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compiled by EVE ATTERMANN

### TODAY Seyla Benhabib: Democracy and Moral Conviction Lecture Series

Professor Seyla Benhabib of Yale University will speak at noon in the Renaissance Room at the law school. Her presentation is titled "The Great Divide: Muslim Women and the Public Sphere in New Europe."

### TODAY UC Berkeley law professor on crime decline

A lecture entitled "The Crime Decline of the 1990s — Lessons for Policy and Science" will be held at 3:30 p.m. at the law school in Flynn Auditorium. Frank E. Zimring, a law professor at UC Berkeley, will speak.

### TODAY Blair Big Band Spring Concert

The Blair Big Band Spring Concert will take place at 8 p.m. in Ingram Hall. Bill Adair will be directing. The event is sponsored by Susan and Frank Genovese and is free and open to the public.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 10 Challenges to democracy in Latin America and the Caribbean

Mitchell Seligson, director of the Latin American Public Opinion Project, will discuss democracy, populism and the rise of the left in Latin America from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Renaissance Room of the law school. The open event is free.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 10 Computer class sponsored by SGA

The Student Government Association will sponsor a computer class covering the basic use of Microsoft Powerpoint from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Garland Hall Computer Lab. The class is open to students only.

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

## Thrift's goal propels Vandy past Blue Jays



MASON HENSLEY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Senior Kendall Thrift scored three goals, including the game-winner, and added three assists to lead the Vanderbilt women's lacrosse team to a dramatic 11-10 victory over Johns Hopkins in double overtime Sunday at the VU Lacrosse Complex. The Commodores improved to 8-4 overall and 2-1 in the American Lacrosse Conference.

## Study Abroad office receives twice the usual number of applications

University expands number of programs to meet increasing demand.

by HARISH KRISHNAMOORTHY  
Asst News Editor

The Study Abroad Programs Office will add new programs to keep up with rising demand, as double the usual number of students applied to travel abroad next year.

Approximately 500 students will study abroad for direct credit next year, said Director of Study Abroad Programs Gary Johnston.

In an effort to allow every applicant to participate, the university added an international studies program in Copenhagen, Denmark, and a music program in Vienna last year.

The expansion will continue next year, creating programs in Paris and Cairo, among others.

Johnston said that programs have begun in a variety of ways — through the initiative of an academic department, for example.

"If a department comes up

with a linkage, such as faculty members that have contacts at the university, then that's normally the way it starts," Johnston said. "The Denmark program started with an initiative in Peabody College."

The Vienna and Capetown programs were also created for academic reasons, Johnston said.

The Vienna trip began as an effort to give Blair students a chance to study classical music in more depth, and the African-American and Diaspora studies department started the Capetown program.

Johnston said his office usually accommodates everyone, depending on the number of applications received.

Some programs are fairly easy to get into, but admission to some of the more popular programs, such as the two in London, can be more challenging, Johnston said.

Sophomore Justin Holder, who will attend University College London for the fall semester, said

because his program required a higher GPA, there are still open slots remaining.

"I don't know about the other programs, but the GPA requirement was higher for this particular one, I think it was 3.5 or something, others were 3.0," Holder said.

Sophomore Paige Holden, who plans to travel to Germany during the summer and spring, said several of her friends will also study abroad next year.

"I'm taking intense beginner German," she said. "I don't know any German yet to begin with so I'm going to learn. Two of my very good friends are going to Italy and France, and one of my very good friends is coming with me to Germany." ■

—View a map of the study abroad opportunities offered at Vanderbilt on:

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

## Accepted students meet virtually before coming to campus

'Vanderbilt Class of 2011'  
Facebook group already contains  
672 members.

by EVE ATTERMANN  
Asst News Editor

A Facebook group created for students in the Class of 2011 has already garnered 672 members as of press time.

High school senior Scott Moskowitz created the group, named "Vanderbilt Class of 2011," the day he was accepted at Vanderbilt.

"I'd seen groups like this from other colleges, and I just thought it'd be cool to see everyone who was going," Moskowitz said. "I was totally surprised when it caught on; all of a sudden there was a couple hundred of us."



Members have been using the message board to discuss everything from roommates and majors to Rites of Spring and which schools they passed up for Vanderbilt.

Accepted students Kayla Wolonsky and Thiago Olson both said they consider the group a good way to see other students in their class before coming to school.

"It's amazing to be able to meet my future classmates and find out the type of people who I will be spending the next four years of my life with," Wolonsky said. "It just might be kind of awkward during that first week, recognizing people though Facebook."

"It's good to know faces before showing up to college," Olson said. "Facebook is a good place to meet people before we get to Vandy and possibly find a roommate."

Group member Jody Kittle said although Facebook provides a good way to connect with students, the friendships formed will not prove lasting unless students physically meet or keep in touch constantly.

"I've only really made friends with one person, Fayrisa, and what's kept us talking is that we're both interested in the medicine, health and society major offered," Kittle said. "We assume we may have classes together given what we want to study, and I'm going to go meet her at the V.U. open house."

Besides Moskowitz's popular group, there are a variety of more specific offerings for the Class of 2011, among them groups for Jewish students, Baptist students and students from Arkansas. ■

## 'Odysseus' premieres Friday in Neely



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**TUESDAY**



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**WEDNESDAY**



Scattered T-Storms, 67/42

**THURSDAY**



Mostly Sunny, 68/44

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There is no crime to report.

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**WORLD**

**Iraqi cleric al-Sadr urges police, army to unify against Americans**

The powerful Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr ordered his militiamen on Sunday to redouble their battle to oust American forces and argued that Iraq's army and police should join him in defeating "your archenemy."

Security remained so tenuous in the capital on the eve of the fourth anniversary of the United States' capture of Baghdad that Iraq's military declared a 24-hour ban on all vehicles in the capital from 5 a.m. Monday. The government quickly reinstated Monday as a holiday, just a day after it had decreed April 9 no longer would be a day off.

South of Baghdad, a truck bomb exploded near the Mahmoudiyah General Hospital, killing at least 18 people and wounding 23. The pickup truck loaded with artillery shells blew apart several buildings.

SOURCE: AP

**New Mexico governor, in rare visit to North Korea, seeks remains of U.S. servicemen**

Bill Richardson, the New Mexico governor who has undertaken diplomatic missions to countries at odds with the United States, began a rare visit to isolated North Korea Sunday to recover remains of American servicemen killed in the Korean War.

The four-day trip, which has been endorsed by the Bush administration, comes days before a crucial deadline in a recent nuclear disarmament accord. But Richardson, a Democratic candidate for president, said he had no intention of negotiating nuclear matters.

"It could be the signal of an improved relationship," Richardson said of the discussions to secure U.S. remains. "The North Koreans always consider protocol very important. They like to be considered a major power in the region," he told The Associated Press on the flight to the capital Pyongyang.

SOURCE: AP



RICHARDSON

**NATION**

**Gingrich calls for Alberto Gonzales' resignation after controversial firing of U.S. attorneys**

Joining a growing list of Republicans, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich said Sunday that Attorney General Alberto Gonzales should consider resigning.

The possible presidential candidate said the botched firing of U.S. attorneys has destroyed Gonzales' credibility as the nation's top law enforcer.

