

YEAR IN REVIEW

2010-2011

The year of WRVU, James Franklin and an angry Mr. C has finally come to a close. The Hustler staff takes a look back at the year's most newsworthy storylines in and around the Vanderbilt community.



VSC considers sale of 91.1 FM



WRVU student DJ Mikil Taylor and fellow DJ Sarah Drayton put on a radio show at 9 p.m. on Thursday from the WRVU station in the bottom of Sarratt on Jan. 15, 2010.

CHRIS McDONALD
InsideVandy Director

SEPTEMBER 2010
In September, the Vanderbilt Student Communications Board of Directors voted to explore putting 91.1 FM up for sale while moving WRVU, Vanderbilt's student-run radio station, to an online-only format. According to the Board's press release, the decision came in response to "changing student habits and evolving economic challenges." In addition, they stated "if the license were to be sold, the proceeds would

be used to create an endowment to support innovative student media experiences, facilities and operations at Vanderbilt in perpetuity." For 57 years, WRVU has served both campus and the rest of middle Tennessee, broadcasting both informational and entertainment programming in a noncommercial, educational setting. Since 1971, WRVU has served as an FM station. In its current format, 91.1 FM broadcasts 24 hours a day, seven days a week. According to the VSC website, WRVU's signal "reaches all of Davidson County and each of the

adjoining counties ... (its) broadcast radius equal to approximately 40 to 45 miles, (and) the station's programming reaches an estimated 20,000 people each week." With the Board's decision, however, WRVU could be absent from the airwaves for the first time since 1953. Despite their decision, the board stressed via a press release that, "no immediate decision on the possible sale of the WRVU license is expected." In the meantime, they invite community members and other interested parties to share comments and feedback for consideration. ■

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VSG Senate tables DREAM Act resolution indefinitely

KYLE BLAINE
News Editor

SEPTEMBER 2010
Vanderbilt Student Government Senate tabled indefinitely a resolution endorsing the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act Sept. 16, after voting errors nullified Wednesday night's results. The move to table passed with a vote of five to three. Disagreement over the role of VSG in endorsing the political policies took center stage Wednesday night, with senators split on their role as representatives of the student body. "The student body elected us because of our judgment, not just our platforms," said VSG President Lori Murphy. "This is an issue of higher education that affects Vanderbilt University, and I think it is completely within our right to voice the opinion of the student body." Confusion over Robert's Rules of Order nullified the vote that would have passed the resolution on Wednesday; thus, the Senate went into recess until last night when Gleiser motioned to table the resolution. While the members of the Senate tried to limit debate to VSG's role as a representative body, partisan arguments on the DREAM Act itself surfaced. Senator Maryclaire Manard expressed her disappointment of the final result. "In all honesty, I would have rather seen it fail than be tabled because at least we would have acted," Manard said. "To quote Alexander Hamilton, those who stand for nothing fall for anything." ■

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'Three Cups of Tea' may be inaccurate

The book "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson was assigned as the first annual Commons Reading book. He spoke to students in September about the importance of service. Towards the end of the year, however, a "60 Minutes" investigation claimed that Mortenson had taken credit for humanitarian work done by others.



KENNETH KHOO/ The Vanderbilt Hustler

Greg Mortenson, author of "Three Cups of Tea," addresses a crowd at Langford Auditorium on Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2010.

Mortenson shares experiences, advice with students

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SEPTEMBER 2010

Author and activist Greg Mortenson lectured twice at Vanderbilt in late September: once exclusively to first-year students and once to upperclassmen and the community.

Mortenson is the author of "Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace ... One School at a Time," which was the first annual Commons Reading book given to all members of the first-year class over the summer.

In 1996, Mortenson founded the Central Asia Institute. The agency now oversees more

than 165 schools and has educated over 64,000 students. In 2001, less than 800,000 students were enrolled in school in Afghanistan. By June 2010, that number had risen to almost nine million students, including 2.8 million girls. The increase is largely due to CAI's work in the region.

Of the 64,000 students educated in CAI schools, nearly 46,000 are girls. Emphasis on female education is the cornerstone of Mortenson's philanthropic efforts.

