

Gill and Manard face off in VSG general election

Juniors Maryclaire Manard and McArthur Gill will meet in the general election after earning enough votes to advance past the primary.

Polling for the VSG presidential election opens this Tuesday at 8 a.m. Elections will run until 12 p.m. Wednesday, and results will be announced on Sar-

ratt Promenade at 12:30 p.m.

Manard led the race with 1,254 votes, or 49.8 percent of the 2,520 total votes.

Gill trailed her with 1,044 votes, or 41.4 percent.

Sophomore Kenny Tan placed a distant third with only 198 votes, or 7.9 percent of the total vote. ★

Dores badgered into early exit

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Vanderbilt tested early, late in 60-57 loss to Wisconsin

MEGHAN ROSE
SPORTS EDITOR

Heading into their third-round tournament matchup against the Commodores, the Wisconsin Badgers drew up a concise and aggressive game plan.

“Our whole philosophy is to try to run guys off the (three-point) line and not let them get going,” said junior guard Mike Bruesewitz. “We have to make sure we take that away and force them into two-point jump shots.”

For 40 minutes on Saturday, the Badgers executed head coach Bo Ryan’s game plan to perfection. Vanderbilt made just 5-of-19 attempts from beyond the arc, the team’s fourth lowest percentage this season.

And with six seconds remaining, junior John Jenkins couldn’t hit his final 3-point attempt of the game — one that would have put the Commodores up by one.

“If you asked me what I was hoping to get in the play, what you saw was exactly what I was hoping for,” said Vanderbilt head coach Kevin Stallings. “We’d run the same play again if we had it to do over again.”



BECK FRIEDMAN / THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER

Vanderbilt fell to Wisconsin 60-57 in the third round of the NCAA Tournament Saturday in Albuquerque, N.M.

Wisconsin led by as many as nine in the contest, but the Badgers only managed to come away with a 60-57 victory over Vanderbilt, a win that advances them to the Sweet 16 for the second straight year.

“If you look at (Wisconsin) statistically, they’re very good at defending the three,” Stallings said. “You try to get some good looks against them, we got some, some we didn’t.”

Vanderbilt outrebounded Wisconsin 35-30, but the Badgers grabbed perhaps two of the game’s most crucial offensive boards — coming with 52 and 20 seconds remaining in

the game — allowing Wisconsin to drain precious seconds off the clock.

“Long shots produce long rebounds,” said Vanderbilt center Festus Ezeli. “We just didn’t come up with the ball.”

Five Wisconsin players scored in double digits, and point guard Jordan Taylor spearheaded the Badger offensive attack with 14 points. Wisconsin opened the game on a 10-2 run, during which forward Ryan Evans scored eight of his 11 points.

“All of our players are opportunistic,” Ryan said of Evans’ performance. “You just have to be ready to take what the defense gives you.”

Vanderbilt was able to rebound from its sluggish start by the end of the half, and for the second consecutive game, point guard Brad Tinsley hit a three as time expired. The Badgers took a one-point, 32-31 lead into the locker room after 20 minutes of play.

Ezeli was not in Vanderbilt’s starting lineup, but the center’s play was crucial in helping the Commodores out of their early deficit.

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Schedule for IMPACT 2012: Rise of the Rest

The 49th IMPACT Symposium, titled “Rise of the Rest: What is the Future of American Foreign Policy,” will take place this week, with talks scheduled for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Tickets are free for Vanderbilt students, faculty and staff. Tickets may be picked up or purchased at the Sarratt Box Office, and may be purchased at any Ticketmaster location, Ticketmaster.com or by calling 1-800-745-3000.

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Senator Lamar Alexander
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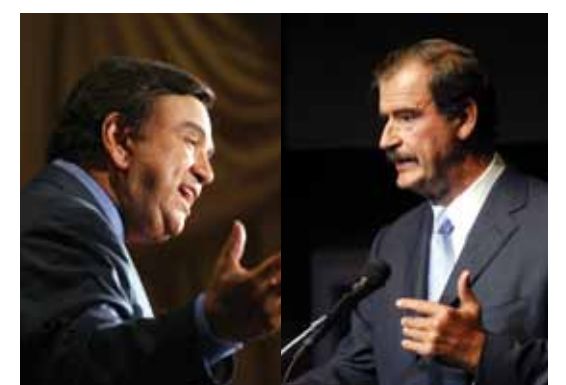
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TUESDAY
Jon Huntsman and General Wesley Clark
Langford Auditorium, 7 p.m.
Discussion moderated by Vanderbilt political scientist Brett Benson.



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WEDNESDAY
Vicente Fox and Bill Richardson
Langford Auditorium, 7 p.m.
Discussion moderated by Vanderbilt sociologist Katharine Donato.



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Changes to honor system suggested by Faculty Senate



CHRIS HOMIBALL / THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER

Freshman Will Cooper signs the Honor Code at the Student Life Center on Aug. 22, 2011.

VU NEWS SERVICE

Vanderbilt needs to retool its honor system to adapt to an era in which unauthorized aid with schoolwork has become more of an issue than copying answers during a test, according to a report by a Faculty Senate committee.

Standards on plagiarism also should be clarified because of cultural changes among students who may consider information found on the

Internet to be fair game and therefore fail to cite references properly, says the report by the Faculty Senate’s Student Life Committee.

“Our research indicates concern among faculty about the emergence of a campus culture that does not value or understand the honor code,” said Bobby Bodenheimer, associate professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

“Vanderbilt University can see **HONOR SYSTEM** page 2

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RICK STEVES

Rick Steves — author of over 50 European travel guidebooks and host of the public television series “Rick Steves’ Europe” — believes that thoughtful travel expands our worldview and shapes how we address the challenges confronting our nation politically. Having spent four months a year overseas for the last 30 years, Rick feels that travel helps us “challenge truths we were raised to think were self-evident and God-given.”

His classes have helped millions of Americans not only enjoy maximum travel thrills per mile, minute and euro, but also become better citizens of our planet. Rick shares how the other 96 percent of humanity sees our nation and explores how his social activism has grown naturally out of his travel experiences. He’s fresh back from lots of travels and will be on hand after his talk for questions and autographs. ★

SEX IN THE 21ST CENTURY Free and Open to the Public
Wednesday, March 21: 7 p.m.
235/237 Commons Center, Multi-purpose Room

Panel 1: “Do I Need a Contract to Kiss You? Consent, Alcohol, Sexting and Other Touchy Subjects”

Panelists: Tiffany R. Patterson, Stambaugh Faculty Head of House; David Rubin, Women’s and Gender Studies; Nora Spencer, Margaret Cuninggim Women’s Center.

Thursday, March 22: 12-1:30 p.m. Robert Penn Warren Center, Conference Room

Panel 2: “Cartography of Curves: Black Women and Eros in Prose and Pictures”: A Conversation with photographer Rachel Eliza Griffiths and novelist Alice Randal.

Lunch provided: first-come, first-served.

Thursday, March 22: 4:30-6:30 p.m. Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center, Auditorium

Panel 3: “Sex Across the Century”

Panelists: Carol E. Henderson, University of Delaware; David Ikard, Florida State University; Charles Nero, Bates College; Valerie K. Orlando, University of Maryland.

Moderator: Victor Anderson

Sponsors: African American and Diaspora Studies, Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center, The Martha Rivers Ingram Commons, Margaret Cuninggim Women’s Center, Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Women’s and Gender Studies. ★

Coed floors and suites find a place at Vanderbilt

TYLER BISHOP
STAFF REPORTER

Vanderbilt is offering new coeducational housing options for the 2012-2013 school year, marking another step towards gender neutrality and progressive options for students on campus.

