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The Class of 2017 is the product of the **most competitive admissions cycle** in school history, with just 12.7 percent of applicants being offered admission. And in areas like SAT scores and extracurricular activities, they continue the recent trend of breaking previous classes' records.

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"I would say we're probably a little more worried, maybe even a lot more worried, about potential reductions in federal funding in research than we are with the momentary problem of the shutdown."

DENNIS HALL, VICE PROVOST FOR RESEARCH AND DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

VANDERBITS

Willie Strain marks 50 years with Campus Dining



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Willie Strain, right, shakes hands with Camp Howard, director of Campus Dining.

By **CARTER PORTWOOD**
News reporter

Willie Strain marked his 50th year of employment with Vanderbilt Campus Dining in September. Since joining the Dining staff in 1963, Strain has been a role model at Vanderbilt while performing a number of different jobs.

Strain, who has worked at both Branscomb Quadrangle and Rand Hall, has performed party setup, bartending and delivery driving for the catering service.

"I enjoy pretty much everything," Strain said.

After applying to work at Vanderbilt following a friend's advice, Strain began as a delivery driver for Rand Hall. He then moved to Branscomb as a driver and delivered to the campus daycares, where he was a popular figure.

"The kids loved Mr. Willie," said Antoinette Hicks, a long time co-worker and supervisor of Strain. "They'd be waiting on the fence for him."

Strain has lived in Nashville his entire life, and his nine children also live in the Nashville area. He is a member of Mt Paran Baptist Church and used to be in the church choir. In the winter or when the weather is bad, Strain picks up his co-workers on the way to work, and he is always dependable and accountable.

"I don't know when he has been late," Hicks said.

Strain said he has enjoyed his career at Vanderbilt and has no plans to retire.

"It's been a great experience," Strain said.

"After 50 years of seeing so much change," Hicks said, "he's still the same warm, dependable guy and works as hard as anyone."

Class of 2017 formed from most competitive admissions cycle in school history

According to Douglas Christiansen, vice provost for enrollment and dean of admissions, the Class of 2017 'was selected from the largest, most academically prepared and diverse pool of applicants in school history ... part of the most competitive selection process ever at the university.' While the refrain may sound familiar, the statistics for the Class of 2017 don't lie.

By **LUCY STONE**
News reporter

Only 12.7 percent of the 31,099 students who applied for a place in Vanderbilt's Class of 2017 were offered admission, the lowest admittance rate in the school's history. The number represents a 2-percent decrease from the previous year's rate and makes Vanderbilt the ninth most selective school in the nation.

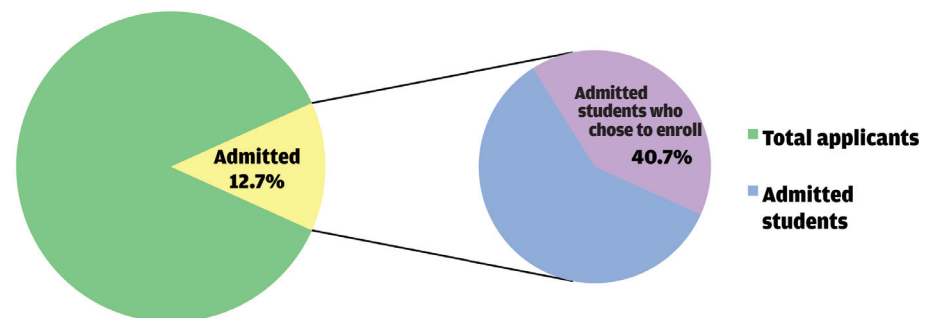
The yield rate, the number of admitted applicants who choose to enroll, also rose by about 1 percent, from 39.9 percent for the Class of 2016 to 40.7 percent for this year's freshmen class, according to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. In total, 1,613 students are in the Class of 2017.

Additionally, Vanderbilt's overlap in terms of admissions with competitor schools has intensified in recent years. Duke University is still the No. 1 school Vanderbilt competes with to attract freshmen, but Yale has risen from being the No. 21 competitor to the No. 2 competitor, meaning admitted freshmen must increasingly choose between Yale and Vanderbilt. Harvard has risen from No. 10 to No. 3 in terms of overlap.

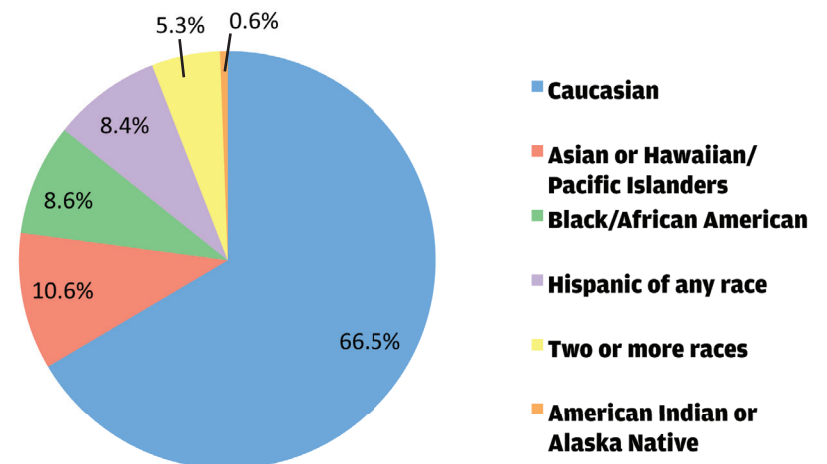
This year's freshmen class is also record-breaking for its diversity. Minorities make up 33.5 percent of the class, up from 29.7 percent the previous year and representing an all-time high for the university. This number excludes international students, many of whom are recruited through Vanderbilt's partnership with Education USA, a U.S. Department of State-supported network that advises students from other countries on applying to U.S. colleges and universities.

Scholastically, the Class of 2017 is

2013 applicants: percent of students admitted and enrolled



Class of 2017: diversity breakdown



All data provided by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions

diverse and distinguished. The 1,613 freshmen represent 1,073 different high schools. Sixty-four percent of the class attended a public high school, while 36 percent attended a private school. The class contains 261 National Merit Scholars, 25 National Achievement Scholars and 145 valedictorians or salutatorians.

Among freshmen, 88.3 percent graduated in the top 10 percent of their high school classes.

The middle 50 percent of Class of 2017 scored between 1410 and a 1570 on the critical reading and math sections of the SAT. Standardized test scores have improved so dramatically that the range

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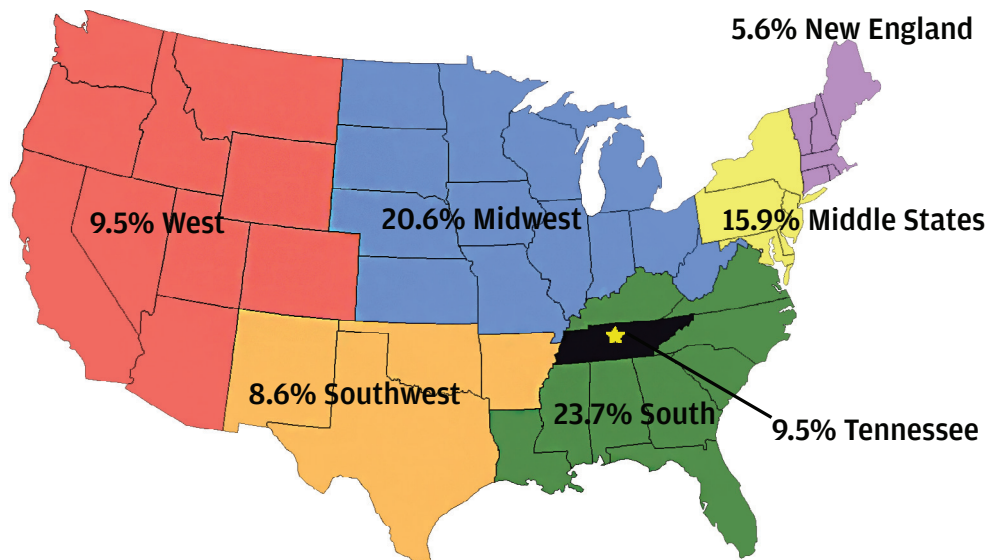
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Class of 2017: regional geographic breakdown



has shifted up by 100 points in the last 10 years: The Class of 2007's middle 50 percent scored between 1250 and 1430.

Perhaps most impressive, however, is the level of student involvement outside of the classroom from this class. Eighty-seven percent were service leaders, 82 percent were academic leaders, 52 percent were athletic leaders or champions, 31 percent were fine arts leaders and 30 per-

cent were student government leaders holding offices such as student body president or senior class president.

