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Town hall brings concerns, misconceptions out into open

KYLE BLAINE SENIOR REPORTER

Two members of Vanderbilt University's administration articulated the school's stance on nondiscrimination with regard to registered student organizations at a town hall held Tuesday night, as students and faculty members questioned the ability of religious groups to maintain their identity in the

face of an "all-comers" policy.

Emotions ran high at the three-hour forum, which drew a crowd well over the 203-person occupancy limit of Furman Hall room 114, causing university staff to turn people away at the door.

Yet the real tension was inside the room. This pressure reached its breaking point when starting quarterback for the Vanderbilt Commodores Jordan Rodgers spoke out on behalf of the Fellowship for Christian Athletes, a group currently on provisional status because it restricts its leadership positions to only members who affirm the organization's core beliefs.

Taking a confrontational tone with the university representatives — Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Richard McCarty and



Vice Chancellor for University Affairs and Athletics, General Counsel and University Secretary David Williams — Rodgers delivered a defense for religious organizations before walking out with a small group of audience members.

"The purpose of this organization is to teach this faith," Rodgers said. "So, the fact that we are not going to change the fact that you have to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ to be a teacher, to be a leader ... we don't feel that's discriminat-

ing, we don't feel that's a problem ... and I think (the policy) undermines the mission of every organization on campus."

Rodgers' comments drew applause from the audience, which mostly consisted of members of religious groups opposed to the university's policy. After several minutes of back and forth, the moderator James Hudnut-Beumler, dean of the Vanderbilt Divinity School, said that nothing new was coming from the exchange and moved onto other ques-

Provost Richard McCarty, left, and General Counsel David Williams, right, field questions during the town hall Tuesday night.

tioners. Rodgers and a group of around 20 other fellow students then got up from their seats and walked out of the room. During the walk out, a student yelled "shame on you" to the panel.

McCarty and Williams, representing the views the see **TOWN HALL** page **3**

U.S. ambassador talks Egypt, Arab spring

KATIE KROG

SENIOR PRODUCER

Students, faculty and guests crowded into Buttrick 101 Wednesday evening to listen to former U.S. Ambassador to Egypt Margaret Scobey speak.

The event, which included a talk and a question and answer session, focused on Egypt and the Arab Spring, a series of protests and demonstrations that began in 2010.

Scobey referred to the Arab Spring as "undoubtedly the most exciting event of my career." She added, "It was really just kind of amazing to see a country of 82 million people rise up and say 'enough.' It was a very exciting time, very momentous, and I think it's going to have long term impact on a variety of issues."

According to Scobey, a key priority for the United States is "advancing peace, security and opportunity in the Middle East, not only because of the long-term benefits to the national order and global prosperity, but to the here-and-now issues that we are confronting."

Scobey said that these current issues include the defeat of al-Qaeda and other extremist groups; the erasure of the spread of nuclear weapons; the promotion of Arab-Israeli peace; the increase of commerce; the countering of aggression; and furthering the spread of democracy and respect for human rights.

Scobey served as the U.S. ambassador to Syria between 2003 and 2005 and the U.S. ambassador to Egypt between 2008 and 2011. She has also served as political counselor in Bagdad; the deputy chief of mission at the U.S. embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; director of Arabian Peninsula affairs; and deputy chief of mission in Yemen. She currently works as the deputy commandant and international affairs adviser at the National Defense University in Washington.

In response to a question about her experience as a woman working in Egypt, Scobey said, "I don't think that it has made very much of a difference. The fact of the matter is when you are a U.S. diplomat, I'm not speaking as Margaret. I'm speaking as ambassador ... Diplomats, I think, have a slightly different edge here."

She said that in some countries, including Saudi Arabia, being a woman meant that she was able to interact with men, women and children, while male ambassadors were only allowed to interact with other men.

According to Scobey, many groups in Egypt that are supportive of women and minority groups had "been pushed aside," but are now being supported by U.S. initiatives.

Scobey was born and raised in Memphis, Tenn., received bachelor's and master's degrees in history from University of Tennessee at Knoxville and pursued a doctorate at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Vanderbilt's history and political science departments sponsored Wednesday's event. ★



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Former U.S. Ambassador to Egypt Margaret Scoby spoke on the Arab Spring on Wednesday.



Panel offers conflicting views of Tennessee password sharing law

SENIOR PRODUCER

A panel of high-profile speakers reviewed a new Tennessee law that criminalizes password sharing for online subscription services at an event at the Vanderbilt Law School on

Wednesday. The new law extends a restriction on cable theft to also include unauthorized password sharing of subscription services such as Netflix, Hulu, and Spotify. Over \$500 of illegal use constitutes a felony.

The panel, moderated by Vanderbilt Law School Professor Daniel Gervais, featured an array of conflicting perspectives. Mitch Glazier, senior executive vice president of the Recording Industry Association of America, justified the law as a response to illegal practices that in one decade have cut music industry in half. William Ramsey, an attorney at Neal & Harwell PLC who practices entertainment law, voiced opposition to the new law on the grounds that it could be misused and that appropriate laws already exist. Michael King, director of digital and legal affairs at Barnes & Noble, took a more central stance, calling the law "if not prone to abuse, then open to abuse" but said that it ensured that content producers receive the

money they deserve. Also present was local entrepreneur Mark Montgomery, who claimed that similar laws restricting file sharing "have stifled innovation" and dismissed the it's wrong to steal."