One floor in Carmichael Towers East Building 2 and one floor in Lupton House will house both men and women next year. In addition, a small number of Carmichael Towers suites will be offered to mixed-sex groups.

The Office of Housing and Residential Education made the decision to initiate more coeducational options for students as a result of student requests and higher demand for more mixed-sex housing on campus.

Jonathan Meneses, a first-year student considering coeducational floor options for the 2012-2013 school year, feels that mixed-sex floors will have a positive impact



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on campus.

“More coed floors will allow students to interact with each other in new ways and will give us the opportunity to see living from new perspectives. It’s always good to open up to new outlooks,” Meneses said.

Feelings about mixed-sex floors are not all positive, however. At some colleges that have already initiated

coeducational floors, such as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, opposition from some students’ parents has caused controversy. Dennis Collins, housing director at M.I.T., receives complaints each year about problems that coed floors might cause.

“Students are fine with it, though parents don’t always understand,” Collins said. ★

HONOR SYSTEM: Recommendations include website, changing culture

from **HONOR SYSTEM** page 1 and should promote a positive culture of honor.”

The committee has released 28 recommendations based on three semesters of research and discussion led by professors Vanessa Beasley, Bobby Bodenheimer and Joy Calico. Their report is posted on the Faculty Senate website.

The first recommendation is to launch a website dedicated to the honor code to provide a central source where members of the Vanderbilt community can get a clear definition of the code and other resources, such as what to do when encountering a possible violation, information on the honor code process and links to the separate honor code websites maintained by the graduate and professional schools.

Once the site is launched, “the admissions process should be modified so that all admitted students must indicate their awareness of the honor system at Vanderbilt,” the report reads.

Among the other recom-

mendations:

- A paralegal to assist with fact finding in honor code cases.
- The creation of a task force to explore how the honor code and academic integrity can be incorporated throughout a student’s career at Vanderbilt.
- Rethinking the role of faculty in upholding the honor code and formulating a plan to involve them more in the process.
- Giving incoming graduate students a tutorial on the honor code of their school.
- Having members of the Faculty Senate assess progress on the honor system recommendations in two years.

Honor code verbiage currently focuses on punitive measures and processes, the report notes.

“The committee members were struck by a lack of language about living with honor and integrity as a member of our scholarly community,” the report reads. “The committee believes that the university needs to foster positive discourse about academic integrity.” ★

Set to serve: Volley against violence



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Students participate in Volley Against Violence on Saturday. The event, sponsored by Alpha Chi Omega, featured a volleyball tournament to raise money for the YWCA, which supports women who have been victims of domestic violence.

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The NCAA Tournament

Hopes of a strong placement in the men's NCAA Tournament were dashed this Saturday when Vanderbilt fell to Wisconsin 60-57.

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Brad Tinsley shoots over Ryan Evans of Wisconsin.



John Jenkins puts up a shot against Harvard in Vanderbilt's second round game on Thursday.



Festus Ezeli grabs a rebound from the hands of a Harvard defender on Thursday.



Jeffrey Taylor drives to the hoop against a Wisconsin defender in Vanderbilt's third round game on Saturday.

Attorney General Holder exhorts students to seek liberty and learning

JOAN BRASHER
VU NEWS SERVICE

U.S. Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. opened the Cecil Sims Lecture at the Vanderbilt University Law School March 16 by congratulating Vanderbilt on its academic — and recent athletic — accomplishments.

"This university has distinguished itself as a training ground for some of our nation's greatest scholars, advocates, policymakers and — as we've seen this week — basketball players," he said, to applause. "I realize that it's the first Friday of 'March Madness,' and ... the fact that hundreds of you are gathered here speaks to the importance of this discussion."

He went on to note the significance of the achievements of the lecture series' namesake.

"Although nearly a full century has passed since Cecil Sims graduated from this law school with top honors ... his example still serves as a reminder that the actions of a single person can make a difference in countless lives," Holder said. "... His commitment to expanding opportunity, to combating segregation and discrimination and to serving his fellow citizens was extraordinary."

Holder said that when President John F. Kennedy visited campus in the early '60s, he observed Vanderbilt's deep commitment to social justice.

Holder encouraged the law students in attendance to listen to their feelings and beliefs in their execution of the law, explaining that their mission is not just about "enforcing statutes." (Daniel Dubois/Vanderbilt)

"President Kennedy rightly predicted that 'liberty and learning will always be ... touchstones of Vanderbilt.' And he noted that with fidelity to these ideals, this university would continue to stand for both human rights and human enlightenment."

Holder noted that at the time of Kennedy's historic visit, Vanderbilt was the first private law school in the South to racially integrate its campus.

"... (That) was an indicator of the progress that our na-

tion was about to make," Holder said, adding that many of Vanderbilt's students and faculty have been among the nation's most vocal advocates for social justice.

Though much progress has been made since the days of segregation, the work of protecting the rights of all Americans is by no means finished, Holder emphasized.

The Justice Department and the Obama administration have made historic efforts to protect and improve the lives of Americans by expanding access to legal services, combating hate crimes, and protecting the right to vote, Holder said. They have held accountable those who have perpetrated financial, healthcare and consumer fraud, resulting in lengthy prison sentences and billions reclaimed.

"This type of collective action — across all levels of government, state boundaries and party lines — is precisely what the challenges before us demand," Holder said. "It's also what the American people deserve."

This work doesn't stop with the Justice Department, he said.

"This is your mission," he said, addressing the law school students. "At this precious and defining moment, it is also your breathtaking opportunity. ... My hope is that you will use your talents and training ... to move our nation forward and build a justice system that is worthy of our founding ideals."

A Q&A session continued the discussion, with queries pre-submitted by students and faculty. When asked what advice he had for individuals soon to enter the field of law, he said, "Pass the bar. Pursue any kind of law you like. But always think of yourself as a public interest lawyer. Dedicate a portion of your time to giving back. Make America better."

A reception followed. Among others in attendance were Attorney General Bob Cooper, Congressman Jim Cooper and United States Attorney Jerry Martin, as well as noted civil rights pioneer John Seigenthaler. ★

Anchor Link: A new hub for student organizations

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STAFF REPORTER

Vanderbilt Student Government in partnership with the Office of the Dean of Students have launched a new online portal for student organizations.

Anchor Link will serve as the digital hub for student involvement outside of the classroom. Similar to the YES student portal where students have a centralized location for their academic needs, Anchor Link will centralize student organizations in one digital hub.

Courtney Salters, director of student organizations and governance said in the VSG press release that Anchor Link gives student leaders the ability to interact with their officers and members in a way that is vibrant, efficient and sustainable.

"In my opinion, Anchor Link will revolutionize the ways in which and the meaning behind how students are involved on Vanderbilt's campus. They will be able to maintain rosters of members and officers, giving varying levels of access and management of the site to different members/positions. Student organizations will be able to create and ad-

vertise events, set up meetings, upload agendas and even track meeting and program attendance."

In addition to the benefits for organizations, student can also establish profiles which customize the experience of the site towards their interest. When a student establishes a profile they can select a variety of interest. As a result of those choices the site will recommend student organizations and events based upon their interest. Anchor Link will also keep track of student involvement, allowing students to pull valuable information in the form of a resume as they apply for awards, scholarships, graduate school or jobs after graduation.

In the VSG press release Student Body President Adam Meyer lauded the ability of the portal to connect students throughout the school year. "You don't have to wait for Student Organization Fairs to learn about clubs, groups, or organizations you might like. Just log in to Anchor Link, fill out your interests, and continuously check your bulletin board homepage. You never know what you will find"

The program will be introduced to students over the com-

ing weeks through the Student Organization registration process. When organizations register, they will be asked to build Anchor Link pages similar to a Facebook profile page. Student organizations when creating the page can also connect to existing Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and other social media accounts to enhance the organization page.