"I think the country, in fact, would be much better served to have a new team at the Justice Department, across the board," Gingrich said. "I cannot imagine how he is going to be effective for the rest of this administration. ... They're going to be involved in endless hearings."



GINGRICH



GONZALES

SOURCE: AP

**Effort to catalog all living species tops 1 million**



A worldwide scientific effort to catalog every living species has topped the 1 million milestone.

Six years into the program, the total has reached 1,009,000, researchers report. They hope to complete the listing by 2011, reaching an expected total of about 1.75 million species.

Thomas M. Orrell, a biologist at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, said the finished catalog will include all known living organisms, from plants and animals to fungi and microorganisms such as bacteria, protozoa and viruses.

"Many are surprised that, despite over two centuries of work by biologists and the current worldwide interest in biodiversity, there is presently no comprehensive catalog of all known species

SOURCE: AP

**CAMPUS**

**New global partnership to up the number of black scientists**

Faculty from Vanderbilt and South Africa's University of Cape Town are working together to recruit and train more black scientists in South Africa.

Vanderbilt astronomer Keivan Stassun and physicist James Dickerson and David Ernst were among a group from the university that traveled to Cape Town in March.

After a three-day meeting there, Stassun and Dickerson have begun work on exchanging ideas, research and students with their South African colleagues.

The universities also have agreed to jointly build an automated telescope facility near Cape Town at the South African Astronomical Observatory.



STASSUN



DICKERSON



ERNST

SOURCE: THE VANDERBILT REGISTER

**Blackboard Day panel investigates potential OAK improvements**

University seeks to anticipate students' needs in decisions on future upgrades.

by GABY ROMAN

Contributing Reporter

Representatives from Blackboard, the Web-based course management system, held a sponsored discussion last week with Vanderbilt and several other schools.

The university supports Online Access to Knowledge, powered by a client of Blackboard, so that students and professors may use the methods provided to communicate more easily.

OAK utilizes only the most basic features offered by Blackboard, as students and faculty become more familiar with the system.

Participants discussed updates on the software platform and production development and listened to the best practices from other participating schools.

"We're trying to find out what students need and how they can get the most out of (Blackboard) to support their learning," said Cindy Franco, OAK manager at Vanderbilt.

The discussion, structured as a question-and-answer session, helped the universities see how they could best expand their use of the technology.

"Blackboard Day is not a sales pitch; it's

a demonstration," Franco said. "We're only taking advantage of one of many tools, so we're looking at future direction and possibilities."

These advances may include the addition of other tools, such as Really Simple Syndication, better known as RSS, feeds and a built-in extension that would allow students to search through their OAK pages offline.

However, there is no rush to upgrade the Blackboard Learning System, as the new release does not offer any major new features, Franco said.

Franco said her work this semester has been to ensure that OAK remains stabilized.

"Last semester there were numerous instances of errors that caused an appearance of the system not working," Franco said. "They weren't crashes. However, those technical problems are fixed now, and this semester has shown some great improvement."

In order to prevent future bugs and malfunctions, any upgrading to OAK will be done early in the summer to test the system and catch problems before students return. ■

**Momentum, VU Dance Program perform at Blair**



LAUREN FONDRIEST / The Vanderbilt Hustler

The Advanced Performance Ballet of Vanderbilt Dance Program performs "Carmina Burana Selections" Saturday night at Ingram Hall in the Blair School of Music. Momentum and Vanderbilt Dance Program cosponsored the performance.

**Digital Commons to feature social network, wireless community**

Seminar classrooms to also utilize wireless technology.

by GABY ROMAN

Contributing Reporter

The first stage and supporting component of the College Halls project are well underway — especially in cyberspace, said Dean of Commons Frank Wcislo.

The Commons, set to open August 2008, will host the entire Class of 2012 on Peabody campus as freshmen.

"We're developing a digital component of the Commons community, (which will include) a first-year digital interface

and optional Web site for community news," Wcislo said.

The expectation is for the Commons' Web site to offer feeds from InsideVandy.com, VUWebmail and the university calendar with events relevant to freshmen.

Wcislo said the university has already hired a program manager in Information Technology Services to create this "digital nexus."

While the site is still under construction and the details are being worked out, Wcislo said he envisions the Web site

as a "wireless community" consisting of a networking Web page within which each student will have his or her own account.

The physical Commons will also utilize modern technological advances, offering 11 seminar rooms equipped with computers, wireless Internet and modular furniture.

Commons planners appreciate the importance of a "wireless classroom that is conducive to class work, both inside and outside the classroom, in (both) formal and informal settings," Wcislo said. ■

# Original Cast performs off campus



LAUREN FONDRIEST / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Original Cast members, juniors Ryan Sturgis and Tinsley Meloy, perform "Aldolpho" from Act 1 of "The Drowsy Chaperone." Organizers chose to hold the play off campus at the Belcourt Theatre this semester.

## Sophomores take part in Microsoft i'm campaign

New instant messaging service raises money for charity.

by NIKKI BOGOPOLSKAYA  
Staff Reporter

Sophomores Stephen Klein and Mike DiBenigno have teamed up with the Microsoft Corporation this spring to promote the new i'm initiative from Windows Live Messenger.

Along with 68 other students across the country, Klein and DiBenigno will work with Microsoft to raise money via instant message for nine charities.

The American Red Cross, Boys & Girls Club of America, National AIDS Fund, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Sierra Club, ninemillion.org, stopglobalwarming.org, Susan G. Komen for the Cure and UNICEF will each receive a minimum of \$100,000 from Microsoft this year.

Each time a customer has a conversation using Windows Live Messenger, Microsoft shares a portion of its advertising revenue with an organization of the user's choice.

Although the \$100,000 is guaranteed despite customer participation, much more can be raised for each charity depending on the number of participants.

Klein and DiBenigno said their main goal is to publicize the program on campus.

"We have been getting a lot of positive feedback with the program, and already over 300 people have joined," Klein said.

Klein and DiBenigno said the program should appeal to students because it is designed to allow people to make a difference without spending time or money to support their cause.

Klein encouraged students to join the program, citing several benefits of the initiative and Windows Live Messenger.

"I have been using AIM for years," Klein said. "After joining the i'm initiative, I've found a lot of pros to using Windows Live Messenger versus AIM, in addition to the charitable benefits."

To register, visit [www.imforacause.com](http://www.imforacause.com). ■

## Tennessee town braces for murder trial of minister's wife

by BETH RUCKER  
Associated Press

People in the small western Tennessee town of Selmer have been waiting for more than a year to find out why a quiet, unassuming preacher's wife might have killed her husband.

The process that could produce answers begins on Monday with the opening of jury selection for the first-degree murder trial of Mary Winkler.

Her husband, Matthew Winkler, the popular 31-year-old minister at the Fourth Street Church of Christ in Selmer, was found dead on March 22, 2006, in the bedroom of the church parsonage by members of his congregation. Authorities said he had been struck by a single blast from a 12-gauge shotgun as he lay in bed.

His wife was arrested a day later in Orange Beach, Ala., some 340 miles away, with her three

young daughters.

Police say she admitted to shooting her husband, and they said it had something to do with his constant criticism.