Montgomery said that he has had experience with artists who are losing



New password-sharing legislation has raised concerns among Tennessee residents.

money to file and password sharing, but nevertheless sees these practices as the inevitable future of the industry.

"The conversation is incredibly irritating to me because we can't stop it, so why try?" asked Montgom-

Vanderbilt students may have little reason to worry as all of the speakers agreed that prosecutions were unlikely to occur against individual families or groups of friends who share passwords. Instead, any prosecutions that take place will likely target people who share passwords online or with large groups of people.

Glazier also claimed that the key purpose of the law is to educate people about the illegality of password sharing, a notion that Ramsey firmly rejected. "Criminal statutes are worded to be very clear about what is legal and what is not legal," said Ramsey. "I really don't new law as "just another understand why someone way to get in the paper that would put out a vague educational statute." Ramsey also made general complaints about society imprisoning too many people

by illegalizing too many activities.

Questions from the audience, which mostly consisted of students and professors at the law school, expanded the scope of the conversation to deal with people indirectly involved in password sharing. One recent graduate of the law school asked about a coffee shop that knew that password sharing was taking place on its wireless signal. "I think you can keep your coffee shop open," said Glazier, prompting yet another disagreement from Ramsey, who pointed to the potential in the law for misuse. "If a prosecutor wanted to push it, they could push it," said Ramsey.

The Tennessee law follows extended debate over the Stop Online Piracy Act and the Protect IP Act, which aimed to stop online piracy but provoked opposition over the idea that the laws went too far in giving power to the government. While the SOPA and PIPA acts appear to have been defeated, the Tennessee password-sharing law is already in effect. ★

Student discussion: Stephen Colbert and super PACs

TYLER BISHOP STAFF REPORTER

Political Action Committees, or PACs, are gaining more notoriety this election season as a result of Stephen Colbert's creation of his own Super PAC. "Americans for a better tomorrow, tomorrow" was created in an attempt to satirize the role of PACs in modern politics.

The place of Super PACs in the 2012 presidential election will be the center of discussion at Thursday's event called "Could Stephen Colbert Win the Presidency?" sponsored by Current Events and Critical Conversations. It will be held at 7 p.m. in Furman Hall room 114.

Larry Bartels, co-director for the study of democratic institutions, Shayne chair in Public Policy and Social Science and professor of political science, will moderate the discussion. Bartels said that he doesn't want to take the discussion in a particular direction but instead wants to allow students to direct the topic of conversation.

"I hope to get a conversation going with the students. I expect that they will voice concerns

about the role of money and super PACs in the election process," Bartels said.

Super PACs are already a heated point of debate in the 2012 election. Newt Gingrich and Mitt Romney, candidates for the Republican presidential nomination, both received support from major super PACs in states like Iowa and South Carolina.

In Iowa, Gingrich challenged Romney to shut down his super PAC's negative ads. These PACs spent millions in Iowa on television ads against Gingrich. In response, super PAC supporters of Gingrich in South Carolina spent millions against Romney. Both candidates have challenged the other to focus their super PACs on positive issues, but neither has taken action yet.

The question of whether or not these super PACs truly influence voters remains a topic of consideration.

"Even though a huge amount of money has been spent, I can't point to one specific instance where it changed the outcome of an election. Things seem to be going about as usual as of now," Bartels said. ★

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DOWNTOWN SHUTTLE SCHEDULE REVISED TO REFLECT STUDENT BEHAVIOR

The yellow route Vandy Van that runs a loop from campus to downtown Nashville will now run on a 30-minute pick-up schedule following feedback from student riders.

The "Beyond the Bubble Bus" — a collaboration between Vanderbilt Student Government and the Vanderbilt University Police Department — will now depart from Branscomb Quad at 30-minute intervals starting at 6 p.m. beginning this weekend.

"I'm excited about giving more students the opportunity to utilize this service," VSG President Adam Meyer said. "The Beyond the Bubble Bus is an incredible program that allows students to take advantage of the wonderful cultural options in Nashville." ★

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TOWN HALL: Emphasis on all-comers policy draws contention from audience

from TOWN HALL page 1 Vanderbilt administration. disagreed with Rodgers statement.

"Any student in good standing must be eligible for membership in any registered student organization that he or she has a sincere interest in," Mc-Carty said. "When it comes to leadership, the same basic principle must apply, that is all members must be eligible for leadership positions."

Adding onto McCarty's statements, Williams specifically referred to the university's position as an "allcomers" policy, borrowing language from a Supreme Court decision (Christian Legal Society v. Martinez), a case in which a divided court upheld a policy at a public law school that required recognized student groups to accept all students regardless of their status or beliefs.

"Simply put, it's a situation where we say, if we're going to offer you admission at this university, we shouldn't be about closing any doors to you," Williams said. "You should be able to join any organization you want."

"all-comers" approach drew criticism from multiple members of the audience, including second-year law student and Vanderbilt CLS President Justin Gunter.

"The reason all-comers policies are extremely rare among universities is because they create absurd results," Gunter said. "Not only can organizations not limit their leadership to those who support the beliefs, activities, and purpose of the group, but an all-comers policy also requires honor societies to accept anyone who wants to be a part of the group."