Sophomore Seth Norman Friedman, Webmaster for the Original Cast and Vanderbilt Performing Arts Council, said that Anchor Link "appears to be very intuitive and it give student organizations access to a lot of functionality."

"I'm really excited about the voting system feature since we are having our 'Encore' show coming up for VPAC. We are going to use the system for the various awards, such as best actors and best musical performance for the school year. It's the first year we are doing 'Encore' and I think this will be an innovative way to evolve students"

While dates are not announced yet, VSG and the Office of the Dean of Students will be hosting information sessions on the system for students interested in learning more about the site's features and functionalities. ★

MOSAIC Weekend



Sigma Lambda Gamma member Nia Washington talks to MOSAIC prospective students about the sorority rush process.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

No endorsement for VSG president



CHRIS HONIBALL / THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER

VSG presidential candidates Maryclaire Manard and McArthur Gill.

In every VSG presidential election to date, The Hustler has officially endorsed one of the final two candidates. This year, we break precedent.

We feel confident that both candidates, Maryclaire Manard and McArthur Gill, possess the aptitude and dedication necessary to serve as VSG President. Each holds certain advantages over the other; neither is the obvious choice.

Manard and running mate Mark Cherry are the current favorites: They took 49.8 percent of the primary vote, meaning if they picks up a fraction of a percent of Kenny Tan's primary vot-

ers they will take the election.

Their platform includes numerous impressive initiatives, including streaming for lecture classes, VSG online outreach, student-section upgrades in Memorial Gym and HDTV in campus housing. They also pledge to continue working towards the planned \$25 million rec center renovation, a process with which Manard has been involved from the start. These are but a few examples; the entire platform can be viewed at maryclaireandmark.com.

McArthur Gill and running mate William Schreiber's platform is considerably shorter

than that of Manard and Cherry, and contains fewer concrete initiatives. The very first bullet point in their list — "We believe in not promising things we cannot deliver on" — is a clear jab at previous VSG administrations, which have at times come up short on promises. Gill and Schreiber seem to have chosen to avoid this pitfall by not making any promises, other than to give "all student opinions, priorities and organizations a seat at the table." In a time when many believe VSG to have become a self-serving organization out of touch with student body, however, this attitude does hold appeal.

All that is certain is that the potential Manard-Cherry and Gill-Schreiber administrations will be as different from one another as apples from oranges. Voters simply need to choose which fruit they prefer. We are in no position to dictate the taste of the student body; we cannot even agree amongst ourselves.

Regardless of which candidate you choose, we urge all students to vote. Voting will take place from Tuesday at 8 a.m. until Wednesday at 12 p.m. The results will be announced Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in the Sarratt promenade.

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COLUMN

VSG shenanigans

None of the VSG candidates are impressive — I'm voting for Maryclaire and Mark



JAMES CRATER
COLUMNIST

Before I commence with my analysis, I'd first like to thank VSG for providing me with so many entertaining things to write about on a consistent basis. Though primary voting is occurring as I write this, I thought it might be fun to take a good look at all the candidates and their platforms before two tickets invariably fade into obscurity.

Let's start with the "dark horse," Kenny Tan. Has there ever been a more Ron Paul-esque presidential candidate for VSG? Let's look at the similarities.

Long-shot odds: check. Tan and Paul are both running despite enormous odds against them. It seems like Ron Paul runs every election year despite the fact that he knows the GOP brass would never stomach his candidacy. Tan, running against two candidates with absurdly higher initial support and slightly more experience, is also only a sophomore, which only serves to make his election even less probable. Currently, his projected odds are 250-to-1, which is the rough equivalent of the probability of the Wizards winning an NBA title this year.

Eclectic, sometimes frivolous platform issues: check. As if I needed to point out the ludicrous nature of some of Ron Paul's ideas — Paul advocates backing out of the United Nations, among other things. Some of the items that Kenny Tan and David Moore feel merit our attention include: changing "restroom culture," creating a more efficient tray disposal system in dining areas and creating a 24-hour urgent care facility on campus. First of all, I didn't realize we had culture issues in the restrooms. Perhaps we can play Beethoven or hang impressionist paintings on stall doors for us to ponder while we're on the pot. Next, the trays ... really? Why? How? Who cares? Finally, I think Tan might be on to something with this 24-hour health center. If only we had a place on campus with hundreds of trained medical professionals and superior health technology. If only we had a place where we could be transported within a few minutes notice (perhaps in large trucks with loud sirens that had the ability to run red lights). There might even be a special room for situations that we deem "emergencies." If only.

Honesty and the cojones to take a stand on something: double check. Paul is notorious

for supporting things that the general population finds odd, but he rarely flip-flops or posits vague answers to seem more appealing. Tan was the only candidate to take a position on the nondiscrimination policy during the debate. Call it a bad political move, but at least he didn't wimp out and make pseudo-philosophical pretenses for a noncommittal stance.

Speaking of avoiding questions, let's talk McArthur-Schreiber (side note: should have gone with Gill and Bill). I would make fun of their stances on the issues like I did for Tan, but it appears that they simply don't have any. Seriously, read their platform. There isn't a single specific thing in it. I could have written that platform in 20 minutes. Seven Natties deep.

Among the gems in this amorphous blob of a platform: "We believe in building our platform based on a vision for Vanderbilt"; "we believe in a student body with a strong voice"; "we believe all student opinions deserve a seat at the table." These are all great, but honestly I can't think of a single person who would disagree with any of this, outside of maybe neo-Nazis and the government of North Korea. How is this relevant, useful information about the candidates? What does this show us? Nothing.

It's not like the M&M's really wow me either. Whereas the little chocolate candies melt in your mouth, not in your hand, it appears that this ticket melts when asked to give an opinion that might rub voters the wrong way. The justification that Manard (and McArthur, for that matter) used to avoid answering where they stood on the nondiscrimination issue was that their opinion didn't matter.

I'll just let that sink in for a paragraph.

Candidates, it is absolutely your responsibility to tell us what you think. Of course, the overall opinion of the student body clearly matters more than what one person thinks, but we have a right to know what stances you take and why. It tells us what you value and how you think, and hiding your views lest you alienate half your voters is cowardly and, frankly, quite boring.

Still, I don't want to be seen as noncommittal as the candidates themselves. All things considered, this choice doesn't seem that difficult. Tan's platform is too silly, and McArthur declined to make one. Vote for Maryclaire and Mark. At least they respect the intelligence and the wishes of the student body enough to humor us with actual, implementable ideas instead of hiding a lack of creativity and an inability to find real solutions behind a mountain of horrifically unoriginal clichés.

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COLUMN

How I came to love fútbol

The thrill of an Argentinian soccer match

HANNAH RUTCOSKY
COLUMNIST

Picture the excitement of a match that incites so much passion, riot police must line the stadium's entranceways. The police are armed with sticks and helmets in order to prevent the recurrence of disasters like stampedes and mass-brawls. The sport is fútbol (also known as soccer or, outside the U. S., football) and these matches occur regularly in South America.

Over spring break, I had the opportunity to attend one of these games. I was in Buenos Aires, Argentina, with my Hillel alternative spring break group. It was a Boca Juniors game; they were not playing their biggest rival, but it was one of the more exciting season matches. Our tickets were considerably more expensive than normal tickets because we paid for transportation and security. We did not have any security personnel, but we were allowed to enter the stadium two hours early to claim seats, and were kept as the last and safest shift when we exited. While I was at the game it seemed that we had been roped into some kind of tourist trap, but after some research I now understand why the venue and spectators both take these extra precautions.

