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THE WALL

compiled by EVE ATTERMANN

TODAY Ernst Haeckel and interferences between science and religion

Kocku von Stuckrad, assistant professor of religious studies at the University of Amsterdam, will speak in Buttrick Hall, Room 204 at 4 p.m. The public lecture will focus on the relationship between science and religion in modern culture and will suggest an application of a model of interpretation.

TODAY From Roosevelt to Truman: Potsdam, Hiroshima and the Cold War

Wilson D. Miscamble, C.S.C. and associate professor of history at the University of Notre Dame, will lecture in the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center auditorium at 4:10 p.m. The public lecture is part of the Warren Center's Writing in the Humanities lecture series.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27 Ray Suarez: The politics of faith in America

Ray Suarez, senior correspondent for "The NewsHour," will give the 2007 Center for the Study of Religion and Culture spring lecture and the 2007 Vanderbilt University Divinity School Howard L. Harrod lecture on the topic of religion and politics in America. The public lecture will take place in Benton Chapel at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27 Healthy Comparisons: Health care policy and politics in the U.S. and Canada

Professor Antonia Maioni, director of the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada Directrice, will host a lecture in celebration of the university's selection as host of a new visiting Fulbright chair in Canadian Studies. The public lecture will take place at 5:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall, Room 203. A reception will follow.

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

Bittersweet 16

VANDY GAMEDAY: VANDERBILT 65 GEORGETOWN 66



Juniors Shan Foster, Ross Neltner and Alex Gordon react after their Sweet 16 loss to Georgetown on Friday in East Rutherford, N.J. The Commodores lost 66-65 to Georgetown after the Hoyas managed to score with 2.5 seconds left to play.

by JARRED AMATO
Sports Editor

WILL GIBBONS
Senior Reporter

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Vanderbilt knew what was coming. Kevin Stallings instructed his team that Georgetown star Jeff Green would receive the ball, look for Patrick Ewing Jr. cutting back door, then try to score.

With Ewing covered, Green did just that, banking in a short, off-balance shot with 2.5 seconds remaining to spell heartbreak for the sixth-seeded Commodores.

Opting not to call timeout, Alex Gordon took a few dribbles before watching his desperation heave come up short. Shan Foster covered his head with his jersey, while other teammates were in too much disbelief to move. Just like that, the season was over.

What had just begun, however, was the debate over whether Green had lifted his pivot foot to spin free of Foster and Ross Neltner and to create space for the game-winning shot.

"I was told not to comment on that one, but that question is left up in the air," said senior Derrick Byars, who scored 17 points in his final game in a Vanderbilt uniform.

Despite the controversy, Stallings wasn't going to take away from the Hoyas' victory.

"I haven't seen the replay," Stallings said of Green's possible travel. "Don't care to. He made a great shot. The officials didn't see anything, so there must not have been anything."

It took a lot for second-seeded Georgetown to hold off the Commodores, who were playing in their first Sweet 16 since 2004.

Vanderbilt limited Green and seven-foot-two center Roy Hibbert to seven points, played aggressive defense (they took three charges) and unselfish offense (11 of 12 field goals were assisted) as the Commodores led 32-24 at halftime.

The Hoyas came out strong after the break, and the game went back and forth the rest of the way. Things looked to be in Vanderbilt's favor when Hibbert fouled out on a Byars 3-point attempt with 3:58 remaining.

Byars hit two of three free throws to extend the Commodores' lead to three, but a Green tip-in and free throw tied the game at 60. Moments later, Jonathan Wallace hit a 17-foot jumper to give Georgetown a 64-61 advantage.

After two Byars free throws on the other end, Dan Cage (17 points, seven rebounds, four assists) was fouled while boxing out DaJuan Summers with 17.9 seconds remaining. The senior calmly sank both free throws, and Vanderbilt seemed to be on its way to winning yet another close game.

"We just have a bunch of veteran ballplayers, and all season long we've made plays and we've won games like that," Cage said. "So this feeling right now is a little bit foreign to us. To be perfectly honest, I'm a little shocked. I'm surprised right now more than I am upset. It's just unfortunate."

Perhaps the same can be said about Green's game-winner.

"A fumble play, bumble play I had to make," Green said. "I got lucky, and it went in."

On Friday, Vanderbilt realized that sometimes it's better to be lucky than good. ■

FDA requires new warning labels on popular sleep medications

by EMILY SCHWEICKHARDT
Contributing Reporter

The Food and Drug Administration has announced that new warning labels will be placed on 13 widely prescribed sleep aides such as Ambien and Lunesta.

The change comes in response to studies that suggest the drugs can cause side effects such as driving or eating while asleep, hallucination, sex under the influence and violent outbursts.

Even though these problems are rare, reports of incidents have grown rapidly due to an increase in prescriptions, the FDA reported.

The new labels will include warnings against taking the pills after consuming alcohol, which increases the chances of these side effects.

