



# ARE VANDERBILT STUDENTS JUST PRE-GAMING THE HOSPITAL?

Intoxication and hospitalization due to alcohol-related incidents on The Commons are up this year from 2011, according to data compiled by G.L. Black, assistant dean and director of Student Life.

Between Aug. 1 and Oct. 31 of this year, 26 students were found responsible for intoxication charges, and 23 students were transported to the Emergency Department for alcohol-related incidents. This is up from 18 students found responsible for intoxication and 18 students taken to the Emergency Department over the same period of time last year.

Corey Slovis, chairman of Vanderbilt Emergency Medicine, noted that students taken to the Emergency Department have been in more serious condition than usual.

"My impression is when students come in they're trending to being more seriously impaired by alcohol," Slovis said.

Still, Dean of Students Mark Bandas was quick to point out that this represents a small minority of Vanderbilt students.

"The number of students involved in these incidents represents about 2 percent of first year students," Bandas wrote in an email to The Hustler.

Why these numbers are up is a question without a definite answer. It's possible that this is just a statistical blip due to the small time frames measured. It's also possible that this is reflective of larger national trends in

attitudes towards alcohol consumption. The AlcoholEdu survey that all incoming Vanderbilt students take shows an upward trend in students saying they drink to get drunk:

43 percent in 2011-2012, up from 39 per-

cent in 2010-2011. This mirrors national trends in alcohol consumption that have been observed by college administrators all over the country.

"Across the nation we see a higher level of people who drink, drinking in order to get drunk," Duke University Associate Dean Tom Sczigethy wrote in an email to The Hustler.

However, Sczigethy also noted that the number of EMS calls at Duke due to alcohol has remained consistent this year from last year, and the Blood Alcohol Content of students transported to the hospital has decreased on average.

"During September of 2011, students being transported to the hospital were predominantly in the 200 range for BAC — September of 2012 had the same amount of assessment calls — a few less transports, but the BAC numbers were all in the 100 range," Sczigethy wrote.

This contrasts with Dr. Slovis' impression that students being transported to the Vanderbilt Emergency Department have been more impaired this year. It also suggests that the increase in alcohol incidents this year could be due to more Vanderbilt-specific causes.

One possibility is that the tightening of enforcement of alcohol policies on Greek Row — in addition to the increase in stu-

dents drinking to get drunk — has led to more pre-gaming on The Commons.

While the policy on alcohol at Greek parties hasn't changed, the enforcement of the policy, especially the use of third-party bartenders, has.

"One could speculate that first-year students who drink to get drunk are less able to obtain alcohol at fraternity parties and, as a consequence, engage in pre-gaming, drinking large quantities of alcohol in a short time frame prior to going out for the evening," Bandas wrote.

Many students have also had this impression, which Bandas noted, but there isn't concrete evidence that this is the

case. "Historically, we haven't collected data about the pre-gaming phenomenon. But, we will in the future," Bandas wrote.

Seven different reporters contacted RAs on The Commons for interviews and received no comment.

Bandas also confirmed that a loosening of alcohol policies on Greek Row is not in the cards for the administration.

"Our view is that the new party management system is critical to the continued success of Greek chapters and that the pre-gaming issue must and will be addressed through other measures and programs and by changing the culture,"

It's a murky issue, but the statistics behind the **social drinking habits** of Vanderbilt students are bringing more clarity to **a disturbing trend**. By Sam McBride, news manager

Bandas wrote.

Bandas also mentioned that tighter enforcement of the substance-free policy on The Commons, including searching students' rooms and hiring guards to search students as they enter the houses, has been considered. However, the administration has decided against this policy.

"Such coercive measures seem officious, intrusive and inappropriate," Bandas wrote. "And, we doubt such measures would help from a safety and risk management perspective. Students who drink to get drunk might simply relocate the site of their drinking to clubs or off-campus party houses, to environments which are less safe than the campus."

Instead, the administration is focusing on changing the culture at Vanderbilt and encouraging responsible drinking. This involves existing programs like AlcoholEdu as well as possible future programs, such as a mandatory alcohol education module for first-year students and

ence," Slovis said. "It's policies along with a student buy-in, a student sense of accepting responsibility for drinking responsibly if they're going to drink at all."

— Tyler Bishop, Kion Sawney, Alex Hagar, Jenna Wengler, Collier Bowling, Emily Torres, Zach Berkowitz, Charlotte Gill, Maddie Hughes, Hannah Sills, Chelsea Mihelich and Maria Ramos all contributed to this report.

a "Work Smart, Play Smart" campaign to promote responsible drinking.

Dr. Slovis agreed that the focus of any effort to reduce severe alcohol incidents on campus must be a change in Vanderbilt culture.

"Policies alone don't make a differ-

## BY THE NUMBERS

Statistics show that alcohol incidents have increased for first-year students from last year.

FOR AUGUST 1-OCTOBER 31

**18** → **26**  
2011 2012

First year students found responsible for **intoxication charges**

**13** → **13**  
2011 2012

First year students granted **immunity** on intoxication charges

**18** → **23**  
2011 2012

First year students transported to the **Emergency Department** for alcohol-related issues

**183** citations related to alcohol including **drunkenness** and **liquor law violations**, appeared on VUPD's crime log from Aug. 18 to Nov. 8.

**64** percent of students feel that alcohol facilitates **sexual opportunities**

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**Do we have a drinking problem?**

**Passed out:** A student shares his experience. Also, other Vanderbilt students share their perspectives on alcohol and whether they see it as a problem for the campus.

**Administration:** You are not alone. A look at the actions and policies the administration is currently taking to promote responsible drinking on campus and what administrators say actions students should take.

## GOP loses big in ads

Republican-leaning independent groups were supposed to be a key to victory for Mitt Romney. Instead, they ended up being among the big losers of the presidential race, spending an eye-popping \$380 million on ads to oust President Barack Obama — only to come up woefully short.

Unleashed by the Citizens United Supreme Court decision, which allowed wealthy individuals and corporations to spend freely to influence elections, these super political action committees and other groups played a big role in GOP victories in 2010 — only to fall down badly two years later in their first national electoral test. Republican losses from the top of the ticket on down are forcing the groups' leaders to re-examine their strategy and determine how best to spend their donors' money going forward.

John Geer, a Vanderbilt University political science professor who studies campaign commercials, said the groups fell short in part because their ads were just not that persuasive. Research conducted by Geer's Vanderbilt Ad Rating Project found that few of the super PAC ads had much impact on voters — the vast majority of whom had made up their minds long ago about whether to give Obama another term.

"These ads didn't have a recurring theme, and they weren't particularly good," Geer said. "I was surprised that the super PACs ran a huge amount of ads that collectively were uninspired."

## 'Bowl' games

Sam McBride, news manager

If you travel to Suwon, South Korea in the near future, you'll get the chance to visit a one-of-a-kind attraction. The city has recently opened the world's first toilet theme park, according to BBC News.

The Restroom Cultural Park was built in memory of the former mayor of the town, who was reportedly born in his grandmother's toilet, and worked throughout his life to promote cleaner and better public toilets. His passion for toilets even led him to build a toilet-shaped house.

The park contains a museum with examples of toilets from a variety of different time periods and cultures, as well as fun facts about toilets and a sculpture garden with a variety of squatting figures.

The city also holds the "Golden Poop" art festival with toilet-themed artwork, and it lists several of its public toilets as tourist sites.



## Vandy finances are 'AA+' and stable

Sam McBride, news manager

The credit rating agency Fitch Ratings has assigned an "AA+" rating to nearly \$150 million in bonds to be issued by Vanderbilt University this week, reflecting a stable financial outlook for the university.

"Vanderbilt's steady, positive operating results, substantial balance sheet resources, manageable debt burden and strong fundraising ability underpin the 'AA+' rating," the Fitch report read.

Fitch also cited the large amounts of available funds Vanderbilt has — \$3.72 billion as of June 30, 2012 — and the fact that this covers operating expenses and debt by a large margin.

The Fitch report also praised Vanderbilt's management as a source of financial stability.

"Vanderbilt's stable, seasoned management team demonstrates prudent financial and facilities planning that has resulted in manageable future capital needs and a stable to declining debt burden," the report read.

