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## THE WALL

compiled by EVE ATTERMANN

### TODAY 'The Rise of the Incas: State Formation in the Cuzco Region'

Brian S. Bauer, professor of anthropology at the University of Illinois at Chicago, will be speaking today in Buttrick 305 at 4:10 p.m. Bauer's interests center on the development of complex societies in the Americas, indigenous forms of social organization and ritual systems in complex societies, and the European and American contact period.

### TODAY Signature Series: The Blair Brass Quintet

The Blair Brass Quintet will perform today at 8 p.m. in Ingram Hall. The performance will feature pieces by J.S. Bach and contemporary composer Jan Bach as well as Renaissance dances, percussion and works by present-day composers. It is open to the public. Valet parking will be provided.

### TUESDAY, FEB. 13 The 2007 College Campaign Production of 'The Vagina Monologues'

Presented by Project Safe, Eve Ensler's award-winning play will be performed at the Sarratt Cinema at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 at the Sarratt Box Office, and the Vandy card, cash and check are accepted. Tickets are also available by calling 322-1333. All proceeds benefit Amnesty International, which works to end violence against women.

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14 'In the Black' Series features Sam Latham

Sam Latham, publisher of Onyx Magazine, will be speaking at noon in the Black Cultural Center. The "In the Black" series features lectures on black business and entrepreneurship with a focus on Nashville business owners along historic Jefferson Street.

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

# Buddies' Valentine's Day comes early

by EVE ATTERMANN  
Asst News Editor

Forty-three students and their 67 buddies celebrated an early Valentine's Day with Swingin' Dores and Matt Belsante Saturday night at the Schulman Center for Jewish Life.

"The Best Buddies Valentine's Dance is known to be the biggest Best Buddies event of the year," said freshman Adam Kerbis. "I made sure to go, as well as bring my friends, to this event in order to celebrate the holiday in a different way than I would have in the past."

Best Buddies pairs intellectually disabled adults with college students in order to build one-on-one friendships. The event was open to everyone and featured Italian food, arts and crafts, cookie decorating and dancing.

"It was a great success and a good effort made by the whole Best Buddies activity board," said board member Ashley Magrane. "It's so nice to have the Vanderbilt community support Best Buddies."

Some members, such as senior China Irwin, attended because they found it to be a unique way to celebrate the holiday.

"Both Vanderbilt students and their buddies look forward to this dance every year," Irwin said. "It is great for everyone to get to see each other and enjoy some Valentine's fun."

Sophomore Diane DeTrizio attended the event because of the close bond she shares with her buddy.

"I attended to hang out with my awesome buddy, Fredi, and because this is my favorite event of the year," she said. "Everyone seems to have a really good time, and who doesn't enjoy candy, dancing and making Valentines?" ■



Ruth Adams and freshman Carleigh Flexer (left to right) dance together at the Best Buddies Valentine's Day Dance on Saturday night. Matt Belsante and the Swingin' Dores provided the entertainment for the event, which was held at the Schulman Center for Jewish Life.

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## Cafe con Leche 2007 draws local talent



Danny Salazar, of the local band Danny Salazar y los Kuarto, performs at Cafe con Leche Saturday night at the Blair School of Music. The Vanderbilt Association of Hispanic Students puts on the annual show.

ADAM SETREN / The Vanderbilt Hustler

## Shortened winter break receives SGA criticism

Calendar cannot change without elimination of fall break.

by KRISTEN CHMIELEWSKI  
Asst News Editor

The 2007-2008 fall semester will begin on Aug. 29 and end on Dec. 22, shortening winter break by one week.

The change will affect many students and organizations on campus, as travel becomes more expensive close to the holidays and Alternative Winter Break and summer sessions become harder to schedule.

Dean of Students Mark Bandas said the Student Government Association proposed shifting the calendar to make Aug. 22 the first day of classes and Dec. 15 the last day of finals.

However, according to Cara Bilotta, Vanderbilt Student Government president-elect, the calendar cannot be changed.

Due to the addition of fall break several years ago, two days of classes had to be reapportioned to the end of the semester in December.

As a result, in certain years the fall semester ends on Dec. 22, which Bandas said has happened in the past without many complaints. He said he believes students prefer keeping the fall break to having an earlier end date to the semester.

"The recent SGA proposal was carefully reviewed; many departments, offices and parties were consulted," Bandas said. "Given the constraints and time frame for decision-making, we will not be able to alter the calendar for fall 2007."

Bilotta said Bandas was very sympathetic to the issue.

"He has worked in housing for a number of years and understands the resident advisers may remain as late as Dec. 24," Bilotta said. "He really did consult everyone he could to facilitate a change in the Dec. 22 date, but the only option would be to give up fall break."

Bandas cited strict construction schedules as the reason behind the rejection of the SGA proposal.

The construction of two new residence halls will continue this summer, and renovations are scheduled for East and Memorial Halls.

Bandas said the project management calendars would not allow for the completion of the buildings until mid-August.

"After the buildings are turned over, we still have to move in furniture and clean the facilities," he said.

Many students arrive up to two weeks earlier than the start date of classes. If the semester began Aug. 22, resident advisers, VUcept board members, Doreways leaders, athletic teams, Ingram scholars, ROTC members and band members would move in as early as Aug. 8.

Rushing the construction schedule would put over 700 beds at risk of incompleteness upon the arrival of students.

Sophomore Kimi DeMent was surprised by the change in the calendar, saying, "I had no idea they had even changed it!"

Likewise, junior Piper Miles-Coccaro said

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**TUESDAY**



Rain, 50/23

**WEDNESDAY**



Partly Cloudy, 33/19

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Sunny, 30/15

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compiled by EVE ATTERMANN

**WORLD**

**Portugal decides in national referendum whether to ease strict abortion law**

Portugal is deciding in a national referendum Sunday whether to discard its strict abortion law, a battle that pits the Socialist government against conservative parties and the Catholic Church.

