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## THE WALL

compiled by HARISH KRISHNAMOORTHY

### TODAY

#### Harold Ford Jr. to speak at IMPACT Symposium

Former U.S. Rep. and Visiting Professor



FORD Ford Jr. will give a speech titled "Our Current Political Climate" in the Student Life Center at 7:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 22

#### Scholar Bowl gala event to be held

The 2007 Scholar Bowl competition with the final eight teams will be held in Sarratt Cinema, with entertainment by Original Cast and the Juggling Club, raffle prizes, dessert and more. All proceeds go to the winning charities.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 23

#### Philosopher Paul Taylor to speak Friday afternoon

Paul Taylor, from the department of philosophy at Temple University, will speak on "Democracy and Virtue" in Furman Hall, Room 109 at 3:15 p.m.



### FRIDAY, MARCH 23

#### The VenUe presents the "Second City" comedy troupe

The legendary comedy troupe that launched the careers of thousands of comedians, including Chris Farley and John Belushi, will perform in Sarratt Cinema at 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. Tickets are free for Vanderbilt students.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 23

#### Masala-SACE presents Garba 2007

The event will be held in the Branscomb Recreation Room. A live band will perform as attendees learn traditional Indian dance and eat free Indian appetizers. It will be from 6 to 10 p.m.

Check out <http://calendar.vanderbilt.edu> for more events.

## Some 30 students try out for Playboy

by CAROLINE SCALI  
Staff Reporter

Some 30 Vanderbilt women attended Playboy's casting call for its "Girls of the SEC" pictorial, according to Playboy photographer George Georgiou. The two-day audition was held Monday and Tuesday at the Hampton Inn on Elliston Place.

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

Playboy's advertisements for its casting call in The Vanderbilt Hustler stirred controversy among members of the Nashville and Vanderbilt communities, with stories appearing on local news channels numerous times this week.

According to senior Regan Bush, Project Safe collected more than 200 signatures on a petition in protest of the ad.



GEORGIU

The signatures appear in their own ad in this issue of The Hustler.

"It is not just women who are offended; it is everyone," Bush said.

Bush said she was "immediately shocked and angry" after seeing the first Playboy advertisement in The Hustler on Feb. 28.

She then went to the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center, where both she and Dr. Julia Fesmire, senior lecturer in the department of women and gender studies, discussed their opinions and trimmed the ad out of every issue of The Hustler in Garland Hall.

"The Playboy ad is a complete exploitation of Vanderbilt University's women to solicit them to pose for a pornographic publication," Bush said.

LSU senior Holly Phillips, who auditioned for Playboy this year at LSU, posted her experience with Playboy to InsideVandy.com on Tuesday.

## MARCH SADNESS

VANDY GAMEDAY: VANDERBILT 56 BOWLING GREEN 59



Vanderbilt's Amy Malo, Amber Norton and Liz Sherwood (left to right) watch the closing moments of their 59-56 loss to Bowling Green in their second-round NCAA tournament game Tuesday night in East Lansing, Mich.

—To relieve the Commodores' 2007 season check out sports editor Jarred Amato's soundslide presentation on:



## IMPACT Symposium to close tonight with Ford address

by EVE ATTERMANN  
Asst News Editor

Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich spoke about government reform in relation to the private sector Tuesday night at the Student Life Center as part of IMPACT Symposium.

IMPACT, a three-day political lecture event organized by the Vanderbilt Speakers Committee, began Monday with noted journalist and political analyst Lou Dobbs and will conclude Wednesday with former U.S. Rep. Harold Ford Jr.

Gingrich, a potential presidential hopeful, stated that he would announce whether or not he would be running for a nomination after Sept. 29. Gingrich also hinted at a potential platform, noting that he would focus on the reform of an ineffective government by taking hints from a successful private sector.

"We are in a fascinating moment in which we are living in two worlds — a stunning private sector



DOBBS



GINGRICH

the terrorist was unjustifiably legitimized.

"How can a U.S. newspaper report in a neutral manner on someone who wants to destroy America?" Gingrich asked. "The world is dangerous. There are people who hate us."

Gingrich shared his opinions on several of his potential competitors, in particular Sen. Barack Obama, and said many of their campaigns would lose steam because of unnecessarily early starts.

and a fossilized government bureaucracy, circa 1965," Gingrich said.

Gingrich also attacked the media as elite and biased toward the left. He cited The New York Times' recent printing of an interview with a militant Islamic terrorist, in which Gingrich thought

"Barack Obama emerges out of nowhere because Oprah called him terrific. What an endorsement," Gingrich said. "Everybody projects onto Barak Obama what they want him to be."

Lou Dobbs, the host of the CNN news program Lou Dobbs Tonight spoke Monday on far-ranging topics, including partisanship, illegal immigration, corporate America, the war on drugs, the war in Iraq, the upcoming presidential election, the economy and public education.

Dobbs said he is a member of neither the Republican nor Democratic Party, but rather an "independent populist."

He cited partisanship as a key culprit for many of the nation's problems.

"The Democratic and Republican parties are two wings on the same bird," Dobbs said.

While he criticized the Bush administration for the war in Iraq and tax cuts, he also praised the administration's work in Darfur and Rwanda. ■

## Multicultural event celebrates Indian culture

by CHRISTINA ENGLAND  
Senior Reporter

Masala-SACE will host GARBA 2007, a multicultural event celebrating traditional Indian dance, music and food on Friday.

The event will be held in the Branscomb Rec Room from 6 to 10 p.m. Dance lessons will be given from 6 to 7 p.m., and traditional Indian appetizers will be served.

"GARBA is an event to spread awareness about South Asian culture on campus," said junior Atur Sheth, vice-president of Masala-SACE. "It's also an opportunity for students to learn a new dance and have fun doing it."

Garba is a traditional group dance from the state of Gujarat in India.

"Last year, a lot of people in Branscomb heard music and came in to see what was going on," said sophomore Chinnmayee Tambe. "It was really fun because a lot of people were able to learn the dance and join in."

Pandayas, an internationally recognized traditional Garba band, will play at the event.

"Pandayas played music in the movie 'American Besi,'" Tambe said. "The band is really traditional and will play different songs throughout the night."

Masala-SACE is Vanderbilt's South Asian Cultural Exchange, a multicultural undergraduate organization that presents events such as GARBA, Diwali, and Holi to promote diversity and spread awareness about South Asian culture on Vanderbilt's campus and in the Nashville community.

Freshman Neha Jeirath, Masala-SACE publicity chair, hopes GARBA will give people a chance to learn more about Indian culture.

