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THE WALL

compiled by EVE ATTERMANN

TODAY The Rev. James Lawson discusses Iraq war

The Rev. James Lawson will discuss the Iraq war through the lens of Christianity at 7 p.m. today in Wilson Hall, Room 126. Seating is limited to the first 129 people that arrive.

TODAY 'Views from the Collection II'

"Views from the Collection II" is the second part in a three-part series of exhibitions of art in the Fine Arts Collection. The ensemble will feature a large range of works, including Old Master prints and paintings, East Asian Art, African and Pre-Columbian art and contemporary graphics. The exhibition will be open to public viewing from noon until 4 p.m. in the Fine Arts Gallery.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3 Vandy Mile Bonanza

The Vandy Mile Bonanza is an all-ages running event open to both the Vanderbilt and Nashville communities; it benefits the Vanderbilt Students for Students Scholarship. The mile will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Vanderbilt Track Complex.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3 Two veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom speak out on War in Iraq

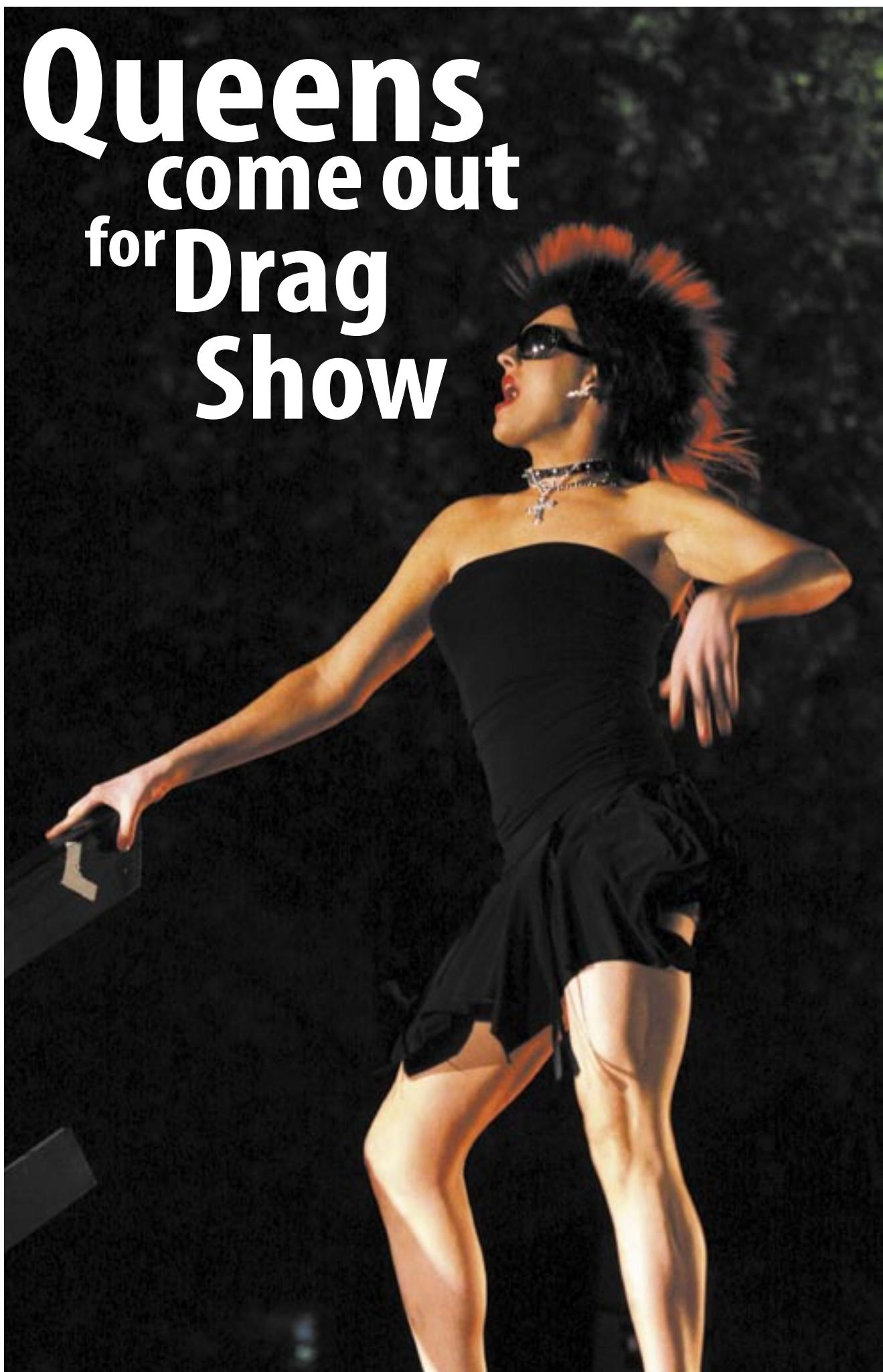
Two veterans from Operation Iraqi Freedom, Dave Medichi and Mike Kraus, will be discussing their experiences in Iraq from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Garland Hall, Room 101. The talk will be preceded by a screening of a new documentary, "The War Tapes." Vanderbilt Students for Nonviolence is sponsoring the presentation.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3 Vanderbilt Cancer Society 'Marrowthon'

The Vanderbilt Cancer Society will hold its sixth annual "Marrowthon," a drive to register members for the National Marrow Donor Program, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Life Center Ballroom. A blood drive will also be held in response to a current blood shortage.