Statistics suggest that students who matriculate at Vanderbilt are happy with their choice. The university boasts one of the highest retention rates in the country, with a 97.2 percent first-to-second year retention rate. The university's six-year graduation rate is 92.5 percent, also among the top in the country.

"The new six-year graduation rate is the highest in Vanderbilt's history," said Douglas Christiansen, vice provost for enrollment and dean of admissions. "This is critically important, as the six-year graduation rate is one of the major measures reported publically relative to national data benchmarks."

— *A Vanderbilt University press release contributed to this report.*

Percent of applicants admitted through the years

2003:
40.2%

2010, when current seniors applied:
17.9%

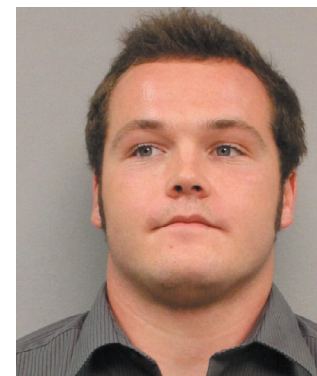
2011, when current juniors applied:
16.4%

2012, when current sophomores applied:
14.2%

2013, when current freshmen applied:
12.7%

RAPE CASE UPDATE

Miles Joseph Finley, connected to summer rape case, surrenders to Nashville police



PROVIDED BY NASHVILLE METRO POLICE

By **HANNAH SILLS**
News editor

One of ex-Commodore football player Brandon Vandenburg's friends who was indicted in connection with the alleged June 23 sexual assault voluntarily surrendered himself on Oct. 11 to Nashville Metro Police.

Miles Joseph Finley, of California, was indicted on Aug. 16 on one count of tampering with evidence in connection to the sexual assault investigation. He is accused of "tampering with certain electronic evidence" pertaining to the investigation, according to Metro Police.

Finley's bond has been set at \$10,000, and he will be arraigned by Criminal Court Judge Steve Dozier soon, police have said.

Joseph Quinzio, also indicted on one count of tampering with evidence on Aug. 16, is still going through the extradition process in California, according to Metro Police. Both men were "of interest" to Metro Police detectives who traveled to California in late July in connection with the sexual assault investigation, police have stated.

Four former football players—Vandenburg, Jaborian McKenzie, Corey Batey and Brandon Banks—have been indicted on multiple aggravated rape and aggravated sexual battery charges in connection with the alleged June 23 incident. Vandenburg has been additionally charged with one count of tampering with evidence and one count of unlawful photography. The four ex-Commodores are next scheduled to appear in court on Oct. 16.

Government shutdown a 'nuisance' for research at VU

By **ALLIE GROSS**
News reporter

The temporary shutdown of the U.S. government has posed several issues for research at Vanderbilt but nothing "disastrous," according to Dennis Hall, vice provost for research and dean of the graduate school. Hall oversees research outside the Medical Center and Vanderbilt's interschool research centers and institutes.

"It's not that we are panicked about this at the moment," Hall said, characterizing the shutdown as "a nuisance that we have to weather, and we expect it to be short term."

Hall said researchers send a bill to the government monthly for expenses, but the offices that make those payments to the university have been shut down, resulting in late payments

from the federal government.

"So then the operational question becomes, 'Do we have enough working cash in the university that we can pay those bills even without the reimbursements and still be okay?'" Hall said. "Our chief financial officer has studied that, and the answer is basically that we're okay. We have enough liquidity for any reasonable duration of the shutdown. While we would be paid late, we can manage that."

The agencies that process research proposals and grants have also been shut down.

"Once they open, there will be this onslaught of proposals that come to the agency and it will take them a while to work through the backlog," Hall said. "So it could end up delaying the notification of future awards because of the

backup, and we have to see how that plays out."

Hall also recognized that some government services that provide data and information are unavailable due to the shutdown, which may pose another nuisance to research projects that rely on such data.

Junior Michael Diamond said he has encountered issues with government websites that have been temporarily shut down as a teaching assistant in a Global Climate Change class.

"On, I think, the first day of the shutdown, I wanted to send a student in my Global Climate Change class ... a link to a (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association) page about atmospheric ozone to answer a question she had," Diamond said. "The servers were down completely, so I couldn't access the page,

which was really annoying."

Diamond added shutdown websites of government agencies, including the National Aeronautics and Space Association and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, have also interfered with his some of his friends' classes.

Hall said the shutdown is not an "emergency" as long as it doesn't last much longer, and the sequestration is a larger long-term concern for researchers.

"It's hard to imagine this shutdown going on for very many more days," Hall said. "The country will probably just explode with irritation."

"I would say we're probably a little more worried, maybe even a lot more worried, about potential reductions in federal funding in research than we are with the momentary problem of the shutdown."

STUDENT DEATH

Grad student found in apparent suicide case

By **ANDRÉ ROUILLARD**
Editor-in-chief

Akhilesh Pathak, a graduate student and teaching assistant in the department of mathematics, was found dead in Stevenson Center on Oct. 12. While the cause of death has not been officially determined, it is suspected that Pathak "took his own life," according to an email from the Office of the Dean of Students.

Pathak had joined the Vanderbilt community in the fall of 2012, according to the email. An investigation into the cause of death is ongoing.

opinion

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A Green Dot can be a well-placed sticker, but it is also a movement, a sense of empowerment and a good deed."

MADDIE GOOTMAN



THE RANT

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, visit the InsideVandy.com opinion page.

The Hustler censored Kendrick Lamar saying "B---h, Don't Kill My Vibe," but it printed the quote "buttfucked harder than that girl who was with D-Roc" in an article about ATO. Something doesn't make sense here ...

Does Michael Greshko work for the CIA??? The stalking involved in his "Kings Among Men" investigation is outrageous!

Really Hustler? You publish an article about why our football coach should LEAVE our school? That's the school spirit we all need.

From the last issue: "Nashville is a nice city, but it doesn't have anything on Los Angeles." Uh... No thanks, I'll take my southern charm and clean air any day over that concrete jungle.

I can't date... I'm already married to the school of engineering. She likes to go all night at least once or twice a week.

Why do the Rand servers ask me whether I want cheese on my omelet. An omelet is not an omelet without cheese. It's like asking if I want cheese on my grilled cheese sandwich.

The music selection at Rand makes me feel like I'm spending my Sunday afternoon in the late eighties.

The fact that Mizzou beat Georgia 41-26 means that all hope isn't lost yet for Vandy football, right? Right?

Any time someone wants to call a fake bomb threat between 1:10 and 2:25 on Tuesday and Thursday, please let me know.

The Order of the Crown sounds as sketchy as an ATO afterparty.

The Vanderbilt football team should go to work on the debt ceiling; certainly, they've done plenty with Tin Roof

What are Green Dots?



A look at the misunderstood program behind the stickers you've seen around our campus

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I've been seeing a lot of leftover Green Dot stickers on campus lately. It irks me to see these sad green stickers, trampled over or stuck on frat porches, because I feel like no one knows what they mean. A Green Dot can be a well-placed sticker, but it is also a movement, a sense of empowerment and a good deed. Contrary to a common misconception on campus, the initiative is not a reaction to the incident over the summer; Green Dot has been at Vanderbilt longer than any current undergraduate has been.

The Vanderbilt chapter of the national Green Dot campaign is a multi-faceted program headed by Wanda Swan of the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center. Green Dot is a media campaign aimed at improving the safety of students on campus, a training program for students and community members to increase their knowledge and skills surrounding power-based personal violence (PBPV), and a programming effort to bring awareness of PBPV on campus to groups that request information. Vanderbilt Green Dot is paired closely with Project Safe, a separate, yet complementary program that provides advocacy services for those affected by PBPV.

So what is a Green Dot? According to the Green Dot website, "Green Dots are individual choices that meet in a shared vision — creating the momentum of a social movement." Green Dot is a program that enables students to take control of their culture and of their campus. It gives them the support, the structure and the skills to produce change. When you add a Green Dot to our campus, by taking home a friend who is too drunk, telling someone that their rape joke isn't funny, or helping a friend who has suffered from sexual assault to get counseling, you contribute to a larger movement on campuses in the U.S. to make spaces safer for everyone. Vanderbilt administrators know that they cannot be in every dorm room or at every tailgate, frat party and bar, so they reach out to their students to empower them to be the change they want to see.