"It was just building up to this point," Mary Winkler said, according to a statement taken by Alabama police. "I was just tired of it. I guess I just got to a point and snapped."

But friends have said they can't understand how someone as sweet and quiet as Mary Winkler could be charged with murder.

The Winklers were married in 1996. They met at Freed-Hardeman University, a Church of Christ-affiliated school in Henderson where Matthew's father was an adjunct professor. Mary took education classes, and Matthew took Bible classes. Neither graduated.

Before moving to Selmer, Matthew Winkler taught Bible classes part-time at Boyd Christian

School, a Church of Christ-affiliated school in McMinnville.

"This was a perfect family," said Judy Turner, a member of the Winkler's McMinnville church.

Her lawyers have said the Winklers were victimized by a swindle known as an advance-fee fraud, or the "Nigerian scam," in which victims are told that a sweepstakes prize or some other riches are waiting for them if they send in money to cover processing expenses.

No one has said how much money the Winklers might have lost, or what role if any the financial strain might have played in the shooting.

Mary Winkler's father, Clark Freeman of Knoxville, has said his daughter might have been physically abused.

If convicted as charged, Winkler would be sentenced to life in prison with parole possible after 51 years. ■



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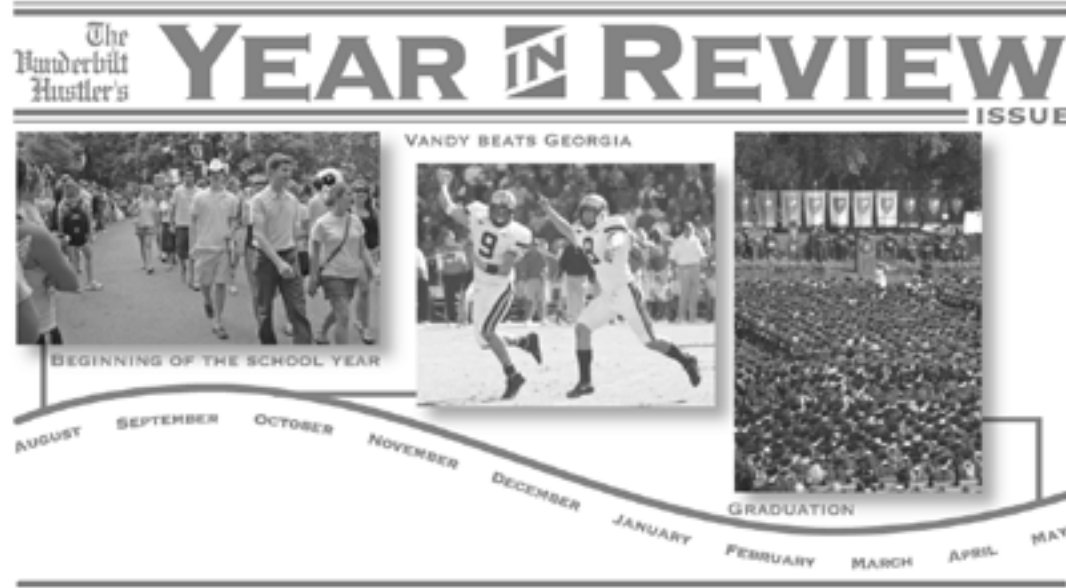
Many of our new students will be unfamiliar with Nashville. They will need to know where to shop for a variety of goods and services including but not limited to school supplies, furnishings for their rooms, restaurants and clubs, clothing stores, area malls, auto maintenance, banks and much more.

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.

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The Vanderbilt Hustler's "Year in Review" issue will provide a comprehensive look back at the most important stories that shaped the 2006-2007 school year. Vanderbilt is in the midst of change, and the year was filled with triumphs, disappointments and controversies. "The Year in Review" issue will provide all students a nostalgic look back at this monumental year and give parents a glimpse of the events that helped define the future of Vanderbilt.

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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## Online interaction among Class of '11 proves a hollow pursuit

The Vanderbilt Class of 2011 has received acceptance letters and will join us soon in our lovely Vanderbubble. In preparation, certain members of next year's freshman class have created a Facebook group in which they discuss their future exploits. Only one conclusion may be drawn: Next year's freshmen are nerds.

Group founder Scott Moskowitz said, "I was totally surprised when it caught on; all of a sudden there was a couple hundred of us." This implies not only did many students check Facebook to see when a Vanderbilt Class of 2011 group would be started, but also that these members refreshed often enough that many joined immediately.

Four years ago Facebook was barely a twinkle in Mark Zuckerberg's eye. This year's seniors had to meet their freshman-year roommates and hallmates the old-fashioned way, by moving a suitcase into a room and fighting to secure as much personal space as possible. All was as it should have been as total strangers became friends by confronting an unfamiliar situation together.

While the traditional move-in process will still happen to some extent, the presence of balkanized groups dividing the Class of 2011 may prove somewhat troublesome. One of the benefits of the old system was how new students would have to meet many people before finding those who shared their pre-existing interests, acquiring new experiences in the process.

Baptist students would have to wait until the first BCM meeting to be immersed among fellow Baptists, and in the meantime, awkward questions would be the only means of deciphering people's backgrounds and preferences. Now, however, there is a Facebook group, and people's circles of friends can begin solidifying before they even set foot on campus.

We are not Luddites; technology is a wonderful part of life. New technology, however, brings with it the loss of fine traditions — in this case, traditions that exposed previous classes of freshmen to interesting people and new experiences.



Nate Beeler—MCT

### COLUMN

## Students hold unrealistic expectations of campus food

**JUSTIN POYTHRESS**  
Columnist

For this article I once more considered writing about a number of pressing issues currently facing Vanderbilt students, including the drug scene, in which there is presently a huge open market available for any entrepreneur willing to accept a little risk. Perhaps equally important is why Michael Wilt should get off his high horse of self-pity and not spend entire articles whining about how much smarter he is than everyone else. But far more wide-reaching and valuable than either of these subjects is the issue of on-campus food. Your initial impulse might be to say: "I already know how bad the food is!" I, however, would like to correct that reaction.

People on campus are constantly complaining about the quality of the food available. But, let's be fair: how bad is it really? I understand since we're away from home, many people might feel it necessary to point out how gross and greasy the food is here or, alternately, how much more delicious is the food their personal

chef cooks back home. I have trouble understanding these elitist tastes when it comes to food. Maybe I have poor taste and less appreciation for fine dining, but for me, food is food (within reason).

Clearly it is important to eat healthily and maintain a good variety, but Vanderbilt is pretty good about offering diverse options, especially if you're willing to be creative and use munchie mart products. It is entirely possible to have healthy, delicious meals every day just by exploring on-campus options. And to be fair, no food — unless you go to a high-quality expensive restaurant — is going to match the treats with which your mom or household chef pampers you. On top of that, if you were allowed to eat at one and only one restaurant, even one with the highest quality food and a huge selection, before long you would, without a doubt, be complaining about the quality of that food. No matter what is made available to us on campus, it will soon become monotonous and lose much of its appeal.

