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■ CAMPUS NEWS

## Study abroad programs increase focus on U.S.-China relationship

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Staff Writer

Study abroad programs around the nation are increasing their focus on China as a destination for students to study, live and work.

"Given that the U.S.-China relationship is becoming more important and pronounced, I believe there will be more incentive in the coming years for students to seek opportunities to study or work in China within a wide range of sectors," said Study Abroad Advisor Tian Song.

The Global Education Office currently offers Maymester, summer, academic semester and academic year programs in Shanghai, Beijing, Harbin and Hangzhou. The programs focus on Chinese language and culture and provide students with internship opportunities at local Chinese companies and organizations. Several of the programs also focus on the political and economic aspects of China as a developing world power.

The focus on China comes in part as a response to President Obama's 100,000 Strong Initiative, a program that aims to increase the number of Americans who have the opportunity to study in China.

First Lady Michelle Obama focused on the importance of studying abroad in support of the President's initiative Thursday.

"The fact is, with every friendship you make and every bond of trust you establish, you are shaping the image of America projected to the rest of the world. That is so important," the First Lady said. "So, when you study abroad, you're actually helping

to make America stronger."

The First Lady spoke about the shared challenges facing the U.S. and China.

"These experiences also set the stage for young people all over the world to come together and work together to make our world stronger because make no mistake about it, whether it's climate change or terrorism, economic recovery or the spread of nuclear weapons, for the U.S. and China, the defining challenges of our time are shared challenges," the First Lady said. "Neither of our countries can confront these alone. The only way forward, the only way to solve these problems, is by working together."

The First Lady said that it is important to make studying abroad affordable for students, yet according to Song, lack of funding for the 100,000 Strong Initiative may prevent students from taking advantage of the strategic partnership.

Song pointed to the The Global Summers Fellow, need-based funding sponsored by the Office of the Provost designed to help Vanderbilt undergraduate students participate in approved credit-bearing summer and Maymester programs abroad, as an effort Vanderbilt has undertaken to reduce the financial barriers preventing students from studying abroad.

"The increase in resources that Vanderbilt has devoted to international study over the last decade parallels the increasing diversity of locations and experiences in which students partake," Song said. ■

—The Associated Press contributed to this story.

## VOB performs "Nine" to a full house



ZACH HARDY/ The Vanderbilt Hustler

Vanderbilt Off-Broadway presented the musical "Nine" in the Blair School's Ingram Hall Thursday, Friday and Saturday. "Nine" follows the story of director Guido Contini as he struggles with the end of his career and personal relationships with his wife, mistress and muse

■ STUDENT GOVERNMENT

## Meet the VSG Presidential candidates

VSG PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE  
sponsored by Vanderbilt Student Media

- Wednesday, Jan. 26 at 8 p.m. in Commons Dining Hall
- Do you have a question for the candidates? E-mail it to news@insidevandy.com for it to be read aloud at the debate.

ZYE HOOKS  
RUNNING MATE:  
KATE GOUDGE



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HOMETOWN: I was born in Florence, Alabama and attended elementary school there. When I was eleven we moved to Cleveland, TN which is where I call home.

MAJOR: Latin American Studies and History

FRATERNITY: Phi Gamma Delta

REASON FOR RUNNING: I'm running for President of VSG because I truly believe that in order for it to be a better organization it needs to change. I'm someone who wasn't involved in VSG freshman year. I got involved at the beginning of my sophomore year. So I've seen the organization from the inside and out. That has given me the opportunity to know VSG must end the focus on itself and begin to look outward. VSG needs to

ADAM MEYER  
RUNNING MATE:  
MARYCLAIRE MANARD



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HOMETOWN: Atlanta, GA

MAJOR: Human & Organizational Development and Political Science

FRATERNITY: Lambda Chi Alpha (member of IFC Board)

REASON FOR RUNNING: Simply stated, I want to have the opportunity to continue positively impacting the lives of our 6,500 undergraduate students every day and to make Vanderbilt better for those who come after us.

EXPERIENCE IN VSG: VSG Exec Board, Chief of Staff (current), VSG Deputy Chief of Staff (cabinet member), Memorial House President



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## NEED TO KNOW NATION



The top news stories from around the nation that you need to know to be informed this week.

### Tea partiers demanding budget cuts say military in the mix, setting up hard choices for GOP

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Tea partiers clamoring for the debt-ridden government to slash spending say nothing should be off limits. Tea party-backed lawmakers echo that argument, and they're not exempting the military's multibillion-dollar budget in a time of war.

The defense budget is about \$700 billion annually. Few in Congress have been willing to make cuts as U.S. troops fight in Afghanistan and finish the operation in Iraq.

### Shifting focus, Obama to put American competitiveness at center of State of the Union

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Under pressure to energize the economy, President Barack Obama said Saturday he will use his State of the Union address to outline an agenda to create jobs now and boost American competitiveness over the long term. "I'm focused on making sure the economy is working for everybody, for the entire American family," Obama said Saturday in an uncommon preview of his speech, offered up in an online video to his supporters late Saturday afternoon. The president announced that the economy would be the main topic of his speech, a nod to how important that issue is to the country's standing and his own as well.

### China's new stealth jet may use technology from downed US F-117, officials say

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — Chinese officials recently unveiled a new, high-tech stealth fighter that could pose a significant threat to American air superiority — and some of its technology, it turns out, may well have come from the U.S. itself.

Balkan military officials and other experts have told The Associated Press that in all probability the Chinese gleaned some of their technological know-how from an American F-117 Nighthawk that was shot down over Serbia in 1999.

China's multi-role stealth fighter — known as the Chengdu J-20 — made its inaugural flight Jan. 11, revealing dramatic progress in the country's efforts to develop cutting-edge military technologies.

