

The Year in Review Fall 2006 Spring 2007

THE TOP



Vanderbilt University gained national attention during the 2006-07 academic year for everything from athletic victories to administrative crises, as the bowling team took home the school's first national title, and The Wall Street Journal examined Chancellor Gordon Gee's spending. The Vanderbilt Hustler's Year in Review has selected a handful of these stories from every area of campus life to provide you with a chance to reflect on this year's chapter in Vanderbilt's history.

FALL 2006 TOP 10

Wall Street Journal publishes article criticizing chancellor

A 3,015-word front-page story published Sept. 26 said, he created a formal compensation committee in The Wall Street Journal examined efforts by the Vanderbilt Board of Trust to rein in Chancellor Gordon Gee's "lavish spending" after concern was sparked by his wife's alleged marijuana use at the chancellor's



Public Affairs Mike Schoenfeld said the article does not address any issues that have not already been addressed by the board. Schoenfeld said the

Vice Chancellor of

board has always had a thorough process for reviewing expenditures and other financial matters, and the changes taking place simply formalize oversight practices that have long

taken place informally. Schoenfeld said Vanderbilt's long-standing practice was for the chairman of the board to handle the chancellor's compensation.

When John Hall became chairman, Schoenfeld university fundraising has been done there. ■

to review compensation and related issues and to act on behalf of the board. In 2005, the Board of Trust moved to require the executive committee to approve executive compensation and report the results to the full board.

The article said the board's actions came at a time when national concern over executive pay and accountability was reaching academia. The article mentioned controversies surrounding administrators at American University, the University of California system and Texas Southern University.

The majority of the article, however, focused on Gee. The article examined Gee's spending while president of West Virginia University, University of Colorado, Ohio State University and Brown University. It noted that Colorado paid for Gee's \$780,969 house, and Ohio and Brown paid to renovate the homes Gee lived in while president of those universities.

Gee defended such renovations, telling The Wall Street Journal a home with generous entertaining space is an essential fund-raising tool for a university leader. Gee also defended the \$6 million renovation of his Braeburn mansion, saying the house is used for several hundred events each year and a significant amount of

02 members interrupt semiannual Board of Trust committee meeting



MASON HENSLEY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Members of Living Income for Vanderbilt Employees line the wall of the Board of Trust room in the Student Life Center as they interrupt the Nov. 16 meeting of the Board of Trust.

Bearing pictures Vanderbilt employees, students marched silently into a Board of Trust Student Life Committee meeting on the morning of Nov. 16.

After contacting administration and receiving no response, members of the student group Living Income for Vanderbilt Employees decided to barge into the meeting unannounced to make their voices heard.

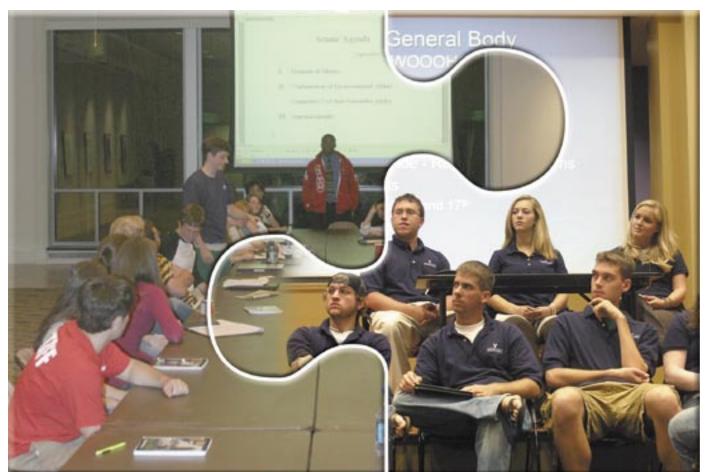
In a single-file line they positioned themselves in the front of the room, behind the forum speakers who continued to present. At 11:45 a.m., graduate student Diane Faires interjected.

"Sorry to interrupt, but we have an urgent vision for Vanderbilt that we would like to present to you at this time," she said.

"We are students of Vanderbilt University and members of Living Income for Vanderbilt Employees. We come to you today to propose that Vanderbilt University implement a living wage for all of its employees."

While the administration acknowledged their concerns although they were not on the agenda, Chancellor Gordon Gee refused to sign the petition but said he would discuss their requests in a private meeting on Nov. 17. ■

SGA, Interhall come together to form Vanderbilt Student Government



JONATHAN DIETZ / The Vanderbilt Hustler

The student body ratified a merger between the Student Government Association and Interhall in February.

Interhall and the Student Government Association dissolved in February 2007 to form one governing body, Vanderbilt Student Government.

In order for this to occur, Interhall and SGA amended their constitutions to allow for the dissolution of each of their

organizations on Oct. 25 and 26. In addition, the entire student body approved the change in an online referendum.