So before we sit behind our laptops and shake our fists at the university for not doing enough — I'm not saying their response was perfect, but no response is — let's get up as a student body and take back our campus. I challenge students, campus leaders and interested community members to attend a Green Dot training session. The Green Dot program is unique because its main goal is to stop instances of PBPV before they happen and to equip the campus community with the confidence to respond to these instances when they happen. Anyone worried about any form of violence on campus should attend Green Dot training; power-based personal violence is too important to ignore. The next training session is Nov. 9 at 9 a.m. I know that's really early for a Saturday, but I think arming ourselves with the skills necessary to improve our campus is worth it. We can shake off our hangovers and go back to sleep when it is over. Whatever you choose to do, I would encourage everyone to keep adding Green Dots so that our community becomes a better place.

Green Dots vocabulary

Green Dot: a single moment in time that can be used to end the perpetration of power-based personal violence or to support victims of PBPV

Red Dot: power-based personal violence, any abusive action that invokes a personal power structure including bullying, intimate partner violence, sexual violence, stalking and identity-based targeting

Proactives: actions people can take to prevent power-based personal violence before it happens

Reactives: actions people can take to intervene in a red dot situation

Make your voice heard

Politics is about more than elections



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When you think of politics, the first thing that comes to mind is probably election season. But politics is about more than just elections, fiscal policy and regulatory policy: it is about ideas and principles. If you are passionate about principles, you can be politically active without ever having gone door-to-door, phone banking or inside a voting booth.

Many politicians lack true principles. Unfortunately, most of them are simply puppets for special interest groups. Just one example would be the farm lobby. While most economists would agree that federal farm subsidies are counterproductive and a waste of money, the U.S. continues to spend billions every year paying farmers to not farm to maintain artificial price floors. All past attempts at reform have failed because of the massive influence the farm lobby has bought through donations to political parties and election campaigns.

Beyond all rhetoric about caring for the common good, equality, social justice and traditional values, politicians only care about one thing at the end of the day — getting reelected. But because of this, politicians are also sensitive to public opinion. This is where you can make a difference. You can influence politics by being an activist for ideas and changing public opinion.

Activists for ideas, or those who work for changes in public policy, can shift the range of ideas acceptable to the public by persuading or educating others. Radical ideas can become mainstream if enough people talk about them. In political theory, this technique is known as shifting the Overton window. By changing the range

of ideas seen as politically viable, activists can change the policies endorsed by politicians.

How can you become an activist for ideas? By getting involved with causes you're passionate about.

The future of politics in America lies in the hands of a passionate minority within the millennial generation. Where do the leaders of this passionate minority come from? I believe they develop from activist student groups such as Students Promoting Environmental Awareness and Responsibility (SPEAR), Vanderbilt Lambda Association and Young Americans for Liberty. Regardless of your political leanings, being politically active is as easy as getting involved, learning about issues you feel strongly about and spreading your ideas.

If you're passionate about liberty, or think you could be, come to the Students For Liberty Tennessee Regional Conference that I'm organizing on Oct. 26. Our lineup of speakers is composed of experts in various fields with lecture topics varying from themes of liberty in popular science fiction to modern day prohibition. You'll gain valuable career advice from professors, authors, journalists and alumni while attending lectures packed with fascinating and entertaining content. The conference is a great way to gain valuable networking experience and learn about internships and job opportunities with local and national public policy organizations, civil liberties foundations and activist groups. The conference, which also features a live performance by Nashville-based rock band Radar vs Wolf, is free of charge.

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Moving forward

How the GOP is working to salvage the government from the brink of disaster



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As we monitor the first government shutdown in 17 years, Americans are confused, scared and angry. A meme circulating the Internet makes light of the government shutdown, suggesting that we try “turning it off and on again.” These humorous reactions to the shutdown highlight rather than downplay the severity of the situation. We stand to potentially default on our debts and face another international economic crisis if our government cannot come to a compromise in the next several days. This is a dangerous gridlock during a very volatile economic time.

In light of this situation, various polls indicate that a majority of Americans blame the Republican Party for the shutdown. Many of them claim that Speaker John Boehner and the House Republicans held the economy hostage over the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, or “Obamacare.” They say that Obamacare has been signed into law and vetted by the Supreme Court, and therefore Republicans are obligated to drop their opposition to the bill. This argument, however, ignores one crucial detail about government operations: Congress has the power and the responsibility to appropriate funding for various government programs, regardless of what has been signed into law. Article 1, Section 7 of the Constitution states, “All bills for revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives.” John Boehner and the House Republicans have done nothing wrong; rather, they have used their enumerated Constitutional powers to ignite discussion about a bill they

fear to be detrimental to the future of the United States.

Now, however, the next step is to look forward and find a way to reopen the government. Pointing fingers across the aisle will not rescue the thousands of furloughed workers desperate to return to their jobs; we need discourse, discussion and compromise. The Republicans have shown that this is their primary goal heading forward. They have proposed stop-gap funding measures for national parks, veterans’ services, and several other government functions in an attempt to get the government up and running again. They have repeatedly asked to form a bipartisan committee to work out a budget. At this point, Republicans are simply requesting to delay the implementation of Obamacare for one year.

President Obama has already delayed a key provision of the law (the employer mandate); now, Republicans only want him to apply this delay to the rest of the law.

The response from Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and President Obama has not only been negative, but also blindingly arrogant. A senior administration official in the White House recently said, “It doesn’t matter how long the shutdown lasts ... we are winning.” What? With the fate of thousands of federal workers at stake here, the White House has the nerve to say we don’t care because we’re winning? There are no winners here, only losers and solutions.

Harry Reid’s tunnel vision has been so limited that he could not even bring himself to support funding medicine for

children with cancer. When a CNN anchor asked why Reid would not want to approve the National Institutes of Health mini-spending bill to help “one child who has cancer,” he dismissed the question, asking, “Why would we want to do that?” when the shutdown has left 1,100 people at Nellis Air Force Base “sitting at home.” Are you serious, Mr. Reid? To quote John Boehner, “This isn’t some damn game!”

The Republicans have shown their willingness to compromise and work toward a common goal of ending the government shutdown. The question now is this: Are the Democrats finally ready to do the same?



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The changing face of chivalry

Can gender equality and traditional values coexist?



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In the 21st century, women have more rights and responsibilities than ever before. We are seen as competitors with men in the workplace and the same is expected of us as of men. We have reached magnificent milestones in the women's movement, but as we have gained more liberties, a lack of respect for women has emerged.

Girls, if you have noticed, men don't hold open your car door for you. They don't walk on the road side of the sidewalk. They make crude jokes around you, which used to be unheard of. Why is this? Is this because we're in competition with men for jobs and power, or is it because we've brought it upon ourselves with our changing value systems? I think it is a bit of both.

When the Equal Rights Amendment was up for vote in 1972, the idea seemed great. Who would publicly oppose equal rights for women? Those who supported the amendment, however, failed to understand the implications behind identical rights and privileges for men and

“Being a woman in this country has its perks and we have to be prepared for those perks to go away.”

women. As Phyllis Schlafly, a conservative activist and opponent of the ERA, wrote in a widely shared 2007 Los Angeles Times op-ed, the ERA would have required women to be drafted into military combat alongside men, deprived wives and widows of Social Security benefits, and given the federal government extended powers to reinterpret legal distinctions regarding marriage, divorce and alimony. If we are going to demand completely equal rights,

we must realize that being a woman in this country has its perks and we have to be prepared for those perks to go away.

The large difference between men and women has several implications outside the legal system. Before the sexual revolution of the 1960s, men saw women as priceless treasures. Back then, a man was expected to make a woman feel like she meant the world to him; now, it's not uncommon for a man to buy a lady a drink and have her for the night. In this case, the diminishing respect of women makes sense — why would a man need to pursue you if he can have you that easily?

A promiscuous lifestyle has become much more prevalent because of changes in the media and our cultural mindset but also from the advancement of almost 100-percent effective contraception and the further development of Plan B and abortion laws. According to the Guttmacher Institute, in the United States over a million abortions occur each year — more than 3,000 per day — and 22 percent of all preg-

nancies end in abortion. As women gain more control over their lives and choices, the independence that follows may sometimes encourage a lifestyle of promiscuity that does not evoke respect from men.

It is a huge milestone that women can now compete on a fairly equal playing field with men in corporate America. It is also a tremendous accomplishment that women have more freedom in how we choose to live our lives. However, when we are in competition with men and ask for empowerment and identical treatment, we must remember that this will take some historically recognized privileges away from us.

If we live personal lives that do not evoke respect, we also alter the general behavior and perception of men. If you are going to pursue a career, that's wonderful; just remember that men will view you as competition. If you are going to take that guy up on his one-night offer, that's your choice. Just remember, in both of these situations, there is a reason he might not open your car door.