"We had a Garba-type dance in Diwali this year, but we also have an event to take an in-depth look at one kind of dance," Jeirath said. "GARBA focuses on one part of Indian culture to learn about it and see different aspects of another culture." ■

## Flowers spring up around campus



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**TODAY**



Mostly Cloudy, 78/58

**THURSDAY**



Partly Cloudy, 78/58

**FRIDAY**



Mostly Cloudy, 79/55

**SATURDAY**



Partly Cloudy, 71/44

**SUNDAY**



Partly Cloudy, 73/44

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compiled by HARISH KRISHNAMOORTHY

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**CAMPUS**

**Patricia Pierce to retire after 29 years in Opportunity Development Center**

Patricia Pierce, who has been in a leadership role with Vanderbilt University's Opportunity Development Center almost from its inception, will retire April 30.

Pierce came to Vanderbilt as assistant director in 1977, just a few months after the 1978 opening of the ODC. In 1981 she became only the second director of the office, which oversees the university's equal opportunity, affirmative action and disability services programs and initiatives. Her current title is senior director of the ODC.

"Pat has been a tireless and respected advocate for diversity and equity on the Vanderbilt campus and beyond," said Kevin Myatt, associate vice chancellor and chief human resource officer, who announced Pierce's retirement. "She has achieved outstanding success in the academic world and is recognized internationally for her efforts to promote opportunities for women."

Pierce will continue doing work for the university as a consultant until the end of the fiscal year. Until a successor is found, Associate Director Anita Jenious will serve as interim director.

"It will be difficult leaving Vanderbilt after working half my life here," Pierce said. My future plans include spending more time with my family, but Vanderbilt will always be part of my extended family."

SOURCE: VANDERBILT NEWS SERVICE

**Vanderbilt Law School celebrates the 50th anniversary of racial integration**

Fifty years ago, two men took a bold step for themselves and for the future of Vanderbilt University Law School. Shortly after the landmark decision, *Brown v. Board of Education*, in which the Supreme Court ruled that segregation in public schools was unconstitutional, and after strong encouragement from the law faculty, Vanderbilt Law School broke the color barrier and became the first privately funded law school in the South to admit black students. The first two black students, Frederick Taylor Work and Edward Melvin Porter Sr., are coming back to Vanderbilt March 29-31 to be honored.

"These men were not only trail blazers within Vanderbilt, they've gone on to have highly successful careers in the field of law," said Associate Dean Don Welch. "They paved the way for students today."

Before attending Vanderbilt Law School, Porter was student body president at Tennessee State University. After receiving his law degree in 1959, Porter launched his law career in Oklahoma City. He became active in the Oklahoma City branch of the NAACP and served two separate terms as the chapter's president, first in the 1960s and again in the late 1980s. In 1964, Porter became the first African-American elected to the Oklahoma State Senate. He served there until 1986.

Work was born in Nashville and grew up on the campus of Fisk University, where both his parents taught. After graduating from Vanderbilt Law School in 1959, he moved to Indiana where he worked as an attorney for the city of Gary. In 1963, Work opened his own law firm, and five years later he became the first African-American to be nominated by a major party for statewide office in Indiana. Work has delved into numerous areas of law including civil and criminal trials, civil rights, real estate, employment and corporate law. He is still actively practicing law today.

Porter and Work will speak about their experiences and be honored on Friday, March 30 at noon in Flynn Auditorium.

SOURCE: VANDERBILT NEWS SERVICE

**Vanderbilt scientist reinvents one-room schoolhouse for rural students**

Billy G. Hudson, Ph.D., wants to bring back the one-room schoolhouse. Not the 19th century version, but a virtual schoolhouse with laptops and webcasts that can connect students even in remote areas to 21st-century learning.

Rural students are at risk of being left out of the latest technological advances, educational opportunities and jobs, said Hudson, a biochemist who directs the Center for Matrix Biology at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

"But there is a path to enhanced opportunity," he said. "I would like to capture that path, and give them hope and understanding."

On April 10, Hudson and his team of science educators will launch the Aspirant Initiative, a unique science education program in Sheridan, Ark., about 30 miles south of Little Rock.

About 15 "high ability" middle- and high-school students will receive laptop computers, then board a bus equipped with broadband Internet access via cell phone towers.

Their destination: the fellowship hall of the Sardis Missionary Baptist Church in the tiny Grapevine community, where they will participate in a two-way webcast organized by the Vanderbilt Center for Science Outreach, which is partnering with Hudson, Sheridan Schools and the Grapevine Historical Society on the initiative.

SOURCE: VANDERBILT NEWS SERVICE

**ITS now offering Centra Live printer envelope; web conferencing tool provides video and audio via computer**

Vanderbilt Information Technology Services is now offering Centra Live, a tool for online collaboration, communication and learning. Using only a Web browser with Internet connectivity, anyone in the Vanderbilt community can use Centra Live for Web conferencing with Voice Over IP (VoIP) technology.

Centra Live is the newest addition to the ITS suite of collaboration tools. Web Meeting also is available but does not have VoIP, so a conference call is necessary to receive audio. With Centra Live, both video and audio are available via a computer. In addition, there is no cost for Centra Live's VoIP, while Web Meeting users will incur telephone charges for conference calls.

For more information about Centra Live, visit <http://its.vanderbilt.edu/services/centra>. To sign up for Centra Live, visit [www.vanderbilt.edu/centra](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/centra) and click "Create" under "New User."

SOURCE: VANDERBILT REGISTER

**SPEAR motivates freshmen to conserve energy**

by SYDNEY WILMER  
Senior Reporter

Students Promoting Environmental Awareness and Recycling will challenge all freshman dorms to compete in its Freshman Energy Conservation Contest March 18-31.

SPEAR President Jenny Magill said she hopes the event, a pilot program for the sustainability and conservation initiative, will "foster a desire to conserve energy." She also said she would like to see the program expand to include all on-campus housing in coming years.

The dorm conserving the most energy by employing techniques such as turning off unnecessary lights, washing clothes in cold water and unplugging charging devices not in use, will receive a pizza party with Ben and Jerry's ice cream and a massage therapist April 15.

Working closely with Plant Operations, SPEAR's project also aims to decrease energy expenses.

"Other universities have saved millions

of dollars through educational programs to teach students how to decrease energy use," freshman and SPEAR member Amanda Heinbockel said. "This money could eventually go for better student funding like financial aid and a better student center."

"I think on a small scale something like this could be really effective, but I feel like including having large dorms competing will be harder," Heinbockel said. "People don't always feel connected to other people in their dorms."

Freshman Michelle Wijaya said she thinks it is a good idea to increase freshman awareness of environmental and energy issues.

"I have heard stuff about the competition from my dorm president," Wijaya said. "We have already turned off some of our hall lights. Kissam is bringing some game."

Magill said decreasing the amounts of greenhouse gases emitted by the school is a pressing issue at Vanderbilt.

