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## THE WALL

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### TODAY

#### Earth Week kickoff

SPEAR will be kicking off Earth Week with music, games, prizes, t-shirts, SPEAR mugs and Nalgene's, and free food on Rand Terrace from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### TODAY

#### 'What are cells thinking?'

Douglas Lauffenburger, from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will be giving a lecture titled "What are cells 'thinking'?" (And how might we think about this?) at 11 a.m. in Stevenson Center, Room 5306. The lecture is a part of the Tis Lahiri Memorial Seminar sponsored by the Department of Chemical Engineering.

### TODAY

#### 'Freedom of Religion'

Roger Scruton, of the Institute for the Psychological Sciences, presents the fourth and final public lecture in the Democracy and Moral Conviction Series, titled "Freedom of Religion." The public lecture will be held at noon in the Renaissance Room of Vanderbilt Law School.

### TODAY

#### 'The Torch vs. LIVE'

McGill Hall will host "The Torch vs. LIVE" living wage debate at 6 p.m. in the McGill TV Lounge. Pizza will be served. The event will be hosted by the Office of Housing and Residential Education.

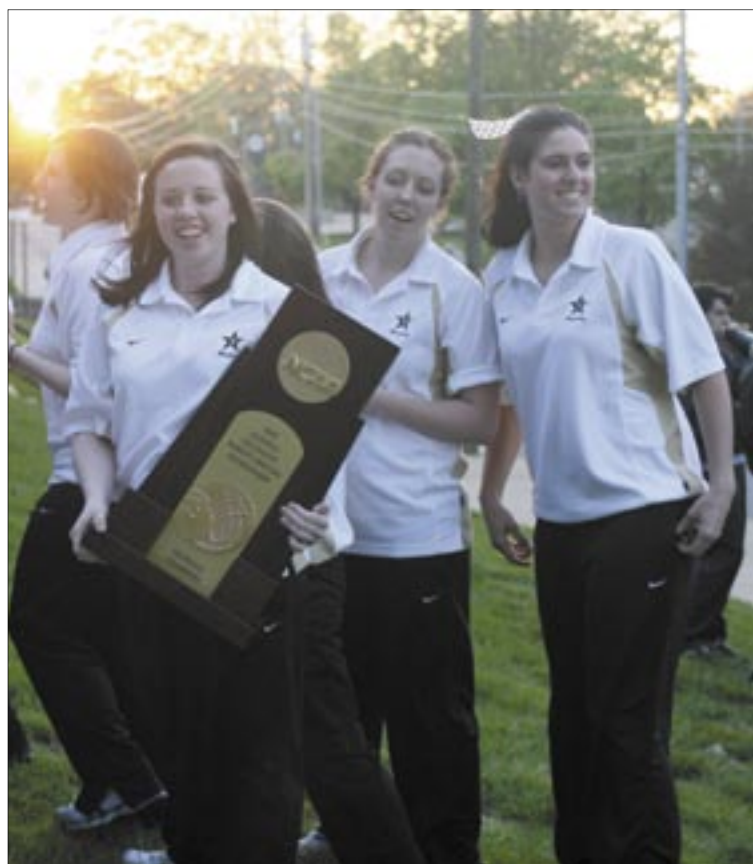
### TUESDAY, APRIL 17

#### Pay Equality Gala

The Vandy Fems will host the Pay Equity Gala, featuring live entertainment, a silent auction to raise funds for United for a Fair Economy and a keynote speaker who will discuss the topic of gender- and race-related wage inequities. The event will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Ben Schulman Center for Jewish Life.

Compiled by staff from various sources. Check out <http://calendar.vanderbilt.edu> for more events.

# Team bowls over opposition



Freshman Josie Earnest, who won the Most Valuable Player award, arrives on campus with her teammates holding their national championship trophy Sunday evening.

by MAX FRANKLIN  
Sports Reporter

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."

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. A spare from Mandy Keily set the stage for Earnest to give Vanderbilt a big lead, but she was faced with a split and pulled a nine to salvage the frame.

With a chance to take the advantage, UMES rolled a gutter ball with one pin on the lane, and the Commodores had a plus-eight advantage at the break.

Peloquin and Kane followed with back-to-back strikes, but UMES would not go away, responding with a strike and spare. Grygiel's spare was countered with a strike, but Keily rolled a strike to put Vanderbilt in the driver's seat. This set the

stage for the tournament MVP Earnest, who clinched the match and national title for the Dores.

"This is something that I've dreamt about for a long time, and I'm just happy that I was able to be a part of it," Earnest 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."

Down 3-2 entering the sixth game, UMES would not go down without a fight, and a strike in the fourth frame was the first of six straight for UMES, who clinched the game in the ninth frame and sent the championship to a final game showdown with the score locked at 3-3. The Commodores finished eight of their frames but could not find the strikes necessary to overcome UMES' streak.

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## Student Finance Committee announces AcFee allocations

by EVE ATTERMANN  
Asst News Editor

Twenty-seven student organizations received Activity Fee funding for the first time the year while three groups lost funding.

AcFee's almost \$1.4 million of funding is distributed to student groups by the Student Finance Committee, which is a part of Vanderbilt Student Government. Campus organizations are required to solicit funding each year through an application and interview process the committee uses to determine a group's level of fiscal responsibility along with its ability to benefit the entire Vanderbilt community.

Money for the AcFee fund is generated from the Activity Fee each student pays annually on a student account.

"We usually get a 5 percent increase (of AcFee money) each year, but we also had 27 new groups (this year)," said Student Finance Chair Leigh Taylor. "Every group asks for a large increase in funds, and there was quite a large amount that we could not fund. We are looking for another method to talk to student life for more funding."

Taylor said she tried to have more transparency this year with the AcFee proceedings.

"It was my personal decision as president to make it as unbiased as possible," Taylor said. "The theme this year was transparency, which means a high level of communication with the groups. We had mandatory information sessions to make sure that everyone understood the application and the process, and what we are looking for in terms of criteria and eligibility."

Taylor said that AcFee meetings were closed in order to decrease the level of stress of the group leaders during a complex and difficult application process.

"People who come in for meetings are really stressed, and it's really personal," Taylor said. "We wouldn't want to put any individual pressure on people. We want it to be as calm and efficient as possible because we only have 15 minutes to discuss two years of funding."

One of the groups that lost funding was Alpha Phi Omega, the co-ed service fraternity. Taylor said the reason for Alpha Phi Omega's being denied funding this year was because their application showed a projected budget less than their total income.

Alpha Phi Omega treasurer Justin Johnson said the letter sent to them by SFC told them they would not be awarded money because they had excess money in their reserve, and AcFee did not fund reserves.