When the floor opened to audience participation, the first questioner asked everyone in the room who opposed the policy to stand up, and over 100 students in the audience did, all wearing white.

McCarty said the students standing were not a "random sampling" of the school population, and they did not accurately reflect the views of the majority of students on campus. Williams drew on Vanderbilt's own history of segregation in the 1960s, saying there would have been a similar reaction from those who opposed integration.

McCarty returned to the integration reference later on in the panel discussion, calling them "dark days."

"We have been down the road of discrimination at this university," McCarty said. "It has left a stain on this university that is still felt today."

In response to McCarty, one student stood up and said the "dark days" are

Addressing this student's "dark days" comment, soph-

omore Brian Rizzo, who identified as gay, stood up and addressed the audience and the panel, charging that the nondiscrimination policy hasn't done enough to protect minorities during the Greek recruitment process.

"These are still the dark days," Rizzo said. "There is a reason that when you walk down Greek Row the majority of the fraternity members are white, straight men."

Other members in the audience questioned the university's perceived uneven application of the "allcomers" policy to social fraternities and sororities on campus. However, Williams pointed to Title IX exemptions for those groups, granting them the ability to discriminate based on gen-

Some of the questions asked reflected misunderstanding and miscommunication of the policy and how it applied to religious groups. Both McCarty and Williams apologized on behalf of the university for the breakdown in communica-

McCarty seized the opportunity at the town hall to clear up these misconceptions about the implications of the policy during the selection of leaders. During an exchange with former Student Body President Joseph Williams, McCarty emphasized that groups still have the power to se-

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munity members were

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"If the person is eligible to run and loses in a fair election because of the internal requirements of its members, that is not discrimination," McCarty said. "That's a misstatement of what we are trying to achieve."

ination policy.

McCarty and Williams also addressed questions from members of organizations that appoint their leaders. One student asked if using faith as criteria for leadership during an appointment process violated the nondiscrimination policy. Williams said that faith can be used as one of many criteria, but it cannot be the absolute or primary consideration.

A deadline for compliance has been set for April, when campus groups reapply for registered student organization status. McCarty said he hopes the town hall will facilitate compliance with the nondiscrimination pol-

"I'm hopeful this is the beginning of an active dialogue with Mark Bandas' office to find a way forward so that all of our registered student groups can comply fully with our nondiscrimination policy and yet still flourish as groups," McCarty said.

Dean of Students Mark Bandas and his office have been doing the majority of the groundwork regarding policy compliance by meeting with incompliant stu-

town hall meeting. dent organizations. He was in attendance at the town

hall last night. "The discussion was both passionate and thoughtful," Bandas said. "The students, with very few exceptions, raised complex and value-laden issues in a respectful, challenging and compelling manner. Their passion, commitment and deep reflection about the issues was obvious to anyone in the audience." ★

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Religion and Vanderbilt, pt. 2

Additional perspectives following the town hall meeting

COLUMN

Everybody chill



JAMES CRATER **COLUMNIST**

Believe me, Vanderbilt, I've tried so hard to hold back from opining on the issue that everyone (and by everyone I mean all 14 people that read The Hustler) has been talking about: Vanderbilt's "controversial" antidiscrimination policy. However, I refrained from addressing this because, frankly, I thought it did not matter. So ironically, I am now finally writing on the subject just to remind everyone how much of a nonissue this whole thing really is.

To briefly summarize, religious groups on campus are worried because a Vanderbilt policy change now prohibits them from denying leadership positions within their organizations to people who do not share their values. For example, due to these new rules, an atheist or a Mormon cannot be blocked from running for office in a Catholic organization solely because of his beliefs.

This has members of Vanderbilt religious groups in an uproar, but I still cannot see why. I think the problem here is that the faithful tend to be rule-following types, and any sort of alteration of the rules might seem like some binding, permanent change. Thus, in all my benevolence, I have taken it upon myself to dispel any worries that members of religious groups might be fostering about the new guidelines.

You see, being the amoral, bloodthirsty atheist/pre-law student that I am, I like to look for loopholes. Vanderbilt's new policy has a loop-

hole so large that you could comfortably drive a Vandy Van through it. Provost Richard McCarty is quoted as saying, "If the person is eligible to run and loses in a fair election because of the internal requirements of its members, that is not discrimination." Translation: "Hey, we have to be politically correct about this in an official sense, but you guys can go ahead and discriminate all you want on the personal level."

If by some freak occurrence a Jew joins BYX and runs for president, guess what everyone in the organization is going to do: They're going to vote no, and the whole ordeal will be at an end. "But James, then the student can file a report to the university, and the organization will be put on review!" Really? How on Earth could the administration ever prove that the members voted against him because of his beliefs as opposed to a hundred other factors, like his work ethic or leadership abilities? They can't, so again, it doesn't matter.

Further, a previous column asserted that an officer of a group might go on a trip and come back with different religious beliefs, putting that group in an awkward position. However, I really question the integrity of a person who believes so much in a religious cause that he or she runs for a position in that group and then changes his or her mind after a four-month trip abroad. I also question the sanity of said person if he or she then decides to remain a member and officer of the group that he or she has just abandoned for another set of beliefs.

Cue the light shining down from

above and the angel choirs singing as it dawns on everyone that they can go about electing their leaders just as they've always done.

