive health."

According to the research, when it comes down to crunch time, hopping on the elliptical may be more beneficial than another trip to the Munchie Mart. ★

ADMINISTRATION BY LIZ FURLLOW NEWS EDITOR

ZEPPOS PAID \$1.8 MILLION PER YEAR



KEVIN BARNETT/ THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER

Chancellor Nicholas Zeppos was paid \$1,890,274 in 2009, a compensation 10.5 times the average pay and benefits for professors at Vanderbilt, according to a study by the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Zeppos was also ranked the fifth highest paid private college president in 2009, despite the 21 percent drop in his total compensation from the previous year. ★

CORRECTION

In an article published Monday titled "As unrehearsed as a hiccup," questions were mistakenly attributed to The Hustler staff, when in fact the questions were pulled from Bobby Key's question and answer session with Professor Gunderman's History of Rock and Roll Music class.

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OPINION

AFRICAN LAND GRABS

An update on student concerns

Sleight of land: Vanderbilt's African investment may not be performing to financial par



Tristan Call, a member of the Vanderbilt Campaign for Fair Food, speaks about Land Grabs at a teach-in in Buttrick Hall Nov. 9.



MICHAEL GRESHKO
COLUMNIST

As any magician worth his salt can tell you, one of the most important skills in magic is misdirection, the art of manipulating where your audience places their attention.

I've been a hobbyist magician for years. I know my way around magic tricks, and I know misdirection when I see it.

Bravo, Office of Investments. Well played.

Ever since news of Vanderbilt's investment in African farmland broke earlier this year, administrators have spent an awful amount of time backing up the fund's claims of sustainability: As I've mentioned before, Vanderbilt has previously presented this investment as an example of the endowment's sustainability, and administrators continue to stand by those earlier claims. A conveniently timed Faculty Senate report completed in November also endorsed the investment's sustainability credentials; according to Faculty Senate president David Weintraub, "these investments appear to be good for both Vanderbilt University and for the people in Africa most directly affected by these investments."

But the Office of Investments, via Vice Chancellor Matthew Wright, has been alarmingly blunt about the unimportance of sustainability to its overall investment strategy. In a conversation I had with him in October, he flat-out said that "sustainability is not the primary objective" when making investments with the endowment, though "the sustainability byproducts of the work ... done have been very positive." At first, I was confused: Why would he go out of his way to emphasize that sustainability is *not* the priority, given the damage control that the rest of the administration is trying to roll out?

But it makes sense now: making such statements stirs the pot, and it ultimately keeps the focus on the sustainability question — and away from the actual finances of the investment itself. This is, unfortunately, the trick the Office of Investments is trying to conceal.

Welcome to the show.

Before Vanderbilt ponied up an indeterminate amount of endowment monies to invest in the African AgriLand Fund, Emergent Asset Management and Emvest, the fund's respective managers, had advertised 25 percent annual returns to prospective investors, including Vanderbilt. While it is unlikely that the Office of Investments expected these returns — it is as realistic an African money-making claim as an email from a Nigerian prince — the fund has continued to claim in promotional materials that these ungodly returns are the stated goal. In a March 2011 fact sheet made available to prospective investors, for example, Emergent advertised "returns to investors of approximately 25 percent per annum" on the fund.

Fund managers freely admit, however, that this 25 percent annual return only holds for agricultural holdings in La-La Land. According to Emvest chairman Susan Payne in a November 8 article on CNBC.com: "In the two years to March 2011, the (African AgriLand Fund) was up over 10 percent."

Assuming that Payne's statements exclude all returns of 11 percent or more, the absolute highest annual return we gained in this period is less than 5.37 percent, roughly a *fifth* of advertised annual returns. (That estimate is also *extremely* deliberate on Payne's part; some unconfirmed reports suggest that the fund's historical returns are less than a third of that.)

While 5.37 percent sounds good, however, we're still in a financial bind: In order to counteract annual spending, correct for inflation, and maintain purchasing power, Vanderbilt must achieve

a minimum annual return of 7.4 percent. (Our annual operational expenses amount to 4.5 percent of the endowment — requiring a 4.7 percent return on the remainder to recoup it — and inflation from 2001 to 2010 has required that that remainder grow by an additional 2.7 percent annually, bringing our minimum total growth to 7.4 percent.) Needless to say, 5.37 percent — literally the best-case scenario for this fund — is less than 7.4 percent.

By the same token, we clearly have no problem finding investments with returns higher than 7.4 percent; in fact, the endowment has grown over 19 percent in the last two years to a whopping \$3.375 billion, coming in as the twenty-first largest collegiate endowment in the United States.

Our investment in African land, even in the best of lights, is below any reasonable estimate for our necessary minimum growth rate — and vastly below the 25 percent returns that attracted Vanderbilt in the first place. While the fund's sustainability is debatable, one thing is for certain: the investment is an economic dud. For the Office of Investments — the elite investment squad touted by Vice Chancellor Wright as "light years ahead" of the game — it is an embarrassing financial misfire, one that it seeks to conceal via loud, distant squabbles about "sustainability" in a surreptitious sleight of hand sequence.

When I spoke with Vice Chancellor of Investments Matthew Wright in October about our investments, I point-blank asked him if our "agricultural investment located in the southern portion of the African continent" — our investment in the African AgriLand Fund — was performing in line with financial expectations.

He said that it was.

True to form, magicians never reveal their secrets.

