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## PRELUDE TO A FEAST

Your family's cooking is just a few short days away, but while you're still on campus, take a look at Vanderbilt Dining from the other side of the counter.



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Jodi Roheiler works a stove behind the grill counter in The Commons Dining Center. A majority of the food Vandy Dining serves is prepared fresh each day, including packaged salads, sandwiches and desserts that are available at the Commons, Rand and the various markets.



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To feed students, faculty and visitors, Vanderbilt Dining prepares over 10,000 meals a day across its various facilities.



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Chum Chiochanijont prepares quesadillas behind the Tex-Mex line in Rand. There are 220 hourly union employees, 30 management staff and 175 student employees currently working for Vanderbilt Dining.



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Morgan Goldner prepares banana pudding under Rand. Vandy Dining has been making efforts to become increasingly green, using bio-compostable disposable containers for to-go food, crushing and recycling all cans and using Energy Star-certified equipment.



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Dining also partners with 50 businesses within a 300-mile radius to source its materials and produce, including local farms Emerald Glen Farms, Gourmet Pastures and Hatcher Family Dairy.

### Fat-blocking soda? New Pepsi in Japan geared toward losing weight

AP — Fruits, vegetables and wheat bread are all sources of fiber. Now, so is Pepsi-Cola in Japan.

PepsiCo Inc. on Tuesday plans to launch a version of its namesake soda with a fat-blocking fiber called dextrin in Japan. In an announcement on the company's Japanese website, PepsiCo explains how dextrin helps reduce fat levels in blood.

A representative for PepsiCo based in Purchase, N.Y. was not able to provide other details about the drink.

The drink, called Pepsi Special, isn't the first cola with fiber in Japan. The Japanese company Kirin also offers a sugar-free cola with dextrin. Kirin's website says the cola is targeted toward health-conscious men in their 30s and older.



### 3, 2, 1 – Possum?

AP — A possum drop that attracts thousands of people to a tiny town in western North Carolina each New Year's Eve may have had its last hurrah after a judge ruled Tuesday that a state agency didn't have the authority to issue a permit for the event.

"Citizens are prohibited from capturing and using wild animals for pets or amusement," Judge Fred Morrison wrote in his ruling. "Hunters must afford wild animals the same right Patrick Henry yearned for: 'Give me liberty, or give me death!'"

The ruling would end a 19-year tradition of suspending a possum in see-through box covered with holiday tinsel and lowering it to the ground at midnight. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals had sued the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, which issues the permit for the event, saying it's illegal and cruel.

PETA was pleased with the ruling. "Compassionate citizens can now look forward to a kinder celebration at Clay's Corner this New Year's Eve," PETA spokesman David Perle said in an email.

### Idiot, guilty as charged

AP — A woman caught on camera driving on a sidewalk to pass a Cleveland school bus that was unloading children was sentenced to stand in the cold Tuesday at an intersection holding a sign warning people about idiots.

A Cleveland Municipal Court judge ordered 32-year-old Shena Hardin to serve the highly public sentence for one hour Tuesday and Wednesday for the Sept. 11 citation.

She arrived bundled up against the 34-degree cold, puffing a cigarette and wearing headphones as passing vehicles honked. Satellite TV trucks were on hand to stream the event live near downtown Cleveland.

The sign read: "Only an idiot would drive on the sidewalk to avoid a school bus."

Hardin refused to comment, as did her mother, who watched from a parked car.

Hardin's license was suspended for 30 days and she was ordered to pay \$250 in court costs.

Lisa Kelley, whose 9-year-old daughter boards the bus which Hardin had been passing on the sidewalk, said the sentence fit the crime.

"She did this almost every day last year," Kelley said. "She won't stop laughing. She's not remorseful, she laughed at every court appearance. She's still laughing, so she needs to be humiliated like this."

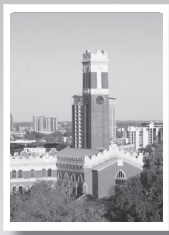
Kelley said she was only sorry the woman was standing in the cold and not the rain or snow.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It just seemed to me that it wasn't right that technology was available, and people just weren't doing this."

MICHAEL GOLDFARB, PROFESSOR OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE



## VANDERBITS

### Vanderbilt creates task force for hiring veterans

By SAM MCBRIDE  
News manager

Starting in 2013, the newly formed Vanderbilt Employment Transition and Support committee will be working to reach out more to veterans and their families, according to VU News.

VETS will work to increase Vanderbilt's commitment to hiring veterans by increasing its presence at military bases and job fairs and working with veterans organizations and military transition offices.

"Vanderbilt has been committed to the military for some time, but we are taking it to an even higher level," Human Resources Talent Acquisition Manager of Diversity, Relocation and Career Navigation Janet Rachel told VU News. "We want to be an employer of choice for veterans."

It's possible that in the future the federal government will require federal contractors like Vanderbilt to provide data on veterans in the workplace for its Affirmative Action Plan.

"We don't know what will happen in the future, but this initiative is a way for us to be proactive in terms of showing our good faith efforts," EAD Services Director Anita Jenious told VU News.

## CRIME CORNER



### Friday, Nov. 9

4:50 a.m. — An individual was observed intoxicated and taken into custody in Kensington Garage.

### Saturday, Nov. 10

2 a.m. — A busted-out window at Alpha Epsilon Pi house was reported.

4:14 a.m. — A student was found passed out in Kirkland Hall. Damage to door and window broken out were reported.

### Sunday, Nov. 11

9:45 pm — A person reported damage to vehicle at Regal Cinemas, 1719 Thompson Ln.

### Tuesday, Nov. 13

10: 43 p.m. — Students smoking marijuana in Gillette Hall were reported.

5:30 pm — A student reported a stolen laptop and iPhone from Wilson Hall.

### Wednesday, Nov. 14

3:36 a.m. — A person was arrested for DUI on Blakemore Ave. / 21st Ave. South.

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# A WALK TO REMEMBER

An artificial exoskeleton designed by Vanderbilt engineers will enable paraplegics to walk again.

By LAWRENCE WALLER  
News staff reporter

A Vanderbilt University team of engineers has developed an artificial exoskeleton that enables those with partial to complete paraplegia to walk again.

The team is led by Professor Michael Goldfarb, H. Fort Flowers Chair of Mechanical Engineering and Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the School of Engineering.

"We've been working on this current technology since about 2008," said Goldfarb, who did his doctoral work at MIT on paraplegia technology.

Vanderbilt electrical engineer Don Truex wrote much of the hundreds of pages of computer code that run the device.

The Parker Hannifin Corporation has signed an exclusive licensing agreement with Vanderbilt for the rights to bring the device to market, according to a university press release. There are only five units currently in existence, three of which are stored and tested at the School of Engineering.

According to Goldfarb, Vanderbilt selected the Parker Hannifin Corporation to market the exoskeleton because of its focus on making the device affordable.

"Anybody that can afford health care costs already associ-

ated with paraplegia will be able to afford this," he said. "We're very conscious of cost." Parker has yet to set a price on the unit, though it is likely to cost several thousand dollars or more.

In addition to helping paraplegics to walk, the unit also helps to improve the numerous health problems that accompany paralysis, including osteoporosis, muscle spasticity, circulation problems and lymphatic problems.

"The leading cause of overnight hospitalization for paralyzed people is decubitus (skin) ulcers," Goldfarb said. "This kind of technology helps to prevent that."

Goldfarb first began developing exoskeleton technology back in the early 1990s, but the technology available at the time was not advanced enough to bring the project to fruition.

"It wasn't going to translate out of a lab," he said.

Improvements in fabrication methods and new micro-technology facilitated Vanderbilt's current research.

"If I had that injury ... I would want this to be available. I was surprised that it just wasn't available," Goldfarb said. "Making robotics ... is something I can do. It just seemed to me that it wasn't right that technology was available and people just weren't doing this."



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Doctorate student Benjamin Gasser demonstrates an artificial exoskeleton suit designed by Professor Goldfarb. The suit allows those with partial to complete paraplegia to walk again.

# VANDY AIDS SANDY VICTIMS

Formed in 2011, the Emergency Relief Coalition is stepping up to coordinate the Vanderbilt community's response to Hurricane Sandy.

By SAM MCBRIDE  
News manager

Hurricane Sandy has come and gone, but the destruction it left behind will take years to fully recover from, and the Vanderbilt community is trying to do its part to help.

Heading up Vanderbilt's efforts is the Emergency Relief Coalition, a coalition of student organizations formed by a formal resolution from Vanderbilt Student Government in the fall of 2011. Representatives from a number of different student organizations make up the ERC, whose main role is to coordinate the efforts of diverse groups throughout campus.

"The Coalition exists to offer a centralized entity for student organizations and the Vanderbilt community to utilize when seeking to respond most efficiently and effectively in times of emergency and disaster," read a brief from VSG.

The ERC has met twice so far, and has already helped organize a give-back night at Chili's to support the Red Cross. However, there is much still to come.