While I respect the administration for having enough compassion and open-mindedness to set up a forum for the complaints of the injured masses, our time would be more practically served setting up town hall meetings for more relevant issues, like why half the machines in the weight room at the Rec are broken in some way, or what to do about all these damned squirrels.

Ultimately, this whole conflict is hilariously trivial. Groups are still going to elect leaders that conform to their belief systems, in some official way or not. This whole debate is, for all practical purposes, about absolutely nothing at all. We might as well be arguing about whether or not dragons can breathe fire. No matter what the administration passes down, religious groups should just accept the changes and carry on like nothing has changed. No one is realistically going to run for office of a religious group if they are of a different faith. Even if someone does, they will presumably fail miserably, and the administration can do nothing about it.

Put down the torches and pitchforks and accept the changes, Vanderbilt religious groups, because these are effectively not changes at

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Moving forward after the town hall

COLUMNIST

On Tuesday night, I sat among the 200-some students lucky enough to get into the town hall meeting, counting myself as one of only 20 or so students there supporting the policy in question. As Provost McCarty was quick to remind the students in the audience. those gathered in Furman Hall did not represent a random sampling of the student population. Attendance was mostly limited to the flocks of Christian students who occupied the entrance to Furman Hall before the forum began. united by their hope that the university might reinstate the exemption of religious organizations from the university's nondiscrimination policy.

Though I personally still consider the policy justified, many of the questions aired at the forum give me pause. For instance, whether a requirement that leaders hold prayer and bible study qualifies as a conduct or content expectation deserves more attention: Students are rightly wary when told that the details of the policy's application can only be determined on a case by case basis. At the same time, I am sympathetic to the position that Provost McCarty and Vice Chancellor Williams find themselves in, as each organization brings with it its own commitments to the national body and its members.

Repeatedly, Provost McCarty asked that students look for "inspired leadership," that they be open to considering the potential of those who might disagree with them on the particulars of their faith. According to Justin Gunter, president of the Vanderbilt Christian Legal Society, the article requiring an affirmation of belief on the part of candidates has been removed from the latest iteration of their constitution. but some clubs, such as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, refuse to back down.

McCarty's "inspired leadership" reminds me of the esteemed Christian apologist C.S. Lewis, who characterized much of the Old Testament as myth and metaphor, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who dismissed the virgin birth as a mistranslation and questioned the bodily resurrection of Christ. Both of these men, renowned heroes of the faith, would have been ineligible for leadership positions under the restrictions imposed in the original version of the CLS constitution.

In the absence of these exclusionary bylaws, I do not think that a religious organization's "right to self-governance" is at all hindered. Elections grant club members ample "ability to select, and to be selective about" their leaders, to borrow the words of Justice Alito that have popped up so frequently

in my Facebook newsfeed over the past week. Contrary to the fears expressed by Brant Bonnetti and others. Dean Bandas and Vice Chancellor Williams confirmed Tuesday that as long as club elections are open to all members, students may vote for officers who they think best understand their club's mission and purpose. In the case of a hostile takeover or a situation in which a student leader changes or abandons his or her faith, recall provisions would permit religious organizations to replace leaders who failed to meet expectations and perform their duties as leaders. If an elected student's beliefs actually impede on the ability of the club to function, then performancebased criteria would surely be a sufficient justification for removal.

This may prove to be, as Provost McCarty suggested, one of the "major issues" the Vanderbilt community faces as it reconciles its competing commitments to equality, diversity and pluralism on campus. In the interest of having a dialogue between the administration and the students, the town hall meeting — if a little late — was a crucial step in the right direction. As suggested by Pieter Valk, the Navigators' representative to the Interfaith Council, it will be important going forward that the university do a better job of outlining the scope and application of the policy in an open manner, as the process has thus far gone on behind closed doors; on Tuesday night, it seemed that the administrators were promising religious organizations such a statement clarifying the policy before they register for the upcoming school year.

As contentious as this issue may be, the kind of belligerent grandstanding that some students chose to engage in Tuesday night can only be counterproductive. In addressing the provost, Valk and others brought an air of civility to the table: Valk told the audience that his Savior is a "patient Christ," and I think that as we have this campus dialogue, it will be important to maintain mutual understanding and a recognition that administrators like McCarty, Williams, and Bandas are grappling with the same questions that we are. Allegations that the administration seeks to run those religious organizations on provisional status off campus once April comes seem unfounded. Ultimately, I think Dean Bandas and the other administrators have shown genuine concern for making sure that the policy works out for the benefit of all students.

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No defense for discrimination

GUEST COLUMNIST

Before I begin, let me be clear that the following article is in no way aimed at a specific group, religious belief or student organization.

I would like to address today what I feel has been both an inaccurate interpretation and an inappropriate response to the semi-recent modifications to Vanderbilt's anti-discrimination policies.

Any student with a Facebook or Twitter account will know what I'm referring to. Earlier this week, an internet campaign was initiated to inform users about Vanderbilt University's "attack on religious freedom." Chain statuses, Bible verses and hashtags like #wearevanderbilttoo peppered our news feeds as the religious opposition's message went viral. Droves of users changed their profile pictures to unite against the alleged persecution of their faith. One video with a particularly dramatic soundtrack featured students railing against the administration, calling their actions un-American and disdainfully asking the question, "What are they thinking?"