"We want a positive environmental campus culture, and this seems like a good way to do it," Magill said. ■

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# Campus computer programmers compete in Japan; team receives honorable mention

by HARISH KRISHNAMOORTHY  
Asst News Editor

A team of Vanderbilt computer programmers received an honorable mention at the World Finals of the Association for Computer Machinery International Collegiate Programming Contest last week.

Eighty-eight teams from colleges worldwide competed in the contest. Larry Dowdy, director of undergraduate studies in the electrical engineering department, said he was impressed that the team, composed entirely of sophomores, made it to the World Finals.

"On the team you're allowed to have graduate students," said Dowdy, who accompanied the team to the regional tournament. "Just making it to the World Finals is unbelievable."

Sophomores Daniel Smith, Roger Wu and Evan Mackowski competed in the sub-regional and regional tournaments. After placing second in the regional tournament, the team was invited to compete in the World Finals in Tokyo, Japan.

"It was wonderful, and the competition was very exciting," said Julie Johnson, a lecturer in electrical engineering and computer science and the coach of the team. "You wouldn't think it would be, but it was. It's just so gripping. You can't stop watching. Basically, as one judge said it, it's doing their homework in public."

The competition included teams from colleges in Russia, China and Eastern Europe. Teams have one computer and are given a set of programming challenges that they must solve in 5 hours.

"These problems could be questions like coming up with an algorithm that would solve a puzzle or game," Dowdy said. "They're hard mathematical, mind-game kind of problems, and you write computer programs to answer as efficiently as possible."

Smith said he felt his team could have done better. "We didn't do as well as we wanted to in the contest, but we didn't embarrass the school, and it went pretty well," Smith said. "It seemed like everybody there was 22 or 23 years old, so it was a bit intimidating."

Johnson said just to solve one problem as sophomores at the World Finals is a "great thing."

"They worked well as a team, and they have two more years as a team to go back there," Johnson said. "I am really proud of the guys. They finished right in the middle of the American schools. We had a good time, a good showing, and I hope other students consider joining the team." ■

# International Awareness Week hosts variety of events

## International Food Festival to be held Thursday during lunch.

by CHRISTINA ENGLAND  
Senior Reporter

The Office of International Awareness Committee and the Office of International Student and Scholar Services will put on a series of different events each day in celebration of diversity and the international community at Vanderbilt, as a part of International Awareness Week.

Monday was Global Dress Day, an opportunity for members of the Vanderbilt international community to wear traditional clothes to celebrate the different cultures represented on campus. IAC sponsored a lecture on Tuesday night by Professor Jaya Kasibhatla on Salman Rushdie, a controversial figure involved in international issues.

President of IAC Tyler True said the lecture was a good opportunity to encourage conversation about a controversial piece of literature.

"We hope this event will build awareness and spark conversation about different views on this topic," True said.

IAC will present "How Islam Respects Women" on Wednesday. This event will take place from 12:10 to 1 p.m. in the Student Life Center in Lower Level Meeting Rooms 1 and 2, with a light lunch provided.

The largest event of the week will take place Thursday afternoon from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Rand Terrace. The



LAUREN FONDRIEST / The Vanderbilt Hustler  
Students gathered to hear Professor Jaya Kasibhatla speak on Salman Rushdie and the Iran revolutions as a part of International Awareness Week. President of IAC Tyler True called the lecture "a good opportunity to encourage conversation."

International Food Festival will have food from several restaurants offering different types of international cuisine.

Sumita Danerjee, IAC's adviser, said the International Food Festival has been successful in the past for bringing the Vanderbilt community together to spread awareness about international cultures.

"The International Food Festival is the most significant event in the week," Danerjee said. "Historically in the last couple of years, it has been a very successful event bringing in people from all different parts of campus, not just students but also faculty and staff and people from the medical community."

The International Food Festival has two important goals, according to True.

"Our first goal is to get people to try new types of food they might not encounter otherwise," True said. "Our other goal is to get students to meet international students at Vandy and allow people who might not otherwise know other international students to interact and meet new people."

IAC will co-sponsor African Night with the African Student Union to spread awareness about African culture on Thursday night from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Student Life Center Board of Trust Room.

Veronica Calvin, president of ASU, said the event will include traditional African food, music and dance in addition to a presentation about

student groups on campus.

"This year for our presentation we're going to be talking about different organizations in the Vanderbilt community that have helped and are helping Africa," Calvin said.

Organizations presented will include Students Taking Action Now: Darfur, an organization that raises awareness and support for refugees and immigrants in Sudan, and Students for Kenya, an organization that collects unused medical supplies to support a medical clinic in Kenya.

"The event will have free traditional African food and both traditional and contemporary African music," Calvin said. "African Night will expose people to African culture and inform them about what's going on here on campus."

True said he hopes International Awareness Week will spark more events to be held toward the end of the semester to celebrate the international presence on Vanderbilt's campus.

"The purpose of International Awareness Week is to raise awareness of Vanderbilt's international community and different countries and cultures in general," True said. "We're hoping to have an International Art Competition with participation from members of the international community and other students on campus at the end of the semester to continue to highlight international cultures represented on campus." ■

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# ITS misses upgrade deadline put forth in April 2006 plan

E-mail storage upgrades, server switch postponed.

by JON AHBLIN  
Technology Editor

Information Technology Services has announced it will not be able to meet its fall 2007 deadline to make upgrades outlined in an April 2006 performance plan.

ITS had planned to both upgrade the e-mail storage space for each student's account and switch every Vanderbilt student to a Microsoft Exchange server.

Vice Chancellor for ITS Matt Hall said he will not be able to increase e-mail storage space because ITS does not have the network capacity to perform the upgrade.

Hall said although the cost associated with building storage capacity has been prohibitive thus far, ITS will focus on increasing storage capacity in the next six to 12 months.

Hard drive space costs almost \$3 per gigabyte at ITS because there are many costs associated with increasing the space, such as power, physical space, air conditioning and storage redundancy, Hall said.

In the meantime, Hall said the storage burden will lie with the students.

"If (students) really need a message archived, use Gmail," Hall said. "Let them pay for the storage."

ITS had also planned to move students to the Microsoft Exchange server, a software product that provides e-mail and collaborative services, such as shared calendars, for its users.

Although the university has the capacity to switch to the Microsoft Exchange server, Hall said college deans have been "acting judiciously" as discussions on implementing the proposal have progressed.

Each school within Vanderbilt handles e-mail support differently, and the deans want to make sure their IT staffs are able to support the change before giving their approval, Hall said.

"We are willing to take on as many students as the school leaders want to bring to us," he said.

Once all schools agree to start the migration, the system will be opt-in, meaning no current student will be forced to use Microsoft Exchange. ■

—For an article detailing free alternative solutions to storing data, stay tuned to:



# Lambda, BCM come together for Buttrick game night



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Lambda President Kristen VanDenBossche (left) joined seniors Bonnie Holmes, Justin Leh, and Stephanie Marienau, junior Courtney Shade and sophomore Natalie Neas for a game night in Buttrick. The Vanderbilt Lambda Association and Baptist College Ministry came together Tuesday night at 8 p.m.