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MOVIE REVIEW:



'Don Jon'

By SAVANNA WALKER
Life reporter

Joseph Gordon-Levitt's directorial debut "Don Jon" is a warm, funny movie about porn addiction, occupying a space somewhere in between Steve McQueen's brilliant but dour "Shame" and the films of Judd Apatow. Surprisingly conventional given its subject matter, "Don Jon" nevertheless presents a spirited alternative to the generic romantic comedy.

The canniest move of the film is that it equates the titular character's porn addiction with his love interest Barbara's dedication to romance as ordained by pop culture. The parallels between the two characters, while continually amusing, become more poignant as the film demonstrates their incompatibility.

Scarlett Johansson does a particularly impressive job as Barbara — as sexy as you'd expect while striking an equal, compelling balance between naive and manipulative. And leading man Gordon-Levitt is charismatic enough to pull off a character that could have been an absolute cad, as he hints at the vulnerability behind Jon's man-about-town facade.

"Don Jon" is a bit over-directed, as debuts tend to be. Gordon-Levitt is ambitious to be sure, and at times it pays off — the rhythmic montage that establishes Jon's cyclical life is effective, as are the swells of music that punctuate the film. But between the quick cuts and visual tonal shifts, rarely is there space for the film to breathe.

"Don Jon" does slow down in the presence of Julianne Moore's Esther, one of Jon's night-school classmates, but the character teeters on the brink of cliché despite Moore's and the film's valiant efforts. Moreover, the ending, while emotionally satisfying, feels rushed and overly neat compared to the refreshing mess that precedes it.

Still, the assured performances and insightful script carry "Don Jon" through its flaws. The film demonstrates real insight in parts and is enjoyable throughout, making it an amiable, if not truly impressive, debut.



On-campus fair

Celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month with The Elegant Eta Beta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and the Gamma Delta Chapter of Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc. For a \$10 ticket fee, enjoy popcorn, breast cancer trivia games, bra ping-pong, a cookie decorating station and free breast cancer awareness paraphernalia. Tickets will be sold at Rand Wall and The Commons Center throughout the week.

TURNING THE LIGHTS BACK ON

Last year, Teddy Raskin planned Lights on the Lawn as a one-time event to support fraternity brother Luke Moretti. Now, he's determined to make the benefit concert a yearly staple.

By PRIYANKA ARIBINDI
Life reporter

Watching senior Teddy Raskin mull over the spreadsheets containing all the details of this year's Lights on the Lawn concert is nothing short of overwhelming. Raskin reads off specifics from the mammoth document's contents, which read more like a tax filing than an electronic music show in the making.

Every detail regarding the concert is accounted for, from the responsibilities of the five newly created committees, to the fundraising events hosted by almost every Greek chapter on campus, to the group's fundraising goals, to event's budget, to the corporate sponsorships they have been receiving.

"This is as innovative and entrepreneurial as it gets," Raskin said of putting on the show, and that much is clear.

The event itself has come a long way from its already impressive beginnings. Last year's concert, shouldered almost entirely by Raskin, raised more than \$90,000 for the Christopher Reeve Foundation and was successful in bringing to Nashville a LocoMotor training machine, which helps patients with brain or spinal cord injuries walk again. This impetus behind the inaugural Lights on the Lawn, moreover, stemmed from brotherly love — an effort on Raskin's part to help Alpha Epsilon Pi brother Luke Moretti rehabilitate from a paralyzing spinal chord injury.

Though it was wildly successful in fundraising, whether or not the concert would continue was a big question on the collective minds of Raskin, many others in the Greek community and the administration.

"It was a one-off event, and I knew I couldn't match that kind of effort again this year," said Raskin, who elected not to chair the event this year. "I wanted it to be an annual thing, but I don't think anyone really expected this to happen again."

Those sentiments changed over the summer, though.

"We didn't want to continue this if it didn't have the merit to be continued," Raskin said. "But once we found out that there were people willing and ready and able to step up and take the reigns, we realized we had the capability and momentum to make this an annual thing."

Raskin cites one of this year's co-



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A fan crowd surfs at last year's Lights on the Lawn concert.

chairs, junior Patrick McGee, as one such individual.

Before the details of the sexual assault case emerged this summer, McGee and other students had already shown interest in continuing the event to fundraise for another charity and expanding its backing from just the Interfraternity Council to all of Greek Life. Shortly after the details were made public, IFC voted to support the East Nashville-based Mary Parrish Center For Victims of Domestic Violence for this year's fundraising.

"It's frustrating as a student turning on CNN and seeing Vanderbilt's name shed in such a poor light," Raskin said.

According to McGee, this year's Lights on the Lawn will serve as a way to show that the Vanderbilt student body is committed to the issue of sexual abuse.

Initially, the voting students knew very little about the actual center, McGee said. The cause was worthy and very pertinent to Vanderbilt, but after visiting the center, they quickly realized they had chosen the right place.

"Walking in there, you feel like you're walking into a hug," McGee said. "(The women there) are running from these horrible situations and they have to leave their lives behind and basically start over. The Mary Parrish Center gives them the space and support and the love to do that."

Though the event is still in its infancy as an

annual fundraiser, Raskin's experience undertaking its coordination last year brought new ideas for expansion and improvement to the table. "To be an annual event, it needed to be refined," Raskin said.

The new organizational structure put into place for this year's Lights on the Lawn does just that — involvement from specific committees and representatives from most sorority and fraternity chapters ensures that the benefit is a community-wide initiative.

"We're working hard to get everyone involved in some way," McGee said. "It doesn't matter what chapter you're in. We're all friends, and it's fun to do something together."

Raskin agreed. "I think it's a cool opportunity to say that I care about something on campus, I'm gonna come together with my community, we're gonna pick the cause together, and we're gonna put this on together, and we're gonna show the world," he said.

The goal for this year's event is to cover the rent and utilities for The Mary Parrish Center for an entire year, which would cost \$55,000. McGee and Raskin feel positive about their progress and what the weeks ahead will bring.

"I just want people to understand that first of all we're doing amazing work for the Mary Parrish Center, but also a great thing for Vanderbilt," McGee said. "Hopefully this will become a Vanderbilt tradition."

Drop bass, raise funds

Friday night, DJs Stratus and 3LAU will grace Lights on the Lawn with their respective brands of electronic music

By **ANGELICA LASALA**
Life editor

At 23 and 22 years old respectively, Lights on the Lawn artists Stratus and 3LAU (pronounced “Blau”) know a thing or two about young ambition — the former performed at both Spring Awakening and Lollapalooza this summer, and the latter had, until 2012, balanced his music career with being a full-time student at Washington University in St. Louis.

Stratus, or Patrick Stratton offstage, began making electronic dance music in 2010. Since then, he’s spent the better part of those three years touring around the country and producing tracks at a prolific rate.

A Chicago native, Stratus’ connection to the Windy City runs deeper than his appearance at the city’s biggest festivals. “I love the music that was born here as well as the music that is currently evolving here,” he said. “(The city) influences my general mentality and lifestyle, which, in turn, defines the music that I make.”

Described on his Facebook page as “Omnitempo Hyper-Bass,” Stratus’ sound draws heavily from the dubstep school of

electronic dance music. He, however, prefers a more complex approach than the build-to-bass-drop formula many electronic music artists use. “Stylistically I jump around a lot — I find it more interesting to juxtapose all different kinds of bass music simultaneously,” he said. “The busier more mid-range focused material and the less dynamically complex balance each other out and let each other shine.”

For 3LAU, born Justin Blau, music is as much business as it is art. Before moving to Vegas, 3LAU studied finance at Washington University in St. Louis’ Olin Business School. In the fall 2011 issue of Olin Business Magazine, 3LAU explained that electronic dance music and corporate strategy aren’t all that different: “I work on DJ stuff like I work on case competitions. Formulating a strategy, executing the plan, practicing public presence and emotional intelligence — it’s all part of the DJ game.”

The genres 3LAU samples cover a wide range, and his influences run the gamut from Sigur Ros to Porter Robinson. According to 3LAU’s profile on SoundCloud, the resulting sound “transcends the traditional definition of a bootleg, seamlessly weaving tracks that breed dance floor filth.”



3LAU, also known as Justin Blau, plays to a sizeable crowd.

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Where 3LAU creates “filth,” he catalyzes change. Just as Lights on the Lawn uses electronic dance music to rally Vanderbilt and surrounding communities around a specific cause, 3LAU’s craft is part and parcel to his charitable work with Pencils of Promise, a nonprofit focusing on building schools in the developing world.