"We ... are currently working with the Coalition to create some clothing donation opportunities and to create some service trips for spring break to go to the area and volunteer directly," VSG Vice President Mark Cherry said in an email.

Office of Active Citizenship and Service program coordinator and ERC coordinator Amanda Taylor confirmed that the clothing drive will take place after Thanksgiving break and will encourage students to donate as they are packing up and getting ready to go home at the end of the semester.

She also emphasized that the ERC is not a closed group and that all student organizations are invited to use their resources to aid in the relief effort.

"We hope various entities will step up and continue to take a leadership role," Taylor said.

It's not only Vanderbilt students getting in on the relief effort. Students from a local high



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Beach Haven on Long Beach Island, N.J., has its streets covered with sand and water, Oct. 30, 2012, after Hurricane Sandy blew over the barrier island the day before.

school are also trying to set up a bake sale on Vanderbilt's campus in the near future to raise money.

According to OACS director Clive Mentzel, this shows the power of grassroots efforts and the need for larger organizations such as OACS to assist these smaller efforts rather than try to dictate the response for the whole community.

"I think OACS' role is it serves as an opportunity to connect organizations together," Mentzel said.

In addition to its role as facilitator, Mentzel sees the OACS and ERC as ways to make sure relief efforts are being carried out in the way that does the most good so that hard work and good intentions don't go to waste.

"There have been some efforts that haven't necessarily matched need locally," Mentzel said.

While the disaster has passed, Mentzel emphasized that relief efforts will be continuing for years, and encouraged students not to forget about the disaster.

"OACS certainly will not forget," Mentzel said.

# All your secrets are safe with us

For years, a system has been in place to protect the medical records of employees. Now, the same protection is being given to students' information.

By CHARLOTTE GILL  
News staff reporter

The Vanderbilt University provost is taking strides to protect students' health privacy with the expansion of a new audit alert to dissuade employees from accessing student health records. Particularly with the Medical Center's increasing involvement in the Psychological Counseling Center and Student Health, the university seeks to provide the student the same protection as its employees.

When an employee attempts to open a student's medical record, an alert for authorization will pop up on the screen, eliciting a reason for opening the record. The possible reasons include the provision and support of patient care; support of financial services; administrative reasons; and "other," requiring further explanation. This response is saved as part of the patient's record, serving both as a warning to prevent unauthorized access and as a method of tracking those who have accessed the record.

The audit alert has been in place for employees since 2009 in order to prevent unauthorized access to employee medical records. In the past, employees' viewing of other employees' records posed a risk as employees violated authorization, often out of simple curiosity or concern. For a particular department, the alert does not show again until 14 days after the first access. The Privacy Office is looking at the function of different student-directed departments to find the safest but most efficient amount of time to elapse before the pop-up reappears.

"The pop-up alert has essentially wiped out these inappropriate accesses," Director of the Medical Center's Privacy Office Terri Hartman said.

While no evidence of unauthorized access to student records exists, preventing this possibility was still a consideration in the decision.

"We want students to feel that we take their privacy seriously and we have mechanisms [to protect privacy]," Hartman said.

The audit alert will become active in the next few weeks, or no later than the end of the year.

# opinion



## THE RANT

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**1. Forget drinking, sorority girls shouldn't be allowed to park terribly in their letters. #ChiO**

**2. Does the author of "One Small Step for Womankind" really think "half of the population is represented by about a fifth of Congress?" Men can represent women, and women can represent men. That's the point of electing representatives from your district. Not every male politician is Todd Akin.**

**3. Kristin Shorter, take your blinders off and look at what the new Greek social policies are encouraging! You have done NOTHING to solve the problem of alcohol consumption on campus. In fact, you're apparently just making it worse. Stop being so stubborn and admit you were wrong!**

**4. Are all the tables in the Towers I/II study room intentionally wobbly? There must be some explanation for why they're so uniformly terrible.**

**5. 5 It's No Shave November ... WHERE ARE ALL OF THE BEARDS?!**

**6. Winter is coming ...**

**7. Is ASB some kind of cult? This past weekend with the site reveals was really weird.**

**8. How is Thanksgiving Break even a break if I have three papers due the week afterward?**

**9. Why, of all weekends, does Rusko have to have a show in Nashville while all of us are out of town?**

**10. Shouts out to Free Coffee Day at Bruegger's.**

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# The deeper South

The popular view of the South as a backwards region hostile to progressivism could be self-reinforcing



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Over the past week, an infographic has been circulating on the internet, plastered all over the blogosphere, up-voted to the front page of Reddit and was even tweeted by Neil deGrasse Tyson. It points out that the 10 "best educated" states all voted for Obama, while 9 of 10 "worst educated" states — most of them located in the South — went to Romney. The image was originally submitted by the distinguished political scientists over at [happypplace.com](http://happypplace.com), a sort of 9gag/funnyjunk rip-off.

The implication of the graphic seems to not simply be that we who voted for Obama should pat each other on the back for how smart we are compared to those dumb Romney voters. That's troubling enough, but no, there's also a broader regionalist contempt underlying it: "Look how stupid the people in those states are to give their electoral votes to Romney." (There's an irony to be found in the fact that the "top state" in education elected Romney not so long ago.)

The bloggers, pundits, et al. so amused by the infographic overlook a lot of important factors. First, the correlation relies on the ecological fallacy in its attempt to draw sketchy inferences about individuals based on the sizeable and diverse group to which they belong. In ranking states based on census data estimating the percentage of each state's population with a college degree, it fails to take into account that 8 of 10 "worst educated" states also rank among the 10 poorest, and six of those "best educated" also have a spot among the 10 richest (by median household income). Such a correlation between wealth and college graduation rates should not surprise anyone, but it would be a mistake to assume that the absence of a degree necessarily implies a lack of intelligence. A college degree won't do you a whole lot of good in agriculture or the manufacturing industry, both of which form the backbone of many southern economies. For many southerners, a college degree is still seen as a privilege, not a necessity for a good life.

The infographic also ignores other perhaps more telling indicators that deny its central thesis. The New York Times' exit polls, for instance, show Romney with a slight lead among college graduates. Obama leads among those without college degrees and — to no one's surprise — those with postgraduate degrees. All this goes to show that any attempt to spin some simple causal narrative tying voting patterns to education will leave out too much of the story to be of any use. Lies, damn lies and statistics, as the saying goes.

I shouldn't be too upset by the infographic, having voted for Obama myself, but the image seems to take part in that time-honored tradition of downplaying the intellectual culture of the South, going past H.L. Mencken and predating even the American Revolution. The Tennessee legislature certainly does nothing to dispel those notions either: In 2009, a state representative from my hometown, Tony Shipley (R-Kingsport), infamously told a children's issues lobbyist that, in regards to the rights of same-sex couples adopting: If "secular progressives" push the state too far "something will happen — just like we did in 1860." In a later interview with Nashville Scene, Shipley clarified that, while he stood by his statements, he opposes secession and meant only that he had received emails from constituents supporting such a move. These oddly prescient words coming from such a backwards-looking man anticipated the embarrassingly large but laughably insignificant number of Tennesseans who recently joined nineteen other states in signing a petition to secede.

Of course, these petitions are beyond silly, hardly even worth dignifying with attention, but the response to the petitions troubles me: The top-rated comment on every article discussing these petitions for Southern states to secede always seems to be, "Let 'em." Those states are full of a bunch of ignorant rednecks, anyway.

In the aftermath of last week's election, national news outlets published dozens upon dozens of articles which, in the words of Nashville Scene columnist Betsy Phillips, focus on "promoting stereotypes, not understanding real people." The coverage includes, she says, the kind of story that "coastal types love to write about the inland regions, especially the South," in which some journalist

thinks to himself or herself: "Let's get to know one of these mysterious, misguided, simple, backwards goobers and through our time with this one emissary of the South, we can understand the whole region!" Journalists seem eager to paint the South with too broad a brush to detail any of the real people who populate it.

I'm reminded of an imagined conversation in William Faulkner's 1948 novel "Intruder in the Dust," in which the character Gavin Stevens — a steely-haired and relatively progressive southern lawyer — pleads, "Come down here and look at us before you make up your mind," only to hear the Northerner's snubbing reply, "No thanks, the smell is bad enough from here." Indeed, the moonshine-swilling, honkey-tonkin', Nascar-go-in' hillbilly has long had his own exhibit in what Zora Neale Hurston imagined as a wax and wire museum of American stereotypes: Why look any deeper when you think there is nothing more to see?

When the national media dwells on our General Assembly's illiberal legislative efforts — including such great hits as the infamous "Don't Say Gay" bill; the "anti-bullying" bill which effectively sanctioned religiously- or politically-motivated bullying and the "Monkey Bill" which became law without Governor Haslam's signature and did nothing more than embarrass every Tennessean who'd rather not resurrect the legacy of the Scopes trial — it becomes rather easy for outsiders to believe the state is a homogenous community of hateful, backwards hayseeds.