Dr. Lori Adelson, a psychiatrist at the Student Health Center, said college students who take sleeping aids may not be aware of these risks, however uncommon.

"They downplay the risks because of how much alcohol is used on campus," Adelson said. "The result is that students might abuse (the sleeping pills) and not even realize it."

Adelson said it is "very uncommon" for her to prescribe sleeping pills such as Lunesta and Ambien to students.

Adelson said she and other doctors must be cautious when prescribing sleeping pills because students can become dependent on them.

Moreover, students who take the pills sometimes take them too late at night, so when they wake up they still feel groggy, or students take them too soon before bed, so the pills negatively affect their actions before getting into bed, she said.

If a student is having trouble sleeping, Adelson said the root of the problem is commonly "poor sleep hygiene," which can begin when a student arrives at college. Exercising, eating late at night and taking naps can contribute to students' difficulty sleeping.

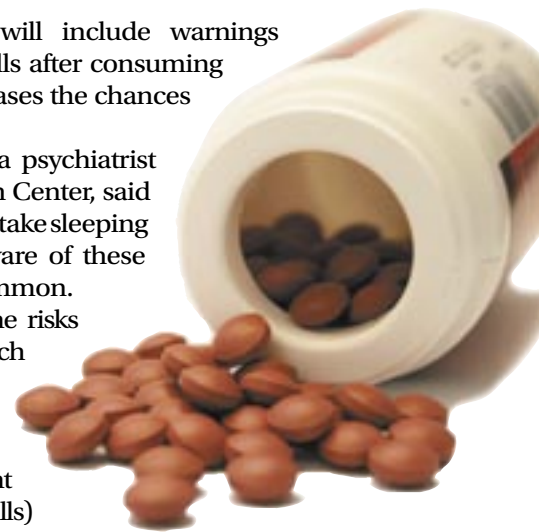
If poor sleep hygiene appears to be the problem, doctors urge patients to first alter their habits and see if sleep improves, she said.

Doctors tend to prescribe sleep aides only when a traumatic situation has occurred in a student's life, inhibiting their sleep.

Adelson also said she and other doctors have to be extremely cautious in prescribing sleeping pills because they "don't want the pills to be shared."

While it is common for students to take a Tylenol PM or Benadryl before bed, Adelson said she would prefer students take Benadryl instead of Tylenol.

"Tylenol is a painkiller, and I don't like the idea of a painkiller used for sleep," she said. "Also, it can hurt the liver if it is abused." ■



SACE celebrates Indian culture with GARBA '07



Senior Swati Bansal, freshman Neelam Khan, senior Casey Hayward and senior Anjali Kumbla (left to right) performed traditional Indian dances Friday night in the Branscomb Rec Room.

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Mostly Cloudy, 84/60

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Partly Cloudy, 87/61

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compiled by EVE ATTERMANN

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IN THE KNOW

The news you need — in brief

compiled by EVE ATTERMANN

WORLD

Prime Minister Blair says Iranian capture of sailors presents a serious issue

British Prime Minister Tony Blair said Sunday that 15 British sailors and marines that were captured by Iran as they searched for smugglers off the Iraqi coast had been outside Iranian waters, and warned that Britain viewed their situation as “very serious.”

The group was seized at gunpoint Friday, and the Foreign Office in London said British officials do not know where Iran is holding the sailors.

Speaking at an European Union summit in Berlin, Blair said Iran's claim that the sailors had crossed into Iranian territorial waters “is simply not true.”

“I want to get (the situation) resolved in as easy and diplomatic a way as possible,” Blair said, but added he hopes the Iranians “understood how fundamental an issue this is for the British government.”

Britain said its diplomats met with Iranian officials in Tehran on Sunday, and their demand for access to the group was denied after Iran refused to say where they were being held.

“This is a very serious situation,” Blair said.

SOURCE: AP

Strong earthquake strikes Japan, killing at least one and triggering small tsunamis

A strong earthquake struck Japan early Sunday, killing at least one person, violently shaking buildings and triggering two very small tsunamis that hit the coast, officials and media reports said.

The quake hit shortly before 10 a.m. off the north coast of Ishikawa prefecture (state), Japan's Meteorological Agency said. It had a preliminary magnitude of 7.1. A small tsunami of 6 inches hit shore around 10:18 a.m., public broadcaster NHK said. A second tsunami of similar size hit minutes later down the coast.

Television footage from the quake zone showed buildings shaking violently for about 30 seconds.

NHK reported one woman died and 40 were injured.

SOURCE: AP

NATION

Key senators question Gonzales' credibility in eight prosecutors' firings

Republican support for Attorney General Alberto Gonzales eroded Sunday as three key senators sharply questioned his truthfulness, and a Democrat joined the list of lawmakers who want him to resign over the firing of eight federal prosecutors.

“We have to have an attorney general who is candid and truthful. And if we find out he's not been candid and truthful, that's a very compelling reason for him not to stay on,” said Sen. Arlen Specter, the top Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, which oversees the Justice Department.