Interhall President Devin Donovan and SGA President Boone Lancaster said they believe this change, which seeks to limit inefficiency and help students

adjust to the new residential college system, is in the best interest of the student body.

"Vanderbilt Student Government will take on all of the responsibilities and the services that are currently offered, but it will eliminate the redundancies and inefficiencies that currently exist," Donovan said. ■

Sororities compete in annual Lambda Chi bust



Members of Delta Delta Delta sorority are pulled into a pile of smashed watermelons as a part of the annual Lambda Chi Alpha Watermelon Bust.

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Sorority faces punishment for photo

controversial photograph that features 2006 graduates of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority made its way onto the Internet in the fall semester.

The picture taken by a professional photographer on Bid Day 2006 and depicts most of the 40 women posing with open bathrobes and very little clothing on the steps of the Theta house.

While Kappa Alpha Theta President Katie Adams did not want to call the photo a tradition, she did say that it had occurred every year of the four years she has been at Vanderbilt. She would not comment. however, on what the pictures looked like in past years.

Director of Greek Life Kristin Torrey said although the incident involved one chapter, she believes it reflects negatively on the entire Greek community.

"To an outsider, the Greek letters in front of the word sorority or fraternity don't mean anything," she said. "Kappa Alpha Theta is the same as Alpha Lambda Beta. To a whole lot of outsiders, it's just a sorority, it's just a Greek decisions." ■

organization."

Panhellenic President Suzi Bryce agreed. saying, inaccurately represents the community as a whole. What anyone does within a community is going to reflect the whole community, not just a certain contingent of it."

Adams said sincerely apologized for the photo.

"It not only gives Theta a bad name but the Greek community a bad name and Vanderbilt as a whole a bad name," she said.

"We take full responsibility for our actions. What we did was wrong."

Since the behavior demonstrated in the photograph is a violation of the Student Conduct Code's prohibition of disorderly conduct, Torrey said Vanderbilt University would take disciplinary action against the chapter.

According to Bryce, was fully cooperating with the administration Panhellenic to determine punishment will help educate the community about the effects of unfortunate

O5 Dores defeat Dawgs between the hedges



TODD BENNETT / AP Photo

Kicker Bryant Hahnfelt (right) and holder Mackenzi Adams react after Hahnfelt kicked a 33-yard field goal to win the game, 24-22.

With two seconds remaining, Earl Bennett could not bear to look. On both knees with his head firmly planted into the Vanderbilt bench, the star receiver could only hope that luck and wind would finally blow the Commodores' way.

Finally it did, as kicker Bryant Hahnfeldt made a 33-yard field goal with two seconds remaining to give the Commodores a 24-22 fourth-quarter win over the Georgia Bulldogs at Sanford Stadium, the team's first victory over their Southeastern Conference rival since 1994 and its first victory over a ranked opponent in 53 tries.

Overcoming a rash of fourth-quarter mistakes, the Commodores were able to outplay the No. 16 Bulldogs for most of the second half and ultimately stunned them and the 92,746 in attendance between the

"The bottom line is they played better than us," said Georgia coach Mark Richt. "They made the plays when they needed to. Vanderbilt is a good football team. They've been knocking at the door and finally knocked it in on us. To be quite frank, they played a good game."

"We pretty much game-planned for the red-zone offense," said junior defensive end Curtis Gatewood. "We knew what was coming before it came, so it was just a matter of getting tough and just sticking in there and fighting. It was a dogfight from

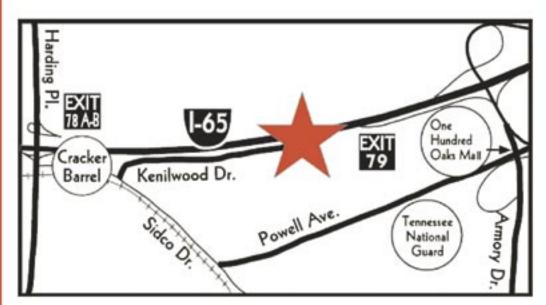


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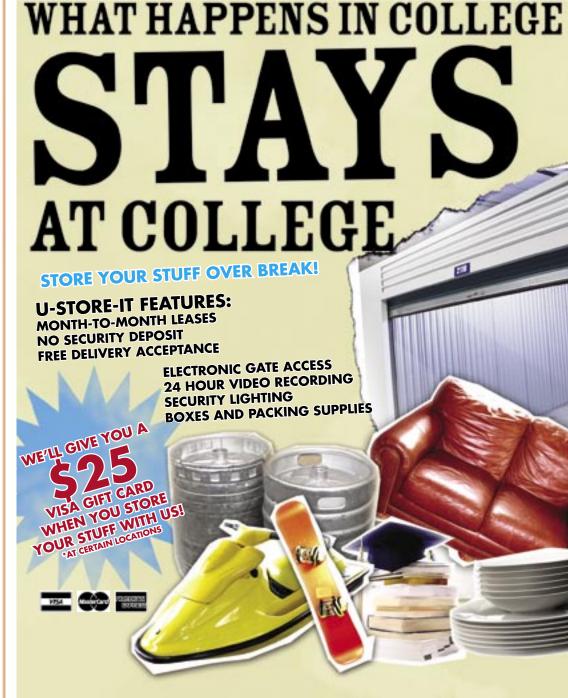
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C Kappa Sigma loses fraternity charter, house

Mitchell executive director Kappa Sigma fraternity, announced Dec. 4 that Vanderbilt's Kappa Sigma chapter had its charter revoked due to a "violation of the fraternity's code of conduct," dispelling student suspicions that president Kappa Sigma's charter had been revoked due to low membership.