### Getting her life back: High-tech rehab to help AZ Rep. Giffords to recover from brain injury

**HOUSTON (AP)** — She inspired the nation with her fairy-tale recovery. Now Rep. Gabrielle Giffords must inspire herself through the ordeal of rehabilitation, and doctors say it's likely to be the hardest work she'll ever do.

Now, it's a sophisticated science at the forefront of treating people like Giffords, who was shot in the forehead two weeks ago while meeting constituents in Tucson. An early start on rehab is key to limiting permanent damage, and the Houston hospital where she will be treated uses high-tech tools to push the brain to rewire itself.

## GO Got time for just one campus event this week? Here's our pick ...

### STUDY ABROAD FAIR

- Tuesday, Jan. 25, 1-4 p.m.
- Student Life Center, Ballroom A
- Hosted by the Global Education Office
- Meet with program providers, faculty directors, GEO staff and past participants to learn more about study abroad options. Bonus: Totes given to the first 50 students.
- [www.vanderbilt.edu/geo](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/geo)



Photo Provided by the Global Education Office

Photographed by Naveed Nanjee, who studied abroad at the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa during the spring 2010 semester.

## More from Zye Hooks

### BIO CONTINUED

develop way to incorporate students into everyday life of the organization. If we don't do that VSG's ability to effectively lobby for students needs will dramatically diminish. That is why I'm running for VSG President.

**EXPERIENCE IN VSG:** I was appointed to serve as Security Co-Chair during the Smith-Murphy administration. I was then elected to the VSG Senate from the College of Arts and Science. I'm currently serving in that position.

**IF YOU WERE ELECTED AND COULD ACCOMPLISH ONE THING, WHAT WOULD IT BE:** If I'm elected I will work very hard to make sure that VSG is the most effective advocacy organization that it can be. One that doesn't see itself as the most important organization on campus, but rather the one which exists solely to empower students to take their concerns known to the administration. I will make VSG work in tandem with other organizations so that they feel invested in its future. Under my administration VSG will look for leadership outside of itself and acknowledge that we don't have all of the answers. My administration will see VSG be more open than any other time in its history.

**ONE PAST ACCOMPLISHMENT:** I would say that the accomplishment that I'm the most proud of would be the Vandy Van GPS system. It was something that a lot of people said wasn't possible. However, myself, my co-chair Tommy Obenchain, and Lori Murphy worked very hard to make it happen.

**DEFINING MOMENT/EXPERIENCE AT VANDY:** My defining moment at Vanderbilt would be getting the opportunity to travel to the Dubai to represent the university at an international conference on education. It was an unbelievable experience.

**HEROES: MY HEROES ARE MY PARENTS.** They were both born in poverty in the town of Florence, Alabama. However, they were determined that their children would not live that same life. They both worked very hard and put themselves through schooling so that today my siblings and I have the opportunities that we currently enjoy.

**PLANS AFTER VANDY:** I'm not sure what I'm going to do after Vandy. For a long time, I thought that I was headed straight to law school. However, at the moment I'm thinking that I'm going to enroll in a Postbaccalaureate Premedical program. We'll see.

**FAVORITE MOVIE AND WHY:** The Godfather is my all-time favorite movie. Everything about that movie is great.

**FAVORITE SONG AND WHY:** My favorite song is Copacabana. I'm not sure why. I just like it. It's very random.

**DESCRIBE YOURSELF IN ONE WORD:** Determined

### PLATFORM

#### ACCOUNTABILITY

- Hold town hall meetings twice a semester for students and leaders to attend and connect with each other
- VSG office hours at different locations on campus
- A website devoted to Senate and Representative attendance and voting records
- A survey system to grade our administration's performance during the spring and fall semesters

#### FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- Making outreach to other organizations a part of the cabinet's role
- Inviting various student leaders to speak at House and Senate sessions
- Creation of an organization of the week program, designed to highlight the specific efforts of student organizations around campus

#### STUDENT LIFE

- Food Trucks to alleviate the congestion on campus during the lunch hour and to provide food on Greek Row
- LCD Screens at Vandy Vans stop to broadcast the contents of VandyVans.com
- Continue the expansion of the Taste of Nashville program and assuring that quality restaurants make it to and remain on the card
- Expand the Vanderbilt Ventures to include fine arts projects and community service opportunities

#### ACFEE

- Continue the reform process for AcFee
- Making sure that all organizations with input and insight into the AcFee system are heard
- Bringing in outside organizations to the AcFee reform project
- Consider splitting AcFee from VSG, as a result of its current complication and confusion

#### ACADEMICS

- Creation of two new VSG-sponsored scholarships to acknowledge extraordinary leadership and service on campus
- Fight for a more defined Business Track at Vanderbilt
- Expand the Vanderbilt Ventures program to include course credit
- Improving the review process of professors and TA's
- Continue to push for farther and more expansive Wi-Fi, both indoors and outdoors

#### GREEK LIFE

- Fighting for and promoting the positive Greek Life experience
- Creating a Greek Life liaison position in the cabinet
- Lobbying for food trucks to be placed on Greek Row and opened for late night eating
- Promoting contributions of Greek Life to the greater Vanderbilt community
- Helping the Greek Life Office purchase card readers so that people don't have to manually write down names for people entering Greek parties

## More from Adam Meyer

### BIO CONTINUED

**IF YOU WERE ELECTED AND COULD ACCOMPLISH ONE THING, WHAT WOULD IT BE:** Of all the things on our platform, I think the Face to Face program that Maryclaire and I have created really has the potential to make a difference in the way that the average student sees and cares about VSG. This program is designed to provide students weekly opportunities to engage in conversations with VSG Exec as well as make sure that as a Student Government, we are participating in the student activities on campus by trying to get to as many events as we can each month. We can't expect students to care about VSG until VSG starts caring about students. I hope that this program will be the first step in creating a new vision and understanding of the reason for VSG's existence — advocating for advancement of all undergraduate students.