— Associated Press contributed to this report



# campus

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I walked over to alumni lawn and basically passed out. Some girl found me and told me I couldn't sleep there, but I was too sick to do anything."

ANONYMOUS FIRST-YEAR STUDENT

# Do we have a drinking problem?

First-year Hustler news reporters in September began expressing concern about the prevalence of alcohol-related incidents on campus. Since then, our staff has been investigating the rise in alcohol consumption and abuse, the university's response and what students are thinking about the issue.

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## Passed out: a student shares his experience

By TYLER BISHOP  
News manager

Every weekend, students across campus get themselves into situations that might be a bit too much to handle. A Hustler reporter sat down with a student who had such an experience. Below is a direct account of a first-year student's night from this semester:

"So we were at someone's room drinking, and we decided to go out. So we went to a fraternity house and everything was fine."

They proceeded to hit the dance floor, and after a while they took a break outside.

"Then I asked my roommate for a beer, he had one in his hand, and I grabbed it and drank it really quickly."

Little did he know that his roommate was actually spitting tobacco into a beer can, and his roommate assumed that he wanted the can to spit in as well.

His roommate, seeing him turn the can bottoms up, watched in shock and awe. He didn't say anything, however, because after drinking the can of spit, his roommate seemed completely unfazed. The roommate went back to the dance floor, while the other freshman began to grow sick from the tobacco mixed with alcohol in his stomach.

"All of a sudden, I got really sick and started throwing up. A brother soon saw me and asked me to leave."

He wasn't just asked to leave — he was physically thrown out of the party. Without his friends' knowing, he left the party by himself, having no idea why he was so sick that he could barely walk.

"So I walked over to Alumni Lawn and basically passed out. Some girl found me and told me I couldn't sleep there, but I was too sick to do anything." This girl actually took the time to look through his recent calls and found the number of one of his friends.

"She took my phone and called a friend of mine, who then came over and helped me up, along with another guy, and basically dragged me back to the Commons."

"Then the next morning my roommate told me it was dip spit (in the beer can), and that's how I knew I got really sick."

While he didn't regret drinking that night, he did regret taking a swig of his roommate's dip spit, and he realized that this decision was a result of his drinking.

This student's experience presented many situations that could have ended in tragedy:

- The decision to drink before going out, commonly referred to as "pre-gaming," most likely led to over-intoxication.

"Pre-gaming is a very high-risk form of drinking. Rapid consumption makes it difficult, especially for the less experienced drinker, to successfully anticipate the level of intoxication produced," Mark Bandas, dean of students, wrote in an email to The Hustler. "Pre-gamers are more likely to become dangerously drunk and to have encounters with Metro police, VUPD or residential staff or end up in the Emergency Department."

- Passing out outside poses multiple risks. According to the AlcoholEdu website, those who plan to drink should always do so with others. Marjorie "Honey" Pike, assistant chief of police at VUPD, said that students are at a higher risk when they have been drinking, especially when they are alone.

"The truth of the matter is that when you have a student drinking, they are more likely to be the victim of a crime," Pike said.

- If it had been colder and had the student was not found, he might have

also been at risk for hypothermia. Bandas warned of this potential issue in an email to the student body on Oct. 31:

"Hypothermia occurs in conditions of exposure to low temperatures and is often complicated by drinking. Drinking alcohol increases the risk of hypothermia. It increases blood flow to the skin resulting in a feeling of warmth while actually increasing heat loss. Drinking too much in cold conditions can be deadly," Bandas wrote in the email.

The Hustler also reached out to students regarding their opinions on alcohol on campus. Of the 16 students surveyed, three were freshman, four were sophomores, four were juniors and five were seniors.

When asked if students believe alcohol consumption is a problem on campus, six answered yes.

"I see a lot of people abusing alcohol, but I think you'll see that on any campus," junior Kevin Schoelzel said.

Junior Taylor Pitt, however, said she does not see a problem. She said the immunity rule keeps it (alcohol abuse) from being an issue.

The Hustler also asked the 13 sophomores, juniors and seniors whether they have perceived an increase in alcohol incidents on campus. Only one answered yes, 10 answered no and two said they did not know or were unsure.

— Alex Hagar contributed to this report

## QUICK STATS

For the 2011-2012 academic year:

### Why students drink

- 67%** To have a good time with friends
- 62%** To celebrate
- 47%** To be more outgoing
- 39%** To get drunk
- 37%** To feel happy

2009 CORE Alcohol and Drug Survey:

**58%** FIRST-YEARS

**70%** UPPERCLASSMEN

report consuming alcohol

**92%** MALES

**87%** FEMALES

feel alcohol is central to a social life

**90%** feel that the campus atmosphere promotes alcohol abuse

# Administration: you are not alone

By TYLER BISHOP  
News manager

The Vanderbilt Hustler convened an interview with Vanderbilt administrators and staff on Thursday, Oct. 8, addressing the issue of alcohol on campus. Various offices and departments involved in handling alcohol incidents on campus were represented.

According to Dean of Students Mark Bandas, the University has made specific efforts in recent years to decrease the influence of alcohol on campus.

"In 2011, Vanderbilt University revamped the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Office in an effort to better serve students. The goal of what is now known as the Office of Wellness Programs and Alcohol Education is to educate students and provide them with the skills to make healthy choices regarding alcohol and wellness," Bandas wrote in an email to the Hustler.

August Washington, assistant vice chancellor and chief of VUPD, said that the university would always be concerned with alcohol incidents on campus, regardless of what statistics show.

"It is always a concern. Next year it will be a concern, and the year after that it will be a concern," Washington said.

The university has measures and resources in place to mitigate the problems with alcohol on campus. The Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity's immunity rule is one of these measures. It states that "no student seeking medical attention for intoxication or overdose shall be formally disciplined for the simple illegal use or underage possession of alcohol or other drugs and the resulting overdose or intoxication."

### The Immunity Rule

"The importance of showing care and concern for community members — that's why we have the immunity rule. I think students are erring on the safe side and going out and seeking help when they need it," said G.L. Black, assistant dean and director of the Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity.

### How does ResEd handle incidents?

The Office of Housing and Residential Education, in addition to helping facilitate the immunity rule, has a system that is designed to respond to incidents with proper discretion.

"Our system exists so that there is always an area coordinator on call for the entire campus. So when the student is intoxicated to the degree that draws their attention, they are alerted, and they go to the emergency room and they assess the situation," Randy Tarkington, senior director of residential education, said. "There is always a follow-up where they talk about what happened, what decisions were made and what the student learned from it."

### 'Work smart, play smart' instead of 'work hard, play hard'

The Office of Housing and Residential Education also has plans to partner with VSG on an initiative called "Work Smart, Play Smart." The idea behind the initiative is to attempt to change the "work hard, play hard" mindset on campus.

"There is a very narrow definition of 'playing hard,' and what we want to do is expand that definition beyond getting so drunk that you end up in the emergency room," Tarkington said.

### VUPD: here to help

The Vanderbilt police department also works to provide service that takes care of students without compromising the integrity of the department.

"We have about 100 sworn police officers that work for us," Chief August Washington said. "These officers are just like city police officers in that they are patrolling campus, and if there is an incident with alcohol, they have some discretion they can use if it is a Vanderbilt student."

Washington, however, was quick to remind students that the department is committed to abiding by the letter of the law.

"The first thing (students) have to understand is that in the state of Tennessee, if you are under 21 years of age, it is illegal to consume or possess alcohol. But our discretion allows us to give them a student citation, but if

the student is noncompliant, we could end up having to take them to jail," Washington said.

### Psychological Counseling & Assessment

The Office Student Health and Wellness also provides resources to seek help with alcohol related issues. According to Tina Smith, assistant dean of the Office of Student Health and Wellness, the Psychological Counseling Center provides short- and long-term counseling, among other assessments, aimed at protecting students from the effects of alcoholism.

"To delve deeper into the clinical aspects of the assessment — that is all done at the PCC," Smith said.

Smith, however, also said students are often hesitant to take advantage of this service on campus.

"A lot of times students' perceptions and misconceptions of what the service will look like there will cause them not to go."