Director of Greek confirmed the fraternity lost its charter, citing a violation not only of the fraternity's code of university's Alcohol and

Risk Management Policy.

While Torrey currently unsure as to exactly how long Kappa Sigma will remain off campus, she speculated it will be between two and four years.

Senior Andrew Brown, of Kappa Sigma, said the charter's revocation was the product of a long chain of events.

According to Brown, Life Kristin Torrey also things had been going well since the fraternity got off of social probation in March 2005. Following its stint on probation, Kappa conduct but also of the Sigma became part of the nationalfraternity'sTrustee

Program, an initiative that helps chapters become more proficient in a variety of areas.

Brown said problems with Vanderbilt began again when Torrey became upset about an American Beer Pong Association RV, belonging to a Kappa Sigma alumnus, parked outside of the Kappa Sigma

When Torrey came to the house to discuss the issue, she also looked into a complaint the fraternity made concerning pipes in their basement, discovering a number of kegs in the process. ■

Changes made in Peabody College to monitor and improve student performance

New developments in Peabody College, such as more stringent grading policies and a new standardized assessment for education majors, were underway this year to ensure top performance from both students and faculty members.

Dean Camilla Benbow, who declined to comment, has called upon professors to pay meticulous attention to their grading policies in order to ensure fairness within the school's evaluation system, according to Associate Dean for Faculty and Programs James H. Hogge.

"We have been asking faculty to look carefully at how they assign grades, so as to differentiate between good work, which corresponds to a B, and excellent work, which corresponds to an A," Hogge said. "We want to make sure we reward the students

that perform to their utmost potential."

However, Hogge refused to designate any particular problem areas within Peabody that may have initiated such action.

"It's a concern that we've raised with faculty across the entire college, so I wouldn't want to single out any department for finger wagging or criticism," Hogge said. "At the same time, I wouldn't single out any department for any particular rigor demonstrated."

As reported in U.S. News and World Report, Peabody has been ranked in the top five graduate education schools for the past

Some students said they believe the new emphasis on grading is a means of securing the college's already prestigious reputation.

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OB VUcept launches extended orientation program



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Senior Grant Lyons and his VUcept group meet with a faculty adviser for their weekly Vanderbilt Visions seminar session.

The organization that has planned Vanderbilt's fall freshman orientation since 1963 made a dramatic change this year by extending the program from one week to a yearlong series of group meetings and activities

The group, called VUcept, a name derived from the Latin word "preceptor," meaning "leader," is comprised of 80 upperclassmen VUceptors who are responsible for showing freshmen the ropes, such as making sure they knew where to eat on the meal plan and how to get to their first class.

This year, however, VUceptors were accountable for more than guiding freshmen through the preliminary adjustments to college. According to VUcept President Sydney Larson, the new

extended program means each VUceptor, in conjunction with a faculty member, will serve as a yearlong mentor for a group of approximately 20 students.

"Four days just isn't long enough for an orientation program," Larson, a senior in the College of Arts and Science said. "The yearlong program allows us to be more relaxed in the first few days."

Dean of Students Mark Bandas said, "Compared to our traditional four-day orientation program, the new program will give students more time to build relationships with their faculty and VUceptor mentors and to seriously engage and reflect upon the issues related to making a successful transition to college."

Morgan shooter sentenced

Attorneys defending the men responsible for the shooting that occurred in Morgan House on Sept. 25, 2005, asked the Division II Criminal Court Judge Randall Wyatt to sentence their clients to probation on July 13, arguing that the men acted in self-defense.

The judge rejected their argument, however, and sentenced both gunmen to the maximum sentence of six years in prison.

In spring of 2006, the gunmen pled not guilty and turned down a plea bargain, but, in order to avoid a jury trial, they decided

to plead guilty to the charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and carrying a weapon on school grounds.

The judge's decision to hand out the maximum possible sentence came at the end of a lengthy sentencing hearing. With the sentence, Wyatt made clear his disdain for violence on university campuses.

"There's no place for folks coming onto a university setting, where parents send their children to get an education, and shooting weapons off," he said. "The court has no tolerance for what they did."

Ludacris headlines Commodore Quake



JONATHAN DIETZ / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Ludacris headlined the annual Homecoming Commodore Quake concert, performing many of his hit songs in Memorial Gymnasium.