Funny they should ask, for I was wondering the same thing. Not about the administration, though, but about the people who are so vehemently attacking it.

Most of the controversy surrounding Vanderbilt's change in its policy implementation is about the provision that prohibits student organiza-

tions from requiring certain religious beliefs of their leaders. The issue at hand here is that the university helps fund these groups, so despite the beliefs they represent, such groups are still subject to institutional rules. In practice, not much will change. Nonetheless, Vanderbilt has made it clear that it cannot promote discrimination in any form. Organizations that receive university money, therefore, are being asked to eliminate discriminatory language and practices because it is contrary to Vanderbilt's values to sponsor such policies. It's just that simple.

Students who protest the anti-discrimination rules characterize their fight as a struggle between religious freedom and oppressive force. And in a way, it is. However, the ironic part about this scenario is that the organizations that claim to represent the side of religious freedom are really the ones doing the oppressing. Allow me to explain.

Undoubtedly the most ludicrous argument against Vanderbilt's policies is the "hostile takeover" theory. Believe it or not, some people actually think that without rules mandating specific beliefs, religious organizations will be "infiltrated" and destroyed from within by subversive nonbelievers. Coincidentally, this happens to be the exact same reasoning that theocratic governments use to demonize democracy: People are too dumb to think for themselves, so we must limit their choices to preserve our identity.

Students at Vanderbilt should know that the integrity of a community has almost nothing to do with rules — that it has everything to do with the people. So let's be honest: Our officers are not elected because they sign a doctrinal statement (which anyone can do. by the way, regardless of what they actually believe). Rather, we choose our leaders based on their experience, their vision and the values they share with the people they lead. Contrary to what you've been told, Vanderbilt cannot tell students whom to elect or how to vote. Members make those decisions. All the administration can say is that university-sponsored organizations cannot deem people ineligible due to their religious beliefs: that's

why it is called non-discrimination. Being concerned about the identity of a student organization is one thing. but portraying Vanderbilt as a malignant persecutor of faith and religious students as helpless martyrs is nothing short of fanaticism. Don't get me wrong — there is nothing inappropriate about wanting to protect the integrity of a community. But if these groups continue to play the victim in the face of this conflict instead of pursuing a viable solution, at the end of the day, they may not have much integrity left.

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Town hall expectations vs. reality

Vanderbilt put on a town hall to address the nondiscrimination policy that has been under discussion for the past year on Tuesday in Furman 114. The Hustler caught up with some of those that attended the meeting to get their thoughts on the situation.

KRISTEN WEBB

LIFE EDITOR

BEFORE

"I expect the university to put forth their ideas. I would love for someone to be able to articulate the opposing side, but I doubt that will happen."

- Will Taylor, JUNIOR

"I mostly just want information. We haven't been acutely following the issue in the Divinity School, and I'm just interested in hearing the conversation that occurs."

- Chris McCain, graduate student of divinity

"I think this is a really great opportunity for the administration to provide a forum for discussion so that all sides of this issue can be voiced. I'm just looking to come out of this evening more educated about the whole thing."

- Maryclaire Manard, JUNIOR

AFTER

"I felt that, unfortunately, there wasn't very much dialogue last night. There seemed to be confusion, at times, between even the panelists as to the details and application of the policy."

- Ben Stovall, JUNIOR

"After the town hall meeting, I was more proud than ever that I attend a university whose officials stand up against discrimination and who are willing to explain and discuss their reasoning in a scholarly and fair manner."

— Ethan Torpy, SENIOR



Students sing outside of Calhoun Hall Tuesday night during the town hall meeting to address the nondiscrimination policy that has been under discussion for the past year.

For those of us who couldn't make it inside, everybody who wanted to, we gathered to pray for open and honest discussion to happen in the room, and to pray that as a group we can show love and represent our faith well. I'm not expecting any policy changes to come out of tonight because I think the administration has pretty much made up their mind and that this is just an effort to appease the religious groups, but it has been a great factor in unifying religious life on campus. It's amazing just to see how unified our religious groups have become in the past several weeks.

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Weekend preview

KELLY HALOM STAFF REPORTER

SECOND CITY COMEDY

Friday 7-10 p.m.

Second City Comedy has delivered groundbreaking hilarity ever since it first opened in 1959 in Chicago. Dan King, Tongue N' Cheek member, notes the impact of Second City Comedy, commenting that "Improv comedy started with that group."

Second City Comedy has been a training ground for members like John Belushi, Mike Myers, Bill Murray, Tina Fey, Steve Friday Carrell, Stephen Colbert and countless others. King has seen Second City Comedy's show the last two years at Vanderbilt and is excited to see it a third time.

As a troupe that has always focused on appealing to the younger generation, it is no wonder that students simply cannot wait to come back for more. As the premier comedy group in the country, Second City Comedy is definitely an inspiration for anyone in the field. King says that at Tongue N' Cheek, members rehearse and fine-tune their craft "to be as funny as they (Second City Comedy) are." Tickets for Second City Comedy's shows can be bought at the Sarratt box office for \$10.

MEET N' 3 WITH THE NASHVILLE FARMER'S MARKET

Friday 6-9 p.m.

Nashville Farmer's Market will host local artists, local food trucks and Nashville-area farmer's markets. This is a free event located at the Nashville Farmer's Market. More information can be found at nashvillefarmersmarket.org.

