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Freshmen **Kevin Bright** and **Sheldon Jeter** stepped up to key a 17-point comeback, and Bright bounced in a baseline **jumper with less than a second to go** to help the Commodores pull off some classic **Memorial Magic**

By **STEVE SCHINDLER**
Sports reporter

It's been a while since Vanderbilt fans have witnessed some Memorial Magic; however, a freshman from Mannheim, Germany, conjured up some sorcery on Wednesday night.

Kevin Bright hit a pull-up jumper from 15 feet out that hit the front of the rim, banked high off the backboard and dropped in with 0.8 seconds remaining, propelling the Commodores to a 63-62 comeback win over Georgia.

"I didn't expect the ball coming to me with a few seconds left," Bright said. "I didn't even think about it. I just dribbled the ball into the baseline and was trying to get the shot off, and luckily it went in. I thought it was off, but luckily it bounced back in."

Bright's last-second heroics kept Vanderbilt's (12-15, 6-9 SEC) momentum going, giving the Commodores their fourth win in the last six games.

This wasn't Bright's first clutch shot of the season — he hit what appeared to be a game-winner in the final seconds against Ole Miss, but a buzzer-beater by Marshall Henderson stripped him of that glory.

"It felt way better than the last time against Ole Miss," Bright said. "In this game we knew we had to make sure we finished things."

"We deserve to win like this after we've lost so many in this fashion this year," said head coach Kevin Stallings.

The win was all the more impressive due to the 17-point deficit Vanderbilt faced with just 1:11 left in the first half. The Commodores closed the gap to 34-22 by halftime, but they were struggling on the boards and having major problems with stopping sophomore guard Kentavious Caldwell-Pope in the early going. At halftime, Caldwell-Pope had a double-double — 10 points, 11 rebounds — and Georgia was out-rebounding Vanderbilt 20-7.

"We were playing without emotion in the first half," said Kedren Johnson, who finished with a team-high 17 points. "We

were lifeless. At halftime we, the players, talked as a team about playing with passion and having fun. That's what put us back in the game in the second half."

The teams went back and forth in the first 10 minutes of the second half, but Vanderbilt still found itself trailing 47-36. Bright kick-started a 16-2 run for the Commodores by hitting a 3-pointer with 10:42 to play. Led by freshman Sheldon Jeter, who scored 11 of his career-high 14 points during the stretch, the run gave Vanderbilt a 55-49 lead with 4:30 to go.

Georgia wouldn't give up the game up without a fight, as Caldwell-Pope hit two 3-pointers to tie the game at 60. Caldwell-Pope proved why he's one of the most feared players in the conference, scoring 20 points and grabbing 14 rebounds.

Georgia's Charles Mann gave the Bulldogs a 1-point lead with two key free throws with 42 seconds left. Bright followed with a missed 3-pointer, but as Georgia was attempting to run out the clock, Caldwell-Pope dribbled the ball off of his foot near midcourt, giving the Commodores possession with 19 seconds remaining. Bright got the ball and dribbled toward the baseline before pulling up for the jumper. The ball bounced off the front rim and the backboard before falling through.

Memorial Gymnasium erupted as Vanderbilt completed only its second win this season after trailing at the half. The comeback effort outdid a 6-point overtime comeback at Xavier earlier this year.

"We are definitely learning how to close out games and step up in key situations," Jeter said.

"What happened wasn't a play; it was a guy who made a play," Stallings said. The Commodores could use those kinds of plays as it heads into its final three games, two of which are against teams with losing records, riding a huge wave of momentum. They will look to move themselves from the 11th seed to the 10th seed to get a first-round bye in the SEC tournament.

For now, in a season full of disappointments, the Magic returned to Memorial Gymnasium for one night.

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT



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Behind the COMEBACK

Vanderbilt battled back from a poor first half, during which the Commodores trailed by as much as 17 points (34-17 with a minute remaining in the first half), to win 63-62 on Wednesday night against the visiting Georgia Bulldogs. This was just the second time this season the Commodores came back to win after trailing at halftime. Here were the five keys to the comeback:

- **Kedren Johnson** led the way for Vanderbilt with 17 points and five assists. Twelve of those points came in the second half as the Commodores rallied back.
- **Sheldon Jeter** contributed nothing off the bench in the first half, but he came on strong in the second, scoring 14 points while going 2-for-2 from beyond the arc.
- Like Jeter, **Josh Henderson** struggled mightily in the first half, also going scoreless. But his eight second-half points helped spur the Vanderbilt comeback.
- Prolific Georgia guard **Kentavious Caldwell-Pope**, the second highest scorer in the SEC, was held scoreless for over 20 minutes of game time, from 5:39 remaining in the first half to 5:35 remaining in the second half. Caldwell-Pope also dribbled the ball off his foot and out of bounds with 19 seconds left, handing Vanderbilt the ball for the final shot.
- **Kevin Bright** had 11 points for the Commodores, none bigger than the final two. With time running out and the Commodores down 62-61, Bright pulled up and hit a baseline jumper with 0.8 seconds left to give Vanderbilt the victory.

Get ready to be 20 times more annoyed

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Emergency management officials in Nashville say tornado sirens will soon sound different and there will be more of them.

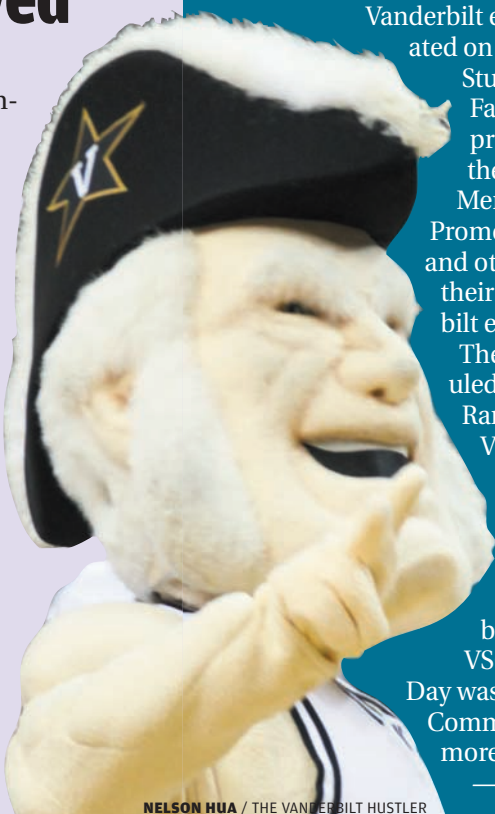
Metro Nashville government announced Wednesday that 20 more sirens will be added to the 73 already deployed across Davidson County.

The electronic tone now heard from the sirens will be changed to a mechanically generated tone that is similar to an old-fashioned air raid warning alert. Officials say the sirens will be easier to hear and their sound will carry farther.

Mayor Karl Dean said the sirens are crucial in warning people who are outdoors when a tornado warning is issued.

According to Dean, the project will be financed from a capital bonds program he proposed that was approved by the Metro Council in 2012.

The upgrades will begin this week and are scheduled for completion by March 7.



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VSG HEARTS OUR 'DORES

Vanderbilt employees are being appreciated on campus Thursday by Vanderbilt Student Government (VSG) as part of Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day, providing students a way to thank the individuals who work on campus. Members of VSG will be on the Sarratt Promenade passing out stickers, cookies and other treats for students to give to their favorite teacher or other Vanderbilt employee.

The Vanderbilt Melodores are scheduled to serenade the dining staff in Rand Hall at 12:30 p.m. Mr. C, the Vanderbilt mascot, will also make a special appearance.

Increased discounts at the Vanderbilt Barnes & Noble bookstore are also being offered to Vanderbilt employees during business hours today.

VSG's Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day was planned by the VSG Campus Life Committee, which is chaired by sophomore Sylvia Precht-Rodriguez.

— Tyler Bishop, news editor

Gotta let it burn

Trash can ignites in Stevenson

A small trash fire was extinguished within about 20 seconds after it caused the activation of the fire alarm system on the sixth floor of the chemistry building in the Stevenson Center science complex at about 3:40 p.m. Tuesday afternoon.

The fire occurred shortly after a member of the building's cleaning crew emptied the contents of a trash can located in a chemistry lab into a rolling trash bin in the hallway. The Metro Nashville Fire Department responded to the call.

Because the fire took place in the chemistry building, the Metro Hazmat team also responded. The hazmat team took readings in the area and found no problems with the air quality.

Occupants of the sixth floor were evacuated briefly while the bin was transported outside. The bin and its contents were inspected, and it was determined there was no potential for risk.

— Jim Patterson, Vanderbilt University spokesman

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We see this project as an opportunity to offer our faculty and staff larger and additional exercise facilities, our students enhanced wellness programs and our varsity, club and intramural teams increased practice and playing space."

DAVID WILLIAMS III, ATHLETICS DIRECTOR



VANDERBITS

DEVELOPING



MURPHY BYRNE / THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER

Vanderbilt explores converting to all-natural-gas power plant

By TYLER BISHOP
News editor

The Vanderbilt administration, in collaboration with the plant operations department, is considering the possibility of converting the current cogeneration heat and power plant that runs on a combination of coal and natural gas to one that operates wholly on natural gas.

"We are exploring the possible logistics and economics of converting to a 100 percent natural gas plant along with some facilities upgrades to the plant," said Mark Petty, assistant vice chancellor for plant operations. "At this time it is nothing more than that."

According to Petty, though, this is an exercise the university has performed in the last five years to test the viability of becoming fully reliant on natural gas. No plans to move forward on a project have been solidified.

Eight, and sometimes nine, truckloads of West Virginia low-sulfur coal — weighing approximately 25 tons each — are currently trucked to the campus daily to provide heat and power to the Vanderbilt community. According to Michael Diamond, sophomore and co-chair of Reinvest Vanderbilt, a switch to natural gas would significantly reduce Vanderbilt's carbon emissions.

Maddie Hughes contributed to this report.