Rap star Ludacris headlined the Commodore Quake music festival Oct. 20 in Memorial Gym.

Common and Shareefa also performed at the event.

"We booked Common halfway through the summer," said Wesley Hodges, Vanderbilt Programming Board Music Group co-chair. "Whereas we extended the offer to Ludacris on (Aug. 20), and he accepted the next day."

Commodore Quake is held annually the night

before Homecoming and consists of a pep rally, several performances by student organizations, an appearance by Chancellor Gordon Gee and a concert. Past performers at this event include the Ying Yang Twins, Chingy and Brad Paisley.

"Quake is a rich Vanderbilt tradition," said Trey Truitt, assistant director of student activities and adviser to The Music Group. "It is a big part of Homecoming and virtually serves as the university's pep rally."

Chris Bridges, or Ludacris, is an Atlanta-based rapper signed to the Def Jam label. He has been nominated for 12 Grammys and walked away with his first win in 2005 for best rap song collaboration for the song "Yeah" with Usher and Lil'

Ludacris has also played roles in such films as "2 Fast 2 Furious," "Hustle and Flow," and the Academy Award-winning "Crash." His latest album, "Release Therapy," was released Sept. 26. ■



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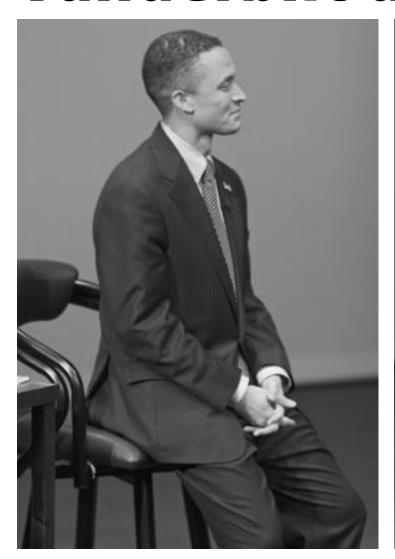
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HONORABLE MENTION

Ford, Corker face off at Vanderbilt debate





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Harold Ford Jr. and Bob Corker debate each other in Ingram Hall during their last formal meeting before the midterm election. Corker won the seat in the United States Senate.

Vanderbilt hosted the final debate between senatorial candidates Harold Ford Jr. and Bob Corker, bringing national media attention to campus.

Several news trucks were set up outside the auditorium to get live shots for local and national news channels, and the street in front of Ingram Hall was closed to normal traffic in order to give news trucks and campaign supporters adequate space.

Approximately 100 students were in attendance, but junior Breanne Hataway said even those who were unable to reserve a ticket benefited from the debate.

"I thought that it was a really great thing that Vanderbilt could have the debate here because it brought a political atmosphere to campus that students could be exposed to," she

The debate, held in a town-hall format, covered a wide range of topics, including the war in Iraq, competing approaches to fighting terrorism, human rights, the environment and U.S. dependence on oil, immigration, Social Security, minimum wage, the national deficit, negative campaign advertising, and distrust of politicians. ■

Vanderbilt graduate Muhammad Yunus wins **Nobel Peace Prize**

Muhammad Yunus, who earned a Ph.D. in economics at Vanderbilt in 1971, won the Nobel Peace Prize on Oct. 13 for his work combating poverty through a bank that gives small loans to poor people.

"Very few people have made as profound a difference in the lives of so many as Muhammed Yunus," said Chancellor Gordon Gee in a university press release. "The Nobel Prize is a recognition of his enormous contributions to society, and the Vanderbilt community joins in the celebration."

Yunus' concept of microcredit — small loans to poor villagers in Bangladesh to help them buy livestock or fund an enterprise — has grown from \$27 he loaned out of his own pocket into the Grameen Bank, which has loaned more than \$5.7 billion to 6.61 million borrowers. Despite lack of collateral or signed loan documents, 99 percent of the loans have been paid back. The Grameen Bank provides services in more than 71,000 villages in Bangladesh through 2,226 branches.

"Lasting peace cannot be achieved unless large population groups find ways in which to break out of poverty," the Nobel Committee said in its citation. "Microcredit is one such means. Development from below also serves to advance democracy and human rights."

Yunus, who has visited the Vanderbilt campus regularly since his graduation, was named the university's first Distinguished Alumnus in 1996. He refers to Vanderbilt as his "second home" to this day.