But it simply isn't so.

Each of these bills was met with outrage across the state, even among conservatives, and each was lobbied for (and in some cases authored by) national far-right interest groups, such as the Eagle Forum and Focus on the Family. I refuse to allow these clowns — who get their supermajorities through systematic gerrymandering and campaign ads paid for by corporate donors whose products are peddled and promoted by state legislation — to be the spokesmen for anyone outside that circus they run down at Legislative Plaza.

To be sure, there are pockets of, for lack of a better word, ignorant and even violent hicks in the state, as we were all reminded throughout the construction of the ICM mosque in Murfreesboro. But Nashville and Memphis should not be viewed as oases of progressivism in a desert of right-wing fervor. Take, for instance, Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero, who participated in her city's PrideFest LGBT rights parade this June, and told the crowd of 10,000-some fellow marchers that her administration seeks to build an inclusive "culture of confidence in who were are and optimism in what we can be." Yes, Knoxville is an urban center, but there are liberals and moderate conservatives displeased with the legislature all across the state.

Consider this: Romney won Tennessee's 11 electoral votes thanks to 59 percent of Tennessee voters. How many more would have voted for Obama if Democratic turnout had increased, if Tennessee Democrats and moderates (a) believed their votes actually had a chance of changing the state from red to blue and (b) thought their own Senate and House candidates were worth voting for? It's difficult not to place a good deal of the blame for the current state of the General Assembly on the Tennessee Democratic Caucus when they field candidates like Mark Clayton who the party doesn't even want to win.

In September, data compiled by The New York Times' resident statistics wizard Nate Silver suggested that the red-blue divide might be closing faster in Tennessee than in many other traditionally red states. Meanwhile, the GOP's supermajority in the Tennessee General Assembly leaves them with no one but themselves to blame for the failure of their policies for the next two years. As Tennessee Democrats rebuild in preparation for 2014, the danger of the media playing up the redneck traits of the state is not just that outsiders come to believe that our state is beyond hope, but worse — that liberal and moderate Tennesseans will come to believe it themselves.

—Eric Lyons

# A bottle full of good intentions

Vanderbilt's administration is taking the wrong approach in tackling our "drinking problem"



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As Thanksgiving approaches and the semester comes to an end, I want to reflect on what's become an ongoing discussion in The Hustler, and, by nature, around campus. Earlier this week, the front-page headline read "Are Vanderbilt students just pre-gaming the hospital?" The article went on to discuss this semester's large number of alcohol-related emergency situations involving first-year students. It addresses the question, as was explicitly stated on this publication's homepage, "Do we have a drinking problem?"

Earlier this semester, in my last published piece, "Where the party at?" I raised an argument about Vandy's latest party regulations. This piece was met with a large response. Other columnists gave feedback, mostly negative. The biggest issue, it seems, was my emphasis on Greek activities. I was not clear in the distinction that I had decided to focus my analysis of the new fun limits on Greek Life, though other regulations — such as a new push for enforcement of dorm party rules — have affected other social opportunities. To clarify, my point was that at least within Greek Life, one facet of social life on campus, new rules are inconsistently enforced and have caused backlash in the form of lower attendance and general dissatisfaction. Furthermore, Vanderbilt should cling to its "fun" side, not fight it, because it is our best asset in reputation in comparison with other academically prestigious schools.

In my article, the consolidation of "Greek" and "social" life was accidental. The argument was at the disadvantage of a double standard — one in which Greek Life's prevalence causes it to be the recipient of a disproportionate share of the negative outcomes of social activity, while it remains a small component of social life in general. This is because, as one of my supporters remarked, Greek Life entertains a significantly large number of students on a regular basis. Fraternity parties are also distinct in another way: They are the only social organizations on campus that serve alcohol.

So, fraternity parties have been blamed for alcohol-related incidents. New party regulations are explained with phrases like "promote healthy habits" and "eliminate binge-drinking." But has tightening the leash on fraternity parties created any improvement? One popular argument is that by constraining alcohol distribution at parties, restrictions cause students to "pre-game" harder, which has resulted in more hospital visits. In Monday's issue, Dean Bandas responded, "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." "Other measures", he continues to explain, include educational strategies to promote safer drinking habits.

I disagree that this is an effective solution. Alcohol awareness

events are only effective to a certain point. Telling a student what is good practice and what is not can only go so far as the students' willingness to heed the advice. Vanderbilt students are smart, and pushing the same exact information repeatedly only makes it more of an annoyance than helpful advice. Furthermore, extremes distance students from the situation — "That could never happen to me" — while more familiar situations pose no threat.

Evan McCants-Goldman, a junior in the College of Arts and Science, says, "I think that Vanderbilt needs to be more realistic in its approach to alcohol, especially in regards to freshmen. Imposing strict rules and giving lectures about alcohol that seem to demonize it are not really effective; kids who want to drink, party and get a little wild are going to do that regardless of what AlcoholEdu tells them." I happen to agree with the above-mentioned argument that less availability of alcohol at fraternity parties means that more is consumed in a shorter period of time beforehand.

But, there must be some other way to address this drinking issue. I have some newer ideas to propose to stop the binge-drinking-hospital-visit contagion. The first suggestion: Serve more dinner. Yup, I think it's that simple. Dining options on Friday and Saturday nights are limited. In particular, there are less food offerings that close early at Commons and Rand. If a student can, at the latest, eat dinner at 7 p.m., he or she will wait up to four hours to begin drinking. But the time fraternity parties wind down, it will have been at least seven hours since the student's last meal. There are late-night options in some cases, like in Rand, but few for the in-between period. No matter how many times a 19-year-old is told not to drink on an empty stomach, the words will never be as powerful as making food more available.

There is also something to be said for making campus more morning-friendly on the weekends. It may seem ridiculous to some, but I am personally aware of students who find that, given the unavailability of food and study areas on Saturday and Sunday mornings, they are more likely to go out and possibly drink (more). Finally, VU could curb its alcohol abuse if it was a little more coy about the issue. From the onset, Vanderbilt students are warned of an imminent temptation to drink. Cultural scholars Hermain and Lucaites would argue that in acting the role of a school with a drinking problem, we become a school with a drinking problem. Identifying, in other words, is performative.

So yes, I agree, Vandy, look outside your bubble! The party scene is much more widespread and diverse than simply Greek Life. Ask your students: There are other reasons for the mass binge drinking.

—Hannah Rutcofsky

# Life



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## THE END OF AN ERA

Though it's hard to believe sometimes, all good things must come to an end, and tonight itself marks the beginning of the end for a franchise that has become nothing short of a hallmark of the last decade: The Twilight saga. By **Priyanka Aribindi**, life reporter

What started as a few harmless young adult novels by Stephenie Meyer quickly became one of the most notorious film franchises of all time, grossing over \$2.5 billion worldwide for acting that critics and audiences alike have mutually pandered. That dollar count is about to get even higher with the opening of the fifth and final installment of the series, "Breaking Dawn — Part 2."

Before we close the book on the Twilight saga, let's take a minute to recap the ups and downs it's given us over the years and take a look at what the final installment has in store:

"Twilight"



What can we say about "Twilight" that hasn't already been said? This was the movie that started it all — as fortunate or unfortunate as that may have been. We got to watch Bella fall in love with a vampire, befriend a werewolf and nearly die at the hands of a rabid tracker-vampire, all while managing not to move a muscle in her face. I'm not complaining about Kristen Stewart's acting, though — she deserves an Oscar just for holding it together when Robert Pattinson's Edward refers to her as a spider monkey.

"Twilight" introduced us to the horrors of dating outside your species, wearing the wrong shade of foundation and, of course, casting someone with the emotional range of a teardrop as a series lead, but those ultimately weren't enough to faze the die-hard twi-hards.

"New Moon"



"Twilight" may've kicked off the saga, but "New Moon" was really what got the ball rolling for this franchise. "New Moon" was basically an overblown breakup-makeup story, except apparently Edward and Bella can't manage a breakup without upsetting the vampires' papal equivalents. However, it's safe to say that the twi-hards weren't flocking to "New Moon" for the intricacies of the plotline — Taylor Lautner and Robert Pattinson both graced the screen shirtless in this installment. Though I probably couldn't've done without the latter, fangirls around the world weren't complaining as they polarized into "Team Edward" and "Team Jacob."

"Eclipse"



You would think that after their tumultuous non-breakup in "New Moon," Edward and Bella would want to take it easy for the rest of high school. Unfortunately for them, though, the army of newborn vampires practically camped out in their backyard makes that a little difficult in "Eclipse." After another quasi-breakup-makeup with her werewolf best friend, and acting as live bait in the battle of the supernaturals, "Eclipse" ends with Bella planning to marry a vampire after graduation. Casual.

