

Vanderbilt senior Patrick Brownfield served three tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan as a **u.s. Marine**. To borrow from another branch of the military, you could say he's done more before **graduation** than most people do their whole lives.

#### By CONNOR KRIST

News reporter

Most 18-year-olds graduate high school to take the momentous personal step of leaving their family and homes behind to go off to college.

But some, like Vanderbilt senior Patrick Brownfield, choose to take an even bigger, more harrowing step and enlist in the U.S. military, putting their lives on the line to fight for their country.

From 2007-2010, Brownfield served three 7-month tours of duty as an infantry assaultman in the war-torn Middle East — two in Iraq and one in Afghanistan. There, he was immersed in an extremely stressful, relentlessly dangerous environment.

"Imagine an 18-year-old kid walking 12 miles in 120-degree heat, carrying 80 pounds of gear, with the constant thought in his head, 'When am I going to step on an IED?' or, 'When is a sniper going to shoot me?'" Brownfield said. "You have to stay in that mindset. If at any given time you let your guard down, that's when the bad stuff happens. We have a saying in the Marines: Complacency kills."

Born into a military family, Brownfield always knew he wanted to serve his country.

"I've always had that patriotism, that sense of duty,"

The turning point for him to join the Marines came on Sept. 11, 2001. A freshman in high school at the time, Brownfield vividly remembers the news coverage of the terrorist attack on the Twin Towers and the anger that boiled inside him.

"I remember being so pissed off, I wanted to go right then and there," Brownfield said. "I wanted to go into the Marine Corps because I wanted the quickest way to Afghanistan. I wanted to get my boots on the ground and start fighting."

One of the first things Brownfield did after he turned 18 was contact a recruiter, and he soon found himself deployed to Iraq, living among the populace and participating in counter-insurgency activity.

"For the first four or five months it was completely surreal," he said. "You got such a high, such a rush off getting into a firefight or catching bad guys. It wasn't

until our unit got our first casualty that (we realized) this is real life. This isn't Call of Duty, it's not Battlefield."

On the front lines of the war, Brownfield had to grow up quickly. He was quickly made a team leader, and by his third tour he had been promoted to section leader, making him responsible for the lives of between 13 and 15 other Marines.

"For me, I had the responsibility of kids' lives," Brownfield said. "And I was still a kid myself."

Brownfield had been initially driven to serve by his patriotism and was always motivated in part by his desire to protect his country, but as time went on, he found himself motivated by a different force.

"I thought, 'I'm doing this for the guy next to me,'" Brownfield said. "It literally is a band of brothers. That's your biggest motivation, getting the guy next to you back home safely."

Brownfield, thanks to the constant vigilance of him and his troop, did make it back safely. He enrolled in Vanderbilt and began taking classes on the G.I. Bill, but his transition from a military to a civilian lifestyle was neither quick nor easy.

"It was definitely a hard transition," Brownfield said. "When you come back from these deployments, you get what's called combat stress. The small things that happen piss you off."

Brownfield also found his personality, shaped by years of life-and-death situations, had changed.

"I'm more to-the-point," he said. "I guess you can take the man out of the Marines, but you can't take the Marines out of the man."

Brownfield has now learned to relax and is enjoying some of the benefits of civilian life.

"What I missed most (while I was serving) was probably being able to stop doing everything and just relax, without a care in the world," he said.

In comparison to active duty, Brownfield's coursework was hardly the same level of challenge; he burned through his curriculum in two years and is on pace to graduate this May alongside many students four years

Asked if he regretted any part of his military experience, Brownfield didn't hesitate.

"If I had to do it all over again, I'd do the exact same

**VOICEVIEW MAKES COURSE EVALS PUBLIC** 

Vanderbilt Student Government announced yesterday the release of a new on-campus course evaluation service, VoiceView. VoiceView is a collaborative initiative between VSG and the Office of the Provost that has been four years in the making.

Students will finally have a Vanderbilt-specific course evaluation service that compiles the opinions of their peers. Students will then be able to access the data and use them as they are scheduling their schedules. Feedback is anonymous and reflects both the coursework and the professor's impact on it.

VoiceView expands upon the collected evaluations already conducted on campus by making the information more readily available and accessible. The intent of the service is to ensure that the student's voice is not only listened to but also utilized to enhance the experience of

Administrators involved in the implementation of VoiceView include Provost Richard McCarty and Vice Provost for Faculty & International Affairs Tim McNamara. VoiceView went live this morning.

**Man breaks sound** barrier falling from space

AP — Austrian daredevil Felix Baumgartner became the first skydiver to break the speed of sound in a 24-mile-high jump from a balloon on Sunday, reaching 833.9 mph in a free fall that lasted more

Landing on his feet in the New Mexico desert, the man known as "Fearless Felix" lifted his arms in victory to the cheers of jubilant onlookers and friends.

'When I was standing there on top of the world, you become so humble, you do not think about breaking records anymore, you do not think about gaining scientific data," he said after the jump. "The only thing you want is to come back alive."

'Sometimes we have to get really high to see how small we are," an exuberant Baumgartner told reporters outside mission control after safely landing.

### **SHAUN WHITE CHARGES CONTINUE**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A Nashville judge has continued public intoxication and vandalism charges against two-time Olympic gold medalist snowboarder Shaun

Officers responded to the Loews Vanderbilt Hotel at 2 a.m. on Sept. 16 after a drunken man identified as the 26-year-old White pulled a fire alarm, forcing the hotel to evacuate all guests.

White tried to leave the hotel in a cab before being stopped by a hotel guest who told the driver police had been called. According to police, White kicked at the man before running away. The man chased him and they collided when White turned around. A police photo of White showed him with a black eye.

White later posted an apology on his Facebook page, saying he was truly sorry for what he called his "poor

White won a gold medal in Turin at the 2006 Olympics and in 2010 at the Vancouver Games. He's also a multimillionaire with a clothing line and signature video game.

White expanded his brand last year with a company

selling skateboards, BMX bikes and other equipment. The case against him was reset for Nov. 20.

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### **QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"We want to give the students the best dose of reality possible. It is the full experience. All finances are their responsibility." **JACK DAVIS. Director of Student Centers** 



#### **PLAN YOUR WEEK**

#### **MONDAY**

#### **Vanderbilt Recovery Support (VRS) Open** House

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Carmichael Towers West 109

See what opportunities are available for students in recovery from alcohol and other drug use. Dinner provided by Mellow Mushroom. (Regular student support meeting to follow.)

### 'After Stonewall' film screening and discus-

7-9pm.

Wilson Hall 126

Foregrounding LGBT rights history and activism from the 1969 Stonewall Riots through 1999. Rated PG-13; 88 minutes.

#### **TUESDAY**

### 'Cambodia' film screening

7:30-9:30pm. Sarratt Cinema

A documentary about the notorious detention center in Phnom Penh. Director Rithy Panh interviews two survivors and brings back several of the personnel who committed atrocious acts on behalf of the regime, many while they were still teenagers. Central Khmer with English subtitles. Unrated; 101 minutes.

#### **WEDNESDAY**

#### **Living Sounds: Blair's student composers in** concert

Blair School of Music - Steve and Judy Turner Recital

Experience the future of musical composition and performance. Blair's student composers are in the spotlight, with exciting new works in a wide and eclectic variety of genres and styles, performed by fellow students.