"They suggested that we utilize the funds in our reserve. I was totally taken aback when they used the reserve as the reason, because we are required to have a reserve by our national office," Johnson said. "We have had the reserve since 2002."

Taylor said what changed in Alpha Phi Omega's application this year was that there was a difference between its projected income and expenses and its funding on reserve.

The VenUe also received a notable increase in funding. Last year when it was named Late Night Programming it received \$77,300; this year it received \$104,000. Taylor said this was because VenUe was

compensated for the money it no longer had after the restructuring.

"The VenUe received more money this year because we look to increase the scale of our different programming events, and have an even larger attendance at each one. This past year each event had anywhere from 500 to 1500 people at it and we only want to increase in size," said VenUe Co-chair Perry Gragg.

Many groups that were denied AcFee funding in the past for being considered politically biased were able to receive it this year because of a new joint organization called the Advocacy Council.

"We wanted to find a way for these groups to receive funding," Taylor said.

Amnesty International and Advocacy Council member Ella Wilhoit said the new council would not split that money equally but rather on a need basis. Wilhoit also said a review board would be implemented in order to ensure all the monetary allocations within the council were unbiased and fair.

"Some organizations are considerably larger than others, and host larger events," Wilhoit said. "We are going to make a review board that will look over applications for money and decide how much groups will get. We're hoping that system of checks and balances will work and that a group can appeal and bring in an impartial judge if they feel they deserve more money." ■

—To view data on all 123 allotments of AcFee funds, check out the story on:

[InsideVandy.com](http://InsideVandy.com)

## THE BUCK STOPS HERE

Each spring the Student Finance Committee undertakes the task of allocating almost \$1.4 million of the student body's money to over 100 organizations.

compiled by SARA GAST

### BIGGEST WINNERS BY PERCENTAGE

Group	Percentage Increase	'07-'08 Allocation
Manna Project International	373.77%	\$3,500
Alternative Winter Break	100%	\$1,000
LOOP	100%	\$1,000
Homecoming Committee	100%	\$34,000
Interfaith Council	91.39%	\$5,000

### BIGGEST WINNERS BY DOLLAR AMOUNT

Group	Increase	'07-'08 Allocation
Homecoming Committee	\$17,000	\$34,000
Music Group	\$12,398.87	\$426,035
Speakers Committee	\$4,500	\$154,500
Swingin' Dores	\$3,189	\$3,189
Manna Project International	\$2,761.25	\$3,500

### BIGGEST LOSERS BY PERCENTAGE

Group	Percentage Decrease	'07-'08 Allocation
Lambda Theta Alpha	86.6%	\$134
Synergy College Prep & Mentoring	70.5%	\$295
Math Club	62.50%	\$150
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority	56.63%	\$1,863
Investment Club	52.7%	\$648

### BIGGEST LOSERS BY DOLLAR AMOUNT

Group	Decrease	'07-'08 Allocation
Great Performances	\$40,588	\$147,512
Mock Trial Organization	\$5,813.05	\$9,120
Black Student Alliance	\$3,227.55	\$10,765
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority	\$2,433	\$1,863
Lambda Theta Alpha	\$866	\$134

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## TUESDAY



Mostly Sunny, 68/49

## WEDNESDAY



Scattered Showers, 68/43

## THURSDAY



Sunny, 71/46

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## CAMPUS

## Gunmen kill officer in African Union's peacekeeping force in Sudan's war-torn Darfur region

Unidentified gunmen killed a Ghanaian military officer in the African Union's peacekeeping force in the Darfur region and hijacked his car within yards of the AU mission's headquarters, the AU said Sunday.

The ambush took place hours after Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte visited the peacekeeper headquarters during his trip to push Sudan's government to let U.N. troops reinforce the AU mission.

The dead officer was the seventh peacekeeper slain this month, raising to 18 the number of AU soldiers killed since the mission deployed in 2004 to try to stop a brutal conflict between ethnic Africans and Arabs. An AU officer also has been a hostage since December.

More than 200,000 people have been killed in Darfur since 2003, when local rebels took up arms against the Arab-dominated Sudanese government, accusing it of decades of discrimination against Darfur's ethnic Africans.

SOURCE: AP

## U.S. urges North Korea to take action after disarmament deadline slips

North Korea was under pressure Sunday to take action after failing to meet a deadline for shutting its nuclear reactor, with Washington calling for Pyongyang to allow nuclear inspectors back into the country.

North Korea had until Saturday to shut down its Yongbyon reactor and allow inspectors from the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency, to verify and seal the facility.

Saturday's missed deadline marked the latest setback in an agreement, that when reached in February offered the prospect of dismantling the world's newest nuclear power. North Korea tested a nuclear bomb in October.

The timetable for the North's disarmament was tripped up by a dispute over North Korean deposits frozen in a tiny Macau bank, which was blacklisted by Washington for allegedly abetting money-laundering and counterfeiting.

North Korea has refused to make any move until the funds issue is resolved.

SOURCE: AP

## NATION

## Nor'easter soaks East and floods West Virginia homes, hundreds of flights canceled

A powerful nor'easter pounded the East with wind and pouring rain Sunday, grounding airlines and threatening to create some of the worst coastal flooding in 14 years.

The storm also flooded people out of their homes in the middle of the night in West Virginia. Other inland states faced a threat of heavy snow.

One person was killed as dozens of mobile homes were destroyed or damaged by wind in South Carolina. The storm system already had been blamed for five deaths on Friday in Kansas and Texas.

Airlines canceled more than 350 flights at the New York area's three major airports, said Steve Coleman, a spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. More cancellations were expected throughout the day.

Storm warnings and watches were posted all along the East Coast, with flood warnings extending from North Carolina to the New York area.

SOURCE: AP

## With ranks stretched thin, Army gets Air Force to fill some Iraq duties such as convoys

The training range is Army, as is the duty itself — one of the most dangerous in Iraq these days. But the young men and women clad in camouflage and helmets training to run and protect convoys are not Army; they're Air Force.

They are part of a small but steady stream of airmen being trained to do Army duty under the Army chain of command, a tangible sign the Pentagon was scouring the military to aid an Iraq force that was stretched long before President Bush ordered 21,500 additional U.S. troops there.

"What we've seen is the Department of Defense continues to find ways to meet the requirements imposed by the commander in chief," said retired Brig. Gen. Kevin Ryan.

No plans to expand the Air Force's role in convoy operations have been announced since Bush ordered the troop surge in Iraq, but Ryan said the Army and other branches of service have been looking at every possible job that can be shifted — from the Air Force performing convoy duty to the Navy setting up medical facilities far from waterfronts.