**ONE PAST ACCOMPLISHMENT:** Setting up a free system for student organizations to rent a Mobile Micros portable card reader to sell their tickets for their events on the wall.

**DEFINING MOMENT/EXPERIENCE AT VANDY:** Freshmen year, the "blackout" first home football game where we beat South Carolina. After running onto the field with the rest of the class of 2012 and finding my way to the extremely crowded student section, we began cheering for a football team that did pretty well. After the whistle blew and the alma mater was sung, I could truly say that I was a Commodore.

**HEROES:** My grandfather, he is the definition of the American Dream. If I could be sitting in his seat in 60 years with a healthy smile on my face and a caring and loving family of four kids and 10 grand children, I'd know I'd have lived a good life.

**PLANS AFTER VANDY:** Pretty much up in the air. Maybe law school, maybe Teach for America, maybe some consulting firm, I'm just living in the moment and will figure it out when the time comes.

**FAVORITE MOVIE AND WHY:** Forgetting Sarah Marshall. I can watch it over and over again and still get a great laugh out of it; it's truly a great movie that you can laugh at for many years.

**FAVORITE SONG AND WHY:** So many to choose from, but today, I'll go with "Slide" by the Goo Goo Dolls. It's one of those songs that can get you really excited and pump you up or console you when you are having a bad day. But most importantly, it's a song that you can sing along to in the car with the windows down and not really care about what the guy whose awkwardly staring at you next door says or thinks.

**DESCRIBE YOURSELF IN ONE WORD:** Driven

### PLATFORM

#### TECHNOLOGY

Collegiate Link Organizational Online Portal  
Expansion of Portable Card Reader System  
Online Ticketing Ordering on the Card  
Expanded Card Access Hours  
Installing Printers in Campus Hotspots and Dorms  
Textbook Buy Back Improvements  
Temporary Access Cards for Weekends  
HDTV and New Television Channels  
Creating a Vandy DVD Club

#### DINING

"Mobile Munchies" Food Truck on Weekends and Lunch Hour  
Expansion of Hours in Rand/Sarratt Dining Munchie Mart  
Bring Farmers' Markets to Vanderbilt  
Expansion of Merchant Link Online Ordering  
Webfood Online Ordering

#### HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Providing Nutritional Information on Dining Menus  
Adding more Hydration Stations around Campus  
Smoothie King Franchise in the Rec.  
Providing Rentable Athletic Equipment  
General Rec. Center Equipment Improvements  
Instructor-taught Exercise Classes offered around Campus

#### STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Multicultural Showcase  
"Free for All on the Wall" — 2nd Semester Organization Fair  
Community Programming on Alumni Lawn

#### NASHVEGAS

Downtown Shuttles  
Expansion of Vandy Van Services

#### GREEK LIFE

Increased Number of F Spots on Greek Row  
Swipe Cards at Parties for Entry  
Greek Representation in VSG (separate from off-campus rep.)

#### ATHLETICS

Meet and Greet Events with Athletes  
Purchasable Student Guest Passes to Athletic Events  
Ability to Purchase Tickets for Away Games on the Card

#### VSG'S ACCESSIBILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

Face to Face—Weekly Hours and Monthly Visits  
Pizza and Parliament  
Together for Action Expansion  
Initiative Press Releases  
VSG Organizational Restructuring  
Expansion of Co-Sponsorship Program  
Committee Improvements—Monthly Updates and Public Agendas

#### ACADEMICS

Publishing Online Course Evaluations  
Advocating for Increased Number of Reading Days

—To view Meyer's complete platform go to [InsideVandy.com](http://InsideVandy.com)

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■ COLUMN

## No discussion without civility

**BEN WYATT**  
Columnist

There is a rule, familiar to anyone who frequents Internet forums, that is also a good general heuristic: don't feed the trolls. For those of you unfamiliar with Internet parlance, a troll is someone who posts inflammatory or irrelevant material on a discussion forum. They attempt to anger the other posters and bait them into posting heated responses, to which the troll will simply respond with more outrageous material. Vanderbilt's online communities (InsideVandy in particular) are mostly free from trolling, although not totally. Responses to a few recent opinion columns have begun to approach the level of trolling in content, if not in intent. In any case, the general rule holds — response to Internet vitriol rarely does any good.

Every good rule, though, deserves to be broken at least once. InsideVandy is not just a random discussion forum, after all; its primary users are students at a Top 20 university, who will play a large role in shaping the future of American public discourse. It is worthwhile to consider how Vanderbilt students, as a community, deal with the opinions of those with whom they disagree, even if it means throwing a bone to the trolls in the process.

If we are so inclined to consideration,

it's important to remember that substantial criticism is the rule, not the exception. Almost every post I have read made some sort of critical engagement with the article's claims. The unpleasant truth is simply that most of them failed to present their critiques civilly. Apparently, most posters were so convinced by their own arguments that they couldn't believe anyone could be so ignorant as to think otherwise. They did not have any scruples about expressing this and often did so in the rudest manner possible.

It is this failure of basic civility that concerns me. Vigorous disagreement is a necessary condition of life in a democracy. So is arguing with people who have their facts wrong, lest they come to the dangerous conclusion that they are entitled to their own unassailable version of reality. However, none of it is worth anything without civility because not even a worthy critique will be listened to if it's spoken without civility. I have yet to hear anyone say that their mind was changed by someone who called them an idiot at the onset of the conversation. Strictly speaking, of course, every argument should be considered, regardless of how rudely it was presented. But respect and grace are prerequisites for any real dialogue, and we should focus the blame on those who refuse to bring these

fundamental qualities to the conversation rather than on the recipients of abuse. When your interlocutor refuses to take you seriously, it's hard not to respond in kind.