### **THURSDAY**

#### **Vanderbilt Visiting Writers presents author Dan Chaon**

7-8 p.m.

Buttrick Hall 101

Vanderbilt hosts Dan Chaon, author of "You Remind Me Of Me" and "Await Your Reply stories. Sponsored by Vanderbilt Creative Writing.

### **FRIDAY**

### **Tap dance classes**

12-1 p.m.

Vanderbilt Dayani Center — Group Fitness Room This fun class teaches the basics of tap dancing. This great workout also can improve agility and balance. Tap shoes recommended but not required. Open to the public.

### **SATURDAY**

### **Healthy tailgate**

9-11 a.m.

Join Vandy Fanatics, Carmichael Towers and the Office of Wellness Programs & Alcohol Education for a cookout, healthy smoothies and fun games before the Vanderbilt-

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**Re(novated) Rand** provides new home for re



When the renovated Rand space opened last week, it not only added additional seating space and new dining options, but also the first storefront for a student-run business: the bicycle rental company re(cycle).

### By MADDIE HUGHES

News staff reporter

Re(cycle) was founded last year by four Vanderbilt students: then-seniors Juliette Cilia and Nissa Ostroff, junior John Ratliff and sophomore Brett Ungashick, who entered their business plan for an on-campus bike rental in the Vanderbilt Ventures competition last fall.

Vanderbilt Ventures is organized by Vanderbilt Student Government and encourages students interested in business and marketing to gain real-world experience developing a business plan and possibly running their own business. The prize for winning the competition was a \$10,000 grant from the

In addition, re(cycle) received \$9,000 from the Vanderbilt Green Fund, which provides funding for ideas that increase sustainability on campus. Vanderbilt officially owns the company, but re(cycle) says it is completely in charge of all business decisions.

With the grant from the Vanderbilt Ventures competition, re(cycle) says they were able to purchase their first fleet of 20 bikes used for daily rentals. The company said last year they focused on running what they called a "softlaunch" to spread awareness for the business and learn what kind of services students were interested in.

It was through the help of last year's student body president Adam Meyer that re(cycle) was able to secure the storefront space in the new Rand Center.

"First we just had a desk in the Sarratt Promenade," said re(cycle) Vice President and Co-founder Brett Ungashick. "Adam pushed for us to have our own place. (He) was our biggest proponent."

According to Jack Davis, director of Student Centers, the goal of having a storefront is to provide the business leaders with real-world experience, and to give them the chance to experiment with what is successful and what is

"We want to give the students the best dose of reality possible," Davis said. "It is the full experience. All finances are their responsibility."

One finance re(cycle) does not have to consider, however, is rent for the space. Vanderbilt provided the storefront as part of its investment in the company. However, Davis said that continued use of the 120 square-foot space is contingent on whether or not the business continues to move forward.

"My hope is that we get more student-run businesses we can find space for," Davis said. "It adds to what is available to students on campus. I am open to making more space available, depending on what the business is."

With its new space in Rand, re(cycle) says it hopes to create more publicity

"Awareness is high," Ungashick said. "People are stopping by and asking

what it is about." Since opening the storefront, re(cycle) has rented out five bikes to add to

the 14 long-term rentals placed at the beginning of the semester. Currently the services offered at the storefront are daily and weekend bike rentals, as well as long-term rentals, which can be purchased for a semester

or the entire year. Students who have purchased rentals will also be able to request bike maintenance at the storefront. However, the re(cycle) managers said that

they want the storefront to be more than just a place to rent bikes. "We want to make the store pop, that's why we painted the walls green, says Ungashick. "At the end of the day, this is a student-run business, so we want to make it as fun as possible." "We want it to be fun and practical," said re(cycle) President John Ratliff.

and have people hang out, and if they want to rent a bike, that's awesome,"

"We want to have fun stuff happening all the time, so that eventually there will be a community of bikers on campus. We are not looking to have a status Regarding its expansion, re(cycle) hopes to provide services for students

who already have bikes on campus as well. Over the summer, the company says it will be offering storage in a Vanderbilt-owned storage space, though the price of that service has yet to be determined. On the business end, re(cycle) says it has already gathered revenue

receipts between 10 to 15 percent of start-up capital and predicts turning a profit halfway through this year with the help of its new storefront. In the future, re(cycle) may experience some competition from Nashville

B-cycle, a not-for-profit bike share program that has been set up in cities across the U.S. and is now coming to Nashville, according to the Nashville Mayor's Office website.

B-cycle allows riders to pick up bikes from kiosks that will be located throughout the downtown and surrounding areas, and then drop the bikes off at another kiosk when they arrive at their destination. Though specific pricing has not yet been determined, the bike share

system is designed for short trips, so the first 30 minutes of each ride will be free with the purchase of an annual membership. Two locations near the Vanderbilt campus are in the works.

Ratliff said he met with the B-cycle project manager, and that B-cycle is not a potential competitor.

"The services do not overlap," Ratcliff said. "(B-cycle) is targeted to the Nashville population at large, not for students. There are limitations for them becoming closer on campus, so there is collaboration, not competition. Also, the benefit of bike rental is that it allows people to have their own bikes.

For students interested in renting bikes from re(cycle), the price is \$8 for a 24-hour daily rental, \$16 for a 72-hour weekend rental, and the prices for long-term rentals range from \$99.99 per semester to \$279.99 per year, based on the style of bike. Full pricing for long-term rentals are available on the re(cycle) website: www.universityrecycle.com. For those students interested in competing in the Vanderbilt Ventures

competition this year, the founders of re(cycle) suggest it be something they are willing invest a lot of time in.

"First, you have to fill a very practical need at Vanderbilt," said Ungashick. "But it is not something you should do on a whim. It is something you should invest in, because you actually have to go out and do it."

Ratliff adds that running re(cycle) has been priceless real-world business

"Re(cycle) is the best business class you could possibly take," he said. "You learn so much about the university in general, making a sales pitch, working on a team, working through real business problems."

Re(cycle) is also always looking for new employees who would like entrepreneurial experience, so if students are interested in becoming involved, they can stop by the storefront, or contact re(cycle) at recycle.vanderbilt@ The storefront in the new Rand space is open Monday through Friday

from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Students gather for VP debate, differ on outcome

**By LAWRENCE WALLER, JENNA WENGLER** some of the evening's more animated moments,

*News staff reporters* 

The vice presidential debate was on many students' minds Thursday night, as multiple groups met around campus for public watch parties and came away with a variety of opinions about the two candidates on display.

At an event organized as part of the Election 2012 Event Series, about 40 students watched the debate in the upstairs multipurpose room of The Commons Center. The Election 2012 Event Series is set up by The Ingram Commons Program, headed up by Program Coordinator Jessica Reasons and several graduate students.

The room was roughly evenly divided between supporters of Vice President Joe Biden and Republican vice presidential nominee Paul Ryan. Brett Benson, an associate professor of political science, led a discussion after the debate.

"My impression is that this won't move the needle," said Benson. "One of Biden's big objectives was to say, 'They're lying' ... I don't think he had much substance." The audience in The Commons was very

engaged in the debate, often laughing during

in unison or by political party. Students on both sides had vocal opinions to express following the "(Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan) are very me-

thodical with their arguments," said one Ryan supporter at The Commons Center. "Biden's job was to show he had the passion,"

said a Biden supporter, who also said he felt reinvigorated by Biden's debate performance.