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Response to the faculty senate investigation

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Editor's note: This column is written on behalf of the Vanderbilt Campaign for Fair Food and constitutes that organization's response to the Faculty Senate investigation.

In June, the British newspaper The Guardian exposed Vanderbilt's investment in Emergent Asset Management, a London-based hedge fund with an exploitative business plan: To fuel land speculation in southern Africa by removing African farmers from their land and replacing subsistence crops with agribusiness crops for export.

Over the following five months, students and faculty repeatedly lobbied Vanderbilt for more information about this investment and voiced their indignation at our university's alleged sponsorship of the exploitation of African subsistence farmers. When the Administration refused to disclose the nature of its investment, we, the Vanderbilt Campaign for Fair Food, demanded immediate divestment from Emergent Asset Management.

In light of pressure from concerned students and faculty, David A. Weintraub, chair of the Vanderbilt Faculty Senate, recently sent an email to the Campaign for Fair Food revealing that Provost Richard McCarty agreed to the creation of an ad-hoc Faculty Senate committee. This committee was charged with conducting a "serious investigation" into whether Vanderbilt's African investment meets our university's "own, high ethical standards." In his email, Weintraub explained that the investigative committee's three members were granted "unprecedented" permission to an open conversation with Vice Chancellor for Investments Matthew Wright regarding Emergent.

Summarizing the investigative committee's final report, Weintraub claimed, "These investments appear to be good both for Vanderbilt University and for the people in Africa most directly affected." According to Weintraub, the Faculty Senate now endorses the university's investment in Emergent Asset Management and considers the matter "closed," yet the committee's report will remain confidential, as requested by the Provost and Vice Chancellor Wright.

In response to Professor's Weintraub's account of this Faculty Senate investigation, we'd like to make our position entirely clear: the Vanderbilt Campaign for Fair Food

unequivocally rejects that investigation's legitimacy, its investigative methods, its supposed endorsement of the investment and its perpetuation of the secrecy shrouding this investment.

First and foremost, we reject the legitimacy of an investigative committee created without participation from the students who have mobilized for months around this issue, and without specification of what constitutes our university's "high ethical standards."

We reject the legitimacy of a committee only granted access to one side's perspective on the investment — that of Vice Chancellor Wright — while apparently foregoing any consultation of the people actually affected by the investment in southern Africa. Somehow, despite the one-sidedness of its research, the committee determined that our investment is "good ... for the people of Africa," at least according to Weintraub.

And finally, we reject Weintraub's claim that the committee's report supports the Vanderbilt Administration in this investment because he fails to provide any evidence or citations from the report stating as much.

Therefore, we, the Vanderbilt Campaign for Fair Food, demand the release of the Faculty Senate investigative committee's report and the creation of another investigation that includes students, has full freedom to consult both the Administration and sources on the ground in Africa, and can be held accountable to its findings. Without these concessions, we will continue to call for Vanderbilt's divestment from Emergent Asset Management.

The committee's investigation, while fundamentally flawed, does yield some good. That the need for such an "unprecedented" investigation was acknowledged by our Administration demonstrates how essential it is that Vanderbilt's investments be held accountable to an independent, permanent and transparent social responsibility review process. Encouragingly, Vice Chancellor Wright has expressed a willingness to consider proposals for such a review process. Let us all work together to create such a proposal, so that we can finally hold our investments accountable to the same Community Creed principles to which we hold ourselves.

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GUEST COLUMN

Humanities in the 'new' MCAT?

AKSHITKUMAR MISTRY
GUEST COLUMNIST

A newer, longer MCAT could be administered as soon as 2015. In addition to testing mastery in biology, chemistry, physics, and reasoning skills, the review committee on the MCAT, led by the previous Dean of Vanderbilt School of Medicine, is planning to probe — get this — students' understanding of "behavioral and socio-cultural determinants of health." Yes, a plan is in the works to replace the writing section with a behavioral and social sciences section. The format of this section is unclear. So is its potential relevance: Will it help medical schools select better applicants?

Last year, Vanderbilt received over 5,000 applications for its medical school class of 104. Admission into graduate schools in all disciplines is fiercely competitive and largely dictated by standardized graduate school tests. These tests measure skills and knowledge for mastering a particular discipline, and admissions committees use them — at times disproportionately — to predict students' capability of benefiting from a graduate education, and ultimately, becoming leaders in our society. Thus, these tests quite powerfully — and frequently — make or break students' career ambitions. Out of this anxiety has risen a flourishing, multi-million-dollar test-prep industry that promises to help students achieve their goals on standardized tests.

There is basis for the emphasis graduate schools place on standardized tests. For example, a 2007 study in Science demonstrates that standardized graduate school tests are better predictors of graduate school performance than undergraduate GPA.

But studies such as this eschew a more important question: Does academic performance in graduate school predict professional competency? Filtering the prospective professionals of our culturally and socio-economically diverse society with

A longer MCAT will help admissions committees make better decisions about applicants' true potential.

two cognitive predictors may come with a steep cost. We stand to lose professional competency, humanistic qualities and diversity among our professionals. Admission practices reinforce class privileges, as relatively few in society can afford the \$2,000 test-prep classes that most require to succeed on the MCAT.

Essentially, all standardized tests are successful at determining is students' proficiency on one particular test or the material it contains.