The center-left Socialist government wants to grant women the right to opt for abortion during the first 10 weeks of pregnancy.

Portugal, where more than 90 percent of people say they are Catholic, has one of the most restrictive abortion laws in the European Union. The procedure is allowed only in cases of rape, fetal malformation or if a mother's health is in danger, and only in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy.

In 23 other EU nations, abortion is permitted within much broader limits. Women can ask for abortions up to the 24th week of pregnancy in Britain and up to the 12th week in Germany, France and Italy.

The government has portrayed the ballot as a measure of Portugal's willingness to adopt more modern attitudes. Its effort to change the law, though, has run into emphatic opposition from the church, which wants to keep the restrictions in place.

More than 50 percent of the country's almost 9 million registered voters need to cast ballots for the referendum's outcome to be binding. If the turnout is lower, the referendum is nullified.

The single question on the ballot asks voters if they want to allow abortion up to the 10th week.

Four hours before polls closed, only 31 percent of the country's voters had cast their ballot, according to the National Election Commission.

Source: AP

**NATION**

**Anna Nicole Smith's companion, daughter staying at disputed Bahamas mansion**

Anna Nicole Smith's 5-month-old daughter and the baby's purported father have reclaimed the Bahamas mansion where they lived before the former Playboy Playmate died last week, her lawyer said.

Not only is the paternity of Smith's baby — who stands to inherit a fortune from Smith's late husband — in dispute, but so is the Bahamas mansion where Smith had been living.

Smith, who died in Florida on Thursday, had claimed that a U.S. developer and former boyfriend, G. Ben Thompson, gave her the house. But Thompson said he had only loaned it to Smith — and during the weekend had the locks changed.

Smith's lawyer and companion, Howard K. Stern — one of three men who claims to be the baby's father — had the locks changed again and on Sunday was once again at the gated waterfront estate, known as "Horizons."

The baby girl, Dannielynn Hope Marshall Stern, was also there, attorney Wayne Munroe told The Associated Press. An AP Television News reporter also saw Smith's mother, Vergie Arthur, enter the house.

Munroe said he has filed a robbery complaint with police over computer equipment, drawings and paintings allegedly taken from the home, and authorities interviewed the housekeeper. Police said Sunday they are investigating.

Munroe said the house now belongs to Stern, Smith's companion.

"Right now, Howard is very happy to be reunited with Dannielynn but extremely angry that somebody had the gall to break into Anna's residence," Stern's spokesman, Ron Rale, said Sunday by telephone from Los Angeles.

Smith's ownership of the mansion was the basis of her claim to residency in the Bahamas. In a lawsuit, Smith asked a court to recognize her as the owner and reject Thompson's claim on the house in the exclusive neighborhood.

The island chain's Supreme Court has scheduled a Feb. 26 hearing on the matter, Munroe said.

Munroe said Smith's will would be admitted to probate — under which the will is officially proved as authentic or valid — in the Bahamas, and that the process can take from one year to 18 months. He said he has not been advised of funeral plans, but that he expected Smith would be buried in the Bahamas alongside Daniel Smith, her 20-year-old son who died here in September.

Who will get custody of the baby girl was not clear.

Munroe said Stern, who is listed on a birth certificate as Dannielynn's father, was due custody. But two other men have challenged for paternity.

Source: AP

**CAMPUS**

**School of Engineering named to 'Science Watch' top 10**

Vanderbilt's School of Engineering is ranked among the top 10 universities nationally as measured by the impact that their publications have had on the field.

The rankings were published in the January/February issue of Thomson Scientific's newsletter Science Watch and are based on a survey of research publications in the physical and social sciences between 2001 and 2005. It is the first time that Vanderbilt engineering has made it into Science Watch's top 10.

The basis of the rankings is what Science Watch calls "citation impact": the average number of times that papers written by an institution's researchers are cited in papers published by other experts. This is considered a measure that does a good job of comparing the research quality of different-sized institutions.

The School of Engineering ranked ninth in the engineering category, with 414 papers and a relative impact score of 117. The first-ranked institution was Yale University, with 389 papers and a relative impact score of 181.

Science Watch top 10 rankings cover 21 fields of university research, surveying publishing activities of researchers from the top 100 federally funded universities.

"We are pleased with this recognition," Vanderbilt Dean of Engineering Kenneth F. Galloway said. "Our faculty and students publish significant papers, and the Science Watch ranking recognizes both their productivity and the quality of their work." The dean noted that the achievement is especially notable in light of the fact that the Vanderbilt School of Engineering is a relatively small engineering school, with fewer than 100 faculty.

Source: VANDERBILT NEWS SERVICE

**WINTER BREAK: Bilotta moves to prevent problem in 2012**

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she was dismayed by the shortened break.

"I usually make plans to travel over winter break in addition to visiting back home," she said. "Now I feel like there is hardly enough time."

Although nothing can be done to change next year's academic calendar, Bilotta plans to revise the calendar-planning infrastructure and begin negotiations regarding the next Dec. 22 end date in 2012.

While a university calendar committee composed of students appointed by SGA exists, she said the communication between the appointees and student government has been ineffective because the appointees were not directly tied into the SGA structure.

"Speaker of the Senate Jared Anderson plans to appoint members of Vanderbilt Student Government to these and other committees so that when such conversations about the academic calendar and other issues are discussed, VSG can then be better alerted," she said.

Bandas said he thinks the SGA proposal raises many valid and important issues.

"I hope to work with the new VSG and the calendar committee to review this or similar proposals for calendar modification," he said.

To date, the only option for amending the last day of fall classes in 2012 would be the permanent dissolution of fall break. Bilotta opposes the elimination of fall break, especially since many students have already made plans for next year's break. ■

**Study finds state clinics, health care providers need improvement**

Associated Press

The clinics and health care providers state residents rely on for primary care are inadequate and need improvement, based on a published report by two Memphis researchers.