In closing, Mortenson offered advice to students who are drawn to philanthropic work.

"If you want to go out into the world and do humanitarian work, first make yourself a strong person — mentally, physically, academically — and then go out into the world. You have to make yourself strong because it's difficult work," Mortenson said. ■

'Three Cups of Tea' information may be inaccurate

APRIL 2011

NEW YORK (AP) — A "60 Minutes" investigation alleges that the inspirational multimillion seller "Three Cups of Tea," which was required summer reading for the Class of 2014, is filled with inaccuracies and that co-author Greg Mortenson's charitable organization has taken credit for building schools that don't exist.

The "60 Minutes" report alleges that numerous schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan that Mortenson's Central Asia Institute is said to have established either don't exist or were built by others. According to the CAI's website, the

institute has "successfully established over 170 schools and helped educate over 68,000 students, with an emphasis on girls' education."

In a statement issued in mid-April through the institute, Mortenson defended his humanitarian work and the book he co-authored with David Oliver Relinhis.

Afghanistan and Pakistan are fascinating, inspiring countries, full of wonderful people. They are also complex places, torn by conflicting loyalties, and some who do not want our mission of educating girls to succeed," Mortenson said.

"I stand by the information conveyed in my book and by the value of CAI's work in empowering local communities to build and operate schools that have educated more than 60,000 students."

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Moriah Kathleen Lutz-Tveite, president of Delta Gamma's Eta Epsilon chapter, sat down with The Vanderbilt Hustler to discuss the future of the chapter.

Delta Gamma charter relinquished, formal chapter review underway

KYLE BLAINE
News Editor

SEPTEMBER 2010

The Eta Epsilon chapter of the Delta Gamma Fraternity at Vanderbilt University voted to relinquish their charter Monday, Sept. 20, following a decision from national fraternity officials that the chapter should not extend bids to new members, according to a statement released by Delta Gamma on Wednesday.

According to chapter president Moriah Kathleen Lutz-Tveite, the decision to

relinquish the charter was not an easy one.

"We have a strong sisterhood and our bond with one another has only grown stronger through our challenges," Lutz-Tveite said. "In evaluating our viability, we felt it was important to focus on lifetime membership in Delta Gamma."

The notice of relinquishment begins the formal review process. Delta Gamma collegiate members and alumni have a 60-day period to write letters to the Council of Delta Gamma

expressing their views on the future of the chapter. The council will review all relevant information and make an official decision in November about the final status of the chapter.

Lutz-Tveite said that Etheride and another national representative expressed to her that there was not enough interest on campus to revitalize the chapter.

The Eta Epsilon chapter has been present on campus since 2000. Over the course of a decade, 410 women have been initiated. ■

ABOUT DELTA GAMMA FRATERNITY

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- Consists of more than 200,000 members
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Tempers flare at anti-diversity speech

Speaker says genetics account for race achievement gap.

KYLE BLAINE
News Editor

OCTOBER 2010

Conservative speaker Richard Spencer presented his case against affirmative action policies to Vanderbilt students on Thursday, Oct. 7, in Furman Hall.

"I would say the biggest lie at the heart of our society is affirmative action and civil rights enforcement legislation," Spencer said. "Affirmative action is anti-white discrimination, period."

According to Spencer, the executive editor of *AlternativeRight.com*, adherence to affirmative action policies decreases institutional standards, threatens national security and weakens the economy.

During his presentation, Spencer illustrated

his point with charts displaying the achievement disparities between whites and blacks of different economic backgrounds. The figures indicated that whites in the poorest income bracket perform as well as blacks in the highest income bracket on standardized tests.

The speaker was not well received by the audience.

"I am shocked at the racism that is coming from the speaker and his lack of credentials," said sophomore Arthurine Zakama.

The event was sponsored by Youth for Western Civilization, an activist group committed to restoring Western culture on college campuses, according to the organization's website.

"It was a very thought-provoking discussion," said YWC President Devin Saucier. "Certainly many unorthodox viewpoints were presented, and I'm glad we can have such an engaging dialogue." ■

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Ian Konsker and other members of Tri-Delta and Fiji carve pumpkins in celebration of Halloween at the Tri-Delt house on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2010.