### New greek policy on fraternity parties

The Office of Greek Life, beginning this year, implemented a policy intended to decrease the alcohol consumption at fraternity parties on campus. The policy requires fraternities to hire third-party bartenders to assist fraternities in enforcing the "BYOB" policy at parties.

The new policy has been the point of much speculation as to why alcohol incidents rose in the first-year class this year. Kristin Shorter, the director of Greek Life, however, said she does not accept this speculation, and that the policy is intended to help both students and fraternities.

"I can't speculate — do you know what I mean — as to why a particular student chooses why to drink," Shorter said. "The intent of the policy was to reduce risk for the fraternities."

### Other resources

Among other efforts to handle alcohol problems on campus are a standing committee within the faculty senate addressing alcohol and drug abuse, the availability of resident advisors, Vanderbilt Recovery Support and programming provided by the Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention — including programs on self-care, harm reduction, alcohol overdose signs and symptoms, host re-

sponsibility training and standard drink sizes.

### Are efforts paying off?

Despite the efforts of the university to continue to decrease the prevalence of alcohol abuse on campus, administrators recognize that it is not an issue that is likely to disappear on campus.

"I'm always in anxiety about student safety," Washington said. "It's never just another year."

The administration, however, charges students with the primary responsibility for their own actions and helping other students in need.

"Obviously there are students who are concerned. I think the focus then is how do we help our friends — how do we create a (different) culture — whether its up or down — I think that those are the kinds of things that students would need," Director of Greek Life Kristin Shorter said.

"One thing we've found is the key to success in this is when students lead the initiative," Senior Director of Residential Education Randy Tarkington said.

### Editor's Note:

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# Sandy hits Vanderbilt family

By **ANDRÉ ROUILLARD**  
*Opinion editor*

In the wake of Hurricane Sandy and the nor'easter that followed, millions of New Yorkers began to pick up the pieces and resume their lives, a difficult task that brought communities together, not only in the Northeast, but across the country as well. As the full scope of the damage is finally being realized and the lights are coming on for the last few communities still without power, some families, including one here at Vanderbilt, are faced with recovering from losses that can't be rebuilt, re-bought or repaired.

Brad Moyer, assistant manager at Rand Dining Center, is currently in New York helping his wife Jo Ann, a chef at Firefly Grille in Green Hills, and her family recover from two such losses. Brad — originally from Pennsylvania — married his wife — a Staten Island native — in Nashville in 2006 during the CMA Music Festival after meeting in Pennsylvania in 2003. Despite having few family ties to Nashville, the couple has enthusiastically embraced all that the city has to offer. The two are both huge music fans, benefiting from Nashville's legendary music scene, and Brad attests that he has sat in every section in Bridgestone Arena, for Predators games and concerts alike. "Nashville is more than just a city to me," said Brad. "It's the second love of my life ... after my wife of course."

Before Hurricane Sandy, Jo Ann's father George Dresch, mother Patricia and sister Angela decided to ride out the storm in their home, memories of the last hurricane to hit New York fresh in their minds. Brad remembers his wife talking to her family the night before the storm, debating on whether or not to evacuate before landfall. Last year during Hurricane Irene, the Dresch family followed evacuation orders, only to have their home left untouched by the storm but raided and robbed during their absence. This time they decided to stick it out, and as low tide crept up to their front steps, it appeared the flood damage would be minimal, mostly limited to the first floor of their Staten Island home. However, later that night, Brad's brother-in-law received a call from Patricia Dresch, reporting that the hand-built extension on the back of the house had been "ripped off" by the wind and the waves, and that the family was heading to the second floor of the house as the water level continued to rise. This was the last time the family would communicate until the havoc the storm had wrought became fully and tragically apparent.

As the water level approached 20 feet high and crept

up to the necks of the Dresch family stranded on the top floor of their house, the building and the roof gave way, knocking Angela Dresch unconscious, and sweeping both her and George Dresch away from Patricia. Jo Ann's uncle Gerard Spero remembers calling 911 to no avail, as the lines in New York stood clogged with countless other emergencies that night. He finally was able to get through around 8:30 p.m., but Patricia Dresch, barely alive and barely conscious, was found by emergency workers close to midnight with a body temperature of 81 degrees. The next morning, Angela Dresch, 13, was found dead over a block away, and her father George, 55, was found dead the following day.

Brad and Jo Ann are currently planning and attending the funerals of Angela and George, all while helping Jo Ann's mother recover from what looked like the brink of death. She was released from the hospital just last Wednesday, but is making a recovery in "leaps and bounds," and is almost independent after being in the hospital for over a week. Brad and Jo Ann are no strangers to the effects of natural disasters: the couple's home here in Nashville was devastated in 2010 when the Cumberland River crested at over 50 feet and damaged huge swaths of land and property from downtown outward.

"We lost 80 percent of what we owned," recounted Brad. "Vanderbilt was awesome to us. They gave everyone two weeks of free vacation time and set up a fund to help out the staff families that had been affected. It was a blessing."

However, this also means that they are also no strangers to the recovery process. It took Brad and Jo Ann three months to repair their house to the point at which it was livable, and the full extent of the repairs was just finished this past summer. And just like last time, they're having some help from the community around them as well. The family's friends here in Nashville, which Brad referred to as an "extended family," helped the Moyers in getting up to Staten Island on short notice, and Brad thanked campus dining "for being wonderfully supportive, understanding and just generally amazing."

Many have inquired about the opportunity to donate to help Jo Ann's mother rebuild her life and to help pay for the double funeral; accordingly, a fund has been set up in Staten Island for just that purpose. Donations can be sent to the "Dresch Family Fund" in the care of TD Bank at 126 Page Avenue, Staten Island, N.Y., 10309, and a fundraiser will be held in Nashville on Nov. 18 at the Greenhouse in Green Hills from 6 to 10 p.m. with music, food and drinks.

## FEATURE PHOTO: VandyLAN



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Students gather to participate in various video game tournaments at VandyLAN, organized by the Vanderbilt Computer Society. Featheringill Hall, Nov. 9, 2012. Students engaged in tournaments in multi-player video games like the Halo, Super Smash Bros. and Starcraft series.

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# The new majority:

Women and minorities grabbed headlines this past Tuesday for their roles in the rapid changing of the American electorate. Hustler columnists break down both facets of this demographic shift.

## One small step for womankind

The 2012 election represents one small step forward for women everywhere. As someone who self-identifies as a feminist (an advocate for equal opportunity regardless of gender), this is extremely exciting. It's easy to feel frustrated with the inequity in today's society in which women continue to make less money than their male counterparts. Many people attribute the wage gap to differences in career and family choices. However, a survey of graduates from the year 2009 adjusted for major, hours worked and job description reveals an \$8,000 wage gap just one year after graduation. It is heartening to see women gaining in high-powered fields such as politics, as every step forward in representation is further validation for the 70-year campaign for women's suffrage.

Less than 100 years ago, it was said that women's delicacy was not compatible with the practice of politics. Opponents said that women would ruin politics, that or politics would ruin women. Women were often placed on a pedestal that exalted their "natural virtue" that would be spoiled if they entered the corrupt and sinful public sphere. Alternately, anti-suffragists feared that allowing women to vote would result in a version of female supremacy that confined men to the home. Today, these ideas seem absurd in the very least. In less than 100 years since the passage of the 19th Amendment, women have moved from being constituents to being policy makers. New Hampshire even elected a delegation composed entirely of women, as well as its female Governor Maggie Hassan. In fact, the 113th Congress will have more female senators than ever before.

The stunning number? Twenty. Now call me crazy, but I'm not quite ready to throw a party for the fact that over half of the population is represented by about a fifth of Con-

gress, but it is a step.

Female participation in politics is on the rise, and more people recognize that bringing new viewpoints to the table is beneficial to the political process. Group identity affects one's experience, outlook and decision-making; without experiential understanding, it's hard to truly represent the interests of a specific demographic. Unfortunately, our country still has a long way to go in terms of representation. To put things into perspective, the United States ranks approximately 70th in female governmental representation globally. In countries at the top of the list, such as Sweden, nearly 50 percent of the parliament is composed of women. When women participate in government, they are often advocates for the vulnerable: children, families and the poor. But there is a catch — the effect is less profound when women are a minority. Experimental studies show that when women make up only 20 percent of a given group, they use less floor time on average, are more likely to be interrupted by men and are viewed as less effective. Alternately, when females make up a larger percentage of a group, women speak more, men are more likely to listen and women are perceived as more effective. Dissimilarly, men do not tend to lose influence when they are in the minority.