Across the world, stadiums have faced disasters at soccer matches. In 1968, The Boca Juniors' match against their rival, River Plate, resulted in one of the worst soccer tragedies ever. The Superclasico is played once a season by the two teams, which both represent Buenos Aires. The outcome of this intense competition in 1968 was a stampede in which 71 people died and 150 were injured. Other similar instances include the Port Said stadium disaster this past February during which 74 people were killed, as well as a riot over a loss to a rival in Ghana in 2001, with 100 people found dead. There are many more instances that closely resemble these two.

However, there was no such violence at the game I attended. The only reason I can believe these stories is because of the obvious passion from the fans. At the beginning of the game, the players were presented, and the singing began. All the fans in our section and the one across (the one for the "crazy" fans) threw torn newspaper pieces into the air at the same point in the song. Fireworks and confetti fired over the field. The excitement stayed at that level for the entire game.

There were rarely any put-downs to the other side, but also no more than 30 seconds of silence at a time. The entire section (except for the foreigners) sang in unison supportive chants, jumping up and down and using a gesture similar to, but not the same as, fist pumping. Even after the opposing team made the first two goals, the

fans kept up supportive cheering. Throughout the two hours, the spectators cheered for the team for their every advancement near the goal or interception or steal.

It was a fair match and only in the final moments did the away team make the winning goal. I was surprised because after cheering the team off, the crowd fell silent. Knowing about the historical patterns mentioned above, it seems peculiar. Unlike any sports match I have been to in the U. S., there was almost no booing when the whistle was blown. After the game concluded, no one seemed extremely angry or upset, and there were definitely no tears. We had to remain in the stadium to allow the other home-team supporters to leave, as well as the away fans. The latter were given time to get far away from the stadium to ensure safety.

In contrast with the crowd's calmness, I was upset at the loss. My heart fell to my stomach — the singing and cheering was a bonding experience with the other fans. After the game, I even said, "I can't believe we lost!" I had absorbed the enthusiastic devotion to the team. I have always liked watching live sports — usually basketball or baseball — but those with which I have experience don't even compare to the thrill of this football game.

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GUEST COLUMN

Why we should occupy Vanderbilt University

ZACH BLUME
GUEST COLUMNIST

What commonalities lie between African land grabs, exploited hotel workers, unfair treatment of workers at Vanderbilt and the nondiscrimination policy debacle?

The answer is a fundamental fact about the way in which Vanderbilt University has come to operate: by valuing some voices over others; by giving powers to some while unfairly oppressing others. So I'd like to call upon you to occupy our campus, beginning today at 5 p.m. in front of Kirkland Hall.

I'm one of the people who have been researching EmVest, a company that buys large amounts of land in sub-Saharan Africa; in countries with flimsy legal protections for communities, wherein the government technically owns all the land, and where villagers have claimed that EmVest has, essentially, stolen land from them. The vice-chancellor of investments has told us in interviews that, aside from the managers employed by the company, he never extensively interviewed a single villager, and that he literally does not even know how compensation is being paid out to the community.

The administration's response is one that belittles the extensive efforts and research of students and graduate students — they claim that we are ignorant of

Increasing national rankings, getting students the highest paying jobs and appearing "progressive" without actually being equitable is not what universities should be focusing their efforts on. However, that is exactly the kind of institution that we've become, and it's exactly the direction in which the university and the world is going to continue.

the issues at hand. The reality is we've spent over seven months researching EmVest, the regional and global contexts, and compiling information from numerous sources on this company. This information has been gathered from firsthand research done by three independent and credible sources, dozens of legal documents, satellite photogra-

phy and hours of detailed conversations with administrators. The administration's response is an insult to the enormous amount of work done by dozens of undergraduate and graduate students here and reflects a real systematic problem.

The time has come to bring this home. The burden of evidence now rests on the administration and they are failing to take corrective action. We've gotten hundreds of students involved in protests, teach-ins, marches and hundreds more have signed petitions and written letters.

This issue is undoubtedly a difficult one with which to connect and ultimately the problem doesn't lie in this arcane issue of investment ethics. To me, the issue is with the overall and fundamental ethics of how Vanderbilt University has chosen to conduct itself.

Let me tell you about the rest of Vanderbilt:

- While administrators earn near million dollar salaries, 90 percent of dining workers earn yearly incomes below the federal poverty line — salaries of \$16,500 a year. Workers at Vanderbilt constantly speak about a slew of concerns that are ignored by a management that constantly disrespects them, not treating them as real human beings.
- The administration makes about-turn decisions about its nondiscrimination policy, puts groups on public review and

then, instead of moving into an actual dialogue, they hold a "town hall," which have become infamous as opportunities for the belittling of student opinions and displacement of blame. This has happened with the controversy over Vanderbilt's building of a satellite university in the human rights-abusing state of the United Arab Emirates, the sale of WRVU and numerous other issues that affect students.

- Vanderbilt is also invested in HEI Hotels & Resorts — a company that has been found liable for state labor violations and settled federal labor violations. We demanded that administration commit to not re-investing until HEI reforms its labor practices. They refused.

A while back, a senior published an opinion article in this newspaper that noted the "hollowing out" of higher education — the universities' redirection to a seemingly corporate mentality. Increasing national rankings, getting students the highest paying jobs and appearing "progressive" without actually being equitable is not what universities should be focusing their efforts on. However, that is exactly the kind of institution that we've become, and it's exactly the direction in which the university and the world is going to continue.

I know that Vanderbilt can seem apathetic sometimes, but I know the majority of us do care about

these "other" people, because we recognize that our lives are connected to theirs.

Let's begin by addressing the flaws of this university — because what's been happening here is deeply connected with what has been going wrong with our world. The jokes about Occupy here at Vandy have been somewhat true: not all of us here are literally the 99 percent. But I urge you to think twice before scoffing at the millions who are crying out in desperation at mass injustice all over the world. You are most certainly part of the 100 percent, and all of us will have a better life if our world becomes fairer, more equitable and more democratic. That begins at home.

Dozens of students are already organizing to not just stage a protest, but to create a social space where we can come together and talk about what's gone wrong, and work to make it right; to make this a better, fairer community. Because making the world a better place must begin at home. This is not a partisan protest, but it will be a place to begin a new conversation.

Let's rally for that, and begin occupying Vanderbilt today at 5 p.m. in front of Kirkland Hall, the central administration building.