SAFE SPRING BREAK KITS



TINA TIAN / THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER

As part of the Vanderbilt Office of Wellness Programs & Alcohol Education's Safe Spring Break Week, students are being provided with Safe Spring Break Kits. The kits include two condoms, a female condom, Vanderbilt Recovery Support sunglasses, organic lip balm, a "Let's Talk About Sex, Vandy" card and brochures concerning drugs, alcohol and sexual awareness. Kits will be available today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Alumni Lawn at a DUI-simulation event and tomorrow from 12-1 p.m. in the Office of Wellness Programs & Alcohol Education. Program Coordinator Katherine Drotos said the goal for Safe Spring Break Week is to empower students to make healthier decisions in regards to alcohol, other drugs and sexual encounters. According to Drotos, the kits have been wildly popular among students.

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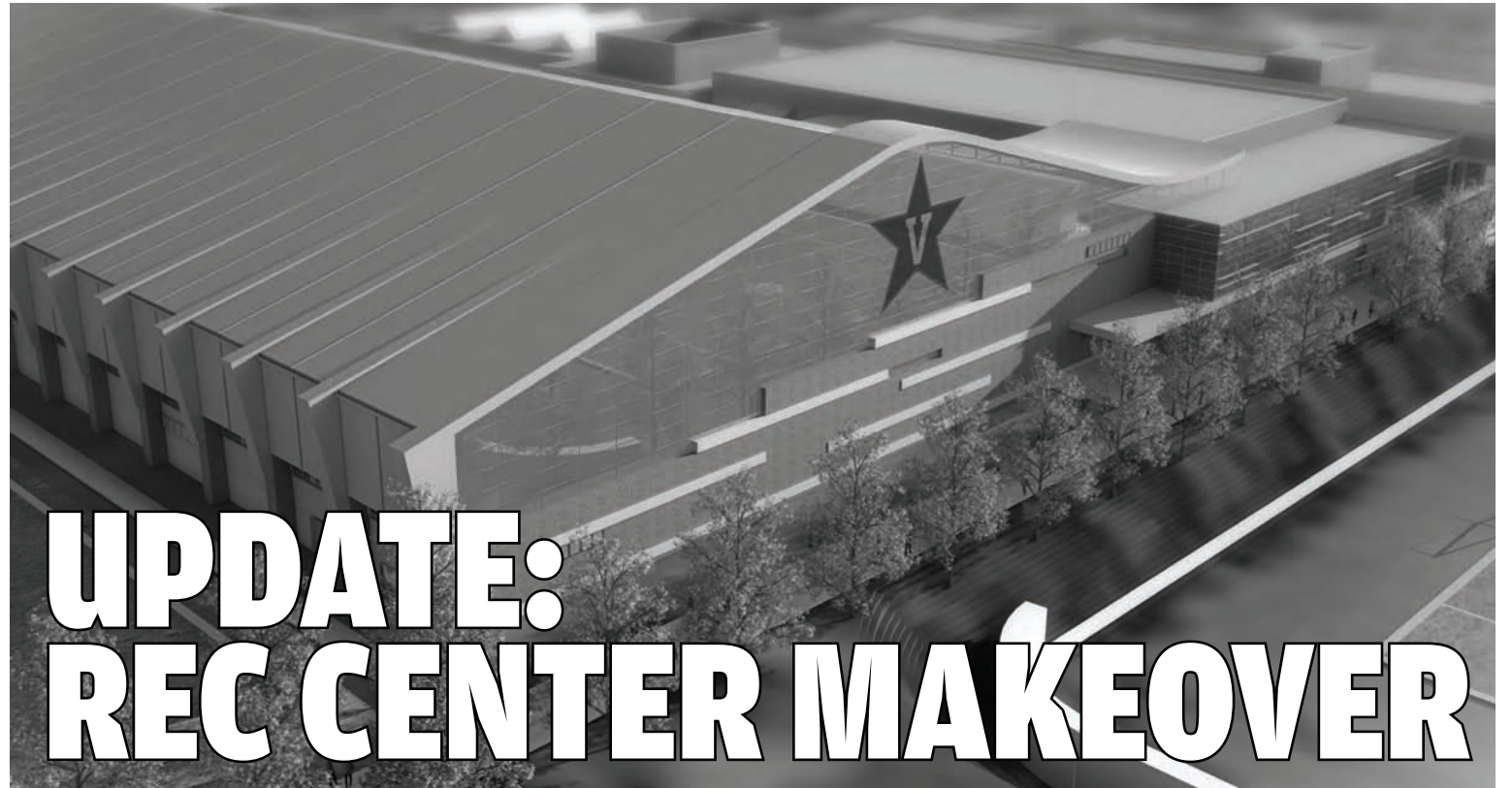
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UPDATE: REC CENTER MAKEOVER

COURTESY OF PAUL H. MARSHALL / CAMPUS PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION

From a **new name** and new machines all the way to a **state-of-the-art bowling alley**, the Student Recreation Center is getting made over from the bottom up. The Hustler presents an update on the **\$30 million renovation** that will **double the square footage** of the building and add new amenities for students, faculty and staff.

By KION SAWNEY
InsideVandy director

As students walk to the recreation center, the towering frame of the new field house serves as a constant indicator of the scale of change to come. The \$30 million renovation, funded by a combination of philanthropy and university investment, will not only double the size of the facility but also change the culture within the building.

To be renamed the Vanderbilt Recreation and Wellness Center to reflect its new vision, the center will expand to serve the needs of the greater Vanderbilt community. The project will result in a combined recreation facility to serve students, faculty and staff — a trend on many college campuses. The facility is expected to be completed by Jan. 1, 2014.

With all the changes that will come with the new facility, a focus on the student remained central to its planning.

"We design to keep the integrity that this is a student recreation center," said Sam Hirt, director of

Campus Recreation and the Student Recreation Center.

The most prominent feature of the expansion is the 160,000-square-foot field house that will house a 120-yard indoor practice field and a 300-meter indoor track. The field house is projected to be completed by the end of October 2013, so the football team will have access to the field during the season. The indoor practice field will also be available for other varsity teams, including soccer and lacrosse as well as intramural and club sports teams. When not in use by teams, the indoor facility will be open to all students, with an available curtain partition.

"Think of it as two of your relatives coming to your house to live," Hirt said.

Hirt mentioned that the same design rationale was used when constructing the existing pool. The pool was decided to have a width of 50 meters as opposed to 100 meters and not contain a diving area because the university wanted the pool to be available to as many people as possible throughout the day.

On the second floor of the facility, the existing squash courts will be expanded to meet international competition standards for club squash. The number of multipurpose rooms typically used for fitness classes and dance rehearsals will expand from two rooms to six rooms. Located north alongside the existing elevated running track will be a fitness area that will house 40 to 60 new cardiovascular machines and equipment.

Upgrades to the ground floor will include a four-lane bowling alley that will support the university's varsity bowling team and provide an informal setting for all students when not in use by the team.

Designed under the consultation of Todd Suttles, the assistant director for the Office of Campus Recreation, the weight room will double in size with specialized focused areas on different lifting styles.

Suttles, who helped with the redesign of the McGugin Athletic Center, brought some of the same design principles to the expanded facility.

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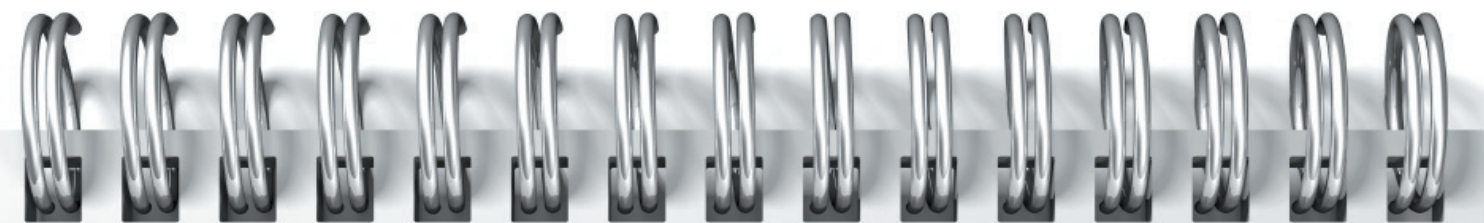
Coming soon

New amenities:

- 120-yard indoor football practice field
- 300-meter indoor track
- Health Plus office
- Bowling alley
- Kitchen area
- Outdoor half-basketball court
- Heath Plus offices

Renovated amenities:

- More weight room space
- Locker room fixtures
- Updated squash and racquetball courts
- Expanded multi-purpose rooms



Making a list and checking it twice

Looking ahead to the Vanderbilt Student Government elections next month, students can expect a heated campaign between presidential hopefuls — the scope of which often results in a presidential bucket list of dozens of separate projects. Current VSG Student Body President Maryclaire Manard and VSG Executive Vice President Mark Cherry ran on a platform that included 37 initiatives. The Hustler conducts a point-by-point analysis of this administration's platform, looking at what's accomplished as of today, what isn't and what will be left for the winners of next month's contest.

By CHELSEA MIHELICH
Senior news reporter

DRIVEN FOR A VANDERBILT DEGREE

In the classroom

- Permit wait listing for multiple class sections**
STATUS: Not accomplished. Not possible with our current system for class registration.
MANARD: "It's not possible because technically it looks like you're double enrolling in the same class, since it's the same course."
- Centralized undergraduate research website with applications and availability**
STATUS: Accomplished. The undergraduate research website contains listings of opportunities for Vanderbilt students, broken down by subject matter. It can be located at research.vanderbilt.edu.
MANARD: "Beyond it already existing ... we're also trying to improve it. The academic affairs committee is currently working on a student survey to see if we can gather more research opportunities than we were aware currently existed at the school."
- Lecture streaming for lecture hall classes**
STATUS: Not accomplished. Not possible because of logistical concerns and unpopularity with faculty members.
MANARD: "Our initial intention with this idea was that all lecture classes should be streamed because a lot of schools do that. But then we realized that that was going to get a lot of faculty pushback ... But the Coursera partnership with the university is huge. It's really big because we currently have classes that are being offered online. And the university, since (the program) is in its first year and so many people have already signed up, are looking into having some of these classes open for credit."