Beta Upsilon Chi allegedly discriminatory toward homosexuals



CHRIS PHARE/ The Vanderbilt Hustler

Beta Upsilon Chi brothers cheer on the incoming first year students at Founder's Walk in front of Kirkland Hall Aug. 22, 2010.

New fraternity FIJI establishes founding class

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Life Editor

OCTOBER 2010

Until last semester, students more likely associated the word Fiji with the stuff of mid-class daydreams — pristine beaches, stunning waters and the occasional shaded cabana — than the nickname of national fraternity Phi Gamma Delta. However, with Vanderbilt's Fiji colony now 63 founding fathers

strong, this association is bound to change.

From August to October, director of expansion Jesse Hitt and Fiji alumnus Brett Wehage, Oregon State '10, interviewed over 200 interested sophomore, junior and senior men, seeking out "gentlemen" as he narrowed the pool of potential new members.

As of Thursday, Oct. 21, this interview phase ended and 61 undergraduates began the pledge process. Along with two previously initiated transfer students, they formed Vanderbilt's

founding class.

The colony is expected to receive their charter in November of 2011, after the fledgling group meets requirements set forth by the national fraternity.

"Well, the group has to keep their grades up. Right now they have a 3.43 GPA, so we want them to remain above the all men's and all fraternity average," Hitt said.

Hitt has set the bar high for the new colony. "I'm very confident that we will make an impact on this campus and we will be a top tier fraternity." ■

LIZ FURLOW
Staff Writer

NOVEMBER 2010

In November, two former members of Vanderbilt's Beta Upsilon Chi chapter said they were asked to leave the fraternity due to violations of the organization's policy pertaining to sexual orientation.

Beta Upsilon Chi is a registered religious/spiritual student organization and a Christian fraternity on Vanderbilt's campus. The original charter was established in 2003.

Allegations made to The

Hustler this past fall stated that the organization asked several members to leave because of their sexual orientation, based on a clause stated in its Code of Conduct regarding homosexuals. A former member of the fraternity gave The Hustler a copy of the Code of Conduct, which is only released to Beta Upsilon Chi members and pledges.

The Code of Conduct states its beliefs regarding sexuality in the second clause of the document: "We believe that sex is a gift of God to be enjoyed only inside the covenant of marriage between a man

and a woman. Therefore, we will not condone such activity as homosexuality, fornication, or adultery. (I Corinthians 6:15-20; Hebrew 13:4)." ■

Vanderbilt requires, as stated on the student organization website, student organizations to abide by its anti-discriminatory policy, which states that all student organizations must "refrain from discriminating ... on the basis of race, sex, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, military service, or sexual orientation, in compliance with Federal law." ■



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Kate Ullman '13
American Studies

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Vanderbilt's new head football coach James Franklin talks about Vanderbilt's new recruits during a National Signing Day press conference on Dec. 17, 2010.

New year, new coach call for shift in mentality

ERIC SINGLE
Staff Writer

DECEMBER 2010

At his introductory press conference on Dec. 17, James Franklin saved it all for last.

"The last thing I would like to mention is this: The next phase that needs to happen is that we need our Commodore Nation — the people across the country, the alumni, the fans, the community of Nashville

— to be all in because this administration is in, this coaching staff will be all in, and we are going to do some special things at Vanderbilt University," Franklin said. "But we can't do it alone. We need everybody to be all in."

This was not just a call for the community to make up the over 6,000-seat gap between last year's average attendance at the Commodores' seven home football games

and Vanderbilt Stadium's official full capacity. It was a call for a complete attitude shift toward Vanderbilt football — from a coaching staff and athletics department that needed to start building and recruiting toward championships to an occasionally fatalistic fan base that needed to start thinking like winners.

No one will say there isn't a long way to go at every level, but the smallest initial

steps in the Vanderbilt football program's journey to respectability are steps in the right direction.