The debate was also shown on screens in Rand Lounge to a smaller, less engaged crowd. In contrast to The Commons Center, most students in Rand were otherwise occupied with dinner or working on their laptops. While most had not come with the intention of watching the debate, many who watched voiced opinions about the candidates' performance.

"The main thing with this debate was whether or not Ryan can establish himself as a good candidate because he is so young," said sophomore Will Johnston. "Biden seems to think everything's hilarious. Ryan seems really articulate."

'I think Biden did an excellent job," said junior Abby Rogers. "He has great facials and he's gotten his facts straight, and I think a lot of people thought he would ramble, but he hasn't. Ryan

looks like a car salesman."

"Paul Ryan is more impressive, but that's easier for him because people didn't know what to expect," said sophomore Ryan Berube. "I don't really like Biden's attitude, like the way he keeps laughing. They say that vice presidential debates don't effect the election, but I disagree, especially this year, because people don't know Paul Ryan yet."

"Paul Ryan's very aggressive and persuasive, while Joe Biden seems more reserved," said junior Sam Heyman. "I think you can be a little more cavalier as the challenger. This debate is definitely more entertaining than the presidential one. They're answering questions very directly and engaging each other very directly. They seem to be very passionate and holding back less.'

"Ryan's doing better than I had hoped he would," said junior Kali Stewart. "As it always is with an incumbent, a lot of the debate focuses on what happened in the past four years, and the incumbent is forced to defend the entire time. It's easy to say some of the things Ryan is saying when you haven't been in office."

Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and Delta Sigma Theta sorority also co-hosted a watch party for the debate in Towers East Lounge that was attended by around 60 people.

## opinion



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Sucks to be a GDI. I mean it's all in the name. It doesn't stand for Gloriously Dope Independent. No, the likes of us are damned by god because we failed to join a fraternity. The reasons vary with the individual; maybe the parents wouldn't condone the joining of a fraternity, maybe he needed to focus on his studies, maybe the fella just didn't have that "it" factor during rush. Whatever it is, for the next four years he'll have to bear the awkward moments following the question, "What fraternity are you in?" It is a label that follows you, and sometimes the lack of the label sticks even stronger. Contrary to popular belief there are some GDIs out there that do desire a social life and have one. But when the question is popped as to with whom you claim your brotherhood, the absence of one immediately sets the impression that this GDI is socially challenged. We watch from the long line outside the door to the registered party, swipe our Commodore Card and pause for a few moments full of hope and anxiety that we can join the girls we brought in the first place. We peruse pictures of organized trips to far away beaches with sorority girls the frats invite and question how it is even possible to wake up at 10 in the morning on a Saturday to bump to dubstep that they must be tired of by now. It all sounds stereotypical and immature of these frat brothers, but deep inside every GDI wants to be a part of that culture whether he will admit it or not. Vanderbilt has been defined by this culture and GDIs are the unofficial outsiders of Vanderbilt. Sure we can go to the football games, cheer on the Commodores, take all the classes available to us, join student government, ingrain ourselves in all of the activities Vanderbilt has to offer, but at the end of the day, if there aren't three Greek letters to define you, you feel like an outsider. Sure we can all make it out on Thursday, Friday, Saturday nights and have a good time, but when you make it back to your room drunk and eating everything in sight and you go to sleep, a thought might still glimmer through your head. The thought that maybe it would be cool if you could invite that girl you like to a date party just to see how interested she is, or that rushing freshmen would be a great way to meet and help assimilate them into the Vanderbilt community, or that maybe you would feel a little less lonely if instead of rooming with your best friend, you coordinated with a dozen of your best fraternity brothers to live on the hall with you. It is sad that us GDIs constitute the vast majority of the male population, yet the culture and rules of this community are not at all defined by us. We can glide through our years making great friendships and maybe even finding that special one, but when graduation comes around and we leave this place, the independents will be submerged in impressions of bittersweet. We may have enjoyed Vanderbilt and will always love it with all our heart, but the experiences us GDIs feel are not Vanderbilt experiences; they are only

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### A conservation ethic born from Vanderbilt

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ome of my fondest and deepest memories can be traced back to the years when I was a student and employee at Vanderbilt. It was here that I first experienced my passion for being a lifelong student of everything from economics to conservation. It was where I met Sally, my wife of 40 years, and it was where I fell in love with Tennessee's wild side. At Vanderbilt, my lifelong support of conservation measures in Tennessee and across the United States began.

As the former president of The Wilderness Society, I am often asked what first made me interested in conservation. As a teenager, my biology teacher sparked an appreciation and curiosity about our great outdoors by making us get out of the classroom and into nature. But it was at Vanderbilt that I turned that appreciation and curiosity into action.

It was during the 1970s when I was director of Alumni Relations at Vanderbilt that I learned about a looming development that would encroach upon the banks of Radnor Lake. It was a special place for me; I had spent many late afternoons walking around Radnor Lake with friends, as had many others in the Nashville community. So it was not surprising that when the potential development was announced, the local community came together to raise money to protect this recreation and wildlife haven. I was one of the volunteers, and just like that, a conservationist was born.

Although I left Vanderbilt and eventually became the president of The Wilderness Society, I regard my time at Vanderbilt as the beginning of an incredible journey. Today, there is another conservation effort underway in Tennessee that needs the Vanderbilt community's help and passion.

The Tennessee Wilderness Act (S. 1090) would permanently protect 19,556 acres of wilderness in the Cherokee National Forest in eastern Tennessee. The legislation would expand five existing wilderness areas and create the new Upper Bald River Wilderness Area. It would preserve beautiful plants like azaleas and rhododendron and animals like black bear and the Blackburnian warbler. The Act would also protect clean drinking water that the surrounding communities depend upon. It would ensure that recreation opportunities could continue in the Cherokee National Forest like hiking, swimming, camping, bird watching, hunting and fishing. With those outdoor activities also come tourism and recreation dollars, supporting local Tennessee businesses and jobs.

The Tennessee Wilderness Act was introduced by Vanderbilt University alum, Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.), and cosponsored by Sen. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) and is supported by a diverse group

of people like outdoor recreationists, sportsmen and women, small business owners, local elected officials, members of religious communities and conservationists.

Unfortunately, just as development threatened Radnor Lake, it is also threatening the potential wilderness areas in the Cherokee National Forest. This incredible forest is threatened by logging, urban development and climate change. Too often and too quickly, we are seeing boom-and-bust corporations devastate America's last remaining wild lands for quick economic gains that destroy our natural heritage and legacy. In order to protect the incredible wildlife habitat, exceptional recreation opportunities and the livelihoods of eastern Tennessee small business owners, we need to make the Tennessee Wilderness Act the law of the land.

Unfortunately, the Tennessee Wilderness Act, along with 26 other wilderness bills from across the United States, is stalled in Congress. The U.S. House of Representatives has refused to move a single piece of wilderness legislation. Time is running out this year for the Tennessee Wilderness Act, and if the 112th Congress does not act when members return to Washington in November, this will be the first Congress since 1966 to not protect a single acre of wilderness.

The dichotomy between the Tennessee Wilderness Act and the stalemate in Congress could not be clearer. One the one hand, you have the Tennessee Wilderness Act, which has bipartisan support on the ground and in Congress. On the other hand, you have the U.S. House of Representatives, which refuses to move a single wilderness bill, leaving over two dozen of these bills languishing in the House Natural Resources Committee.