COMMONS BALL: VIVA LAS VANDY

9 p.m.-12 a.m.

Vegas will invade The Commons Center. The dance will include a special menu, a DJ from Nashville, various performances and casino games.

CLOUD GATE 2 **Saturday**

8 p.m.

Cloud Gate 2 will be giving a contemporary dance performance in Langford Auditorium. Cloud Gate 2 is a group of 13 Taiwanese dancers under the choreography of Lin Hwai-min, Asia's premier choreographer. Tickets are \$5 and can be bought at the Sarratt box office. ★

Taste the Super Bowl

CAROLINE ALTSHULER STAFF REPORTER

There are many timeless Super Bowl traditions: watching the halftime show and anxiously awaiting another Janet Jackson-Justin Timberlake disaster, critiquing the often cheesy and absurdly expensive commercials and daydreaming about Tom Brady are just a few.

However, many would agree that the most fun part is the usual vegout and complete disregard for diets. The snacks are certainly a vital part of the Super Bowl experience, and living in a 16-by-12-foot room shouldn't deter hungry spectators from partaking.

The following list of recipes reveals quick and easy ways to make snacks that will easily enhance this Sunday night's game.

Chips and Salsa:

A classic. All that is needed is bag of Tostitos and a jar of salsa and you're done! What's even better is that you can buy it on the card

SUPER CHICKEN

To take full advantage of the excuse to eat lots of greasy food, here are some of the top (and maybe even surprising) contenders for your Super Bowl chicken dinner.

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PRINCE'S HOT CHICKEN: 123 Ewing Drive #3, 615-226-9442

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in the munchie mart. Add a side of guacamole for some extra pizzazz.

Sausage Cheese Balls:

One pound of sausage Four cups of shredded cheddar

Three cups of Bisquick

Preheat (Commons house, Towers suite) oven to 400 degrees.

Combine ingredients, mix, shape and place on foil-lined cookie sheet. Bake for 10-12 minutes.

Mini Hot Dogs:

Two 8-ounce cans of Pillsbury

crescent dinner rolls Cocktail-sized sausages

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Separate dough into the 16 triangles and then cut each triangle into three strips.

Roll sausage into each strip and place on cookie sheet.

Bake for 12-15 minutes.

CHRIS HONIBALL/ FILE PHOTE

Hot chicken, a staple of sporting events everywhere, is sure to be a hit this Sunday. Hit up classics such as McDougal's and Prince's Hot Chicken for the full Super Bowl effect.

Sausage dip

One pound Jimmy Dean sausage One pound cream cheese One can Rotel

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Lightly brown sausage in a stovetop pan, then strain the excess liquid into the sink.

Mix cream cheese, Rotel and sausage in a casserole dish, combine

Cook in oven for 13-15 minutes or until lightly bubbling.

Serve with chips of your choice, Fritos recommended. ★



2012 SIGNING CLASS

On Wednesday, the Vanderbilt football program signed 21 players hailing from seven different states

Franklin, football program sign standout 21-member class

MEGHAN ROSE

SPORTS EDITOR

Vanderbilt head coach James Franklin stood at a podium, addressing members of the media on Wednesday after the Commodores signed one of the top prospect classes in program history on National Signing Day.

"I think people in this part of the country, in SEC Country, really appreciate and respect what we've been able to do in a very short period of time," Franklin said. "But I think everyone also realizes we have a very long way to go and have tremendous respect for this conference and what it stands for."

Respect for Vanderbilt, and respect for the conference. While belief in the latter may be innate, Franklin has worked tirelessly for the past 14 months to ensure that those outside of Vanderbilt hold the former true as well.

On Wednesday, Franklin and the Commodore coaching staff took another successful step toward that goal, adding a 21-member signing class — No. 29 in the nation according to Rivals. The 2012 class includes six offensive line prospects, four defensive line prospects and four linebacker prospects.

"This coaching staff fought and competed and sold all of the wonderful things Vanderbilt has to sell," Franklin said.

Included in the signing class are six players from Tennessee, all ranking among the state's top 25 seniors. This number ties the most instate signees since 1985.

"This is probably the best class I've been associated with," Franklin said. "I'm talking about the whole package, I'm talking about student athletes."

He continued, "We have brought the right people here to Vanderbilt." ★

TENNESSEE

CALEB AZUBIKE

Position: Defensive Line Rivals: ★★★★ ESPN: ★★★ Height: 6'4", Weight: 250 pounds McGavock High School (Nashville, Tenn.)

CORY BATEY

Position: Wide Receiver Rivals: ★★★. ESPN: ★★★ Height: 6'0", Weight: 188 pounds Ensworth School (Nashville, Tenn.)

BARRETT GOUGER

Position: Offensive Line Rivals: ★★★, ESPN: ★★★ Height: 6'4", Weight: 280 pounds Baylor School (Soddy Daisy, Tenn.)

ANDREW JELKS

Position: Offensive Line Rivals: ★★★★, ESPN: ★★★ Height: 6'6", Weight: 270 pounds Henry County High School (Paris, Tenn.)

BRIAN KIMBROW

Position: Running Back Rivals: ★★★★, ESPN: ★★★★ Height: 5'8", Weight: 170 pounds East High School (Memphis, Tenn.)