Specter, R-Pa., said he would wait until Gonzales' scheduled April 17 testimony to the committee on the dismissals before deciding whether he could continue to support the attorney general. He called it a “make or break” appearance.

To Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., Gonzales “does have a credibility problem. ... We govern with one currency, and that's trust. And that trust is all-important. And when you lose or debase that currency, then you can't govern. And I think he's going to have some difficulties.”

SOURCE: AP

Extra cheese, no deadbeats: Child-support suspects displayed on pizza boxes

Customers at some suburban pizza parlors are getting something extra with their pepperoni and mushrooms — wanted posters for parents accused of failing to pay child support.

The idea came to Cynthia Brown, executive director of the Butler County Child Enforcement Agency, while she was ordering pizza.

“It suddenly dawned on me that most people running from the law don't eat out, they order pizza,” said Brown, whose county is north of Cincinnati.

Enforcement agencies across the country use a variety of methods to locate support scofflaws and collect past-due payments. Virginia has issued subpoenas to cellular phone companies seeking addresses and phone numbers. California's Kern County seizes and auctions parents' vehicles, with proceeds going to the children, said Kay Cullen, a spokeswoman for the National Child Support Enforcement Association.

SOURCE: AP

CAMPUS

Nashville Kats make discounted tickets available to Vanderbilt students

The Nashville Kats, Nashville's arena football team will offer Vanderbilt students a discounted ticket for \$10 (a \$12 value) to watch the team take on The Chicago Rush on April 7. The tickets include access to pre- and post-game parties, which will include a visit by the Music City Kittens, drink specials and the opportunity to win prizes.

Organizations are welcome to pick up the \$10 tickets at the Kats' office for distribution to friends, family, associates and other interested parties. Organizations with more than 100 people or more to attend the game will be eligible to win the grand prize of a 42-inch flat screen TV, presented by Best Buy. The top three ticket-selling groups and organizations to distribute 100 tickets or more will all receive the grand prize offerings suitable for use in a commons area. Winners will be announced April 7.

SOURCE: NASHVILLE KATS MEDIA RELATIONS

Admission letters mailed to Class of 2011 today

Admissions process proves the most competitive in university history.

by EVE ATTERMANN

Asst. News Editor

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions sent out acceptance and rejection letters to the incoming freshman class today through two-day priority mail.

This year's accepted class, the most competitive in school history, was selected from the largest pool of applications ever sent to the university, said Dean of Admissions Douglas Christiansen.

“We are thrilled; it's a very, very strong class,” Christiansen said. “We have had the highest increase in number of applications from students of color, and the diversity, not only ethnic but geographic, has really gone up in all areas of the country.”

The acceptance letters will arrive in newly formulated packets that consolidate all of the informational materials sent as separate mailings in past years.

Unlike other schools such as Cornell University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Vanderbilt prefers to send its admissions via two-day priority mail rather than through e-mail.

Christiansen noted that in the future, the school might start to notify students online, but for now they have decided to stick to traditional mail.

“We do online applications, we do online scheduling for events, but we do not notify online; that's been a decision,” he said.

Christiansen said writing rejection letters always proves difficult, and that in the past he has gotten complaints that the letter was either too nice or too curt.

He explained that a letter that is too positive might lead an applicant to believe they have been unfairly denied, and a letter that is too curt might prove unnecessarily hurtful.

Christiansen said this year's rejections have tried to strike a delicate balance.

“It is very difficult,” he said. “The bottom line is that the admit letter people are thrilled, the deny letter people are not thrilled. No matter how you write it, at the end of the day, it's a denial.”

Senior Michael Adams said he agreed with Christiansen's assessment.

“I found my rejection letters to be pretty to-the-point at least; I don't think it's a big problem in our society today,” Adams said. “You're not going to be happy when you read it.”

Freshman Dan Burger said he was surprised by the final admissions decision after receiving a waitlist letter.

“The letter made it seem like I wasn't going to get in,” Burger said. “Then while I was in school I got an e-mail, and my guidance office said that I had to check it because Vanderbilt had some exciting news for me: I got in.”

Other students, such as sophomore Yue Gao and junior Colette Hunt, did not focus on the text of the actual letter and were more interested in the acceptance.

“It was just a standard acceptance letter, like any other school,” Gao said. “I was happy to receive it, but it was worded like any other school.”

“I just remembered reading that I was accepted, and I don't think I even read the whole letter,” Hunt said. ■

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Fans root for Dores in Sweet 16



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Juniors Phil Rappmund, Kevin Seal and Reid Manning (left to right) cheer on Vanderbilt in their 66-65 loss to Georgetown in the Sweet 16.

Student government, police disband DoreWalks program

by GLENNA DeROY
Editor-in-Chief

Vanderbilt Student Government and the Vanderbilt University Police Department have jointly decided to disband the DoreWalks program.

As of this weekend, DoreWalks, a nightly walking escort service run by VSG and VUPD, will no longer continue operations.