"He very much wants this to be a fan-friendly deal," said Rod Williamson, director of communications for Vanderbilt Athletics. "I think you're going to see he has a lot of energy and really wants to promote the program. He's been tremendous on things of that nature." ■

Junior studying in Egypt to be evacuated to Europe amid political turmoil



SLOANE SPEAKMAN/ Photo Provided

Junior Sloane Speakman was the first student to participate in Vanderbilt's study abroad program at the American University in Cairo.

KYLE BLAINE
News Editor

JANUARY 2011

Heeding warnings from the State Department to leave Egypt due to the ongoing political and social unrest, Vanderbilt junior Sloane Speakman left Egypt as soon as was safely possible in late January, said Speakman's mother Shannon Speakman Fry.

Speakman, who was planning on studying forced migration and refugee studies at the American University in Cairo before classes were postponed indefinitely, was transported to a safe European country by a U.S.

chartered plane.

Speakman was the first student to participate in a Vanderbilt-approved study abroad program for students interested in learning Arabic.

Protests against President Hosni Mubarak turned violent toward the end of January, as Mubarak sent in the military to help stop demonstrations against his regime.

The State Department prepared to evacuate thousands of U.S. citizens from Egypt on chartered planes but relied largely on friends and families in the U.S. to relay that information to stranded Americans. ■

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Dance Marathon organization passes \$1 million

JUSTIN TARDIFF
Staff Writer

FEBRUARY 2011

Students danced, ate, played Twister, tried to set an arm-wrestling record and were hypnotized the night of Friday, Feb. 18, during the annual Vanderbilt University Dance Marathon.

Although the total amount of money raised was about \$19,000 less than last year's event, dancers and moralers this year raised \$157,209.87 to benefit the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, pushing the grand total of funds raised by the organization over the \$1 million mark.

"We surpassed \$1 million,

something I don't think anyone imagined when Dance Marathon started nine years ago," said Dance Marathon External Relations Chair and Press Contact Jillian Hughes. "I'm incredibly proud of everyone involved and grateful that we could make this kind of contribution to the Children's Hospital."

Country singer John Rich, an avid supporter of Children's Hospital, made an appearance at the start of the evening to speak about what the night meant to him and to sing his hit, "Save a Horse, Ride a Cowboy."

"You don't think about your health until you don't have it," Rich told the audience. "It can turn your family inside out." ■



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Members of the Dance Marathon Executive Board lead dancers in a "moral dance" the night of Feb. 18 in the Student Recreation Center.

Meyer elected next VSG president

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On Feb. 2, junior Adam Meyer was elected to serve as the next Vanderbilt Student Government president. He and his running mate, Maryclaire Manard, were greeted with cheers as Attorney General Rohan Batra revealed them as the winning team.

Meyer won with 1,996 votes, 54.2 percent of the total turnout. The turnout for Meyer's opponent, Zye Hooks, was 1,633 votes — or 44.3 percent.

After accepting the congratulations of his supporters, Meyer, overcome with emotion, reflected on the news.

"It was an excellent adventure," Meyer said. "I never, in a million years, believed this day would come."

"I'm excited to start

working on everything we promised," Manard said. "Yes, we're going to celebrate and have a great time. But come Monday, I'm ready to start working to make Vanderbilt a better place."

Turnout was high, with 58 percent of the student body voting, which accounts for almost 4,000 votes. Broken down by classes, 59 percent of the freshman class, 47 percent of the sophomore class and 56 percent of the junior class participated in the election. The senior class led the school with a resounding 70 percent.

Hooks expressed disappointment but was also hopeful for the future of VSG.

"Adam and I are very good friends," Hooks said. "I'm still going to be around." ■

Chris McDonald contributed to the reporting of this article.