Beyond the classroom

- Pre-professional week, bringing together the Vanderbilt graduate schools for a university-wide fair**
STATUS: Not accomplished (in progress). Manard is currently in talks with university-wide graduate school presidents to put this plan in action.

MANARD: "I've reached out the president of student government of Owen, of the law school, of the medical school, of Peabody graduate school, the Divinity school. So every student government of all the graduate and professional schools on campus ... So we're going to be having a meeting coming up where we can sort of set this forum."

DRIVEN FOR THE VANDERBILT STUDENT LIFE

Student involvement

- VSG hosting all future town hall meetings regarding popular student issues, and not the administration in order to equally represent students**
STATUS: Not accomplished (in progress).
VSG SENATOR JASMINE LARRY: "We're currently still in the process of working out the details of how the town hall meetings will be structured, but we would definitely like to see it come to fruition sometime this semester."
- Funding for merit-based scholarships for upperclassmen.**
STATUS: Not accomplished. Scholarship money from the university is prioritized for need-based scholarships.
MANARD: "The university and VSG agree with this wholeheartedly (and) would like to prioritize that money into going into the need-based loan program. And that's definitely more important than funding an additional merit-based scholarship program. Meaning, so more students will have the opportunity to attend Vanderbilt who might not be able to financially otherwise."
- VSG Online Outreach, where organizations can register to have VSG executive members and administrators sit in on their meetings for feedback**
STATUS: Accomplished. An online outreach form currently exists through Anchor Link.
MANARD: "So this is where they can ask for things like, 'What is the best way to get additional funding outside of your cosponsorship process?' And then we would say, 'The AcFee Contingency Fund, go apply for that' ... or if they have an idea or concern they can fill that out as well."

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"This seems like an incredibly wasteful allocation of resources for a growing population. Remember here that 2 percent of our calories are costing us 18 percent of the world's carbon dioxide-equivalent emissions."

SKYLER HUTTO

TWITTER ROUNDUP

Something got you peeved? Irked? Honked off? The Rant is your place to anonymously vent your spleen on any issue you want. To get your rant on: tweet @VandyRant, email us at opinion@insidevandy.com, or visit the InsideVandy.com opinion page. In the meantime, enjoy the best of this week's tweets on the topic of sequestration.

Herman Cain — @THEHermanCain

Obama says thousands of Gov workers will lose their pay because of #sequestration. Don't worry he's not one of them

Matt Yglesias — @mattyglesias

"Threats" aside still curious if by Woodward-logic GOP efforts to replace defense sequestration with poverty cuts is goalpost-moving?

Indecision — @indecision

One way to get people to care about sequestration is to get Jennifer Lawrence to say something wacky about it.

reason — @reason

Another Horrible Effect of Sequestration: Letting 'Noncriminals' Out of Jail

Businessweek — @BW

Want to end sequestration? Kill the F-35, Ground Combat Vehicle, M-1 tank and the "Little Crappy Ship"

Justin Wolfers — @justinwolfers

A better-designed alternative to sequestration: If Congress doesn't come to a compromise, turn the heat down 1 degree each day until they do

James Downie — @jamesdownie

When you look at the list of things exempted from the sequestration, it's remarkable anyone thought this was a gun to Congress's head.

radleybalko — @radleybalko

Sequestration cuts Dep. Ed. funding to 2004 levels -- back when we had one-room schoolhouses and wrote with charcoal.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The present and future of Greek life

The Gamma chapter of DKE issues a formal statement to The Vanderbilt Hustler

To the Editor:

The Delta Kappa Epsilon chapter of Vanderbilt University is extremely disappointed at the suspension handed down by the university's administration. While our own investigation revealed that there was occasional use of marijuana in the chapter house by a limited number of members, the charges were far more serious than the use of marijuana, as they included intent to distribute illicit drugs from the facility and facilitating the distribution of illegal drugs. The university's investigation raised the question of whether or not there was unauthorized access to the chapter house by non-DKE students who live off campus. Clearly, the university's own investigation did not support the charges against the chapter.

During winter break, a person or persons entered a room in the house. The burglars left a ladder leading up to the second floor back window. According to the university, officials entered the house under suspicion of a break in. University officials found drug residue and paraphernalia that they deemed useful in facilitation and distribution when they searched the second floor room. VUPD was notified and a thorough search of the room proceeded after the discovery of drug-related paraphernalia.

Upon return from the semester break, the newly elected chapter officers and concerned alumni were notified of the apparent burglary and subsequent investigation. The administration and VUPD conducted a limited investigation and the chapter was asked to submit a report to the Office of Greek Life. The chapter's alumni association also conducted its own investigation. The students who lived in the room testified that the room was not in the same condition they had left it and that they knew nothing of the drug related paraphernalia. VUPD concluded that these items were likely introduced to the house through the second floor window by one or more members of a group of non-DKE students who may have been under investigation for a drug-related offense and needed a place to store the items during the break. It is not clear to the undersigned how VUPD processed the evidence and whether there has since been any direct connection between the contraband items and the non-DKE burglars.

The two Dekes who had lived in the room in question faced charges under the Student Conduct Code. Only one was found responsible for a

minor violation of the VU Substance Abuse Policy. There was insufficient evidence to uphold the remaining charges of facilitation or distribution even under the relatively low burden of proof the university chooses to apply in such matters.

The administration pressed charges against the chapter as a whole for the items found in the residence room. While factual findings have not been issued as of this writing, the administration has decided to punish the entire chapter with the "death penalty." The university's decision is to close the chapter until the Fall 2015 semester. Given the complete lack of evidence that the offending items found belonged to any member of DKE and the evidence of a burglary by non-Deke students with a motive to store drug-related items, this decision is disheartening, uncalled for and illogical. Vanderbilt has decided to impute responsibility to the entire chapter and close the chapter as a result of the discovery of these items, even though there was insufficient evidence to support the charges against individuals living in the room. How is this decision possible under generally accepted norms of justice and due process in our society?

We agree that any drug use in the chapter facility is unacceptable. We also agree that discovery of these items in the chapter house is troubling regardless of the source. In response to the charges, we made a very significant proposal to the university's administration, which the international fraternity, the alumni association and the chapter felt would help Vanderbilt University take a major step toward its stated goal of addressing the issue of drug use in the Greek system. We offered to begin a voluntary, ongoing program of drug testing monitored by the alumni association. The program the chapter and alumni association have proposed includes immediate testing of all members, suspension until the Fall 2013 semester for anyone who tests positive and suspension until the Fall 2013 semester for anyone who refuses to be tested.

A similar program has been successful for the DKE chapter at the University of Alabama. Three years ago, DKE became the first drug-testing fraternity at Alabama. More than half of Alabama fraternities now test for drugs. Recently, there was a major drug bust on campus at Alabama that involved a number of fraternity and sorority members. No DKE members were involved or arrested. Statistics show beyond any

doubt that drug testing works for those institutions committed to reducing drug use.

DKE sincerely offered to partner with Vanderbilt in implementing this program and to help promote it within the Greek system. The evidence we offered included testimonials from officials of the University of Alabama. However, by suspending DKE after the drug testing offer, the University will lose the opportunity to implement a 'game-changing' program that could benefit the entire Greek system.

In the university's 2010 strategic plan for fraternities, goals No. 1 and No. 2 were to eliminate use of illicit drugs in the fraternity houses and reduce drug usage among Greek members. Vanderbilt acknowledged that drug use is an issue on campus and among Greeks. Vanderbilt's decision as to DKE in this matter fails to advance the university's professed goals and serves as a deterrent to other Greek organizations from working with the university in drug investigations. We are left wondering what it is about a proven and successful drug testing program that does not further the university's goals.

We are also concerned and alarmed by the statement issued to The Hustler by the university's Office of Greek Life. The statement has an ominous air of finality. In addition, officials in the Office of Greek Life asked DKE International to begin to negotiate an agreement to return the chapter to campus in the Fall 2015 semester before the university's written, preliminary decision was received by the chapter. The alumni association and the chapter's leadership were told the chapter had the right to a full and fair appeal of the preliminary decision in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. In light of the university's statement and the conduct of those in the Office of Student Life, we hope the appeal by the chapter will be given due consideration on its merits.

We encourage students to write to Dean Bandas and urge him to reverse the suspension decision upon the appeal that DKE will make, on the grounds that if DKE is allowed to stay, Vanderbilt will benefit by having a partner in its stated goal. Help us fight back against this irrational abuse of power by the Vanderbilt administration.

—Gamma Chapter, Vanderbilt University, Delta Kappa Epsilon Alumni Association, Gamma Chapter, Delta Kappa Epsilon

Alumnus: Preserve Vanderbilt's valuable Greek scene

WILL VANDERZANT is a 2009 graduate of Vanderbilt and a security policy studies candidate at George Washington University.

Dear Chancellor Zeppos, Board of Trust and Office of Greek Life,

I write to you under the auspices of two voices: as a former fraternity president writing in support of a particular instance and as an alumnus voicing concerns that many others share. While the two causes I write for are related, I raise independent issues for each. One need not agree with my views on the overall direction of Greek Life to determine that lenience should be applied in the particular case of Lambda Chi Alpha. My discussion of the LXA situation reflects my views, which may be shared by others, and I do claim with a high degree of certainty that many others do share my concerns regarding Greek Life in general. Finally, it is probably obvious that the LXA instance serves as the impetus for this letter, but I assure you that my concerns about Greek Life are longstanding and relevant regardless of the outcome with LXA.

I begin with my concerns about the direction of Greek Life. Since 2009, it has been evident that the administration has become increasingly antagonistic towards Greek Life at Vanderbilt. New rules, increasingly aggressive enforcement and increased stakes have subverted Greek Life's independence. These "increased stakes" refer to the action of bringing more Greek organizations onto campus than there are houses to accommodate them, resulting in a game of "musical chairs." Further, these rules and enforcement policies target members of Greek Life without corresponding scrutiny to non-Greek members. For example, fraternity tailgates must end 30 minutes prior to kickoff, but are non-Greek Life members kicked out of their dorm room parties at this deadline? Similarly, students — whether Greek or non-Greek, whether they made true or false claims or whether they drank primarily in their dorm or (at all) at the fraternity house — can escape total culpability for their actions by "anonymously tipping" that they were at a fraternity party. As a result, students are encouraged to blame fraternities for their actions, even if they themselves were primarily at fault.