The paper written by Cyril Chang, a University of Memphis economics professor, and Manoj Jain, a director with Medicare quality improvement group QSource, found Tennesseans more likely than other Americans to be hospitalized for pneumonia, dehydration and 11 other complaints often treated on an outpatient basis.

The report, published

recently in Tennessee Medicine, the journal of the Tennessee Medical Association, found nearly 16 percent of 2002 hospitalizations statewide involved complaints for which the risk and expense of inpatient care might have been avoided in a clinic or doctor's office.

The study focused on health problems for which hospitalization is considered avoidable if patients receive adequate care in time to prevent serious complications.

"These shouldn't be confused with 'unnecessary' or 'inappropriate' hospitalizations. A potentially avoidable

hospitalization can actually be quite appropriate and necessary once the patient is sick enough to be admitted," Chang said.

The findings show gaps in the public and private network of primary care providers, which public health officials, health providers and health insurance companies need to be aware of, Chang said.

Tennessee hospitalization rates outpaced the national average in 12 of the 13 diagnoses studied. Chest pain was the only category in which state residents were more likely than the average Americans to be treated outside the hospital. ■

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# Students compete for Gee's favor in costume contest



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The winners of the best costume contest at the Chancellor's Costume Ball celebrate their award Saturday night at the Student Life Center.

# Decreased off-campus housing permission to affect rental market

by CHRIS LAWRENCE  
Contributing Reporter

Students are not the only group taking notice of the university's pursuit of a residential undergraduate experience.

Local apartment managers and lenders say the movement of fewer students off campus will affect them as well.

For the first time next year, only a limited number of rising seniors and fifth-year seniors will be granted off-campus housing permission, compared to all seniors and a limited number of juniors in previous years.

Ginny McDaniel, property manager of Twenty & Grand Apartments off 21st Avenue, said more availability could cause a major shift in the market.

"In the coming years, it could become more of a renter's market, rather than a landlord's market," she said. "Many will have to make their prices more competitive."

McDaniel said she is not worried about filling vacancies due to her complex's proximity to Vanderbilt's professional schools, but she said the consequence of more on-campus

housing will be more felt in places that offer commodities directed at undergraduates.

"Places that have swimming pools, like Vanderbilt Village and the Gardens of Hillsboro Village, are more likely to feel it, because undergrads really flock to those places," she said.

Stacy Garcia, district manager of the Grove apartment complex, said the shift will affect her property, and complained about a lack of communication.

"It will definitely have a profound effect on us and the four other products with which we compete," she said. "Nobody has told me how it will be executed, what the time table is or how it will affect me."

Frank Wcislo, dean of The Commons, said real estate entrepreneurs have not contacted his office, despite much publicity.

He expects property rental and owning to increase in value as part of the general trend toward urban living in central Nashville. He also said that discussion of the economics of this issue should consider the impact university investments have upon the labor market in general. ■

# 'Vagina Monologues' seeks to end violence against women

by JANELLE STOKES  
Contributing Reporter

"The Vagina Monologues" cannot help but raise eyebrows.

Going so far as to sell chocolate vaginas on The Wall, the cast's promotion of the show has received mixed feelings from the community. While some, such as Chancellor Gordon Gee, have supported the production, others have shunned the play's provocative content and in-your-face advertising.

"(While) selling the chocolate vaginas on The Wall, we had people who were excited, and others told me, 'Don't say the word 'vagina.' That's disgusting,'" said freshman cast member Erica Santiago. "I think this is the kind of show that both men and women should go to. (Those) who have seen the show are happy with the way it is being advertised."

The cast, composed of students and staff dedicated to raising awareness about violence against women, will perform Eve Ensler's play twice this week in Sarratt Cinema.

Each woman brings her own personal story to the project, and they have spent many weeks learning about their collective experiences with womanhood and violence.

Past suffering led staff member Mary Elizabeth Holden to become involved in the project.

"I have always been one to stand up for what I believe in," she said. "Five years ago, I lost everything because of (my) kidnapping and rape. This really made me focus because I was not treated fairly. That is the whole point of 'The Vagina Monologues.' My mother never even said 'vagina.' If you can't say it how can you prevent it? It's something that you have to talk about before you change it."

"The Vagina Monologues" are a part of V-Day, an international program dedicated to ending violence against women. This year's V-Day events will focus on women in conflict zones.

"We are exposing the fact that if a government supports the use of force, weapons (and) violence as a method of control and dominance, this gives license to the same kind of behavior at home," Holden said.

Ensler based "The Vagina Monologues" on a series of interviews about the meaning of womanhood conducted with thousands of women from all over the world. Presented by an all-female cast, monologue topics range from first periods in "The Flood" to sexual experiences in "The Woman Who Loved to Make Vaginas Happy."

"The play is based on different topics that came up with the women," said Reagan Bush, director of the production. "The Vagina Monologues' allows their voices to be heard on very taboo subjects. It seems there is a lot of mystery surrounding 'The Vagina Monologues,' and what people don't know is that it is a part of the national movement to end violence against women, so it is very important to bring this info to our campus."

The Vanderbilt production will present an adaptation of the play Tuesday, Feb. 13 and Wednesday, Feb. 14, both at 7 p.m., in Sarratt Cinema.