"Breaking Dawn — Part 1"



Nothing like getting your wedding crashed by a werewolf who wants to kill your vampire groom, right? By the end of "Breaking Dawn — Part 1," audiences all but forget about that part, though. In fact, it's hard to really remember anything from Part 1 besides Bella scream-crying as her vampire fetus tries to eat its way out of her body. Edward hanging out with afterbirth on his face was presumably a highlight as well. Both were equally disgusting.

"Breaking Dawn — Part 2"



After such an uplifting build-up how can we not be excited for "Breaking Dawn — Part 2"? As we learned at the end of Part 1, Bella survives giving birth to a nonhuman and finally wakes up a vampire. We've only waited four whole movies for this moment. Unfortunately, the aforementioned nonhuman won't let her enjoy the rest of eternity in peace quite yet. Little Renesmee manages to stir things up in the vampire community just enough for one last showdown of good vs. evil that, for anyone who's read the book, will be sure to meet our anticlimactic expectations.

## CELEBSTATUS

Nicole Westbrook is quickly skyrocketing to fame, with the release of the Youtube sensation "It's Thanksgiving." Posted on Nov. 7, the video has already reached over 6 million views, easily imaginable with her lyrical prowess seen in the lines "Can't be hateful, gotta be grateful." The video is strikingly similar to Rebecca Black's "Friday," unsurprising in light of the fact that both were made with the help of the pay-for-play recording studio PMZ Live.

## THE RETURN OF Regina

Sunday night at Ryman Auditorium, singer-songwriter Regina Spektor delivered a career-spanning set that restored faith in old fans, charmed new fans and exhilarated both.

By **ANGELICA LASALA**  
Chief copy editor

Riding off the success of her 2006 album "Begin to Hope," Regina Spektor took the stage at Lollapalooza 2007 with equal parts musical ethos and kitschy charm. Chicago's Grant Park was treated to an hour-long performance full of songs that paired Spektor's piano-playing ability with intelligent-yet-accessible lyrics that masterfully treaded the fine line between book and street smarts. Spektor's backing band chimed in judiciously, allowing the singer-songwriter to showcase the bared-down sound of a girl and her piano.

That summer evening, Lollapalooza concertgoers saw a newly famous, candidly quirky Spektor — a 20-something Russian New Yorker who was kind enough to stop mid-song to make sure a fan that had fainted could safely evacuate the sizeable crowd.

Five years have passed since that gig. Spektor made productive use of that time, releasing her fifth and sixth albums, "Far" and "What We Saw from the Cheap Seats" in 2009 and 2012, respectively. Nonetheless, these albums called into question the authenticity of Spektor's style.

Pitchfork criticized "Spektor's inability to let her songs stand on their own" on the over-produced "Far," further suggesting that Spektor's eccentricities stem not from a genuine weirdness but instead "feel like a defense mechanism." By contrast, critics considered "What We Saw from the Cheap Seats" a halfway return to the Spektor "Soviet Kitsch" and "Begin to Hope" fans know and

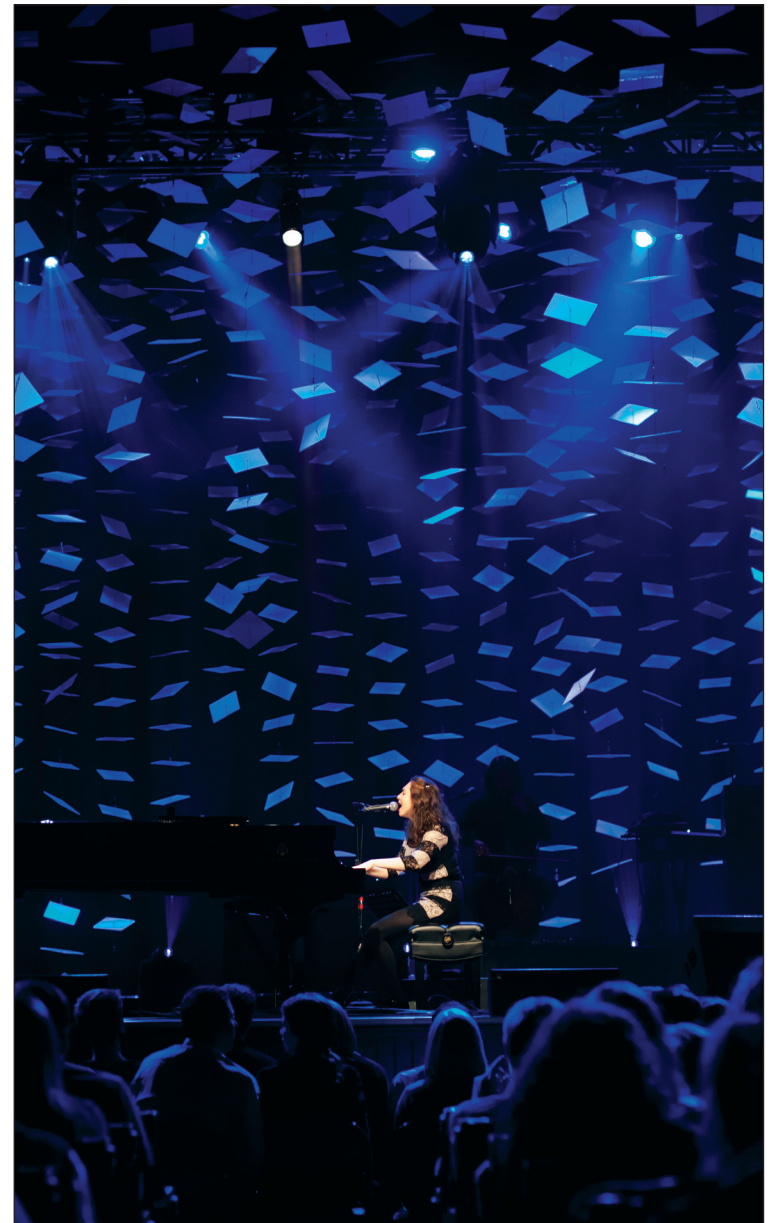
love — but acknowledged that much of "What We Saw from the Cheap Seats" consists of old songs Spektor left unreleased until now. Consequence of Sound's review read, "It would've been nice to see Spektor take more of a risk."

Despite mixed reviews on her latest albums, Spektor's ability to put on a good show hasn't changed over time. If anything, the now-32-year-old has grown into herself, maintaining a comfortable — and sincere — balance between whimsy and stunning grace.

Spektor's a married woman now, and her husband Jack Dishel, known as Only Son, currently serves as the opening act for his wife's tour circuit. In addition to his two guitars, Only Son relied on a small electronic device that appeared to have pre-recorded backing tracks on it. He poked fun at the device, saying tongue-in-cheek, "I would like to introduce my band in these tough times."

Indeed, it seemed as though Only Son, whose nasal tenor is reminiscent of Ben Gibbard's, was jamming with a garage band of imaginary friends. The song "Kick 'Em Out" was a definite highlight — the lyrics "Oh, you make the room a better place; I pledge allegiance to your face" beg the question of whether or not the tune was inspired by Spektor.

Either way, the audience did indeed pledge allegiance to Spektor's face as she walked onstage and flashed a smile demure enough to put most schoolgirls to shame. She began her set with the a cappella "Ain't No Cover" — a testament to her impressive vocal range and bluesy tone.



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Though Spektor's show at the Ryman featured her most recent album "What We Saw from the Cheap Seats," the singer-songwriter showcased her entire body of work.

Spektor's backing band, much to the chagrin of those who've seen the singer-songwriter live earlier in her career, played a more substantial role than they have in the past. Songs like "On The Radio" and "Better" were accompanied by overwhelming instrumentation Sunday night — a decision that caused some of Spektor's better-known songs to sit uncomfortably rather than conjure nostalgia.

Nonetheless, Spektor's experimentation didn't go wholly unrewarded Sunday night. True to her daring form, Spektor covered Russian folk song "The Prayer," and dabbled with synthesizer and reverb on "Ballad of a Politician," a song off her newest album.

"Sailor Song," one of Spektor's older songs, shone bright among the set, performed the way it was meant to be performed — with Regina on piano and little embellishment besides sparse cymbal crashes. Spektor's encore highlighted "Us" and "Samson" with a similar sparseness, bringing the show to a gorgeous close.

Taking a break between songs, Spektor took a sip from a brown mug and prefaced it with "This is so not rock n' roll because it actually has tea in it. But it has caffeine in it so it's a little rock n' roll." And that little rock n' roll — that reconciliation Spektor made between the artist she was, the artist she is and the artist she's always been — was more than enough.

### MEMORABLE TRACKS

## Searching for direction

"Take Me Home" showcases One Direction as a more diversified group, taking many departures from their previously pop-heavy sound. By **Brittany Matthews**, assistant life editor

### "Live While We're Young"

One Direction's first single is reminiscent of their premise as a pop boy band for the teeny bopper masses. But with lyrics like "Tonight let's get some," the boys show off their newfound maturity (if that's what you call it).