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

Queens come out for Drag Show



MASON HENSLEY / The Vanderbilt Hustler
Sophomore Klint Peebles performs as the Divine Seductress Olympia Cruse at the 12th Annual Lambda Drag Show Friday night on Alumni Lawn. The Vanderbilt Lambda Association invited all members of the Vanderbilt and Nashville communities to attend the show, which featured The Lady Chablis as a performer.

Prospective students visit campus over weekend

Accepted students received letters last week.

by EVE ATTERMANN
Asst News Editor

High school seniors Emily Abernathy and Lauren Irwin remember vividly the moment they received their acceptance letters.

"Well, I knew the envelopes were going to be two-day mail, so I screamed at the mailbox when I saw it," Abernathy said. "I was so excited. I didn't think I was going to get in."

"I had been communicating with the swim coach and had already made plans to come down here and visit, so I am really glad I got in," Irwin said.

Abernathy, who is from Memphis, Tenn., and Irwin, who is from Pelham, N.Y., were just two of the 200 prospective students who attended a tour and information session Saturday. The turnout was so large the tour began in front of Furman Hall instead of at the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, where it usually begins.

The large and geographically diverse group of admitted high school seniors and prospective high school juniors visiting the university this weekend reflects the increasing number of applications, along with the increasing ethnic and geographic diversity of the applicants, that the Office of Undergraduate Admissions receives each year.

"I love that (Vanderbilt) is in Nashville because I'm from the North," Irwin said.

Accepted students were informed via priority mail last Wednesday. They have until May 1 to decide whether or not they will attend Vanderbilt.

Abernathy said she is not yet sure of her decision. Along with Vanderbilt, she is considering the University of Tennessee, Wake Forest and Presbyterian College. She was accepted into Peabody College's Human and Organizational Development program.

Irwin says if she attends, she will swim for the women's program. She tentatively hopes to pursue environmental law or pre-med. ■

Pi Beta Phi wins Sigma Chi Derby Days

Annual week of activities stirs competition among sororities.

by EVE ATTERMANN
Asst News Editor

Sigma Chi fraternity announced Pi Beta Phi as the winner of Derby Days Saturday night. Derby Days is an annual weeklong sorority competition hosted by Sigma Chi to raise money for its philanthropy, the Children's Miracle Network.

Sororities vied for points by competing in various athletic competitions, such as flag football and field events, and searching for a black derby hat hidden on campus early in the week.

The fight for the derby intensified Thursday morning after some 20 Panhellenic sorority women were involved in a heated dispute over the discovery of the black derby, worth 1,500 points toward the Derby Days championship.

Director of Greek Life Kristen Torrey sent an e-mail to all Greek women Thursday afternoon in condemnation of what she perceived as a physical altercation.

Sororities could also gain points by raising money for Sigma Chi's philanthropy by purchasing advertisements and benefit tickets, attending a baseball game and compiling community service hours.

"The main point is our philanthropy, the Children's Miracle Network," said Sigma Chi President Trent Acuff. "It was definitely a huge success; we're really happy with how everything turned out."

Sophomore Holly Hoffman, the daytime activities chair for Pi Beta Phi, said her sorority won by a large

margin because of its successful fundraising.

"People were really surprised when Pi Phi won because we didn't find the derby, nor did we win flag football," Hoffman said. "But we actually worked very hard to sell ads before Derby week, and most of our sorority was at the baseball game."

Pi Beta Phi President Lizzy Strom said the Derby Days win was particularly validating because it reflected all of the sorority's effort.

"Winning is really great because you see the benefits of all the hard work, especially the people who are in charge of Derby Days," Strom said. "It means that when our girls come together and join in these fun events, we can really accomplish something, that we can make a strong showing for our sisterhood and our sorority." ■

Momentum dances for charity Sunday



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The Momentum Dance Group performed Sunday afternoon to raise money for the American Dance Therapy Association.

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CORRECTION

The article titled "The Lady Chablis to perform at 2007 Lambda Drag Show" printed March 30 contained several factual inaccuracies. The number of people at last year's show, the number of drag queens and kings performing, and other facts were all incorrect. The Hustler regrets the error.

WEATHER

compiled by EVE ATTERMANN

TODAY



Sunny, 83/59

TUESDAY



Isolated T-Storms, 83/51

WEDNESDAY



Partly Cloudy, 64/38

VUPD CRIME LOG

compiled by EVE ATTERMANN

There is no crime to report.

Check out <http://police.vanderbilt.edu/crimelog.htm> for complete listings.

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IN THE KNOW

The news you need — in brief

compiled by EVE ATTERMANN

WORLD

Olmert invites moderate Arab leaders to regional peace conference

In a dramatic response to an Arab peace initiative, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert on Sunday invited Arab leaders to a regional peace conference to discuss their ideas for resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Olmert's surprise call came amid a flurry of new international peace efforts. U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has repeatedly traveled to Israel to try to spur negotiations. German Chancellor Angela Merkel, the current president of the EU, has buttressed those efforts.