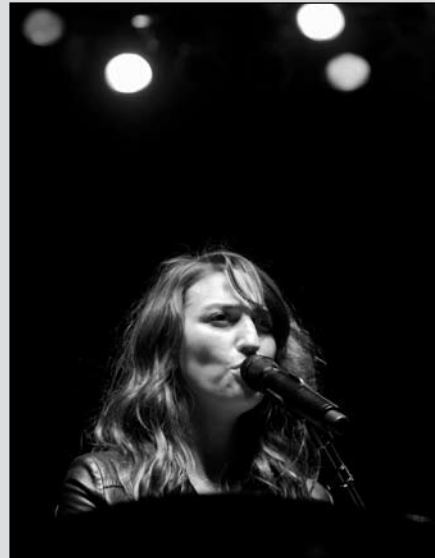


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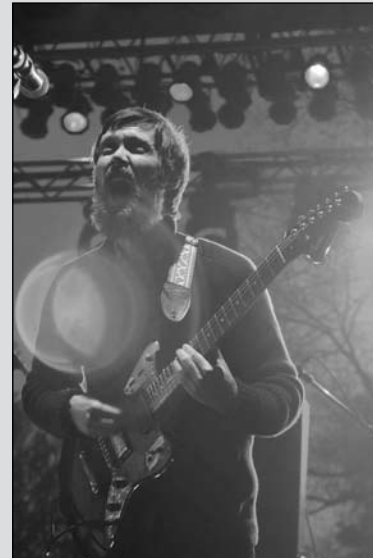
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Kid Cudi and The National headlined this year's Rites of Spring, with notable performances from Matt and Kim, Sara Bareilles, and Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros. Despite rain delays on April 15, Rites distracted students from impending finals as well as it ever has.

Rites or wrong? Lineup release causes confusion

On Feb. 15, the Music Board's website "accidentally" went live. The lineup on the test site included Kid Cudi, The National and Sara Bareilles. Dwayne Elliott, director of Student Programming, denied the validity of the lineup.

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The Rites of Spring lineup may have been mistakenly revealed on a test website on Tuesday, Feb. 15, a week before the planned official news release.

The first test website listed Kid Cudi, The National and Sara Bareilles as the headline artists to perform in the concert weekend.

After social media circulation of the news, Dwayne Elliott, director of Student

Programming, denied the validity of the lineup and stated that it was simply a test website. The lineup then changed to Cee Lo, Wiz Khalifa and Sara Bareilles as Rites of Spring test page artists.

Artist biographies on the second page were less complete, and the graph beneath the "News" banner, once in Latin, then announced the page as a test site.

Elliott said via Twitter the change in announcement date was because a spot opened up in other publications for Feb. 17. ■

Two days later on Feb. 17, the Music Group announced the real lineup for Rites of Spring — with Kid Cudi and The National headlining, and Sara Bareilles among the acts. So much for a "test page."

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FEBRUARY 2011

On Feb. 17, the Music Group announced Kid Cudi and The National as headliners for this year's Rites of Spring music festival.

An array of other acts representing a wide variety of genres joined the headliners.

"The Music Group works hard to bring a top-notch lineup of artists to campus for their peers and the community," said Music Group Co-Chairs Xiaoyu

Qi and Lauren Richman. "Year after year, the Rites of Spring Music Festival delivers something for everyone including critically acclaimed artists, music festival favorites and promising musicians from the underground music scene."

Matt & Kim, Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros and Sarah Bareilles were also included on the bill. Keeping with the theme of including a throwback hip-hop group, the legendary Public Enemy also performed. ■

Mr. C lashes out, gives student bloody nose during Tennessee game

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While joking with fans in the student section at the Vanderbilt-Tennessee game on Feb. 22, Vanderbilt mascot Mr. C accidentally hit a student in the face, giving him a bloody nose.

Shortly after the game, the video of the incident went viral, appearing on the websites of ESPN, USA Today and Fox Sports.

Mr. C moved through the students before coming down, first putting his hand on the young man's shoulder before knocking him in the face.

The incident occurred during No. 18 Vanderbilt's 60-51 loss to in-state rival Tennessee.

The young man stemmed the blood with newspaper, and Assistant Vice Chancellor Brock Williams reported the next day that the student was fine.

School officials are trying to determine what happened. Williams says they will wait to decide whether to address stunts like crowd surfing.