### "Kiss You"

This is a song that was meant to be at the end of an album — you'd only listen to it if you're such a fan that listening to mindless lyrics — "making them drool on their chinny chin chins" — is something you can hear and still take seriously. Making it the second track, after the wildly popular "Live While We're Young," seems like a major oversight on the part of the label.

### "Little Things"

I think it should be said that most of the members of One Direction, while not phenomenal, can at least carry a tune. Member Louis Tomlinson is the exception. The audacity of giving him an acoustic solo on "Little Things" ruins an otherwise good song. Disregarding Tomlinson, this song is lyrically sweet and acoustically satisfying. A bright spot in an overly pop album.

### "Rock Me"

Pretty bold to style a song after Queen's "We Will Rock You." Not that the song in anyway measured up, but it is still entertaining. Less pop and more rock than anything else they've released — and with such a poor delivery they should probably stay in their genre — but it makes for a more dynamic album.

### "Change My Mind"

More acoustic. Oddly riveting for a group so dependent on hooks and auto-tune.

### "I Would"

One Direction wax poetic about being losers in love with a girl with a boyfriend.

### "Over Again"

The mostly a cappella song has the best lyrics of the album and helps break up an overly preppy album. It a standout among the other 12 tracks.

### "They Don't Know About Us"

A throwback to the boy bands of the late 90s. They know their audience — preteens and young adults harboring false nostalgia.

### "Summer Love"

Written mostly by member Niall Horan, this acoustic track is a delightful ballad that plays up their voices with charming lyrics to complement the strings. A surprisingly beautiful finale to "Take Me Home."



## Dreaming of a 'White Christmas'

By **MARY NOBLES HANCOCK**  
Life reporter

Ensemble numbers in "White Christmas" dazzle the audience.

The chemistry of the entire ensemble was also notable, creating a sense of community on stage.

James Clow's performance as Bob Wallace was particularly impressive, bringing a strong voice and stage presence, commanding the attention and hearts of the audience. His performance of "Count Your Blessings Instead of Sheep" was captivating and heartwarming. Clow's onstage relationship with Stefanie Morse as Betty Haynes was charming, making the audience root for them to work out in the end. Highlights of the couple were duets of "Love and Weather" and "Love, You Didn't Do Right By Me / How Deep is the Ocean."

Morse and Mara Davi, playing her sister Judy, kicked the performance off with a bang, singing the popular duet "Sisters," proving that men may come and go, but sisters will stick it out till the end.

Sassy concierge Martha Watson (Ruth Williamson) brought a loud energy to the show, surprising audiences

with a breakout performance of "Let Me Sing and I'm Happy." Her louder-than-life personality shone as she dreamed of her former glory.

But by far, the surprise scene-stealer was the barn hand Ezekiel Foster (Cliff Bemis). Though a man of few words, he took command of every scene he was in, providing laughs and comedic relief for the audience.

The show's dancing dazzled audience members, with plenty of flashy ballroom routines and elaborate tap numbers. Song after song the ensemble continued to grow grander and grander with the group numbers, leaving audiences expectant for what could come next.

Though the musical isn't necessarily the most meaningful one out there, it does not intend to be. The show does exactly what it sets out to: entertain you. As it provides a mesmerizing show, "White Christmas" is sure to dazzle you, providing the best possible way to get into the holiday spirit.

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All the Vanderbilt sports you'll miss while you're away on break. All times Central. -Daniel Marks, sports reporter

#### FOOTBALL

##### Nov. 17 — vs. Tennessee, 6 p.m.

While Thanksgiving break starts on Friday at Vanderbilt, students are encouraged to stick around for the football game on Saturday versus archrival Tennessee. The Commodores will be looking for their fifth win in a row, and it will also be the last home game for the senior class, which includes standouts such as Rob Lohr, Trey Wilson and Zac Stacy.

##### Nov. 24 — at Wake Forest, TBA

The football team concludes its regular season with a game at Wake Forest. The Commodores dominated the Demon Deacons in last season's finale, 41-7.

#### CROSS COUNTRY

##### Nov. 17 — at NCAA Championships, TBA

The Commodore cross country team will finish up its season in the NCAA Championships being held in Louisville, Ky., this year.

#### SWIMMING

##### Nov. 15-17 — at Western Kentucky Invitational, All Day

The swim team begins competition in this tournament on Thursday, before finishing up on Saturday. The team is coming off its first win of the season versus Marshall.

#### BOWLING

##### Nov. 16-18 — Hawk Classic, All Day

The bowling team participates in this three-day Thanksgiving tournament and will look to improve upon a fifth-place finish in the Valparaiso Crusader Classic.

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

##### Nov. 18 — at Dayton, 1 p.m.

This will be the Lady Dores' final tuneup before heading to Puerto Rico to play in the San Juan Shootout over Thanksgiving.

##### Nov. 23-24 — at San Juan Shootout

The women's basketball team will play two games in San Juan, against Virginia on Friday and against Florida State on Saturday.

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

##### Nov. 16 — at Oregon, 10 p.m.

The Commodores hit the road for the first time this season, taking on the Oregon Ducks in Eugene.

##### Nov. 22-25 — at Old Spice Classic

Last year, Vanderbilt took home the Legends Classic trophy, and this year the Commodores are hoping they can extend their run of Thanksgiving tournament victories to two. They open the eight-team tournament in Orlando, Fla., versus Davidson at 1 p.m. on Thursday.

## Interrogating the enemy: UT Daily Beacon sports editor Lauren Kittrell

By ERIC SINGLE  
Editor-in-chief

The Hustler hit up Lauren Kittrell, sports editor of The Daily Beacon, to have a little fun with the rivalry and help us break down this weekend's matchup.

**Vanderbilt Hustler:** Traditionally, there's more orange in the stands than black and gold when this rivalry is played in Nashville. How would you gauge Tennessee fans' expectations for this game? Will they be able to bear to watch?

**Lauren Kittrell:** Fans are fed up with Derek Dooley, and they're fed up with our football program. I don't see a lot of UT fans making it to a 7 p.m. away game. Every Tennessee game has been close — almost winnable. I wouldn't be surprised to see the Vols take your Commodores down. That said, will Vandy fans be able to watch?

**VH:** Which wide receiver should Vanderbilt fans be more afraid of: Cordarrelle Patterson or Justin Hunter?

**LK:** Cordarrelle Patterson. I might have a crush on him, solely due to his ability to avoid/break a tackle.

**VH:** What's been the single biggest weakness on this Tennessee defense that has been laid open for public ridicule in the past two months?

**LK:** Everything. Tennessee's defense is the eyesore of the SEC. But, if I had to choose, I'd say the Vols' inability to stop on 3-4. It's been the cause of many losses.

**VH:** Why doesn't A.J. Johnson touch the ball in every single short-yardage situation? How much can Vanderbilt expect to see of him?

**LK:** Tennessee's offense is so strong, there are a lot of sources to go to to make the down. Right now, the Vols need him to focus on defense. I'm sure he'll make an appearance offensively, just enough to keep the Commodores on their toes.

**VH:** Prediction time: Who ya got?

**LK:** Tennessee 44, Vanderbilt 38.

# Ahead of in-state rivalry, it's all about Dooley, defense

One year after losing an overtime thriller in Knoxville, the Commodores are looking to give the school its **first victory over the Volunteers since 2005. And they're favored.**

By STEVE SCHINDLER

Sports reporter

After last year's overtime win over Vanderbilt, Tennessee head coach Derek Dooley was caught on film during a post-game locker room delivering a frank, expletive-speckled assessment of Tennessee's dominance of the in-state rivalry that did not sit well with Commodores head coach James Franklin at the time.

"We'll talk about it next year — a lot," Franklin said. "That's a wound that I'm going to leave open that's not going to heal. We'll leave it open for a year and we'll discuss it next year."

On Monday, with a year of cooling-off time at his back, Franklin backed off of last year's statements.

"I have matured dramatically since that day — as you guys know, we have one of the best hospitals in the United States, so that wound has healed," Franklin said, adding that the Commodores didn't need any extra motivation to be ready for this game.

The second-year coach made it clear where his focus is this week. It may help that his team has already secured bowl eligibility and is taking the momentum of a four-game winning streak into Saturday night's matchup with the Volunteers, who are floundering at 0-6 in conference play.

"It's about Vanderbilt," Franklin said. "It's about us getting better and doing our jobs. I have tremendous respect for the state of Tennessee and the University of Tennessee and their traditions. I have tremendous respect for Derek (Dooley), but our focus is completely on

Vanderbilt."

Make no mistake: While Franklin respects the Tennessee-Vanderbilt rivalry, he has grander designs than in-state supremacy, just as he has grander designs than bowl eligibility — the Volunteers just happen to be in the way.

Over the rivalry's first 106 contests, Tennessee boasts a 73-28-5 record. In the past 10 years of the rivalry, Tennessee is averaging double the amount of points per game (30) as Vanderbilt (15.2). Things have changed in Nashville since Franklin's hiring. Under Franklin's guidance, Vanderbilt is heading to a bowl game in back-to-back seasons for the first time in school history. A win over Tennessee would give the Commodores five SEC wins for the first time since 1935, the SEC's third year of existence.