It's obvious that female participation in politics is a good thing, but society still seems unable to shake the unconscious idea that women don't belong in politics. Female politicians are disproportionately questioned about their ability to balance work and family when they run for political candidacy. Despite the fact that most male politicians are married with children, their dedication to their family rarely comes under attack in their pursuit of public office.

While inequality still exists, this disparity in representation is closing as we continue to elect competent and capable women (of either party) to office. As college students, we can all be proud to say we voted in an election that brought our country one step closer to equal representation in political office.

— Molly Corn



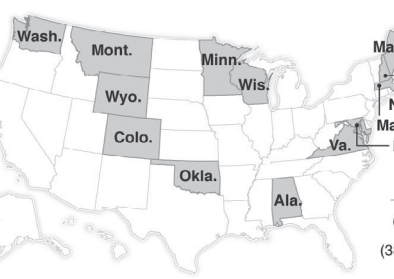
## Across the country

Voters made some important choices in the 2012 election; a look at some ballot measures that passed and some historic first time events:

**First time**  
Wis. Rep. Tammy Baldwin became first openly gay U.S. senator  
Va. More than \$82 million spent in most expensive Senate race

**Gay marriage**  
Md., Maine, Wash. Voted to legalize gay marriage  
Minn. Voted down a same-sex marriage ban

**Women in politics**  
• A record of at least 97 women elected to Congress  
N.H. Elected country's first all-women delegation including the only Democratic woman governor



**Health care**  
Ala., Mont., Wyo. Approved measure to sidestep insurance mandate

**Marijuana**  
Mass. Will allow use for medical purposes  
Wash., Colo. Approved recreational marijuana

**Affirmative action**  
Okla. Banned affirmative action in state government hiring, education and contracting

## A look at who voted

According to exit polls, how these groups voted: (Percent of voters)

(47%) Men	45%	52
(53) Women	55	44
(72%) White	39	59
(13) Black	93	6
(10) Latino	71	27
(3) Asian	73	26
(34%) White men	35	62
(38) White women	42	56
(5) Black men	87	11
(8) Black women	96	3
(19%) 19-29 years	60	37
(27) 30-44	52	45
(38) 45-64	47	51
(16) 65, older	44	56

NOTE: Does not include "Other" and "No answer"  
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## The not-so-silent minorities

Although the electoral vote count showed a major disparity between candidates, with President Obama commanding 332 votes vs. Governor Romney's 206, the popular vote painted a closer picture. President Obama received 51 percent of the popular vote while Gov. Romney had 48 percent. With three percent separating the two candidates, what really swayed the election in the president's favor?

If you take a closer look at the voter demographic, what sealed the deal for the president was his impressive victory in winning the minority vote. White voters, who make up almost 72 percent of the electorate, clearly favored Romney in the election as he garnered 59 percent of the white vote while President Obama received a measly 39 percent. With Romney taking charge of the white electorate, Obama heavily relied on the minority vote to achieve victory. President Obama acquired 93 percent of the black vote, 71 percent of the Hispanic vote and 73 percent of the Asian vote.

These are scary statistics for Republicans because the growth of the minority population in the U.S. shows no signs of slowing. Minorities account for 92 percent of the United States' population growth, and there are more minority births in the U.S. annually than there are white births. This should be an alarming trend to the Republican Party due to the imminent "threat" of the minority majority, meaning that eventually the non-Hispanic whites will make up less than half of the population of the United States. As this dramatic demographic shift continues to progress, the eventual outcome will result in a considerable drop in the number of Republicans in seats of power. It is tough to envision a Republican becoming president in the near future, especially if the economy continues to show signs of recovery. Minority support for President Obama and the Democrats is

chiefly due to policies favoring minorities. I know that naturally people will say that minority voters, chiefly African-American voters, chose Obama because of his mixed race background, but in 2004, John Kerry got 88 percent of the black vote and in 2000 Gore got 90 percent — not a huge difference when compared to Obama's 93 percent, especially when African-American voters make up 13 percent of the electorate. What really helped the president this time around was the Hispanic population, of which 71 percent showed Obama their support. Quoth the president himself: "Should I win a second term, a big reason I will win a second term is because the Republican nominee and the Republican Party have so alienated the fastest-growing demographic group in the country, the Latino community." Hispanic voters showed overwhelming support for the president mainly due to his promise for immigration reform. This was coupled with the Republican Party's tough stance on anti-immigration reform as well as their lack of support for the Dream Act, which would have granted legal status to illegal immigrants who came to the U.S. as children and have lived here for most of their lives. Latinos are the fastest-growing ethnicity and that fact alone will cause serious problems for Republican candidates in the near future unless they embrace comprehensive immigration reform.

Romney's downfall was his insistence on self-deportation, even for those illegal immigrants living here for decades. Although a valid argument because the immigrants are indeed here illegally, Hispanic voters feel that this stance classifies them as numbers rather than people integrated into a community. Telling someone they are not wanted here, no matter how productive they have been to the community or economy, would not sit well with anyone. Although both parties' arguments have merit, the Republican Party must undergo some serious changes regarding immigration if it hopes to win over Hispanic voters.

— Mihir Parthasarathy

## Talking about the weather

Climate change was unwisely ignored as an issue by both parties and the media this election cycle

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In the wake of the Frankenstorm that tormented the East Coast a few days before Halloween, why aren't we freaking out about climate change? As Hurricane Sandy's nickname "Frankenstorm" might suggest, the storm and its immediate effects were frightening. Even more terrifying, these kinds of storms might grow increasingly ubiquitous when global temperatures increase in the next 20 years. As Mayor of New York City Michael Bloomberg said, "Hurricane Sandy provided us with a wake up call about the impacts of climate change. Recent extreme weather and climate change will be costly in human, environmental and economic terms for the U.S. and the world." Mayor Bloomberg speaks the truth — TIME magazine predicts that Hurricane Sandy will cost \$60 billion to clear up and could slow U.S. economic growth by 0.6 percent.

Despite these terrifying predictions, major newspapers mentioned Hurricane Sandy 94 times in the 24 hours after the storm; however, not one of these articles mentioned climate change.

In the face of the perplexingly low level of coverage on global warming, this phenomenon will ruin our lives if we do not take action immediately. For one thing, waterfront real estate in New York City might become part of the Hudson River, while South Florida might disappear entirely into the Gulf of Mexico as sea levels rise. Snowmen and snow angels might become funny myths by the time our generation raises children. And chocolate, honey and peanut butter will become foods you can only crave when places like Uganda and the Ivory Coast grow too hot to cultivate chocolate, bee populations dwindle and peanut crops falter. Worst of all, people with allergies will suffer more as hot weather increases the

amount of pollen and ragweed in the atmosphere.

With consequences like these, why does climate change receive so little media coverage? Even as scientists find more and more evidence that the impacts are increasing, U.S. media coverage on the issue has declined steadily since 2009. The lack of media attention on global climate change might halt action from constituency-driven politicians. Even President Obama, who played up climate change as a major part of his 2008 campaign, mentions the topic increasingly infrequently.

Despite the lack of forward action so far, there is still hope that America can become a greener nation soon. Following the recent election, climate change has entered the political dialogue once more. Senate Majority Leader Henry Reid declared, "Climate change is an extremely important issue for me and I hope we can address it reasonably. It's something, as we've seen with these storms that are overwhelming our country and the world, we need to do something about it." Reid proposed that the Senate take up a bill that would tax carbon emissions. With a stronger hold on the Senate after the elections, Reid has a higher chance of making this bill into a law. In fact, pundits predict that if a grand deal on taxes takes place, a carbon tax will be high on the president's list of priorities. So, despite the lack of hype given to climate change thus far, in the future we might be able to call ourselves proud of an America committed to reducing carbon emissions and preventing further damage to the environment.