"We want to be one team, one fight. It doesn't matter which service tape you have on your uniform," said 1st Lt. Matt Addington.

The 2,225 airmen who have been trained and sent to run convoys in Iraq and Afghanistan so far remain a relatively small part of the overall force that includes tens of thousands of soldiers.

SOURCE: AP

## CAMPUS

## National and local businesses turn to young minds for big ideas; Vanderbilt Accelerator Program will take on Whirlpool, other companies

Major companies across the country are turning to the Accelerator-Vanderbilt Summer Business Institute to get fresh ideas on how to raise their products and programs to a new level.

An information session on the Accelerator-Vanderbilt Summer Business Institute will be held on Tuesday, April 17, at the Owen Graduate School of Management, Room 204.

Whirlpool is using the student teams participating in the Accelerator program to help create new marketing, branding and advertising ideas on a highly acclaimed product that Whirlpool wants to re-launch. Fed Ex and the Tennessee Performing Arts Center are just two more of the dozens of companies working with students as well.

The Accelerator program is an action-packed immersion into all areas of business, from marketing to finance to real estate. In this four-week business boot camp, a select group of college undergraduates of varied majors — and those who've just graduated — will get a unique jump start into the business world.

Students will interact with leaders from Fortune 500 and other successful companies along with Owen Graduate School of Management faculty to develop the skills they need to land meaningful internships, jobs or prepare them for business graduate school.

SOURCE: VANDERBILT NEWS SERVICE

## First Vanderbilt Starbucks employees begin training



MASON HENSLEY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Freshman Isi Lombrozo peers into the uncompleted Starbucks in the Student Life Center. Starbucks is set to open April 30.

## SLC location on schedule for April 30 opening.

by CHRISTINE BROWN

Staff Reporter

Training for the initial 24 Vanderbilt Starbucks employees begins today. Although major construction has been completed, much internal work still remains before the location's official April 30 opening.

"We have been working hard to make sure everything is in order, and I am confident that it will be a successful opening," said Director of Dining Lida Horna.

Starbucks will be open to students from 7 a.m. until midnight during exam week of April 30 to May 3.

Sophomore Nicole Simms said those hours would be convenient for a student studying for exams.

"Some of the other Starbucks are not open as late, so this will be a good place to go during that stressful week," Simms said.

Some new employees have been hired from outside of Vanderbilt and others are

current Vanderbilt Dining employees who requested to undergo barista training, she said.

The training, conducted by outside Starbucks trainers, will last two weeks.

"We are really excited about training our employees, as Starbucks has a specialized training program that makes each vendor across the world consistent in their quality," said Assistant Director of Dining Spiros Vergatos. "Once we have certified trainers within our division, we will be able to train and hire new employees internally."

Students who have shown interest in working at the Starbucks when it opens full time in the fall will undergo intensive training the week before school starts in August, which will be run by Vanderbilt's own certified trainers.

Dining plans to pay these student employees with a start rate of about \$6.50 an hour along with a \$100 bonus credited to their meal plan money. ■

## Students celebrate Holi



ADAM SETREN / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Students covered each other with colored powder in celebration of Holi at a Saturday afternoon event on Wilson Lawn sponsored by Masala-SACE. — To view a soundslide of this event, visit:

[InsideVandy.com](http://www.insidevandy.com)
University sponsors new events for accepted students  
New Dore for a Day program replaces overnight visits.

by EVE ATTERMANN

Asst News Editor

Several university offices will offer events catering to accepted students this month in anticipation of the May 1 decision deadline.

Sponsored by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, the Office of Alumni Relations and AmbassaDores, the events include daily campus information sessions and tours, Vanderbilt and You parties in cities nationwide, and opportunities for prospective students to shadow current students with the Dore for a Day program.

"We have a lot of different programs to encourage that final decision," said Director of Admissions John Gaines. "It is crunch time with that May 1 deadline, and we are

going to know whether or not we are going to use our wait list."

Last week, Vanderbilt hosted 2,000 visitors on campus, many of them seniors visiting for the last time before making their final decision.

Junior tour guide Kara Allen said she noticed the increased number of visitors on campus because of all of the e-mails she has received from the admissions office.

"It's been an insane amount of e-mails, not just for tours but especially for Dore for a Day," Allen said. "It used to be one or two a week, but now it's once a day."

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions created the Dore for a Day program this year when risk management issues necessitated the

cancellation of the overnight visit program, Gaines said.

Accepted student Pauline Rotteta decided to attend Vanderbilt after spending a weekend at the school with a friend.

She said she found the Dore for a Day program helpful, but her decision was based mostly on how much she liked the students she met.

"They didn't really pair up people with similar interests, but I got a good sense from the tour was the school was like," Rotteta said. "My decision to come was a combination of things, such as all the academics, how happy the student body was to be there and how the social life was like at night with all the students. Overall, it was a good match." ■

# Environmental groups in Centennial Park call for congressional action

Environmental groups host National Day of Climate Change.

by RACHEL SINAIKO  
Contributing Reporter

Groups, speakers and musical guests called for governmental action at the National Day of Climate Action Saturday in Centennial Park. The event was held as part of the national Step It Up 2007 campaign.

Step It Up, a grassroots environmental campaign, organized the 1,400 events that took place across the nation Saturday in an effort to persuade Congress to reduce carbon emissions.

A major focus of the event was the signing of a petition that will be sent to Congress to encourage an 80 percent reduction in carbon emissions by the year 2050. Along with the petitions, Step It Up plans to send pictures and videos taken at each event across the country.

Groups that attended the event in Centennial include Trees for Tennessee, the Global Village Institute, the Swan Conservation Trust and the Gulf Restoration Network.

Doug Stevenson of the Swan Trust and Trees for Tennessee spoke about the importance of conservation within Tennessee.

"Tennessee is the greenest state in the land of the free," Stevenson said.

Stevenson said despite the biological diversity of the state's streams, Tennessee has more endangered plant and animal species than any other state. He also said that the South should stop cutting timber, as it engages in this practice more than any other region.

In a press release, Rep. Peter Welch, D-Vt., commended the Step It Up events.

"(The event) serves as an inspiration for me and a reminder to elected leaders around the country that Americans are serious about taking meaningful action to combat climate change," Welch said.