VSG President Cara Bilotta said VSG and VUPD reached their decision together, concluding that the cancellation would benefit both organizations.

"They realized that their officers, who train and assist escorts, could be spending their time elsewhere," she said. "It wasn't the best use of their resources, and we realized that there is not a very strong demand for it

on our campus."

Less than 10 escorts were conducted over the course of the fall 2006 semester.

In an effort to relaunch DoreWalks this fall, after a slow start in spring 2006, student government representatives visited several student organizations in the fall to publicize and advocate the use of DoreWalks.

However, despite initial enthusiasm, student groups did not demonstrate a sustained demand for the walking escort service, Bilotta said.

"Once the semester got underway and student organizations began holding their own events and focusing on their own activities, it became harder for them to commit to something outside of their normal responsibilities,"

Bilotta said.

VSG Executive Vice President Perry Gragg said the organization would refocus its attention on other safety measures, such as Vandy Vans.

"Student government officers decided that we would invest our finite resources into other proactive measures to enhance security and safety on campus," Gragg said in a release. "Security is always one of our top concerns, and while we want students to feel safe on campus, we also want to focus on actually making students safer."

"This is not to say that cutting DoreWalks would provide us with more funding for Vandy Vans, but our security committee will be focusing a lot on that, as well as other security measures," Bilotta said. ■

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Students must be more wary of technology

This spring appears to be a banner season for carelessness, both on campus and off. For example, Lupton was set ablaze by a rather silly toilet paper mishap. Of course, the bathroom conflagration was an isolated incident, and it comes to mind quickly only because it happened recently and because it was so strange.

What is no longer strange is the concept of students being caught downloading music illegally. We are not so naive as to believe students will stop downloading music entirely, or even necessarily that anyone should do so; the nature of intellectual property continues to confound even the finest of philosophers. The Recording Industry Association of America, however, sent 20 pre-litigation letters to Vanderbilt students, and there is little excuse for this predicament. The RIAA is a well-known threat to downloaders, and media coverage of their antics has flooded the airwaves since the original incarnation of Napster; RIAA members even formed the Web site www.p2plawsuits.com, which possesses a

convenient credit card processor for the payment of settlements.

The RIAA has many resources at its disposal, but even a slightly knowledgeable computer user can lessen his chances of becoming a target of copyright infringement lawsuits. The first and most important step is to do research. Information on how to circumvent the RIAA's measures is practically everywhere on the Internet, and when the Internet fails, it is time to consult a nerdy friend. There is no reason in this age of rapid technological progress to use the same downloading tool in college that was used in middle school; the RIAA, after all, has access to the same Internet we do, and, while they are slow in researching new technologies, they eventually catch up to the curve.

The Hustler does not condone copyright infringement, but safety is a paramount concern because the Internet is a dangerous place. As with many other scenarios, the safest means is abstinence, but if you must download, use protection.



Louis Coppola—MCT

LETTER

Sketchy guys know their status

To the Editor:

As a sketchy guy myself, I was insulted by Andrew Solomon's March 23 column "Sketchy guys remain unaware of sketchiness." I am sure he felt he was enlightening us, but many of us are already largely aware our appearance and behavior may appear suspect to some.

It just so happens I like standing in dark corners. There's a comforting "je ne sais quoi" about them, like a womb. I don't condone all of the suspect behavior associated with "sketch," such as grinding on random girls and the like, but I would argue that this behavior crosses the line from "sketchy," in which you don't know what you're going to get, to "molest-y," in which you know exactly what you're going to get.

Surprisingly, many of us are capable of both smiling and engaging in conversation, but part of the problem is that we are often victims of "sketchial discrimination." For instance:

"Hi, my name is Aj, like 'massage.'"

"Hey, that's really sketchy. I'm afraid I can't be seen associating with you, and when asked I will

deny that we have ever met."

"That's cool. Peace."

Unfortunately, fear of the unfamiliar is inherent in the word "sketch," and most people are unwilling to step outside their comfort zones. Instead of reserving judgment or actually finding out about the guy, people imagine the worst, akin to grown-ups being afraid of the dark.

But just because we're not open books doesn't mean you should judge us by our covers (witty, ergo true). It's a bit like that horrible poem about the girls who are at the top of the metaphorical dating tree who require more courage to reach but are worth it in the long run, except with sketchy dudes instead of girls.

So, stop discriminating on the basis of sketch, broaden your horizons, and talk to a shady guy once in a while. I will deny culpability for any trauma — emotional, psychological or otherwise — following from such encounters, but who knows? You might actually meet someone interesting.

Aj Khandaker
Sophomore, A&S

LETTER

Project Safe clarifies its mission

To the Editor:

Given the recent attention paid to Project Safe in The Hustler, which we greatly appreciate, we feel compelled to clarify our mission on Vanderbilt's campus. Project Safe is Vanderbilt University's prevention and response service regarding issues of violence against women and men.