— Katerina Rosen



# Life



## Top 5 Albums Coming Out This Week

1. "Take Me Home" by One Direction
2. "iDos!" by Green Day
3. "Trilogy" by The Weeknd
4. "Silver and Gold" by Sufjan Stevens
5. "Flying Lotus" by Christina Aguilera

## EAT THIS!

### Recipe of the Week

By **BOBBY AUSTIN**  
*Life reporter*

#### Thai chicken noodle soup

Though Nashville may be famous for a lot of things, international cuisine is not necessarily one of them. Nevertheless, a quick Google search shows almost 12 international markets in the Greater Nashville area, with one right in the neighborhood. My mission: Go to an international market, cook a foreign meal and prove that anyone can be an exotic chef, even a college student in Middle Tennessee.

My journey to culinary greatness began near the corner of Belmont Boulevard and Bernard Avenue at International Market and Restaurant. Just a few blocks from Vanderbilt's campus, the market specializes in Thai and other Southeast Asian cuisine. As such, I scoured the Internet for the perfect oriental recipe and found exactly what I wanted in just a few minutes: Thai chicken noodle soup.

Upon entering the International Market and Restaurant, the first thing I noticed was the size of the place. The building was relatively small, and the "market," which made up about one-third of the complex, consisted of two aisles of densely stocked Asian cuisine. The other two-thirds consisted of a hot buffet, providing a hole-in-the-wall option for authentic Southeast Asian cuisine. A woman stocking the shelves greeted me with a smile, and despite somewhat of a language barrier, she led me to the more obscure items like kaffir lime leaves and galangal. But honestly, with only two aisles to choose from, shopping wasn't exactly a daunting task. All in all, the process was quick and easy. As I left, my checker made me promise to come back for lunch one day, and I plan on following through, especially if the food tastes as good as it smells.

The next night, I got started on my international masterpiece. For those with less cultivated culinary skills, soup is probably a good way to begin cooking, as it is extremely satisfying to merely throw things into a pot and have a hearty, home cooked meal in under an hour. This Thai chicken noodle soup was no exception. Spicy from the chile, creamy from the coconut milk and salty from the fish sauce, it has a taste that feels foreign yet still reminiscent of the classic comfort soup your mom used to make.

Here are some tips on making your own Thai chicken noodle soup:

Make sure you have a vegetable peeler for getting those pesky carrots cleaned up. Peeling carrots with a knife is difficult and you're liable to cut yourself in the process.

If you're feeling lazy, I suggest using canned chicken instead of taking apart a full roasted bird. It's cheaper, easier to work with and no one will ever know the difference when it's in a soup. And if you are looking to add that extra zing to your soup, add in some extra chile sauce. It spices up your bowl without overpowering the other ingredients.

And finally: cook with your friends. Cooking time is bonding time, and taking a break from the books to do something a little more domestic can make you feel like you're back at home.

#### Thai chicken noodle soup recipe

Prep time: 15 minutes  
Cook time: 15 minutes  
Total time: 30 minutes  
Yield: Makes 2-3 meal-size bowls  
Ingredients:

- 6 cups good-tasting chicken broth (add bones if you have leftover roast chicken or turkey)
- 1/2 fresh chicken breasts or thighs, chopped into small pieces OR 1/2 cups leftover roast chicken (or turkey)
- 1 stalk lemongrass, finely sliced and minced OR 3 tablespoons bottled or frozen prepared lemongrass
- 3-4 kaffir lime leaves OR substitute 1 bay leaf
- 1 thumb-size piece galangal OR ginger, grated or sliced into thin strips
- 1 large carrot, sliced
- several bunches baby bok choy separated (or other added greens of your choice)
- 1 red chili, minced OR 1 teaspoon chili sauce OR 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup fresh lime juice
- 2-3 tablespoon fish sauce (to taste)
- 1/4 to 1/3 cup coconut milk
- white or black pepper (to taste)
- generous handful of fresh coriander
- 8-10 oz. dry flat Thai rice noodles OR other noodles of your choice
- optional: 1 teaspoon sugar, to taste

#### Preparation:

1. Bring a large pot of water to just under a boil and add the noodles. Remove from heat and allow noodles to soak 5-8 minutes or until soft but still chewy ("al dente"). Drain and rinse briefly with cold water to keep from sticking.
2. Using a large soup pot, bring chicken stock to a boil over high heat. Add the fresh or roasted chicken, lemongrass, galangal or ginger, carrot, whole lime leaves (plus chicken or turkey bones, if available). Boil on high for one minute, then turn heat down to medium and cover with a lid. Allow soup to simmer for 5-6 more minutes, adding bok choy when chicken is nearly cooked.
3. While continuing to simmer the soup, add the chili, garlic, lime juice, plus two tablespoons of the fish sauce. Stir well.
4. Turn heat down to minimum and add the coconut milk (add up to 1/3 cup for creamier soup). Stir to incorporate.
5. Taste-test the soup, adding more fish sauce until desired flavor/saltiness is reached (how much you will need depends on how salty your stock is). If it tastes too salty, add another squeeze or two of lime juice. Add more chili if not spicy enough, or more coconut milk if the soup is too spicy. If the soup is a little too sour for your taste, add 1-2 teaspoon sugar (to balance out the lime juice).
6. To serve, place a generous mound of noodles in each bowl, then top with the hot soup. Finish with a final sprinkling of pepper and fresh coriander.

# Real talk with Kiersten Chresfield

By **ANGELICA LASALA**  
*Chief copy editor*

Junior Kiersten Chresfield cites communication as part and parcel to everything she does at Vanderbilt. Whether she's facilitating event collaborations between organizations as Multicultural Leadership Council president or helping first-year students navigate the college experience as a resident adviser in North House, Chresfield constantly engages in conversations that shape the role of culture on campus.

Speaking to the organization over which she presides, Chresfield explained that the MLC's main function is to facilitate conversation.

"The council serves as a liaison between cultural organizations and the university," Chresfield said. "There are 25 members of the council, and we meet every other week to talk about different council events or what's going on in our organizations and how to promote diversity on Vanderbilt's campus."

"One of the big things for me is that you're having the presidents of these organizations in the same room and talking. And that's exactly what all of these events are about — bridging gaps ... you're having different people in the room together that would not be in the room otherwise, and that's great to see."

As MLC president, one of Chresfield's main initiatives — and one of her biggest successes so far — has been a push towards collaborative programming between member organizations. Occasionally, MLC meetings involve brainstorming sessions in which dif-

ferent organizations are paired and tasked with creating a potential event to cohost. And sometimes, as was the case with Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc. and the Muslim Students Association when they hosted a discussion on the perceptions of Islam post-9/11, these hypothetical events come into fruition.

According to Chresfield, the MLC has also experienced a significant increase in size over the course of the semester. "One of my big goals for this year was to increase the size of the council by 50 percent," Chresfield said, "and we did that within the first month of operation. So we've gone from 16 to 25 different organizations."

This growth, Chresfield explained, does not solely represent a change in size but also a widening definition of the term "cultural" as it relates to Vanderbilt's student organizations. For instance, the decision to invite Vanderbilt Feminists into the MLC was made in the spirit of including the female perspective when discussing campus issues.

"I think that MLC's choice to include gender really speaks volumes to the diversity that we try to seek as a council," Chresfield said.

On her personal definitions of culture and diversity, Chresfield said, "I think a lot of it is more about diversity in the sense of opportunity, less of the color of my skin. There's really a lot more than race attached to it at this point."

Further emphasizing gender issues as central to today's cultural conversation, Chresfield mentioned that Vanderbilt's support of

the LGBTQI community through hanging rainbow pride flags on buildings throughout campus during National Coming Out Week is unprecedented. "If you were to go back 30, 40 years, I don't think the same Vanderbilt would have flown that flag anywhere on campus," Chresfield said.

As a Resident Adviser in North House, this year's National Coming Out Week hit close to home for Chresfield. During the week, the rainbow pride flag hanging at North House was stolen, prompting the women of North 2 — Chresfield's residents — to host an Ubuntu dinner (a North House tradition involving the discussion of issues at Vanderbilt and the world at large) to dine and share thoughts on LGBTQI acceptance.

"I had no hands in it at all," Chresfield said, "and I was really excited to see all that they did with it, writing a letter to Dr. Barz and other members of the Vanderbilt community — really speaking out about how we as a hall or we as a house felt about the incident."