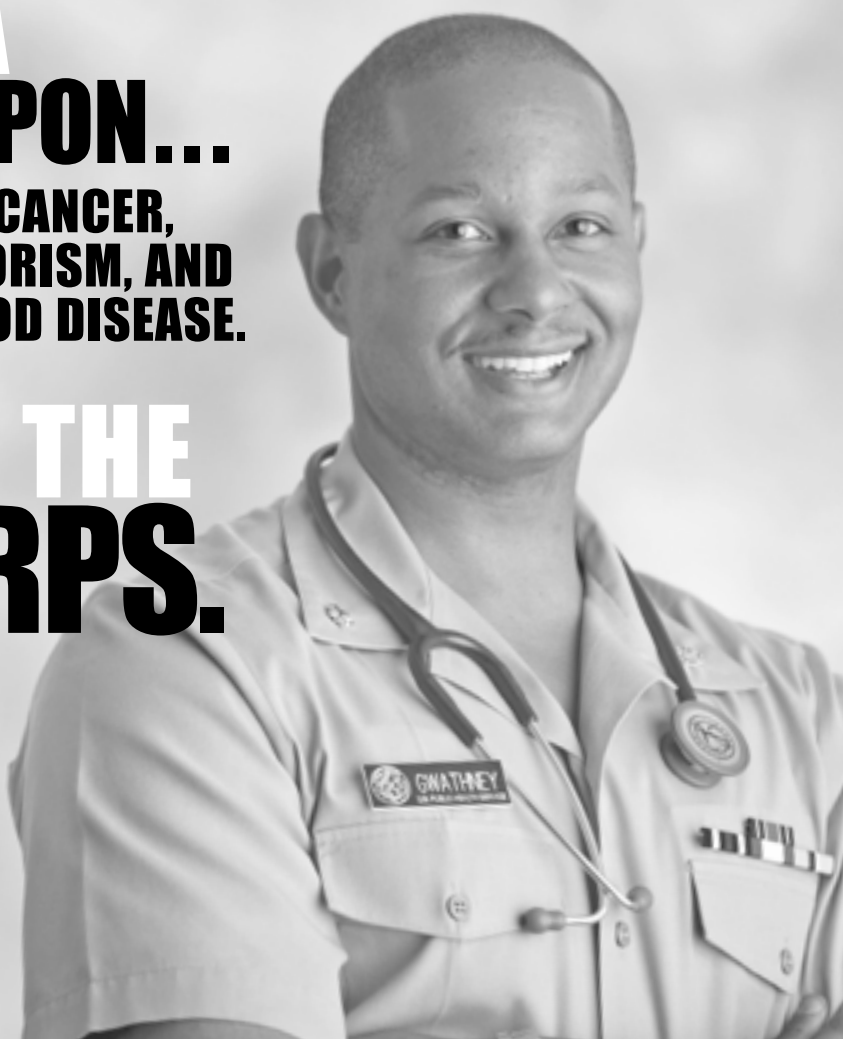
Event coordinator David Childs said he considers the event's concentration on carbon emissions reduction pertinent because of recent empirical evidence released by scientists confirming climate change.

Childs said such heating would have wide-ranging effects, including the destruction of the Great Barrier Reef and flooding in low-lying areas, such as Florida and Louisiana. ■



MASON HENSLEY / The Vanderbilt Hustler  
Nashville locals gather in Centennial Park Saturday afternoon for the National Day of Climate Action, part of the Step It Up 2007 campaign. The focus of the event was to encourage Congress to work toward carbon emissions reductions across the country. Trees for Tennessee, the Global Village Institute, the Swan Conservation Trust and the Gulf Restoration Network attended.

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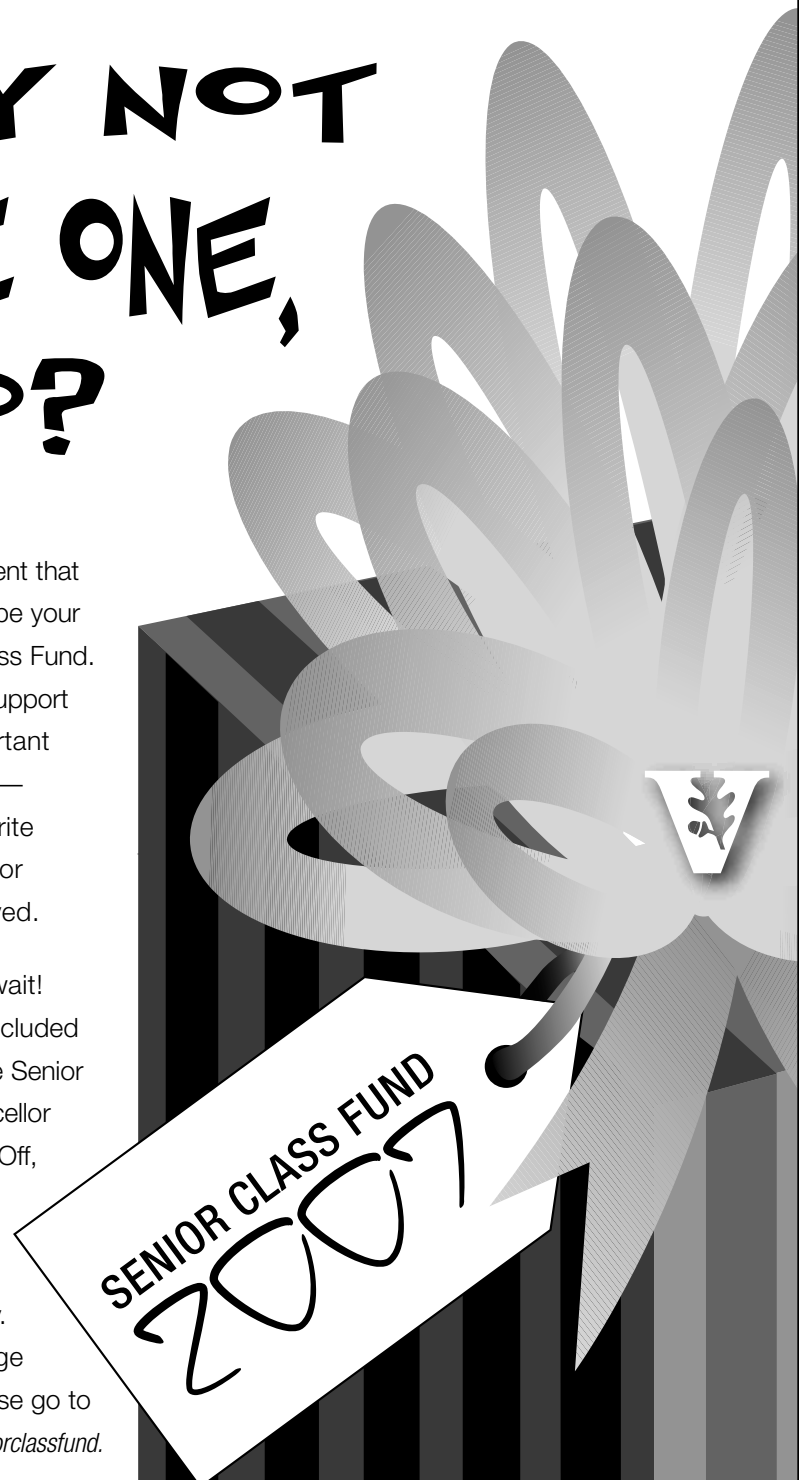
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### OUR VIEW

## AcFee must be handled more responsibly

Every year the Student Finance Committee releases the next year's Activity Fee numbers to The Hustler. For many years, The Hustler has complained of the committee's still-terrible lack of transparency. It has become quite clear this lack of transparency will not change; neither the media nor the public will be allowed to attend funding deliberations, and the issue has become moot.