Tickets cost \$12 on the card and can be purchased ahead of time at the Sarratt Box Office or with cash at the door. Proceeds benefit Amnesty International. ■



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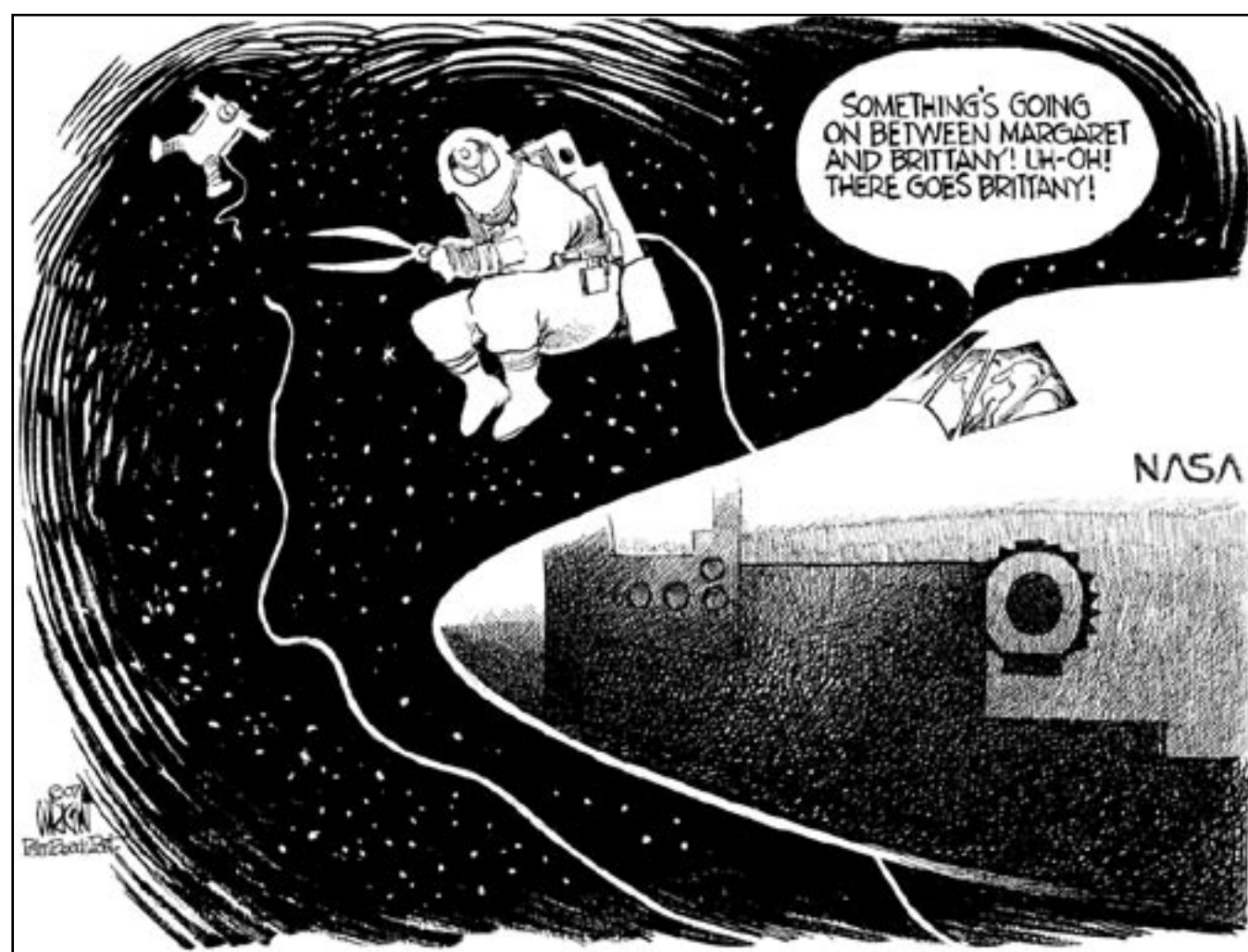
## Hustler editorial cannot represent views of entire community

The Hustler's tagline is "The Voice of Vanderbilt." This reflects The Hustler's role as one of Vanderbilt's oldest and most visible institutions as well as its place as a forum for student concerns. That said, the role of any newspaper — The Hustler included — is not to find a squishy middle ground that pleases every member of the Vanderbilt community. Each and every Vanderbilt student has disagreed at some point with something printed in these pages, but this does not reflect the abdication of the publication's stated mission that one of today's letters claims.

The beauty of student media, as opposed to professional media, is that the only requirements for publication are a basic grasp of and love for language, a drive to learn and the willingness to challenge the status quo. As a publication created by and for students and distributed freely throughout campus and beyond, The Hustler is far more permeable to audience concerns than The New York Times, for example. Does this mean The Hustler reflects every student concern "out of the box," as

it were? Of course not. Yet, many opportunities for involvement exist, ranging from letters to the editor to the editorial positions themselves, and with some effort one can ensure his views are represented to the greater community, whether said community agrees or not.

The editorial, also known as the "Our View," is by far the most poorly understood of all Hustler features. It is a superficially reasonable belief that the "Our View" represents the view of Vanderbilt as a whole, but an examination of what exactly that would imply shows that perhaps there is more complexity to the issue at hand. "Our View" is actually the majority or, ideally, the consensus belief of the members of the Hustler editorial board and is not meant to represent the totality of Vanderbilt thought and opinion. An editorial purporting to represent the entire Vanderbilt community, from undergraduates to faculty, would consist entirely of tautology and positions so watered down they would be completely meaningless.



Don Wright—MCT

### LETTER

## The Hustler risks decline into total irrelevancy

#### To the Editor:

I was appalled by last Wednesday's Our View ("Arguments against higher standards fail to convince critical thinkers," Feb. 7). Who, exactly, are these critical thinkers? Surely not the members of an editorial board that stifles dialog by insulting their readers. The article opened with the following remark:

"One of the hazards of argument is that one often finds himself arguing in favor of a position he considers abhorrent. Such is the case with today's letter concerning Interfraternity Council's academic standards."

Excuse me? I never argued for a position I consider abhorrent. On the contrary: my letter argued for a position that the Hustler editorial board considers abhorrent. My mistake. I assumed that the Hustler's tagline, "The Voice of Vanderbilt Vanderbilt," was interpreted literally.