Speaking at a joint news conference with Merkel, Olmert said, "I would take advantage of this important opportunity of being here in Jerusalem with the president of the European Union to invite to a meeting all Arab heads of state, including, of course, the king of Saudi Arabia, whom I regard as an important leader, in order to engage in dialogue." He said each side would bring its own demands, and neither would try to dictate terms.

Almost every Israeli prime minister has called for peace talks with moderate Arab leaders over the years, but the only multinational forum was the 1991 Madrid conference, which was followed by secret Israeli-Palestinian contacts and a series of interim peace accords. Olmert's invitation Sunday was the first time Israel has called on Saudi Arabia, which maintains a state of war with Israel but has also pushed recently for a peace deal, to take the lead.

SOURCE: AP

Iranian Arabic-language channel plans to air 'confessions' from seized British crew

Iran's Arabic-language channel said Sunday it planned to air "confessions" from two of the 15 British sailors seized by Iran 10 days ago, as the British government said it was in direct contact with Iran over the captive crew.

In Tehran, about 200 Iranian youths threw rocks and firecrackers at the British Embassy in a protest on Sunday, calling for the expulsion of the country's ambassador because of the standoff.

The satellite channel Al-Alam said it would broadcast excerpts of what it said were "confessions" from two of the crew. The station broadcast video of the Britons earlier this week, including footage of a captured marine apologizing for entering Iranian waters "without permission."

The report Sunday did not say when the latest statements would air or name the sailors.

SOURCE: AP

NATION

More than 600 people accused of Katrina fraud, some far from Gulf Coast

More than 18 months after Hurricane Katrina decimated the Gulf Coast, authorities are chipping away at a mountain of fraud cases that, by some estimates, involve thousands of people who bilked the federal government and charities out of hundreds of millions of dollars intended to aid storm victims.

The full scope of Katrina fraud may never be known, but this much is clear: It stretches far beyond the Gulf Coast, like the hurricane evacuees themselves. So far, more than 600 people have been charged in federal cases in 22 states and the District of Columbia.

The frauds range in value from a few thousand dollars to more than \$700,000. Complaints are still pouring in, and several thousand possible cases are in the pipeline, enough work to keep authorities busy for five to eight years, maybe more.

SOURCE: AP

Three wounded in shooting at Nickelodeon awards after-party Sunday

Shots were fired at a party attended mostly by teenagers early Sunday following the Nickelodeon Kids Choice Awards, wounding three people. Police said they suspected gang members were involved.

The party in the western part of Los Angeles was thrown by someone who had attended the awards, but it was not an official Nickelodeon function and had no celebrity guests, police Lt. Roger Deranian said.

No arrests had been made by Sunday morning, police said.

The shooting occurred at about 12:30 a.m. at a drapery store rented for the party, which drew about 200 young people, Deranian said.

At least one person opened fire with an automatic weapon on the crowd after a group of five was denied entry, he said.

The three victims were hit below the waist and did not face life-threatening injuries, he said. They were taken to a hospital.

SOURCE: AP

CAMPUS

Peabody College moves up to No. 3 in U.S. News & World Report rankings; business, law, engineering schools all move up

The Peabody College of education and human development rose to No. 3 in U.S. News & World Report rankings of graduate and professional schools released on Friday. Vanderbilt's schools of business, law and engineering all improved their positions.

The Owen Graduate School of Management leapt 15 places to No. 34 in the business school category. Vanderbilt Law School ranked No. 16, the School of Medicine No. 18 for research and No. 30 for primary care, the School of Nursing No. 19, the doctoral program in biological sciences No. 34 and the School of Engineering No. 42.

Peabody, which was ranked No. 5 in 2006, is now tied with Harvard University's School of Education. Teachers College at Columbia University was ranked No. 1, followed by Stanford University. Peabody's special education program was ranked the best in the nation.

"We are very pleased by our ranking in this latest survey," said Camilla Benbow, the Patricia and Rodes Hart Dean of Education and Human Development at Peabody.

"It reflects the high quality of our students and the research productivity of an excellent faculty. The rankings also indicate that our longstanding efforts in key areas like special education, education policy, and pre-K-12 and higher education administration continue to produce valuable contributions to education practice."

SOURCE: VANDERBILT NEWS SERVICE

VU Law School fetes 50 years of racial integration

First two African-American students speak with faculty, students Friday at luncheon.

by SYDNEY WILMER
Senior Reporter

Melvin Porter Sr. and Frederick Work carpooled to their first day of class 50 years ago at Vanderbilt Law School. When they arrived, Work said, they found an "ambiguous" form of hostility.

"Walking from the parking lot to Kirkland Hall, we saw these white sheets of paper with black dots on them affixed to all of the trees leading to Kirkland Hall," Work said. "Even today, I don't know what they mean. One thing we were certain of — it was not a sign of welcome."