This brings me to another point: Students have a whole semester to pick a Greek organization if they choose to do so. The pledging process and its traditions and bonding opportunities are sacred to many Greek organizations. While I understand the need to avoid dangerous situ-

ations, the administration has reached far beyond this objective by popularizing a feeble mentality on the part of Greek organizations and dictating elements of the process. For instance, it has been brought to my attention that the Office of Greek Life required all Greek chapter presidents to write out, hour by hour, their pledging process. Not only is this a massive waste of the presidents' time, it is a gross invasion of privacy. Why interfere with free choices that are not dangerous in the first place?

I'd like to end this critique of Vanderbilt's stance on Greek Life on a positive note. Vanderbilt was a great experience for me both academically and socially. It is in a unique position to offer top-20 academics, sports and social life. We should take advantage of this. I fear that we are drifting too far away from the social aspects in pursuit of an elusive higher academic rating. My own "come to Vanderbilt moment" occurred when I was leaving the accepted students' orientation and walked right by a fraternity party. My mother (MBA, MA, experience in a Big Ten admissions office) commented, "Vanderbilt would be a much better social fit for you than (a boring academic institution)." The social skills, networking skills and yes, even "partying skills" I gained in college were valuable and have served me well in my personal, professional and academic lives. Until this anti-Greek trend is reversed, I am no longer in a position to donate to Vanderbilt.

Finally, even assuming guilt of Lambda Chi Alpha and the appropriate use of channels to uncover guilt, I argue that revoking their charter (I believe this action is on the table) is a harsh punishment that does not "fit the crime." First, LXAs "violations" occurred during an obvious and unfortunate period of increased scrutiny on Greek Life as a whole. Any Greek organization faces an adjustment period as they cope with new requirements or increased enforcement. As such, it's understandable that engaging in actions previously permitted or overlooked is not as severe as an overt conflict with a firmly entrenched, established standard. Second, please keep the severity of the offense in mind. No one was forced to do anything, no one was hurt and nothing occurred outside of any reasonable interpretation of unspoken legal tolerance.

—Will Vanderzant

My beef with beef consumption



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Eating beef is an American pastime, and unlike baseball, its popularity is increasing rapidly. While meat used to be an expensive commodity, advances in farming technology have given more and more Americans access to beef on a daily basis for a low cost. Every day, the cattle industry in the United States uses about 90,000 cows for their meat. Some of this is exported, but the amount that stays on the domestic side works out to 208 pounds of beef per person per year. On the other hand, the average weight of a person in the United States is around 180 pounds ... we are literally eating our own weight in beef every year. While there are probably some animal rights concerns at play when discussing the constantly growing animal production industry, I want to focus on problems with beef that should seem much more immediate to you, the reader.

Cows are a beloved part of the American landscape, but their growing impact on our world is overwhelmingly negative. Here's another set of numbers to consider: Beef production contributes about 18 percent of the world's carbon-dioxide-equivalent emissions. Between methane and carbon dioxide, the meat industry contributes about one-fifth of the world's man-made greenhouse gases. That number does not even include the transportation needed to take beef from the Midwest and plains states to the rest of the country. To give a little more perspective on those emissions, the beef industry created more greenhouse gases than all forms of transportation added together. Cattle are particularly problematic here when compared to other foods. A pound of beef creates six times more greenhouse gas than does a pound of chicken and 13 times more greenhouse gas than plant-based proteins.

Beyond the damage to our atmosphere, beef is not great for the land and water either, although the reasons for that may be a little more obvious. The fertilizer needed to make cattle fodder as well as the waste from the cows themselves ends up in our streams and rivers; this is

much harder to contain than the byproducts of chicken and fish. Cows of course naturally eat their surroundings and are land-intensive. Furthermore, the U.S. produces far more food from corn than it does from cattle, but only about 70 million of acres of the U.S. are designated for corn production while well over 400 million acres are used for seasonal cow pastures. In the words of the Union for Concerned Scientists, "The inefficiency is particularly high for beef, which uses about three-fifths of the world's agricultural land yet produces less than 5 percent of its protein and less than 2 percent of its calories." This seems like an incredibly wasteful allocation of resources for a growing population. Remember here that 2 percent of our calories are costing us 18 percent of the world's carbon dioxide-equivalent emissions.

I hope based on these facts that you are convinced that beef is the worst, but if you are not, you should consider that beef is actually quite bad for you. A study from the Harvard School of Public Health states that beef "substantially" raises one's chances for heart disease and cancer earlier in life when it is eaten more than once per month, and that limiting consumption would lower mortality rates of heart disease and cancer (combined) by about 20 percent. In response to the data, Canada, Japan and several European countries are all recommending limiting one's diet of beef to two servings per year (Fourth of July?).

The U.S. Department of Agriculture needs to get on board. When our most prestigious academic institution produces such compelling data, we should certainly act. Changing our dietary standards would immediately affect the food served in schools, children's programs and prisons. The government can have a quick and strong impact on public health while calling attention to a serious environmental problem. We should be eating less beef.

—Skyler Hutto

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Twitter exploded on Sunday at 11:42 p.m. when satirical newspaper, "The Onion," tweeted "Everyone else seems afraid to say it. But that Quvenzhané Wallis is kind of a (four-letter word that begins with C), right?" The unfunny tweet backfired, with outrage from all over the Twitterverse, resulting in a public apology from "The Onion" CEO Steve Hannah on Monday.



Things to do if you're here over spring break

Women's basketball: Vanderbilt vs. Auburn

Memorial Gymnasium
Thursday, Feb. 28

Join the Vanderbilt women's basketball team this Thursday for senior night. Elan Brown, Tiffany Clarke and Gabby Smith will all be honored before the Commodores play the Auburn Tigers at 8 p.m.

Tchaikovsky and Copland at Nashville Symphony

Schermerhorn Symphony Center
Thursday, Feb. 28 to Saturday, March 2

This weekend, the Nashville Symphony will give one of the first-ever performances of a new concerto by composer Mason Bates, who is known for his cutting-edge music that fuses electronic music with orchestral writing. His piece will be followed by Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony. The evening will open with Copland's "El Salon Mexico," a lively Latin piece. With such a diverse presentation of music, the evening is sure to keep audiences on their toes. Thursday's performance starts at 7 p.m., and Friday and Saturday's performances start at 8 p.m.

'Peter Pan'

Tennessee Performing Arts Center
Friday, March 1 to Sunday, March 3

TPAC presents three nights of "Peter Pan" with Tony Award nominee Cathy Rigby in the titular role. Her performance has received a lot of praise from critics, transforming the well-known tale into a mesmerizing, original performance. For more information, visit <http://tpac.org>.

First Saturday Art Crawl

Downtown Nashville
Saturday, March 2

Art galleries throughout downtown Nashville will host receptions and art opening for the monthly Art Crawl. Free wine and refreshments will be served at many galleries, and there is a free shuttle that will provide transportation between galleries from 6-10 p.m. The Art Crawl starts at 6 p.m.

Pink

Bridgestone Arena
Saturday, March 2

Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter-acrobat Pink tours North America for the first time in four years with her "The Truth About Love" Tour. The tour reaches Nashville this Saturday at the Bridgestone Arena. The concert starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at <http://bridgestonearena.com>.

Yoga Fair

Scarritt-Bennett Center
Saturday, March 2

The Yoga Society of Nashville, a local nonprofit, will be hosting six free yoga classes from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday. The event is open to the general public, and participants are encouraged to bring their own yoga mat and water bottle. While the event is free, a \$10 donation is suggested. For more information and a description of classes, visit <http://yogasocietyofnashville.webnode.com>.

Major Lazer

The Cannery Ballroom
Tuesday, March 5

Major Lazer is the digital reggae and dancehall project of Diplo, a DJ-producer whose previous collaborations have included work with M.I.A. and Santigold. Opening for Major Lazer on Tuesday is Canadian electronic music band Dragonette. Major Lazer is set to have their widely anticipated album "Free the Universe" come out on April 15. Doors will open at 8 p.m., and the show will begin at 9 p.m. For tickets, visit <http://mercylounge.com>.

Green Day's 'American Idiot'

Tennessee Performing Arts Center
Tuesday, March 5 to Thursday, March 7

Tennessee Performing Arts Center Tuesday, March 5 to Thursday, March 7 Direct from Broadway comes the hit musical "American Idiot." Based on Green Day's Grammy Award-winning multi-platinum album, "American Idiot" tells the story of three lifelong friends and their quest for true meaning in the aftermath of 9/11. For more information, visit <http://tpac.org>.

Bon Jovi

Bridgestone Arena
Wednesday, March 6

Bon Jovi's Because We Can: The Tour hits Nashville's Bridgestone Arena next Wednesday in anticipation of their upcoming album "What About Now," to be released March 12. Tickets are available at <http://bridgestonearena.com>.



FESTIVAL FAVORITES

Last weekend, Vanderbilt students showed off their creativity in the 7th Annual Student Film Festival. Read on to find out about the night's winners and what went into the making of their films.

By RENEE ZHU
Life reporter

On Sunday Feb. 24, Vanderbilt held its 7th Annual Student Film Festival sponsored by the Film Studies Program and the Office of the Dean of Students. The festival was open to all submissions, though most came from students in the film program; all films were prescreened by a panel of judges, and 26 short films were eventually chosen to be screened in Sarratt Cinema.

Sarratt Cinema — decked out in streamers, balloons and glow sticks — screened the works that ranged from one minute and 30 seconds to six minutes in length. Students portrayed their talents through a variety of genres including nonfiction, fiction and experimental. Stop-motion animation of a clay otter, a Barbie on fire and a sad, friendless chocolate-covered pretzel were only a few of many interesting characters to grace the screen.

These films might've made you laugh, like "Schlub," a short that focuses on an extremely below-average film major trying to convince himself he'll be famous, or they may have disturbed you a little like "The Window," during which a guy physically plugs a cord into his neck to connect himself into a computer after dealing with a breakup. Other highlights included "Pump It Up," which won the Judges' Choice Award for best use of talent and light. The video combined the song "Pump It Up" by Zomboy with dancing talents filmed in the middle of a street. "Short Circuited," a thought-provoking short where the main character is forced to choose between using his sense of sight or his sense of sound.