Our philosophy stems from the feminist notion that all human beings should be able to make their own informed choices regarding ownership over their bodies. So, when we speak out against what we deem as a form of objectification of women, we are targeting all the organizations and institutions that intentionally exploit women in this culture rather than targeting individual women.

Project Safe works to raise awareness regarding perpetrators of violence against women and men, including cultural institutions, myths and stereotypes. Our focus is to increase awareness concerning issues of feminism and violence through campus and community discussions, lectures, and student groups.

While we are the primary office working toward preventing and reducing violence against both women and men on the Vanderbilt campus, we work hand-in-hand with many other offices, departments and student organizations. The March 14 letter authored by the Vanderbilt University Violence Against Women Task Force is just one example of the collaborative effort put forth by professors, administrators, staff and offices at this university.

At Project Safe we recognize that one of the greatest privileges of being part of an academic community is the possibility for dialogue about difficult and challenging topics.

We hope our program and its mission encourage open discussion among students, faculty and staff, and we invite you to visit us at the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center and learn more about what we do.

Vicky Basra, Kacy Silverstein
and **Vanessa K. Valdes**
Project Safe

COLUMN

Starbucks' arrival on campus bodes ill

SCOTT GREER
Columnist

In all likelihood, Starbucks chairman Howard Schultz uses \$50 bills as toilet paper. However, after the new Starbucks location opens in the Student Life Center on April 30, Schultz might start using \$100 bills instead. I do not understand how anyone could be excited for this new establishment; the corporation wants to make Vanderbilt students its slaves, and it should easily accomplish this goal.

Just before the announcement about Starbucks, Playboy's two-day appearance on campus seemed to cause more controversy than a Michael Richards stand-up show in Harlem. Starbucks, however, will be here for much longer than two days. Even worse, they will not be taking any nude photographs. Instead, they will be serving overpriced coffee during inconvenient hours of the week. And even if they extend these hours, it won't make much of a difference because the chain already has two locations within rock-throwing distance of campus.

If you were to walk from the 2525 West End Starbucks to the new Starbucks location, it would probably take about five minutes. In other words, the decision to build this Starbucks is almost like deciding to build another bookstore on the other side of the Sarratt Student Center. As if having locations on West End and 21st Avenue were not enough, the company has now literally invaded our campus. As a result of this evil scheme, it will be nearly impossible to walk anywhere around Vanderbilt without seeing that infamous green logo.

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"Somebody give Stallings a raise."
 "Why do most rants begin with 'Why?'"
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 "Why didn't Brennan McDavid just voice her problems with her fellow Hustler staff members? Or better yet, why doesn't she write about women's basketball herself?"
 "My friends' Greek organizations have made them screw me over on housing."

GREER: Coffee chain lines its pockets at Vanderbilt students' expense

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Assuming the new Starbucks will accept Commodore Cash or meal money, my premonition in the opening paragraph will probably hold true. When you reach into your wallet and actually dish out \$5 for a cafe latte with extra whipped cream, you have to really want it. But it doesn't quite feel the same if you can just use your Commodore Card. As a result, students will start buying more coffee than ever before. Meanwhile, Starbucks will be laughing all the way to the bank.

To continue this laughter, Starbucks recently launched a record label in hopes of expanding its presence in the entertainment business. For one thing, however, this label has gained recognition by signing aspiring indie musicians who seem to care much more about the music than the money. On March 21, they signed Paul McCartney, a struggling guitarist from England who has dreams of making it big one day. Are you kidding me?

I love the Beatles, but McCartney is one of the biggest moneygrubbers in the business. Just like him, Starbucks doesn't care for anything in the world other than money. Not to encourage theft, but I'd like to see how much the company's stock falls when you cleverly snag another customer's drink without paying a dime. If you pursue this tactic on a daily basis, I can somehow guarantee that the company will still be the largest coffee retailer in the world.

While I usually would appreciate a new on-campus dining option, I believe that this addition is entirely unnecessary. Sooner or later, Vanderbilt will have more nearby Starbucks locations than Paris Hilton has STDs. If you agree with me, then we can try to nonverbally show our distaste for this coffee chain. However, now that Starbucks is actually on campus, avoiding the new location will be a difficult task.

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

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(3) Arizona State vs.
(4) Rutgers

NCAA Tournament

After Rutgers beat Duke in the Sweet 16, neither of the top two seeds remain in what was originally Vanderbilt's region in the NCAA Tournament, a rarity in women's basketball. These two teams are left to fight for a berth in the Final Four, a path that looked much more difficult only a week ago. Look for the Scarlet Knights to use their momentum from a last-second victory over Duke, while the Sun Devils will try to keep their pace from the Bowling Green game.

Prediction: Rutgers 63, Arizona State 59

TUESDAY
Men's Basketball
West Virginia vs.
Mississippi State
NIT

Mississippi State will try to be the third-straight team from the SEC to win the NIT Championship, following two straight titles by South Carolina. Blocking their path in the semifinals is West Virginia, an experienced squad that runs a high-octane offense. This game will be an up-and-down affair that should delight the fans in attendance at Madison Square Garden.