The artist, who donates a percentage of his tour money to the organization, told the Las Vegas Review-Journal, “Dance music

specifically is such a culture and a unifying force between young people that you might as well incorporate philanthropy into that cultural sphere.”

Tickets are available via TicketMaster and can also be bought at Sarratt Box Office. To donate to The Mary Parrish Center, visit <http://www.crowdrise.com/LightsontheLawn/fundraiser/vanderbiltuniversity1>.



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5 things you didn't know about ...

THE NASHVILLE MTA

By ALISON VON DEYLEN
Life reporter

1. IT'S ON THE CARD.

That's right, you can use your Commodore Card to catch any bus that's part of the Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority system for free. No need to worry about having exact change; simply swipe your card and go. With buses that run all over the city, the MTA system is perfect for when you want to explore all that Nashville has to offer.

2. THE BUSES DON'T JUST TRAVEL DOWNTOWN.

While most of the bus routes go downtown, there are also many routes that go the other way, including routes to Green Hills, Opry Mills and even Brentwood and Franklin. Perfect for when you want to run some errands, do some shopping or just explore a new area.

3. MULTIPLE BUS STOPS ARE LOCATED IN AND AROUND VANDERBILT'S CAMPUS.

Between West End and 21st Avenue lies a bus stop within walking distance of any point on campus. Blue and white MTA signs mark all stops, many of which have shelters where you can wait. With such easy access, you have no excuse not to try out the bus system.

4. THE BUSES STOP AT MORE PLACES THAN SHOWN ON THE SCHEDULES.

When you read a bus schedule, it might look as though the bus only stops at a few special places. However, many bus stops are actually not listed on the schedules. As long as the stop you are leaving from is along your intended route, you will be able to catch a bus from there. Don't worry too much — once you get used to reading bus maps and schedules, taking the bus will be a breeze.

5. MTA HAS A DOWNTOWN TRANSIT STATION KNOWN AS MUSIC CITY CENTRAL.

An indoor facility with waiting rooms, restrooms and small retail businesses, Music City Central is the main hub for all downtown transit. Its central location makes it the perfect place to catch a bus when heading back from down-

DO IT YOURSELF: BROOKIES

The brookie has long been a staple of Vanderbilt Campus Dining's repertoire. For the first time, The Hustler brings you two different ways to make this notoriously caloric treat.

By Brittany Matthews, life reporter

Whether you're having a baking de-stress fest, need to whip something up for a potluck or simply crave something sweet, these recipes will do the trick. (Baker's secret: You can freeze brookies for up to six months. If you wrap them up individually, they're good for on the go.)

PUMPKIN SWIRL BROOKIES

To celebrate fall, try this recipe for pumpkin swirl brookies.

Start to finish: 1 hour, 30 minutes (20 minutes prep time)

Servings: 12

1 package (3 ounces) cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup canned pumpkin (not pumpkin pie mix)
3 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
2 eggs
1 box of your favorite chocolate or fudge brownie mix
1/4 cup vegetable oil
2 tablespoons water
1 package of your favorite cookie dough (We're college students, why try and make it completely from scratch?)

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Grease the bottom of a muffin tin or your baking pan with cooking spray.
2. In a small bowl, beat together the cream cheese, pumpkin, sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg and an egg with an electric mixer on low speed or whisk until smooth. Set aside.
3. Make the brownie batter as directed on the brownie mix box, using 1/4 cup of vegetable oil, 2 tablespoons of water and the other egg. Spread the batter in a tin. Spoon the filling as desired over batter and mix it lightly with a fork or knife.
4. Roll balls of cookie dough, and place them over the brownie batter.
5. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until an inserted toothpick comes out almost clean. The cookie may look a little overdone, but that's normal.
6. Cool completely. Store covered in a refrigerator.

(Note: There are many ways to make this dish healthier. You can use applesauce or mashed banana in place of egg, or you can make the brownies entirely from scratch — this is expert-level stuff, people.)

VEGAN BROOKIES

And for all you vegans, enjoy an animal-friendly twist on the classic. (Note that vegan does not equate to healthy in this recipe. At all.)

Start to finish: 1 hour, 15 minutes (30 minutes prep time)

Servings: 16

Brownie batter

1 cup all-purpose flour
3/4 cup brown sugar
6 tablespoons cocoa powder
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup water
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1/2 cup natural or unsweetened applesauce
1 teaspoon vanilla

Cookie dough

1/2 cup vegan butter (Earth Balance, vegan margarine, vegetable shortening or nut butter)
1 cup vegan sugar (brown sugar or whatever sugar you prefer)
1 teaspoon cornstarch or arrowroot powder
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
3 tablespoons water
1 cup and 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
3/4 cup vegan chocolate chips or chunks (Ghirardelli Semi-Sweet is great.)

1. Preheat oven to 350 F.

For brownie batter:

2. In a large bowl, stir together the flour, sugar, cocoa powder, baking powder and salt.
3. Pour in the water, vegetable oil, applesauce and vanilla. Mix until well-blended.

For cookie dough:

4. Cream together the vegan butter and vegan sugar together until light and fluffy (about 3 minutes).
5. Whisk together the cornstarch, baking powder and water until smooth. Mix into the creamed batter.
6. Stir in the flour then the chocolate chips until combined.

7. Spread the brownie batter in a muffin tin or your preferred baking pan.

8. Roll the cookie dough into balls, and place them on top of the brownie batter. (There will be more brownie batter than cookie dough.)

9. Bake the brookies for 30 minutes or until an inserted toothpick comes out almost clean.

10. Cool completely. Store covered in a refrigerator.



Coming out with actress Laverne Cox

The Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Intersex Life brings issues of gender and media to the forefront with 'Orange Is the New Black' star

By **CIERRA LOCKETT**
Life reporter

To celebrate National Coming Out Week, the Office of LGBTQI Life will feature the first woman of color to have a leading transgender role on a mainstream television show: Laverne Cox from Netflix's "Orange Is the New Black."

The show has received praise for its portrayal of an LGBTQI individual as a complex human being, delving into the background of the character Sophia Burset rather than allowing her gender and sexuality function as the whole story. Cox is also the first transgender woman of color to produce and star in her own original television show, Vh1's "TRANSform Me."

Cox's time at Vanderbilt will be marked by her speaking event "Ain't I a Woman: My Journey to Womanhood" on Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Student Life Center.

The event focuses on the intersections of gender and sexuality and how these aspects of identity impacted Cox's life as she was raised as a colored child in the South who wanted to enter the world of acting. Follow-

ing the speech will be both a Q-and-A and meet-and-greet period.

"I'm excited because I think that so many of our students think that they have to push their identities aside when they're entering any sort of career," said Chris Purcell, director of LGBTQI Life, "and Laverne is a great role model as someone who has embraced her identity and is able to use her identity to be who she is in her career. It's really inspiring to a lot of our students."

Vanderbilt's National Coming Out Week, from Oct. 14-18, is centered around National Coming Out Day on Friday, Oct. 11, but is extended to a week of celebration on campus. Meant to foster a safe and inclusive environment of support, the week's events speak to the history of LGBTQI issues and progress while aiming to both educate and celebrate with LGBTQI individuals and allies.

"Most of the time when people think of National Coming Out Week, they think it's only for LGBTQI individuals," Purcell said, "but it's really an opportunity for allies to come out as well to show their support."

"Everyone is welcome," said Stephen Loveless, program coordinator of LGBTQI Life.

Transgender issues are often the least visible of the LGBTQI community's, attaining virtually no media attention. LGBTQI Life tries to expand this narrow portrayal in the entertainment industry and hopes to find more opportunities to discuss the role of LGBTQI individuals and their acceptance in all industries.

"I think we've seen media and entertainment come a long way from when Ellen (DeGeneres) came out on her show in the portrayal of LGBTQI identities, and I think we have a long way to go," Loveless said.

"We're trying to get away from those stereotyped little boxes that individuals sometimes get put in. I feel like we will continue to move forward in a positive light and there is every reason for optimism."

The National Coming Out Week calendar can be found at: <http://vanderbilt.edu/lgbtqi>.