Try to be reasonable about your

expectations and make the best of your situation. When approaching food, just like approaching life, it's best to be flexible and use a positive mindset or attitude. Instead of poking at your Branscomb Breakfast sausage in disgust and laughing about how you can't believe you're actually eating this, enjoy your biscuit and be grateful that there is somewhere you can get pre-made warm breakfast food at 4 a.m. on a Saturday. Trust me; you'll be able to enjoy what you're "stuck with" to a much greater extent. If it still really bothers you, eat somewhere else.

Whining to your friends about how terrible the food is or how you can't believe they would serve such junk doesn't make anything any better; it just makes you grumpy and irritating. And yes, I am fully aware of the irony of complaining about people complaining. With the above in mind, I am going on a mission to prove just how good on-campus eating can be.

—Justin Poythress is a sophomore in Peabody College.

### COLUMN

## Katrina leaves deep scars on New Orleans community

**TERESA CAMBRIA**  
Guest Columnist

When I heard that my cruise was departing from New Orleans, I was excited to spend a little bit of time in the infamous city. Although we barely had any time to see much of anything before the cruise, we managed to hit the French Quarter and Bourbon Street. All in all it seemed like the city had made a great recovery; some signs from the Department of Health remained, stating that restaurants were safe to eat in again, but otherwise everything seemed virtually unscathed.

It wasn't until I met various New Orleans residents on the cruise that I realized how much Katrina is still affecting lives today. I remember when Katrina hit New Orleans and the entire nation stopped for a moment to grieve for and with those who lost everything. After a while it dissipated, as most stories do, and over a year later there's barely any coverage of post-Katrina issues. This left me with the impression that the city was rebuilding itself, and that the Big Easy was going to be swinging again soon.

Almost every person I met on the cruise who was from New Orleans had a Katrina story, and, while they all differed, there were two common threads. The victims never thought it was going to happen to them, and the city is nowhere near recovery. One couple was on their honeymoon, and the wife told me that when she heard on the news that there was going to be a hurricane and had to evacuate, she packed three shirts and swore she was going to come back and help all the unfortunate people who lost everything. When she returned to her home months later, everything had been completely underwater and damaged beyond repair; suddenly it was she who needed the help.

Another woman, Bobbie McCulla-Schields, lived in an area that didn't get too much water, but she still had to live in a hotel for five months after the disaster. Her sister wasn't so lucky. She had been a school teacher, but her house and school had both been completely leveled. What's more, she's still living in a Federal Emergency Management Agency trailer, waiting for the promised governmental aid, and since the school where she taught is gone, she is now working at Home Depot. One of her greatest concerns was that an entire generation of children will be scarred by this event emotionally, but they will also be educationally stunted, as these schools have yet to reopen. What disturbed her most, however, was that when she went to visit her priest to ask him how to begin to cope with everything, he began to cry and told her that he just didn't have an answer.

After hearing all of these stories, I realized that I had to go see the devastation for myself. Because I only had a few hours in between disembarking the cruise and catching my flight, I wasn't able to visit the Ninth Ward. Instead I went to the Lakeview area, which is slightly more upscale than the Ninth Ward had been, but what I saw was completely horrifying. Even now there are boats on land, houses that are completely gutted with a few personal belongings scattered outside and watermarks going up to rooftops.

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## COLUMN

# Returning home emphasizes outstanding opportunities

ANDREW SOLOMON

Columnist

This past Saturday evening was probably one of my more interesting nights in recent memory, but, then again, I have trouble remembering where I was last week. I had traveled back home for the one day of the year I go to church and spent most of the day watching my mom do my laundry while I attempted to determine how high I could throw my dog (she's a Yorkie).

During the third cycle of Sports Center, my buddy Austin called and wanted to hit the bars. Now, Austin is little bit crazy, even by my standards. Austin is also fresh out of rehab.

Austin: "Ready to get blackout?"

I guess that therapy really paid off. Now, if I were a smart man who possessed any kind of restraint or foresight, I would have considered the risks of taking a recovering drug addict out to the bars. But seeing as my discretion could be described optimistically as "poor," I readily agreed.

I arrived at Austin's place and found him in his basement main-lining tequila like it was an Olympic event. I hung out for a while, and we swapped college stories. He told me an especially funny one about how a friend of his managed to get roughly 20 people's attention in a Wendy's drive-thru at 2 a.m. so they could all watch him throw up. These moments, kids, are why you stay away from drugs.

We left his place and went to a jazz bar to meet up with a couple friends of ours. We sat down and immediately began pounding as if it's Prohibition and the Feds are on the way. I looked around the room to find it packed with more mock turtle necks and fedoras than a Gap ad. The guy next to me at the bar ordered Pinot Noir. I hated everyone.

I took about thirty minutes of this before Austin and I decided to visit the pubs down the street. We walked into a favorite bar of mine and beheld one of the strangest scenes I can remember. It was as if everyone from my high school and grade school decided to have a class reunion and not tell me. There were literally 20 people I had known in the past at this place. I had never seen so many rounds purchased in my life.

I spent most of the night catching up with people I hadn't seen in years. It was awesome. Some of them were doing well. Others had put on weight. It's quite difficult to recognize a girl you used to hang out with when you have to peer through an extra 150 pounds.

I talked to a lot of people, but every single one of them I talked to shared a common theme. They were all either at University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, Western Kentucky or another in-state school, and none of them liked it. They would rather go home than return to school. I found this very weird because I love Vandy and can't wait to go back every time I leave. Not to trumpet my ego (because that's what I really need...), but for one of the few times in my life, I felt admired. People looked up to me when I told them what I was doing and where I went to school, something I never get in Nashville.

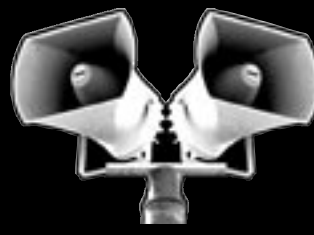
As I was going home that evening, I couldn't stop thinking about all the people I had met and how they treated me. Now I know a lot of you come from prep schools that churn out Harvard and Princeton kids, so attending Vanderbilt may not seem like much of an opportunity to you. But trust me; the vast majority of the world did not go to prep school. The vast majority of the world doesn't go to a Top 20 university either.

We have an incredible opportunity here at Vandy to not only enjoy college, but to use the knowledge we gain to better our world. I know it seems like you're fighting for yourself when you're at school, but you're not. You're also fighting for all the people who don't have the same opportunities you do. The next time you think that the world's got it out for you or things can't get much worse, just remember the people you have known that have not been as fortunate as you are. Then go out and accomplish something not just for yourself, but for them. You may be surprised, but they look up to you. I promise.

P.S. I haven't been to church in a while, so this may sound stupid, but is the host supposed to burn in your mouth?

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

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Compiled by Ceaf Lewis

"As a Mac user, I feel indie kids give pretentiousness a bad reputation."

"Parking on campus is bad enough as it is, especially in the F lots, but I am sick and tired of driving by Phi Kap's spots and ALWAYS seeing at least four or five open spots! And I still have to park over by Blair just to go to main campus! Why can't I park by Phi Kap? This is ridiculous!"

"I thought Old Man Winter was given leave for the year for personal reasons. Who let him back onto campus?"