After the viewing, judges from a variety of different profiles deliberated on which films would be the recipients of the awards, complete with trophies. Award categories included most visually and sonically innovative, most innovative concept, Judge's Choice and Audience Choice Awards.

"We judged films based on the standard technical aspects of it all — the lighting, cinematography, acting, editing — but more than that, on the artistic aspect of these films," said Marcio Bahia, one of the judges on the panel and assistant professor of Portuguese

and Brazilian pop culture at Vanderbilt. "We took into account the originality, the innovation in the script and how thought-provoking each film was."

So what inspired some of these award-winning shorts? Caitlin Meyer, a communication studies major, looked to basic principles of film to help her flesh out the story line of her film "Short Circuited."

"Since movies basically engage your seeing and hearing capabilities, I thought that cutting off access to one and focusing on the other would be a novel experience for the audience," Meyer said. "It was interesting to plan out sequences that were just sound and not have any images to work with. It was a fun exercise." Her short was awarded most visually and sonically innovative.

Pranjal Gupta, a chemical engineering major, won most inventive concept with his short, "Sweet and Salty." The entire film was made with stop-motion animation and centered on the life of a lonely, chocolate-covered pretzel trying to find companionship. Gupta shared how the process could be challenging. "I had to take over 2,000 pictures for the film. It took two and a half weeks of a lot of picture taking and a lot of perseverance," Gupta said.

At the end of the festival, 16 10-second films were shown. Also open submission, these really short shorts showed that Vanderbilt students can definitely make the most of 10 seconds — some standouts were "Jeweling," a film about an effective way to say no to a date, "Boogie Down," about a stop-motion dancing T-shirt and "Ginger," a short in which a girl slices an apple in half with her MacBook Air. After all shorts were shown, the audience was read off the titles of the 10-second shorts and were asked to throw their glow sticks to the front of the room to cast their votes for which one they liked best. "Ginger" received the 10-second film Audience Choice Award.

The film festival was a unique experience that exhibited the creativity of Vanderbilt's student body.

"We're very lucky to have such a dynamic film studies program," Bahia said. "This kind of festival not only showcases what students have done, but also helps to promote the talents that can eventually feed into the growing media industry of Nashville."



PROVIDED BY PRANJAL GUPTA

"Sweet and Salty," created by Pranjal Gupta, tells the story of a chocolate-covered pretzel trying to find a friend. Gupta was awarded most inventive concept for his short.

The winners

Most visually and sonically innovative — "Short Circuited," Caitlin Meyer

Most inventive concept — "Sweet and Salty," Pranjal Gupta

Judges' choice: Why so serious?: Humorous movie most likely to stir a heated debate — "Ghetto Instagram," Lloyd Ambrose and Steve Simpson

Judges' choice: Best use of talent and light — "Pump It Up," Kristofer Yee

Judges' choice: Most fun — "Test Reel," Rachel Abeshouse

Judges' choice: Funniest duo — "Broke As Hell: Summertime," Lloyd Ambrose and Steve Simpson

Audience choice award, main festival — "The Ottersey," Lucy Rahner

Audience choice award, 10-Second Film Festival — "Ginger," Suolan Jiang

A place of affirmation

The K.C. Potter Center provides tremendous support for students in the LGBTQI community and serves as a resource for those who want information about gender and sexuality

By CIERRA LOCKETT
Life reporter

Many people understand the Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Intersex Life to be a safe haven for those who identify with the self-titled sexual orientations, but few are familiar with just how broad in scope the K.C. Potter Center is in impacting the Vanderbilt community. More than just a home for members of the LGBTQI community, the K.C. Potter Center holds a rich history and relationship with all students.

In 1998, K.C. Potter, Vanderbilt's long-serving dean of residential and judicial affairs, retired from campus life. During his time at Vanderbilt, he observed many changes in the culture on campus, but was continuously troubled by the treatment of Vanderbilt's gay students on the traditionally conservative, Southern campus. The university's work towards creating a voice for those students led to a national search for an administrator to direct LGBTQI affairs, ultimately bringing Nora Spencer to campus in 2008.

Originally meant as a safe zone and platform for discussion of key issues facing the LGBTQI community, students have expanded the K.C.

Potter Center's purpose with the creation of multiple student organizations. Today, there are six LGBTQI organizations on campus: Vanderbilt Lambda Association, Delta Lambda Phi fraternity, GABLE (Divinity School), OUTlaw (Law School), LGBTMD (School of Medicine) and Queeries (Peabody College). In addition, the Vanderbilt School of Medicine has a program for LGBTQI health in its Office of Diversity in Medical Education.

The K.C. Potter Center looks beyond those who identify within the LGBTQI community. Those associated with the K.C. Potter Center more than welcome allies, straight students that support the LGBTQI community and the rights of its members.

"The K.C. Potter welcomes people of all sexual orientations and gender identities and expressions," said Director of LGBTQI Life Nora Spencer. The K.C. Potter Center hosts Safe Zone workshops for LGBTQI students and allies regularly throughout the year, providing information and resources to promote diversity on campus and create a visible network of support for LGBTQI individuals.

Venturing beyond the popular ally buttons that read "Straight, But Not Narrow," new to the K.C. Potter Center this month was the university's first-ever Ally Appreciation Week.

"This was the first Ally Appreciation Week at Vanderbilt, and it was a tremendous success," Spencer said proudly. "We distributed 500 'LGBTQI Ally' buttons to individuals across campus who have supported diversity, and more than 200 students, faculty, staff and community members attended our event with Zach Wahls."

To conclude a year of pride and unity on campus after big events such as the Lambda Drag Show and the Zack Wahls speaking, the Office of LGBTQI Life hosts Lavender Graduation, an end-of-the-year gathering that applauds graduating students, recognizes volunteers, commends allies and helps build a sense of community and purpose for LGBTQI individuals at Vanderbilt. The 2013 celebration will be held Tuesday, April 16 in the Student Life Center Ballroom A, and an RSVP is required online at the website. The LGBTQI community welcomes all who feel support in their hearts to join in on this special day and ask that members of the community be brave enough to join the family waiting at the K.C. Potter Center.

For more information on the K.C. Potter Center and LGBTQI Life, visit <http://vanderbilt.edu/lgbtqi>.

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REC CENTER UPDATES

The Student Recreation Center is currently being **renovated** in an effort to better integrate **students, faculty, staff and athletes** while providing **better resources**



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Above: A computer-generated rendering of the inside of the field house portion of the Student Recreation Center renovations. Right: An annotated floor-plan for the new Student Recreation Center.

The new specialized spaces will include areas focused on free weights, power lifting, platform lifting and accommodations for CrossFit fitness.

The fixtures in the locker rooms will also be renovated, and portions of it will be sectioned off for faculty use.

Not laid out in the original plans, but due to a recent donation to the project, will be a new basketball court that will take the place of the existing outdoor court. This will be located south of the expanded weight room. The donation also included funds for the creation of a family changing room and an outdoor half-court for basketball.

In the original proposal was the possibility of a climbing wall. The option for its inclusion is still possible within the facility, but as of now it is unlikely unless the necessary funding becomes available.

The university's faculty and staff wellness program, Health Plus, will be relocated to the expanded recreation center. Health Plus, currently located on the top floor of the Kensington Garage on 25th Avenue next to Memorial Gym, will move its offices to the second floor of the recreation center. The existing space will be repurposed. At this time no decision has been made regarding the new use of the facility.

"The renovation of the Student Recreation Center provides the opportunity to assess both centers. By consolidating the two facilities, we are able to provide better facilities for students, faculty and staff," said Jerry Fife, vice chancellor for administration.

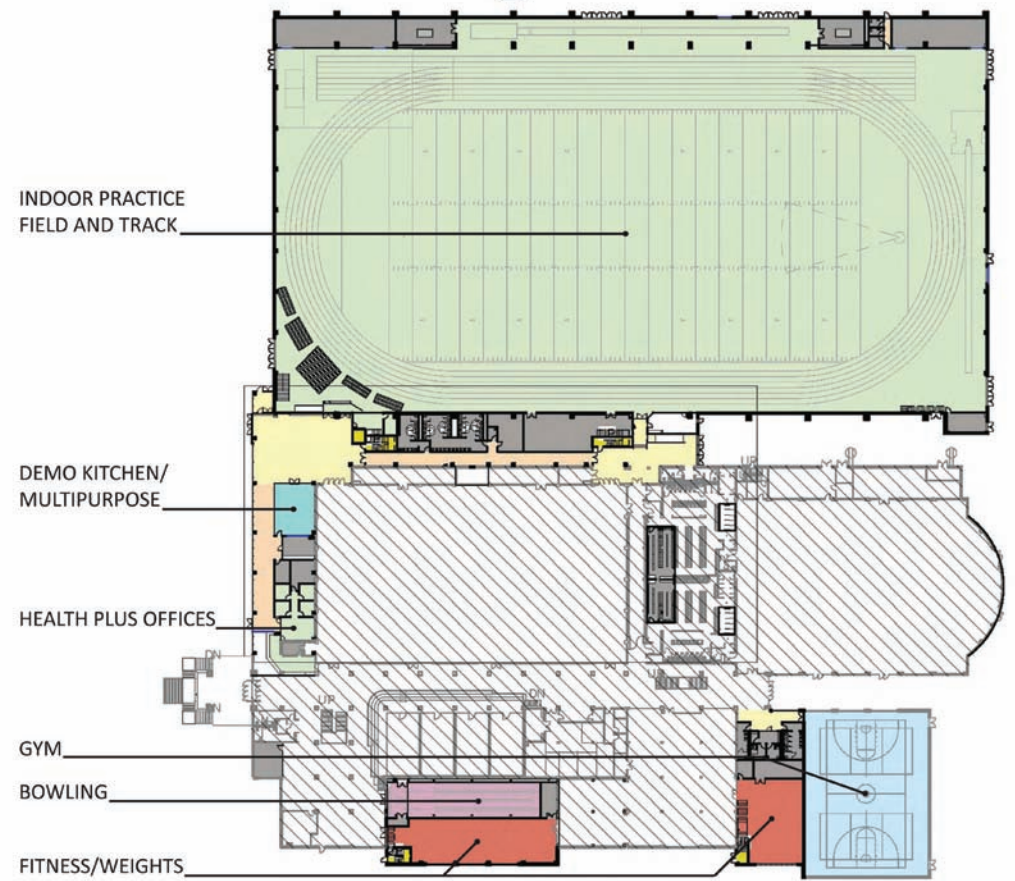
Health Plus, which currently offers a full suite of wellness programs including fitness, nutrition and stress-reduction classes, will be offered to students. The Health Plus staff and the Student Recre-

ation Center are currently working to develop programs that will use the demonstration kitchen housed in the new facility.