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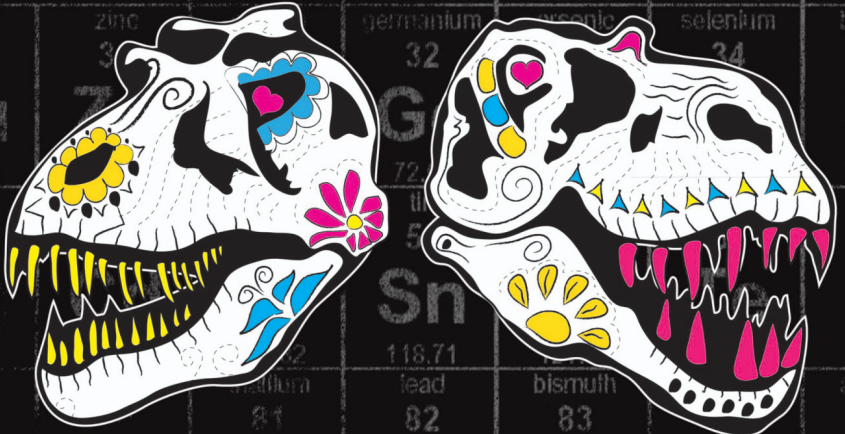
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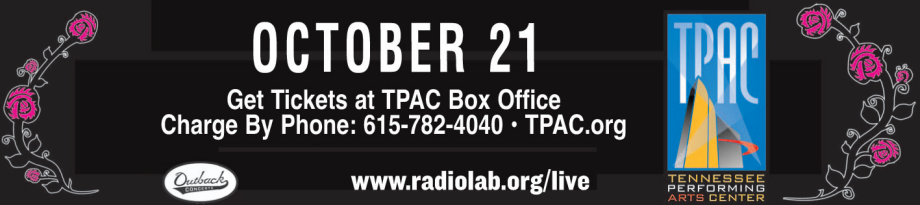
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SEC POWER RANKINGS: WEEK 7

Each week I rank the teams in the SEC 1-14. This week, we salute our new football overlords, Johnny Manziel pretends to be any one of eight Georgia players, Steve Spurrier is still great and Kentucky is what is wrong with America.

 By **JACKSON MARTIN**

Sports reporter


1. No. 14 Missouri (6-0, 2-0 SEC)

Serious question: Is this Missouri team the greatest team to ever play in the Southeastern Conference? I mean, Bear Bryant's Alabama teams were incredible, Herschel Walker was the greatest college running back of all time for Georgia in the 1980s and Peyton Manning set all kinds of records at Tennessee, but I don't think any of them come close to this Tiger team. The national championship is just a formality at this point.


2. No. 1 Alabama (6-0, 3-0)

It's a shame that with this unstoppable Missouri squad we won't get a chance to see Nick Saban's Alabama team win the first national championship three-peat since World War II. (Insert back-to-back world war champions joke here.) Really just unfortunate. I was rooting for those plucky underdogs at Alabama.


3. No. 7 Texas A&M (5-1, 2-1)

Do you vaguely remember (through the haze of your fall break memories) a 15-minute period Saturday night where it felt like the whole world had gone silent? That was a real thing and happened when Johnny Football went down with what appeared to be a severe knee injury against Ole Miss. He returned later to lead the Aggies to a late win over the Rebels, further adding to his long list of selfish acts since winning the Heisman.


4. No. 15 Georgia (4-2, 3-1)

There's no shame in losing to our football overlords in Missouri, but losing eight starters to injury does appear to have affected the Bulldogs' play for the second straight week. Weird, huh?


5. No. 6 LSU (6-1, 3-1)

Football can be art, sometimes. Watching Johnny Manziel or Aaron Murray direct an offense can be pure poetry and bring unbridled joy to those watching the game. Football can also be big, dumb and violent, as was the case Saturday when the Tigers bulldozed their way to a 17-6 win over Florida. The two teams combined for 567 yards of total offense, which is just 5 more yards than Johnny Football had by himself against Alabama, the world's greatest defense.


6. No. 11 South Carolina (5-1, 3-1)

"I do feel badly for Arkansas. It's no fun getting your butt beat like this, at home on homecoming and all that." That quote is just one of, like, 7,000 reasons that Steve Spurrier is the best SEC coach of all time.



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The Georgia special teams blocks punter Richard Kent's (94) kick in Vanderbilt's loss in 2011. The Commodores lost to the Bulldogs 33-28.

Bringing up **bad** memories

Georgia vs. Vanderbilt should be a temperature check for both sides after last year's lopsided loss

 By **ANTHONY TRIPODORO**

Sports writer

Midterms and fall break have made Vanderbilt's stinging 51-28 loss to Missouri on homecoming weekend seem like a distant memory.

A lot has changed in the SEC landscape in those 11 days, including the expectations of worried Vanderbilt and Georgia fans.

Going into the Vanderbilt-Missouri matchup, the 4-0 Tigers were 2-point favorites, unranked and largely unproven, coming off wins against weak non-conference opponents. Then, Mizzou dropped 51 points on the Commodores, and, all of a sudden, Vanderbilt fans deemed this year's defense a joke.

It was overrated, at least. After giving up 39 points to Ole Miss, 35 to South Carolina and, now, a whopping 51 to Missouri, it became apparent that the Commodore linebacking corps was lacking and that the defense, in general, just wasn't up to par.

Meanwhile, Georgia fans were also trying to figure out just what their team was made of. The Bulldogs' national title aspirations

were dampened after they fell in a close 38-35 opener to Clemson and quarterback Tajh Boyd. They would not have their dreams derailed so easily, however, as Georgia bounced back the following week, beating South Carolina 41-30. Three weeks later, quarterback Aaron Murray led the Dawgs to a 44-41 win for the ages in a shootout with Georgia's prodigal son, Zach Mettenberger, and the LSU Tigers. Just like that, everything was peaches in Athens.

Then came an overtime scare from which Georgia barely escaped Knoxville with a 34-31 overtime win over Tennessee. On the same day, Mizzou ran all over the Vanderbilt defense.

This timeline brings us to last weekend, when Missouri visited then-seventh-ranked Georgia, and Vanderbilt had a bye. Tiger quarterback James Franklin led Mizzou to a dominant 41-26 road win despite being sidelined in the fourth quarter (now out for at least three to five weeks) with a shoulder injury, leaving everyone in Athens scratching their heads.

On Saturday, Vanderbilt hosts No. 15 Georgia in a battle between two teams trying to figure out how they really stack up against the rest of the SEC. In any case, the stage is set this time for Vanderbilt to improve upon its touchdownless 48-3 thumping at the hands of the Bulldogs just a year ago.

The Commodores are 3-3, but they have yet to win a game in which they were not heavily favored — and they lost both of their toss-up games to Ole Miss and Missouri.

Now, however, the losses must be re-

viewed in context. Ole Miss over Vanderbilt was an upset at the time, but, after a 3-0 start, the Rebels cracked the AP top 25 before falling to No. 1 Alabama, No. 24 Auburn and losing a nail-biter to No. 7 Texas A&M last weekend. Similarly, Missouri's decisive victories over Vanderbilt and Georgia showed the country that the Tigers are a much better team (with Franklin, at least) than they were given credit for coming into the season. Missouri is now eighth in the country in points per game and ranked No. 14 in the AP poll.

What does all of this say about Vanderbilt and Georgia? In a nutshell, neither team has shown its hand yet.

Vanderbilt is not as good as some had predicted but not as bad as every student thought after the loss to Missouri. Georgia will only play for a national title if it wins the SEC championship, which starts by winning the SEC East — a quest now in serious jeopardy after its loss to Missouri.

Saturday's game features two teams with a lot to prove. Head coach James Franklin and his players have had an extra week to prepare for an injured Bulldog team that can still dominate both sides of the ball.

Several of Georgia's starters on offense, including tailback Keith Marshall and wide receivers Michael Bennett and Justin Scott-Wesley, were sidelined against Missouri and won't play on Saturday. However, Georgia head coach Marc Richt said on Sunday that star running back Todd Gurley is "real close" to returning after missing the last two games with a sprained ankle. If he plays, he will give the Georgia offense a huge boost.

News and notes from Monday's football press conference

By **BEN WEINRIB**
Sports writer

1. NO BYE WEEK

Players did not have practice on Thursday, Friday and Saturday because of the bye week, but there's no such thing as a bye week for coaches. Head coach James Franklin and his assistants went to several different states to talk to high school players who have already committed and to scout others.

"I think I left Wednesday night," Franklin said. "I spent all day Thursday recruiting, was in one state until around 12, flew to another state until late that night. About four other coaches and I ended up getting back Friday night at around 1 o'clock in the morning ... and I did get a little family time in on Saturday."

2. GEORGIA HOMECOMING

Vanderbilt's roster sports 22 players from the state of Georgia, by far the state with the most Vanderbilt players. Some players even mentioned that they may play with some extra juice, including defensive end Kyle Woestmann.

"It's always exciting to return home," he said. "You've got all your family and friends watching from Georgia because they're Bulldog fans. Kind of a homecoming. Even though it's here, they'll all be watching. It's nice to play them, and all my friends get to see me play."