The House's behavior is the exact opposite of what past bipartisan conservation leaders envisioned for the 21st century. President Theodore Roosevelt used the Antiquities Act to protect incredible places like the Grand Canyon. Congressman John P. Saylor (R-Pa.) was critical in passing the Wilderness Act in 1964. And today there are Republican and Democratic cosponsors of wilderness legislation, from California to Tennessee, who are working with their constituents and members of Congress from both sides of the aisle to protect America's wilderness.

As Sen. Alexander so poignantly said, "Egypt has its pyramids, England has its history, Italy has its art, the United States has its great American outdoors ...

I do believe that the Tennessee Wilderness Act is this generation's Radnor Lake.

— Bill Meadows

### Drone strikes start to hit close to home



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magine a buzzing sound overhead, constantly haunting you and preventing you from ever being able to sleep peacefully. Then imagine waking up to an angry whizzing noise overhead and not knowing whether or not you will be dead in a few seconds. After hearing an explosion nearby, you hear cries for help, but you are too afraid to go outside. You hear rescue workers rushing to the scene and then the sound of another explosion. Everything goes quiet. A few hours later, you learn that several civilians, including one of your relatives, have been killed by a drone strike, and the rescue workers that responded died in a secondary strike. When the funeral is held, you do not attend out of fear that the large gathering will attract the attention of drone operators. For many communities in northwest Pakistan, this is the reality created by the United States' drone strike policies.

According to a joint study published last month by researchers at Stanford Law School and NYU School of Law, an average of 49 innocent civilians are killed for every terrorist killed by drone strikes in Pakistan. Entitled "Living Under Drones: Death, Injury and Trauma to Civilians From U.S. Drone Practices in Pakistan," the report extensively documents the military's false narrative about the use of drones in Pakistan, reveals its counterproductive effects, its negative impact on the civilian population, and calls for a careful reevaluation of the current drone strike policies.

Who are the terrorists in this context? According to study, the presence of drones "terrorizes men, women and children, giving rise to anxiety and psychological trauma among civilian communities. Those living under drones have to face the constant worry that a deadly strike may be fired at any moment, and the knowledge that they are powerless to protect themselves." The study also provides evidence of the despicable practice of "double-tap" drone strikes. After the initial strike, a secondary strike is launched, targeting the rescuers who arrive on the scene. This highly questionable tactic has "discouraged average civilians from coming to one another's rescue, and even inhibited the provision of emergency medical assistance from humanitarian workers." The strikes have also discouraged children from attending school, family members from attending funerals and attendance at other important gatherings.

Even worse, the study suggests that drone strikes create more terrorists than they kill, concluding "that U.S. strikes have facilitated recruitment to violent non-state armed groups, and motivated further violent attacks." With this evidence in mind, it seems likely that the strikes are only making the U.S. less safe and ensuring that the "War on Terror" will never end.

Under these policies, the president may also order the targeted killing of people, including U.S. citizens, without due process, oversight, or accountability. The legality of the drone strikes and the secret "kill list" is highly suspect under international law and the Constitution. However, it is difficult to challenge given the executive branch's lack of transparency and accountability in these programs.

The study concludes by recommending that "the U.S. conduct a fundamental re-evaluation of current targeted killing practices, taking into account all available evidence, the concerns of various stakeholders, and the short and long-term costs and benefits." For this to occur, there must be a national conversation about this important aspect of U.S. foreign policy. The presidential debate this Tuesday will be the first in which both candidates will also address foreign policy. Unfortunately, both Obama and Romney have signaled that they plan to continue the drone strike policies and probably won't even mention them during the debate.

— Kenny Tan

### A man of his word



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iden says what he means. Period. Those of you who watched the vice presidential debate on Thursday may have noticed, in between bouts of Ryan getting the "stuff" knocked out of him, one particularly telling exchange. In response to Biden bringing up Romney's infamous "47 percent" comments, Ryan thought he had a zinger: "And with respect to that quote, I think the vice president very well knows that sometimes the words don't come out of your mouth the right way." But the vice president had a retort: "But I always say what I

This exchange brings out what has been one of the signature features of the 2012 campaign — one side's constant, opportunistic flip-flopping and utter disregard for the truth. Another Biden quote from the night aptly sums up the Obama campaign's position on honesty and integrity: "Facts matter." However, the Romney-Ryan campaign seems to have a different opinion. Whereas Obama-Biden always say what they mean, it's often impossible to tell exactly what Romney-Ryan mean. And worse, sometimes they say things they can't possibly mean.

Ryan started out the night by saying something that, at best, he didn't quite mean. In criticizing the administration over the 9/11 terrorist attacks in Benghazi, Ryan asserted that the Obama Administration should have posted Marine embassy guards to protect the ambassador, as is done in Paris. However, as someone trying to convince the American people to let him one heartbeat away from being commander in chief should have known, there are no Marine guards to act as full-time bodyguard protection for the French ambassador; instead, Marines are stationed in Paris to safeguard the classified material we have stored there. Surely he cleaned up his act after that small transgression? Nope. Ryan went on to repeat charges that President Obama "apologized for America" abroad, an accusation that the New York Times live fact-check said "has been repeatedly found to be inaccurate."

So far, the accuracy of Ryan's statements has been at least somewhat debatable. However, further on in the debate came the things Ryan can't possibly mean. To take just one example, look at the — admittedly clever — shot Ryan took at the Obama jobs record by pointing to an increase in the unemployment rate in Biden's hometown of Scranton, Pa. That's true, fair enough. But then Ryan continued to say that this has been the trend for the country as a whole, which is demonstrably false. "Misleading" is a generous

And then there were the outright lies. Pretty much all of Ryan's statements regarding green investments in the stimulus were false. No, \$90 billion did not just go to campaign contributors and special interest groups. No, stimulus funds were not directed to electric cars in Finland or windmills in China (PolitiFact ranks this statement as "Mostly False"). Ryan knows the stimulus went to good investments that created jobs - why else would he have advocated for funds for his own district? What Ryan said is not possibly what he meant, or what he knows to be true.

Because I don't have the entire rest of The Hustler for this column, I'll limit myself to mentioning just one more Ryan lie. He repeated his claim, debunked often before, that the Affordable Care Act "takes \$716 billion from Medicare to spend on 'Obamacare." PolitiFact in the past has ranked this claim as mostly false; the only thing keeping it from being wholly false is that the ACA does, in fact, produce \$716 billion in Medicare savings. Though Ryan said that money was taken from the program, in reality that money comes from reducing future payments to private insurance in Medicare Advantage and to hospitals that readmit too many patients, not from Medicare beneficiaries. Ryan knows this - why else would he propose those exact same cuts in his own budget plans? But facts mean nothing when you have a good zinger up your sleeve.

In stark contrast, when Biden said that he always says what he means, he meant it. From Afghanistan to Iran, jobs to healthcare, the vice president always told it like it is.

When Biden said that we would be out of Afghanistan in 2014, he meant that we would be out of Afghanistan in 2014. Period. Fortynine of our allies are on board. It is time for the Afghans to take control of their own destiny; as the vice president said, a firm deadline is necessary to ensure that Afghanistan takes responsibility for its own security. No wait-and-see, no dodges. Our combat mission there — the longest in U.S. history — will finally come to an end.