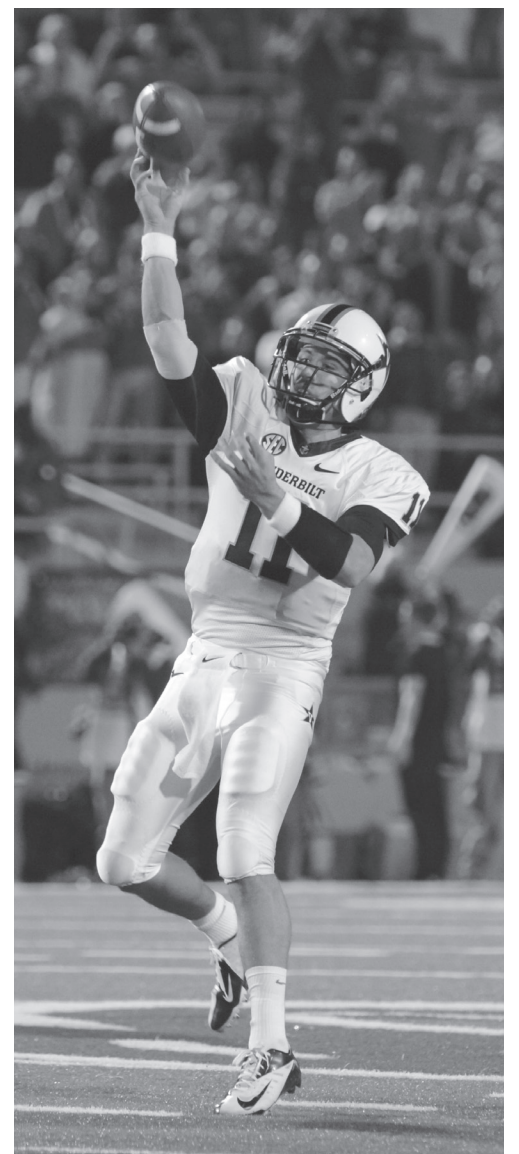
If there is a season for Vanderbilt to reverse the curse against its rival, this is it. Saturday's game could serve as a touchpoint in the rivalry's history, as both programs appear to be headed in different directions. While Vanderbilt is having perhaps its finest season, Vols fans are suffering through a season which has seen Tennessee, along with woeful Kentucky and Auburn, go winless thus far in SEC play.

In fact, since Dooley's comments, the only thing Tennessee has been kicking is itself. Things have gotten so bad that the dismissal of Dooley is widely anticipated around the conference.

The biggest reason for the disappointing season in Knoxville is a historically bad Tennessee defense that ranks 113th in the nation in points and yards allowed per game, respectively. The Volunteers' SEC-worst defense is allowing 37 points per game and over 480 yards.

Over the past two games, things have really fallen apart for Tennessee on defense. Sun Belt stalwarts Troy put up 48 points and gained 718 yards of total offense in a 7-point loss two weeks ago, the most ever by a Tennessee opponent. Last Saturday, SEC newcomer Missouri scored 51 and compiled over 450 yards of total offense with the help of four overtimes.

Fresh off of last week's comeback victory over the Rebels, the Commodores' offense has plenty of confidence and momentum. With the combination of a poised Vanderbilt offense and a porous Tennessee defense, the biggest question may be whether the Commodores will score in the 30s, 40s or 50s. The nation's 9th-worst passing defense will have its hands full with talented



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Coming off one of the most complete performances of his Vanderbilt career — 21-for-36 for 27 yards and two touchdowns — Jordan Rodgers (above) leads the offense against a shaky Tennessee defense.

wideouts Jordan Matthews and Chris Boyd, directed by the ever-improving Jordan Rodgers under center.

To their credit, the Volunteers can score with anyone. Tennessee quarterback Tyler Bray leads the 7th-ranked Tennessee passing attack, throwing for over 3,200 yards and 29 touchdowns. This game should be a track meet, with the first team to reach the half-century mark to come out victorious. Don't be surprised to see the Commodores match the displays of offensive prowess of the Presbyterian, Massachusetts, and Kentucky games this season.

The winner of the 2012 version of Tennessee-Vanderbilt could continue to hold the advantage in this rivalry for several years to come. With tensions high in Knoxville and momentum building on West End, the Commodores fancy themselves poised to start a lengthy streak of their own.

# Right place, right time: Joseph, Scalf lift XC ahead of Nationals

Vanderbilt's consistent top finishers did their thing last weekend at the NCAA South Regional, but it was sophomore Amira Joseph and senior Allie Scalf whose times made the big difference

By ANTHONY LYNCH

Sports reporter

Three points. That's all that separated the Vanderbilt women's cross country team from having to wait and hope that they would be awarded a bid to the NCAA Championships. Instead, the Commodores earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Championships by edging out Georgia for second place at the NCAA South Regional on Friday.

The Commodores were led by senior Kristen Findley, who ran the 6K race in 20:22.6 to finish ninth. She was followed closely by SEC Freshman of the Year Hannah Jumper, who finished 11th with a time of 20:26.9, and junior Liz Anderson, who placed 16th with a time of 20:33.4.

But as those who run, coach or follow cross country know, the performances of the top finishers are wasted unless they have teammates who step up in the fourth and fifth slots to round out the scoring. At the South Regional, sophomore Amira Joseph and senior Allie Scalf did just that for the Commodores, gaining the key spots the team needed to earn the automatic bid. Scalf finished 34th with a time of 20:59.6, while Joseph placed 42nd with a time of 21:06.7.

Joseph said one of the keys to the team's success this season has been their focus on running together and having a smaller spread.

"In this race Allie, Jordan (White) and I ran together," Joseph said. "Allie was the difference-maker. She just had an awesome race and really pulled us along with her."

Although the Commodores earned an automatic bid to the NCAA

Championships, they could not entirely avoid the waiting process. Immediately following the race, the results showed that Vanderbilt had finished third, meaning the team would not receive an automatic bid, but the runners remained hopeful that they would be awarded an at-large bid sometime in the next few days.

However, after returning from their cool-down run, the team saw that the score was under review. After an agonizing hour-long wait, it was revealed that there had been a mistake in the initial scoring: Vanderbilt had in fact finished second and earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Championships.

Joseph described the long waiting process as "nerve-wracking."

"Before the race, we knew it was a big race, but we were pretty relaxed because we were ready to show what we could do," she said.

The Commodores did just that, finishing second only to the No. 1 team in the country, Florida State, and beating out a tough field that included SEC champion Florida.

"It was really great for the team because we've had an up-and-down season, but everyone came together with a common goal," Scalf said. "It was one of those great meets where it all came together, and with a big reward."

That reward is a second straight trip to the NCAA Championships, where the Commodores placed sixth last year.

"We have a new team this year, so it will be different," said Joseph, who ran at Nationals last year. "But it will be exciting proving how good we are and how we deserve to be here."

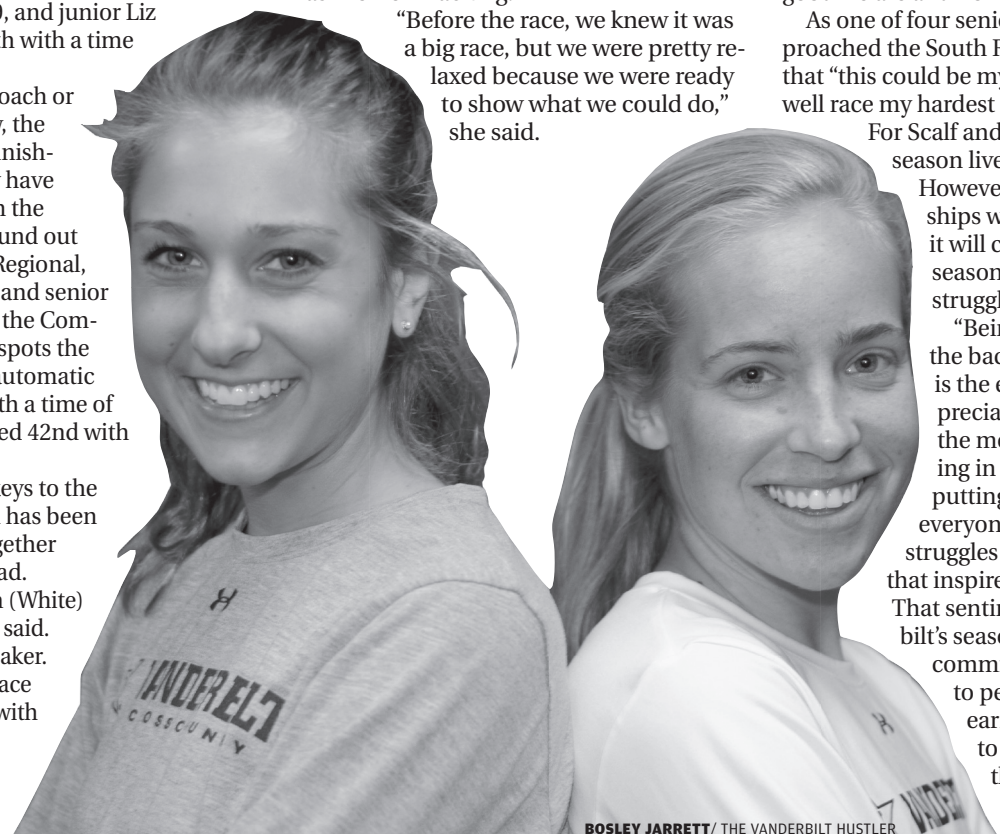
As one of four seniors on the team, Scalf approached the South Regional with the attitude that "this could be my last meet, so I might as well race my hardest so it doesn't have to be."