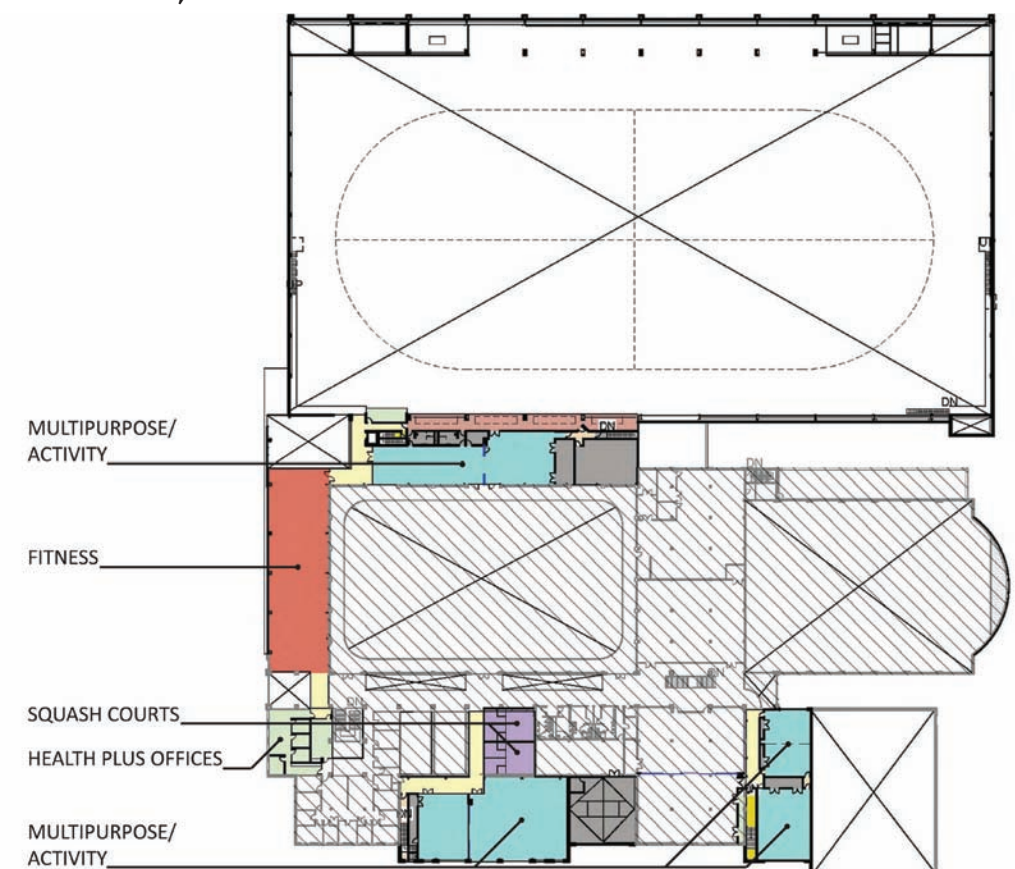
The expanded field house was built on the four softball fields adjacent to the current Student Recreation Center. Two of the fields will be relocated and integrated into a multipurpose field along Natchez Trace. Following the conclusion of construction for the field house, a new multipurpose field will be built alongside the new recreation facility by August 2014.

"We see this project as an opportunity to offer our faculty and staff larger and additional exercise facilities, our students enhanced wellness programs and our varsity, club and intramural teams increased practice and playing space," said David Williams, vice chancellor for university affairs and athletics director, in a university press release.

First floor, Student Recreation Center



Second floor, Student Recreation Center



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Opponents' batting average
against Vanderbilt starting
pitcher Tyler Beede this season

.171



MINUTE DRILL

SPRING BREAK? NOT FOR VANDY SPORTS

By **GEORGE BARCLAY**
Asst. sports editor

As the rest of us take a week off from the Bubble, Vanderbilt's spring sports go on. Here's your schedule for the week away:

FRIDAY, MARCH 1:

Baseball vs. UIC at 4 p.m. CST
Men's tennis vs. LSU at 2 p.m. CST
Women's tennis at LSU at 3 p.m. CST
Bowling at Great Ozark Invitational (All Day)

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Men's basketball at Auburn at 8 p.m. CST
Baseball vs. UIC at 2 p.m. CST
Women's lacrosse at Duke at 1 p.m. CST
Bowling at Great Ozark Invitational (All Day)

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Women's basketball at Georgia at 12:30 p.m. CST
Baseball vs. UIC at 12 p.m. CST
Men's tennis vs. Arkansas at 12 p.m. CST
Women's tennis at Arkansas at 12 p.m. CST
Bowling at Great Ozark Invitational (All Day)

MONDAY, MARCH 4

Men's golf at Samford Intercollegiate (All Day)

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

Baseball vs. Eastern Illinois at 4 p.m. CST
Men's golf at Samford Intercollegiate (All Day)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

Men's basketball at Florida at 7 p.m.
Women's basketball at SEC Tournament First Round (TBA)
Women's lacrosse at Louisville at 12 p.m.

FRIDAY MARCH 8

Baseball at Oregon at 8 p.m. CST
Women's tennis vs. Texas A&M at 4 p.m. CST
Men's tennis at Texas A&M at 6 p.m. CST
Women's golf at Darius Rucker Intercollegiate (All Day)

SATURDAY MARCH 9

Men's basketball vs. South Carolina at 12:30 p.m. CST
Baseball at Oregon at 4 p.m. CST
Women's golf at Darius Rucker Intercollegiate (All Day)

SUNDAY MARCH 10

Baseball at Oregon at 2 p.m. CST
Women's tennis vs. Missouri at 1 p.m. CST
Women's golf at Darius Rucker Intercollegiate (All Day)



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Sophomore LHP Jared Miller (28) delivers a pitch during Vanderbilt's game vs. Long Beach State at Hawkins Field on Feb. 17.



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FAST FACTS: ZAC STACY

Zac Stacy's
combine numbers
(ranking among
running backs in
parentheses)

5' 8", 216 lbs.
Arm length: 30 1/4"
Hands: 8 5/8"
40-yard dash: 4.55
seconds (T-11)
225-lb. bench
press: 27 reps (T-4)
Vertical jump:
33.0" (18)
Broad jump: 122"
(T-6)
3-cone drill: 6.70
seconds (2)
20-yard shuttle:
4.17 seconds (6)

By **ERIC SINGLE**
Editor-in-chief

Warren Norman cracked a smile and called them "the dark ages" — the back-to-back seasons in 2009 and 2010 when Vanderbilt football went 2-10 and he lit up the league on the ground in tandem with fellow running back Zac Stacy. He and Stacy arrived as freshmen then, and while the Commodores stumbled toward the worst record in the conference, opponents struggled to bring either down amid breakout seasons. Their stories are no longer so parallel. This week, as Stacy worked out at the NFL Combine in Indianapolis, Ind., with an eye toward April's draft, Norman announced that his football career was over.

"I've been battling knee issues for the last three years or so, and after talking with my family, Coach Franklin, staff and doctors, I've decided to forgo my last season," Norman said. "Just considering my current health and long-term health and whether or not I'll be able to help the team win football games next year, I just thought it was the best decision for me."

With head coach James Franklin at his side at a press conference on Wednesday, Norman largely kept his composure as he described his struggle to return to 100 percent after knee and hand injuries that sidelined him for all of the 2011 season and severely limited his production in 2012. He appeared in eight games during the 2012 season, rushing for 75 yards and a touchdown on 21 carries and returning two kickoffs for 32 yards. His final touch came in the win over Tennessee, a 12-yard kickoff return toward the end of the first half. Norman's freshman year in 2009 was the shining light in Bobby Johnson's final season as head coach in Nashville, in which the Commodores stumbled to a 2-10 overall record and went winless in conference play. He broke Herschel Walker's SEC record for all-purpose yards by a freshman in 2009, totaling 1,941 yards and returning three kickoffs for touchdowns.

But a dislocated wrist cut short his sophomore season, and knee surgery ended his third season before it even started.

"He had had the wrist surgery and the knee surgery



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MOVING ON

College football's cruel twists of fate took center stage this week for a pair of former Vanderbilt running backs: All-time leading rusher **Zac Stacy** worked out at the NFL Combine, while beloved home-run threat **Warren Norman** ended his injury-riddled football career a year early.

before I got here, and the doctors had told both of us that he would be ready to go, based on their experiences — you never know, everybody heals differently," Franklin said. "By the time the season came, he wasn't ready. We thought maybe the first couple weeks of the season, maybe he would be ready, and he still wasn't ready."

"The next year, he had had another surgery that we didn't make public at the time, and at that point, every time he'd come back and practice, we kept having swelling and other issues."

Of the two, Norman will forever be known as the home-run threat, Stacy the physical, consistent producer. That doesn't mean Norman never took a hit: A handful of his most memorable runs came after contact, including highlight-reel scampers against Rice, Army and Arkansas in 2009.

"To come in in this conference and be the SEC freshman of the year and then from that point on, the challenges he's had to overcome, the guy has handled it with unbelievable class and conviction the whole time," Franklin said.

Meanwhile at the combine, the sport's premier pre-draft showcase, Stacy put up solid performances in the bench press and 3-cone drill, and his 40-yard dash time of 4.55 seconds tied him for 11th among running backs. Vanderbilt's all-time leading rusher is projected by many to be selected in the latter half of the draft.