When Biden said that Iran would not be allowed to obtain a nuclear weapon, he meant that Iran would not be allowed to obtain a nuclear weapon. Period. The Obama Administration's sanctions have been the toughest in history, wreaking havoc on the Iranian economy and putting unprecedented pressure on the Iranian government. And although Biden obviously could not say this on national television, the Stuxnet virus and other cyber-warfare techniques believed to be approved by the administration have significantly set back Iran's nuclear program.

'Facts matter." Maybe not to Ryan, but to Americans worried about the future of our country, facts do matter. I'm glad we have a vice president — Joe Biden — who gets that.

— Michael Diamond

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### WANT A CUPCAKE?

Vanderbilt's Homecoming Committee will be offering free GiGi's Cupcake and other giveaways on Oct. 17 from 6-8 p.m. Stop by The Commons Center (South Patio Lawn) for this dessert kickoff event and start preparing for next week's homecoming festivities.

## YOUR GUIDE TO THE CHARACTERS OF Nashville'

It may be sinfully entertaining, but ABC's new drama 'Nashville' can be a bit hard to follow. Refer to this guide for the premiere's interconnected relationships and plotlines.

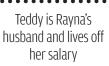


Randy is Rayna's producer

Lamar convinces Teddy, his sonin-law to run for mayor

**Lamar Wyatt** 

Lamar is Rayna's dad and dissaproves of her career as a country artist





**Teddy Conrad** 

Coleman is running for mayor







**Coleman Carlisle** 

### **WHO PLAYS** WHO?

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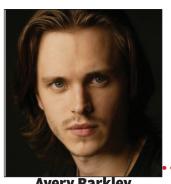
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**COLEMAN CARLISLE** -Robert Wisdom **LAMAR WYATT** - Powers Boothe

**RANDY ROBERT**s - Burgess **Jenkins** 



**Avery Barkley** 



Juliette is trying to steal Rayna's place as lengendary country icon

Juliette has her eye's on Deacon and hooks up with him at the shows end





**Scarlett O'Connor** 



**Deacon Clayborne** 

**Rayna James** 

• Deacon is a songwriter,

lead guitar player and

former lover of Rayna's

### 'NASHVILLE' DRINKING GAME RULES

**Gunnar Scott** Gunner is an aspiring musician,

and has as crush on Scarlett

Avery is Scarlett's

If the show doesn't keep you entertained enough, try this drinking game to spice up your next watch party.

- Drink every time a character mentions a **country music**
- Drink any time Rayna or Juliette **stare** at each other with pure hatred.
- Drink every time **Juliette cries.**
- Drink any time one of your friends says "I've been there!" or "I know where that is!"
- Drink every time someone in a relationship **kisses** a person they are **not in a realtionship with.**
- Drink if you **recognize one of the extras** in the background.
- Chug the rest of your drink if there is any **mention of Vanderbilt** or a shot of the university.

## Nashville': so bad, it's good

By ETHAN DIXIUS Life reporter

As far as television shows go, "Nashville" just about has it all. Conflict, drama and music are overflowing in this show, which set in our very own Music City. Starring Connie Britton and Hayden Panettiere, "Nashville" has no shortage of interesting characters and diverse conflicts that draw the viewer in, all to the tune of a wide scope of country music. Full of backstabbing, affairs, politics and haunted pasts (all within the first episode), it's hard to look away from the intensity and sometimes laughable drama of "Nashville."

The show centers on aging country star Rayna Jaymes (Britton), and up-and-coming superstar Juliette Barnes (Panettiere). The two have enough drama between them to craft a pretty interesting show in their own right, but "Nashville" by no means stops there. Viewers can look to the healthy doses of parental drama, seedy politics, arrogance, sex, drugs and, of course, unrequited love, to fill out the show. It seems as though no stone is left unturned, opening the door to a complex and engaging web of relationships and events.

Based on their performances in the pilot, Britton and Panet-

tiere have no trouble convincingly playing country music singers. Britton brings both genuineness and bitterness to her role, allowing her to sink into this picture of a legend trying to stay relevant. Panettiere is a natural as the young Juliette Barnes, a character with almost no attractive personality traits but nonetheless has a troubled side that makes her complex, and perhaps redeemable. The two are supported by a cast filled with both veterans and newcomers, drawing viewers in with cast members they know and making them stay for ones they come to know.

One of the coolest parts about the show is simply the fact that it happens, as one might expect from the title, in Nashville. Watching scenes at places like the Grand Ole Opry or Bluebird Cafe — seeing spots that are just miles from campus with the skyline in the background — is a little surreal. Yet, the main focus of the show continues to be the music. Nashville, with its long history of everything country, sets the stage perfectly for this show about the inner workings of the music business, the politics of the industry and the beauty of making

Despite everything it has going for it, "Nashville" is not without weak points. While the pilot was not thematically groundbreaking, it was just plain entertaining.

## Ethnic eats Looking for something other than Nashville's classic comfort food? Go explore these restaurants around town

By RENEE ZHU Life reporter

### that offer tastes from around the globe. Whether its Ethiopian or Middle Eastern, it will be a new experience.

Looking for something other than Nashville's classic

### Gojo Ethiopian Cafe

Gojo is the place to switch up your usual dining routine. Only 10 minutes away from campus, this quaint cafe offers a distinct dining experience you won't find anywhere else. Don't shy away from its modest exterior when you pull up to the restaurant — the inside of Gojo is warm, clean and cozy. Centering mainly on traditional Ethiopian food, their dishes involve vegetables and meats prepared with a variety of spice blends including turmeric, ginger and garlic. And ditch the silverware — these Ethiopian dishes are meant to be eaten with enjera, a unique "wet" flatbread typical of Ethiopia. To eat, simply tear off pieces of your enjera and scoop up the dishes in small, savory bites.

### **Athens Family** Restaurant

Any lovers of Greek cuisine can find their quick fix at Athens Family Restaurant, located about 3 miles from campus. Their menu consists of an assortment of Greek dishes ranging from your typical gyros to ethnic suzukakia. Also available are American burgers and sandwiches, but the majority of the menu features authentic Greek dishes. Though the food there is closer to comfort food than to gourmet, Athens is a great way to satisfy your craving for a taste of something dif-

### **The Smiling Elephant**

Everyone loves a good pad thai, and thankfully it's not hard to find near Vandy. The Smiling Elephant creates all their dishes with fresh herbs and veggies that balance the strong, succulent sauces that the meat is cooked with. The menu also has a unique selection of drinks, including their signature Thai Tea, which goes well with any entree. Given its snug interior, it's a good idea to get there a little before the dinner rush to avoid waiting.

### **House of Kabob**

At House of Kabob, kabob lovers can get an assortment of meats kabobstyle, along with a wide variety of other authentic Persian and Middle Eastern entrees. House of Kabob is located about 5 miles from campus and features a fairly large and elegant interior (and free Wi-Fi if you're in dire need). Bread and Sabzi come as appetizers for all orders, which is pita-like bread that you top with cheese, butter and cilantro. Most platters come with rice and tomato-cucumber salad, both of which compliment the tender and extremely flavorful meat. For any latte lovers out there, be sure to try the Persian coffee; served in a small dainty cup, it packs a strong but sweet taste. This Persian eatery is a fantastic place to divulge in succulent and unique flavors.