Significant research on the predictive validity of standardized graduate school tests has demonstrated that they predict early, classroom academic performance, where students encounter similar examination questions in a similar setting. For example, the MCAT's Biological Science section has been shown to predict performance in preclinical medical school years and the U.S. Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Step 1, which tests preclinical knowledge. Success on the LSAT, on the other hand, does not necessarily correlate with success in law school. The LSAT does not predict oral argument rating or success in the legal profession, because the LSAT does not test these skills. Nor does the MCAT accurately predict performance in clinical years, USMLE Step 2, or Step 3, which tests patient-management, patient-interaction, and professional skills.

Essentially, all standardized tests are successful at determining is students' proficiency on one particular test or the material it contains. These tests have no demonstrated bearing on how good a doc-

tor or lawyer a candidate actually has the potential to become. So why are admissions committees, charged with the task of selecting those who will become wise and caring professionals of our society, obsessed with test results when evidence shows applicants' humanistic and professional qualities to be at least as important?

Perhaps, in the absence of a standardized, objective measure of "noncognitive" qualities, these committees lean toward relying on cognitive measurements. Applicants' lists of extracurricular activities are at times exaggerated and confounded with ulterior motives. Participation in human service activities brings out the compassion and altruism in medical school applicants; however, some participate only because it is "required" to get into med school. Letters of recommendations are too biased, and a 30-min interview is not long enough to fully gauge an applicant's personality, let alone their morals and ethical convictions.

The plan to incorporate the behavior and social science section into the MCAT is a small step in the right direction to measure "noncognitive" qualities and give admission committees a more holistic evaluation of medical school applicants. It communicates, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges, "the need for students who are prepared to deal with the human and social issues of medicine, and [it stresses] the necessity of reading broadly to prepare for medical school." So, to echo the words of Ben Wyatt ("Study on, humanities majors," December 1st, 2011): College is more than a preparation for graduate school. Take an interest in humanities. It will make you a better citizen of the world, and soon enough, it might get you into med school.

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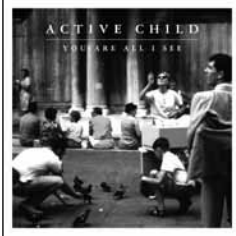
Best of music and movies 2011

ALBUMS OF THE YEAR: In lieu of another set of disappointing Grammy nominations Assistant Life Editors Kyle Meacham and Oliver Han collaborate to compile their top albums of 2011.

**OLIVER HAN
KYLE MEACHAM**
ASST. LIFE EDITORS

16) YOU ARE ALL I SEE by Active Child

Active Child's atmospheric mixture of soaring chord-like vocals, harps and arpeggiating synths will absolutely mesmerize you. Listening to this album is like experiencing church in an entirely new way.



15) CAMP by Childish Gambino

Probably the most hyped debut rap album to come out this year — surprisingly it has matched the hype. Even more surprising/hilarious is that it received a 1.6 from Pitchfork; kind of makes you want to listen to it even more now, doesn't it?



14) DYE IT BLONDE by Smith Westerns

With "Dye it Blonde," the Chicago three-piece have put out one of the happiest and most accessible albums of the year. The first track, "Weekend," is one of the catchiest songs of 2011.



13) SLAVE AMBIENT by The War on Drugs

Each song on "Slave Ambient" grows on the listener with every play. While the guitar work is undeniably crisp throughout the entire album, the creative songwriting is what makes this one of the best efforts of the year.



12) ROLLING PAPERS by Wiz Khalifa

Driven by massive party-starting beats, the "Black and Yellow" rap Wizard from Pittsburgh continues to pump out the catchiest rap tunes in the business. Taylor Gang or die!



11) GO TELL FIRE TO THE MOUNTAIN by WU LYF

These Manchester upstarts quickly became the representative band for the youth-driven Occupy platform. The album is provocative, inspiring and, most importantly, truly original.



10) HURRY UP, WE'RE DREAMING by m83

The quintessential M83 song of the album, "Midnight City" captures the thrill of indulging in the late night party scene of a big city under a "mutating skyline." This ambitious double album is full of other gems that combine grandiose synths of electronic and sweeping reverb of shoegaze.



9) THE YEAR OF HIBERNATION by Youth Lagoon

Through Trevor Powers' simplistic piano and synth work comes a true artistic masterpiece. This eight-track album plays all the way through without skipping a beat, with highlights including "Posters" and "July."



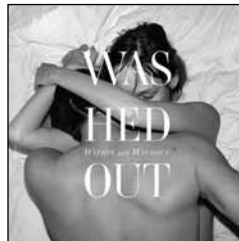
8) CULTS by Cults

Having picked up on the band's acclaim on the blogosphere, Columbia signed the Manhattan two-piece for their debut album. The album does not disappoint; it is truly modern pop music at its best.



7) WITHIN AND WITHOUT by Washed Out

If the absolutely perfect album cover art does not immediately win you over, Washed Out's dreamy interpretation of chillwave will do it for you. Sit back and enjoy how the distant vocals blend in and out of hazy synths constructions.



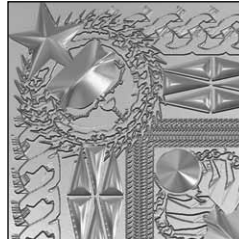
6) BURST APART by The Antlers

Building off of their success on 2009's "Hospice," the lackadaisical band from Brooklyn delivers again. While "I Don't Want Love" is brilliant, the album's best song is the haunting and melancholic "Putting the Dog to Sleep."