For Scalf and the rest of the team, the season lives to see another meet.

However, the NCAA Championships will be the final race, and it will cap off a memorable season that was not without its struggles.

"Being a senior, you have it in the back of your mind that this is the end, but it makes you appreciate it more and enjoy it in the moment," Scalf said. "Coming in and seeing 17 other girls putting it on the line everyday — everyone goes through their own struggles but stays committed, so that inspires me."

That sentiment epitomizes Vanderbilt's season. The Commodores' commitment has allowed them to peak at the right time and earned them the opportunity to prove themselves against the toughest field of runners in the nation.



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# Bowling again: VU has options this time

By **GEORGE BARCLAY**  
Asst. sports editor

"Celebrate, Commodore Nation. It's never happened before." In just a seven-word play-by-play call on Saturday night, radio broadcaster Joe Fisher captured the essence of James Franklin's second season in charge of Vanderbilt's football program. For the first time in program history, the Commodores are in a position to clinch back-to-back bowl games. Yet, with two weeks of regular season football left, the matter of where Vanderbilt will be taking its holiday business trip depends on a number of factors.

Bowl game representatives invite teams to compete based on their on-field performance and off-the-field marketability, and each game has traditional tie-in agreements to select teams from specific conferences. The Southeastern Conference has tie-ins with 10 different bowls, including the Bowl Championship Series.

Currently, Vanderbilt is seventh in the combined SEC standings, with a 4-3 in-conference record and a 6-4 record overall. This presents two likely options for the Commodores: the Gator Bowl and the Music City Bowl.

Held in Jacksonville, Fla., the Gator Bowl has been played annually since 1946. Now at EverBank Field, the Gator Bowl is typically played on New Year's Day. The Gator Bowl is perhaps most famous for a 1978 incident where legendary Ohio State coach Woody Hayes struck Clemson player Charlie Bauman after a play, a sideline exchange that led to Hayes' firing. As for the teams that play in the Gator Bowl, the game typically invites one SEC team and one Big Ten team. The Gator Bowl has the sixth pick of the eligible SEC teams, behind the Sugar Bowl, the Capital One Bowl, the Outback Bowl, the Cotton Bowl and the Chick-Fil-A Bowl.

Every bowl game takes tourism factors into consideration when selecting participants, and while Mississippi State fans are considered to be more loyal travelers, Vanderbilt could have an inside track due to the fact that Mississippi State played in the Gator Bowl two years ago.

Were James Franklin and company to play in the Gator Bowl, Vanderbilt could be on track for a matchup against teams



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A rock for the Commodores all season long, running back Zac Stacy has his sights set on finishing his Vanderbilt career with a bowl victory, which would be the program's first since 2008. He scored the team's first touchdown in last year's Liberty Bowl loss.

such as Michigan State or Minnesota. The Big Ten's last win in the Gator Bowl came in 1991, and a date in Jacksonville could present the Commodores with an opportunity to reaffirm the SEC's national reputation.

The other, more likely bowl prospect for Vanderbilt is the Music City Bowl. Held at LP Field in Nashville, the Music City Bowl has been a bowl game since 1998. Traditionally, the bowl hosts one SEC team and one ACC team. In its brief history, the Music City Bowl has seen some memorable games take place, such as Vanderbilt's last bowl victory, a 16-14 thriller against Boston College in 2008, and a nail-biter in which North Carolina defeated Tennessee 30-27 in double overtime in 2010. In the selection process, the Music City Bowl typically has the seventh pick of the SEC tie-ins.

A bowl-eligible representative from

the Atlantic Coast Conference, such as Duke or North Carolina State, could end up traveling to Nashville to meet the Commodores, should they be chosen. A trip down the road could provide the Commodores with their best opportunity at home field advantage, an environment James Franklin has long called for.

James Franklin will continue his "1-0 this week" motto as a matchup against Tennessee approaches on Saturday, but the facts remain: Vanderbilt no longer has to worry about bowl eligibility as the season comes to a close. Whether it's in Nashville, Jacksonville, Atlanta or Birmingham, the Commodores will be bowling.

Although the location is still uncertain, the Commodores can put themselves in a position to play against inferior conferences such as the Big Ten and the ACC. And that, as Joe Fisher so eloquently put it, is worth a celebration.

## Bowl games with SEC tie-ins

With the addition of the Independence Bowl this year, 10 bowl games are obligated to invite SEC teams, should they become eligible – and that's without a team (or two) earning spot in the BCS National Championship Game. Read on for information about the games, their tie-ins, and when they're scheduled to kick off this postseason.



**ALLSTATE SUGAR BOWL**  
Jan. 2  
7:30 p.m. CT  
ESPN  
New Orleans, La.  
Superdome (72,968)  
Teams: BCS vs. BCS

**TAXSLAYER.COM GATOR BOWL**  
Jan. 2  
11 p.m. CT  
ESPN2  
Jacksonville, Fla.  
Jacksonville Municipal Stadium (73,000)  
Teams: SEC vs. Big Ten



**CAPITAL ONE BOWL**  
Jan. 1  
12 p.m. CT  
ABC  
Orlando, Fla.  
Florida Citrus Bowl (65,438)  
Teams: SEC vs. Big Ten

**FRANKLIN AMERICAN MORTGAGE MUSIC CITY BOWL**  
Dec. 31  
11 a.m. CT  
ESPN  
Nashville, Tenn.  
LP Field (68,000)  
Teams: SEC vs. ACC



**OUTBACK BOWL**  
Jan. 1  
12 p.m. CT  
ABC Sports  
Tampa, Fla.  
Raymond James Stadium (65,657)  
Teams: SEC vs. Big Ten

**AUTOZONE LIBERTY BOWL**  
Dec. 31  
2:30 p.m. ET  
ESPN  
Memphis, Tenn.  
Liberty Bowl Stadium (62,338)  
Teams: SEC vs. Conference USA



**AT&T COTTON BOWL**  
Jan. 4  
7 p.m. CT  
FOX  
Arlington, Texas  
Cowboys Stadium (75,815)  
Teams: SEC vs. Big 12

**BBVA COMPASS BOWL**  
Jan. 5  
12 p.m. CT  
ESPN  
Birmingham, Ala.  
Legion Field (71,594)  
Teams: SEC vs. Big East



**CHICK-FIL-A BOWL**  
Dec. 31  
6:30 p.m. CT  
ESPN  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Georgia Dome (71,228)  
Teams: SEC vs. ACC

**ADVOCARE 100 INDEPENDENCE BOWL**  
Dec. 28  
1 p.m. CT  
ESPN  
Shreveport, La.  
Independence Stadium (53,000)  
Teams: SEC vs. ACC