It seems to me that the point of a newspaper is to encourage debate on issues of relevance to its community. However, the Hustler discourages this when it misinterprets or mis-titles letters to the editor, and particularly when it disrespects its own readership. How dare the editors imply that I am somehow not

dedicated to making Vanderbilt the best possible! How many members of the editorial board were ever in a position where such a policy would affect them? What personal knowledge of the situation do they bring to the table? Are the board members foolhardy enough to advocate a policy whose ill effects would never be apparent to them?

In the end, I guess it doesn't matter. It saddens me that I attend a school where the newspaper is controlled by a fringe element who see it as a platform for maintaining their own views. I guess I shouldn't expect the opinions to be pertinent all the time. An insecure editorial board will merely push the Hustler further toward irrelevance. People will always pick it up, though; thank God for crosswords and sudoku.

**Drew Donnelly**  
Senior, Peabody College

*Editor's note: The author requested that his letter be printed verbatim, without editing. In addition, "Our View" represents the majority opinion of the Hustler editorial board as listed on this page.*

### LETTER

## Facebook living wage debates unworthy of Hustler coverage

#### To the Editor:

The Vanderbilt Hustler has been covering the debate about living wage for quite a while. In fact, the publication has had articles about the debate in almost every issue since the day LIVE stormed into the Board of Trustees meeting. It is unfortunate that the debate still has not been settled, but it is more unfortunately that a certain part of the Vanderbilt population has started to grow tired of The Hustler's incessant coverage on the debate. Their impression of the publication, therefore, is not very pleasant.

Student activists barging into the Board of Trustees meeting was certainly a worthy issue for The Hustler to report to the Vanderbilt community. Voices of different groups on campus, including those of LIVE, the union, the Board of Trustees and the students, were equally important pieces of information The Hustler decided to report. The publication demonstrated a tremendous amount of effort and high quality in completing their job.

However, as the debate about living wage continued and the union rejected Vanderbilt's proposal, the whole matter did not seem to have a clear direction to which it was headed.

LIVE looked at the issue with frustration while the university gave them the cold shoulder. The Hustler, watching from afar, became very disappointed because there was essentially nothing worthy of a report regarding a helpless stalemate between LIVE and the university.

Today the debate has progressed far enough to spark controversy on Facebook.com. LIVE and the opposition have created groups supporting their own perspectives on the debate, and each group has tried to mock the other over the Internet.

This is a laughable matter because anyone who uses Facebook knows the site's groups have neither intrinsic nor extrinsic value, and arguments on the Internet will most likely result in blocking and banning of users, which is exactly the current picture.

The Hustler decided to spend more than half a page to cover this naivete as a progress report on the debate on living wage. I am sure The Hustler had no intention to be sloppy on their job, but covering a Facebook debate on a serious matter is comparable to using Wikipedia as a reference in a history paper.

The Hustler should first evaluate the importance and value of a piece of information before reporting it.

If The Hustler finds nothing worthy of a report, instead of including fillers in the paper, it may as well include "joke of the day" so students can get a laugh about the joke and not about The Hustler itself.

Moreover, is there really nothing going on at Vanderbilt that is more important than a Facebook argument?

**Wynne Lam**  
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COLUMN

# Freedom Ride 2007 mixed inspiration with frustration

**TIM BOYD**  
Guest Columnist

It is heartening to know that the experience of Freedom Ride 2007 has inspired people within the Vanderbilt community to pursue social justice through activism. The word "inspired" has come up a lot in people's reactions to going on the trip, and there surely was something powerfully moving about hearing the firsthand accounts of people who had been willing to risk their lives in order to draw attention to the moral abhorrence of Jim Crow. Not only that, but the trip was excellently organized, absorbing and interesting throughout, and I believe that by going on it, we have all gained some additional insight and understanding of a particularly dramatic incident within the civil rights movement.

The problem is, however, that much of the understanding of the civil rights movement people claim to have gleaned from Freedom Ride 2007 is worryingly shallow, and as a result, has led to the intention of "doing something" that, while based on a welcome desire to improve the future, has nonetheless also resulted from an unwillingness to engage critically with the past. As churlish as this may sound, I felt like there was a distressing amount of historical "monumentalization" that went on during the weekend, and especially in the reactions to it, which sounded like we were simply there to passively receive inspiration from heroic figures. No difficult questions were to be asked, no uncomfortable aspects of history were to be confronted, and we could all go away happy in the belief we had experienced an "authentic" encounter with our past.

One such question left unaddressed was the understanding of what non-violence actually means, despite an almost universal hope that it could be the solution to the world's ills. From what has been said about setting up the Center for Non-Violence at Vanderbilt, and indeed what was said by several of the Freedom Riders on the trip, it exists as a self-contained panacea — as if there was a way every problem could be solved if we only understood the philosophy of non-violence and its self-contained power.

The trouble with this view is that non-violence by itself was ineffective. It generally required violence in order to succeed. Gandhi himself understood this and pointed out "non-

violence only comes into play when it comes into contact with violence." Activists in the 1960s specifically chose places to protest they knew would produce a violent response. The decision to continue the Freedom Rides to Montgomery in 1961 are a case in point. Where civil rights groups failed to get that violent response, such as Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1962 protests in Albany, Ga., efforts at desegregation fizzled out, regardless of how dedicated the protestors were to non-violence.

Another of Montgomery's famous moments — the 1955-56 bus boycott — is also often portrayed as a simple triumph of "pure" non-violence. The boycott, indeed, did not require a violent response to succeed, but it did need a lawsuit from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People — a group James Lawson described on the 2007 Rides as having been far less significant than the non-violent activists. Had the NAACP not gotten a Supreme Court ruling mandating desegregation on Montgomery's buses, the boycott most likely would have collapsed.