None of this is to say that opinions shouldn't be argued with. Instead, it is simply to say that arguments should not be interrupted by acts of selfishness. An unmerited insult or character attack is fundamentally selfish because it places the speaker's desire for unrestrained self-expression above the need for honest communication and persuasion. Much has been made of the recent polarization of American politics and the apparent inability of much of those in the electorate to change their minds. I humbly submit that the problem is not the ossification of the American mind but the degradation of American communication. No liberal is going to be persuaded by Glenn Beck's apocalyptic rants, and no conservative is going to be persuaded by Keith Olbermann's self-righteous whining. If we want to do better than the politicians whose character we so often disparage, we could start by extending a little more civility to our fellow Vanderbilt students.

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■ COLUMN

## Jerks finish last



**JESSE JONES**  
Columnist

Reflecting on last semester's BYX controversy, I'm proud of The Hustler's role in helping to turn an unfortunate incident into a productive dialogue. However, as a straight, white, southern male, I'm angry at The Hustler for its lack of coverage relating to my own sexual preferences. So, here I begin — for all my straight readers — a series of columns about heterosexuality. (I'm gonna go out on a limb, so to speak, so please don't saw it off. This might be a Warner Bros. cartoon, and I just might have the last laugh.)

For me, 95% of all human problems have at their origin: the jerk.

Now, I'm not talking about little things like fire alarm malfunctions or missing ketchup on your burger or even that "jerk" who stole your parking spot (as readers of my column know, the correct term for this sort of fellow is "buffalo"). I'm talking about wars. Corruption. Heartbreak.

Thankfully, jerks constitute only a small percentage of the population. But they receive an inordinate amount of attention, for one very good reason. Namely, jerks are successful! Because the more people you can manipulate, the further you will go in life — if power and money are your yardsticks of success. But if you're looking for a good predictor of how a person will behave around strangers, look at how they treat the people closest to them — namely, their significant others.

Before we go on, some definitions. (What can I say? This is a Jesse Jones column, not a Jared Loughner rant, and the government doesn't control my grammar.)

**Jerk** — A powerful, confident, bull-in-a-china-shop kind of guy. At our age, a jerk can often be identified as a man who overdresses for all occasions and who is surrounded by rowdy, ill-behaved friends as well as by attractive women who angle for his attentions. He's not strictly a jerk until he does something mean to break somebody's heart, but with so many pretty pieces of porcelain throwing themselves under his hooves, it's only a matter of time.

**Nice guy** — A shy, awkward kid with glasses. Despite this image of effiteness, nice guys can be powerful, but they temper their inner strength with a novel concept: respect. The politically correct term would be "quality guy." But when nice guys take off their shirts, you don't see carved musculature; you see scars of rejection.

I'm no biologist, but at this rate, our race is destined for moral collapse. Heck, we might even go back to eating bananas and ants-on-a-stick again. Just give natural selection a few million years to work its magic.

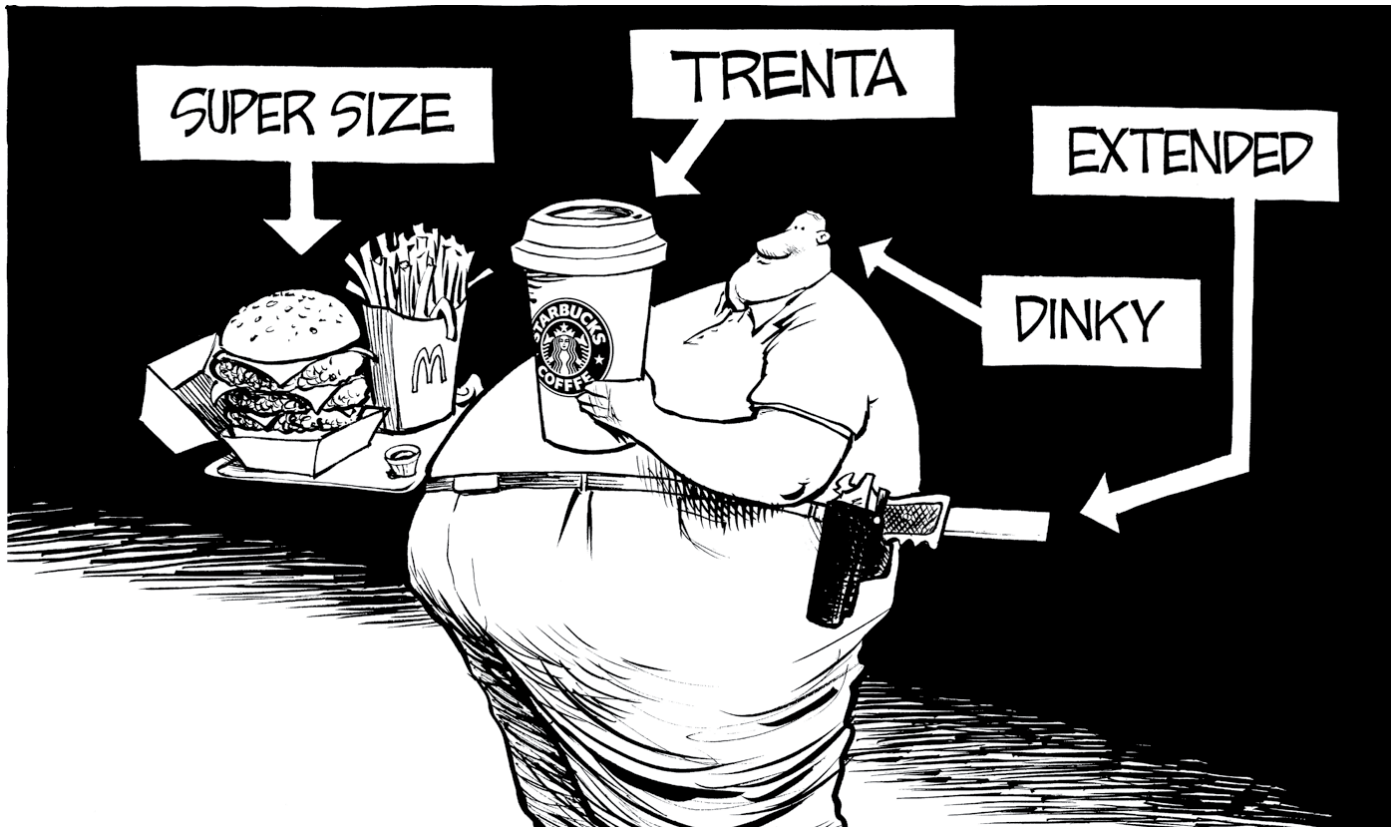
We're college students, and we've grown in many respects. But sometimes, it's just the same old song and dance with adult themes. College admissions, pre-med, sorority recruitment — it all reminds me of a childhood pastime: Pokemon cards. Everyone's fighting over the same cards.