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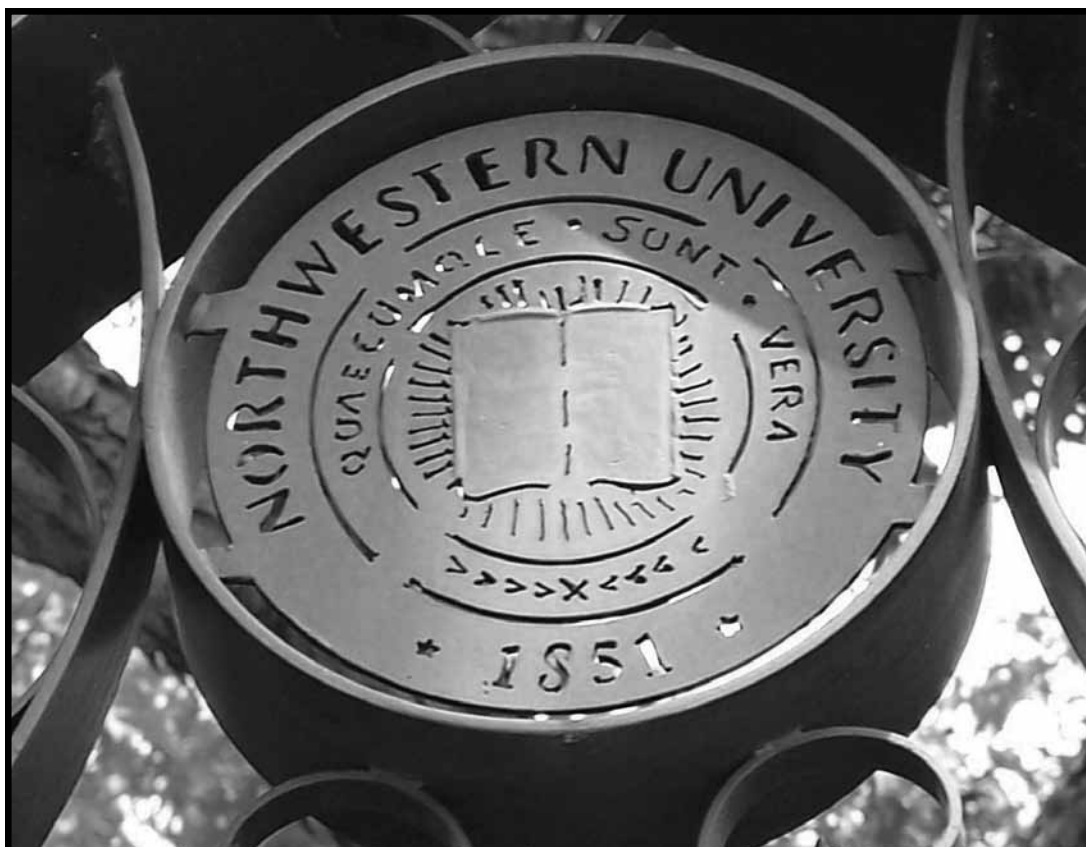
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Since late 2009, the act has been releasing mysterious videos to YouTube in the form of six one-minute teasers followed by seven full-length songs. Over two years later, the band has yet to reveal its members' identities (although it's obvious that Swedish singer Jonna Lee is the frontwoman) and has launched a new project that invokes the same out-of-this-world imagery that gave us toilet paper beds, cardboard box castles and foil-wrapped cars in past videos.

"Kin," the band's first full-length album, was announced in February for a June 11 release. Fans need not wait that long to enjoy it, however, because unlike a traditional album, "Kin" will be released in chapters on I amamiwhoami's YouTube channel, with a new song and an accompanying video every two weeks.

Three songs have been released so far, and each has been excellent in its own right. "Sever," a haunting ballad with a gothic feel, began the series, followed by the fast-paced electro



JONATHAN PUSHNIK / MUJUSE.COM

The next single "I amamiwhoami's innovative album has been confirmed for release on March 28.

thump of "Drops" and the catchy "Good Worker," which sounds like Kate Bush doing disco.

All the while, the videos have told the story of a woman terrorized by strange monsters made of hair in her apartment. The woman drops through the floors of her apartment building to the parking garage, only to be captured by six of the monsters and dragged to the forest, which is where "Good Worker" leaves us.

The next single "Play" has been confirmed for release on March 28, and the same pattern of a new song and video every two weeks will presumably continue until June. Theories abound about what is to come, but much of the excitement of this project is its complete lack of predictability. Although the release dates have become routine, I amamiwhoami still manages to build incredible suspense through the slowly-unfolding story.

I amamiwhoami is one of the most innovative and captivating projects to come along in recent years, and the recent videos only reinforce that. If "Kin" upholds the standard set by the first three singles, it is well on its way to becoming album of the year. ★

Let the Games begin



THE HUNGER GAMES MOVIE.COM

"The Hunger Games," produced by Lionsgate Productions, will be released thus Thursday at midnight.

KRISTEN WEBB
LIFE EDITOR

Audiences everywhere have been waiting with bated breath for the release of "The Hunger Games," a film adaptation of one of the year's hottest teen literature phenomena. This Friday — or Thursday night at midnight for the most dedicated — the wait will be over.

The film follows the story of Katniss Everdeen, a girl living in a future version of America called Panem in which children from ages 12-18 are entered into a lottery that chooses 24 unlucky winners to fight to the death for the entertainment of the rest of the country — the Hunger Games. The book, first published by Suzanne Collins in 2008, was a New York Times Best Seller for over 100 weeks as of September 2010 and has only been picking up steam from there.

"It's exhilarating and exciting at the same time," said Liam Hemsworth, who plays Gale in the film adaptation, of the anticipation for "The Hunger Games" release. "Going into it, it was nowhere as big as it is now and it just keeps going from there. There is pressure but I am very proud of it and I think audiences will really enjoy it."

Fans who are expecting an exaggerated love story in this first movie to rival those in other teen novels-turned-movies like Twilight will be disappointed, however.

"The first movie is very very true to the book," Hemsworth said. "It's no romantic thing with Gale and Katniss between them. And then of course there's Peeta and Katniss, and it's a little confusing at this point, but it's not the central theme of the book."

For Vanderbilt students looking to get a first taste of the Games, Regal Cinema in the One Hundred Oaks area and the Green Hills cinema are offering midnight premieres on Thursday night. Although tickets have been selling out fast, new theaters have been opening due to demand, so keep an eye out for premiere ticket opportunities. ★

A DAY
IN THE LIFE
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Vanderbilt cheerleader

ALEX HUDGENS

KRISTEN WEBB
LIFE EDITOR

After an emotional weekend for Vanderbilt basketball, the Life staff sat down with cheerleader Alex Hudgens to discuss what it's like to support our teams away from campus.

WHAT IS A TYPICAL DAY OF TRAVELING LIKE?

I would say there really isn't a "typical" day of traveling. There are so many factors that go into each trip, but that's what makes it exciting. We usually travel with the team, sometimes leaving Vandy in the afternoon, but we've also boarded a flight at 6 a.m. When we get to the location we get settled in and usually have a practice. It depends on how many days "early" we are for the game, but we'll do about one practice per day. It's always fun finding practice space in our hotels. Typically, there's a tall ballroom that we can stunt in, but for the SEC tournament in New Orleans we had to use a small patch of grass outside our hotel right next to the highway. The "days off" in which we get to just enjoy the travel experience are always nice because they make us feel like our hard work has paid off and we get to have some fun. To be honest though, a lot of us sometimes have to stay back at the hotel and study or do some sort of homework.

HOW MUCH EXTRA PREPARATION DO YOU USUALLY PUT INTO BIG TOURNAMENTS OR SPECIAL, MORE HIGHLY PUBLICIZED EVENTS LIKE THIS?

We do a lot of pep-talking to ourselves. Obviously, there will be extra practice time to make sure that our stunts look good and we know what we're doing before we run out onto an unfamiliar court or field. But the most important thing in my opinion is getting the Vandy fans excited. It can be hard to get as few as 50 people excited, especially when you're in a stadium with thousands of



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Alex Hudgens, second from left, stops for a picture with fellow cheerleaders before the football game against South Carolina on Sept. 24, 2011.

rowdy UK fans. So a lot of our prep time is spent just walking around and greeting VU fans, getting the band to cheer with us, etc. We have to make the Vandy presence seem a lot bigger than it is, which went really well at the recent SEC tourney.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PART OF TRAVELING WITH THE TEAM?

I love travel in general, so it's a lot of fun to visit these new places with my teammates. We're a family just like any other team, so we enjoy just having fun with each other wherever we go. It's nice to get out of the Vandy bubble and see what game day atmospheres are like at other SEC schools. I love those enormous stadiums full of crazy fans, because something weird is always going to happen. We come back with stories every trip. Plus, when you get to go places like San Jose or New Orleans, you're bound

to have fun no matter what you do.