What concerns us is the Student Finance Committee's publicly stated approach to group funding. Student Finance Chair Leigh Taylor said, "We usually get a 5 percent increase (of AcFee money) each year, but we also had 27 new groups (this year). Every group asks for a large increase in funds, and there was quite a large amount that we could not fund. We are looking for another method to talk to Student Life for more funding." The committee has found itself in quite a pickle. Thankfully, the solution is easy: Raise the bar for groups to receive AcFee funding rather than beg Student Life for spare change.

It is quite simple to start a student organization at Vanderbilt. This is as it should be; students should be able to band together for almost any reason. It should not be as simple to be funded by the student body, especially when AcFee funding distribution is hilariously opaque and unresponsive to student concerns. Many organizations receiving AcFee funding this year should in fact be funded through other means. Why, for example, should the Computer Science Graduate Student Organization be funded through AcFee when we have a perfectly serviceable computer science department? Why should the Investment Club continue to receive funding when they should be earning a return on their conservative and diverse portfolios? The solution to this problem would not be popular, what with Vanderbilt's ever-growing surplus of organization leaders, but it would be effective.

First, as many organizations as possible should be moving to a dues-based income structure. People tend to

be more involved in organizations for which they pay directly, such as Greek organizations, and honestly, if the Math Club has difficulty scraping up enough members to fund the club's \$150 in annual operations, perhaps the time has come to admit Vanderbilt does not have the necessary interest to sustain a math club on top of our math department.

Second, we acknowledge the existence of clubs with low membership that nevertheless bring valuable events to campus and enrich our lives, and AcFee will continue to be the only way to pay the bills. We propose all new organizations desiring to suckle at AcFee's teat undergo a probationary period of two years before they receive AcFee funding. We have all seen organizations come onto campus, receive funding (thus denying that funding to other groups) and fail when the founder graduates.

The time has come to admit the current system is broken. Students must no longer be forced to throw money away on quixotic endeavors.



### COLUMN

## Money provides poor substitute for quality of life

ANDREW SOLOMON

Columnist

Money is everywhere and Vandy is certainly no exception. We have so much money pumping through this school, we had to find new uses for it: kindling toilet paper, blow tubes, etc. I know freshmen who have better entertainment systems in their dorms than my dad does. I've seen 19-year-olds run up \$500 bar tabs and not sweat a thing.

Having lots of money is not a problem. If you came up to me with a trash bag full of unmarked twenties and said, "Make it rain," I'd eye you cautiously then promptly go buy a Cadillac. And if you have enough of it, why not spend it? That Dom isn't going to drink itself.

What I think is a little worrisome is the way in which a large number of people here are preoccupied with money. They brag about how much they have. They have to get the job that pays \$150,000 a year right out of college. They need to break into the top law firms in New York.

And not only do a lot of people desire this, it's almost as if they feel entitled to it. They will be making seven figures by the time they're 35. They know they'll be sitting next to Jack Nicholson courtside at the Lakers.

That kind of drive is admirable, it really is. But if that's really what you want, you have to ask yourself

one thing: Am I doing this for the right reasons? If you really enjoy being a lawyer and pushing paper all day, then you're in the right place. And the world really does need investment bankers to loan people money and then profit from the hard work of others. But does it really make you happy, or are you just in it so you can install a stripper pole in the basement of your mansion? Actually, come to think of it, that does sound like a good reason ...

But seriously, money can make you do things you really don't want to do. We see it all the time: Dustin Diamond's sex tape, the hooker living down the street from me, Anna Nicole Smith's marriage. But does what you're doing really make you happy?

I don't want to drone on, so I'm going to keep this one short. Before leaving Vandy and striking out toward the glimmering horizon full of yachts and marriage counseling, step back and think about what you'd really enjoy doing. If you're a guy who likes snorkeling, see if you can get paid to do that. If you're a girl who watches adult films and says, "I could do that," call me. But whatever you end up doing, make sure it's not just for the money. Because money can do ugly things to people, and none of us deserve to let it control our lives.

—Andrew Solomon is a senior in the School of Engineering.

### COLUMN

## Media circuses should not distract from Sudan genocide

MICHAEL WILT  
Columnist

I was going to write about Don Imus. Clearly, nothing is more important in this country right now than three words spoken by a racist, scary-looking old man and the attempts by beacons of moral clarity and racial tolerance — like Al Sharpton — to bring everlasting resolution to the issue of race relations in this country by talking endlessly about Mr. Imus's transgressions. No, there are more important things that we could be discussing. We live in perilous times. The threat of an Islamic bomb, an immigration policy gone haywire, the threat of global warming and a war for which we can't seem to convince ourselves is worth fighting, are all issues which touch our generation in a very real manner. Then there are the issues which continue to be overlooked yet, in many ways, are just as pressing and just as vital to the safety and security of not just this country but of the human enterprise on this planet. One of these issues is the genocide in Darfur.

Recently, Sen. Joe Biden, a man with whom I don't always agree, said that it was a moral imperative for the United States to get involved in the increasingly violent region by sending troops. The Bush administration has been afraid of doing this for obvious reasons. I applaud Biden's candor, and I agree with him, provided the next push for a combined U.N.-African Union force does not work out. I don't see how the United States can claim to stand for freedom in some parts of the world, yet turn a blind eye toward others. We have tried diplomacy for years now, seeking to end the genocide in Darfur to no avail. As Biden's former colleague in the Senate and possible presidential candidate Fred Thompson once said, "You can't have all carrots and no sticks" when it comes to foreign policy. It is time to pull out the sticks.

In an article published in the March 29 Wall Street Journal, actress Mia Farrow and her son Ronan Farrow, both human rights activists and UNICEF spokespeople, focused their attention on China's tacit support of the Sudanese government and China's upcoming Olympic Games in Beijing. I highly recommend it, because I find China's hosting of the 2008 Olympic Games to be unsettling at the very least. Their complicity in the bankrolling of genocide of hundreds of thousands of innocent human beings in Darfur, given their extensive record of human rights abuses in their own country, is something which should give us concern.