PATTON ROBINETTE

Position: Quarterback Rivals: ★★★, ESPN: ★★★ Height: 6'4", Weight: 200 pounds Maryville High School (Maryville, Tenn.)

GEORGIA

LADARIUS BANKS

Position: Defensive Line Rivals: ★★★, ESPN: ★★★ Height: 6'2", Weight: 275 pounds East Paulding High School (Dallas, Ga.)

PARIS HEAD

Position: Defensive Back Rivals: ★★★. ESPN: ★★★ Height: 6'0", Weight: 175 pounds Buford High School (Lawrenceville, Ga.)

DARREON HERRING

Position: Linebacker Rivals: ★★★, ESPN: ★★★★ Height: 6'1", Weight: 220 pounds Stephenson High School (Stone Mountain, Ga.)

JAKE SEALAND

Position: Linebacker Rivals: ★★★, ESPN: ★★★★ Height: 6'2", Weight: 215 pounds Tucker High School (Tucker, Ga.)

STEPHEN WEATHERLY

Position: Defensive End/Linebacker Rivals: ★★★, ESPN: ★★★★ Height: 6'5", Weight: 220 pounds Shiloh High School (Snellville, Ga.)

FLORIDA

BLAKE FROMANG Position: Offensive Line Rivals: ★★★. ESPN: ★★★ Height: 6'7", Weight: 285 pounds Lake Highland Prep (Orlando, Fla.)

WILL HOLDEN

Position: Offensive Line Rivals: ★★★. ESPN: ★★★ Height: 6'6", Weight: 280 pounds Clay High School (Green Cove Springs, Fla.)

KEVIN MCCOY

Position: Offensive Line Rivals: ★★★. ESPN: ★★★ Height: 6'5", Weight: 285 pounds Armwood High School (Tampa, Fla.)

JA'KARRI THOMAS

Position: Linebacker Rivals: ★★★. ESPN: ★★★ Height: 6'1", Weight: 200 pounds Godby High School (Tallahassee, Fla.)



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BRANDON BANKS

Position: Defensive Back Rivals: ★★★, ESPN: ★★★ Height: 5'10", Weight: 170 pounds Gwynn Park High School (Brandywine, Md.)

MARYLAND

TIP MCKENZIE

Position: Wide Receiver Rivals: ★★★, ESPN: ★★★ Height: 5'8", Weight: 175 pounds Trinity Episcopal (Natchez, Miss.)

TEXAS

ADAM BUTLER

Position: Offensive Line Rivals: ★★★, ESPN: ★★★ Height: 6'4", Weight: 285 pounds Duncanville High School (Duncanville, Texas)

TOREY AGEE

Position: Defensive Line Rivals: ★★★, ESPN: ★★★ Height: 6'3", Weight: 250 pounds Opelika High School (Opelika, Ala.)

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TORREN MCGASTER

Position: Defensive Back Rivals: ★★★, ESPN: ★★★ Height: 6'0", Weight: 185 pounds Daphne High School (Daphne, Ala.)

Catching up with Franklin

MEGHAN ROSE SPORTS EDITOR

The Hustler caught up with Vanderbilt football head coach James Franklin on the morning of National Signing Day in the Commodore war room. Franklin discussed the atmosphere of the day, highlights of the new signing class, and the strides his coaching staff was able to make throughout an entire year of recruiting.

VANDERBILT HUSTLER: How would you say the day is going so far? **JAMES FRANKLIN:** It's about what I had expected. A couple of (commitments) that we were sweating came in early, which always makes you feel good. I think if you look at the class they signed the year before we got here, the class that we were able to sign last year, kind of scrambling at the last second, and then this class, I think we've shown a lot of progress.

VH: There's been a lot of talk about the strong offensive line class that you signed. Is that one of the units you've been especially focused on during recruiting? **JF:** The offensive line and the linebackers are probably the two positions I'm most excited about. The line when I got here was a major concern for everybody. I



think what Herb (Hand) and John Donovan were able to do with that offensive line last year from the beginning of the year to the end, we improved dramatically. The size and the talent in this class will really help us. Last year we didn't sign a linebacker and we're already thin at that position.

VH: Last year you had less than a month to assemble a full signing class. How did your approach change this year with the opportunity to recruit players through 2011?

JF: You have an opportunity to develop a relationship with the kid, the family and the high school coach. This year was different because we were able to get most of the commitments early on, but then we had to hold onto them. With the relationships, we were able to do that for the most part with every single one of them.

You had a much better evaluation of the kids, and a much better idea of what was going on.

VH: How much of an impact did Commodore fans have on your ability to sell Vanderbilt to your recruits?

JF: I think they have played a role and that needs to continue to grow. I think what we were able to do at the bowl game and seeing the crowd, the excitement, and being able to look up at that side of the stadium and see all of the black and gold, that was awesome. We just have to continue to build on that. We're in a position where with this class we had to fight off a lot of other schools and there was a lot of negative recruiting going on in there. The facilities that we're building now, that's going to help. The increased interest in our program from our fans, all of that is very important. ★

RECRUITING REPORT CARD BY DAN MARKS, SPORTS REPORTER

QUARTERBACKS: Vanderbilt went after the biggest fish in the pond in Gunner Kiel, the number one quarterback recruit in the nation, but he chose Notre Dame, before landing local product Patton Robinette. Robinette won a state championship for Maryville High School this year, and is a big, athletic kid who was a good grab late.