So I invite all the jerks out there to "man up," in a real sense. 'Cause if playing with people's hearts is what gets you off, you'd be better off playing Pokemon.

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■ COLUMN

## A new perspective on parenting



**MATT POPKIN**  
Columnist

How will you make sure your kid gets into Vanderbilt?

It's the question of the hour. Everyone has been talking about what it takes to raise high-achieving children after The Wall Street Journal published an excerpt from Amy Chua's new book, "Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother."

Chua details her strategies for raising her two daughters, which includes not letting them choose their own extracurricular activities, watch TV, attend sleepovers or even be in a school play. Chua shares anecdotes of refusing to let her daughter use the bathroom until she finished practicing piano and threatening to give her daughter's dollhouse to the Salvation Army if she didn't fully master the piece in question by the next day.

While Chua is most likely set on her alma mater, Harvard, for her children, Vanderbilt is still a desired locale in its own right. 21,817 high school students applied last year for 1,600 spots, the lowest acceptance rate in school history. And every year, we are told that this new class is the smartest ever.

So how in the world do you make your

kids stand out? Since Chua's article was published, many have chimed in. New York Times opinion columnist David Brooks called her a wimp for not allowing her children to face the difficult challenges of working in groups. Chua received death threats. Some even saw her, being of Chinese descent, as an example of why China is on its way to passing the United States for global superiority — American parents have become too soft, this coming generation too coddled to keep up.

No one has asked our coddled generation what we think. If one were to, they might find a simple truth: Chua's antics are high school stuff.

She is as high school as third period gym class. Chua's learn-this-or-I'll-do-that philosophy is as synonymous with adolescence as awkwardly pinning on a boutonniere at prom, and it will only work as long as she has total access to her kids.

And that stops in college. The most important realization of freshman year is not that a drink carried around in a Solo cup is as good as diplomatic immunity but that there is rarely going to be instant gratification (or punishment) for the work you do (or don't do) from now on. Homework? Ungraded and uncollected. Readings? The test is a month away; there's no rush.

You don't have to finish your supper if you want to go play outside — or go out to Play. There's no need to finish that paper so you can get the car keys; the Commodore Card can take care of the cab.

Chua has raised two children by motivating them with fear. Threaten to take away the dollhouse, and they will be good. But when there is no dollhouse to take away, all that's left is an idea that must seem dirty to Chua: genuine passion for learning.

Maybe the most important question is not how you will get your kid into Vanderbilt. Maybe it's how they do once they are actually here.

Thanks to AXLE, a degree from the College of Arts & Science that requires that we sample all the wares available to us at this institution. Somewhere in there is a subject a student may actually want to study, even if they need to take a bathroom break every once in awhile.

What's one of those categories of classes we must fill to satisfy requirements, along with math, science and English? Perspectives.

Chua should get one.

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LIFE

FASHION

# Q&A with A fashionable life: Interning at Louis Vuitton



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CAROLINE ALTSHULER  
Staff Writer

In recent years, interest in the fashion industry has skyrocketed as young women across the county clamor to attain highly coveted internships and climb the ladder of success not only as designers but in other areas of fashion as well.

Presumably, many young women watched Lauren Conrad as she transitioned from her life in idyllic Laguna Beach, Cali. to her life as an intern at "Teen Vogue" on reality show "The Hills." Interning in fashion is a glamorous field, but many still wonder: What really goes on "behind the scenes?"

Vanderbilt senior Amy Johnston, a Human & Organizational Development major on the International Leadership and Development track, interned at renowned French brand Louis Vuitton in New York City this past summer. In the interview below, conducted by The Vanderbilt Hustler's Carolina Altshuler, Amy describes her amazing opportunity and gives hopefuls tips on how to navigate the fashion industry.

**VANDERBILT HUSTLER:** So, what did your job entail?

**AMY JOHNSON:** I interned for the Louis Vuitton Training Team. My job involved assisting three trainers and the director of the department. Overall, I helped the team prepare for training events, where employees would receive in-depth product information, refreshers on the history of the brand and new information about the upcoming season's products. I learned a lot about the products and what [has made] LV so successful.

**VH:** Were you required to wear certain clothes?

**AJ:** The dress was business casual. I saw so many unique pieces of jewelry, accessories [and] clothing that people working there had collected. Even though I wasn't on the creative side of the business, most people maintained a groomed, stylish and put-together appearance.