But Friday, Associate Dean Don Welch stressed that Vanderbilt is ready to "honor these men," the first African-American students integrated into Vanderbilt Law School in 1956.

The university presented Work and Porter with the first Trail Blazer Award at a reception Friday afternoon in the law school's Flynn Auditorium. At the event, Work and Porter reflected upon their experiences at Vanderbilt and their lives as parts of the civil rights movement.

Porter, who returned to his home in Oklahoma, also completed two separate terms as the Oklahoma City branch president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and served in the Oklahoma State Senate.

Porter said experiencing racism early in his life during military service in the Korean War and speaking with Martin Luther King Jr. as a college senior helped him understand how he wanted to become involved with the civil rights movement.

"During the year of 1956 we invited Martin Luther King on our campus," Porter said. "After visiting with King, speaking with him and having experienced the difficulties of

integration with the military, my feet were wet in the movement. When I got out of the law school, I was extremely active."

"It was the greatest challenge, and perhaps, if I could measure the years, the greatest period of enjoyment of my life," Porter said. "That challenge of tearing down racial barriers and confronting the community about change."

Work and Porter said the majority of the racism they experienced at Vanderbilt was subtle.

"Students were not hostile," Work said. "Some were socially cordial, some were professionally accepting, but by and large, the classmates tended to ignore us."

"There was not obvious hostility — it was quiet, subtle stuff," Porter said.

Porter said he "thrived on the challenges" he faced during this period and encouraged students today to fight for what they believe is right.

"Don't be afraid to challenge the status quo if it's wrong," Porter said. "Use your integrity to treat people right. I would much rather see you reach down and lift somebody up than tear people down."

While the ceremony focused on the achievements of Work and Porter, Work said he wanted to recognize Vanderbilt as well.

"I want to honor Vanderbilt because it had the courage, the dignity and the foresight to end the policy of racism," Work said. "(Vanderbilt) has the ability to always correct its wrongs. It may take them a long time to do it, but they can do it."

Both Porter and Work began their own law firms after graduation. Porter retired from his law firm in 1989. Work, who still practices law in Gary, Ind., worked as a city attorney and was the first African-American to be nominated for statewide office in Indiana. ■

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- Central Campus: Carmichael Towers East, Tolman
- The Commons: Building D, Crawford, East, Gillette, Sutherland, West
- Memorial, North, Stambaugh,

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Off-Broadway presents 'Kiss Me, Kate' musical



TYLER HAGEN / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Vanderbilt Off-Broadway presents "Kiss Me, Kate" at the Martha Rivers Ingram Center for Performing Arts Friday and Saturday nights. The play was inspired by Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew."

Vanderbilt Cancer Society holds sixth annual Marrowthon

by KRISTEN CHMIELEWSKI
Asst News Editor

The Vanderbilt Cancer Society will hold its sixth annual drive to register new members for the National Marrow Donor Program.

Marrowthon will take place at the Student Life Center today from noon to 8 p.m. and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The registration takes approximately 20 minutes and only requires a swab of the mouth. There will also be a blood drive to help with the nationwide blood shortage.

"Give a little bit of your time, and give someone else a lifetime," said Jacqueline Erb, director of Marrowthon.

Erb explained that each person's marrow has a specific DNA makeup. The more people on the registry, the better the chance of finding a specific match when needed.

In addition, the typical disqualifiers for blood donation, such as visits within the past year to a country where malaria is found, for example, do not apply to marrow registration.

"Currently there are over 2,000 people registered at Vanderbilt. Last year we had over 600 marrow registrations and over 200 blood donations," Erb said.

Erb said the blood donations are important because they fund the marrow

registration, which costs about \$52 per person due to the costs of the testing and expenses of the equipment. However, the people who register do not pay.

"We are also trying to engage minority communities to come out to the drive because they are very underrepresented on the registry," Erb said. "Only 20 percent of Asian and Hispanic patients find a match, while over 80 percent of Caucasian patients find one."

Proposed reasons for the lack of representation include cultural conceptions of the sanctity of the body, possible mistrust due to previous controversial government testing such as the Tuskegee Experiment, or just a lack of time or opportunity to register, Erb said.

In total, there is a one in 20,000 chance to be called upon as a potential match.

"We've actually had people called on as potential matches here at Vanderbilt, but after further tests they were not called to give," Erb said.

If called upon as a potential match, one is not required to donate; the choice is optional.

Erb said the actual process for the donation of marrow is also becoming less and less invasive. More detailed information can be found on the National Marrow Donor Program Web site, www.marrow.org. ■

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OUR VIEW

Hustler opinion section must express a wide spectrum of viewpoints

Michael Wilt's column about The Hustler's opinion section raises a number of interesting points. Certainly to attack a writer behind a cloak of anonymity is a fairly cowardly act, and in the best of all possible worlds, those wishing to castigate a columnist would choose to do so in the form of a letter to the editor.

Columnists feel strongly enough about their views that they put their reputations on the line, and those wishing to express disagreement should do the same. "The Rant," however, is the Wild West of the opinion page, and shall remain untouched in all of its anarchic glory. In other words, submit rants. Submit tons of rants and hilarious one-liners. Consider first, however, whether your ideas would be better served in the form of a letter.