5) WATCH THE THRONE by The Throne

In the history of rap collaborations this may very well rank up there as one of the top five successors to the king. Kanye and Jay-Z create prove, once again, that they are the pharaohs of rap.



4) JAMES BLAKE by James Blake

Blake is probably the most talented artist in this entire list. Widely regarded as the best sampler in the modern electronic scene, Blake delivers a masterpiece with his debut.



3) BON IVER by Bon Iver-

Justin Vernon's sophomore effort leaves the lonely heartache and solitude of "For Emma" behind for a more grandiose vision backed with complete orchestras and sprawling horns. Despite this new level of glossed production, Bon Iver's melodies still contain a signature element of nostalgia that takes you back to a place you never want to forget.



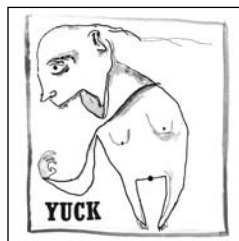
2) FATHER SON HOLY GHOST by Girls

Singer/songwriter Christopher Owens just might have written the most beautiful song this year. Take one listen to album closer "Jamie Marie" and you will fall helplessly in love with every aspect of it.



1) YUCK by Yuck

Yuck's debut is absolute perfection. Every song here is catchy enough for the casual listener while maintaining a level of depth for the staunchest of alternative punk critics.



For a complete list of the top 25 albums, visit InsideVandy.com. ★

MOVIES: Although the year still holds several movies in store, the Life staff presents its top picks for the best films of 2011

**KELLY HALOM
BRITTANY MATTHEWS**
STAFF REPORTERS



JOHN P. JOHNSON / NEW LINE PRODUCTIONS, INC.
Charlie Day as Dale Arbus, Jason Sudeikis as Kurt Buckman and Jason Bateman as Nick Hendricks in New Line Cinema's comedy "Horrible Bosses," a Warner Bros. Pictures release.

BEST DRAMA: "Moneyball"

This movie follows the Oakland Athletics baseball team under General Manager Billy Beane. Brad Pitt portrays Beane, an innovative manager ready to make radical changes in order to create a winning team, despite meager funding. After meeting a young, educated economist, played by Jonah Hill, the duo begins to revolutionize baseball via statistical analysis. As the two create a team of underappreciated misfits, they are met with great opposition from their peers, creating tension throughout the film. Pitt and Hill complement each other well in this bittersweet, genuine depiction of the Athletics' rise from the ashes.

BEST ROMANCE: "Midnight in Paris"

Fans of Woody Allen will enjoy this charming movie about the allure of the past. The movie depicts Hollywood screenwriter, Gil, played by Owen Wilson as he travels to Paris with his fiancé and her parents. Gil's romanticism soon manifests itself in nightly travels back in time into the era of the Lost Generation. Through interactions with Hemingway, Picasso, Fitzgerald and Gertrude Stein, Gil lives his dream of experiencing Paris in the 1920s. But soon Gil discovers that the grass might not always be greener on the other side. Without becoming overly whimsical, the movie perfectly balances wit, charm and romance.

BEST COMEDY: "Horrible Bosses"

No one expected it to be so funny. That was part of the surprise. "Horrible Bosses" is dark, hilarious and had one of the finest casts of the year — Jason Bateman, Charlie Day and Jason Sudeikis as the affronted employees, Jennifer Aniston, Colin Farrell and Kevin Spacey as the titular bosses, and Jamie Foxx as "Motherf**ker" Jones, the ex-con murder consultant whose worst crime was bootlegging "Snow Falling on Cedars." The comedic chemistry between Bateman, Day and Sudeikis is absolutely beautiful and picks up the slack of the film's inability to be a true "dark comedy." And let me reiterate, Kevin Spacey. 'Nuf said.

BEST ACTION: "Drive"

It can't be said enough, but "Drive" was the best action film of the year, if not the best film of the year. It had the right amount of blood, death, mobs and Ryan Gosling to make up for the lack of quality films in 2011.

MOST ANTICIPATED: "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part II"

"Deathly Hallows" was the end of an era. From the publication of the first novel in 1997, to the first film in 2001, people all over the world fell for this fantastical world, where magic was real and the power of love was greater than the most frightening villain since Sauron. We became invested in the fate of Harry Potter, crying when Sirius died and hating and loving Snape in equal measures. At 11, we were devastated when we didn't receive our Hogwarts letters, but now, years later we anticipate Pottermore to fulfill all our Harry Potter needs. We put aside appearances to embrace the magic that is the Harry Potter series. People, regardless of age, race, gender, sexuality, nation, income or education, waited four plus years for this movie. And it didn't disappoint. That's the power of Potter.

HONORABLE MENTIONS: "The Help," "Win Win," "50-50," "Ides of March"

DISHONORABLE MENTIONS: "Bad Teacher," "Captain America," "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part I"

YET TO COME: "The Iron Lady" (12/16), "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" (12/23), "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close" (12/25) ★

A guide to campus libraries

Because not all study spaces were created equal

ANGELICA LASALA
STAFF REPORTER

Is the size 11 serif font in your textbooks making you cross-eyed? Have you passed out face flat on your laptop lately? No fear, dearest Commodores — Vanderbilt's many libraries have extended their hours for finals, and The Hustler is here to help you navigate through the stacks.