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# Office of Undergraduate Admissions launches new admissions Web site

by EVE ATTERMANN  
Asst News Editor

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions has launched its new Web site, designed for easier accessibility, navigation and interactivity.

The development and creation of the new Web site was the result of collaboration between the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and Creative Services.

"We made the decision that we needed a new Web site because we were just not communicating the way we should have with prospective students and with high school counselors," said Dean of Admissions Douglas Christiansen.

The new site features a masthead that follows visitors through every page for easier navigation, a lengthy and frequently updated picture slideshow, and a button that allows students to apply or ask for information no matter where they are on the site.

"We really wanted the Web site to be more dynamic, a bit more interactive," Christiansen said.

Christiansen said while

developing the Web site, he looked at admissions sites from competitor schools, as well as the popular student online communities Facebook and MySpace.

"We have a much more robust sense for newly admitted students before they come and prospective students as they're investigating," Christiansen said. "We have a section for counselors and a section for parents because in the recruitment process it's more than just the student that's looking."

Christiansen added that the Web site aims to embody the undergraduate experience at Vanderbilt, as well as to spread awareness about the school's focus on diversity and financial aid.

Prospective students Ashley Lagaran and Noreed Safipour both said they had recently visited the admissions Web site. They said while an impressive admissions site might add favorably to the decision making process, a school's Web site is not really that important to them.

"I thought it was pretty much the average college

site," Lagaran said. "As long as they are easy to navigate, that is the most important thing."

Safipour agreed that a Web site was not a dominant part of his college selection process, but said a bad Web site would certainly make him dislike a school.

"I thought Vanderbilt's site was convenient in that it provided immediate access to information. It's not like any college Web sites are truly that amazing," Safipour said. "A Web site is not hugely important, but if it is noticeably bad it will turn you off because it shows that a school is disorganized." ■

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# Campus Starbucks must consider unorthodox hours

Long have Vanderbilt students huddled around their campfires whispering legends of a campus Starbucks. This legend will soon become reality with a location to open in the Student Life Center on April 30. Vanderbilt Dining has been working on this project for some time, and a campus coffee shop will undoubtedly benefit the Vanderbilt community tremendously.

Starbucks has recommended hours of 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. for the campus location. Of course these hours are of little help. We have two Starbucks locations with similar hours within a block of campus, both of which are closer to the bulk of student housing than is the Student Life Center. This is in addition to the Mud coffee stand in C.T. West, JJ's Market and numerous bagel and sandwich shops. Following the Starbucks-sanctioned hours of operation would add little if anything to this campus, as we would obtain nothing we cannot already obtain easily.

Vanderbilt Dining has been very responsive to student concerns in the past, and Director of Dining Services Lida Horna has commented on Dining's endeavors to extend the hours. This is a

commendable effort. Students are traditionally high-strung people with very tight schedules, and all-nighters are a frequent occurrence at Vanderbilt, to say the least. A late-night, on-campus coffee shop with adequate seating for study groups would be extremely popular, not least because it would alleviate the need for students to make the trek to Cafe Coco in the dead of night through a poorly lit neighborhood.

While we do not expect a 24-hour or even an all-night coffee shop on campus, there is a demand for hot stimulants Dining is not currently meeting. The potential for profits here is immense, and in order to take advantage of the future of caffeine delivery, Vanderbilt Dining should negotiate to keep the legendary campus Starbucks open as late as possible.

—To read the full story on Starbucks' anticipated opening, see **News** on:



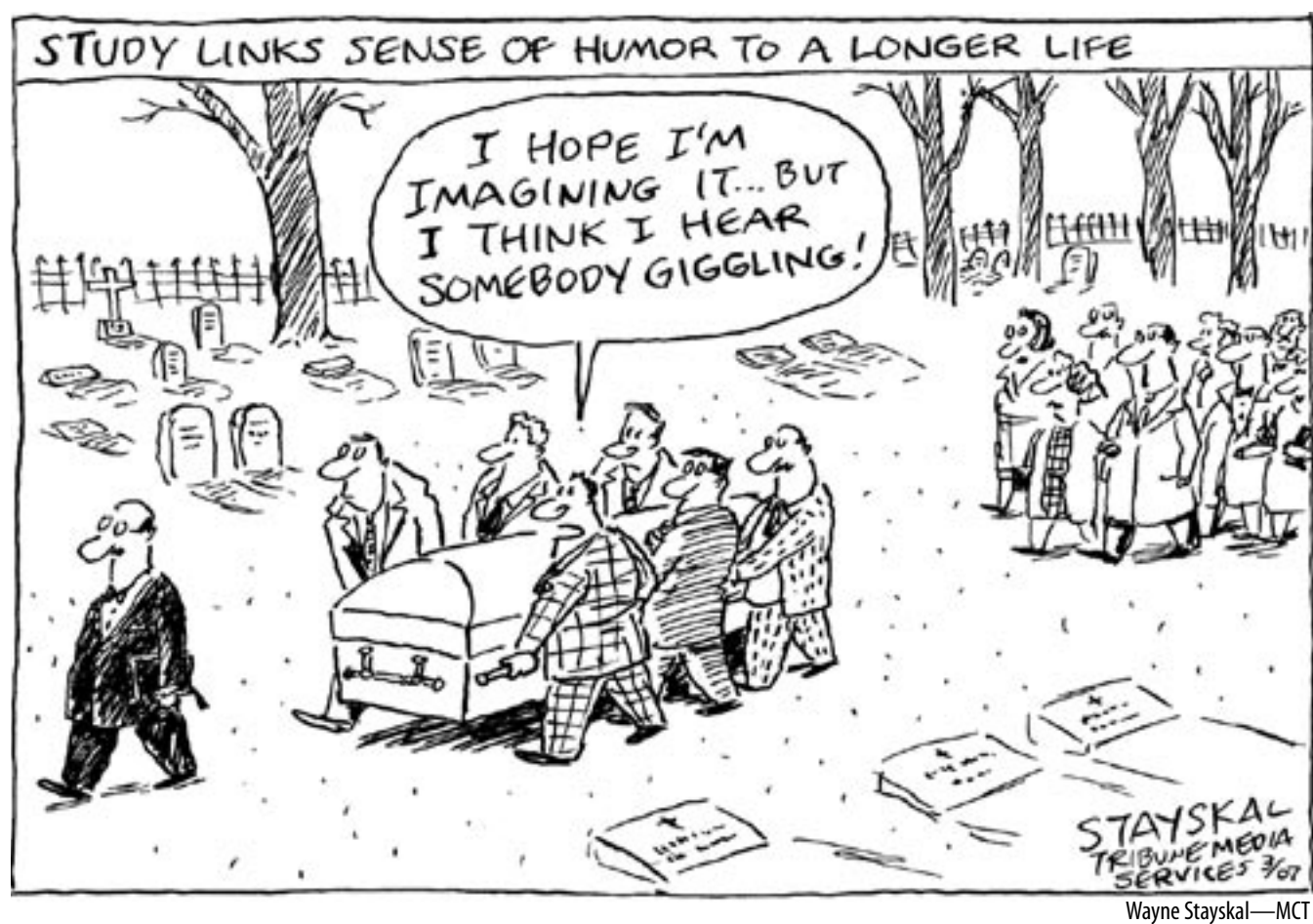
### LETTER

# 'The Rant' promotes unhealthy culture

### To the Editor:

Attending a university with a student who advocates chaining up "our campus' fat chicks" is despicable ("The Rant," March 19). Having a university publication spreading this message is even more shameful. A message with both direct and clear references to objectifying women in chains while also subtly idolizing Hugh Hefner and supporting slavery should be rejected simply on principle and represents the true problem of our campus culture.

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### COLUMN

# Opposition to Playboy denies women's rightful autonomy

**MICHAEL WILT**  
Columnist

I have to admit I've watched the "controversy" surrounding the Playboy ad over the past week with a little bit of amusement. Maybe it is my disposition to believing in freedom that makes me see mostly nothing wrong with the ad, but I could be wrong. I can see how some people would be offended by the so-called "objectification of women." It amuses me, however, to see the letter to the editor from important offices and organizations on campus condemn this, all the while ignoring the many other issues our society faces when it comes to objectifying women.

For instance, if the Office of Housing and Residential Education and the Office of the Dean of Students — co-signers to the March 14 letter to the editor — really believe this objectifies women, where is their outrage when fraternities throw parties such as "Principals and Schoolgirls," "Pimps and Hoes," or whatever various theme of the week? I don't see letters to the editor being written from them about that, or, better yet, action from the powers that be to stop the evil. I guess it is easier to criticize an external institution like Playboy as opposed to a cherished Vanderbilt institution of male dominance such as the fraternity.

Like I said, I don't see much of a problem with the above issues. If women at Vanderbilt choose to audition for

Playboy or choose to participate in parties at fraternities where they dress up as schoolgirls, then that is their right to do so. They are obviously intelligent adults. But of course, that's where the issue actually exists. It is not that people are afraid women will be objectified in these situations they are afraid women are actually able to make decisions for themselves and are making decisions with which everyone may not agree.

Oh the irony of it all! The very people who proclaim to be looking out for women's safety, freedom and choice — the people of such upstanding institutions like the Women's Center and Project Safe — don't actually believe women are capable of making informed choices. A more devious underpinning of their argument is the fact that simply because women are portrayed in the nude, this automatically leads to a culture of violence, or at least one that increases the chances of greater violence and less respect and civility, as they would put it. The evil man will never overcome his brute nature — when he sees a woman in the nude, he will be compelled to go out and take advantage of her. If you happen to read Playboy, watch out — you may end up a serial rapist or a wife-beater (never mind the fact that rape and abuse are more about power than sexual deviancy). The more this argument is made, perhaps the more the stereotype is reinforced. Inevitably, this could actually work against the goal of

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### COLUMN

# Hustler sports staff needs to reassess priorities

**BRENNAN MCDAVID**  
Columnist

A few weeks ago, "The Rant" carried a criticism of The Hustler's sports coverage. The anonymous ranter noted that Garnetta Holloway's tremendous accomplishments in the SEC Pentathlon and NCAA Heptathlon went unreported by a sports section that appears to care only for football and basketball.

But the Hustler sports writers and staff members do not truly care for basketball, either. If they did, then I ought to have seen our women's basketball team dominating the front page of last Wednesday's issue. I ought to have seen a picture capturing the pure and well-deserved excitement of this year's SEC Tournament Champions. I ought to have seen a proud declaration of the fact that the women's team earned a No. 2 seed in the NCAA Tournament. But instead of seeing a celebration of these awesome victories, I saw a picture of the men's team being defeated by Arkansas as well as an article about a few cheerleaders being dismissed from the squad on account of some undisclosed incident and an unwise Brock Williams. Melanie Balcomb led her basketball team to win a conference championship in one of the most grueling and competitive conferences in Division I, but The Hustler is looking the other way.

I can't be sure whether The Hustler is generally uninterested in women's basketball, and are therefore unable to cover the games because they aren't in attendance themselves, or if they really think the men's defeat is more exciting than the women's victory. Either way, they need to reassess. I understand fewer people are interested in women's basketball than men's. I'm okay with that fact — I'm not trying to convert a legion of apathetic people into devoted fans. But with or without a huge following at home, women's college basketball is still a big deal. The sport is extremely competitive, giving rise to fiery personalities like Pat Summitt, head coach of Tennessee's Lady Vols and the winningest coach of NCAA Division I basketball. And just for clarification, that is of both women's and men's ball. The men's coaches can't

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## WILT: All must respect rights and choices

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protecting women from violence.

Perhaps if we stopped trying to control women in this "daddy knows best" manner — let's face it, this is what is going on here — they will feel more confident in their choices in life. We should celebrate beauty, as it is a very important part of life. Of course, if those in power have their way, we would ban the celebration of the beauty of the human body. Many very important works of art in history would be considered taboo because they objectify the female body.

The longer we keep a puritanical view of the human body for the sake of placating our overactive imaginations, we will be condemned to a society that respects authority and tradition rather than freedom and intelligence. There are so many other issues concerning morality that we could be focusing on — whether intelligent young women choose to pose in an extremely successful worldwide magazine read by millions is the least of our problems. Freedom is the foundation upon which

America was built, and we have an obligation to respect the rights and choices of informed, consenting adults, even if we disagree with those choices. The judgmental attitude plastered across the pages of *The Hustler* over the past week reminds me why we stopped burning women for being witches. Whenever a woman acts contrary to popular opinion, the powers that be seek to set a standard that actually places more restrictions on womanhood, all under the guise of protection.

I suppose, though, we could always join China, Myanmar, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, Brunei, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Iran and most of the countries in the Middle East. You can't purchase *Playboy* there, and I bet if you were a citizen of one of those countries and posed in the magazine, you probably would not want to go back. That's one thing, at least, upon which al-Qaida and those who oppose the choice of posing in *Playboy* would agree.