**VH:** Did you get any LV bags for free?

**AJ:** [Laughs] no free bags, unfortunately. However, employees — again, not for interns, which is unfortunate — receive a generous discount and have sales throughout the year just for them.

**VH:** Did you meet any "fabulous" people? Was this a great job for networking?

**AJ:** I met a lot of fabulous, fascinating people. It's an international group, who are all very cool. I worked under a woman from the United Kingdom, one from South Africa and a man from Australia. Because it's a global business, it's very exciting, and members transfer from country

to country and continent to continent regularly. I learned so much just by listening to everyone's stories.

**VH:** What did you learn from this experience that you will use a future career in fashion?

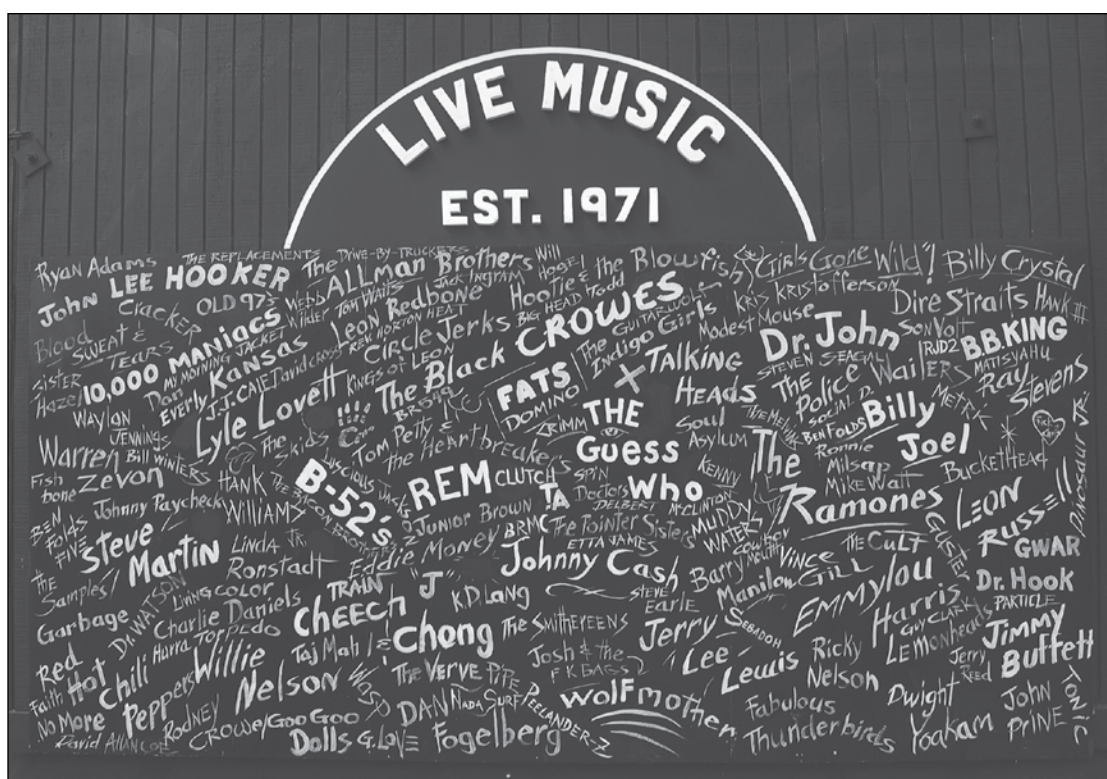
**AJ:** Innumerable things.

1. Coming early and leaving late does not go unnoticed in a good way, but efficiency is also respected.
2. Keep your cool, no matter what.
3. Keep perspective. Make sure you know how the small tasks you are doing fit into the bigger picture of the project and the company's objectives overall.
4. Don't be afraid to introduce yourself to people. However, if someone is giving off 'Don't talk to me' vibes, observe that.
5. There are so many amazing people in this field.

**VH:** Any advice for someone interested in getting into the fashion industry?

**AJ:** Be ready to start at the bottom. It will be a great learning experience. Also, act as professionally as possible; this includes in brief e-mail exchanges, avoiding a 'young' vocabulary with words like 'cool,' 'awesome' and 'great' and asking as many clarifying questions as you need at the beginning of an assignment. For fashion, be ready to wait on an offer until very close to the time you would start. Unlike consulting or finance, the fashion industry makes their decisions close to the time they need someone to start. ■

MUSIC



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Exit/In's exterior is a testament to the legendary acts that have performed at the venue.

## Concert Preview: No Age to destroy Exit/In tonight

CAITLIN MEYER  
Staff Writer

Fresh off of the 2010 release of their critically acclaimed third album, "Everything in Between," Los Angeles indie punk duo No Age is set to take on the Exit/In tonight. Praised for their interminable energy and refusal to stick to genre conventions, the duo's infectious, upbeat, pop-infused punk is sure to be a lively performance.

Born of the raw, intense, DIY punk scene of the mid-2000s, No Age takes care to pay homage to their roots with their rapid guitar, pounding percussion and somewhat atonal vocals that characterize the majority of their catalog.

Although frenetic energy still permeates every track, the duo's latest efforts mark a huge leap in maturity and sound. Rather than pigeonholing themselves as exclusively punk rockers, drummer/vocalist Dean Spunt and guitarist Randy Randall's sound now swells to the immensity of a band easily twice their size with its incorporation of danceable melodies, swirling distortion and general contagiousness. Breaks in the tempo for ambient noise whisk the listener away while keeping the music unpredictable and incessantly engaging. Their live show backs up the depth of their recorded tracks, with a myriad of distortion pedals at Randall's feet, all seamlessly working together to entrance the audience.