Prediction: Mississippi State 78, West Virginia 74

MONDAY-TUESDAY
Men's Golf
Charleston, S.C.

The Vanderbilt men's golf team will try to build off their Sunday results at The Hootie at Bulls Bay in Charleston, S.C. Check out VUcommodores.com for updates during the tournament.

Prediction: Look for the Dores to hover around par and compete for the tournament title.

ALL WEEK LONG
Intramural Soccer
Rec. Center Fields

It's that time of the year! The intramural soccer season has started again, and games are in full swing at the Rec fields. Go play for your organization's team or support your friends as you soak up the sun during the week.

ALL WEEK LONG
Football Practice
Football Practice Field

Sneak a peak at your Commodore football squad as they prepare for their annual spring football game. Look for new impact players to emerge as the Dores begin their full-contact practices.

COLUMN

Season an incredible ride despite loss

JARRED AMATO

Sports Editor

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Walking out of the locker room for the last time, Vanderbilt senior Derrick Byars put his arms around one of his teammates and said, "I'm gonna miss this, man."

We all are.

The sixth-seeded Commodores (22-12) out-hustled and out-played second-seeded Georgetown on Friday, and if not for one lifted pivot foot by Jeff Green, would have played North Carolina in the Elite Eight. But, rather than agonize over what did not happen, let us be proud of all the team has done over the course of this remarkable season.

As coach Kevin Stallings said, "I wouldn't feel any better about my basketball team if that shot had missed and we had won the game. We'd be a little happier right now, but that doesn't change anything about the way we played."

Vanderbilt played hard, played together and, perhaps most importantly, had fun. From working out over the summer to blasting Rich Boy's "Throw Some D's" in the locker room to going to the movies, this team truly enjoyed being around each other, and it showed. How else do you overcome a 1-3 start to advance to the Sweet 16?

"I don't know if I've ever had a team overcome as much adversity and stay together and accomplish what this team has accomplished," Stallings said.

That's what made it easy to root for the 2006-07 Commodores.

The team was so likeable that if you ask someone to name their favorite player, you will get 13 different answers.

The obvious choice is DeeBee, the Southeastern Conference Player of the Year, who will undoubtedly move on to do even bigger things. In addition to wearing one sock up and one down (something he said he's done since he was a little kid), he earned the nickname "Big-Shot Byars" by coming up clutch when the Commodores needed him most.

But, how can you not love Dan Cage? From his game-clinching 3-pointer in the corner at Rupp to his box out of Georgetown's DaJuan Summers in the final minute on Friday, there was



Junior forward Ross Neltner (left) and senior guard Dan Cage fight for the steal from Georgetown forward Patrick Ewing Jr. in the Commodores' Sweet 16 game on Friday. Vanderbilt fell just short of advancing to the Elite Eight when Georgetown's Jeff Green hit a jumper with 2.5 seconds left to win the game for the Hoyas.

nothing the senior didn't do.

And then there's Skooch. Who could forget the senior's and-one dunk against Florida or his four-point, seven-rebound performance that lifted the Commodores past Washington State?

You also can't go wrong with picking a player from the junior class. There's sweet-shooting Shan Foster, who should have no problem becoming the go-to guy next season, and Alex "Red" Gordon, who grew into the dependable playmaker every good team needs.

And imagine what the season would have been like had Ross Neltner not transferred from LSU to become the team's starting center or had Alan Metcalfe had not embraced his role as a sparkplug off the bench.

Jermaine "Dolla" Beal, JeJuan Brown and George Drake also played well beyond their years, making fans optimistic about the future.

And then there are walk-ons Aubrey Hammond and David Rodriguez, who worked as hard as anyone to make sure the team got better every day, and Davis Nwankwo, who not only served as a coach, but a visible reminder of how unimportant winning truly is.

Add up all of these individuals along with every coach, trainer and manager, and you get a team that deserved every bit of its success.

"In my experiences, great teams and great chemistry do magnificent things, and that was what we had," Skuchas said. "We were a team, through and through.

It wasn't one person; it was the 13 of us and the coaches all pushing for the same thing."

From Foster's putback at the buzzer to stun Tennessee to storming the court after the Commodores upset Joakim Noah and the Gators to coming back to beat Kentucky for the fourth consecutive time to smashing George Washington in the first round to outlasting Washington State in double-overtime in the second, fans very well could have witnessed the best season in Vanderbilt basketball history.

Losing to Georgetown on a blown call doesn't change a thing.

"We played a heck of a game, and you can't ask for more than that," Skuchas said.

No, you most certainly can't. ■

Seniors leave big shoes

by WILL GIBBONS

Senior Sports Reporter

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The saying goes, "Leave it on the floor." In their last game in black and gold, seniors Derrick Byars, Dan Cage and Ted Skuchas did just that.