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

## McDAVID: Women deserve recognition

From **McDAVID**, page 6

Sunday victory over No. 15 seed Delaware State was not an easy victory at all. Even the lower seeded teams in the brackets are showing up with impressive skills. I'm not saying you can't live without watching these games, but I am saying that the women deserve more recognition than *The Hustler* has given them. They have worked like hell to become very talented athletes, playing through high school to get recruited by a top program and struggling through a very long season to go into tournament time. I don't think the men's team deserves less coverage, and I don't think they are any less of a team (how could I think that of a Sweet 16 team?), but they didn't win the SEC tournament, and the women's team did. And the men are seeded sixth next to the women's second seed. The *Hustler* staff simply didn't have the sense to respond to that in a just way.

—Brennan McDavid is a senior in the College of Arts and Science.

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### COLUMN

## Media behavior exhibits lack of respect for women

**RACHEL BLUMENTHAL**  
Guest Columnist

I want to draw your attention to the way in which the matter of *Playboy* extends beyond *Playboy Magazine* and *The Hustler*. I want to focus on the Channel 4 news spot that aired March 14 — a spot that ostensibly explores Vanderbilt students' objections to the *Playboy* spread. But, at the end, the stuffy anchorman said, "Well, we are not endorsing it, but Vanderbilt students who are interested can visit the home page of WSMV.com."

First of all, that's creepy. I don't want a 50-something anchorman telling me how I can make myself visually and sexually available to him. And second of all, excuse me? Did he not hear the Vanderbilt women offering seriously valid critiques of the whole thing? It is in bad taste to run a story on the dangers and drawbacks of asking women to — if I may quote a fellow Vandy woman — "prostitute their bodies," and then turn around and offer "interested" women assistance in hooking up with *Playboy*.

It is just as irresponsible — if not more so

— for Channel 4 to encourage the university's participation in mass media pornography as it is for *Playboy* to come here in the first place. May I remind both *Playboy* and our wonderfully sensitive news outlet, Channel 4, that college campuses weigh heavily on the under-21 demographic. Many college women cannot legally drink, and you want them to pose nude in a dirty magazine? What we have here are two major media industries, as well as potential career fields for Vanderbilt women, making opportunities for pornographic objectification available to college women under the aegis of legitimate media. Freshmen are reeling from the strenuous shift to college studies, dorm life, rampant alcoholism and partying they simply cannot seem to get under control. Yeah, a porn spread is exactly what they need to be doing right now.

This is manipulation and objectification of the highest order. I can think of nothing more pernicious than a respected news program offering veiled support for *Playboy's* attempt to exploit female college students. It is entirely inappropriate for this anchorman to cater to "interested" females. He is running a

news story, not a porn advertisement. This is Channel 4, not MTV. Eighteen-year-olds are impressionable, changing and vulnerable.

Sure, this is the real world, and students and non-students alike need to make tough decisions and accept their consequences. Yes, Vanderbilt women who choose to do this will and should be responsible for the outcome of their choices. But for *Playboy* to infiltrate the educational environment, a laboratory for learning and a safe house for maturing as well as a "real world" environment, is a violation of everything I believe a college should stand for. A university is about health, education, intellect, emotional maturity and responsibility. It is also about equality and respect. When *Playboy*, subtitled rather accurately as "Entertainment for Men," approaches an institution and encourages the objectification of that institution's students, those ideals of respect and equality are violated. Now Vanderbilt women can be "Entertainment for Men," and nary a dean or chancellor has suggested that perhaps Vanderbilt should NOT be an institution of gendered exploitation. When Channel 4 offers an outlet for "interested" women,

what are we supposed to think but that if we ever want a big-time career in a great journalistic endeavor like Channel 4, maybe we should just visit their home page, click on the *Playboy* link and "see what happens?"

The irony here is deliciously thick. We go to college to groom ourselves for some of the most high-powered and highly respected careers in the nation. And two of those, the magazine and televised media industries, see nothing more than some cute college co-eds whose girl-next-door appeal just might get some middle-aged man halfway across the nation hard. I think our Channel 4 news anchor finds this just a little bit too appealing.

I'm graduating in May with a degree in English and history. I could go to journalism school. But maybe, in the meantime, I'll visit WSMV's home page. What better way to start a career in journalism than to strip for a major porn trafficker? After all, I'm just one of the "girls of the SEC."

—Rachel Blumenthal is a senior in the College of Arts and Science.

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## SPORTS

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## Upcoming Events

**Men's Basketball**  
**No. 4 Southern Illinois**  
**vs. No. 1 Kansas**  
**Thursday**  
**6:10 p.m. CDT**  
**CBS**

The Jayhawks have won 13 straight games and are one of the favorites to win the National Championship. Five players average at least 9.8 points per game making them very difficult to guard. The Missouri Valley Conference's best team dismantled Virginia Tech, but will face a different animal in Kansas. They will need to play a near-perfect game to have a chance for an upset. *Prediction: Kansas 75, Southern Illinois 66*

**Men's Basketball**  
**No. 3 Pittsburgh vs.**  
**No. 2 UCLA**  
**Thursday**  
**8:40 p.m. CDT**  
**CBS**

UCLA's Ben Howland faces his old team in a contest between two of the nation's best defensive teams. The Bruins squeaked by Indiana in round two, while Pittsburgh outlasted Virginia Commonwealth. This game will not earn any style points, but expect UCLA to grind out another boring victory and move one step closer to its second straight Final Four. *Prediction: UCLA 60, Pittsburgh 54*

**Men's Basketball**  
**No. 3 Texas A&M vs.**  
**No. 2 Memphis**  
**Thursday**  
**6:27 p.m. CT**  
**CBS**

The Aggies survived a big scare from Louisville in Lexington but now get to play the Tigers in San Antonio (thanks, Selection Committee). Memphis, despite winning 24 games in a row, has gone under the radar. However, given its athleticism and ability to defend, Acie Law IV and company will have their hands full. *Prediction: Memphis 74, Texas A&M 70*

**Men's Basketball**  
**No. 5 Tennessee vs.**  
**No. 1 Ohio State**  
**Thursday**  
**8:57 p.m. CT**  
**CBS**

Ohio State, which is lucky to be playing, will finally meet its match on Thursday. The Vols' offense is explosive and they almost beat the Buckeyes earlier this season in Columbus. *Prediction: Tennessee 82, Ohio State 71*

**Men's Basketball**  
**Syracuse at Clemson**  
**Tonight**  
**6 p.m. CDT**  
**ESPN2**

Syracuse continues to show that they belongs in the Big Dance. *Prediction: Syracuse 72, Clemson 65*

**OVERALL RECORD:**  
**68-42**

# Hoyas will hardly recognize these Dores

## Vandy faces Georgetown for second time this season.

by CHIP ROBIE  
Sports Reporter

You would have been called crazy if you predicted a Sweet 16 match-up between Vanderbilt and Georgetown back in November when the then-No. 8 Hoyas demolished the Commodores 86-70 at Memorial Gymnasium. Yet, these two teams will meet again on Friday at 6:27 p.m. CDT in the East Regional semi-final.