The band is currently promoting "Everything In Between," the most enjoyable and accessible No Age album to date. With show-stopping tracks such as "Glitter" and "Fever Dreaming," the album has garnered unanimous praise throughout the blogosphere, receiving a "Best New Music" accolade from Pitchfork Media and coming in an impressive 13th on the site's "The Top 50 Albums of 2010" list. Break the monotony of Mondays and experience the unparalleled energy and incredible talent of No Age in person, right across from campus.

Openers include Rene Hell and Awesome Shirt. Tickets are \$12, doors open at 8 p.m. and No Age is slated to take the stage at 10:30 p.m. ■

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## Q &amp; A with Joe Duffy

Sports writer Peter Nygaard sat down with senior basketball player Joe Duffy, who has been blogging for the New York Times College Sports Blog, The Quad. The two discussed how Duffy got into blogging, how the senior balances blogging with basketball and schoolwork, why his game resembles Dirk Nowitzki's and other topics.

**VANDERBILT HUSTLER:** So, how exactly did it come about that you began blogging for the New York Times?

**JOE DUFFY:** Every year, they have a new player from a new school — last year was (Zach Hillesland) from Notre Dame, the year before that was (Jon Jaques) from Cornell, and I think (Stephen Danley from) Penn, the year before that — and obviously, they want to have a school with a good academic reputation, so they called our coaches, and they thought I'd be good for it. They talked to me about it to see if I'd be interested, and it kind of took off from there.

**VH:** You say (in the blog) that you major in Econ and Basketball. So, where did the interest in writing come from?

**JD:** Well, I guess, my brother (Mike) is a writer. My brother's a journalist for the NFL, so I kind of had a little background from him. But I didn't have an interest in writing that much until I started it, and I really enjoy it now, and it's gotten bigger and more fun as I've done it more.

**VH:** If you had to compare your writing style, who would you say you emulate?

**JD:** Well, actually, I read a lot of Bill Simmons and Club (Trillion), Mark Titus, I read a lot of his stuff. I try to keep it funny and sports-related, so Bill Simmons is probably the guy I most try to emulate.

**VH:** How about on the court?

**JD:** On the court? Ah... I try to be a bruiser. Dirk Nowitzki's probably my favorite player in the NBA, as someone who's not as... I try to be aggressive and a utility guy.

**VH:** Do the other guys on the team give you a hard time about the blog?

**JD:** They only give me a hard time when I give them a hard time in

the blog. Steve (Tchiengang,) for example, in the first blog, I called him a ladies' man, and he was kind of jokingly upset that I put his name out there forever as a ladies' man. But no, they think it's funny. Everyone reads it, and everyone gets a kick out of it, I think.

**VH:** Who would you say is the worst writer on the team?

**JD:** The worst writer on the team? Oh, man... I don't know, I've never read anyone's stuff.

**VH:** Well, John (Jenkins) has been up on Deadspin...

**JD:** I heard about that! I actually haven't read that. I heard about that, but... hopefully, I'll inspire some of the other guys to take on writing.

**VH:** In your first entry, you started as "Joe Duffy," then you changed it to "Joseph." Any reason for the change?

**JD:** You know, I didn't know that actually. I don't know why. They changed that; I didn't change it. Maybe they think Joseph's more professional. I don't think anyone calls me Joseph, so that's weird that they did that. I might have to tell them about that...

**VH:** Speaking of names, you talk a lot about nicknames. You mentioned "J-Money," "Duffman," "Fluffy" and "The Microwave." Which one would you pick?

**JD:** "The Microwave." I think "The Microwave" is the coolest. Plus, coach gave me "The Microwave" because of the nine-point game I had in like two minutes or something. It's after a guy who played in the NBA, Vinnie Johnson, who played for the Pistons. I think it's the best one. I don't really like "Fluffy," and I've given myself a few of the other ones, so... (laughs) self-named.

**VH:** You talk about the struggle between balancing basketball and

schoolwork. Where does blogging fit in?

**JD:** It's been tough. But the blogging is kind of like an inspiration thing, like whenever I'm in the mood or bored or something comes to mind, I just start writing. It hasn't really gotten in the way of schoolwork so much, and hopefully it doesn't this semester. Senior year, second semester, it's pretty relaxed.

**VH:** You don't have any deadlines for blogging?

**JD:** No, no deadlines. Basically, I'm pretty free rein. Anything I want to write about, whenever I want to write it, I can do it. I'm trying to do it every other week and come out with one. No deadlines, though. Whatever I want to write about. Stay away from politics and opinions on other things, though.

**VH:** What can we expect from "Joseph Duffy" in the future?

**JD:** I'm going to write a lot about life in the SEC, on the road. One I'm writing right now is about bouncing back from tough losses. And I'm probably going to have one about the funny things that happen to us on the road. Like the names we hear from fans at schools like Kentucky and Tennessee. So, we'll see. The season's just starting to heat up, and there will be a lot more fun things to write about.

**VH:** Last question: basketball player, student, blogger, other... how would you describe yourself?

**JD:** Maybe like a Renaissance man or something like that. I don't know. I like to do all kinds of things and be involved as much as I can. I think all of them are fun, basketball's the best, but blogging is just something that I didn't know I had, but I think it's going pretty well, and if writing's in my future, then maybe it is.

To read Joe Duffy's blog entries, go to <http://thequad.blogs.nytimes.com>, keyword search: Duffy

## This weekend in Vandy sports

## ■ MEN'S TENNIS



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Ryan Lipman and the men's tennis team rolled to a sweep on the opening day of the team's spring season, defeating both Tennessee Tech and Lipscomb by a score of 7-0 on Saturday afternoon at the Currey Tennis Center. Lipman did not lose a set in his two singles victories and won both doubles matches alongside Adam Baker.