"His parents were determined that he become a physician," said James Foster, professor of economics at Vanderbilt. "I think he's achieved that by becoming a physician to the economy. Vanderbilt's economics department and all of Vanderbilt are thrilled at this richly deserved recognition." ■



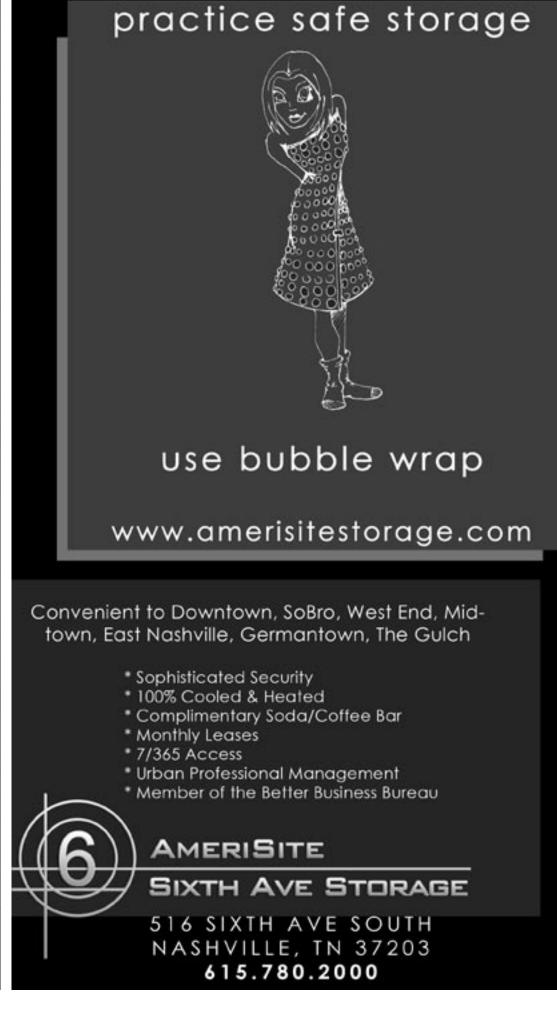
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SPRING 2007 TOP 10

Some 30 students try out for **Playboy**

attended Playboy's casting call for its "Girls of the SEC" pictorial, according to Playboy photographer George Georgiou. The two-day audition was held March 19-20 at the Hampton Inn on Elliston Place.

"This is something I've never done before, something I didn't think I would ever do, but it's all student who identified herself as "Lilli" to News Channel 5.

Playboy's advertisements its casting call in The Vanderbilt Hustler stirred controversy among members of the Nashville and Vanderbilt no comment and hope that communities, with stories appearing on local news channels numerous times during the week.

According to senior Regan Bush, more than signatures

Vanderbilt collected through Project Safe on a petition in protest of the ad. The signatures appeared in an issue of The Hustler.

> "It is not just women who are offended; it is everyone," Bush said. "The Playboy ad is a complete exploitation of Vanderbilt University's women to solicit them to pose for a pornographic publication."

Sophomore Ashley for fun," said a Vanderbilt McCarl said she "didn't give (the ad) a second a thought and didn't think either way" about it.

> According to Vanderbilt spokesperson Schoenfeld, Playboy did not ask for permission to do anything on campus.

> "Beyond that, we have our students will use (this issue) as an opportunity for debate and discussion about important issues of gender roles and free speech," Schoenfeld said. ■

Gees inform board of agreement to seek divorce

Students responded to the divorce of Chancellor Gordon Gee and his wife, Constance. The chancellor informed the Board of Trust of his divorce Feb 28.

"Constance and I have agreed to seek a divorce," Gee said in a statement released to The Vanderbilt Hustler. "While this is a difficult decision, we remain committed to each other's happiness and success. I ask that you respect our privacy regarding this issue."

Constance Gee, an associate professor for public policy and education, filed for divorce Tuesday, citing "irreconcilable differences." Rose Palermo, Constance Gee's



GORDON GFF

CONSTANCE GEF

attorney, declined to comment.

The chancellor, who holds an approval rating of 84 percent with students according to a scientific poll conducted by The Hustler in October, has generally received support from the student body.

"Obviously divorce is never a good thing, and it's too bad he is in the public eye," said sophomore Caroline Hull. "It must have been hard with so much publicity surrounding their marriage."

Vanderbilt spokesperson Mike Schoenfeld said he is confident the divorce will not have an effect on the chancellor's career at Vanderbilt.

"It is, of course, a difficult personal decision for him, but Chancellor Gee is deeply committed to Vanderbilt's success and is eager to continue building on the extraordinary progress that has occurred over the past six years in every part of our mission," Schoenfeld said. ■

The bowling team beat the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, 4-3, in the finals of the NCAA Women's Bowling Championship to give Vanderbilt its first-ever national championship in the team's third season.

Needing 14 pins, freshman Josie Earnest bowled two strikes in the 10th frame to clinch the match for the Dores and win the first team championship in any sport for Vanderbilt.

"It's amazing to think that we could do this in three years," coach John Williamson said. "It's a dream for the girls, it's a dream for the administration and a reward for all their support. It's a bit overwhelming right now."

Commodores bowl over opposition to bring home school's first national title

championship into proper perspective," Williamson said. "To win the first national team championship in school history is special. Our student-athletes worked so hard, our coaches worked hard, and this victory on national television is validation that the effort was worthwhile."