The fact Georgetown (28-6) finds itself in East Rutherford, N.J., as a No. 2 seed is hardly surprising considering that it came into the season with high expectations. After an unexpected appearance in last year's Sweet 16 and with its two stars — 7-foot-2 center Roy Hibbert and Big East Player of the Year Jeff Green — returning, there was reason to be optimistic.

The Hoyas have lived up to the hype, winning 16 of their last 17 games, including the Big East Tournament. Hibbert shoots 67 percent from the floor while averaging nearly 13 points and seven rebounds per game, while the versatile Green has emerged as the Big East's best player.

"They're still very big, very powerful, very athletic and very sound defensively and a very difficult match up for any team in the tournament," said coach Kevin Stallings. "Their size is really overwhelming."

Vanderbilt, on the other hand, is a drastically different team than the one that lost to the Hoyas by 16 points at



Ross Neltner and the Commodores fell to Roy Hibbert's Hoyas 86-70 in the season opener. Vanderbilt has changed drastically since then.

home in the season opener.

"We've gotten better in probably every facet. We're a smaller team, we're a more skilled team, and we're a better defensive team," Stallings said. "We're entirely different than we were the first time. We had not yet figured out a way to become good."

The Commodores became good once they went to a four-guard offense. Senior Dan Cage replaced injured Alan Metcalfe at power forward, and, though undersized for the position, he has more than held his own on the interior and has the ability to stretch defenses.



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Alex Gordon also replaced freshman Jermaine Beal as the primary point guard in order to facilitate a higher-octane offense. A corollary to this switch has been that Beal has become a defensive sparkplug off the bench.

Perhaps the biggest reason that Vanderbilt is a much-

improved team is Derrick Byars' emergence of as one of the nation's finest players. While some players flourish in individual aspects of the game, Byars is so multi-dimensional that it wouldn't be a stretch to say he is the reason Vanderbilt is in the Sweet 16, let alone in the tournament.

Still, Georgetown is expected to prevail in the second round on Friday. Stallings isn't buying it.

"Generally speaking, I think that the psychological advantage goes to the team that lost the first game," he said. "Any time you play a team a second time, when you win, you tend to come with the same game plan. When you lose, you tend to try to make some modifications to figure out what you can do better the second time around."

Prospects looked bleak for this team in November. But by believing in themselves and focusing on getting better each day, the Commodores turned their season around.

"If we're going to be successful, our sum has to be greater than the parts," Stallings said. "If you take our team individually, we've got some nice pieces, some nice parts. When you throw them all together you get something much greater. We're a team."

To compare Friday's Sweet 16 match-up to the game in November would reveal few similarities beyond just the namesakes. ■

## COLUMN

## Enjoying the Madness

### Fans, players should savor moment.

WILL GIBBONS  
Columnist

I'm on the disabled list for a few weeks. Strained MCL. Should this mean anything to you? No, except for the fact that while stuck on the couch this weekend, I watched countless hours of basketball, including Vanderbilt's inspiring 78-74 double-overtime thriller victory over Washington State.

A team that at one point looked like an NIT team, if that, was headed to East Rutherford for the Sweet 16. A similar scene to the one I saw of high-fives and hugs could be witnessed in every living room across Commodore Nation.

About 200 Vandy Fanatics, whether they were officially in the campus group or not, showed up to greet the team upon its 2:30 a.m. return Sunday morning.

As happy as students were to see their Commodores, the players were equally pleased to see such rabid support. Each player stayed and met with fans. Alan Metcalfe recorded the rowdy reception on a video camera. Fans clearly enjoyed the moment, but the team wasn't forgetting to enjoy it either.

"On the plane ride home late last night, we had a chance to watch the game," said senior Dan Cage on Sunday. "It was pretty fun sitting with the guys watching that type of game."

One of the main attractions of watching any sporting event is the suspense of the competition and the perseverance shown under pressure by participants. It is indeed the ultimate reality television. So when members of the Vanderbilt team got the chance to watch their victory from a viewer's perspective, they reacted accordingly.

"Even during the game film," Cage said, "we know we win, but all of us are up there in the front of the plane, and we're still cheering after each shot, and we're on edge, and I feel my hands shaking a little bit when I'm watching Derrick come off a ball screen, waiting for him to hit the shot."

But perhaps it's the climb Vanderbilt made to the nation's top 16 that makes it so enjoyable now. Across the country, the name "Vanderbilt" does not necessarily resonate with casual sports fans or national media pundits as a basketball power. This has served as motivation for the team, and silencing any doubters can satisfy any prideful person.

After a 1-3 early record, this team has felt like it needed to earn respect from the outside. Even as the tide turned, the team has continued to play with a chip on its shoulder. Underdogs against Big East champs Georgetown, Friday's tilt appears to be no different.

"This is something they'll carry with them the rest of their lives," said coach Kevin Stallings. "I don't want them to stop enjoying it. I have no doubts come Friday night that when the referee throws the ball up, our guys will be ready to play."

Knowing that Roy Hibbert, Jeff Green and John Thompson III could end their run, these Commodores are savoring their hard-earned moment in the spotlight.

"We're really excited about it, and it's something we're going to remember forever," Cage said, "but we'd like to think we have a few more good times ahead of us here in the next week or two." ■



Fans greeted Derrick Byars and the Commodores upon their return from Sacramento, Calif., early Sunday morning.

## SEC NOTEBOOK

News and notes from Vanderbilt hoops

by JARRED AMATO  
Sports Editor

• **HEAD TO HEAD:**

Georgetown leads the series 3-1, including an 86-70 victory in this year's season opener at Memorial Gym. Jeff Green scored 19 points, and Roy Hibbert added 18 points and 10 rebounds. Alex Gordon led the Commodores with 15 points.

The Hoyas also beat Vanderbilt 70-60 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament in 1991, while the Commodores topped the Hoyas 68-61 last season.

• **BITTERSWEET:**

Vanderbilt is making its ninth NCAA Tournament appearance — its first since 2004. Since the field expanded to at least 64 teams, the Commodores have made it to the Sweet 16 four times but never to the Elite Eight.

• **HOYA PARANOIA:**

Georgetown is back. Coach John Thompson III's squad finished 13-3 in the Big East and captured the conference tournament. They beat Belmont (80-55) and Boston College (62-55) in the first two rounds.

• **THE STREAK CONTINUES:**

This season marks the 20th anniversary of the 3-point shot, and who knows where Vanderbilt would be without it. The Commodores have hit a 3-pointer in 663 games since the line was added, which is the second-longest streak in the nation. UNLV is first with 667.

Four Commodores have made more than 50 3-pointers this season: Dan Cage (77), Derrick Byars (76), Shan Foster (72) and Alex Gordon (51). As a team, they average 9.33 3-pointers per game, the second highest in school history.