### WHERE AND WHEN TO GO

### **Gojo Ethiopian Cafe**

Location: 415 W. Thompson Lane Hours: Friday-Saturday, 12-10 p.m., Sunday-Thursday, 12-9 p.m., Closed Wednesdays **Phone:** (615) 332-0710

### **Athens Family Restaurant**

**Location:** 2526 Franklin Pike Hours: Monday-Wednesday, 7 a.m.-10 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, 24 hours a day, Sunday close at 10 p.m. **Phone:** (615) 383-2848

### **The Smiling Elephant**

Location: 2213 8th Avenue South

Hours: Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 5-9 p.m., Friday 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 5-10 p.m., Saturday closed for lunch, 5-10 p.m., Sunday closed Phone: (615) 891-4488

### **House of Kabob**

**Location:** 216 Thompson Lane Hours: Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m-7

Phone: (615) 333-3711

## A hand up, not a handout: Grassroots

While students grow on campus alongside professors and peers, Grassroots helps students grow in the community alongside those in need and those committed to change.

By EMMETT MCKINNEY

Life reporter

Founded in 2008, Grassroots is an "umbrella organization" that helps Vandy students extend roots beyond the university and into the surrounding community by working with a variety of social programs. "By connecting students and resources with Nashville's hungry and homeless, Grassroots seeks to empower the marginalized," according to the group's web page. "Grassroots members break through the Vanderbubble and boldly come alongside those in tough situations."

What really makes Grassroots unique, though, is not only its wide array of programs but its goals on campus.

"Grassroots has always been an umbrella organization that provides volunteer opportunities, but this year, we are emphasizing the importance of awareness and facilitating discussions on ways to lead and serve effectively," said Emily Woods, copresident. "We are revisiting the mindset behind a 'grassroots' approach to service, hoping to foster a deeper understanding of why and how we

And "grassroots" is certainly an apt description of the organization's work, which comes from the bottom up instead of from the top down. Dismas House, a rehabilitation house for recently released ex-convicts, is one of the main organizations that Grassroots serves.

'We create relationships that these men really need," said Harris Laughry, copresident.

Likewise, Grassroots actively supports the Oasis Center, a center aiming to help atrisk teens transition to a happy and healthy adulthood. Located just a few blocks off campus, the Oasis Center reflects the change Vanderbilt students can make in surrounding neighborhoods. To foster that community outreach and support, raising awareness on campus is Grassroots' most important goal for the 2012-2013 year.

According to Laughry, Grassroots aims to ask not only how it can help, but why.

"We want (students) to know why they're doing what they're doing," he said. "Is it making an impact? Is it being effective? At every



### grassroots

meeting we try to have a discussion and focus group to see what we can do. We're not here to help ourselves."

Though the group is certainly outward-oriented, the roots of Grassroots are spreading on campus. Many organizations compete for Vandy students' carefully budgeted time, but Grassroots has a unique draw.

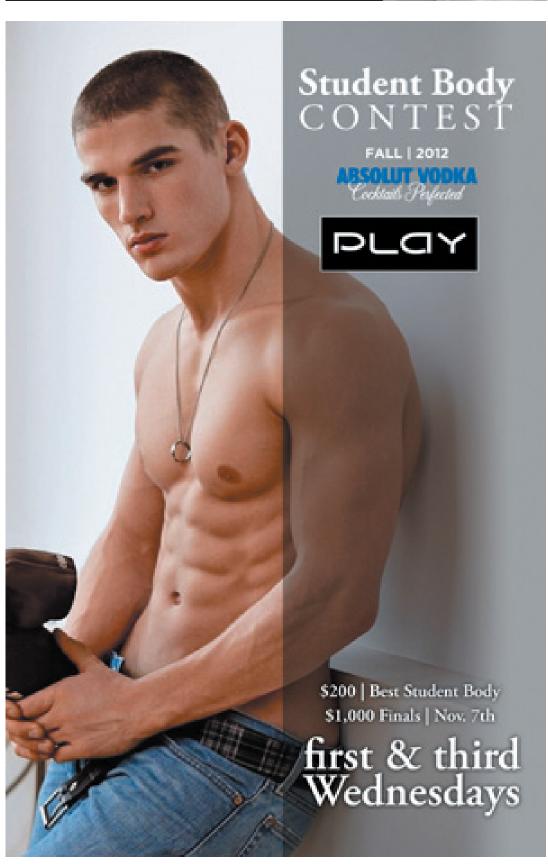
"It's one of the few organizations on campus where we get to experience what life is really like in Nashville for underprivileged people,' said freshman Annaliese Danckers, who recently joined the group. "I'm really looking forward to learning more about how to help people in Nashville and be passionate about it."

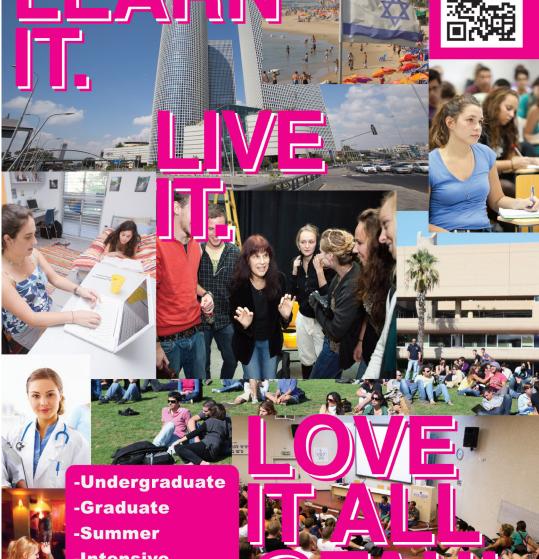
And students' passions are truly what drive Grassroots, as Laughry described.

"I can't really put one finger down on what Grassroots is," he said. "It's open to anyone, no matter what your passion is.'

The Vanderbubble might not be as impenetrable as it seems — it can be popped with something as simple as passion and a little blade of grass.











### Come Celebrate Alcohol Awareness Week 2012 **October 15<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday, 10/15** (6:30-7:30 p.m.):

Vanderbilt Recovery Support (VRS) Open House

Carmichael Tower West 109 Open House with food from Mellow Mushroom. Regular Support Meeting: 7:30-8:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, 10/16 –Thursday, 10/18** (11 a.m.-2 p.m.): Wellness Wheel on the Wall

Spin the Wheel of Wellness to understand the effects of alcohol abuse, and win prizes

**Thursday, 10/18** (7-9 p.m.):

Astronomy/Alcohol Education Program

On top of the 25th Ave garage for Highland Quad Residents

**Friday, 10/19** (12-1:30 p.m.):

K.C. Potter Center Lunch Series with Delta Lambda Phi and the Lambda Association

Build community through alcohol education and discussion with food from Taziki's Mediterranean Cafe

**Saturday, 10/20** (9-11 a.m.):

Healthy Tailgate with Carmichael Towers & Vandy Fanatics (SLC)

Enjoy a tailgate with cook out, games, and healthy smoothies!

### The Office of Wellness Programs & **Alcohol Education**

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http://www.vanderbilt.edu/alcohol/



## sports

THE BIG STAT

Length, in game time, of Vanderbilt's first drive of the second half on Saturday, which went 56 yards on 16 plays but ended with a blocked field goal.



#### SEC Power Rankings: Week 7

### By JACKSON MARTIN

Sports editor

Each week The Vanderbilt Hustler ranks the teams in the SEC 1-14. This week LSU finds redemption, Arkansas might be good again and Kentucky is really, really bad.