The higher-seeded Commodores chose to bowl in the left lane in the final game, a lane that gave them trouble earlier in the game but had housed the winners of the previous three games.

Michelle Peloquin led off the game with a strike, Tara Kane bowled an eight and Karen Grygiel bowled another strike for an early Vandy advantage. "Right now, I can't put this A spare from Mandy Keily set



TYLER HAGEN / The Vanderbilt Hustler Freshman Josie Earnest and teammates celebrate Vanderbilt's first national championship

upon their return to campus. the stage for Earnest to give able to be a part of it," Earnest

Vanderbilt a big lead, but she was faced with a split and pulled a nine to salvage the frame.

"This is something that I've dreamt about for a long time, and I'm just happy that I was said. "I knew that I had wanted to be in that moment the entire season, and when I got there I just focused on making good throws and just hoped those pins would fall." ■



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University, union reach 4 agreement after six months of labor negotiations



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Vanderbilt and the union representing approximately 600 of the university's lowestpaid workers have reached a tentative agreement on a three-year contract.

The new contract will bring the base pay for Vanderbilt's lowest-paid workers up to \$10 an hour within the next two years.

The lowest-paid workers at Vanderbilt currently receive \$7.55 an hour.

Members of the Laborers International Union of North America approved the contract at 5 p.m. on March 2 in the Parthenon Room of the Marriott Hotel adjacent to campus.

"Overall, we are pleased with the agreement," said Beau Worsham, the union representative in Vanderbilt's negotiations. "It represents money the university said would not be forthcoming."

In order to make the final offer available, Vanderbilt administrators shifted \$1 million from academic programs and financial

Vanderbilt spokesperson Mike Schoenfeld said this money reallocation should not impact Vanderbilt's "continued momentum."

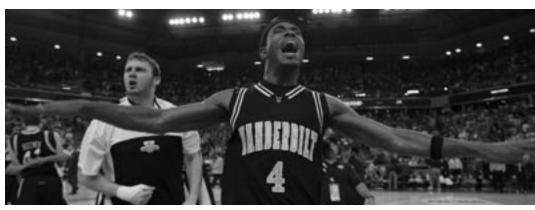
"Vanderbilt constantly reprioritizes to respond to new needs," Schoenfeld said. "This will not and should not affect forward momentum. Nevertheless, a million less dollars spent on those programs..."

Negotiations between the union and Vanderbilt began in September and ended Feb. 28 with the help of a federal negotiator.

In January, the union vetoed Vanderbilt's final offer, which also established a base rate of \$10 an hour within the second year of the contract and a 3 percent across-theboard increase.

The union voted against the contract because they did not receive the 4 percent across-the-board increase they believed was deserved.

Vanderbilt wins thriller to advance to Sweet 16



Derrick Byars reacts after Vanderbilt beat Washington State 78-74 in double overtime in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

Moments after the buzzer sounded on the most exhilarating game of his career, senior Derrick Byars turned to the Vanderbilt section of the Arco Arena crowd and yelled, "We ain't

Sixth-seeded Vanderbilt outlasted thirdseeded Washington State 78-74 in double overtime March 17 to advance to the Sweet 16 for the first time since 2004 and fourth time in

"That's one of the best college basketball games I've ever been involved in," said coach Kevin Stallings. "As happy as I am for our team, my heart goes out to Tony Bennett and the Washington State players because neither team deserved to lose that game."

If not for Byars, the Commodores would have been on the unlucky end of a contest that, with nine ties, 10 lead changes and countless chewed nails, epitomized March Madness. The Southeastern Conference Player of the Year scored 12 of his game-high 27 points in a fiveminute stretch midway through the second half to jumpstart Vanderbilt, which trailed by eight at

"When he got that look, which we've seen on occasion this year, all of sudden the momentum and the energy picked up on our team," Stallings said. "It was like, 'Uh oh, D.B.'s getting on a roll here so this thing can be a lot of fun." ■

Commodores capture SEC Tournament title

Vanderbilt's Dee Davis. Thomas Caroline Williams won the Southeastern Conference Tournament. As seniors, they did it again.

Davis scored 19 points, including basket with 23 seconds left, and Thomas had 13 points to lead the No. 13 Commodores to a 51-45 victory over No. 11 LSU March 4 in Duluth, Ga. It was the Commodores' third SEC Tournament title in six years.

Sophomore Christina and 81-56 over Georgia.

Wirth scored with 2:04 left to give Vanderbilt a 46-43 lead. LSU's Ashley Thomas made two free throws with in the final minute to cut the lead to one. LSU pressed, but Davis broke throughforanuncontested layup and a 48-45 lead. Rashonta LeBlanc missed a 3-pointer for LSU, and Vanderbilt's Jennifer Risper made two free

Vanderbilt advanced to the final with two victories in high-scoring games — 105-77 over Florida



TODD BENNETT / AP Photo After winning the Southeastern Conference Tournament, sophomores Jennifer Risper and Christina Wirth cut down the net.