Chresfield explained that, through the common thread of engaging in cultural conversation, her experiences as MLC president and her experiences as resident adviser overlap and inform each other.

"It's (being an RA) helped me learn how to have difficult conversations," Chresfield said. "It's really taught me how to be there for people. You have people that are relying on you day in and day out, whether you think they're there or not, and you really have to take notice to that and be an outlet for them, a resource, someone to just sit down and talk to."

# Fall loves layers: fashion for men

By **PATRICK HECKETHORN**  
*Life reporter*

As Nashville shifts through moments of warm front clarity before dumping us into winter, take this opportunity to break out your layers — because men, layers are our friends. Starting with the bottom and working our way up, here's the perfect fall outfit.

Begin with shoes; ditch the Sperrys. Boat shoes are summer wear, if that. Instead, opt for boots, preferably a brown leather pair that's sturdy but sleek, and avoid chunky soles and Gore-Tex. Chocolate browns and dark navy are on trend at the moment, as is detailing, like wing tips and perforation. Most importantly, cowboy boots don't count. For all of you who wear cowboy boots, this goes for girls and guys, please put an end to that joke of a shoe. If you moved to Japan, would you wear a tacky robe from the 2-for-1 kimono shop down the street? Maybe so, but that's not cute, and neither are those god-awful boots.

For pants, the two hottest things this season are warm-colored slacks and dark jeans, which isn't anything new. For the slacks, stick with slim chinos in colors like burnt orange, maroon tinged reds (we're calling it oxblood now!), choc-

olates and caramels. Faded blues and greens are also hot. Light wash jeans aren't exactly in right now, but fashion is making a desperate attempt to shove the '90s back in our face, so don't toss them aside just yet. Stick to dark jeans with a tapered leg in the meantime.

Plaid is dead, gingham has been seriously violated and Breton stripes, well, they're still fine for now. This fall, forget the patterns for a moment. Opt instead for solid shirts with interesting textures and fits. I'm a big fan of the pullover shirt with a half button placket. These look great in wool and are just unique enough to keep you ahead of the herd. Want to really represent Nashville? Pick up a denim shirt. They are effortless, timeless and masculine. And don't be afraid to wear denim on denim. As long as the two pieces are different shades, preferably one light and one dark, you should be safe. If you are thinking about patterns, there are plenty of chic prints out at the moment. Asos.com is full of a whole host of cheeky British button-ups covered with everything from pastel '50s swing dancers to zany, vaguely tribal numbers. Big floral prints have also made a triumphant return, finally eclipsing the garish flare that was this summer's Hawaiian obsession.

Sweaters are where we can really get adven-

turous. I've learned that the quickest way to a compliment is a good sweater. Go for something simple, yet bold. Pick something with a quirky pattern, but keep it relatively minimalist. Honestly, there really aren't too many rules when it comes to sweaters. If they are colorful or busy in any way, make sure to pair them with a simple outfit: neutral or black pants and a solid colored shirt underneath. If they are more subdued, maybe a solid color or simple pattern, work them under a leather jacket or a puffy down vest.

The varsity jacket is especially big this year, but please don't dip into your closet over Thanksgiving for that vinyl high school nightmare. Do pick up a vintage leather, cotton jacket or one of the many new vintage-inspired ones on sale this season. As always, keep it simple with relatively little writing or graphics. If that seems too campy, and it can be, opt for a bomber jacket. It's a classic mid-century style that never really fades, but it's back this season in a deliberate way.

Combine these pieces together and emerge from your dorm-cave more confident than ever. Maybe even sneak into East Nashville and pretend to be hip. Like that T-rex in Jurassic Park, if they can't hear the squeak of your Sperrys, they can't see you for who you really are.



The bomber jacket is a sleek, classic way to complete any fall outfit.

Instead of wearing plaid or other busy patterns, embrace more simplistic prints this fall

Layering a cardigan under your jacket is a fashionable way to battle Nashville's indecisive weather

Simple varsity jackets like this one can act as a great statement piece this fall





# sports

## THE BIG STAT

Games with 100-plus yards receiving for junior Jordan Matthews after his nine-catch, 153-yard performance against Ole Miss. Matthews also topped 1,000 yards in a single season for the first time.

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## MINUTE DRILL

### POWER RANKINGS: WEEK 11

Each week The Vanderbilt Hustler ranks the teams in the SEC 1-14. This week Alabama lost (!), Vanderbilt clinched bowl eligibility and Johnny Football!

By **JACKSON MARTIN**  
Sports reporter



#### 1. No. 4 Alabama (9-1, 6-1 SEC)

Alabama became the latest victim of Johnny Football this weekend, falling 29-24 to Texas A&M in Tuscaloosa. Quarterback A.J. McCarron threw his first two interceptions of the year, with one coming in the end zone with less than two minutes left. The Tide's loss may very well end the SEC's national title streak at six.



#### 2. No. 5 Georgia (9-1, 7-1)

The Dawgs clinched the SEC East with a 38-0 beatdown of Auburn. After watching Texas A&M throw all over Alabama's defense, there is growing hope among the Bulldog faithful that Georgia can topple the Tide in the SEC Championship Game.



#### 3. No. 8 LSU (8-2, 4-2)

With a 37-17 win over Mississippi State, the Tigers have put themselves in prime position to go to a BCS Bowl so long as Georgia doesn't beat Alabama. However, don't put it past Les Miles to completely blow a game against Ole Miss or Arkansas by attempting four fake field goals or something equally as Les Miles as that.



#### 4. No. 9 Texas A&M (8-2, 5-2)

Remember when we thought that A&M was going to have a massive struggle this year adapting to the SEC? Yeah, the SEC is having a massive struggle this year adapting to A&M.



#### 5. No. 7 Florida (9-1, 7-1)

The Gators needed a touchdown off a blocked punt with two seconds left to beat Louisiana-Lafayette on Saturday. Let me repeat that: the No. 7 ranked, 9-1 Florida Gators needed a touchdown off a blocked punt with two seconds left to beat Louisiana-Lafayette.



#### 6. No. 12 South Carolina (8-2, 6-2)

The Gamecocks game up with another solid, if unspectacular, win Saturday by beating Arkansas 38-20. Only games against Wofford, Clemson and the Gamecocks' bowl opponent now stand between Steve Spurrier and golfing every day.



#### 7. Vanderbilt (6-4, 4-3)

Can we start calling him Johnny Football after this weekend's crazy comeback? Quarterback Jordan Rodgers led the Commodores on a furious 17-point comeback against Ole Miss to clinch bowl eligibility for the second straight year.



#### 8. Mississippi State (7-3, 3-3)

The Bulldogs have now dropped three straight games, and it has never been clearer that going 7-0 means nothing when your best win came against Tennessee. That being said, the Bulldogs still made it to 7-0, so where can we sign up for that schedule?



#### 9. Ole Miss (5-5, 2-4)

The Rebels' bowl chances are now in serious jeopardy after losing to Vanderbilt Saturday. Hugh Freeze has to come up with a win over either LSU or Mississippi State to get his team into the postseason, or else the offseason is going to come at a "fast-forward" pace.



#### 10. Missouri (5-5, 2-5)

The James Franklins are now 1-0 against Tennessee this year. A wild, four-overtime win over Tennessee opens the door for the Tigers to sneak into a bowl game despite starting 0-4 in the SEC.



#### 11. Arkansas (4-6, 2-4)

The Razorbacks have already moved on from actually playing the season to looking for a head coach for next season. This week, the rumor mill has TCU head coach Gary Patterson leaving Fort Worth to take over the Arkansas sidelines next year.



#### 12. Tennessee (4-6, 0-6)

The only thing left in Tennessee's season is playing the guessing game on what exact day Derek Dooley will be fired. You can contact me with your bets, but I already have dibs on Nov. 18 in the Orange Pants Farewell Pool.



#### 13. Auburn (2-8, 0-7)

Auburn has quit on its coach, so I am quitting on writing about them in the Power Rankings.



#### 14. Kentucky (1-9, 0-7)

The Kentucky basketball team has as many wins as the football team so far this year. The basketball team has played one game.

# Oxford drama



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Ole Miss quarterback Bo Wallace threw for 403 yards, but linebacker Chase Garnham (36) and the Commodores turned up the pressure late in the game.