To watch the video, go to InsideVandy.com. ■

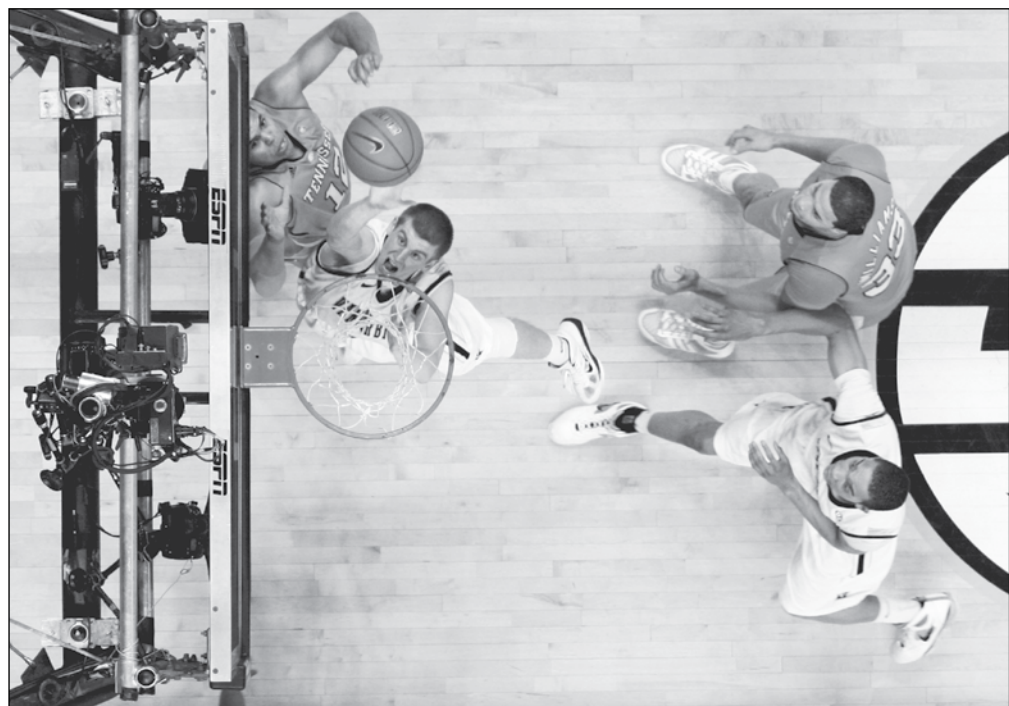
The Associated Press contributed to this article.



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Mr. C reacts to a Commodore basket against St. Mary's. The Commodores won 89-70.

Above the net



CHRIS PHARE The Vanderbilt Hustler

An aerial view of the hoop during the Tennessee game Feb. 22, 2011. Vanderbilt lost to their in-state rival 60-51.

Kevin Ross Putney

May 29, 1991 – March 29, 2011

HANNAH TWILLMAN
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MARCH 2011

Sophomore Kevin Putney was found dead in his room on the afternoon of March 29, 2011, in Mims Hall. He was 19 years old.

Putney's friends and family were notified by the Office of the Dean of Students that afternoon, and onsite counseling services were made available to all students who sought them.

Putney, who was originally from Farmington, Conn., was a student in the School of Engineering, double-majoring in computer engineering

and mathematics. He was involved in a variety of campus activities, including WilSkills, volleyball and ultimate Frisbee.

"I am deeply saddened by the loss of this vibrant member of the Vanderbilt community," VSG President Adam Meyer wrote in a statement. "He was an active participant in many parts of campus life and will be missed by his many friends and fellow classmates."

Students and community members were able to come together in Benton Chapel that Tuesday night for an informal gathering staffed by chaplains from the Office of Religious Life. ■



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AlertVU fails to activate as severe weather damages cars, campus buildings

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APRIL 2011

Severe weather and high winds thrashed Vanderbilt's campus during the first week of April, leaving extensive damage across campus.

Greek Row received the most significant damage. The Sigma Nu fraternity house and the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority house received extensive damage, including partially collapsed roofs. Electrical wiring from the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity house was torn off the roof of the building.

Greek Row, West Side Row — with the exception of the Women's Center — and the Office of Religious Life were without power from

Monday afternoon until Wednesday. According to Bandas, a transformer failed possibly due to lightning.