"Next year's sophomores have it worse than any class ever. Even the freshmen next year have the option of a single. We're all forced to live in doubles on far-away Peabody. How the hell am I supposed to have sex in a double?"

"I'm so proud of the diversity on this campus — I finally had my first African-American professor the last semester of my senior year. Keep up the hard work, Gee!"

## CAMBRIA: Suffering continues in the Big Easy

From **CAMBRIA**, page 4

I met a man named Jimmy Scott who was cleaning out his house because he wanted to put it up for sale, but prospects looked grim. His wife hadn't been to the house since Katrina, and she, like most others in the city had to be put on antidepressants to help cope with all the losses. He likened the situation to the war in Afghanistan and said he hadn't seen any of the governmental aid or help that had been promised, and it seemed as though everyone had just forgotten about them.

When I asked what I could do to help, everyone said the same thing — to remember that they are still down there and definitely still suffering. The thing is, I think part of the obligation of remembering the victims is reminding the government what it promised the citizens of New Orleans. Most people have not seen a cent of the alleged aid that was supposed to come. The FEMA trailer in which Mrs. McCulla-Schields' sister has lived for over a year was described as being so small that just by turning around you could go from the kitchen to the living room to the bedroom. There is simply no excuse for an American city to have living conditions worse than a Third World country.

What's so shocking to me is that we were able to rebuild Europe after World War II in four years, yet we seem to be unable to even begin to rebuild one city in our own nation after over a year. Granted, we're currently at war and attempting to rebuild both Iraq and Afghanistan, and we're desperately in debt but it seems to me that we should put our own citizens first. I'll be the first to say we should fix what we broke in the Middle East, but at the same time, I believe fervently that when our own citizens are living in such dire conditions it is they who must be the first priority, especially when the government was so clearly at fault during this disaster.

I don't have a solution to this problem. I don't know where the money should come from, or how it should be handled; however, after seeing the devastation that remains, I just know that something needs to be done about it. Fast.

—Teresa Cambria is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Science.

## COLUMN

# Those unwilling to speak betray their principles

CHAD BURCHARD

Guest Columnist

A few readers might remember some of my columns from last year. There were many who did not agree with them or appreciate them, yet there were others who did. I know this because it was not at all uncommon for me to receive supportive e-mails or run into people at parties who would thank me for "hitting the nail on the head" in a recent column.

Yet these same people would never write to the paper saying the same thing, while those who disagreed were always quick to write a scathing reply. The wide gap between public opinion and published opinion remained. All of this, I think, underscores a great difference between the right and the left.

Those on the left are almost always motivated by some bold new vision for the world. They are always looking for the next great crusade to fight and love the thrill of conflict and controversy. Conservatives aren't like that. They are, by their very nature, cautious and unwilling to rock the boat, and so it is hardly surprising that some of my conservative friends thought I was crazy to spend my time writing about the things I did, particularly immigration.

Yet the plain fact of the matter is that if you don't stand up for what you believe in, you and everything you

hold dear will be swept away pretty easily.

I am convinced we are going to witness some very dark and disturbing developments in this country over the next few decades. The current debate over illegal immigration is only a taste of things to come. The recent screaming match between Bill O'Reilly and Geraldo Rivera will seem like child's play compared to what we're going to see.

If we don't get control of our borders, I can say with total certainty this country is going to eventually become a place in which most of

us aren't going to want to live. Violent crime and gang warfare will become ever more common. Impoverished slums will explode in size to rival those of Mexico City and Rio de Janeiro. Our limited social safety net will begin to break down under the stress of a growing underclass. Politics will become increasingly polarized over the thorny issues of race and culture. All you have to do is look at California, a state that fights a constant battle against bankruptcy and which native-born Americans are fleeing in droves.

It might have made people uncomfortable to talk about these issues, but as a man far greater than I once said, "All I know is that to see and not to speak, that would be the great betrayal."

—Chad Burchard is a 2006 graduate of the College of Arts and Science.

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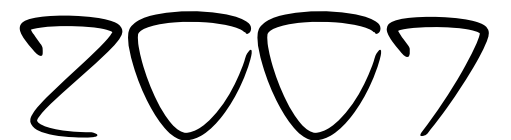
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## SPORTS

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## Upcoming Events

**Major League  
Baseball  
New York Yankees  
vs. Minnesota Twins  
Tonight  
6:05 CDT  
ESPN**

The Yankees (2-3) are off to a slow start, while the Twins (4-1) have been near perfect. While everyone knows the Bronx Bombers can hit, the pitching staff is a different story as no starter has lasted five innings thus far. Tonight Carl Pavano squares off against Sidney Ponson, who is making his first start of the season. The Twins probably have the edge in the series, although fan-favorite Alex Rodriguez (four home runs) might have something to say about that.  
*Prediction: Yankees 8, Twins 5*

**Major League  
Baseball  
Cincinnati Reds  
vs. Arizona  
Diamondbacks  
Tonight  
8:40 p.m. CDT**

The Reds (4-2) find themselves atop the NL Central along with the Pittsburgh Pirates, while the Diamondbacks (5-2) lead the NL West after reeling off four straight victories. Bronson Arroyo gets the start against Doug Davis. On a side note, you know you're getting old when Ken Griffey Jr. is starting in right field.  
*Prediction: Reds 7, Diamondbacks 4*

**Minor League  
Baseball  
Nashville Sounds  
vs. Oklahoma  
RedHawks  
Tonight-Thursday**

Check out the Nashville Sounds (1-3), the Brewers' AAA affiliate, in action this week against the RedHawks. Tonight and Tuesday's games are at 6 p.m., Wednesday's is at noon and Thursday's gets going at 7 p.m.  
*Prediction: Sounds split series*

**National Basketball  
Association  
Los Angeles Lakers  
vs. Denver Nuggets  
Tonight  
8 p.m. CDT**

With five games left in the regular season, Kobe Bryant's Lakers (40-37) find themselves in seventh place in the Western Conference, a half game behind the Nuggets (40-36). While it took them a while to get going, stars Carmelo Anthony and Allen Iverson are playing well together and could be scary come playoff time. No matter how well Bryant plays, he can't do it all for the Lakers, and Smush Parker needs to grow up fast.  
*Prediction: Nuggets 98, Lakers 94*

## Bama steals series finale from Dores

by JARRED AMATO  
Sports Editor

Most Southeastern Conference teams would be content to win two out of three games over the weekend. The No. 1 Commodores just aren't one of them, and given the way they lost to Alabama on Sunday, it is easy to understand why.

"(Taking two out three) feels worse when you lose the last one of the series, and we've done that twice now," said coach Tim Corbin, whose squad also lost the finale to South Carolina last weekend. "I think what hurts most is that you could see the light at the end of the tunnel that you could sweep it."

The Commodores (29-5, 7-5 SEC) led 3-2 going into the ninth and were one out away from the sweep when closer Casey Weathers surrendered a game-tying single. Vanderbilt was held scoreless in the ninth and the Crimson Tide (20-14, 5-7 SEC) came back with two more runs in the top of the 10th, the first coming on a double steal.

"Everyone was yelling. It was so in your face that it just was surprising," Corbin said. "(Weathers) was in his routine...He just got caught with his eyes straight down into the ground. He was too locked into the hitter and couldn't believe his eyes where (Matt Bentley) was."