To therefore try to simply replicate non-violent direct action in something like the living wage campaign, the drive for universal health care or even gay rights — all causes worthy of support — without understanding this is futile. For it to be effective, one would have to somehow hope non-violent protest will provoke Vanderbilt's Police Department or HMO employees to go wading into crowds waving billy-clubs and deploying tear gas. If it is to work in the context of gay rights, it would mean selecting the most homophobic part of the nation and staging a gay pride rally there, but it is hard to believe any local authority would allow the level of violence in this case necessary to repeat the outrage at Bull Connor's Birmingham in 1963.

The second point of concern with the 2007 Rides was their focus on the history people would find "comfortable." It was like reliving a fairy tale. Sure, there was some evil that needed to be overcome, but thankfully, the pure of heart were able to drive that evil from the land. We heard nothing about the unresolved problems left in its wake, such as what has happened to Birmingham since the 1960s.

The Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, who arguably saved the Freedom Riders from death in 1961, and was bitterly disappointed at the allegedly

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Compiled by Ceaf Lewis

"I find it horribly ironic that most of the people on campus fighting for/against a living wage have never paid a bill or worked a job in their lives!"

"Print fewer articles from The Associated Press. I know that you're all glued to CNN, engrossed in the death of Anna Nicole Smith (RIP breasts), but a little investigative research could go a long way. Perhaps even produce a respectable newspaper. (Refer to 'New York Times' in the index for more information on newspapers that don't suck.)"

"Once and for all, the phrase 'If you want to come' does not constitute an invitation! 'If you want' is the basis for an RSVP section of an actual invite. A proper invite implies that the host wants the invitee to partake and is independent of whether or not the invitee actually wants to join in or not. So please, from now on, invite someone with, 'I would like you to come,' and let 'if you want,' to be decided via RSVP."

"successful" outcome of the 1963 civil rights protests he had helped organize, would have been interesting to hear on this score. Perhaps we could have visited some Birmingham residents who were there in 1961 or had some discussion of continuing racial problems in the city? Perhaps a visit to a community center in a poor, black community? Instead we got to observe at a safe and comfortable distance, with the distinct impression being that the story had an unproblematic, happy ending.

Using this kind of understanding of the civil rights movement to advance social justice is like trying to deploy the lessons learned from "Cinderella" to end world poverty. It is this kind of thinking that has led to the monumentalization of the civil rights movement, and while Freedom Ride 2007 was by no means the cause of such a view, it did nothing to challenge it. We are now interested in little more than worshipping and reifying the people and incidents of the 1950s and 1960s in such a way that they cease to be noble but imperfect and become instead legends and myths. We have credited them with omnipotence, rather than with agency.

We are, in short, engaging in historical fetishism — a desire to universally appropriate the "sacred" symbols of the civil rights movement and have them speak to us in our everyday lives. It has gone so far that

I would be surprised if many people even batted an eyelid when Chevy used Rosa Parks in their ad for a new truck, or Coca-Cola ran a commercial during the Super Bowl flashing up the "highlights" of the civil rights movement next to its corporate logo. Martin Luther King has become so mainstream in the public consciousness, President Bush and Jesse Jackson can both claim to support his "dream" and barely a murmur of protest is heard as to whether this is remotely possible. And yet, it clearly can't be possible, unless King's message is stripped of all meaning and rendered a series of harmless platitudes; a more rhetorically elegant version of "can't we all just get along?"

In Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," there is a famous moment when Marc Anthony declares he wishes to bury Caesar rather than praise him. There is every reason to praise the dedication and achievements of that small and courageous minority of Americans, including the Freedom Riders, who became civil rights activists. However, if we as a society continue to indulge ourselves in the kind of uncritical mythologizing of the civil rights movement that has permeated the response to Freedom Ride 2007, then our praise may just serve to bury it.

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## OFFICE OF HOUSING AND RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION

**TO: Undergraduate Students Returning for the Fall Semester 2007**

**FROM: Jim Kramka, Senior Director of Housing Facilities Operation and Management**

**SUBJECT: Apply for 2007-2008 Housing February 12-25**

All undergraduates returning for fall 2007 must apply for the housing assignment process for the 2007-2008 academic year. To apply, direct your Web browser to <<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd>> and click on the link to the housing application anytime between Monday, February 12 and 5:00 PM, Sunday, February 25. Your VUnetID and password are required for logging in to the application.

Students who apply after the deadline of 5 PM on Sunday, February 25 will (1) not be allowed to reserve their current spaces; and/or (2) lose a point of seniority for the housing assignment process.

Students who will be entering their fourth year of study in fall 2007 are eligible to request authorization to live off campus at the same web site, between Monday, February 12 and 5:00 PM, Sunday, February 25. Students requesting off-campus authorization must first have applied for on campus housing.

If you hope to study abroad, participate in an internship program, or take a leave of absence next fall (Fall 2007), but are not certain that you will do so (i.e., you have not yet been accepted or are unsure that you will participate) - then you should apply for and participate in the housing assignment process for next year. See "A Guide to the Housing Assignment Process: 2007-2008" for details. (The Guide will be available for download from our website in late February.) If and when it becomes clear that you will study abroad, participate in an internship program, or take a leave of absence, please notify the Office of Housing and Residential Education (2-2591) of your plans immediately.

Students who plan to live in Greek houses for the fall semester of 2007 must apply for the housing assignment process before the close of the application period, 5:00 PM, Sunday, February 25. They should consult with their chapter presidents. These students should also complete Greek house authorization request forms and submit these forms to their chapter presidents. Presidents are responsible for assembling the Greek House authorization requests into packets for their houses and for submitting the complete packets to the Office of Housing and Residential Education, 4113 Branscomb Quadrangle, by the deadline of 12:00 noon, Friday, February 23.

**More information about the housing assignment process is available on the housing website: [www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd) and at 2-2591.**

## SPORTS

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## Upcoming Events

**Men's Basketball  
No. 17 Oklahoma  
State at No. 25 Texas  
Tonight  
8 p.m. CT  
ESPN**

This is a great matchup between two Big 12 schools. Oklahoma State (19-5, 5-4 Big 12) is coming off an exciting double-overtime victory over Texas Tech, while Kevin Durant's Longhorns (17-7, 7-3 Big 12) just beat Iowa State. I like the home team, Texas, in this one.