RUNNING BACKS: The Commodores didn't have a great need here, but they got a great player in Brian Kimbrow. Kimbrow is arguably the fastest player in the entire 2012 class and has become an unofficial ambassador and recruiter for the 2012

WIDE RECEIVERS: Vanderbilt lost former commits Andre McDonald to Minnesota and Chris Moody to South Carolina, but landed local product Cory Batey and Tip McKenzie, who scored 100 touchdowns over his high school career.

OFFENSIVE LINE: Vanderbilt brought in the greatest offensive line class in school history, highlighted by Andrew Jelks, whose family has been Tennessee season ticket holders for 30 years. There are five other offensive linemen in the class, all of whom have SEC size coming in, a rarity for Vanderbilt recruiting.

DEFENSIVE LINE: the big prize of this group, Josh Dawson, switched his commitment and signed with Georgia, but there is still talent here led by Nashville product Caleb Azubike, who set a Tennessee all-star game record for tackles with 17 this year.

LINEBACKERS: With Chris Marve graduating, DeAndre Jones choosing to forgo his last year of eligibility and Tristan Strong still recovering from an ACL injury, linebacker was a huge need for the Commodores. Franklin brought in five linebackers, including early enrollee Darreon Herring. These guys all have a lot of athleticism and it was

SECONDARY: Franklin signed three recruits here, all of whom are small and relatively quick players that could provide depth in the secondary. Vanderbilt has a history of cycling a lot of players in and out of the defensive backfield.

important to create depth at this position.

OVERALL: Coach Franklin signed the best class in school history this year and was in play for a bunch of high-level prospects who would never have looked at Vandy in the past. Things are looking better and better each year for the program.



CHARLIE JONES

SENIOR TENNIS PLAYER



CHRIS HONIBALL/ THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER

SAMUEL DOBBERPUHL

SPORTS REPORTER

Following a solid 2-1 start, the Vanderbilt men's tennis team has a few more weeks of nonconference matches before gearing up for the conference season. Senior Charlie Jones's performance has contributed to the strong start, playing at the No.1 singles spot in every match. Jones talked with The Hustler about playing style, memorable matches and the growth of a young team.

I rely on speed, and I do a lot of running. What I've learned as I've gotten older is that it's not always the best thing to do. I try to be more aggressive now. I guess I have an all-court game.

I've been through my fair share of injuries so I'm a little bit more cautious now. I'm not as reckless with my body, and I'm a lot smarter than I was as a freshman. Pretty much everything I know came from the coaches. I have more of an identity as a player, and I know what I'm doing out there more than I did.

Guys have been stepping up and we're satisfied so far, but we've got a lot to accomplish. We're 2-1 with a loss to Pepperdine, who's a top-10 team, and we're missing two of our top four right now with injuries.

The match against BYU, which we played a few days ago, was really memorable. We were missing some top guys, and a bunch of the freshmen stepped up. One of our freshmen, Jeff Offerdahl, was down 6-0, 3-0 and had to come back and won it.

The freshmen are doing well. They're getting thrown into the fire a little bit. We had three starters graduate last year, and we brought in six freshmen so those guys are going to have to play. They're playing and competing hard.

The program as a whole is just great. I love my teammates and I love my coaches, I think they're the best in the country. They're why I came to Vanderbilt to play tennis. ★

COLUMN

Vanderbilt heads to Gainesville for conference clash

Commodores tipoff against Florida at noon on Saturday

ANTHONY TRIPODORO
SPORTS REPORTER

On Tuesday night, the Commodores traveled to Fayetteville to take on Arkansas, hoping to be the first visiting team to knock off the Razorbacks on their home court. In an attempt to prevent Arkansas' dribble penetration and limit points in the paint, head coach Kevin Stallings utilized a zone defense.

But the Razorbacks effectively attacked the zone, draining 9 of 23 3-point shots and grabbing 14 offensive rebounds on their way to defeating the Commodores, 82-74, and improving to 16-0 at home.

Vanderbilt has a short turnaround, hitting the road again on Saturday to take on Florida in a game with crucial Southeastern Conference implications. The No. 11 Gators present a greater challenge than any opponent Vanderbilt has played so far this season.

This year's Florida team is arguably the best Gator squad since the 2006-2007 team that won an NCAA title. Winning on the road will be no easy task for Vanderbilt.

Florida's offense is leading the SEC in points per game, and the Gators are spreading the scoring around, with five players averaging double-digits.

Florida is led by junior guard Kenny Boynton, who ranks third in the SEC in points per game, behind John Jenkins and Jeff Taylor. Freshman guard Bradley Beal is also providing plenty of points, averaging 14.1 per game.



NICOLE MANDEL/ FILE PHOTO

Saturday's road matchup comes against a quality conference opponent. Every game remaining on the Commodores' schedule is against another SEC team, and, if they want to keep pace with Florida and Kentucky, this game is a must-win for Vandy.

It feels like it's been a long time since Vanderbilt held a preseason No. 7 ranking.

As Vandy fans know, however, the original ranking was not just hype. This group has so much talent and so much potential. When John Jenkins, Jeff Taylor, Festus Ezeli, Lance Golbourne and Brad Tinsley play their best, they are almost impossible to heat

It is time for the Commodores to prove that they are who we thought they were. \star



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