1. Central

Hands down, Central Library is the most popular library on campus. And for good reason — every kind of study environment one could ask for is in this building. Janet Thomason, manager of circulation and building services at Central Library, explained, "The most crowded floors are four, six and eight, just because they have huge study rooms. ... On the seventh floor and the fifth floor, it's mostly books, but there are alcoves behind the stairwell and elevator shaft, which are really quiet spaces. I think we have it all — we have little quiet nooks as well as big rooms with lots of people studying, and it depends on how much privacy and how much quietude you want." Also, Central Library is attached to an on-the-card cafe in case you need a study snack or cup of coffee. "(I prefer) Central library, because it has easy access to caffeine," junior Wolf Clinton said.

2. Peabody

A popular study spot for freshmen, Peabody Library is cozy above all else. There's a cafe in the basement, and though it's not on the card, it's delicious — its "Vandy Girl" drink, a fat-free, sugar-free vanilla latte, is as tasty as it is hilarious. In all seriousness, though, Peabody's setup is particularly accommodating to group studying; in addition to open space



STEVE GREEN / VU MEDIA RELATIONS

Central Library is the Hustler's top pick for library studying, offering a wide variety of spaces.

on the main floor and a large reading room in the basement, Peabody Library has many smaller study rooms, which are great if you need to trudge through ClassPak articles with a friend.

3. Biomedical

This is where you go if you really need to buckle down. Surrounded by medical school students and doctors, you'll be a lot less tempted to go on Facebook here. Another definite perk — students can also print up to 30 pages for free per day in the Biomedical Library. This library can get pretty crowded at times and doesn't have much in the way of tables, desks and cubicles; that said, it's a great place to study because everyone here means business. You'll feel really accomplished at the end of the day and can treat yourself to an off-the-card snack at the nearby Au Bon Pain afterwards.

4. Music

Perhaps one of Vanderbilt's best-kept secrets, the Anne Potter Wilson Music Library is at once quiet and comfortable. It's a bit out of the way for most students, as it's located on campus. Also, this library has short hours relative to others, as it closes at 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday during fi-

nals and 5 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. However, those who are willing to make the trek and those who live on Highland Quad are rewarded with a space that's never too crowded. Also, if you prefer to listen to music while studying and are sick of what's on your iTunes, the Music Library has an extensive collection of CDs, most of which are available for students to rent and stream.

5. Science and Engineering Library

As this library is essentially open 24/7, it's a great place to be productive. There are cubicles in the back corner of this library if you work best secluded, but there are also ridiculously comfy couches by the circulation desk. Because of its hours, you're bound to find someone sleeping somewhere in this library. The place can get especially crowded before science exams, as it's so close to Stevenson. Regarding location, it's not terribly close to any dorms, though it's the closest library besides Peabody for freshmen. ★

CMT honors Vandy student

KRISTEN WEBB
LIFE EDITOR

For junior Kate Locke, the spirit of giving just gave back. Locke was recently chosen as CMT One Country's Volunteer of the Month, a program which rewards community members across the nation for the time and energy they put in to helping others. Each month, the One Country program holds a drawing to honor one lucky volunteer based on any community service hours logged on their website.

"One of my sorority sisters interns for CMT, and she made an announcement one day in chapter that they have this program where you can go online and register your community service hours," Locke said. "I just sort of thought 'okay, I'll support a sister,' but then she called me and told me I had won."

Locke volunteers approximately 10 hours a week with YoungLife's WYLdlife program, a non-denominational Christian youth ministry for middle schoolers. In order to register for the CMT One Country program, four hours of community service must be logged during the course of the month for the drawing.

According to CMT's website, prizes for the monthly winners include an assortment of gift cards, a gift bag of CMT merchandise, as well as a donation of \$1000 to the charity of the winner's choice. For more information on how to register, visit LHM.com/OneCountry. ★

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Extended season helps build momentum toward long-term program goals

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ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

James Franklin has done everything he can to do away with the “just happy to be here” aura that trailed Vanderbilt football throughout its long-term lease agreement with the Southeastern Conference basement, but the program still has one last somewhat defensible chance to play that card, if it chooses.

As significant as each bowl victory may be for a program with just two in its history, Vanderbilt will enjoy the sweetest rewards of postseason eligibility before it plays a down of football on New Year's Eve. College football's postseason system takes constant scrutiny, but the value of keeping a team together deep into December goes without dispute.

In a radio interview on Monday morning, Franklin discussed how the extra practice that comes with a bowl berth, when used properly, can help a young team build momentum heading into the offseason. The Commodores will spend the first half of their 15 allotted bowl game practice sessions on what Franklin refers to as “program development” before addressing the game plan for Cincinnati.

“We'll go back and really focus on our fundamentals,” Franklin said on 104.5 The Zone. “Our team periods, we'll work all the young guys in, because we'll go good-on-good. We won't have scout teams at all, and that'll give us a lot of really good work.”

Accomplished recruiter that he is, Franklin understands the unique exposure his football program will receive all month long in the lead-up to the Liberty Bowl. Not many schools are excited enough about reaching a bowl game to successfully hold a public event celebrating the official announcement, as Vanderbilt did on Sunday night.

But after Friday afternoon's press



ZAC HARDY / THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER

Jordan Rodgers (11) should feel even more comfortable with the offense by Dec. 31.

conference revealing plans for facility improvements and a sweetened contract for Franklin, the ceremony neatly capped off a weekend that drew plenty of eyeballs to Vanderbilt football for all the right reasons. The events of future National Signing Days will indicate one way or the other how closely the top high school players in the country were paying attention.