Prediction: Texas 79, Oklahoma State 72

**Men's Basketball  
West Virginia at No. 23  
Georgetown  
Tonight  
7 p.m. CT**

Both teams are playing great basketball lately. The Mountaineers (19-5, 7-4 Big East) are riding high after upsetting No. 2 UCLA over the weekend, while the Hoyas (18-5, 8-2 Big East) smashed Marquette to move into second place in the conference. West Virginia plays great at home, but will be overmatched against Roy Hibbert and company in this one.

Prediction: Georgetown 75, West Virginia 66

**Men's Basketball  
No. 18 Kentucky at  
Tennessee  
Tuesday  
6 p.m. CT**

The SEC East is just brutal. Undefeated Florida leads the pack, but behind it are Kentucky (7-3), Vandy (6-4), Georgia (6-5) and Tennessee (5-5). If the Vols win this one, things will get even crazier. Playing at home with a healthier Chris Lofton and lots of confidence, expect Tennessee to do so.

Prediction: Tennessee 80, Kentucky 75

**Men's Basketball  
No. 20 Southern  
Illinois at Missouri  
State  
Tuesday  
7:05 p.m. CT**

Southern Illinois (21-5, 12-3 MVC) gained sole possession of first place in the Valley after beating Creighton over the weekend. The Salukis have won seven straight games overall, while Missouri State (19-7, 10-5) has won five in a row. Playing at home helps the Bears, but you can't forget that they lost by 20 the last time they played S.I.

Prediction: Southern Illinois 66, Missouri State 63

**Men's Basketball  
Virginia Tech at No. 5  
North Carolina  
Tuesday  
7 p.m. CT**

Who would have thought Virginia Tech would trail the Tar Heels by just one game in the standings? While the Hokies beat UNC earlier in the season, the Tar Heels aren't going to be happy.

Prediction: UNC 82, Virginia Tech 70

RECORD: 41-29

## Not their day

## Commodores look to rebound after blowout loss to Vols.

by WILL GIBBONS  
Senior Sports Reporter

Following Saturday's 84-57 drubbing at Tennessee, Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings left the Thompson-Bowling Arena floor to jeers and hecklers. Then he hugged his family.

Maybe some perspective on life is needed when evaluating the Commodores' performance.

There was a lid on Vanderbilt's basket — the team shot a season low 17 for 57 for the game. The Commodores went seven for 30 in the first half and made six of 26 3-pointers. In the first half, Vanderbilt went the first four minutes of the game without scoring, falling behind 13-0. They then had three more stretches of over two minutes without a point. The Commodores only had 11 assists.

"They did a good job of getting us out of sync offensively," said junior Shan Foster, who finished with 15 points. "We knew they'd come out and give their best effort. We didn't counter back."

Vanderbilt also struggled defensively. Tennessee hit 12 3-pointers and shot 50.9 percent for the game. Wayne Chism, who left the bench in a verbal tirade during Vanderbilt's 82-81 win over the Volunteers in Nashville,

finished with 17 points. Chism also had 12 rebounds.

"We lost it at the end (in Nashville), and it really made us mad," Chism said. "After they won, they started celebrating on us, and everybody was getting pushed around trying to get off the floor. Coming back (Saturday), we showed them that we could do it at our house."

Vanderbilt knew the bitterness of losing on a tip-in would have the Volunteers ready to play. Add to that the media spat after Stallings apparently called Tennessee coach Bruce Pearl an "idiot," and it became clear that Tennessee would have an extra bit of motivation.

"It never felt like we were on top of the game," Stallings said. "They controlled the game throughout. We needed to make a whole lot of plays but were never able to do it. There were times when we defended them well, and they still made shots."

The challenge now is to regroup. Obviously, it was a tough day to wear black and gold, but all losses count the same.

"It's just one of those uncharacteristic nights overall," said Ross Neltner, who had 15 points. "It's a 30-point loss, but it's still only one loss."

Next up for Vanderbilt is a date with the South Carolina



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Junior point guard Alex Gordon defends in the Commodores' 84-57 to the Vols Saturday at the Thompson-Bowling Arena in Knoxville.

Gamecocks. Hopefully for the Commodore faithful, a win over the SEC's last-place team is what Vanderbilt needs to cure what ails them. In the

roller coaster of emotions that make up a basketball season, wins like these are essential. For Foster, the philosophy is simple.

"The main thing about the SEC is you can't get too high on your highs, can't get too low on your lows," he said. ■

## Tennessee gets best of Vandy in rematch

by MICHAEL POMERANTZ  
Sports Reporter

In January, No. 20 Tennessee came to Nashville and was beaten on a last-second putback. On Saturday, No. 23 Vanderbilt went to Knoxville, where the Volunteers returned the favor and then some, defeating the Commodores 84-57.

Tennessee (17-8, 5-5 Southeastern Conference) got off to a fast start, scoring the game's first 13 points, and Vanderbilt never recovered.

"They made a great play to win in Nashville, but we outplayed them (Saturday)," said Tennessee coach Bruce Pearl. "We got a good start in the game and came out in the second half to score the first bucket."

With about 9:30 remaining in the first half, Shan Foster gave the

Commodores (16-8, 6-4 SEC) a glimmer of hope, taking a loose ball off a Tennessee missed dunk all the way for an authoritative slam. However, Vanderbilt just could not find a way to ever get it going offensively.

"We obviously have not had one like this all season long," said Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings. "It is not like this is a trend for our team. We have been a pretty competitive group all season, but we just did not play well enough to do the job (Saturday)."