According to the National Weather Service, at least two tornadoes were spotted around the Nashville area.

Although sirens were activated and overhead announcement were made at the Vanderbilt Medical Center, AlertVU, the university's emergency notification system, did not activate.

According to Emergency Management Coordinator Johnny Vanderpool, a hardware failure is to blame for the lack of notification. Vanderpool said that AlertVU is regularly tested and no problems were noted during the last test in February. ■



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Destruction on Vanderbilt's Greek Row left in the wake of a storm to hit Nashville on April 4, 2011.



OLIVER WOLFE/ The Vanderbilt Hustler

Vandy Students tailgate before a football game Sept. 5, 2009.

Limits on tailgating anger Greek community

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APRIL 2011

This fall, the pregames will truly be pregames.

New regulations handed down by the university require football tailgate parties to end 30 minutes before kick-off, in an effort to increase the traditionally low student attendance at the games.

"A tailgate is a social event intended to create a festive atmosphere among fans prior to attending football game. The purpose of a tailgate is to mobilize fans to support their team," wrote Dean of Students Mark Bandas in an email to The Hustler. "We want the Vanderbilt

community to show its support for our football team, our new coach and our dedicated student athletes."

According to Bandas, Vanderbilt University Police Department will report noncompliance to the Office of Greek Life. Failure to comply will result in loss of tailgate privileges for the following home game. Repeated failures to comply could lead to a loss of tailgate privileges for the season.

Members of the Greek community vocalized disapproval of the new regulations, which some have characterized as a deliberate effort by the university to limit the Greek community. ■

Zeta Tau Alpha coming to campus next year

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APRIL 2011

The sorority Zeta Tau Alpha will come to Vanderbilt next year, holding their first formal recruitment in the spring. Vanderbilt's Panhellenic Extension Committee picked Zeta Tau Alpha from a group of three finalists that also included

Phi Mu and Delta Zeta.

"All of the groups that presented clearly demonstrated an enthusiastic commitment," said Vanderbilt Director of Greek Life Kristin Shorter. "But ultimately, Zeta Tau Alpha seemed to be the best fit for our campus."

Shorter cited many reasons for Zeta Tau Alpha's selection, including extensive financial and

staffing resources.

"The organization has some dynamic anti-hazing, risk management and social responsibility programming that we think would be a good fit for VU," Shorter said.

However, Zeta Tau Alpha could potentially struggle with the same issues that other Panhellenic organizations recently trying to form a chapter at

Vanderbilt have faced.

"We're lucky enough that they will be a house sorority, so that will put them on an equal playing field with everyone else," said Vanderbilt Panhellenic Council President Allie Trant. "With the correct support, I would hope that it would only take a few years to have numbers equal to the other chapters." ■

Opposition mounts against Abu Dhabi

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APRIL 2011

Students and faculty have come together to speak out against the university's negotiations to partner with the government of Abu Dhabi, an emirate of the United Arab Emirates, to create a new school of education.

The ongoing negotiations with Abu Dhabi came to light during a trip made by Chancellor Zeppos to Abu Dhabi in mid-April. Other universities have set up satellite campuses in the emirates, but Provost Richard McCarty told

Inside Higher Ed that this initiative is different.

"It would be a very different model than what schools are doing there now," McCarty said in an interview with Inside Higher Ed. "It would not be about attracting students. It would not be a tuition model. It would be about an emirate trying to transform its society and doing it on the strength of their teachers."

Vice Provost Tim McNamara said no decision has been formally made about whether or not Vanderbilt will partner with Abu Dhabi to create a new school of education.

Abu Dhabi was attracted

to Peabody College, the university's school of education, because it is the best school of education in the world, McNamara said.

The new school of education would be a separate entity from Vanderbilt. The students, faculty and staff would have no affiliation with Vanderbilt, nor would its graduates come out with Vanderbilt degrees.

In regard to human rights, academic freedom and the treatment of guest workers in the UAE, those heading the endeavor are looking at these issues very closely as they deliberate further with Abu Dhabi. ■



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