Still, Corbin thought the "Comeback Commodores" would find a way to win, especially when David Macias singled, and Pedro Alvarez walked to set the table for the team's three and four hitters.

"There wasn't one ounce of me that thought we were going to lose that game," Corbin said. "I thought (Dominic) de la Osa was going to throw one off the wall and if he didn't, I thought (Ryan) Flaherty was. We had the right guys up there. They just didn't do it."

Vanderbilt took a 2-1 lead



MASON HENSLEY / The Vanderbilt Hustler  
Ryan Flaherty and the No. 1 Commodores rode the arm of David Price on Friday night and used back-to-back homers from Pedro Alvarez and Dominic de la Osa to beat Alabama on Saturday. However, Vanderbilt's chances for a sweep came up short as Alabama rallied to win the finale Sunday, 5-3. The Commodores are now 29-5 overall, 7-5 in the Southeastern Conference.

in the fourth on a RBI double from Shea Robin and a RBI single from Alex Feinberg. The Crimson Tide loaded the bases in the fifth, but starter Nick Christiani responded by striking out Kent Matthes and got Alex Avila to ground out to end the inning. Christiani gave up one run in 6.1 innings to go along with five walks, while striking out six.

"It leaves a sour taste in your mouth," Christiani said. "We played well Friday and Saturday, and we played pretty well (Sunday). We just didn't get the win."

De la Osa hit his eighth homer of the season to give Vanderbilt a 3-1 lead in the seventh, but Avila responded with a round-tripper of his own in the eighth to cut the deficit in half.

Weathers hit Brandon Belcher to lead off the ninth. Jake Smith then bunted Belcher to second, and after Emeel Salem lined out, Matthes brought Belcher

home on a single to right.

"Casey's a great closer," Christiani said. "Ninety-nine out of 100 times he's going to get that done."

**Vanderbilt 4, Alabama 2**

Three pitchers combined to three-hit Alabama Saturday afternoon as the Commodores clinched the series victory.

Vanderbilt jumped out to a 2-0 lead on back-to-back solo homers by Alvarez and de la Osa in the third. Matt Meingasner's RBI double in the fourth extended the lead to three.

Freshman lefthander Mike Minor cruised through five innings before running into trouble in the sixth, but reliever Cody Crowell came on to preserve the Commodores' 3-2 lead.

"The most valuable thing we've got on our team is the experience that can come into the game like Crowell to get to Casey Weathers," Corbin said. "The game could have flipped if Cody

doesn't get it done."

Meingasner, who finished 3-for-4 with two RBIs on the day, added an RBI single in the sixth to make it 4-2.

Minor moved to 5-0 on the year after giving up two unearned runs on three hits with three strikeouts and two walks. Crowell pitched two hitless innings and Weathers went 1.2 innings to record his third save of the year.

**Vanderbilt 3, Alabama 0**

With runners on second and third and nobody out in the top of the eighth and the game still scoreless, junior ace David Price wasn't worried.

He calmly got Emeel Salem to fly out to shallow left field and after an intentional walk, fanned pinch-hitter Kyle Moore and forced Kent Matthew to ground out. Just like that, the threat was over.

"There are not many guys that have the stuff nor the courage to win that inning and that's what he had," Corbin said.

The Commodores scored three runs in the bottom half of the inning, highlighted by a Shea Robin RBI single.

Price came back out to clinch it in the ninth.

"I was throwing three pitches for strikes tonight," Price said. "I remember last year everything they hit was a laser to the wall, so I wanted to come back out tonight and do a good job."

Price (6-0) scattered three hits while striking out 10 in his fourth complete game of the season. The southpaw also recorded his seventh double-digit strikeout game in his last eight starts. He has 346 strikeouts in his career, four shy of the school record.

"I have never been on a team like this that no matter what happens in the game, we feel like we are going to win, we just don't know how it is going to happen," Robin said.

That's what made Sunday's loss so surprising. ■

## Fish shines as Vandy tops Gamecocks

by FRANKLIN PETER  
Sports Reporter

Vanderbilt senior Amanda Fish couldn't have asked for a better final home weekend.

The Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-American won both of her matches over ranked opponents, including a thrilling super tiebreaker victory on Sunday to help the No. 16 Commodores defeat No. 22 South Carolina 5-2.

With the victory, Vanderbilt (15-7, 8-2 Southeastern Conference) secured a spot in the SEC's top four, thus earning a bye in the conference

tournament April 19-21.

The Commodores have now won 13 of their last 15 contests, dropping only two 4-3 contests to No. 5 Georgia and No. 4 Florida, after starting the season 2-5.

"We had such a rough start with all those losses early. We've only lost twice since then, and very narrowly," said coach Geoff Macdonald. "I'm so proud of the way the team has battled through the season."

Fish, along with partner Amanda Taylor, started the match against South Carolina with an 8-4 win at No. 1 doubles, improving their league record to 8-2. Courtney Ulery

and Liberty Sveke won 8-6 at No. 3 to clinch the point.

In singles, junior Taka Bertrand beat Christyn Lucas 6-1, 6-1, and Amanda Taylor and Courtney Ulery followed with wins at Nos. 2 and 5, respectively, to clinch the match.

Fish was the last to wrap up play on Sunday afternoon. South Carolina's Gira Schofield, ranked 55th, won the first set 6-2 before Fish edged out a 7-5 win in the second. Schofield started the super tiebreaker with a 2-0 lead, but Fish came back to win 10-7. Last season, Schofield defeated Fish in the same setting.

"I really did not want to lose this one," Fish said. "I lost it last year. I knew I had to take it point by point and stay calm."

Fish started the weekend with a straight set win over No. 18 Diana Srebrovic of Florida, her highest upset of the season.

"What a great weekend for her," Macdonald said. "I was so pleased she could get these final wins here. It was a great way to cap off one of the best careers in the history of Vanderbilt women's tennis."

**Florida 4, Vanderbilt 3**

They braved the cold, battled the wind, and even fought through flurries, but the Commodores were unable to upset No. 4 Florida, losing 4-3 Friday.

"We are so close," Macdonald said. "I'm proud of the way we battled out there."

And battle they did.

After a disappointing show in doubles led to a Gator sweep,

Vanderbilt dropped the first two singles matches of the day, falling behind 3-0.

Florida (17-1, 8-1) needed only one more singles win to take the match, but the Commodores were unwavering in their resolve to challenge the talented squad from Gainesville.

Fish's upset of Srebrovic gave the Commodores their first point of the day. Junior Amanda Taylor immediately followed with her team-best 19th victory.

"We took a tough loss at the doubles point," Fish said. "But we pride ourselves on being a team of fighters. That will be to our advantage if we see them again in the SEC Tournament."

After the finishes at the top of the singles' lineup it looked like a Vanderbilt comeback was in the making, but junior Taka Bertrand was unable to hold her lead in the first set, and lost all momentum in the second losing 5-7, 1-6 to give the Gators their seventh conference win.

The play of the Commodores all day was summed up by freshman Catherine Newman at the No. 3 spot.