Franklin was not brought on campus to win the Liberty Bowl, and that is a good thing. He is the CEO of Vanderbilt football, and CEOs think long-term. In 2014, when the school's multi-sport indoor practice facility is scheduled to be completed, the expectation is that the Vanderbilt players who first walk onto that practice field are members of some of the all-time winningest classes in school history, with accomplishments that build off of the foundation of this year's Liberty Bowl trip.

None of this wide-angle reflection should cheapen the significance of drawing an opponent at the level of Cincinnati, however. The Bearcats beat three teams headed to bowl games in the regular season and will be playing for their fourth 10-win season in the last five years, while Vanderbilt's lone victory over a bowl-bound opponent came in the season

finale against Wake Forest.

Out of a pool of potential Liberty Bowl opponents comprising teams from the Big East and Conference USA, Cincinnati is about as prestigious of an adversary as Vanderbilt could have drawn. To shut down a two-time 1,000-yard rusher in Bearcat senior Isaiah Peard and solve the nation's 20th-best scoring defense would not go unappreciated. Vanderbilt's senior leaders have an opportunity to bookend their college careers with postseason victories over opponents that finished in the top two in their conferences during the regular season.

The AutoZone Liberty Bowl will take place on Dec. 31, one year and two weeks removed from the day Franklin was introduced as head coach. Year One of his long-term building plan for the football program received a month-long extension when Vanderbilt throttled the Demon Deacons in November, and he will undoubtedly squeeze every last ounce of development and recruiting opportunity out of that extension before Year Two officially begins. ★

Vandy basketball in action over break

MATT CITAK

SPORTS REPORTER

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MEN VS. INDIANA STATE

Saturday, Dec. 17 — 4:30 p.m. CT

The Sycamores have not played any ranked opponents yet, and their two losses have come from Minnesota and Boise State. As long as senior guard Dwayne Lathan can be controlled, this should be a relatively easy game for Vanderbilt.

WOMEN AT NORTH CAROLINA STATE

Sunday, Dec. 18 — 1 p.m. CT

Senior forward Bonae Holston leads the Wolfpack in points and rebounds and will have to be watched carefully near the hoop.

MEN VS. LONGWOOD

Monday, Dec. 19 — 7 p.m. CT

Longwood has struggled mightily this year, having been blown out by BYU, UMKC and UVA.

MEN VS. LAFAYETTE

Wednesday, Dec. 21 — 7 p.m. CT

Lafayette's season opened up with a blowout loss against La Salle, and things have only gotten worse since then, with losses to Wagner, Princeton, Delaware and Long Island.

WOMEN VS. FLORIDA STATE

Thursday, Dec. 22 — 7 p.m. CT

In four of their five losses, the Seminoles were in the game right until the final buzzer. Senior forward Cierra Bravard is a force in the paint, averaging 17 points and eight rebounds per game.

WOMEN VS. WESTERN CAROLINA

Thursday, Dec. 29 — 7 p.m. CT

The Lady Catamounts have lost by double digits in four of their five losses, all against unranked opponents. Senior guard Kaila' Shea Menendez leads the team in points, averaging 10 per game.

MEN AT MARQUETTE

Thursday, Dec. 29 — 8 p.m. CT

Led by seniors Darius Johnson-Odom and Jae Crowder, No. 11 Marquette will be a handful around the perimeter.

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MEN VS. MIAMI (OH.)

Monday, Jan. 2 — 7 p.m. CT

The Commodores' big men will have to look out for senior forward Julian Mavunga, who is averaging 21 points and 10 rebounds per game.

WOMEN AT SOUTH CAROLINA

Thursday, Jan. 5 — 6 p.m. CT

The match-up against South Carolina should be the toughest game during the break for the Commodores. The Gamecocks have lost two games, both by five points or less.

MEN VS. AUBURN

Saturday, Jan. 7 — 12:30 p.m. CT

This will be the first SEC game of the season for the Commodores. Vandy must box out senior forward Kenny Gabriel in this match-up.

WOMEN VS. OLE MISS

Sunday, Jan. 8 — 2 p.m. CT

Ole Miss has not played any challenging opponents yet this season. Senior forward Nikki Byrd is the player to watch, averaging 15 points and an astounding 12 rebounds per game. ★



JORDAN RODGERS

Quarterback #11

The Hustler had a chance to catch up with quarterback Jordan Rodgers on the bowl game, his rookie season in the SEC and the team's new-found mentality.