On March 4, they found another way to win. ■

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07 Bilotta, **Gragg win** historic VSG election



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Cara Bilotta and Perry Gragg won the first Vanderbilt Student Government general election Jan. 30 with 66.4 percent of the vote.

In all, 2,425 votes were cast. Krish Vigneswaran and Ashley Holmes received 29.9 percent of the votes, and write-in candidates Kevin McNish and Joe Hills received 2.6 percent of the votes. Students and friends of the candidates gathered in Sarratt Promenade to await the results at 8 p.m.

Vigneswaran said he and Holmes campaigned as much as they could.

"We gave students a lot to ask for," he said.

He also spoke with Bilotta and discussed the various concurrent points within each of their platforms that will be addressed in the new VSG organization.

Former Student Government Association President Boone Lancaster said the election was a good race between qualified candidates that addressed some very important issues within the student body.

Former Interhall President Devin Donovan said she is also happy with the results of the election.

"Cara had been so dedicated to SGA and Perry to Interhall — they represent a merger between the two organizations of Interhall and SGA," Donovan said. ■

8 Students feel housing crunch as new dorms open

Rising juniors and sophomores felt the squeeze this spring as the combination of more students living on campus and more students reserving their current living spaces limited the number of apartments and suites available in this year's housing lottery.

Senior Director of Housing Facilities Operation and Management Jim Kramka said he has received some complaints from students who were not assigned to apartments, and he understands their concerns.

"Their disappointment is genuine, and I wish that I could provide each student with the type of housing he or she thinks is ideal," Kramka said. "But that is not possible when our supply of each different type of accommodation is fixed while student preferences are dynamic and change over time."

These students then had to compete for single and double rooms in Carmichael Towers East, Tolman and Cole Halls, and Peabody campus

"It's a really frustrating process, especially since I've already lived on Peabody for a year," said Michelle Pugh, a rising junior who was unable to secure a Morgan or Lewis apartment with two of her classmates. "I really didn't want to live here again, but now I'm forced to."

Last year, men's ballots with 12 points and women's ballots with eight points secured Chaffin apartments. This year, men needed at least 14 points and women needed at least 13 to get a Chaffin, Kramka said.

"Because more rising seniors and rising juniors are living on campus, the competition for suites and apartments is stiffer," Kramka

Kramka also said four more Chaffins and two more three-person Lewis and Morgan apartments were reserved this year than last year, leaving fewer spots available for the

09 NPHC accepts offer to occupy Kappa Sigma house until 2010

The National Pan-Hellenic Council fraternities have a new place to call home.

Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi and Phi Beta Sigma finalized the details of the offer from the Office of Greek Life to occupy the former Kappa Sigma house in mid-March.

Kappa Sigma lost the house after its charter was revoked in December due to a violation of the fraternity's code of conduct.

NPHC President Steven Harris said the council is excited about moving into the house.

"We are definitely grateful for the opportunity to use the house as a residence for the NPHC men," he said.

Despite their enthusiasm, members of the NPHC are mindful that their occupation of the Kappa Sigma house will be short-lived. Kappa Sigma is expected to return to campus in 2010.

"We still realize this is a temporary residence," Harris said. "Upon Kappa Sigma's return we will be in the same situation we were in with the Sigma Nu house. So we have to keep that in mind."

According to Director of Greek Life Kristen Torrey, the house will be used primarily for programs and small gatherings. Many of the details, including which fraternity members will live in the house, must still be worked out. ■

Cheerleaders, assistant coach dismissed after SEC tournament infractions



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Cheerleaders energize the crowd at a men's basketball game. At least four cheerleaders and an assistant coach have left the team.

At least four to six Vanderbilt cheerleaders were dismissed from the squad for violation of team rules over spring break, according to Assistant Vice Chancellor Brock Williams.

An assistant coach was also terminated as a result of the rule infractions, which occurred during a trip to the Southeastern Conference women's basketball tournament.

At the original press Williams could not comment on the specifics of the infractions or release the names of those involved, as the disciplinary proceedings were still in progress on both a departmental and a student conduct level.