#### 1. No. 1 Alabama (6-0, 3-0 SEC)

f people want to say that Vanderbilt only won against Missouri because James Franklin was hurt, can we apply the same theory to why Alabama beat the Tigers this week?



#### 2. No. 3 Florida (6-0, 5-0)

Jeff Driskel broke Tim Tebow's school record for rushing yards by a quarterback in Saturday's 31-17 win over Vanderbilt with 177 yards on just 11 carries. However, he did not pray after each of his three touchdowns, negating the recordper-school policy.



#### 3. No. 6 LSU (6-1, 2-1)

Reports of the Tigers' demise were greatly exaggerated. Despite quarterback Zach Mettenberger's best efforts, the Tigers emerged victorious against South Carolina Saturday by a score of 23-21.



### 4. No. 9 South Carolina (6-1, 4-1)

Connor Shaw played a lot like Stephen Garcia against LSU, throwing for two touchdowns and two interceptions. He wasn't arrested after the game despite being in Baton Rouge, however, so this comparison really isn't very good.



### 5. No. 13 Georgia (5-1, 3-1)

With South Carolina's loss to LSU, the Bulldogs have life again in the SEC East race. By beating Florida in two weeks, Georgia can force a threeway tie in the division.



### 6. No. 20 Texas A&M (5-1, 2-1)

Johnny Manziel accounted for six touchdowns as the Aggies fended off a late rally to beat No. 23 Louisiana Tech in Shreveport. The Aggies have a chance to make a huge jump in the polls with a game against LSU next week.



### 7. No. 15 Mississippi State (6-0, 3-0)

Mississippi State falls this week despite a win over Tennessee because, well, it was a win over Tennessee.



### 8. Vanderbilt (2-4, 1-3)

Actual quote from a Florida fan: 'We should just, like, tackle Jordan Matthews at the line on every play.' Despite his great game, the Commodores made too many mistakes to beat



### 9. Tennessee (3-3, 0-3)

Derek Dooley is going to get fired. List of people upset about this: fans of other SEC East teams, orange pants aficionados and that's about it.



### 10. Arkansas (3-4, 2-2)

So, is Arkansas good again? It may have been against Kentucky, but the Razorbacks put up 49 points with 5:08 left in the third quarter. As John L. Smith would say, it looks like the Razorbacks should just smile.



### 11. Ole Miss (4-3, 1-2)

Beating Auburn isn't really that impressive - unless you're Ole Miss. Next week's game against Arkansas will tell us a lot about whether Hugh Freeze's team is for real, or if it has just feasted on a weak schedule to start the year.



### 12. Missouri (3-4, 0-4)

Not so easy to score points against SEC defenses, is it, Gary Pinkel? After a blowout at the hands of his college teammate Nick Saban's group on Saturday, Pinkel has to be wondering if it really was a good idea to switch conferences.



### 13. Auburn (1-5, 0-4)

The Tigers are eight-point underdogs this weekend against Vanderbilt. This is not a test, the Mayans were right. Say your goodbyes to your loved ones – the world is ending.



### 14. Kentucky (1-6, 0-4)

The Wildcats gave up 49 points in less than three quarters Saturday night before lightning ended the game early. By contrast, the basketball team only gave up 60 points per game last year, and they played full games.



## **NOT-SO-SPECIAL TEAMS SINK COMMODORES IN 31-17 LOSS**

Special teams, previously a strength for Vanderbilt, undo the Commodores at home against Florida when four plays change the course of the game in favor of the Gators.

### By JACKSON MARTIN

Sports editor

A two-point conversion on a fake extra point. A blocked field goal. A momentumswinging 54-yard run on a fake punt. A 60yard kick return to halt a Vanderbilt comeback. In a game that was decided by only a few plays, special teams made the difference for Florida in Saturday's 31-17 win over Vanderbilt.

The Commodores rode strong special teams play to a victory in Missouri last week. but the unit fell apart on head coach James Franklin this week when the team needed it to pull off what would have been the biggest upset in school history.

"We didn't play well on special teams," Franklin said. "That's my responsibility and I'll get it fixed ... (Florida) has recruited well. They have good athletes. Their athleticism shows up on special teams."

It seemed like every time the Commodores were on the verge of gaining the momentum in the game the Gators came up with a big play on special teams.

"There were a lot of momentum swings,"

junior wide receiver Jordan Matthews said. "I felt like we did a good job offensively and defensively of putting each other in good position, but then there were just plays that Florida made. They're a great team. They're not just No. 4 in the nation for nothing. We played a great game. I feel like my team is great also. We just have to start showing it in the win column."

After Vanderbilt opened the game with a 7-0 lead, Florida answered with a first-quarter touchdown of its own. The Gators came out for the extra-point in a "swinging gate" formation, with the majority of the offensive line aligned on the left side of the field. Before the Commodores could adjust, Trey Burton took a direct snap and ran to the uncovered half of the field for the two-point conversion.

Florida would add a field goal in the second quarter to take an 11-7 lead, but the Commodores received the second-half kickoff and were driving to score. The drive took almost 10 and a half minutes off the clock, and had the Gators on their heels. After a sack of Jordan Rodgers, Carey Spear lined up for a 44yard field goal. The Florida rush penetrated the entire left side of the Vanderbilt line, and the kick was blocked

JAMES TATUM / THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER Florida's Solomon Patton nears the end zone on his 54-yard run on a fake punt during the fourth quarter of Saturday's game.

The Gators took over possession but were stonewalled by the Vanderbilt defense. Florida lined up to punt from its own 43-yard line and return the ball to the Vanderbilt offense that had just gone on a powerful drive. Instead, Solomon Patton took a handoff and ran 54 yards up the left sideline to the Vanderbilt 3-yard line. After a holding penalty moved them back to the 13, the Gators scored on the next play to go up 18-7.

"Special teams are just as important as offense and defense," junior linebacker Karl Butler said. "It's a huge facet of the game and tonight they were better than us on special teams. That played a huge role in the outcome of the game. It's definitely something that's important and something that we have to improve on as well as offense and defense."

The last special teams mistake came after the Commodores had scored to make the score 21-14. With the momentum on the side of the home team and nearly nine minutes left on the clock, Carey Spear boomed his kickoff to the 3 yard-line. Andre Debose broke several tackles en route to a 60-yard return that set the Gators up to score again and end the Commodores' chances of a comeback.

"(That was) huge," Florida head coach Will Muschamp said. "It flipped the field. They had the momentum at home, all that good stuff. We blocked it very well, (and) did a great job of coaching it up and I thought it was executed very well."

In a game where Vanderbilt had its opportunities to upset the No. 4 team in the country, the Commodores failed to execute on special teams, and Florida did. Those plays, often overlooked, turned out to be the difference in the game.

"We just made too many mistakes," Franklin said. "I thought we played hard. We had a good plan. But we made too many mistakes."

### Behind the stat: Vanderbilt's zone read issues

Exploring the option play that frustrated Vanderbilt's defense all night and the rushing offense that carried the visitors to victory.

By ERIC SINGLE

Editor-in-chief

If it looked like the Vanderbilt defense was utterly powerless to stop Florida's zone read play on Saturday night, it's because that's exactly what happened. Quarterback Jeff Driskel torched the Vanderbilt defense for all three of his team's touchdowns in the Gators' 31-17 win, breaking Tim Tebow's school record for rushing yards in a game by a quarterback in the process, all thanks to the zone read.