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SPORTS REPORTER

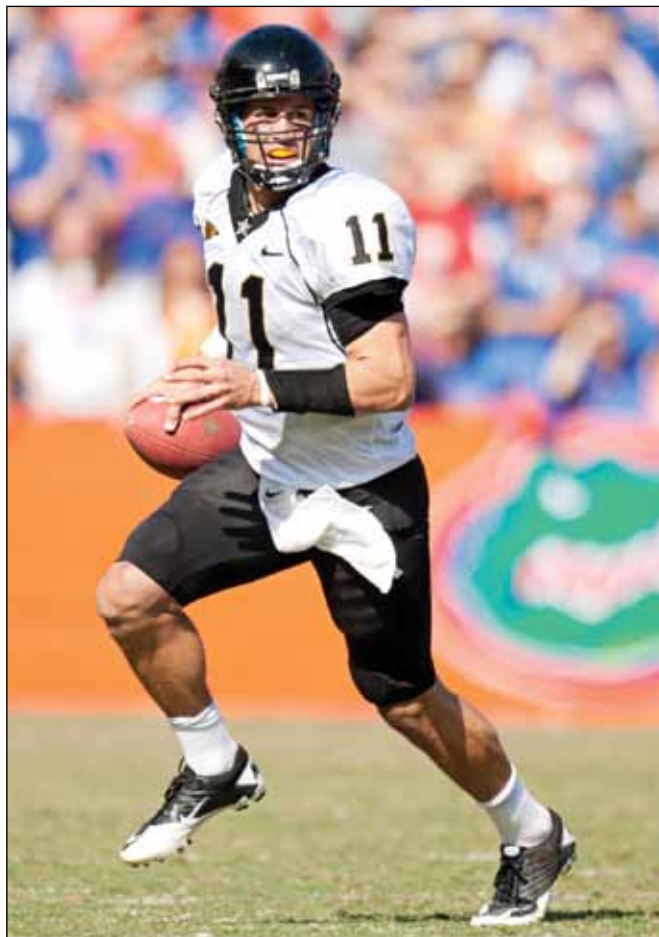
I had a great junior college experience, but obviously that was just a stepping stone for me to get to the next level. I wanted to start from day one. I obviously wanted to lead the team to a bowl game in the post season, obviously wanted to win our division in the SEC.

I'd like to be known as a pass-first quarterback, but I think that I have the athleticism to help the team make some plays outside of the pocket and give the defense a bit of a change up.

I think we have the best receivers in the SEC. They are all really young, with an extremely hard work ethic. They make my job easy and they make some unbelievable plays.

(The bowl game) is a business trip. We need to go there and win. It is going to be a fun little break without school and just hanging out with the team, but we want to win ultimately. That's our goal and we are going to approach it just like any other game. We are going to get a victory and enjoy it even more afterwards.

We are no longer going to be accepting of mediocrity. We are going to change this culture to the fact that we have a chip on our shoulders and it's us against the world.



ZAC HARDY / THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER

After taking over for good early in the Georgia game, Rodgers has led the Commodores to a 3-3 record as a starter down the stretch.

We believe that we can play with anybody on any given Saturday and we are going to prepare and work harder than anybody to set ourselves up for success. That is the first step and we are laying the groundwork for a bright future. ★

COMMODORE BUZZ:

Four members of the Commodore football team were voted to the Coaches' All-SEC Second Team on Tuesday. Junior tailback Zac Stacy was the lone Vanderbilt representative on the offensive team, while seniors Chris Marve, Casey Hayward and Tim Fugger were voted to the defensive team. ★

Breaking down the enemy: Cincinnati Bearcats

Ground game, defense key to success of Big East co-champs

SAUNDERS MCELROY
SPORTS REPORTER

After earning their sixth win of the season in convincing fashion against Wake Forest to close the regular season, the Commodores became bowl-eligible and accepted an invitation to the AutoZone Liberty Bowl in Memphis, Tenn. on New Year's Eve.

This will be the team's fifth bowl appearance in program history. Vanderbilt will face the Big East co-champion, No. 24 Cincinnati (9-3 overall, 5-2 Big East), who fell short of a BCS automatic-qualifier bid by virtue of a three-way tiebreaker held by West Virginia over the Bearcats and Louisville.

"I haven't studied them at all," said head coach James Franklin after learning of the Commodores' opponent on Sunday. "But we'll be studying and getting to know them better."

The Commodores (6-6, 2-6 Southeastern Conference) and Bearcats have shared two mutual opponents this season, with both visiting Tennessee and hosting Connecticut. Vanderbilt pushed Tennessee to the limit in a 27-21 overtime loss at Neyland Stadium, while Cincinnati fell behind by two touchdowns at halftime before ultimately getting blown out by the Volunteers, 45-23.

Against Connecticut, Vanderbilt rallied to win on a late field goal from kicker Carey Spear. Last Saturday, Cincinnati jumped out to a big early lead on the Huskies and stifled a late rally with a share of the conference title on the line, holding on late to win, 35-27.

The Commodores are 4-3 all-time against Cincinnati, winning the most recent meeting, 34-24, during the 1994 season.



BECK FRIEDMAN / THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER

The Vanderbilt defensive line will be charged Cincinnati's mobile quarterbacks.

The Cincinnati program has enjoyed much more recent success than Vanderbilt, however, winning the Big East in three out of the last four years and reaching its fifth straight bowl game. Were it not for an ankle injury sustained by senior quarterback Zach Collaros in a game against West Virginia earlier this season, Cincinnati might have been the ones celebrating an Orange Bowl berth last weekend.

While some reports have indicated that Collaros is ahead of schedule in his recovery from a broken ankle and hopeful to play in the game, the three-year starter is only a few weeks removed from surgery. If Collaros is not fully recovered, the Bearcats will stick with sophomore Munchie Legaux, a dual-threat quarterback who has guided Cincinnati to a 2-1 record since taking over for Collaros.

Either way, the Cincinnati offense will rely heavily on running back Isaiah Pead, who led the Big East with 14 touchdowns and became the first Bearcat to run for 1,000 yards in back-to-back seasons.