It is a moral imperative for this country and for the world community to act when we see an injustice occur against our fellow man, regardless of whether it is considered "advisable" or "strategically sound" to do so. During the Holocaust, the United States shamefully turned away Jewish refugees from its shores.

Our history is forever blemished by this, but it doesn't mean that we can't stand up in the future against other atrocities. Yesterday was Yom Hashoah, which stands for the Holocaust Remembrance Day. Jews around the world take that day every year to remind themselves and the world what happened, so that we never forget the lessons we learned. I hope that we don't.

The Farrow's accurately point out, "The Sudanese government uses as much as 80 percent of proceeds from those sales [of oil to China] to fund its brutal Janjaweed proxy militia and purchase their instruments of destruction."

You don't hear about this on TV all that much. The Genocide Intervention

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COLUMN

# 'South Park' combines lowbrow humor with insightful commentary

SCOTT GREER  
Columnist

Only one show on television has covered racism, homophobia, Christianity, Judaism, bisexuality, global warming, terrorism and transgenderism in its six most recent episodes. "South Park," now in its 11th season, continues to shock the world with its farcical storylines, characters and jokes. In last week's episode, for instance, we followed Mrs. Garrison (a male-to-female transsexual) as she (he) decided to become a lesbian. However, "South Park" also has a serious side that many people seem to dismiss because of the show's constant absurdity.

When I first saw the program the late 1990s, it seemed too bizarre for my taste. Though I enjoyed the classic fart joke every now and then, I think the talking piece of crap was a little over my head at the time. However, as I continued watching out of curiosity, it began to grow on me. There is just something epic about the ridiculousness of the show: One minute we see Hillary Clinton heading to the town for a political rally and the next we find out that terrorists have planted a nuclear device in her vagina.

The relentless gross-out humor is one reason to watch, but "South Park" has also developed the unique ability to parody anything and everything in American society. Unlike many popular shows such as "Grey's Anatomy," "Entourage" and "24," "South Park" has the freedom to create new plots that have nothing to do with the most recent episode. As a result, every story comes as a surprise to even the most loyal of audiences. And

with eccentric creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone at the drawing board each week, there is no way to predict what comes next.

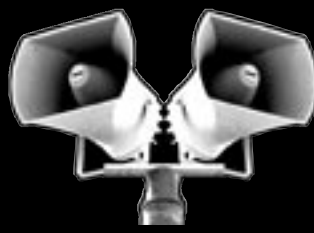
In addition to the show's spontaneity, it also stands out because of its unwillingness to articulate any sort of political bias. Parker and Stone have proudly stated that they hate both liberals and conservatives, and they have relentlessly abused every political view imaginable. In mockery of the 2004 presidential election, they produced an episode where the South Park Elementary students had to vote between two terrible candidates for their new school mascot: a "giant douche" (John Kerry) and a "turd sandwich" (George W. Bush). In the end, the giant douche prevails, but Parker and Stone accomplished their main goal of expressing disgust for both candidates.

By the end of each episode, however, the audience learns to see past this criticism and search for the story's deeper message. Whether we support this message or not, it is always there to make us think about the issues that affect Americans each day. Though it may be ironic that a show with the poorest animation generates the most interesting cultural commentary, the show's success will continue for as long as it stays on air. By effectively combining scatological humor with meaningful political and moral messages, "South Park" has ultimately established itself as the most daring and perhaps greatest show ever made.

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Compiled by Ceaf Lewis

"What's that, Todd Goldman? Your inspiration is your 'wittiness' and 'sense of humor'? Yeah, anyone stupid enough to buy anything you 'made' would believe that."

"I am not exactly comfortable giving the living wage to people who are constantly rude, i.e. Morgan munchie mart."

"I'll tell you why discussions of on-campus food are more valuable than discussions of drug use. There is still question as to whether on-campus food is good or not, but we all know that the on-campus drugs are great!"

"Seriously, what the hell are you DKEs doing every night? One night I looked out my window to see where all the yelling was coming from, and I saw a kid in just his boxers holding a broom and wearing what appeared to be a Darth Vader helmet singing the national anthem."

"Maybe if you don't want Greek Life to punish your sorority, you should all grow penises. Problem solved."

## WILT: American priorities reflect general lack of concern

From WILT, page 4

Network actually did a study proving that the media spent more time on irrelevant issues such as Michael Jackson, Tom Cruise and the runaway bride in 2005 than they did on the genocide. Where are the news pieces about China's complicity in genocide? Why did "60 Minutes" devote an entire segment to the Duke lacrosse "rape" case last night? There are countless cases of prosecutorial misconduct every year. Because these men, while wrongly accused, are rich, white and go to Duke, they get media attention. This is how our system works. The 400,000 dead Africans do not. Don Imus gets attention. China's blood for oil does not.

Where is our culture headed? Most Americans indulge themselves in the low brow, easy-to-consume theatre of the absurd, their "American Idol," their "Deal or No Deal," their getting lost in "Lost" I admit

it; I am as guilty as the next guy. It's far easier to change the channel from the ugly news to some soothing comedy on NBC. Even on the news, it is hard to find the real news, to know what is really going on in the world. Why would you want to anyway? This is where our culture is today. Where will it be tomorrow?

There comes a point every few decades when our society has to make a shift in its values and priorities. I believe that for too long now we've been living in a fantasy world, and soon we must become cognizant of the difficulties that we now face.

The genocide in Darfur is but one example of a multitude of crises that this world faces at this point in history, and it is up to us to address it. Whether we will do so is an entirely different question.

—Michael Wilt is a senior in the College of Arts and Science.

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## SPORTS

## Dores down Ohio State

HUSTLER STAFF REPORT

The Vanderbilt-Ohio State lacrosse rivalry is known for its nail-biting finishes, and the latest installment was no different as the No. 15 Commodores (9-4, 3-1 American Lacrosse Conference) held on in the closing minutes to defeat the Buckeyes 10-9 at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium.

"This was a classic Vanderbilt-Ohio State game," said Vanderbilt coach Cathy Swezey. "We thought we were going to put them away, but they performed extremely consistent and inched their way back in. It wasn't the prettiest win, but we'll take it."

Vanderbilt came out strong to start the second half, finding the back of the net for four goals within the first five minutes to take an 8-3 lead. It appeared as though Vanderbilt might avoid another nail-biter with the Buckeyes.

"Our game plan was to come out, be aggressive, and hopefully put this one away early in the second half," Swezey said. "We did exactly that, but unfortunately we couldn't maintain that intensity and ran into the same problem we have had all year in not being able to put teams away when we have the chance."