On another note, Wilt is correct to note that plenty of opinion columnists write about matters he deems frivolous. We disagree, however, when he states columns not concerning themselves with politics or current events reflect poorly on the quality of our university. The role of the opinion page is to facilitate discussion on issues mattering most to Vanderbilt students, and we can determine what matters to Vanderbilt students

by following carefully the submissions received. Why shouldn't Vanderbilt students care about housing, The Commons or tuition? All of these issues affect the average Vanderbilt student on a daily basis more than speculation about Iran's current intentions and the machinations of liberal B-list celebrities.

Any student opinion writer inevitably must face the realization that by writing about topics well covered by the professional media, he will most likely add little, if anything, to the debate. Focusing on campus issues, however, ensures continual renewal of content and generation of fresh insights, insights which have not been drummed into everyone's heads by constant repetition. Student opinion shines when it discusses matters directly affecting students, not when it repeats arguments already presented in national outlets.

If opinion columnists wish to focus on national and international issues, then by all means let them do so. But they must remember those writing about "drunken stories, or how neat my trip to the hairdresser was or why I think popping your collar is really not such a bad thing" frequently address more than they appear to be.



Wayne Stayskal—MCT

COLUMN

Vanderbilt must broaden its musical horizons

SCOTT GREER
Columnist

In a world where "Fergalicious" can top the Billboard charts, I am terrified to hear America's next big radio single. In fact, I am just terrified to hear the next song blaring out of some frat house on a Tuesday afternoon. Nashville has recently become a Mecca for alternative live music, but some Vanderbilt students seem reluctant to take advantage of this exploding indie scene.

Now when I use the word "indie," I mean the middle ground between popped collars and hemp necklaces. Many people seem to associate this word with stoners and hippies, but it's simply a way to describe a music scene other than Fergie, Akon and Good Charlotte. I also like to use it to describe places that seem to associate themselves with pro-choice laws, anti-establishment views and marijuana. In other words, I could say, "Cafe Coco is the most indie coffee shop in Nashville."

Before college, I was completely ignorant about music. I never tried listening to different genres, local bands or any artist that the whole country didn't know. However, with the help of boredom and a campus-wide music-downloading program during my freshman year, I broadened my horizons

and discovered the amazing world of indie music. As a result, I began listening to hundreds of new artists who have as much talent as anyone climbing the Billboard charts. Also, as electronic music and recording technology become more advanced by the minute, the indie scene changes every day.

One group that epitomizes this scene: Ratatat. A two-man instrumental band from New York City, Ratatat combines electronically produced beats with synthesizers and electric guitars. Therefore, they cannot possibly be placed in a distinct musical genre. Ratatat could essentially fit under electronic, hip-hop or techno, but indie is truly the best way to describe them. One week from today, they will be playing at the Mercy Lounge on Cannery Row; tickets are just \$12.

So before you pop in the new Kelly Clarkson album, I want you to tell yourself: "I am about to listen to Kelly Clarkson." If that sits well with you, then you probably would not enjoy the Ratatat scene. For everyone else, however, I encourage you to listen to this band and start looking for other indie artists that seem uniquely enjoyable. You won't regret it.

—Scott Greer is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Science.

COLUMN

Advertising campus housing proves daunting

DAVID FOTOUHI
Guest Columnist

Imagine seeing the following on craigslist:

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—David Fotouhi is a senior in the College of Arts and Science.

COLUMN

Campus deserves more intelligent, worldly discussion

MICHAEL WILT
Columnist

When directly attacking someone, you should not do so behind a cloak of anonymity. In the March 28 issue of The Hustler, an anonymous rant asked why I had not graduated yet and called my columns "ridiculous, stupid and intellectually uninspiring." Ouch, that hurts. To be called "most controversial columnist" my sophomore year and now demoted to this is incredibly demoralizing. I think I'll quit now!

Actually, no dice. Unlike the rant, I put my name and opinions out there for the entire world to see and scrutinize, and, like it or not, I do discuss relevant issues. Almost all of my columns deal with issues that should concern mature and intelligent college students who are planning to eventually wake up and realize they are in fact adults living in a real world with real problems. My friends — conservative or liberal — are intelligent people who can discuss these issues without resorting to anonymous attacks designed to impugn

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Compiled by Ceaf Lewis

"It's April, and we need to register uber soon; what freakin' classes are being offered for the fall? Vanderbilt, tighten up! Actually, bump this, I'm taking a second spring break!"

"It's so terrible that those poor rising sophomores couldn't get the Highland room they wanted. They might even be forced to live on Peabody for their sophomore year like — what's that group of people? Oh yeah, EVERYBODY ELSE."

"Dear roommate: You don't seem to understand that regardless of when you bring a boy back to the room, we will STILL have bunk beds. In other words, they are ATTACHED, and MY BED MOVES WITH YOURS. P.S. No, I was not asleep. Eww."

WILT: Columns debate salient issues

From WILT, page 4 the character of others.