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Vanderbilt won its third SEC road game of the year on Saturday night in Oxford. The Commodores had won one conference road game in the past three years.



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With older brother Aaron in attendance, Jordan Rodgers recovered from a slow start to throw for 267 yards and two touchdowns.

Vanderbilt secured bowl eligibility for the second straight year in thrilling fashion. Wide receiver Chris Boyd hauled in a 26-yard touchdown with 52 seconds left to give the Commodores their first lead all game, and the defense held for a 27-26 victory over Ole Miss on Saturday night.



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Wesley Tate (24) and Josh Grady (7) celebrate with Jordan Matthews after his 52-yard touchdown reception in the third quarter.

## Behind the stat: third down conversions

Vanderbilt fell behind early in Saturday's game, failing to move the ball on the Ole Miss defense and scoring just six points in the first half. A big part of the team's struggles on offense came on third down, where the Commodores were 0-for-6 through 30 minutes.

By **JACKSON MARTIN**  
Sports reporter

### The first half failures:

- Third and 3: A Wesley Tate rush nets just two yards.
- Third and 6: Jordan Rodgers misses Jordan Matthews with a pass.
- Third and goal from the 5: Jordan Rodgers' pass to tight end Steven Scheu falls incomplete.
- Third and 12: Jordan Rodgers scrambles for three yards.
- Third and 11: Jordan Rodgers' pass to Jonathan Krause fell incomplete.
- Third and 6: Jordan Rodgers sacked for a loss of eight yards.

In the second half, the Commodores staged a furious comeback after trailing by 17 points early in the third quarter. Jordan Rodgers and the offense were able to move the ball downfield on the Rebels, converting 6 of 10 third-down attempts.

### The second half successes:

- Third and 1: Wesley Tate rushes for 14 yards.
- Third and 7: Jordan Rodgers' pass to Jordan Matthews falls incomplete.
- Third and 10: Jordan Rodgers completes a pass to Chris Boyd for 18 yards.
- Third and 10: Jordan Rodgers hits Jordan Matthews for a gain of 15 yards.
- Third and 2: Wes Tate rushes for two yards to pick up the first down.
- Third and 2: Jordan Rodgers' pass to Jordan Matthews falls incomplete.
- Third and 12: Jordan Rodgers completes a pass to Jordan Matthews for 15 yards.
- Third and 14: Jordan Rodgers' pass to Jordan Matthews falls incomplete.
- Third and 2: Jordan Rodgers scrambles for no gain.



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- Third and 6: Jordan Rodgers completes a pass to Kris Kentera for a gain of 21 yards.

### Total:

On third-down situations longer than five yards away, the Commodores were just 4-for-11 on completing first downs. On third and shorter than 5, Vanderbilt was 2-for-5 in picking up first downs. When attempting to pass for a first down, the Commodores were 4-for-11 picking up the conversion. When attempting to run, the Commodores were 2-for-5 in picking up the first down. Vanderbilt only passed once on third and shorter than 5, and only rushed once on third and longer than 5.

Of the 10 passes thrown on third down, six of them were targeted to Jordan Matthews. Rodgers targeted Steven Scheu, Jonathan Krause, Chris Boyd and Kris Kentera once each.

The Commodores didn't have great conversion numbers, but when they did convert the offense, they made it count. Each of the three touchdown drives had at least one third-down conversion to sustain possession and ultimately lead to a score.

On the other side of the ball, the Commodores held Ole Miss to just 8-21 on third down conversions. The Rebels converted four of those in the first half, with three of the first-half conversions coming on third and 11 or longer. Each of the four second-half conversions came on third and 5 or longer.



# Roundball resumes

Both the men's and women's basketball teams overcame shaky starts on Saturday to make Vanderbilt basketball a perfect 2-0 on the first day of the season following a doubleheader at Memorial.

## Hot shooting, Johnson's 25 key season-opening win

By **STEVE SCHINDLER**  
Sports reporter

Sophomore point guard Kedren Johnson showed on Saturday why he may be a large part of the solution to the questions surrounding Vanderbilt's inexperienced lineup, taking charge of the offense in the Commodores' 80-65 win over Nicholls State.

According to head coach Kevin Stallings, however, Johnson is also part of the problem.

"Twenty-five points, six rebounds, six assists and only two turnovers, a blocked shot and a steal," Stallings said. "And I probably yelled at him the whole game."

Johnson led the way with a career-high 25 points in his first collegiate start, but his head coach was quick to point out an inconsistent effort on the other side of the floor that was representative of the entire team over the course of a game that was clearly a tale of two halves.

"Weird game," Stallings said. "We played well defensively and poor offensively in one half, and very well offensively and poor defensively in the other half."

In the first half, the Commodores struggled to move the ball and get any offensive rhythm. Vanderbilt shot just 33 percent from the field, hitting just 4 of 15 shots from the three-point range in the first half.

"Our offense today didn't operate today like we think it can," Stallings said. "We shot the fire out of the ball in the second half. However, we reverted back to the first exhibition game, where our mentality was either rushing-and-racing or wide-eyed lethargy."

On the strength of forward Fred Hunter's hot

start, Nicholls State led 17-13 with 8:51 left in the first half. Vanderbilt was able to respond to the Colonels by ending the half on a 15-5 run spurred by two three-pointers by Johnson and one by Sheldon Jeter. Kyle Fuller hit his first basket of the season in the final seconds before halftime to give Vanderbilt the 28-22 advantage at the break.

In the locker room at halftime, Stallings urged his young team to play together.

"Coach told us to start playing for each other and making the extra pass," Fuller said. "Once we started doing that, things opened up, and our offense began knocking down shots."

Vanderbilt blew the game wide open in the first few minutes of the second half. Behind eight straight baskets to open the half, including five three-pointers, Vanderbilt went on a 21-9 run to extend its lead. Kevin Bright's three-pointer in the corner put Vanderbilt up 49-31 with 15:35 left. In the second half, Vanderbilt shot 66.7 percent from the field and made eight of 11 three-pointers.

In addition to Johnson's 25, Fuller and Kevin Bright each put in 15 points, career highs for both players.

Ultimately, Stallings was happy with his team's performance.

"I was proud of the way we came out in the second half and played for each other," he said. "We exhibited more patience and trust in the offense and in each other."

The Commodores' victory on Saturday improved Vanderbilt to 13-1 in season openers under Stallings. The team travels west next weekend to take on Oregon, its first major-conference opponent of the season.

"I told our guys that we are who we play like we are," Stallings said.

## Women top feisty McNeese State in opener, 82-71

By **NATE HEAGNEY**  
Sports reporter

It took a while to get going, but the women's basketball team was slowly able to pull away from McNeese State to win its season opener, 82-71, on Saturday at Memorial Gymnasium.

Paced by Tiffany Clarke's 24 points, the Commodores used a 15-0 run midway through the second half to distance themselves from a Cowboys team that used a torrid three-point shooting effort to remain close. Vanderbilt held the speed and size advantage, however, outscoring McNeese 15-0 on fast breaks and 44-24 in the paint. Clarke, who was an efficient 9-for-12 from the floor, led that advantage in the post.

"I think Tiff took it as a challenge," said head coach Melanie Balcomb. "I've been challenging Tiff to play a complete game, and I think she did tonight."

Christina Foggie, the Southeastern Conference's leading returning scorer, got off to a slow start, scoring only six points in the first half. She turned her game on to spark the Commodores in the second half, and her hot shooting helped push the Commodores out in front. Foggie finished the game with 18 points.

Vanderbilt's length obviously bothered a smaller McNeese State team on Saturday. The Cowboys

turned the ball over 17 times, leading to many fast break opportunities for the Commodores.

The Commodores stretched their lead to as much as 19, but Vanderbilt was never quite able to put the game out of reach.

"We mostly talked about finishing the game strong or not letting up or getting complacent," Clarke said.

For a season-opener, McNeese State was no slouch of an opponent. The Cowboys won 23 games and made the NCAA Tournament last year. Twin sisters and leading scorers Ashlyn and Caitlyn Baggett, who scored 20 points apiece, spearheaded the Cowboys' attack.