WHAT'S YOUR LEAST FAVORITE PART?

Make-up class work, for sure. Travel is fun but it can be a strain academically. You're missing anywhere from one to five days of class depending on the trip, and we're still students first and foremost, so our work has to get done. Sometimes, if you have a test that you're missing, professors require that you still take it at the same time as everyone else in your class. We travel with an academic proctor, so if your 8 a.m. class is taking a test but we're in California, you're up at 6 a.m. taking it as well. That's always a struggle.

IS THERE ANY PART OF THE TRIP OR THE PREPARATIONS THAT PEOPLE MIGHT NOT EXPECT?

Our interaction with the foot-

ball or basketball teams is very limited. I think people assume that we just go hang out with them when they're not playing, but in reality, we are specifically instructed to just leave them alone. No eye contact, no talking if not necessary. It can be hard when we're friends with all of them, but we also understand that they're there to play. We don't want to be the source of any distraction.

People might not expect that the "away" fans or city-dwellers love us. I can't tell you how many pictures I have taken over the past three years with other teams' fans or just random people living in the city we've traveled to. ★

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Accidentals take home a cappella win



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Turi Clausell and the rest of the Melodores perform during the ICCA South Semifinals in Ingram Hall Saturday. The Accidentals from University of Georgia took first place in the competition.

Puppies in the Park



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COLUMN

Leaving their legacy on the program

Senior-laden squad had many things to prove come March

MEGHAN ROSE
SPORTS EDITOR

Kevin Stallings could barely contain his emotions after the Commodores upended No. 1 Kentucky last weekend for Vanderbilt's first Southeastern Conference Tournament championship since 1951.

"This is one of my happiest days as a Vanderbilt head coach — maybe my happiest," Stallings said following the Commodores' return to Memorial Gym. "I think what I'm most proud of is the investment that's occurred by this group of young men in this program."

For Stallings' senior-laden squad, the SEC title was tangible validation of the team's potential — something that was both hyped and criticized during the Commodores' 2011-2012 season.

"We left a stamp on the program, and that's what we set out to do four years ago," said senior Jeff Taylor.

But the Commodores weren't prepared for their legacy to end there.

"We've been really confident throughout the year that we would start playing well and that things would come togeth-

er," said senior point guard Brad Tinsley.

The level of talent on this year's team was undeniable, with one of the nation's purest shooters in junior John Jenkins, an incredibly versatile athlete in Taylor and a dominating center in senior Festus Ezeli.

Add Lance Goulbourne's rebounding prowess, Tinsley's ballhandling and Steve Tchien-gang's paint presence, and the Commodores' upperclassman depth was exhaustive.

The only question remaining was whether Vanderbilt could harness that talent in March.

Following the win over Kentucky, Vanderbilt's focus immediately shifted to the next hurdle at hand, one the program's seven-member senior class had yet to overcome. The Commodores hadn't advanced past their opening game of the NCAA Tournament since 2007, a glaring statistic always fresh in the mind of the team come March.

"It's a lot of motivation because this class hasn't gotten out of the first round," Tinsley said. "We haven't executed when it mattered the most in those types of games."

Just hours after its win in New Orleans, Vanderbilt was selected as a 5-seed in the tournament, placing the Commodores in yet another 5 vs. 12 opening round matchup. Last March, that same pairing spelled doom for Vander-

bilt, as the Commodores dropped their second-round contest to the Richmond Spiders in heart-breaking fashion.

But few believed Vanderbilt's opening draw this time around possessed the same upset potential. With the Commodores riding the high of a championship victory over the nation's top team, few thought the Harvard Crimson could handle Vanderbilt's perimeter shooting and presence in the paint.

There was much buzz about the team's ability to progress deep into the field if Stallings' squad could tap into its seemingly limitless potential. For the first time in recent years, Vanderbilt became a trendy Final Four pick instead of an upset special.

But the Commodores gave the talk little thought, confident the same team that showed up against Kentucky would show up for the entirety of Vanderbilt's stay in Albuquerque, N.M.

Taylor asked Stallings if he could give the pregame speech prior to the Commodores' championship game against the Wildcats. His message to his teammates was a clear one.

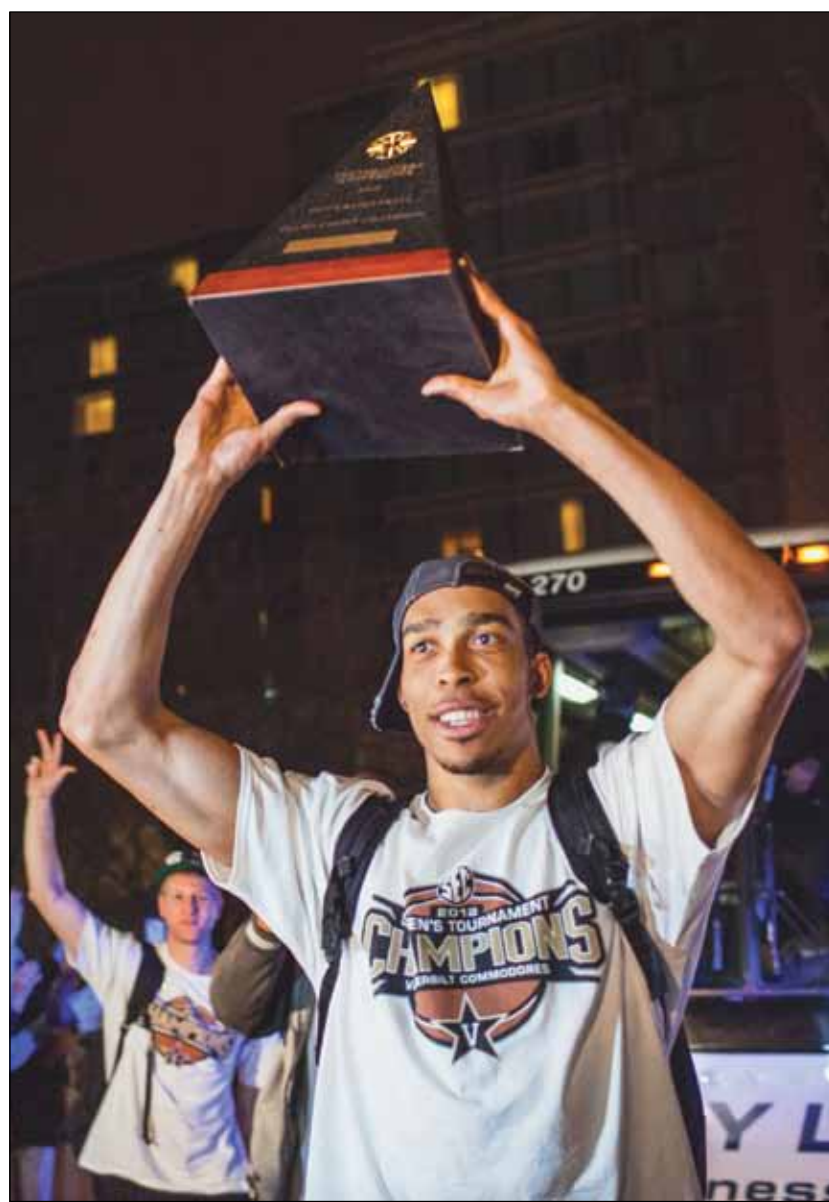
"I was just talking about seizing the day, and taking opportunities as they come and not letting them slip away," Taylor said.

In Thursday's matchup against Harvard, Taylor and the Commodores made certain a win didn't slip through their fingertips.