I do not apologize for the fact that I have no interest in sharing any drunken stories, how neat my trip to the hairdresser was or why I think popping your collar is really not such a bad thing. There are other columnists who write about these things. If you enjoy their articles more than you enjoy mine because the above ramblings appeal to you on a psychological level, good for you. I'm glad you consider those issues to be more important than the war in Iraq, problems with Iran, our ally Israel, our political climate and a host of other serious issues. However, if you enjoy reading my articles, either because you agree with me or simply because you appreciate the content, I give credit to you for living up to the admission letter you earned in the spring of your senior year of high school.

Personally, I want to know I graduated from a top-notch university where the students were more concerned with their academics, their intelligence and their future than what clothing they were wearing or how much fun they had on the weekend (and I am graduating in May, by the way). The social aspects of college are not to be neglected, but The Hustler should be where we display our quality as a university. When reading The Harvard Crimson, I am constantly amazed at the quality and content of the writing by students there, ranging from topics on economics, public policy, the environment

and free speech. Maybe I am naive, but I think that we are just as good as they are, and we should strive to achieve that kind of quality. I credit this semester's Hustler editorial board for usually writing excellent editorials on important issues, and I hope the quality in that area will be maintained.

Maybe I am wrong, though. Perhaps Vanderbilt will continue to hold a reputation as a Southern party school just squeaking into the top 20 because it has a lot of money. Maybe we'll all just sit around and complain about the College Halls system, expensive tuition and oppressive hours of the new Starbucks. Although I know they have, if my four years of constant efforts here have not at least sparked discussion — even if you haven't agreed with one issue I've raised — I give up. Let us turn The Hustler's opinion section into a variety page reminiscent of "American Idol," where the Sanjayas of the university hold a platform from which they may discuss their spectacular drunken weekends and other irrelevant concerns.

But don't come to me crying when you are drafted to fight in Iran, another terrorist attack occurs on U.S. soil or our economy falls into recession, and you have not given serious thought to either side of the debate on any of these issues. I'll be in the real world (okay, law school) dealing with serious people.

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

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For the first time ever, the same two teams will compete for the national championship in football and basketball. The Gators won on the gridiron and should have no problem doing it on the hardwood. Corey Brewer, Al Horford and Joakim Noah chose to come back to school because they wanted another ring and now find themselves just 40 minutes away from that goal. Ohio State is a quality opponent, but Greg Oden will play like a freshman and Mike Conley Jr. and company will be minimized as Billy Donovan's squad wins in a blowout. Afterwards, the Gators' Big Three will declare for the NBA Draft and Donovan will accept a huge raise to become the next coach of the Kentucky Wildcats (maybe).

Prediction: Florida 80, Ohio State 68

**Baseball
Opening Day**

With basketball wrapping up, it's great to welcome back the national pastime. While the Mets and Cardinals played Sunday night, for other teams baseball begins today. Five games will be televised nationally: Tampa Bay vs. New York Yankees (12:05 p.m. CT, ESPN), Chicago Cubs vs. Cincinnati (1:10 p.m. CT, ESPN2), Boston vs. Kansas City (3:05 p.m. CT, ESPN), Baltimore vs. Minnesota (6:05 p.m. CT, ESPN2), Texas vs. Los Angeles Angels (9:05 p.m. CT, ESPN2).
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**Women's Basketball
NCAA Championship
Tuesday
Cleveland, Ohio**

Fourth-seeded Rutgers will play either North Carolina or Tennessee for the national title. The Scarlet Knights got past No. 1 North Carolina in the Sweet 16 and beat third-seeded Louisiana State in the Final Four. They will have their hands full with either Ivory Latta's Tar Heels or Candace Parker's Vols.

Vandy takes series from Gamecocks

by JARRED AMATO
Sports Editor

While the No. 3 Vanderbilt baseball team had hopes of sweeping South Carolina, winning two out of three against the No. 1 team in the country on the road should suffice.

The Commodores (26-4, 5-4 Southeastern Conference) beat the Gamecocks (23-6, 5-4 SEC) 4-3 Friday night in an extra-inning thriller and 12-1 Saturday before losing the finale Sunday, 8-2.

Vanderbilt 4, South Carolina 3

In one of the best games of the college baseball season, pinch hitter Ryan Davis' RBI single in the top of the 12th propelled the Commodores to a 4-3 victory.

David Macias led off the inning with an infield single and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Dominic de la Osa. Reliever Will Atwood then intentionally walked Pedro Alvarez and got Ryan Flaherty to line out to center before Davis came through with the game-winning hit.

Casey Weathers (4-1) was the player of the game, pitching a career-long four and one-third innings of a two-hit scoreless relief with seven strikeouts.

"It was a great game between two good teams in the SEC," Weathers said. "That's why you come to Vanderbilt and to the SEC — to play games like this."

Vanderbilt starter Price finished with his second straight no-decision after allowing three runs on eight

hits with 10 strikeouts and two walks. He moved past Jeremy Sowers (327) into second place on the school's all-time strikeout list at 336. It was his fifth double-digit strikeout performance in the last six games.