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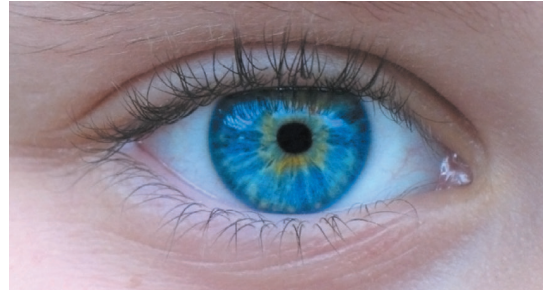
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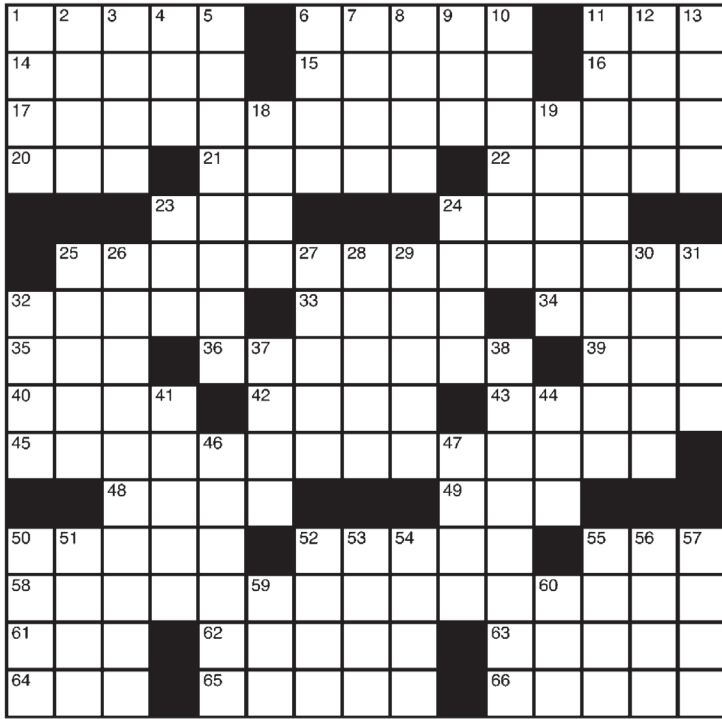
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Elegant trinket
  - 6 Yam or taro
  - 11 "Talk of the Nation" ailer
  - 14 Not proximate
  - 15 "The Princess Bride" kidnapper
  - 16 Rivière contents
  - 17 Negotiator's assets
  - 20 Textbook updates, e.g.: Abbr.
  - 21 Pricey screens
  - 22 Nuts for soft drinks
  - 23 Stage signal
  - 24 Synthesizer pioneer
  - 25 Utterly squashed
  - 32 Come undone
  - 33 Be just too sweet
  - 34 Inkling
  - 35 \_\_\_ Lopez: chess opening
  - 36 Mickey D's breakfast item
  - 39 In
  - 40 Before, to the Bard
  - 42 "Actually, that's not true"
  - 43 Reasons for returns
  - 45 Easily identifiable teams, in casual games
  - 48 Shared currency
  - 49 Really quiet, in music
  - 50 USS Missouri nickname
  - 52 Digital image unit
  - 55 Through
  - 58 1885 Van Gogh painting (whose subjects may have appreciated the ends of 17-, 25- and 45-Across)
  - 61 Angkor \_\_\_: Cambodian temple
  - 62 Die (out)
  - 63 Trio with notable beards
  - 64 "Star Trek: DSN" role
  - 65 Below-average Joe
  - 66 Eternities



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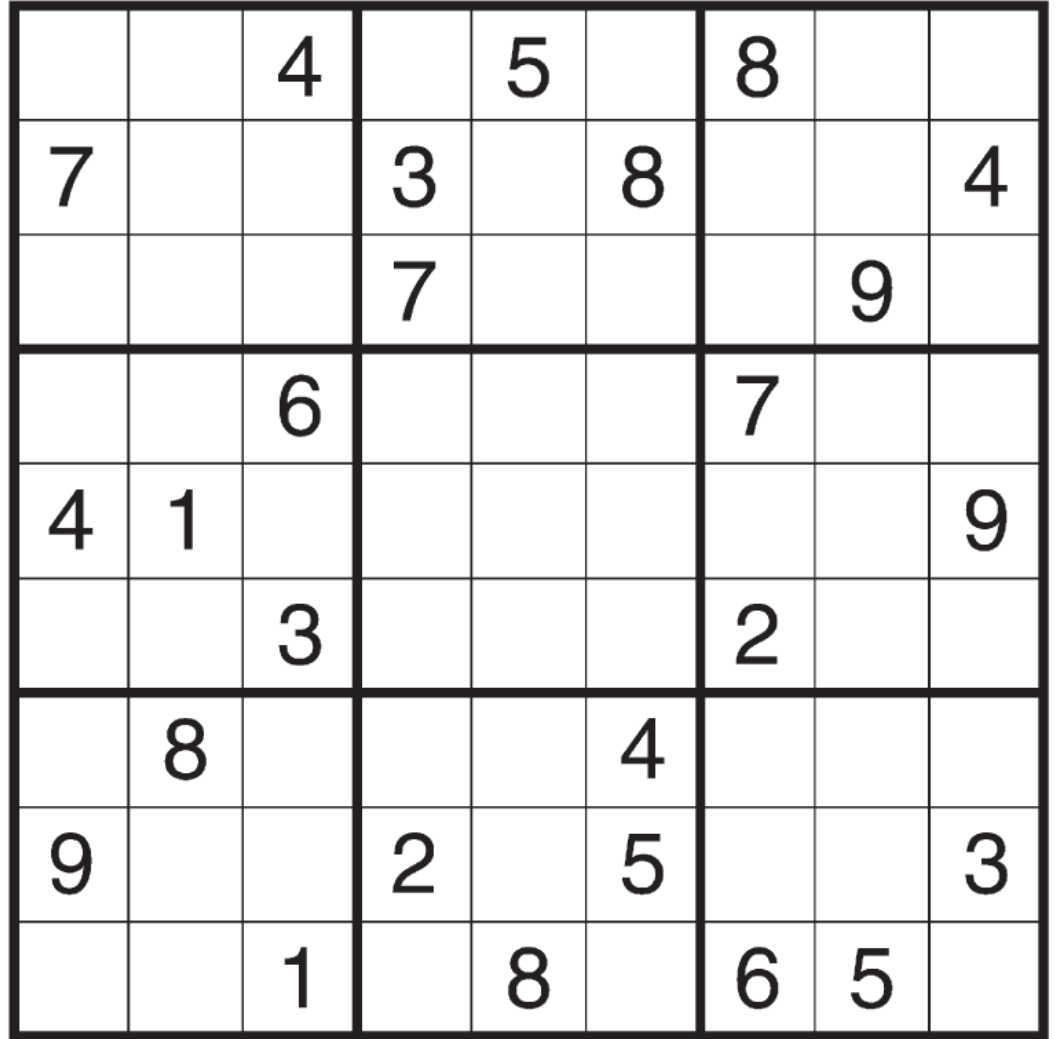
- DOWN**
- 1 Big screen pig
  - 2 Third-generation release of 2012
  - 3 24-Down containers
  - 4 Part of ILO: Abbr.
  - 5 Pacific-12 Conference member
  - 6 Windshield application
  - 7 Pac-12 member, e.g.
  - 8 Some troughs
  - 9 It's usually broken before use
  - 10 "You da man!"
  - 11 Author of "The Sandman" graphic novels
  - 12 Respected Smurf
  - 13 Muscovite, e.g.: Abbr.
  - 18 Think tank product
  - 19 Cheap sauce
  - 23 Keep from going higher
  - 24 Subway addition?
  - 25 Club with the motto "To Make the Best Better"
  - 26 Beset
  - 27 Milan's La \_\_\_
  - 28 Fully committed
  - 29 Traveled down the Grand Canal, say
  - 30 Has met before
  - 31 JFK listings
  - 32 College srs.' tests
  - 37 Soup with a bento
  - 38 Named for a prez, Philly public square also known as Love Park
  - 41 Master card?
  - 44 Golf hole's edge
  - 46 Uniformed forces
  - 47 WWI German vice admiral
  - 50 USAF stealth plane
  - 51 "\_\_\_ to do it!"
  - 52 Trail
  - 53 Brangelina, e.g.
  - 54 Tic-tac-toe option
  - 55 Quash
  - 56 Element in hemoglobin
  - 57 Egyptian dangers
  - 59 Dick
  - 60 Philosopher Mo-\_\_\_

**Answers to Monday's puzzle**



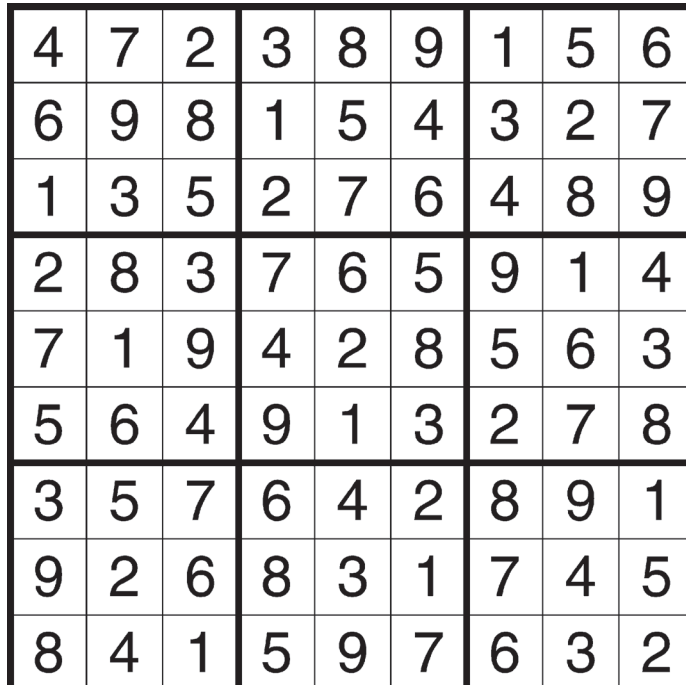
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

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