The Buckeyes cut the lead to two, 9-7, before junior Ashley Paschall scored on an assist from senior Jennifer Tapscott with 10 minutes to play.

Ohio State cut the lead to one in the final minute before junior Sasha Cielak forced a huge turnover at the top of the crease, giving the Commodores possession.

The victory extended Vanderbilt's winning streak over Ohio State to eight. More importantly for Vanderbilt, it clinched at least the second seed in the American Lacrosse Conference Tournament.

"This is an amazing feat for these girls to accomplish," Swezey said. "At the beginning of the year, we were picked to finish fourth. Here we are all alone in second place. But we still have work to do. We need to continue to get better and play a full 60 minutes."

The Commodores return home to host No. 11 Notre Dame Wednesday. The seniors will be honored before the game. ■

## Vandy wins series to move into first

by MAX FRANKLIN  
Sports Reporter

In an odd turn of events, the Vanderbilt baseball team resumed its second game of the weekend on Sunday afternoon just minutes after dropping its scheduled third game to Kentucky (26-8-1, 6-7-1 Southeastern Conference).

The No. 1 Commodores (32-6, 9-6 SEC) were able to pull out a 9-4 victory in the de facto rubber game, giving them their third-straight weekend series win. They are now in a tie for first place in the SEC East with South Carolina.

After Saturday's game was suspended in the sixth inning because of rain, the Commodores sent runners out to first and third to begin again on Sunday afternoon with a 2-1 lead. Andrew Giobbi scored on a sacrifice fly by Alex Feinberg, and David Macias and Pedro Alvarez had RBI singles to push the lead to four.

Junior Cody Crowell came on in relief of freshman Mike Minor, who gave up only one unearned run in five innings on Saturday. Minor had retired 14 straight batters before the rain delay, and the Wildcats were certainly glad to see him off the mound.

Crowell gave up a two-run homer and then a solo homer in the sixth, narrowing the score to 5-4. He settled down after that, finishing the game with three scoreless innings and earning the save. Ryan Davis scored on a double by Brad French in the eighth and then hit a two-run home run in the ninth to give Vanderbilt extra cushion.

"Today when we came and got three I thought we were sitting pretty good," French said. "Then they came out with three, and I thought the momentum might switch. But we stayed within ourselves, we carried momentum over from at bat to at bat, and we were able to win the game."

Earlier Sunday, Kentucky won 8-6 in a shortened seven-inning game. Ty Davis came on in relief of Nick Christiani in the second inning and gave up three runs in four innings, but the Commodores led by two in the sixth after RBIs

from Ryan Flaherty, Dominic de la Osa, Feinberg and French. Kentucky responded with four in the bottom of the sixth, and with the shortened game Vanderbilt was unable to come back.

"We thought we had that one, but we were unable to pull it out," French said. "We just had to regroup, we had to come out strong and take two of three with that last game."

On Friday night, the Commodores won another thrilling game, 10-8 in the 12th inning. Ace David Price had a no-hitter through five innings, setting the school's all-time strikeout in the process.

But Kentucky scored two in the sixth and then plated five in the seventh off of Price and reliever Stephen Shao.

The Commodores gained an early lead behind an RBI double from Shea Robin and a two-RBI single by Ryan Flaherty, and Feinberg hit his second homer of the season in the seventh inning.

Trailing by two in the eighth, Flaherty scored on a groundout by Robin and Feinberg and Davis had RBI singles to regain the lead for Vandy, 8-7. Kentucky tied it up in the eighth, and Corbin brought in closer Casey Weathers to start the ninth inning with the score knotted at eight-all.

Flaherty led off the 12th with a double and then scored on Jonathan White's double. After Robin singled, Feinberg grounded out to score White and send the Dores to the bottom of the inning with a 10-8 lead.

That was more than enough for Weathers, who finished his fourth perfect inning with his fifth strikeout, winning his team-best seventh game of the season.

Flaherty scored four runs and had five RBIs on the weekend, while Feinberg chipped in a home run and five RBIs.

"We just kept coming, even when we weren't able to get a runner in earlier to take the lead," White said. "We kept plugging away and finally came through."

Vanderbilt returns to action Tuesday at Lipscomb. ■



MASON HENSLEY / The Vanderbilt Hustler  
Vanderbilt junior David Price became the school's all-time strikeout leader on Friday as the Commodores won another extra-inning thriller, this time 10-8 in 12 innings.

## Seniors shine as Commodores top Wildcats

by CHIP ROBBIE  
Sports Reporter

On a gloomy Saturday afternoon at the Currey Center, the men's tennis team defeated the No. 54 Kentucky Wildcats (13-14, 3-8 Southeastern Conference) 6-1.

The No. 41 Commodores (10-11, 4-7 SEC) entered the match in fourth place, tied with Kentucky in the SEC East, but were able to "one-up" the Wildcats with the victory.

Before play began, the coaching staff honored the three seniors on the Vanderbilt squad — Andy Mack, Jordan Magarik and Nathan Sachs. Magarik's and Mack's play proved to be crucial.

In doubles, Mack and Magarik overcame the Wildcats' Shance Collins and Will Ward at the No. 3 position. Mack's smooth volleys and Magarik's potent shot-making made for an entertaining match.

After the Commodores split the first and third doubles contests, all eyes were on the



MASON HENSLEY / The Vanderbilt Hustler  
Junior Ryan Preston may have lost his match, but the rest of his teammates picked up the slack, defeating Kentucky 6-1 Saturday in the regular season finale. Seniors Andy Mack, Jordan Magarik and Nathan Sachs were honored beforehand.

second doubles match. Nic Cromydas and Evan Dufaux came through 8-6 despite letting nerves have their way

when they nearly relinquished the lead in the final game. Vijay Paul quickly dispatched his opponent 6-0,

6-1 at the No. 4 position while No. 3 Dufaux was finishing his first set.

Mack and Magarik, playing at the No. 5 and No. 6 positions, respectively, won in three sets and secured the victory for Vanderbilt.

"Yeah, it was Senior Day, but everyone on the team did their part and took responsibility," Mack said. "It's how we've been playing all year."

Dufaux took the first set 7-6 against a pugnacious Wildcat but lost 6-1 in the second, sending the match to a third set.

Dufaux's opponent was unable to maintain his composure, though, and retired once Vanderbilt had clinched the victory.

"I feel very proud of both Andy and Jordan," said coach Ian Duvenhage. "After we went up 2-0, it looked bleak there for a while. Obviously, those two guys came through and clinched the match for us."

Mother Nature was kind for much of the afternoon, but it did force Ryan Preston and Cromydas inside for the

finale.