"They were actually a really good team so I definitely didn't take them lightly, and I played as hard as I could play," Clarke said.

Forward Elan Brown and point guard Jasmine Lister each chipped in nine points for the Commodores. Lister set the pace for the Commodores, and her 10 assists were a game high.

Several freshmen made their debuts against McNeese State. Kendall Shaw played 19 minutes, scoring six points and blocking four shots. Jasmine Jenkins and Morgan Batey also saw time at the guard spots.

The Commodores travel across town to take on Lipscomb Monday night at 7:15 p.m.



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In his first start, sophomore point guard Kedren Johnson scored a career-high 25 points and led the charge on a barrage of three-pointers that propelled Vanderbilt to a 80-65 win over Nicholls State. The Commodores travel west to take on Oregon next Friday.



KRISTIN DAVIS / THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER

Point guard Jasmine Lister (10) skies for a layup on Saturday afternoon against McNeese State. A 15-0 Vanderbilt run in the second half helped lift the Commodores to victory in their first game of the 2012-2013 season.

## AROUND THE



By **ALLISON MAST**  
Sports reporter

### ESCAPE IN THE SWAMP

Florida 27, Louisiana-Lafayette 20

With two seconds on the clock, Jelani Jenkins of the No. 7 Florida Gators (9-1, 7-1 SEC) returned a blocked punt for a touchdown, giving his team a narrow victory over the Louisiana-Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns (5-4). The junior linebacker's 36-yard run inspired a collective sigh of relief, but fans wonder if the Gators will be able to finish the season strong against No. 8 Florida State in two weeks. Florida finished with 10 penalties for a total loss of 79 yards, and matters only got worse when Florida quarterback Jeff Driskel left the game with a sprained right ankle. His backup Jacoby Brissett was sacked twice and finished 6-for-8 for 64 yards through the air. Now that Georgia's win over Auburn has put an SEC East title out of reach, the suddenly struggling Gators can only hope that Driskel's ankle will be healthy in time for their looming trip to Tallahassee.

### TIGERS OUTLAST VOLS IN OVERTIME

Missouri 51, Tennessee 48 (4OT)

In a test of endurance, the Missouri Tigers (5-5, 2-5 SEC) squeaked past Tennessee (4-6, 0-6 SEC) in four overtimes to make a long season even longer in Knoxville. Quarterback James Franklin stole the show and was the difference maker in his team's first SEC road victory. In the final minute of regulation play, the Tigers faced a fourth and 12 when Franklin found freshman receiver Dorial Green-Beckham in the end zone for a game-tying touchdown. In the first, second and third periods of overtime, Franklin completed passes for touchdowns and kept the pressure on the Volunteers. Tennessee quarterback Tyler Bray put on an impressive performance, completing 37 of 54 passes for 404 yards. However, after Missouri's defense stepped up in the fourth overtime, freshman Andrew Baggett kicked a field goal to end the game. The Tigers are now one win away from bowl eligibility.

### MANZIEL STUNS TIDE

Texas A&M 29, Alabama 24

People will be talking about Texas A&M's victory over Alabama (9-1, 6-1 SEC) for quite some time. The top-ranked Crimson Tide put up a fight, but they couldn't catch up to the No. 15 Aggies (8-2, 5-2 SEC), who built a three-touchdown lead in the first quarter. Alabama fell a little short in every category and gave the SEC newcomers a window of opportunity. Star quarterback A.J. McCarron completed 21 of 34 passes for 309 yards, but he also threw two interceptions. In addition, the Alabama defense failed to contain A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel, better known around College Station as Johnny Football. After putting up 253 passing yards and 92 rushing yards against the vaunted defense of the defending national champions, Manziel has proven to be one of the best quarterbacks in the country. He is only a redshirt freshman, but Manziel put himself squarely in the Heisman conversation with a breakout performance in Tuscaloosa.

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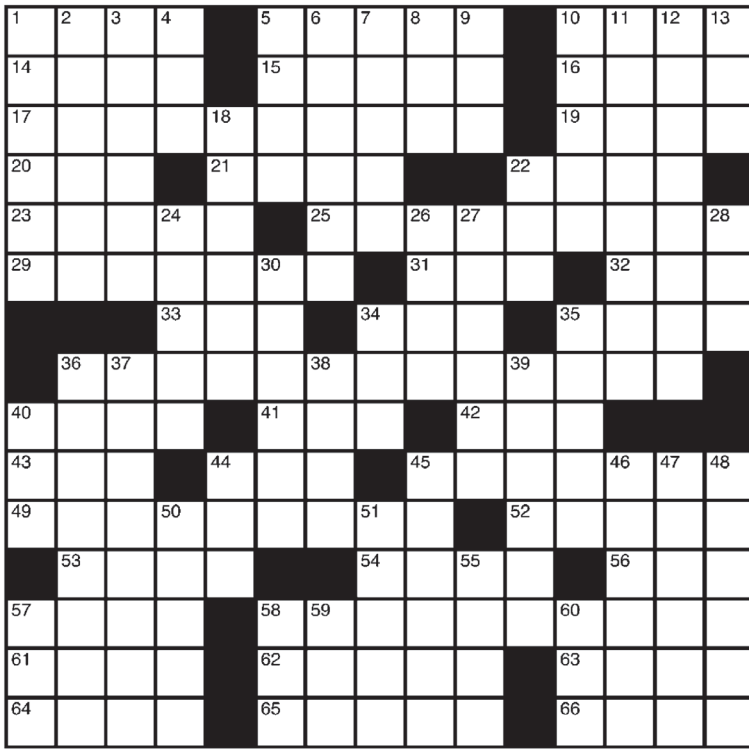


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## TODAY'S CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

- 1 Actress Jessica
- 5 Uses spurs, say
- 10 Sports squad
- 14 Fortuneteller
- 15 Not yet burning
- 16 Taper off
- 17 Light reddish shade named for a fish
- 19 Tehran's land
- 20 Uganda's Amin
- 21 Drawer projection
- 22 Env. stuffing
- 23 Flows slowly
- 25 Children's imitation game
- 29 Deal, as a blow
- 31 "Then what happened?"
- 32 Govt. hush-hush org.
- 33 "Grody to the max!"
- 34 Dessert served in triangular slices
- 35 Grub
- 36 Sticky breakfast sweets
- 40 Relax in the tub
- 41 Solemn promise
- 42 "\_\_\_ as directed"
- 43 Do some sums
- 44 Crank (up)
- 45 Dormitory, to dirty room
- 49 Grated citrus peel
- 52 Onetime capital of Japan
- 53 Swigs from flasks
- 54 Tiny bit
- 56 Chili \_\_\_ came
- 57 Go steady with
- 58 Winter cause of sniffles and sneezes
- 61 "Deal me a hand"
- 62 Heavenly path
- 63 Golden St. campus
- 64 Kennel guests
- 65 Pre-meal prayer
- 66 Bouquet



By Don Gagliardo and C.C. Burnikel 11/12/12

- 7 Perp-to-cop story
- 8 Crowd noise
- 9 Wall St. buy
- 10 Minnesota baseballers
- 11 Auditory passage
- 12 Some therapists
- 13 "Little \_\_\_": Alcott novel
- 18 Thumb-and-forefinger gesture
- 22 Finish
- 24 Put (down), as a bet
- 26 Common street name
- 27 What a solo homer produces
- 28 Airline to Copenhagen
- 30 Venezuelan president Hugo
- 34 "Batman" sound effect
- 35 Song of mourning
- 36 Alias for a secret agent
- 37 Words of confession
- 38 "Shake a leg!"
- 39 Native of Japan's third most populous city
- 40 Mineo of "Exodus"

### Answers to last Thursday's puzzle

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- 44 OR staffers
- 45 Like numbers in the periodic table
- 46 Omate 18th-century style
- 47 Ring-shaped reefs
- 48 Workweek start, or an apt title for this puzzle based on an abbreviation found in its five longest answers
- 50 Starts the show
- 51 "The Lion King" king
- 55 Beach bag
- 57 Salsa, e.g.
- 58 Gear tooth
- 59 Hockey immortal Bobby
- 60 Coffee container

## TODAY'S SUDOKU

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### Answers to last Thursday's puzzle

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

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

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