3. EARLY GAMES

The Commodores' next two games will start at 11 a.m., which is a big change considering all but one of their games so far have started after 6 p.m. As much as fans may dislike early starts, the players seem to like the morning kickoff time.

"I think they're more favored of a lot of guys," Woestmann said. "I know, me personally, I'm not really a fan of sitting around all day. It's neat to watch other teams play, but it just kind of makes me antsy, so I'm excited to have these 11 a.m. games so we can just get up, eat breakfast and get ready to roll."

Franklin one-upped him, adding, "I love the early starts. I'd like around a 9 a.m. I'm trying to figure out if we can get a 9 a.m. game on the SEC Network — that'd be a heck of a deal for us."

4. PREPARING FOR GURLEY

Georgia was without star running back Todd Gurley the last two games because of an ankle injury, but Vanderbilt is preparing



Redshirt sophomore running back Jerron Seymour (3) breaks a tackle en route to scoring a touchdown against Ole Miss on Aug. 29. Seymour was officially named Vanderbilt's starting running back by head coach James Franklin on Monday.

for the Bulldogs as if he will play. Regardless, Georgia's running scheme remains the same no matter who its back is.

"If (Gurley's) playing," Franklin said, "you should expect he's going to touch the ball more than what they're doing right now in the running game, but we still have to stop the same plays whether he's in there or not. It's just, are you dealing with a 235-pound all-SEC running back doing it?"

5. NEW STARTING RUNNING BACK

For the first time all year, Franklin listed a new starting running back: redshirt sophomore Jerron Seymour.

Redshirt senior Wesley Tate is now listed as the second-string running back, and true sophomore Brian Kimbrow was added to the depth chart for the first time since the Week 4 game against UMass, after which he complained about his limited playing time on Twitter.

"(Jerron's) probably been the most consistent guy at this point in terms of playmaking and assignments and responsibility," Franklin said.

"I don't think we have a guy like (Zac Stacy) last year, where we had a clear-cut guy that he was the starter and took most of the reps. Jerron, I think, has earned the right to be a starter at this point, but it's not a significant gap between him and the other guys."

6. PLAYING ON CBS

Saturday's game will be broadcasted on CBS, Vanderbilt's first appearance on the network since its 38-0 loss to Tennessee in 2001. The Commodores are 2-5 all-time on the network, but the last home game for Vanderbilt on CBS was a 19-10 victory over Ole Miss in 1982.

Players appear excited about the exposure, especially offensive tackle Wesley Johnson. "I think it's pretty good," Johnson said, "I know it's good for the program, but it'd mean a lot more if we beat Georgia."

7. EXTRA WEEK OF REST

The Commodores will be getting back outside linebacker Karl Butler, who hasn't played in the last three games. His presence should boost the depleted defense, and the bye week should prove rejuvenating to a Vanderbilt team that has various nicked up players. "We played some guys last game that probably shouldn't have been playing," Franklin said. "Not in terms of being concerned about their health, but how effective were they going to be with those injuries? But we just didn't feel like we had too many other options, so we went with it."

"So those guys being able to get a little extra time — get them a little more healthy and fresh — I think is going to be important, so we'll be able to have a few more guys than we have in the past."

SEC POWER RANKINGS: WEEK 7 CONTINUED



7. No. 22 Florida (4-2, 3-1)

I am not convinced that Florida is a good football team. The Gators do have one of the best, if not the best defense in the country. The offense, however, thinks it is a rugby team and a very bad one at that.



8. No. 24 Auburn (5-1, 2-1)

Auburn beat Western Carolina 62-3, which sounds nice until you do a little bit of research and find out that Western Carolina (one of two NCAA universities with Catamounts as its nickname) has won three games in the last three years. All of those wins came against Mars Hill University, which has a good Division II football team but a Division II football team nonetheless.



9. Ole Miss (3-3, 1-3)

The Rebels lost a 41-38 shootout to Texas A&M, which would be a lot more impressive if Texas A&M didn't win every single one of its games in a 41-38 shootout. Aggie kicker Josh Lambo made the game-winning field goal as time expired, which you could imagine led a number of elderly Southern people to exclaim, "Lambo, mercy!" C'mon, that was funny.



10. Vanderbilt (3-3, 0-3)

Vanderbilt has an opportunity for a huge upset when Georgia's JV team comes to Nashville on Saturday. Do not be surprised if you see Aaron Murray get off the Georgia team bus covered in bubble wrap.



11. Arkansas (3-4, 0-3)

Go get a football and a friend, and throw the ball as far as you can to your friend. Congratulations, you actually just passed for more yards than Arkansas did on Saturday. This isn't even a joke: The Razorbacks had 30 yards passing in Saturday's 52-7 loss to South Carolina.



12. Tennessee (3-3, 0-2)

Tennessee had a bye week following an overtime loss to Georgia and now must face four straight ranked opponents. I don't want to say the karma from Lane Kiffin's year in Knoxville exists, but it really would be hard to deny.



13. Mississippi State (3-3, 0-2)

Mississippi State stopped a last-minute Bowling Green drive to preserve a 21-20 win over the Falcons on Saturday. Honestly, I'm not even mad, Mississippi State. I'm just disappointed in you.



14. Kentucky (1-5, 0-3)

The Wildcats were allowed a touchdown by the Alabama defense on Saturday, which just further goes to show how this country is being ruined by our "everyone gets a touchdown" mentality, and it just makes me sick. Our founding fathers would not have stood for Kentucky scoring touchdowns and neither should you.

(Weeks without a basketball joke: eight.)

3 MATCHUPS TO WATCH

Vanderbilt vs. Georgia

By **TOMMY McGRATH**
Sports writer

1. Georgia injuries vs. Vanderbilt defense

At times this season, it has looked as if Vanderbilt was playing its second team on defense. Before the bye week, Vanderbilt's defense was incapable of stopping quarterback James Franklin and Missouri, surrendering 51 points and 523 yards of total offense to the Tigers. Playing without starting linebackers Chase Garnham and Karl Butler definitely hasn't helped either.

On the other end, Georgia has actually in a sense been playing its second team on offense because of injuries to key offensive players Todd Gurley, Justin Scott-Wesley, Keith Marshall and Michael Bennett. Last week, without the aforementioned players, the Bulldogs scored only 21 points, a severe slip from the almost 40 points Georgia had averaged this season prior to the game. The big question is which will have a greater impact on the game? The injuries to Georgia's offense or the state of Vanderbilt's defense?



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2. The record books vs. Jordan Matthews

Each game provides star Vanderbilt receiver Jordan Matthews an opportunity to rewrite the record books. Against Missouri, Matthews caught his 22nd career touchdown, passing Dan Sticker for the most in Vanderbilt's history. Additionally, the senior standout increased his career-receiving yard total to 2,991 yards, surpassing Boo Mitchell for most all-time at Vanderbilt. Going into the Georgia game, Matthews's 197 career receptions leaves him three shy of Keith Edwards for the second most career receptions in school history, and he is seventh all-time in the SEC in that category. Matthews is also the No. 4 all-time receiving yards leader in the SEC and just 103 yards shy of passing record holder Terrence Edwards, who played for Georgia from 1999 to 2002.

3. Georgia pass rush vs. Vanderbilt offensive line

Georgia enters the game ranked third in the SEC with 16 sacks this season. The Bulldogs' pass rush has been even more impressive lately, as they have recorded 11 of those 16 sacks in their last three games against then-No. 6 LSU, Tennessee and then-No. 25 Missouri.

Junior defensive end Ray Drew leads the team with five sacks, and freshman linebacker Leonard Floyd has three sacks of his own. The Bulldogs' potent pass rush will definitely be a challenge for the Vanderbilt offensive line, which has allowed 16 sacks this season, good for last in the SEC. It's no easy task, but Vanderbilt's offensive success will hinge on the offensive line's ability to protect quarterback Austyn Carta-Samuels.