After dropping her first set 2-6, Newman continued to fight even when the match fell out of reach for the Commodores and ultimately prevailed.

The Commodores will play their final regular season contest in Lexington, Ky., against the Wildcats on Saturday, April 14. ■



MASON HENSLEY / The Vanderbilt Hustler  
Vanderbilt senior Amanda Fish beat two ranked opponents as the Commodores split their two weekend matches

# Vandy strings up Johns Hopkins

## Lacrosse experiences role reversal, wins 11-10 in double overtime.

by ALEKSEY DUBROVSKY  
Sports Reporter

The No. 17 Vanderbilt women's lacrosse team was getting accustomed to losing in the closing seconds of the game.

On Sunday afternoon at the VU Lacrosse Complex against No. 13 Johns Hopkins, the Commodores (8-4, 2-1 American Lacrosse Conference) got to see what the other side of that experience was like, eking out a 11-10 double-overtime victory in what was a tumultuous, back-and-forth affair.

Senior attacker Kendall Thrift, who scored the game-winning goal, finished with five points on two goals and three assists.

"Thrift is playing the best lacrosse of her life right now," said coach Cathy Swezey. "She is really focusing on what needs to be done for us to win, and it showed out there (Sunday)."

The key play in the game, however, occurred in the other offensive zone at the end of regulation.

With the game tied at 10 and less than 30 seconds remaining, Johns Hopkins (6-5, 1-1 ALC) seemed poised to complete its comeback.

They were working to free up senior attacker Mary Key, a two-time All-American and the nation's active leading goal-scorer who had already found the back of the net five times.

Key rounded behind the Vanderbilt net, patiently waited for her offense to set up and found fellow senior attacker Sarah Walsh in front of the net for what appeared to be the go-ahead goal with four seconds left on the clock.

Every Vanderbilt player in the vicinity of the play immediately called for an equipment check, and Walsh dropped her stick in accordance with the rules for such a challenge.

The referee tested the tightness on the strings, and came to the conclusion that the equipment was in fact illegal, thus overturning the goal and silencing the Blue Jay celebration that had already begun.



Senior Nicole Pugno scored a goal in the Commodores' dramatic 11-10 double-overtime victory over Johns Hopkins on Sunday. MASON HENSLEY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

"We went over every possible scenario we could think of, just to make sure we had everything covered," Swezey said. "As soon as that ball went in, the only thing that went through my mind was to check that stick."

Neither team scored in the first overtime, but in the second, Thrift wound her way through the defense and buried a shot from close in to end the game.

"It was so nice to finally get a victory against this team," Swezey said. "We won with a total team effort. We had good individual efforts, but it was our performance as a team that was the difference."

Much of the credit for the triumphant victory belongs to the resilient Commodore defense, led by junior mid-fielder Sasha Cielak who was assigned to Key.

She also made a momentum-shifting play by intercepting a pass through the Johns Hopkins offensive zone in the second overtime that led to the winning score.

"(Key) still got her goals today, but Sasha did an amazing job of marking her and limiting her today," Swezey said. "Sasha is one of the

best defensive players in the whole country. We knew it would be a very tough match-up going in, but we pulled it out in the end."

Junior Vanderbilt goalkeeper Brooke Shinaberry continued her strong play, coming up with 11 saves.

It was a game of runs for each team until the exhilarating finale. Vanderbilt used three unanswered goals at the end of the first half to take a 6-3 lead into intermission, and stretched its margin to four on two occasions.

But each time the Commodores seemed to pull away from Johns Hopkins, the guests found a way to keep within striking distance.

Junior attacker Margie Curran, the Dore's leading scorer on the season, finished with a team-high four goals, three on assists from Thrift.

"This is the biggest win of the season," Thrift said. "This gives us so much momentum heading towards the ALC Tournament."

Should the Commodores win their next match, on the road against Ohio State University next Sunday, they will earn the second seed in the tournament, positioning them for a possible run to the Big Dance. ■

# Long sets sights on qualifying for 2008 Olympics in Beijing

MICHAEL POMERANTZ  
Sports Reporter

Matt Long, a member of the men's cross country team, is currently training to qualify for the triathlon at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing.

The event, which combines a 1,500-meter swim, 40-kilometer bike ride and 10-kilometer run, is a true test of well-rounded ability and endurance.

Long, who said he began swimming before he could even walk, became a two-time all-American swimmer in the 200- and 400- meter freestyle relays in high school.

The three-sport athlete also had a knack for running, as he placed 30th in the state cross country championship while taking 12th in the two mile race at track state championship. So, he's got some serious experience in two of the triathlon fields.

"It's almost certain I'll qualify for trials," Long said. "But to make the Olympics, I need everything to go right. It's a possibility, and I think it's looking good."

Long came to Vanderbilt to run cross country, but also decided to join the club track team. Despite several injuries and illnesses that forced him out of commission for much of his first three seasons, Long has finally gotten back to form in the 2007 track season.

When asked why he decided to train for the triathlon, Long said, "I've always had the triathlon in the back of my mind, and now that I'm healthy I've decided to try it out."

Long has taken advantage of his full health, running 20 hours a week in preparation for the triathlon. He will soon begin training for the swimming and biking portions of the event.

"The training process is pretty nasty," Long said. "You wake up one day and bike 8,000 yards, lift for an hour, run 10 miles and then swim between 4,000 and 8,000 yards."

Last Sunday, Long took a practice triathlon run, and until a cramp in his quadricep stopped him five miles short, he was on pace for a time that would qualify him for trials.

Despite the solid time, Long said, "My balance on the bike isn't great yet. I sometimes have to stop by falling over, since my feet are clipped into the pedals and I'm not used to it yet."

There is only room for improvement, and much time for it, as the trials for the Olympics are in May of next year.

# Schneble receives prestigious award

HUSTLER STAFF REPORT

Forget the Heisman Trophy or the Wooden Award. The best award a Southeastern Conference student-athlete can receive is the one that Vanderbilt distance runner Erika Schneble won Friday.

Schneble is the female recipient of the 2006-07 H. Boyd McWhorter Southeastern Conference Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award, announced SEC Commissioner Mike Slive.

Schneble, a 2004 track All-American from Hendersonville, N.C., became just the second Commodore student-athlete to ever claim the prestigious award. Former women's basketball standout Michelle Palmisano was the recipient in 1996. She shares the academic recognition with University of Alabama baseball player Emeel Salem.

"The H. Boyd McWhorter Scholar-Athlete Award is the highest honor a student-athlete can receive in the Southeastern Conference," Slive said. "Erika and Emeel have displayed dedication and commitment to success in all phases of their lives that have made them excellent selections for the McWhorter Scholar-Athlete Award. The SEC and AT&T are extremely proud to honor these two student-athletes for their accomplishments."

Schneble, competing in track as a fifth-year senior, is currently working toward a Master's of Art degree in medicine, health and society. She maintains a 3.90 grade point average. She earned undergraduate degrees in neuroscience and art history last May, graduating magna cum laude.

"This means a great deal to me for many reasons, one being that academics has always been a very important part of life. It's one of the main reasons why I decided to attend Vanderbilt," Schneble said. "I am truly honored and thankful to receive this award from the Southeastern Conference."