Vanderbilt 12, South Carolina 1

Vanderbilt scored 10 runs in the first three innings and freshman Mike Minor shined in his first SEC start as the Commodores smashed the Gamecocks 12-1 Saturday. Minor (5-0) allowed one run on five hits in seven innings, while striking out a career-high nine and walking just two.

"We were aggressive early offensively and wanted to take good swings," said Vanderbilt coach Tim Corbin. "I thought Mike did a good job of throwing strikes and not hurting himself. When people were on base, he figured out a way to shut down the inning."

Ty Davis closed out the game with two scoreless innings of relief. Offensively, de la Osa went three-for-three, Alvarez went one-for-two with three RBIs and two runs scored, and Flaherty added three RBIs. South Carolina 8, Vanderbilt 2

Vanderbilt's bid for a series sweep came up short as South Carolina rode the arm of freshman Blake Cooper to an 8-2 victory.

Cooper threw a career-high seven and two-thirds innings and allowed two runs on six hits with four strikeouts and a walk to move to 4-0 on the year. He held the



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Third baseman Pedro Alvarez and the rest of the No. 3 Commodores won two out of three games against No. 1 South Carolina over the weekend in Columbia, S.C.

Commodores scoreless until they broke through with two runs in the eighth on RBI doubles by Macias and Alex Feinberg.

"Cooper was throwing his fastball and breaking ball for strikes," Corbin said. "He was pretty good for a young kid."

James Darnell hit a solo homer and Phil Disher

added a two-run shot in the bottom of the first to give the Gamecocks a 3-0 lead, and the hosts never looked back.

The Commodores will be back in action on Wednesday at Austin Peay at 6 p.m. before returning home for a three-game conference series against Alabama next weekend. ■

Netters
split two
matches

HUSTLER STAFF REPORT

The women's tennis team (14-6, 7-1 Southeastern Conference) saw its 12-match winning streak come to an end Sunday, falling to No. 5 Georgia 4-3.

Commodores Taka Bertrand and Catherine Newman won their match 8-2 and Amanda Fish and Amanda Taylor upset 14th-ranked Yvette Hyndman and Darya Ivanov to give Vanderbilt a 1-0 lead heading into singles.

Newman beat Yvette Hyndman, 6-3, 7-5, while Taka Bertrand maintained undefeated in league play, beating Kelley Hyndman 6-3, 7-5.

On Friday, the Commodores made history, defeating Tennessee, 4-3, in Knoxville, for the first time since 1987. Vandy won the doubles point easily and Taylor and Bertrand earned straight-set wins at Nos. 2 and 4, respectively, to move within one point of the victory.

Fish, who was sidelined early in the season with an ankle injury, clinched the match with a straight-set victory. "This is the first time since she's been back from her injury that I've thought, 'This is the Amanda we know,'" said assistant coach Meike Babel.

Vanderbilt next plays Florida on Friday in Nashville. ■

Plenty to like from scrimmage
Lewis, Nickson among those who shine in Black & Gold game.

by JARRED AMATO
Sports Editor

As Saturday's Black & Gold Scrimmage proved, there is reason to be excited about the 2007 Vanderbilt football team.

"I thought we gave the (2,000) fans a fun scrimmage to watch. I enjoyed it myself," said coach Bobby Johnson. "There was a pretty good mix of things going on, big plays



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Wide receivers Alex Washington (left) and Earl Bennett celebrate during the Commodores' Black & Gold scrimmage Saturday at Vanderbilt Stadium. Washington had three catches for 55 yards and a touchdown.

from both the offense and defense."

It was a quite different scene than a year ago when Mackenzi Adams was the only available quarterback. On Saturday, there were four — projected starter Chris Nickson, senior Richard Kovalcheck, freshman Jared Funk and Adams.

Nickson looked impressive in limited action, completing four of six passes for 51 yards to go along with an 11-yard run. Both of his drives resulted in scores.

"Being out here and actually being able to play this spring is something special for me," said Nickson, who was sidelined last year due to injury. "I love the atmosphere, and the fans came out and showed us a tremendous amount of love."

Kovalcheck connected on seven of nine passes for 106 yards and three touchdowns. Adams was five-for-nine for 59 yards and one touchdown, while Funk went three-for-12 for 40 yards and two interceptions.

Nickson said he is optimistic for the upcoming season. "I'm not going to say this is the best opportunity out of previous years (to get to a bowl game)," Nickson said. "But I know that we want to get to the job done."

The Commodores also looked deep at wide receiver, with 10 different players recording catches. Alex Washington led the way with three receptions for 55 yards and one touchdown. Chris Reinert, Larry Simmons and Justin Wheeler added scores.

"Everybody was on their game, especially on offense. All the receivers made plays," Washington said. "It just shows a lot about what kind of spring we've been having."

All-American candidate Earl Bennett added two catches for 36 yards in two series.

"He knows how to take advantage of situations when there shouldn't be anything there," Nickson said of Bennett.

Defensively, Lewis, who switched from linebacker to defensive end, shined at his new position.

"We think Quavian is going to be a very good player for us at defensive end," Johnson said. "It's been the whole movement last few years to try to get more speed on the field, and we felt like putting him at defensive would help us do that."