His former roommate has big plans for the rest of the year. Norman will study abroad in London in May and plans to graduate in December with a degree in Sociology, spending time around the team when he can. For Norman, the what-ifs are in the past.

"Several times I'd think about what it could've been," Norman said. "I thought coming into my junior season, if I was healthy, we'd be definitely the best running attack in the SEC. That's definitely something I thought about back then, but I don't think about it too much now. I'm happy for him now and excited to see where he goes."

"It kind of didn't really feel like he was (injured) because I was always relaying back to him on the sidelines gameplan situations and what's going on," Stacy said. "He was an outstanding leader in the running back room despite the adversity that he went through."

WARNO CAREER STATS

Warren Norman's
career numbers

1,317
Rushing yards

8
Rushing TDs

227
Receiving yards

1
Receiving TD

3,204
All-purpose yards

3
Kick return TDs

2-win week propels baseball into UIC weekend

By **ALLISON MAST**
Sports reporter

On Tuesday evening, the Vanderbilt baseball team collected its eighth win of the season in a late-inning battle against the Arkansas State Red Wolves. The 7-3 victory was perhaps the Commodores' hardest-fought of the season.

Freshman right-hander Walker Buehler had a solid start for the Commodores, shutting down the Red Wolves during the first four innings. But the fifth inning was a different story, as Buehler gave up three runs, allowing Arkansas State to take a 3-2 lead.

In the bottom of the fifth, center fielder Connor Harrell blasted a home run into the Memorial Gym plaza to tie up the game. It was Harrell's third homer of the season and the second of the evening for the Commodores, as shortstop Vince Conde hit a solo home run in the bottom of the third inning.

The Commodores finally broke the tie in the bottom of the eighth. Third baseman Xavier Turner started off the inning with a walk and moved to second thanks to a sacrifice bunt by Conde. The next batter, second baseman Tony Kemp, took a risk and opted for a bunt. Kemp's speed allowed him to make it to first, picking up a base hit and moving Turner to third. Another bunt by left fielder Jack Lupo allowed Turner to score, giving Vanderbilt the lead. A Harrell



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single and a Mike Yastrzemski sacrifice fly later stretched the Commodore lead to four.

Jared Miller and Brian Miller came out of the bullpen to help the Commodores retain the lead. Left-hander Jared Miller struck out three and allowed two hits in 1.2 innings. When he began to lose sight of the strike zone, sidearmer Brian Miller, who threw 2.1 scoreless innings to earn his first win of the season, replaced him to record the second win for the Vanderbilt bullpen this year. With the victory, the Commodores are now 8-1 in the young season.

The following evening, the Commodores posted a dominant 13-0 win over Evansville. Both Conde and Harrell hit homeruns for the second game in a row; Harrell crushed his homer with the bases loaded in the bottom of the sixth for the first Vanderbilt grand slam of the season. Freshman hurler Tyler Ferguson picked up his first win with the help of relievers Steven Rice, Keenan Kolinsky and Kyle Smith.

This weekend, the Commodores will face a University of Illinois at Chicago team equipped with its fair share of talented pitchers. The Flames, currently 3-3, started their season off with a shocking 2-0 win over No. 24 Texas A&M. Although they went on to lose the series,

starting UIC pitcher Tomas Michelson earned Horizon League Pitcher of the Week Honors. In the upset, he threw 7.1 scoreless innings and held Texas A&M to a .160 batting average.

Freshman reliever Ian Lewandowski has also shown some promise as a star pitcher for the Flames. In a close win over Santa Clara on Feb. 22, Lewandowski did not allow a single hit during his 3.1 innings on the mound.

In the same game, senior infielder Alex Grunenwald crushed two home runs, collected three RBIs and crossed the plate twice.

In a matchup that features power on the mound and power at the plate for both squads, Vanderbilt may need to rely on small ball and speed. As shown during the Arkansas State game, the Commodores can balance shots over the center field wall with stolen bases and squeeze plays. Look for some aggressive base running and plenty of bunts if head coach Tim Corbin deems them necessary.

The series kicks off Friday at 4 p.m. at Hawkins Field. The Saturday game will remain at 2 p.m., while the Sunday game has been moved to noon to accommodate UIC's travel plans.

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Keeping them honest: The Hustler takes inventory of Student Body President Maryclaire Manard's platform

Bring back Vandy Find-A-Ride

STATUS: Not accomplished. Although a business called Hey Bazaar exists, which Manard told The Hustler would accomplish the same goals, there are currently no listings on the website for services or products.

MANARD: "Two girls ... created this business called Hey Bazaar ... It's sort of like a Craigslist just for Vanderbilt. So not only can you find rides through their service, but you can also, I don't know, if you need a special costume for your date party, you can find that also."

School Spirit

✓ 'Bold in Gold,' a new school spirit initiative

STATUS: Accomplished. "Bold in Gold" was an internal initiative on the part of VSG to promote athletics events and programming to the student body.

VSG SENATOR JOSH LANDIS: "One of the things we're trying to work on is bridging the gap between our general student body and our student athletes ... we're trying to do a much better job in trying to promote general school spirit and promote the events that people might not necessarily go to. I mean people go to the football and basketball games, but a lot of our other student-athletes are maybe a little under-represented. So for example last spring, we sent through our VSG emails, we promoted some of the women's tennis matches. We bought pizza for them and showed our support and tried to help those."

□ Student section upgrades in Memorial Gym

STATUS: Not accomplished. With other renovations going on this year, the administration could not make this a priority.

MANARD: "My idea on this was just to have cup holders behind the benches. It's always so sticky and wet and gross on the floor, and that's because people's cups are falling over all the time. And so right in front of you, you could put it so it's hanging on the bench right in front of you ... the university is putting a lot of money right now into certain athletic capital improvement projects ... And that's okay because I'm really excited about the new rec center."

✓ Ability to purchase student guest passes and other athletic event tickets in Sarratt Student Center

STATUS: Accomplished in part. You can now buy guest pass for student section tickets at basketball and football games, but only at McGugin. VSG is currently trying to get make these available on the card as well.

LANDIS: "What happened before is we didn't offer guest passes. Essentially, if you had a friend coming to visit for the game, you would have to pay full ticket price for a regular seat, and then you would be split up because their ticket would be coded for a seat in the stadium, and it wouldn't necessarily be for the student section."

Greek life

✓ Centralizing the standards system on Anchor Link

STATUS: Accomplished. This currently exists as a way to enter service hours from student organizations.

MANARD: "I think it's a dream kind of for (Greek Life.) For a lot of fraternities, getting people to turn in service hours was kind of a nightmare ... and standards where you have to have like 60 percent of your chapter at a certain event ... you can track that with Commodore swipes."

Entertainment and events

✓ Multicultural showcase partnership with MLC

STATUS: Accomplished. The Multicultural Leadership Council hosts their InVusion event every spring, this year with the help of VSG and Manard.

MLC PRESIDENT KIERSTEN CHRISFIELD: "This year VSG has helped us with publicity and financial support. Maryclaire and I have met regularly over the last semester and a half. She and I cointroduced the MLK Day speaker, Michelle Alexander, and she's added a number of MLC and member org events to her weekly emails whenever we've requested."

✓ Continuing food truck usage at large events like game days and Rites

STATUS: Accomplished. Food trucks have been regularly scheduled on Greek Row since Oct. 12 of last year.

MANARD: "Every truck that I've talked to, Deg Thai, Yayo's O.M.G., they've been consistent the most, and they'd really like to be consistent the most, and they really like to be consistent at their times because they've been getting a lot of steady business."

DRIVEN FOR THE VANDERBILT COMMUNITY AND CAMPUS Security

✓ Vandy Van library stops

STATUS: Accomplished. Since last fall, a Vandy Van now stops at 21st and Edgehill, directly beneath the pedestrian bridge linking Commons to Main Campus.

MAJOR GREG ROBINSON, HEAD OF CAMPUS PRECINCT OF VUPD: "There was a stop added at 21st by the footbridge for convenience for students at the library. This was because of a request by VSG — we don't just make changes arbitrarily."

✓ Vandy Van smart phone app

STATUS: Not accomplished (in progress). Engineering students at Vanderbilt have developed a smart phone app for checking Vandy Van Routes. It is not currently available in the App store.

SENIOR MCARTHUR GILL: "(The App) is not 100 percent done, but it's pretty close to being finished. It'll be in the App Store before we graduate."

Housing

✓ HDTV and increased cable and movie streaming services

STATUS: Not officially accomplished, but in progress. HDTV may be available as soon as Fall 2013.

Senior Director of Housing Operations Jim Kramka: "We are hopeful of being able to provide HD signals for every channel we currently offer by next fall."

✓ Online off-campus housing database

STATUS: Accomplished.

Director of Housing and Residential Education Jason Jakubowski: "We had an online off-campus referral service already in place, but we enhanced that. Recommendations that came from VSG were make it more accessible, make it more user friendly."

Libraries

□ Keurig coffee machines in all libraries

STATUS: Not accomplished. This initiative was not possible because of a conflict with library cafe offerings.

Dean of Libraries Connie Dowell: "It is a complicated issue affecting the success of the two library cafes. As you may know, The Food for Thought Cafe is operated by Dining Services, and my understanding is that they can only provide hours and services with a break in minimum agreement. Having cafes and having the one in Central accept meal plans was a high student priority. We have worked with dining services to provide free coffee and tea during certain finals times."

✓ Extended library hours during finals

STATUS: Accomplished. Central Library hours during finals was extended last fall, and will continue again this spring.

Dowell: "The library increased the number of hours the Central and Divinity Libraries were open for extended hours in the fall, staying open until 2 a.m. every night except Friday and Saturday during that interval. One complaint we received was closing earlier on Friday night when there were exams on Saturday morning. Consequently, we are planning to stay open until 2 a.m. all nights this spring (including Friday and Saturday) during exam week."

□ First five pages of printing free in all libraries.

STATUS: Not accomplished. This initiative was not possible because of environmental and cost concerns.

Manard: "Students have brought up environmental concerns at focus groups for the libraries."