Vanderbilt led by as many as 18 in the contest, but the Crimson closed to within five with just under two minutes remaining. A dominant 27-point performance by Jenkins, including seven straight free throws in the game's final minutes, secured the victory for Vanderbilt.

"There was probably more relief (after Harvard) for us than excitement, and that's kind of a shame because you really deserve to enjoy this and be excited about any success that you have," Stallings said.

Still, the Commodores had a



CHRIS HONIBALL / THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER

Senior Lance Goulbourne returns to Nashville with the SEC Tournament trophy in hand, the second conference title in team history.

chance to enjoy their win. Taylor got to celebrate with his family and many local fans from his playing days at Hobbs High School, where Taylor starred for two years and won a state title in The Pit.

Taylor hoped his homecoming would be a memorable one, sending Vanderbilt out of The Pit with two tournament wins and a spot in the Sweet 16. But Saturday's outcome didn't favor the Commodores as Vanderbilt fell to Wisconsin, 60-57, ending the team's tournament run.

"It was a bittersweet experience. It was really nice to be able to come back and play in front of friends and family that I haven't gotten an opportunity to play in front of for four years," Taylor

said. "This wasn't the outcome that we were looking for."

Bittersweet.

It might be the most accurate word to describe the end of the Commodores' season and the exit of perhaps the program's most talented class of seniors.

"It really hurts for them because they've invested so much in our program and done so much that's good and right in college athletics," Stallings said. "They've given us so much over the course of their careers." ★

CLASS OF '12 STATS

91-43 OVERALL RECORD

The composite record for the four-year seniors on the team. The seniors went 19-12 in 2008-2009, followed by 24-9 in 2009-2010, a 23-9 mark in 2010-2011 and 25-11 this season.

2012 SEC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

The Commodores won the Southeastern Conference Tournament Championship for just the second time in school history by defeating the No. 1 Kentucky Wildcats 71-64. The only previous tournament championship came in 1951, also against Kentucky.

1-3 RECORD IN NCAA TOURNAMENT

The outgoing seniors leave school with just one victory to their name in the NCAA tournament. The Commodores were bounced from the first round in 2010 by 13-seed Murray State and in 2011 by 12-seed Richmond. This year the seniors picked up their first victory by defeating 12-seed Harvard 79-70 before falling to Wisconsin 60-57 Saturday.

Upsets reign supreme

JACKSON MARTIN
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Norfolk State becomes first 15-seed since 2001 to upset a 2-seed

Kyle O'Quinn, who scored 26 points and added 14 rebounds Friday night, may have summed up Norfolk State's 86-84 upset victory over Missouri when he joyfully shouted, "We messed up some brackets! We messed up some brackets!" He then stopped, turned toward a group of reporters, and added, "We even messed up my bracket." The win came in the first-ever appearance in the NCAA Tournament for the Spartans, and was the first win for a 15-seed in the tournament since 2001.



Lehigh engineers upset of Duke

Just hours after Norfolk State's shocking upset, the Lehigh Mountainhawks repeated the feat with a 75-70 victory over Duke, just the sixth time in history a 15-seed has defeated a 2-seed in the NCAA tournament. C.J. McCollum led all scorers with 30 points to give the Mountainhawks their first victory in five NCAA Tournament appearances. This was just the second time in the past 16 years that Duke has lost in its opening game of the tournament.



Bobcats upset 4-seed for second time in three years

The big upsets Friday weren't just reserved for 15-seeds, as 13-seed Ohio upended 4-seed Michigan 65-60 as well. Michigan freshman Trey Burke gave the Wolverines a chance as he hit a three to cut the Ohio lead to 63-60 with just over four minutes left in the game, but Michigan failed to hit any of its last five shots and the Bobcats pulled off a shocking upset for the second time in three years. In 2010 the Bobcats, again a 14-seed, upset 3-seed Georgetown 97-83 before falling to 6-seed Tennessee in the second round.



North Carolina State reaches Sweet Sixteen with upset of Georgetown

Jason Clark's three-point attempt clanked off the rim as time expired, giving NC State its first trip to the Sweet Sixteen since 2005. That 2005 run was almost as unlikely as this one, as the Wolfpack were a 10-seed then and an 11-seed in this year's tournament. Mark Gottfried's team was the last to hear its name called on selection Sunday, but became the first team on Sunday to pencil its name into the Sweet Sixteen with the 66-63 victory over Georgetown. ★



TOURNAMENT: Commodores falter in final minutes

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Ezeli posted the game's lone double-double performance, grabbing 11 rebounds to pair with his team-high 14 points.

Senior Jeff Taylor was relatively silent in the first half, picking up two quick fouls that forced Stallings to limit the forward's early minutes.

"When you start off the game like that and you have to kind of play spot minutes, it's tough to get into the rhythm of the game," Taylor said.

Taylor scored all nine of his points in the second half, and his first basket of the game gave Vanderbilt its first and largest lead, just 18 seconds into the second half. The Commodores would lead just twice throughout the game's entirety, never holding an advantage greater than one point.

Wisconsin was able to build a nine-point lead with just 6:44 remaining in the contest, taking advantage of a string of three turnovers and four missed shots by the Commodores. But Vanderbilt countered with an 11-3 run to cut the Wisconsin advantage to 56-55 with just over three minutes left in regulation.

After a Wisconsin timeout, Ezeli put the Commodores back up by one for their second and final lead of the game, when the center blocked a jumper by Berggren and hit a layup at the other end.

However, four points from the Badgers in the game's final two minutes would put a victory just out of reach for the Commodores.

Vanderbilt made 43.5 percent of its attempts from the field, but the Commodores' leading scorers, Jenkins and Taylor, struggled to find their shots early and late. The pair shot a combined 7-of-25 from the field against Wisconsin.

"Things like that just happen in basketball," Taylor said. "The ball isn't always going to bounce your way, but I felt like I got really good looks."

The Commodores finish the season with a 25-11 record, advancing past their opening game of the tournament for the first time since 2007.

"We're very disappointed to have not won," Stallings said. "We had some opportunities there at the end, and they made a few more plays than we did." ★

COMMODORE BUZZ:

No. 1 Florida (19-1, 3-0 SEC) swept the Vanderbilt baseball team (7-13, 0-3) this weekend in Gainesville, by scores of 10-2, 5-1 and 8-2. Vanderbilt freshman Starter Tyler Beede gave up five hits and five runs in Sunday's loss, bringing him to 0-3 on the year. The Commodores return home to face Evansville Tuesday at 4 p.m. CT. ★

Women defeat MTSU 60-46

KRISTEN SHEFT
SPORTS REPORTER

When the Vanderbilt women's basketball team welcomed interstate rival Middle Tennessee to Memorial Gymnasium yesterday for the first round of the NCAA Tournament, the players and coaching staff alike expected a competitive matchup.

"It was a hard fought game by both teams," said head coach Melanie Balcomb during the postgame press conference. "Middle Tennessee really had a great plan."

Although the 7-seed Commodores ran away with the game late in the second half, ultimately defeating 10-seed MTSU 60-46, it took them the better part of the contest to establish a rhythm on both ends of the floor.

Vanderbilt was forced to play most of the first half without two of its top rebounders as redshirt sophomore center Stephanie Holzer and junior forward Tiffany Clarke watched from the bench after picking up three fouls apiece.

"(Middle Tennessee) really took (Stephanie Holzer) and (Tiffany Clarke) out of it in the first half in foul trouble," said Balcomb. "I was really frustrated that we fell into that and didn't play smarter. They executed really well and got us on the bench."

MTSU capitalized on these key Vanderbilt absences by crashing the boards. In the first half alone, the Blue Raiders pulled down 13 offensive rebounds, leading to countless second chance opportunities.