## ■ WOMEN'S TENNIS



BECK FRIEDMAN/ The Vanderbilt Hustler

The women's tennis team opened its spring season with a tight 4-3 victory over the ninth-ranked Northwestern Wildcats at the Currey Tennis Center on Friday. Senior Rachael Dillon (above) won her singles match in straight sets over 76th-ranked Belinda Niu and teamed up with Alex Leatu to help the Commodores secure the pivotal doubles point.

## ■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



NICOLE MANDEL/ The Vanderbilt Hustler

Vanderbilt was not able to recover from a 16-2 Kentucky run to end the first half and dropped its second conference game of the season to the Wildcats on Sunday afternoon in Lexington, 78-68. Senior Hannah Tuomi finished with eight points, two rebounds and two steals for the Commodores, who will not play again until next Sunday at home against Ole Miss. Wildcats Victoria Dunlap and Bernisha Pinkett led all scorers with 17 points each to help Kentucky pull away.

# Commodores pull away from St. Mary's

**BRIAN LINHARES**  
Sports Writer

Seven minutes into Saturday afternoon's contest, a three-pointer by St. Mary's (17-3, 5-0 West Coast Conference) forward Rob Jones lifted the Gaels to a 19-13 advantage. And, with the exception of a small contingent of alumni and supporters behind the Gael's bench, Memorial Gymnasium lost its madness.

Head coach Kevin Stallings would later remark, "The game... is going to have momentum shifts."

This game certainly did not challenge that assertion.

In response to the quick start of the No. 21 ranked squad in the nation, the Commodores closed the first half on 30-9 run taking a 43-28 lead into the intermission. Vanderbilt (14-4, 2-2 Southeastern Conference) shot 50 percent from the floor in the opening period, including six for 11 from beyond the three-point arc en route to an 89-70 victory.

Junior guard Brad Tinsley, who notched 18 points, five rebounds and four assists in 25 minutes of action, noted that St. Mary's keyed on redshirt junior center Festus Ezeli early, freeing the Commodore marksmen on the perimeter.

"We thought that they couldn't handle... Festus inside," Tinsley said. "He's very big in there."

The Gaels succeeded in that respect; Ezeli, who has been hindered by injuries in recent weeks, finished with eight points, all of which came in the first half.

"They were definitely collapsing on him," Tinsley said. "Festus has been playing great lately, so they were definitely trying to get the ball out of his hands."

The Gaels did get the ball out of Ezeli's hands — and into the hands of sophomore guard John Jenkins.

Jenkins helped pace the Commodores with 19 points — sharing the te-high mark with junior swingman Jeffery Taylor — as he connected on four of his seven three-point attempts.

In addition to his efforts in the beyond the arc, Jenkins helped spread that lead, as he neutralized St. Mary's guard Matthew Dellavedova.

"We knew we had to buckle down and take the challenge. I had to guard Dellavedova and that was definitely hard for me," said Jenkins. "I haven't had to guard a guy like him yet this year, so that was a challenge, and I think I did a pretty good job with it, and so did the rest of our guys."

Yet, St. Mary's would not relent.

Coach Randy Bennett's unit fought back to within five, 63-58, past the nine and a half minute mark in the second half.

The Commodores, however, would outscore St. Mary's over the next seven minutes of regulation by a margin of 23-7, to take an 86-65 lead that put the game away.

Junior forward Lance Goulbourne, who finished with 15 points and a game-high 10 rebounds, emphasized the strategy of the second half.

"We just had to protect the basket and not let [St. Mary's] get inside touches or anything like that. We wanted to maintain our energy and spread the lead as much as possible."

Tinsley added, "[The victory] feels great, and it gives a definite boost in our confidence as a team. I think they're a little bit better than they played today... they're ranked (No.) 21, this is only their third loss... I thought we just played well from tip to buzzer."

The Commodores will aim to continue their winning ways as they return to conference play. Following a five-day hiatus, Vanderbilt will return will to action on the road Thursday against SEC West foe Mississippi State. ■



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With a 19-point performance against St. Mary's on Saturday, John Jenkins (23) solidified his hold on the title of the Southeastern Conference's top scorer.

## ST. MARY'S BY THE NUMBERS

**2**  
First half points for Mickey McConnell, the Gaels' leading scorer this season

**37**  
Rebounds for Vanderbilt, compared to 19 by Saint Mary's

**31**  
Combined minutes from Steve Tchiengang and Festus Ezeli, both of whom are struggling with injuries

**11**  
Made three pointers for Vanderbilt on 22 attempts

**26**  
Rebounds for Lance Goulbourne over the last two games

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John Jenkin's three points shooting percentage over the past five games

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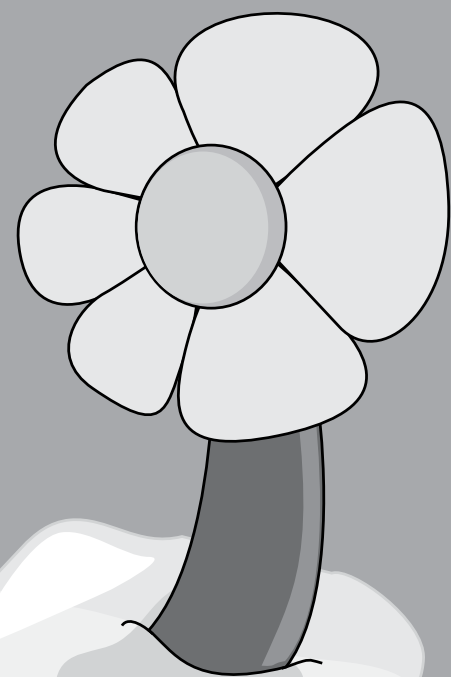
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