✓ Rental system iPads, chargers and other student technology

STATUS: Accomplished. iPads are available for checkout at every library except Biomed.

Dowell: "This year, we responded to the VSG request to circulate iPads so today, every library under my guidance (only Eskinod does not) has a very successful new iPad circulation program."

Sarratt

□ Rapid-charging stations for laptops and phones

STATUS: Not accomplished. This was not a budget priority during student center renovations.

Manard: "The way that renovations work is you have your ideal list of things. And then when you see your budget you have to cut out frivolous stuff. A charging station was one of those things that was cut out."

✓ Expand package window in mailroom

STATUS: Accomplished. The package window now has three attendants instead of two.

Postmaster Mickey Anglea: "Long wait times at the package window was one of a few concerns they had. We remodeled the package window to include two windows with three clerks, the old system had one window. We also moved the kiosk and mail drops to the other end of the post office to get it away from the package window."

Eric Single, editor in chief, contributed to this report.

This platform review covered only a portion of the items on Maryclaire and Mark's platform. For the full review, check out InsideVandy.com.

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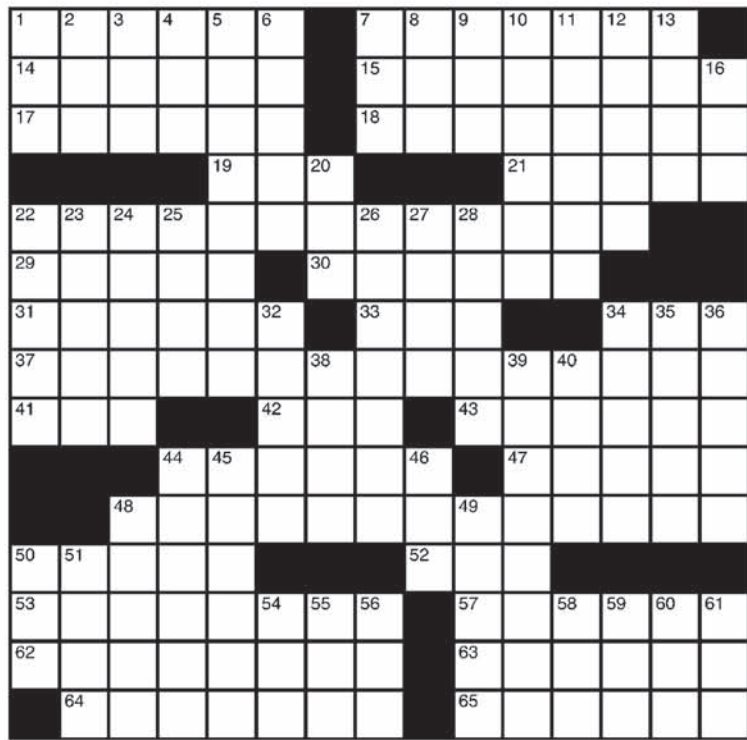
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- ACROSS**
- Send with an email
 - With 22-, 37- or 48-Across, familiar line
 - It has its charms
 - Password accompaniment
 - Mail for King Arthur
 - "Pull it together"
 - Fed. management and support agency
 - Fabric
 - See 7-Across
 - Ken and Lena of Hollywood
 - Tell-all account
 - Mosquito-borne fever
 - Islet
 - Preschool downtime
 - See 7-Across
 - Disapproving sound
 - Ballpark fig.
 - Two--
 - Shrill laugh
 - Bookkeeper's deduction
 - See 7-Across
 - Literature
 - Nobelist Bashevis Singer
 - Lanka
 - Words often said with a fist pump
 - Easy pill to swallow
 - Where a shopping list may be jotted down
 - Word of exasperation
 - Probable response to 7-/22-, 7-/37- or 7-/48-Across
 - Saved



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- DOWN**
- Gardner of "The Killers"
 - NYY opponent, on scoreboards
 - Cat on the prowl
 - Excitement
 - Forks over reluctantly

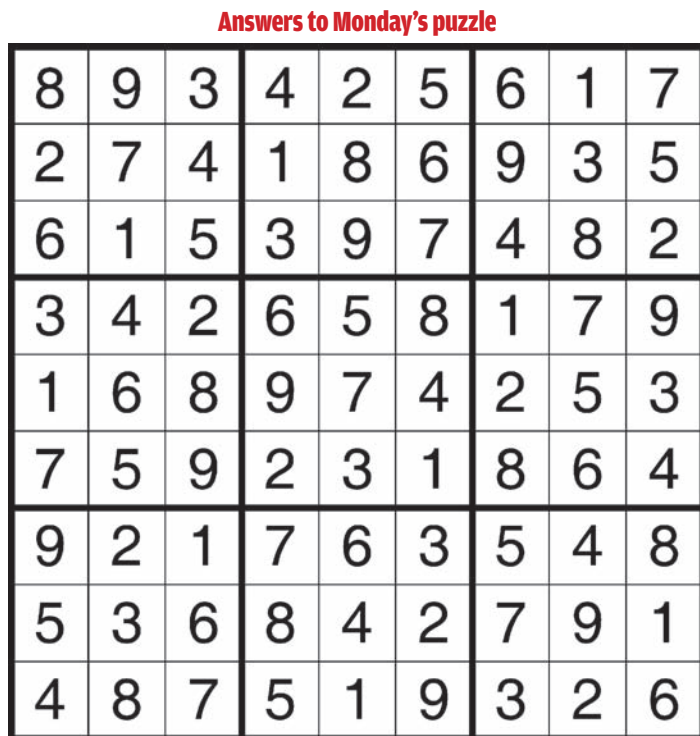
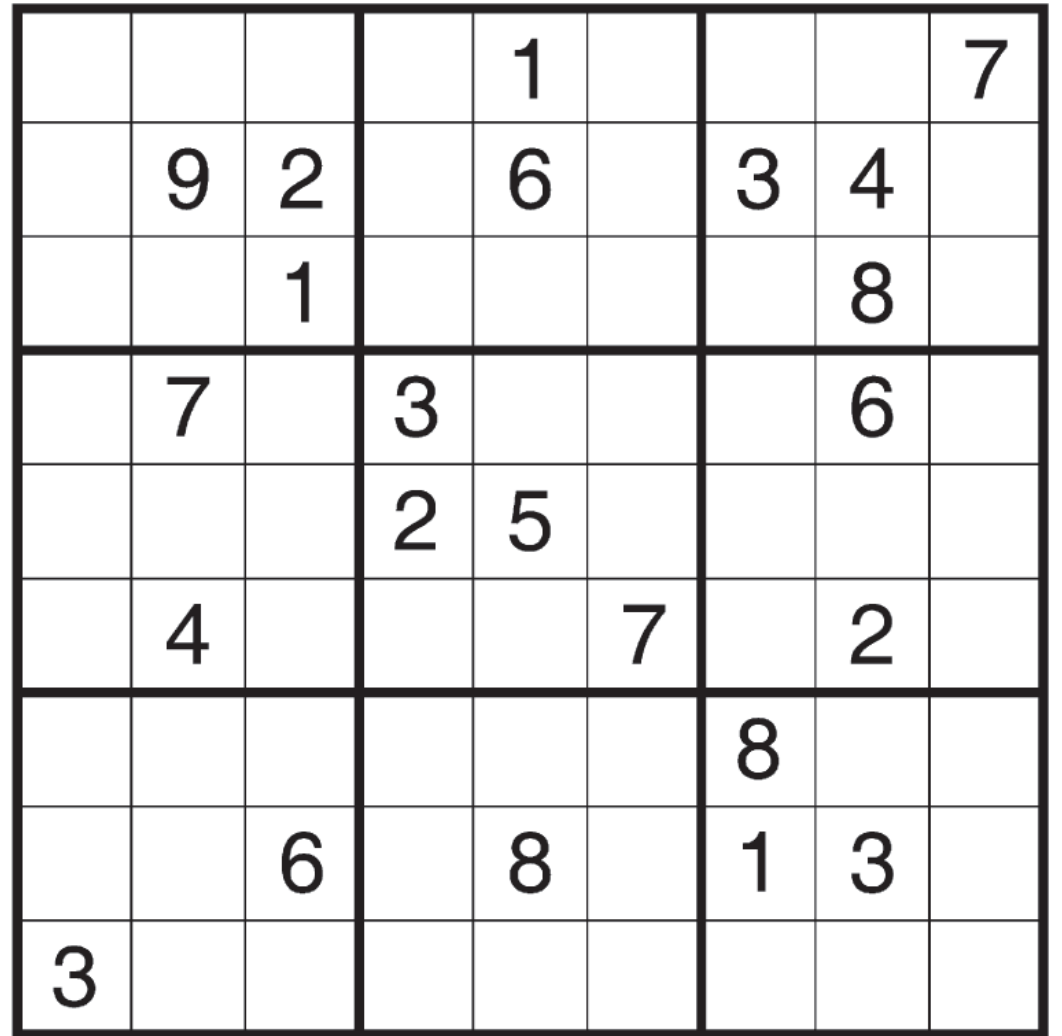
- Answers to Monday's puzzle**
- trade
 - An O may symbolize one
 - Odessa-to-Austin dir.
 - To this point
 - Leaflike parts
 - "Life of Pi" director
 - Unseen "Red" character in "Peanuts"
 - Give off
 - N.T. book
 - "All bets ___ off"
 - Buffalo Bill and the Wyoming city named for him
 - Kitchen spreads
 - Frigid forecast word
 - Tech sch. grad
 - "Bingo!"
 - Andy's TV son
 - Pics
 - To-be, in politics
 - Capone associate
 - Words after crack or fry
 - 1996 role for Madonna or Jonathan Pryce
 - Sets a price of



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- Adjust, as to a new situation
- Prey for a Hauskatze
- Alpine dwelling
- Battery not included, perhaps
- Aurora, to the Greeks
- Refrain from claiming
- Prods
- Like Vivaldi's "Spring"
- Joined the choir
- Scooby-__
- Tape speed unit: Abbr.
- Hanoi holiday
- John of London
- Nasty mutt
- Birthday candle number
- Prof's deg.

TODAY'S SUDOKU



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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

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