Preston lost 6-3 in the third set to a spectacular retriever at the No. 1 position. Meanwhile, Cromydas split sets and ultimately won when his opponent retired after numerous court violations.

It was a fine way for the Commodores to end their inconsistent, yet promising 2007 campaign.

In defeating a Kentucky team that was tied with Vanderbilt for fourth in the SEC East, they showed that one constant has been the team's effort. The win also enhances Vanderbilt's odds at making the NCAA Tournament.

"We've really competed well almost all year long," Duvenhage said. "There have been times when we've been outplayed, but the longer the match goes on, the better our chances get. We just get tougher and tougher the closer it gets. These guys are fighters."

The Commodores will travel to Baton Rouge, La., for the opening rounds of SEC Tournament this Thursday. ■

## BOWLING: Earnest clinches school's first-ever title



NEIL BRAKE / VU Media Relations

Vanderbilt freshman Josie Earnest earned Most Valuable Player honors after bowling two strikes in the 10th frame of the seventh game to clinch the national title, the first in school history.

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"There were definitely nerves, and anyone who has ever competed for a championship is lying if they say they aren't nervous," Grygiel said. "No matter how hard you try, you just can't simulate the atmosphere, you just have to experience it and never let the lows get you down. We bounced back from splits and bad breaks all week. Our ability to recover from setbacks was the difference."

The Commodores opened the fifth match with four strikes, building an early lead they were able to maintain through the game. Sophomore Tara Kane's insertion into the lineup seemed to spark the Dores, and freshman Josie Earnest clinched the match with a 10th frame spare and nine, leaving Vandy a match away from the championship.

"We didn't get rattled — well maybe a little bit," Peloquin said after

being named to the all-tournament team. "We might have gotten a bit too comfortable when we got that 2-0 lead. It wasn't overconfidence, but when they tied it we didn't get frazzled. We just knew we were back to square one."

UMES won the third and fourth matches, building a large lead in the third game and clinching the win early. Vandy had chances throughout the fourth, but too many open frames led to a 10th frame clinch for Eastern Shore.

The Commodores built on their momentum coming from the first game and bowled six straight strikes in the middle of their second game, rolling to an easy 242-166 win and a 2-0 advantage, after a narrow 167-165 win in the first game.

"Right now I can't put this 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."

While in recent years multiple Vanderbilt teams have been on the cusp of a title, the 2007 bowling championship will go down as the first-ever team championship for a Vanderbilt sports program.

Baseball coach Tim Corbin, who gave the bowlers an inspirational speech prior to their departure, is certainly one of many Commodore coaches who hope this championship will be a starting point for others.

For now, the bowling team has earned its place in the record books, and with their top seven players returning, the future looks bright for the Commodores. ■



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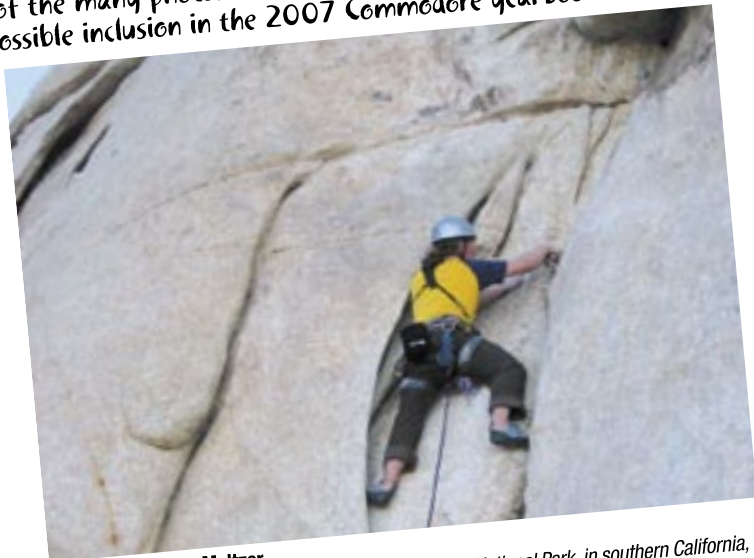
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## YOU IN THE YEARBOOK

One of the many photos submitted for possible inclusion in the 2007 Commodore yearbook...



Submitted by Nate Meltzer  
Nate Meltzer is traditional rock climbing in Joshua Tree National Park, in southern California, and is leading a 5.5 route on a rock called "The Blob."

It's easy to submit your favorite photos from this year at Vandy: Just visit InsideVandy.com and scroll down to the big red Commodore yearbook button that says "click here to submit your pics." Your photos will help the yearbook staff commemorate 2006-07 at Vanderbilt!



Half Page 11.63" x 10.5" \$850
Quarter Page 5.75" x 10.5" \$475
Full Page 11.63" x 21" \$1600

The Vanderbilt Hustler's "Welcome to Nashville" issue will provide incoming students and parents a comprehensive look at what the Vanderbilt campus and the surrounding community has to offer. In an attempt to expose new students to "life beyond the bubble," the issue will include an overview of attractions, dining and shopping options around the city and other areas of interest. It will also serve as a valuable resource guide, addressing the students' most frequently asked questions.

Many of our new students will be unfamiliar with Nashville. They will need to know where to shop for a variety of goods and services including but not limited to school supplies, furnishings for their rooms, restaurants and clubs, clothing stores, area malls, auto maintenance, banks and much more.

We will print 10,000 copies for our normal campus distribution sites (4000 more than our regular newspaper). "Welcome to Nashville" will be available for the six new student and parent orientation periods during the month of June and again for about a week, beginning with move in day on August 18.

The "Welcome to Nashville" issue will have considerably more readers and a much longer "shelf life" than our normal newspaper publications, adding greatly to the value of your advertisement.

Make a lasting impression on our student body by advertising in our "Welcome to Nashville" issue, and dramatically increase your market share by advertising often in The Vanderbilt Hustler throughout each academic year. Frequency is the key to successful advertising.

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This special supplement to our final paper of the academic year will be distributed as part of our April 23 Vanderbilt Hustler (6000 issues). The paper will stay on the racks for about a week. We will print an additional 4000 supplements (10,000 total) to be redistributed on our racks as a keepsake for graduating seniors and their parents a few days prior to graduation on May 11. The "Year in Review" offers 66% more readers than our regular paper.

Parents will want to reward their graduates with commemorative gifts (new cars, business wardrobes, jewelry, and other gifts of distinction are popular). Other popular advertising categories for graduates and returning students will be banks and financial institutions, restaurants for celebrating, storage facilities, local wine and spirits stores, and apartment complexes just to name a few. This keepsake edition will give your advertising message a shelf life that could be measured in years!

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