At linebacker, Brandon Bryant had two of the hardest hits of the day and finished with four tackles and a sack, while Patrick Benoist added five tackles and a fumble recovery.

In the secondary, safety Brent Trice recorded nine tackles, while Roger Herndon and Moore had interceptions. "He just has a knack for being around the ball," Johnson said of Moore.

The Commodores close out their spring practice this week. The season opener is Sept. 1 at home against Richmond.

"We looked like a team that enjoys being out there, having fun competing against each other, trying to get better," Johnson said. "As a coach, that's what I want to see." ■

Vanderbilt
bows to
Bulldogs

by CHIP ROBIE
Sports Reporter

The Vanderbilt's men's tennis team fell 7-0 to No. 1 Georgia (19-0, 8-0 Southeastern Conference) on Sunday. The Bulldogs swept all three doubles contests, making it seem as though the No. 38 Commodores (7-10, 2-5 SEC) would have a long day ahead. However, singles was a different story as Vanderbilt sent three of the six singles matches to three sets.

"I really liked the way we competed in singles," said coach Ian Duvenhage. "I thought we had chances (in) at least five of the singles matches against the No. 1 team in the country."

Ryan Preston arguably played his best tennis of the year against the nation's premier tennis player, John Isner.

"Ryan's biggest challenge is he's risk averse, and so when he plays a guy like John who he respects, he knows that he's got no chance unless he's willing to take risks," Duvenhage said.

Duvenhage had high praise for Nic Cromydas, who fell in a super-tiebreaker to top 15 player, Luis Flores, at No. 2. "To me he epitomizes what I want in a player: he competes, he's gutsy, he's got a blue-collar attitude about things," Duvenhage said. "He doesn't whine. He just plays the game."

The Commodores next play Florida on Friday in Gainesville. ■

Dores drop heartbreaker

by ALEKSEY DUBROVNSKY
Sports Reporter

Hardly anyone who attended Saturday's women's lacrosse match between the No. 12-ranked Vanderbilt Commodores and the visiting Stanford Cardinal could have known they were going to witness one of the oddest and most memorable games of either team's season. When it was all over, the Cardinal stood victorious over an exhausted and bruised Commodore squad, 10-9.

Trailing 6-4 about four minutes into the second period, Commodore goalkeeper Brooke Shinaberry was taking a barrage of shots from close in her own defensive zone when she tried to poke-check the ball away from a Stanford attacker. Shinaberry was immediately whistled for a yellow card on the close call, which sent the Vanderbilt sideline, as well as the crowd, into a frenzy. The Stanford attacker was awarded a free-position shot on an empty net, as Shinaberry was forced to sit out for the next three minutes.

However, the Commodores regained possession after the shot clanged off the post. Sophomore mid-fielder Cara Giordano moved the ball into the Stanford 8-meter goal box, but was checked in the face by a Cardinal defender, pushing her goggles up on her forehead.

"(The referee) was about to give me a red card and a turnover because she thought that I had been playing like that the entire game," Giordano said. "She didn't realize that I had been checked in the face."

Already upset about the previous yellow card against Shinaberry and the lack of a foul called on the Stanford defender, coach Cathy Swezey was livid. The referee who made the call on Giordano quickly dispatched Swezey with a red card and an automatic ejection from the game.

"I did not say anything inflammatory. I did not curse at (the referee)," Swezey said. "I just told her that I thought that it was a very bad call. Getting red-carded was a little bit dramatic, though."

The emotional episode inspired the Dores, however, as they proceeded to erase a three-goal halftime deficit, taking a 7-6 lead.

With 13 minutes remaining and the game tied at seven, junior attacker Margie Curran scored her game-high fifth goal and 28th on the season.

After the Cardinal responded with two goals of their own, Vanderbilt senior attacker Kendall Thrift tied the game at nine, setting up the dramatic finish. Thrift finished with four points, giving her 32 on the season, which is second on the team behind Curran.

With four minutes left, the Commodores held the ball for a last offensive strike, but Curran's shot was stopped by Shane, who finished with 12 saves. After a time-out, the Cardinal set up an offensive set which drew a yellow card on senior mid-fielder Nicole Pugno with 15 seconds left. This was the fifth card on the Dores, who were thus forced to play a man down.

Stanford's Christy wound behind the net and fired a quick pass to Stanford freshman Dana Lindsay, who buried a 5-footer into the back of the net with four



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Senior Jennifer Tapscott and the Commodores fell to Stanford 10-9 Saturday.

seconds left. "When they went behind the net, I thought I could get the interception," said Shinaberry, who finished with five saves. "Normally I would have gotten it, but I didn't this time."

This heart-wrenching defeat ends a three-game winning streak for the Commodores, who defeated No. 8 Penn State last weekend.

"I'm not worried about us at all," Swezey said. "We're going to move on to the next game. There is no free ticket to the NCAA, to the post-season, because you've got to make it happen. We're focused, and we're going to be okay." ■

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Monday, April 2 12pm-7pm

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At the Vanderbilt Student Life Center

~Free Pizza, T-Shirts, and hourly drawings for gift certificates to Starbucks, Sunset Grill, and more!

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