• **BALL CONTROL:**

Gordon has committed the fewest turnovers (51) by a SEC starting point guard this season. His 2.27-to-1 assist-to-turnover ratio in league play was good for third best.

• **DYNAMIC DUO:**

Vanderbilt improved to 10-1 when Byars and Foster combined for more than 40 points. Byars poured in 27 points, while Foster dropped 20. The Commodores will need a similar performance against the Hoyas.

• **SEC DESERVES PROPS:**

The SEC has three teams left in the tournament — Vanderbilt, Florida and Tennessee. The Pac-10 also has three, while the Big 10 and Big East have just one team remaining.





MASON HENSLEY / The Vanderbilt Hustler  
 Vanderbilt junior Dominic de la Osa slides into second base during the team's series with Ole Miss over the weekend. The Commodores improved to 22-1 on the season after beating Western Kentucky 15-2 on Tuesday. De la Osa hit his sixth homer of the season in the winning effort.

# Vandy offense explodes in victory over Hilltoppers

## Davis, de la Osa lead Commodores to 15-2 victory.

by JARRED AMATO  
 Sports Editor

Vanderbilt scored 12 runs in the first three innings, highlighted by a six-run third en route to a 15-2 victory over Western Kentucky on Tuesday night at Hawkins Field. The Commodores improved to 22-1 overall, while the Hilltoppers fell to 8-10 on the season.

Dominic de la Osa had three hits and two RBIs, and Ryan Davis had three hits and four RBIs. Alex Feinberg, Pedro Alvarez, Ryan Flaherty and Andrew Giobbi added two hits apiece.

Mike Minor pitched 3.1 innings of two-hit scoreless relief with six strikeouts and no walks in the winning effort to move to 3-0 on the season.

"Tonight was good for the pitchers and the hitters as well," said Vanderbilt coach Tim Corbin. "It was good to see Ryan Davis to come through with four RBIs. Inter-team competition is everything when you want to keep guys on guard and sharp."

Western Kentucky jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first on a RBI single by Scotty Colt and a sacrifice fly by Jake Wells, but the Commodores plated four runs in the bottom half and never looked back. They scored two more in the second, courtesy of a two-run homer by Alvarez and then took advantage of three Hilltopper errors in the third to score six unearned runs.

Vanderbilt scored another run in the fourth, and de la Osa added a solo homer in the sixth — his sixth of the year — to make it 14-2. Brian Harris added an RBI double in the seventh to close out the scoring.

Tyler Rhoden, Cameron Betourne, Josh Zeid, Caleb Cotham and Jason Cunningham combined to pitch four innings of two-hit relief.

The Commodores return to SEC play this weekend on the road at Arkansas. The three-game series starts Friday at 6:35 p.m. and will continue Saturday at 2:05 p.m. and Sunday at 1:05 p.m.

### Diamond notes

• David Price is 5-0 with 71 strikeouts in 45.2 innings. Friday's 10-inning complete game was his fifth straight game with double-digit strikeouts.

• Offensively, Matt Meingasner was 7-for-16 (.438) with two homers, nine RBIs and five runs scored last week. He had a .813 slugging percentage with a .500 on-base percentage.

• Shea Robin also had a solid week at the plate going 7-for-16 as well with three RBIs and six runs scored. Robin was named to the initial Johnny Bench Award List by The Greater Wichita Area Sports Commission. Twenty-seven catchers from 17 conferences were nominated for the award by their coaches. Because the award is given annually to the top Division I collegiate catcher, the list will be updated to include other candidates until May 7.

Robin is one of four catchers from the Southeastern Conference to be on the list, joining Tennessee's J.P. Arcencibia, Mississippi State's Edward Easley and LSU's Robert Lara.

The Commodores picked up two No. 1 rankings this week by Baseball America and Rivals.com. Vanderbilt was also ranked in the top spot by the USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll for the third straight week and by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association for the fourth consecutive time.

Collegiate Baseball, which had ranked Vanderbilt No. 1 for the last four weeks, dropped the team to No. 2 in favor of 23-0 Florida State. ■

# Falcons stun No. 2 Dores

### HUSTLER STAFF REPORT

It wasn't supposed to end like this.

The second-seeded Commodores were upset by seventh-seeded Bowling Green 59-56 Tuesday in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

Junior Liz Sherwood led Vanderbilt (28-6) with 18 points on eight-of-12 shooting and Carla Thomas added 12, but the Commodores' second-half comeback fell short. Bowling Green (31-3)

became the first Mid-American Conference school to advance to the Sweet 16 and will play Arizona State.

The Commodores trailed by 13 points at halftime but managed to cut the lead to three with 1:50 remaining. Falcon guard Ali Mann's 3-pointer pushed the lead back to six, and Bowling Green made enough free throws down the stretch to hold off Vanderbilt, who won the Southeastern Conference Tournament two weeks earlier. ■



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 The fact that Carla Thomas and the Commodores lost to Bowling Green 59-56 Tuesday in the second round of the NCAA Tournament doesn't take away from their remarkable season.

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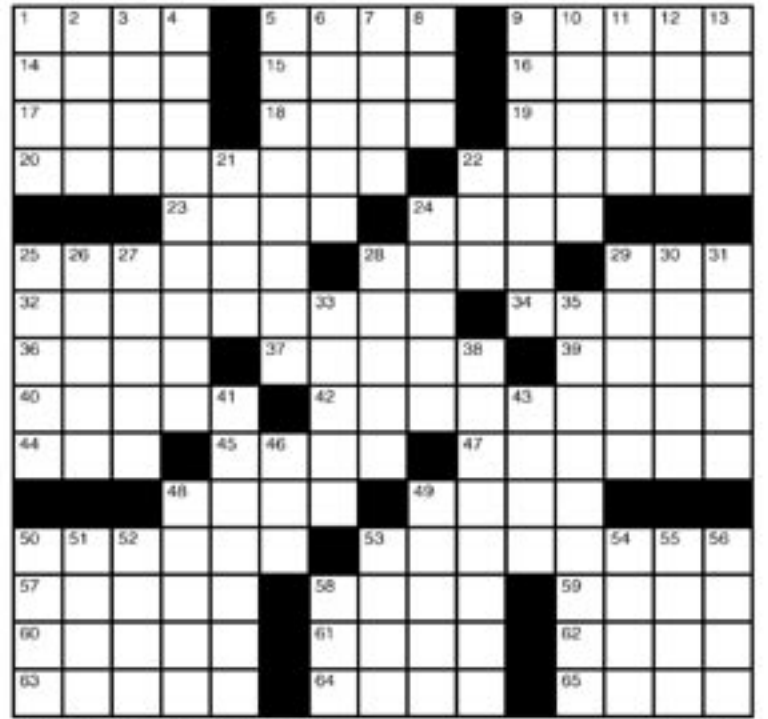
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