She is a three-year member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll, and is a 2004 CoSIDA Academic All-America District IV honoree. She was named a Vanderbilt

University College of Arts & Science Scholar in 2002 and has been on the Dean's List each semester. She was also named as one of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Community of Scholars, a research community participating in scientific research.

Recently, Schneble also learned of her admission to medical school in Virginia.

"All of us at Vanderbilt are tremendously proud of Erika and her achievements as a student-athlete. Erika represents everything that is right about intercollegiate athletics and all the attributes this university is seeking in its student-athletes," said Vanderbilt Vice Chancellor David Williams.

"On the track, Erika is an SEC champion and school record-holder. In the classroom, she's even more exceptional. We are delighted that the SEC has recognized her superb accomplishments in both areas."

On the track, Schneble is a four-year letter-winner who enjoyed arguably the greatest season ever by a Vanderbilt distance runner in 2004 when she claimed the SEC outdoor 5,000-meter title and All-American honors at the NCAA Outdoor Championships and numerous individual team records.

Commodore first-year distance coach Steve Keith said Schneble "is a coach's dream and a tremendous role model for our team."

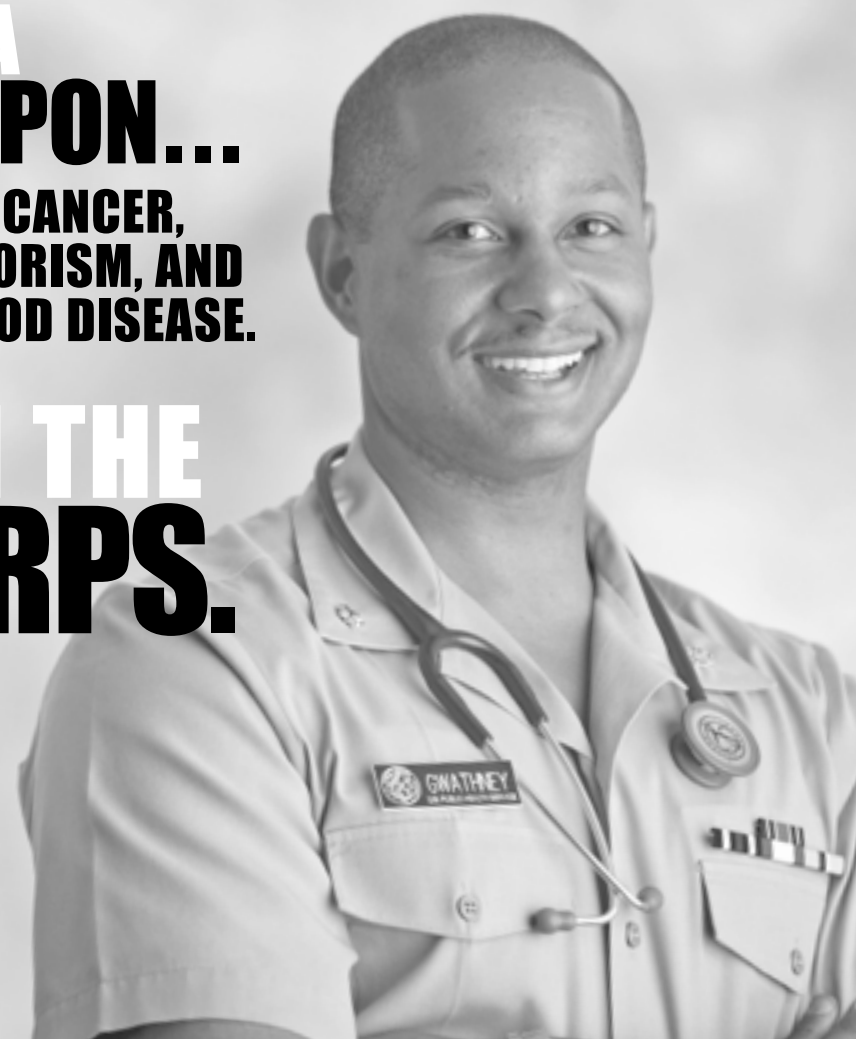
"I have relied on Erika quite a bit for leadership and guidance, a role which has seemed quite natural for her," Keith said. "A dean's list student, SEC champion and All-American on the track, Erika is the quintessential 'scholar-athlete' and a real gem within the SEC."

Schneble has been solid this spring in her final Commodore outdoor campaign. She ran the team's fastest 5,000 of the season and established an NCAA Regional qualifier with a 16:40.71 performance in Northern California on March 31.

The SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year Awards were first presented in 1986. The honor was renamed the H. Boyd McWhorter SEC Scholar-Athletes of the Year in May 1990 to honor the former commissioner who served the conference from 1972 until 1986. ■

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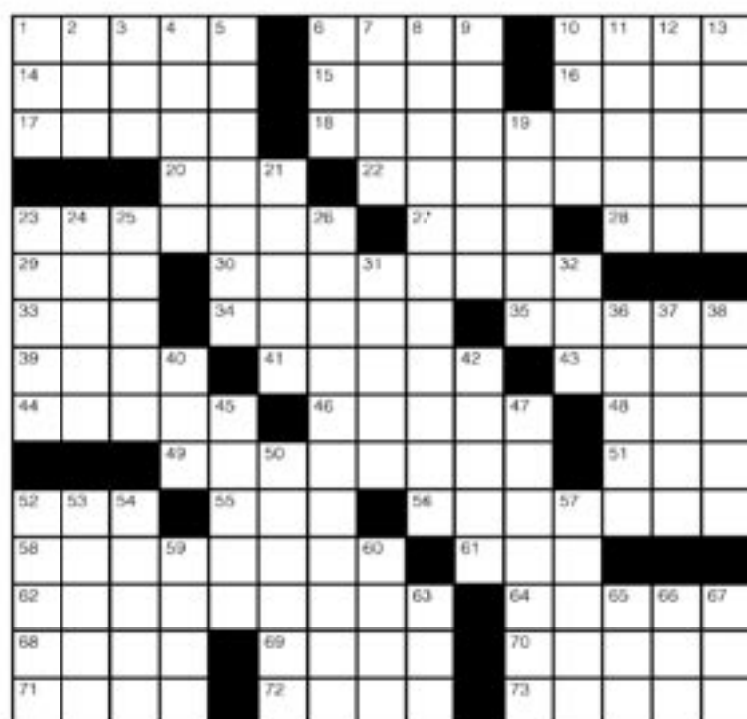


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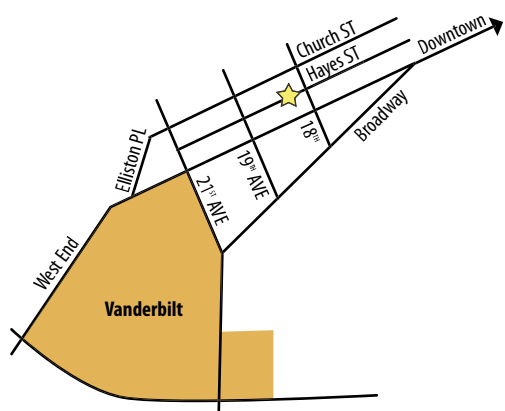
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