While Vanderbilt had difficulty containing their crosstown rivals on the glass, they never trailed during the contest thanks to a relentless defensive attack led by junior forward Elan Brown. After MTSU opened the second half

NEXT GAME:

VANDERBILT VS. DUKE

Tuesday, March 20

8:30 p.m. CT

Memorial Gymnasium

Nashville, Tenn.

TV: TBA

Radio: 97.1 FM

on a 10-3 run to tie the game at 28 heading into the first media timeout, Vanderbilt buckled down. The Commodores ultimately shut down their opponent, holding them to just 18 points for the rest of the contest.

"We knew they were going to execute their game plan," said sophomore point guard Jasmine Lister. "We knew they were going to fight until the end. It didn't surprise us that they were maybe going to come back and get the lead or maybe tie with us. So our plan was to just fight through, just mentally, and to execute our plays down the stretch."

With yesterday's victory, Vanderbilt improves to 17-1 at home on the season and 15-1 at Memorial Gymnasium during the NCAA tournament. The win also marks the eighth time in nine years that Vanderbilt will advance to the second round of tournament play.

The Commodores will not be celebrating the recent victory against MTSU for long however, as they once again begin preparation for Tuesday's matchup against Duke. Tipoff is set for 8:30 p.m. CT with the winner advancing to the Fresno Regional Semifinals. ★

Spring football notebook

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The Commodore football team began practice this weekend with sessions on Friday and Saturday in preparation for the 2012 football season. The two practices are the first of 14 sessions leading up to the Black & Gold scrimmage held on April 14. Although much of practice time has been limited to conditioning with no contact, several storylines are already beginning to play out in spring practice.

Tate returns to the backfield

After transitioning from running back to wide receiver at the beginning of last season, redshirt junior Wesley Tate will convert back to running back this spring. The move comes as a result of depth problems in the backfield, with both Warren Norman and Jerron Seymour sidelined this spring with injuries. Although the backfield returns Zac Stacy, it will likely be reasonably weak until Norman and Seymour are healthy again and class of 2012 signee Brian Kimbrow joins in the fall.

Quarterbacks change positions

The 2011 recruiting class included three quarterback signees. After this week, all three of those have now changed to other positions on offense. Lafonte Thourgood moved to running back at the end of last season, though he has struggled with injuries and has only gone through light repetitions so far this spring. Josh Grady transitioned to slot receiver, a position he practiced during parts of last season. Kris Kentera converted to H-back to serve as another weapon out of the backfield to aid the struggling pass offense. Among the three, Kentera appears to have made the transition the most smoothly, catching multiple long passes downfield during practice.

Quarterback position battle brewing

Despite the return of starter Jordan Rodgers, it appears as though there will be serious competition at the quarterback position this spring with the arrival of transfer quarterback Austyn Carta-Samuels. Carta-Samuels sat out last season after transferring from Wyoming following his sophomore season and has two remaining years of eligibility at Vanderbilt. So far this spring, Carta-Samuels has displayed the most arm strength and accuracy of the potential quarterbacks, although he appears to struggle with decision making and releasing the ball in time. If he can become accustomed to the Vanderbilt offense, Carta-Samuels will challenge Rodgers for the starting position this season.

Rebuilding the defense

With the departure of All-SEC players Chris Marve and Casey Hayward, multiple members of the Vanderbilt defense will have to step up this spring to fill the holes left by the graduating seniors. While Chase Garnham will likely take Marve's place at middle linebacker, true freshman early-enrollee Darreon Herring has had an impressive spring so far at outside linebacker. After tearing an ACL last season, linebacker Tristan Strong will sit out this spring, though he should be able to return during the 2012 season. At defensive back, Andre Hal, Trey Wilson and Steven Clarke have played very well this spring. If Hal, Wilson and Clarke continue their performance, there will be little drop off from how well the cornerbacks played a year ago. ★



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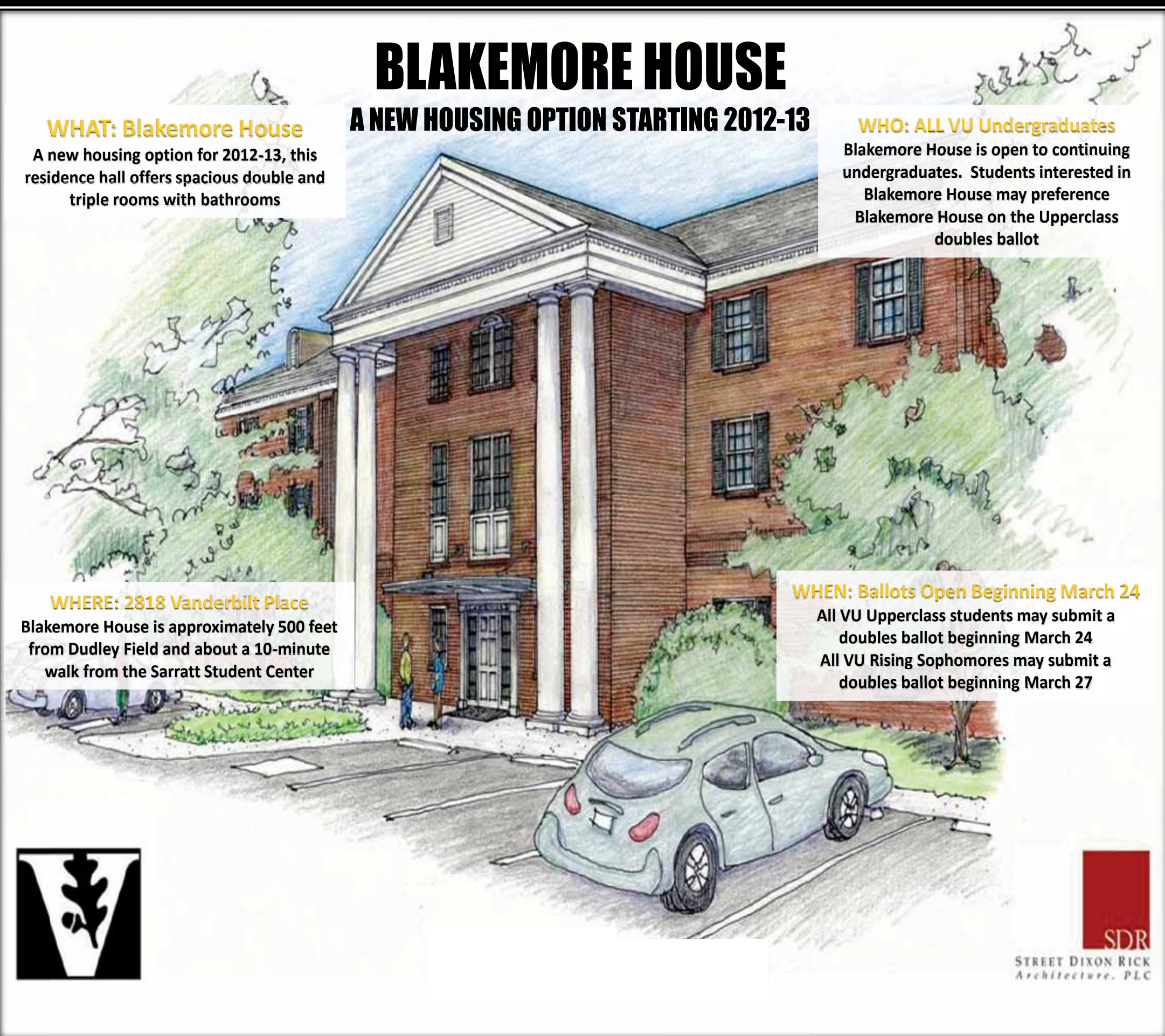
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