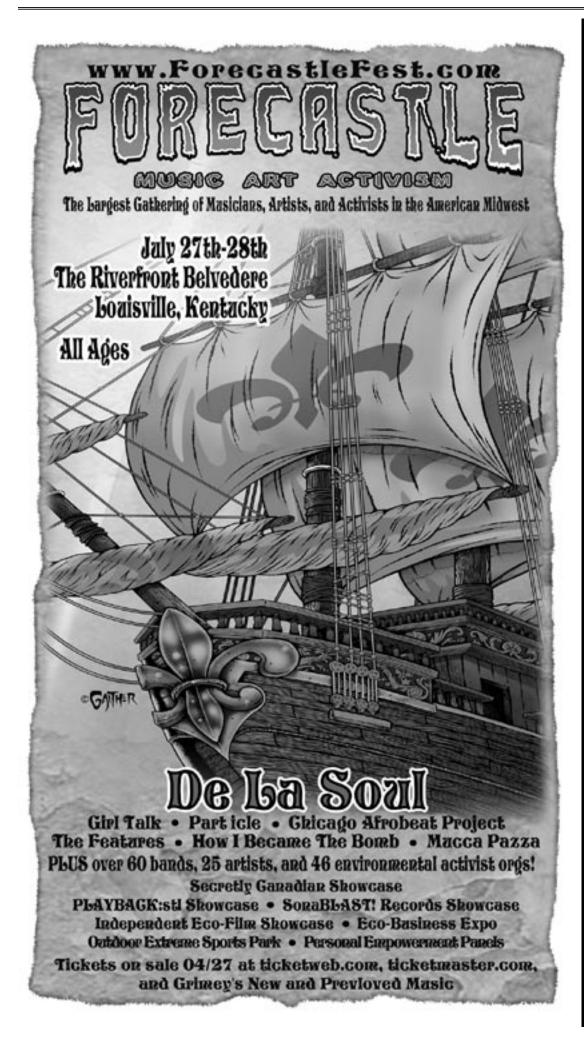
Head coach Pam Pearson said she was not at the women's tournament and has not been relieved of her position at the university as a result of the incident.

Pearson was unable to comment any further on the situation and referred all other questions to Williams.

Williams said the incident does not jeopardize the cheerleaders' certification for participation in the NCAA tournament, calling the situation an "internal matter."

However, he said some team members will miss out on the opportunity to travel to the tournament as a result of their behavior.

"Some people will not be able to enjoy this oncein-a-lifetime experience, but several other student organizations, such as the Danceline, have stepped up to support the basketball teams during the NCAA tournament," Williams said. ■





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Sorority women fight over black derby

Some 20 Panhellenic sorority women were involved in a heated dispute March 29 over the discovery of the "black derby," hidden by Sigma Chi fraternity as a part of Derby Days.

Director of Greek Life Kristin Torrey said there were more than two Panhellenic chapters involved in the altercation but preferred not to specify which.

Sororities had been searching for the derby hat all week in hopes of winning the fraternity's annual week of philanthropy and competition. The derby is worth 1,500 points toward the Derby Days championship.

Torrey sent an e-mail that was received by most Greek women that afternoon in condemnation of what she perceived as a physical altercation.

"The purpose of my e-mail was to avoid any further drama for the rest of the Derby Days activities, especially in the football games, because those have always been something our sororities are highly competitive in," she said.

However, Director of Crime Prevention Andrew Atwood said to the best of his knowledge, the argument remained verbal and no police were called to the scene.

"Based upon what I was told, it appears that it wasn't anything other than a verbal altercation," he said. "It appears that one of our officers happened upon female students this morning arguing over what turned out to be the derby that Sigma Chi uses for Derby Days."

Atwood said the officer who came across the incident handed over the derby to Sigma Chi, who awarded the points to Kappa Alpha Theta.

Torrey said in the e-mail that the fight near McGugin Center resulted in bite marks and a phone call to the police, contrary to VUPD reports. ■

University receives fine as students charge court after victory over then-No. 1 Gators



JONATHAN DIETZ / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Students rush the court after Vanderbilt defeated then-No. 1 Florida 83-70 at Memorial Gymnasium. The Southeastern Conference fined the university \$25,000 for the action.

It was \$25,000 very well spent.

Vanderbilt's yellow-jacketed police officers stood helplessly in front of the student section as Commodore fans stormed the court following their team's 83-70 victory over No. 1 Florida on Feb. 17 at Memorial Gymnasium.

Under a Southeastern Conference rule, Vanderbilt was fined \$25,000 for its actions.

"A lot of people don't even get the opportunity to play the No. 1 team in the country," said junior Shan Foster.

"We got the opportunity to play them, and we seized the moment."

They most certainly did. Led by Foster and senior Derrick Byars, who scored 24 points apiece, the Commodores handed the Gators their first conference loss and snapped their 17-game winning steak.

"This is one for the ages," Byars said.
"Twenty years from now, I'll be able to tell my little kids this. This is special.
You can't explain it."

Vanderbilt shot 57 percent from the

fieldandheldthenation's best shooting team to 44 percent. Defensively, the Commodores frustrated the Gators' talented frontline, especially fan-favorite Joakim Noah. Most importantly, they responded to every one of Florida's runs.

"This is definitely going to be one game that we'll remember — our whole team, the fans, the program," said junior Ross Neltner, who scored 15 points.

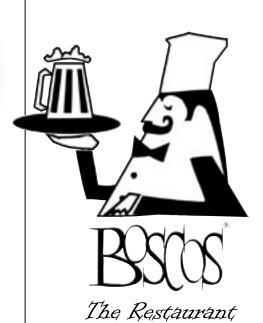
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