On the other side of the ball, the Bearcats' No. 20-ranked scoring defense held its opponents to an aver-

age of 20 points per game this season. They rely on pressure in the backfield, leading all FBS teams in sacks and tackles for loss, and are ranked sixth nationally in run defense.

Still, after having faced premier SEC defenses over the past three months quarterback Jordan Rodgers should be well-prepared after several weeks of practice following the conclusion of finals. ★

LIBERTY BOWL



VANDERBILT VS. CINCINNATI

AutoZone Liberty Bowl

Dec. 31, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. CT

Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium

Memphis, Tenn.

TV: ABC

Liberty Bowl info

Some facts behind the previous 52 years of Liberty Bowl history, including 46 in Memphis



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JACKSON MARTIN
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SEC TEAM-BY-TEAM RECORD

Ole Miss (4-0)

Most recent: Dec. 31, 1992
Ole Miss 13, Air Force 0

Tennessee (3-0)

Most recent: Dec. 29, 1986
Tennessee 21, Minnesota 14

Kentucky (1-0)

Most recent: Jan. 2, 2009
Kentucky 25, East Carolina 19

Mississippi State (2-1)

Most recent: Dec. 29, 2007
Mississippi State 10, UCF 3

Alabama (2-2)

Most recent: Dec. 29, 1982
Alabama 21, Illinois 15

South Carolina (1-1)

Most recent: Dec. 29, 2006
South Carolina 44, Houston 36

Auburn (1-1)

Most recent: Dec. 27, 1984
Auburn 21, Arkansas 15

Georgia (1-2)

Most recent: Dec. 31, 2010
UCF 10, Georgia 6

Arkansas (1-3)

Most recent: Jan. 2, 2010
Arkansas 20, East Carolina 17

LSU (0-2)

Most recent: Dec. 27, 1985
Baylor 21, LSU 7

The Liberty Bowl, founded in 1959, was played in Philadelphia's Municipal Stadium until the 1964 matchup in Atlantic City. In 1965 the game was moved to its current location in Memphis.

The game usually matches up the Conference USA champion with the eighth selection from the SEC; however, a 2009 agreement ensured that the Big East would play an SEC team in either the Liberty or BBVA Compass Bowl. Because the SEC did not have enough bowl-eligible teams to fill the BBVA Compass Bowl, a Big East representative was chosen for the Liberty Bowl instead of Conference USA champion Southern Miss.

A Vanderbilt victory would avenge Georgia's 10-6 loss to Central Florida last New Year's Eve, which was the first loss by an SEC participant since 1991. ★

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10/3 Solutions

5	8	1	2	6	7	9	3	4
2	3	4	9	8	1	7	5	6
6	9	7	4	5	3	8	2	1
7	4	6	5	9	8	2	1	3
9	1	5	3	2	4	6	7	8
3	2	8	1	7	6	5	4	9
1	5	2	8	4	9	3	6	7
4	6	9	7	3	5	1	8	2
8	7	3	6	1	2	4	9	5

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Bombed
6 Hindu title
11 Easy letters?
14 Board
15 Bar mixer
16 Mme., across the Pyrenees
17 Evian, in Evian
19 One who can't pass the bar?
20 Marked for removal
21 House coat
23 Thankfully credit
28 Org. concerned with the No Child Left Behind Act
29 Ambulance arrival sites, briefly
30 London taxi
31 She played Julia in "Julie & Julia"
33 Bohemian dance
34 Novelist Ferber
35 One way to serve beef
37 SASE enclosure, maybe
41 Weaklings
43 Place for a large umbrella
44 Mooches
47 She turned pro before her 16th birthday
49 Sch. with a Mesa campus
50 Sweet treat with an exclamation point in its name
53 One of the deadly sins

DOWN

1 Sailor's pronoun
2 Ode title words
3 Kwik-E-Mart guy on "The Simpsons"
4 ___ plume
5 1999 Motorcycle Hall of Fame inductee
6 Takes the wheel
7 Prolix
8 Santa ___ winds
9 "Cool" amount
10 Chipping tool
11 Make responsible for, as a case
12 19th-century literary family name
13 Stuffed mouse, e.g.
18 Card or Met
22 Capital south of the Black Sea
23 "My treat!"
24 Whacker's target
25 Merit
26 Grand
27 Dutch Golden Age painter
32 Showed disinterest, maybe
33 Early a.m. wear

54 Pianist Claudio
55 ___ Tomé
56 Classic noel
62 ___ Today
63 Joint-forming bones
64 Surface with legs
65 Author
66 Tell off
67 Slammin' Sammy of golf


35 AKC part: Abbr.
36 Daisy lead-in
38 Try
39 Plastic choice
40 Decant
42 Formed by the solidification of magma
43 Bookish types
44 Absorbs, in a way
45 More than words
46 Buckeye
47 Put on alert
48 Concerning, in memos

51 Erie ___
52 John Arbuckle's coffee
57 LPN skill
58 California's ___ Nuevo State Park
59 16th prez
60 Form ending
61 Post-op dose


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R	U	S	E	S	T	I	R	A	F	L	A	T
A	P	P	S	T	A	K	E	C	R	E	D	O
S	L	A	P	R	U	E	S	H	E	A	D	Y
C	A	R	R	I	E	N	A	T	I	O	N	
A	T	T	E	M	P	T	N	O	Z	Z	L	E
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G	O	D	S	C	O	U	N	T	R	Y		
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A	Z	T	E	C	B	A	I	O	I	M	A	M
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