Byars scored 17 points while dishing out five assists. Cage also scored 17 to go along with seven rebounds and four assists. Skuchas played solid defense and made his only field goal attempt.

Just as Byars could be heard yelling, "We ain't going home" after the Commodores double-overtime victory over Washington State, none of these three wanted to go home Friday night.

"All three of them, even at the end here, were playing the best basketball of their lives," said coach Kevin Stallings. "I'm going to miss them greatly, and I've never been prouder of a group of seniors than I am of those three guys."

Whether it was Byars luring Roy Hibbert into fouling him on a 3-point shot or Cage knocking down two free throws to give the Commodores a 65-64 lead

with 17.9 seconds remaining, these seniors made savvy plays.

"I thought when Dan — I mean, how courageous was it for Dan Cage to step up to the foul line with 14 seconds to play being behind one and making two free throws," Stallings said. "If we had won the game, that would be a big deal right now. That takes an incredible amount of courage to step up and do that, and he did it like it was water off a duck's back."

It's that kind of leadership that Vanderbilt's team and fans had become accustomed to this season. While the 2005-06 Commodores lost several close games, this year's version learned to seal them. Eight of Vanderbilt's wins came by five points or less, not to mention a gritty nine-point overtime win at South Carolina.

So when Vanderbilt dropped a close decision after pulling them out on various occasions, the feeling was somewhat unfamiliar.

"Four minutes, if the game's within five points either way, our team kind of looks at each other, and you can call it arrogance, but we think we've got the game

won," Cage said.

It's been well-documented that the team did not start the season playing as well as when it ended. Without question, the three seniors sparked the turnaround.

"I guess we take with us that we were able to exceed a lot of expectations that other people had of us," Byars said. "We were able to battle adversity and come out with a lot of success."

Now it's up to Shan Foster, Alex Gordon, Alan Metcalfe and Ross Neltner to pick up where these seniors left off. While matching the chemistry of this year's team won't be easy, the past six months should have prepared them for the challenge.

"I hope they learned to do it right from those seniors because they showed them how to do it right," Stallings said. "They showed them how to lead. They showed them how to follow. They showed them how to compete on an everyday basis. If we take those lessons and continue to apply them, which I know we will, then this should give us a good shot in the arm, a good momentum as we head into next season." ■



Senior guard Dan Cage passes over Georgetown guard Jessie Sapp in the second half of Vanderbilt's 66-65 loss to Georgetown in the third round of the NCAA Tournament.

Baseball drops series at Arkansas

by PETE MADDEN
Sports Reporter

A grand slam home run off Commodore reliever Stephen Shao by Arkansas' Brian Walker capped a five-run fifth inning that secured an 8-3 victory for the Razorbacks on Sunday, giving Arkansas the rubber game in the weekend series.

Commodore starter Brett Jacobson (4-1) surrendered three runs on five hits and two walks in one and one-third innings of work, his shortest outing of the season.

The Commodores rallied in the top of the third to cut the lead to 3-2. With one out, Brad French doubled down the left field line, and David Macias followed with a walk. Back-to-back RBI singles by Dominic de la Osa and Pedro Alvarez put two runs on the scoreboard for the Commodores.

Jeff Nutt tallied another run for the Razorbacks with an RBI single in the fifth before Walker's bases-clearing blast put the game out of reach.

An RBI single by Kurt Lipton plated Matt Meingasner in the sixth, but the Razorbacks' five-run lead proved to be insurmountable for the Commodore offense.

De la Osa led the Commodores with three hits, and Shea Robin pitched in with two more of his own.

The Commodores rallied for four runs in the eighth to earn a 6-3 victory over the Razorbacks on Saturday, evening the series at one game apiece.

Commodore starter Nick Christiani (5-1) allowed just two runs on five hits over seven and one-third innings of work to pick up the victory.

"I started out a little slow — my command wasn't as good as it should have been," Christiani said. "I just came right after them and tried to keep the ball down and let our defense make plays behind me. I was able to throw strikes and get groundballs and flyballs and get us back in the dugout."

Freshman Mike Minor entered the game in the eighth and silenced a threatening Razorbacks offense, picking off a runner at third and striking out the final batter to end the inning.

Pedro Alvarez led the Commodore offense yet again, hitting an inside-the-park home run and totaling three RBIs and two runs scored. Kurt Lipton chipped in with two hits of his own.

Poor defense cost the Commodores the opening game of the series on Friday, as the Razorbacks took advantage of a few key errors to steal the game in 10 innings, 8-7.

Sean Jones was hit by closer Casey Weathers to lead off the tenth and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Casey Coon. The following batter, Logan Forsythe, launched a fly ball to deep right-center field. Although center fielder David Macias was able to track down the ball on the run and make a relay throw to his cutoff man, Alex Feinberg's throw home eluded the catcher, allowing Jones to score the winning run from second base.

Commodore starter David Price struggled to find his control, giving up five runs on six hits over six innings in the no decision, and Weathers (3-1) was charged with his first loss of the season.