"We kept running really the same play, and they didn't really make adjustments, so we kept going to it," Driskel said in his postgame press conference. "If something's working, keep going to it."

The zone read, an option running play in which the quarterback decides whether to hand the ball to his running back or keep it for himself and run based on the position of the defensive linemen, is a staple of many spread offenses. With the Commodores keyed in on running back Mike Gillislee after his 146-yard, 2-touchdown performance last week against LSU, Driskel took over the game with his deceptive breakaway speed.

For the purpose of this breakdown, an attempt was made to differentiate the zone read play with two running options from the zone read with a run option and a quick screen option. The Gators ran the latter set a handful of times with limited success — it was the run-based option that gave the Commodores fits.

"We did not adjust well to the quarterback running game," said head coach James Franklin. "That's on me. It'll get fixed."

Full details on Florida's most productive play: Florida ran the zone read 14 times for 249 of its



JAMES TATUM / THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER

Florida's Jeff Driskel (6) sold the option to perfection on Saturday night, running for a school-record 177 yards on the ground as a quarterback and scoring touchdowns in the second, third and fourth quarters.

to the edge:

**326 rushing yards,** an average of 17.8 yards per play. Nine of those 14 times, the quarterback chose to keep the ball — Driskel and Trey Burton combined for 163 yards, three touchdowns and a two-point conversion on those nine plays. That averages out to 18.1 yards per

- rush for the play's primary decision-maker. The Gators didn't run their first zone read until their fourth possession of the game, late in the first quarter. In the second quarter, they ran the play seven times.
- The other five plays, on which the running back took the handoff at the mesh point of the zone read, netted 86 yards. Most of those came on Solomon Patton's 54-yard run on a **fake punt** in the third quarter.

Gillislee found limited success on the play finished with 67 yards to lead the team's running backs

On each of Driskel's touchdown runs, the run fake sucked in attention from the edge of Vanderbilt's defensive front, leaving gaping holes out wide. Just a few of the Vanderbilt defenders who were beat

and **struggled to produce** as he did against LSU.

Driskel fooled, then outran Andre Hal and Darreon Herring on his first touchdown with 11:27 to play in the second quarter.

- Kyle Woestmann and Archibald Barnes were victimized on Driskel's second touchdown, a 13-yard run off of a play fake that even most of the fans in attendance misread.
- Barnes and Johnell Thomas both crashed inside to open up the field for Driskel's final touchdown run, a 70-yard score that extended Florida's lead back out to 14 with less than three minutes to play.

## **Soccer falls in** weekend games

The Vanderbilt women's soccer team is on the SEC tournament bubble after losing two conference games this weekend, 1-0 to Ole Miss and 4-0 to No. 9 Texas A&M.

**By ALICE CONTOPOULOS** 

Sports reporter

It was a rough weekend for Vanderbilt soccer, as the Commodores fell to both Ole Miss and No. 9 Texas A&M at

The Commodores hosted Ole Miss on Friday night and got off to a sluggish start. Ole Miss defender Jessica Hiskey scored from distance with less than two and a half minutes left in the first half. Though the Commodores were able to keep possession in the second half, they were unable to capitalize on their few opportunities up top and ended the game with a 1-0

On Sunday, Vanderbilt again started the game with little energy and many sloppy turnovers, allowing the Aggies to slip two early goals past Commo-

Sports reporter

dore goalkeeper Alexa Levick in the first six minutes. Just a few minutes later, Levick suffered a hard hit after blocking a shot from inside the box and had to leave the game, forcing freshman goalkeeper Shannon Morrish to take her spot. Though she's had little playing time this season, Morrish stepped up and brought the Commodores under her command. Junior defender Claire Romaine said that Morrish played confidently despite her lack of experience and that the team has full confidence in her while Levick recovers. Morrish would let in two more goals but made four saves in the game. The Commodores would go on to lose 4-0 and only managed three shots in the 90 minutes.

Despite the loss, the team effort that had been missing in the past two losses was finally apparent on the field to the players. Romaine felt that the teamwork showed in the



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Freshman Andie Lakin (30) dribbles down the field looking to pass the ball. Lakin and the rest of the Commodores failed to net a goal in two contests this weekend, falling 1-0 to Ole Miss on Friday and 4-0 to No. 9 Texas A&M Sunday.

increased possession and defensive effort against the physical and athletic Aggies side. The Commodores created a number of scoring opportunities and had some clean combination play in the midfield. With leading scorer Cheyna Williams still out with an

injury, it was difficult for the Commodores to find the back of the net, but the possession and offensive work were encouraging to the team.

While the games' outcomes were far from ideal, the renewed team effort showed promise that will certainly be

needed next weekend when Vanderbilt hosts Auburn on Friday night and Florida on Sunday.

The Commodores currently sit in ninth place in the SEC, with the top 10 teams qualifying for the conference tournament in Orange Beach, Ala.

**WEEK SEVEN** 

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### **GETTING TOO COCKY?**

No. 3 South Carolina (6-1, 4-1 SEC) came into its game against No. 9 LSU (6-1, 2-1 SEC) with confidence — maybe a little too much confidence. Over the past few weeks, many questioned the strength of the LSU offense. After their loss to Florida, some erased them from the national title discussion. However, a breakout performance by a freshman silenced the non-believers. Running back Jeremy Hill contributed two touchdowns to the Tigers' 23-21 victory over the Gamecocks. Quarterback Zach Mettenberger desperately needed the help, completing only 12 of 25 passes for 148 yards. More surprising was Connor Shaw's sloppy game. He was sacked four times, and two of his passes were intercepted.

### **HOGS RUN WILD**

On Saturday, the Arkansas Razorbacks (3-4, 2-2 SEC) absolutely demolished the Kentucky Wildcats (1-6, 0-4 SEC) in a shortened game. Senior quarterback Tyler Wilson threw four touchdown passes in the first quarter, putting Arkansas up 42-0 before halftime. His fifth touchdown pass came in the third quarter. The third quarter also featured a 61-yard touchdown pass by freshman quarterback Jalen Whitlow. Although his efforts helped Kentucky avoid a shutout, he completed only 2 of 10 passes for 83 yards. The Razorbacks took advantage of the young quarterback who started because the slightly more experienced Maxwell Smith and Patrick Towles were both out with injuries. Fortunately, basketball practice has already started, so the Kentucky fans didn't even notice.

### **CRIMSON TSUNAMI**

The weather conditions were not ideal, but that did not stop No. 1 Alabama (6-0, 3-0 SEC) from crushing the fatigued Missouri Tigers (3-4, 0-4 SEC). Mizzou coach Gary Pinkel congratulated his former Kent State teammate coach Nick Saban for his success. He claimed the current members of the Crimson Tide might compose the best team he has ever seen. Running backs Eddie Lacy and T.J. Yeldon both gained more than 100 yards throughout the game. Combined, they ran for five touchdowns. Missouri simply could not match the strength of the Alabama offense. Backup quarterback Corbin Berkstresser was 12 for 29, and running back Kendial Lawrence finished with 37 yards on 10 carries. Fortunately, Missouri has next weekend off. The Tigers better hope this will give James Franklin enough time to recover.

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