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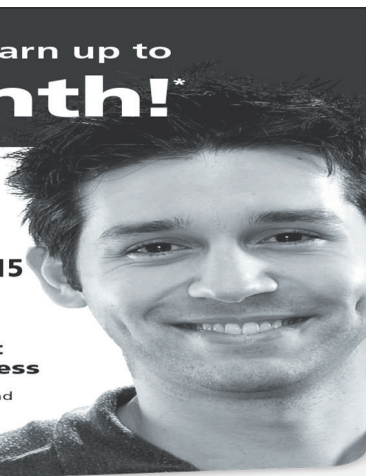


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CATCHING UP WITH FORMER COMMODORES

By **Allison Mast**
Sports editor

Festus Ezeli (played for Vanderbilt from 2007-12)

During his first season with the Golden State Warriors, Ezeli made 41 starts at center in Andrew Bogut's stead. Over 78 games, the former Commodore totaled 313 rebounds, 22 assists, 74 blocks and 191 points. With the acquisition of small forward-shooting guard Andre Iguodala, the Warriors are poised to make another trip to the playoffs. They are in China now to play two exhibition games against the Los Angeles Lakers, but Ezeli remains in California on a rehab assignment. After injuring his right knee in the regular season finale, the center needed surgery to reinforce ligaments in his right knee. He is expected to miss at least the first two months of his sophomore season.



COLD

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Pedro Alvarez (2006-08)

The Pirates fell to the St. Louis Cardinals in the NL Division Series, ending their historic 2013 season. Still, Pittsburgh's star was Alvarez, who posted a .300 batting average in the postseason, collecting four runs, six hits, three home runs and seven RBIs in six games. By the end of the series, the third baseman had become the first player in Major League history to drive in a run in each of his first six playoff games. Alvarez was unaware of his accomplishment before he was informed after the game. He remains under team control until 2016, but he can void a \$700,000 team option if he qualifies for salary arbitration.



GOLD

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Sonny Gray (2009-11)

The rookie right-hander put on an impressive show in Game 2 of the AL division series with the Oakland Athletics, throwing 8 shutout innings and collecting nine strikeouts against the Detroit Tigers. This performance earned him the starting job for the winner-take-all Game 5. Gray's pitches lacked movement in his second postseason appearance, making them hittable for the Tigers' heavy hitters. Over 5 innings, Gray yielded three runs, including a two-run homer off the bat of defending AL MVP Miguel Cabrera. The A's were eliminated from the postseason, and Gray retired to the dugout with a sore non-pitching hand. An MRI revealed that a Prince Fielder comebacker tore a ligament in the pitcher's thumb.

Zac Stacy (2009-12)

Vanderbilt's all-time leading rusher is finally receiving some well-earned minutes at the professional level. The fifth-round draft pick has started the last two games for the St. Louis Rams, totaling 78 yards in a 34-20 win over the Jacksonville Jaguars and 79 yards in a 38-13 victory over the Houston Texans. The Rams are now 3-0 in games in which Stacy records rushing yards. Although quarterback Sam Bradford has been enjoying the best season start of his career, the St. Louis squad has recently made more rush attempts than pass attempts. If Stacy continues to be productive, he can climb the rookie ranks and leave his mark on this St. Louis team on the mend.

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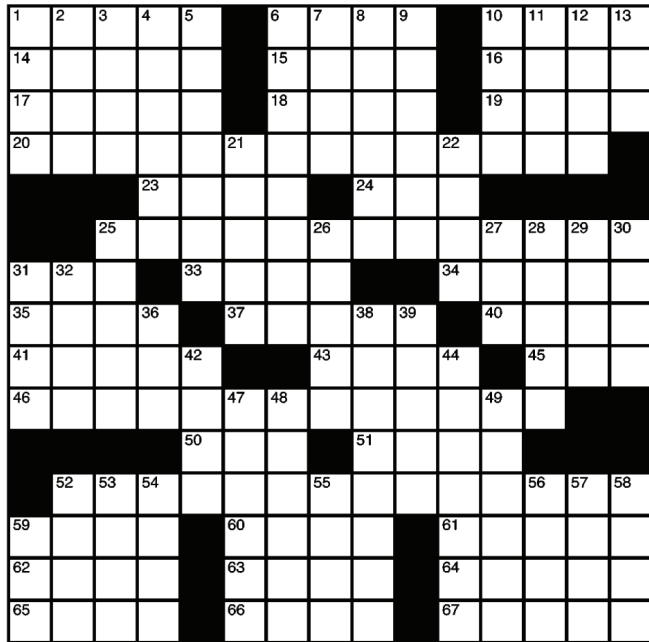
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TODAY'S CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Tower site
- 6 "That last piece of cake is mine!"
- 10 Hemingway nickname
- 14 Once ___ time ...
- 15 Shield border, in heraldry
- 16 Skunk's defense
- 17 Roulette choices
- 18 Roulette, for one
- 19 Baltic native
- 20 Some boxing wins
- 23 Not bare
- 24 Large expanse
- 25 Cause a stir
- 31 Bath accessory
- 33 TV talk pioneer
- 34 March composer
- 35 Destructive Greek god
- 37 Like May through August, literally
- 40 Bar order
- 41 Use Comet on
- 43 Rejection from the top
- 45 RMN was his vice president
- 46 Sitcom security device that often defeated its own purpose
- 50 Bread, at times
- 51 Salad cheese
- 52 Where to find the starts of 20-, 25- and 46-Across
- 59 Winter coat
- 60 Michigan city or college
- 61 ___ Janeiro
- 62 Part of a plot
- 63 Pleased
- 64 Navel phenomenon
- 65 Tools for Wolfgang Puck
- 66 Italian noble family
- 67 Fancy moldings



By Pam Amick Klawitter

10/16/13

Answers to last week's puzzle

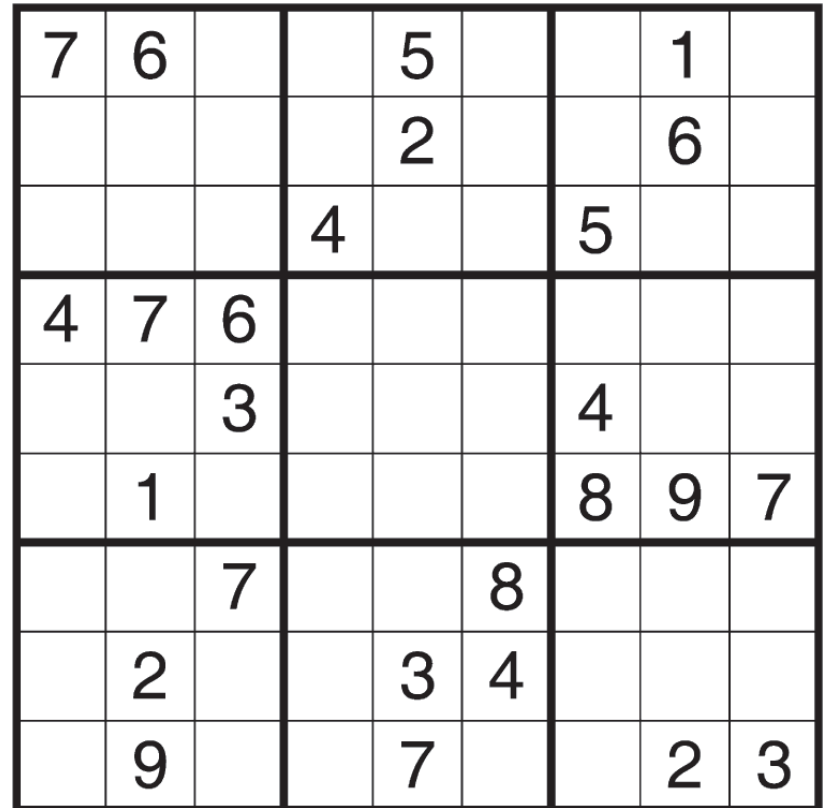
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- 3 Recipe instruction
- 4 Supplement nutritionally
- 5 Race ender
- 6 Outcome of successful negotiations
- 7 Camaro ___-Z
- 8 A bit down
- 9 Dojo instructor
- 10 Game divided into chukkers
- 11 Arabian Peninsula seaport
- 12 Tools for Wolfgang Puck
- 13 Gallery showing
- 21 Senegal's capital
- 22 Swimmers
- 23 Crocker and Thorpe
- 25 Rudder's locale
- 26 Coin-tossing attraction
- 27 Goopy lump
- 28 Upholsterer's choice
- 29 Previously owned
- 30 Cut the skin from
- 31 Like "padre," e.g.: Abbr.
- 32 BP subsidiary
- 36 Drag to court
- 38 Like some millionaires
- 39 Expensive
- 42 Pear variety
- 44 Lake on the New York border
- 47 Silo filler
- 48 Hogwarts castings
- 49 Thoughtful
- 52 Cuzco native
- 53 Muffin grain
- 54 Flock females
- 55 Latin I verb
- 56 Single
- 57 "Garfield" canine
- 58 "Cheers" actor
- 59 Maple yield

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- 1 Burger King supply
- 2 For each one

TODAY'S SUDOKU



Answers to last week's puzzle

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

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