The Commodores fell to 23-3 on the season and just 3-3 in the Southeastern Conference. The Commodores will return home for a midweek matchup against Middle Tennessee on Wednesday before attempting to make a statement in the SEC against South Carolina over the weekend. ■

Lacrosse upsets No. 6 Penn State

by JARRED AMATO
Sports Editor

For the Vanderbilt women's lacrosse team, Sunday afternoon's 9-7 victory over sixth-ranked Penn State meant more than most.

"This wasn't just about this year, this was about three years of coming so close and not being able to get over the hump," said coach Cathy Swezey. "They have a great team every year, and it feels so good to finally beat them."

After losing close contests to some of the nation's top-ranked teams, senior Nicole Pugno made sure Vanderbilt (5-3, 1-1 American Lacrosse Conference) knocked off the Nittany Lions. With the game even at seven, Pugno found the back of the net twice, and Vanderbilt was able to control possession and run out the clock.

"It's such an incredible feeling right now," Pugno said. "We have come so close so many times, and finally we were able to get it done. I can't describe it. We've played well two games in a row, so hopefully that streak will continue for a while."

The Commodores took a 1-0 lead on junior

Margie Curran's goal two minutes into the game. Penn State (6-2, 0-1 ALC) answered back with two goals of its own before Vanderbilt dominated the rest of the first half as goals by Curran, Pugno, Ali Lemons and Anastasia Adam put the guests ahead 5-2.

After Penn State scored three times in the first seven minutes of the second half to tie the game at five, Swezey called a time-out to settle the team down.

"I just told them to be calm," she said. "We knew this rally was going to happen, so the key was to calm ourselves down and play the way we had in the first half. If we could do that, I knew we would be just fine."

The teams traded goals on two separate occasions before Pugno's game-winner with 8:18 remaining.

"We came into this game viewing it strictly as a conference game," Swezey said. "More than anything it feels good to get our first conference win under our belt. But this also was a huge victory for our girls and our program."

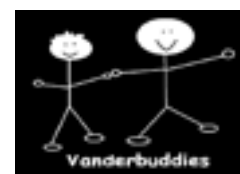
The Commodores return home this week for two games against Pac-10 opponents.

First up for Vanderbilt is a meeting with Cal on Wednesday afternoon at 5 p.m. CDT. ■



The No. 1 Commodores lost their first series of the season, dropping two of three in Fayetteville, Ark. Pedro Alvarez (center) had a three-run homer on Saturday, but the Vanderbilt pitching was roughed up in losses on Friday and Sunday.

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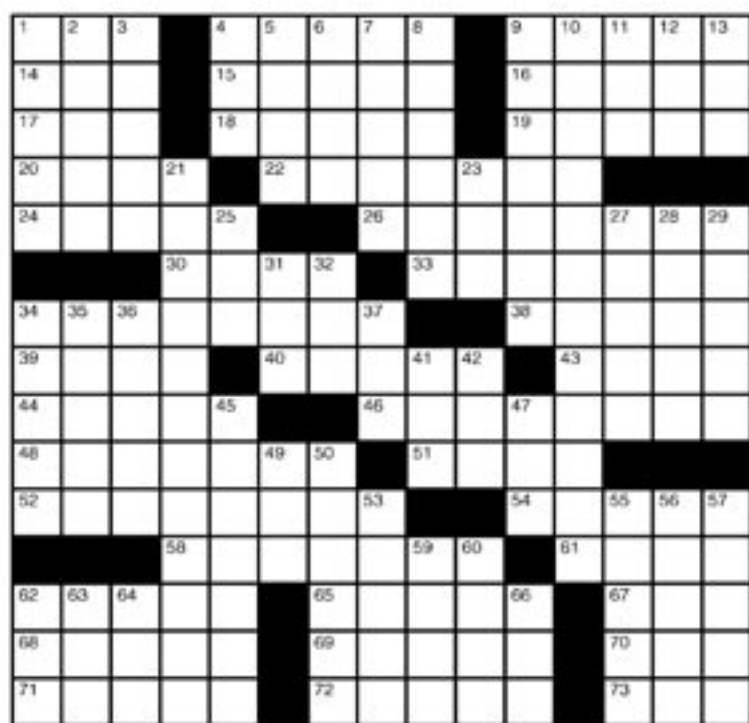
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Wednesday, March 28

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Apartment Selection
Wednesday, March 28
Commodore Ballroom, Student Life Center
5:00 PM

Schedule of Events

- Mayfield: Groups of ten, of the same sex, if still available beginning no earlier than 5:00 PM.
- Chaffin Place: Groups of four will be assigned beginning no earlier than 5:30 PM.
- Morgan and Lewis Apartments: Groups of two, then three, will be assigned beginning no earlier than 6:30 PM.

Participants must bring both copies of the printed contracts. All persons to be assigned must be present unless a proxy has been designated. The proxy must present his/her Vanderbilt ID and the absent person's printed contract.

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