Tennessee freshman standout Wayne Chism, a 6-foot-9, 245-pound forward, made it difficult for the Doers to catch up, scoring 17 points and raking in 12 rebounds. He struggled the first time the teams met, but was clearly the dominant force on the court this time around,

shooting six-for-11 with three 3-point baskets.

"Because he has both inside and outside abilities, it makes him potentially a special player," Pearl said.

The reason Vanderbilt lost the game is clearly shown by the numbers. The Commodores shot just 29.8 percent from the field compared to the Volunteers' 50.9 percent. Derrick Byars and Shan Foster combined to make just eight of 27 shots, while the team connected on only six of 26 attempted 3-pointers.

"It never felt like we were on top of the game," Stallings said. "They controlled the game throughout. We needed to make a whole lot of plays but were never able to do it."

On defense, the Commodores had

no answer for Chism, while SEC scoring leader Chris Lofton added 16 points in his second game back from an ankle injury.

The victory was a crucial one for the Vols, who are now right back in the thick of the SEC East.

"That was a nice victory over a ranked opponent," Pearl said. "We need to build our resume and this is one way to do it. It is great to beat Vanderbilt because they are a rival, and it is even better to beat them when they are ranked."

For Vanderbilt, the key is to put the past behind them, as they prepare for South Carolina on Wednesday night at Memorial Gymnasium.

"I think this was one of those uncharacteristic nights all around, and we'll bounce back," said junior Ross Neltner. ■

## Baseball opens season with three straight wins

## HUSTLER STAFF REPORT

Baseball season is officially here. The Commodores made quite the opening statement, winning all three games, including the opener against No. 1 Rice, in the Houston College Classic.

**Vandy 7, Baylor 4**

Coach Tim Corbin's squad broke open a 3-3 tie with four runs in the fifth to defeat Baylor 7-4 Sunday at Minute Maid Park.

With the bases loaded, Dominic de la Osa delivered a two-run single through the left side to give the Commodores a 5-3 lead.

Sophomore Brett Jacobson was solid on the mound as he gave up four runs, one earned, in six and two-thirds innings of work. The right-hander struck out six with no walks and allowed four hits to earn the win.

Freshman southpaw Mike Minor made his Commodore debut and pitched two and one-third scoreless innings to pick up the save.

**Vandy 7, Arizona State 6**

Jonathan White scored the game-winning run on a wild pitch in the bottom of the 10th inning to lift Vanderbilt over Arizona State Saturday.

Matt Meinganser roped a triple into left-center with one out in the inning and was then pinch run for by White. Arizona State attempted to intentionally walk Brad French in order to have a double play possibility, but Davis threw a wild pitch to the right of catcher Petey Parramore, allowing White to come in and score.

"I thought Pedro (Alvarez's) and Cody (Crowell's) performances were the difference in the contest," Corbin said.



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Junior David Macias hit leadoff for the Commodores, who won all three games over the weekend in the Houston College Classic.

The Commodores had trailed throughout the contest and went into the seventh down 5-3. David Macias started a one-out rally with a double to left, then scored on Alex Feinberg's RBI single. Alvarez followed with a line drive homer that hit the right field foul pole to put Vandy ahead 6-5.

Crowell was effective in relief as he gave up two runs

on five hits in three and two-thirds innings with three strikeouts and a walk.

Closer Casey Weathers (1-0) pitched two hitless innings with three strikeouts to pick up the win.

**Vandy 7, Rice 3**

Vanderbilt scored seven runs in the final four innings to defeat No. 1 Rice Friday.

"I think that's the key to having experienced players — when you get back in the dugout and you say, 'We're going to be all right,' and sooner or later, we were," Corbin said. "It's a long game. I could just tell. I thought we could get into their bullpen and do a little bit of damage."

The Commodores trailed 2-0 through five innings before breaking through with a run in the sixth courtesy of an RBI single by Alvarez. Feinberg later hit a two-run single to tie the game at three and Alvarez followed with a laser shot to left-center that plated two more runs. Houston area native Shea Robin extended the lead to 6-3 with a solo homer to left, and Meinganser followed with nearly an identical blast.

"It feels wonderful hitting (a home run at Minute Maid)," Robin said. "I'd come to the games growing up and wait behind the left-field line and wait behind the dugout and just watch the players just hoping some day I'd be able to play here."

Commodore ace David Price got into a groove striking out four of the last five batters he faced before leaving the game in the sixth. He gave up three runs on six hits in five and two-thirds innings of work with six strikeouts and three walks.

Junior reliever Tyler Rhoden (1-0) picked up the win. He allowed two hits and struck out one in an inning of work. ■

# Red-hot Commodores tame Tigers

## Vandy appears crisp as it earns fourth straight victory.

by ROBERT WYNKOOP  
Sports Reporter

The women's basketball team routed the Auburn Tigers 80-45 before a home crowd of more than 3,500 at Memorial Gym on Sunday.

The win marks the fourth straight win for the team, currently ranked 14th in the nation by The Associated Press, and came on the heels of a NCAA record-setting win over Alabama last week.

"I like when the ball goes in. ... I've always had that problem," said coach Melanie Balcomb.

The team shot 59 percent from the field and 56 percent from the 3-point line, something Balcomb said the team is continuing to work on.

"We did extra shooting yesterday. ... I told my staff, I just don't feel like we're shooting well, can we do extra shooting? I think they thought I was crazy."

The extra effort is paying off for the Commodores though, who, for the second straight game, led by more than 15 before their opponent got on the board.

"We talked about it after (the loss to) Tennessee and really made a point of emphasizing it in practice," Balcomb said about working hard for an early lead. "The players are seeing that it makes a big difference. We were struggling in a lot of games because we were always having to come from behind. We were off to poor starts. That is one of the things that we have worked a lot on, and now they see the positive results. It has made a big difference in how we've been able to put people away early."

Vanderbilt had a total of 22 assists in the game and shot extremely well from the 3-point line early.

"One of the keys early on is not taking the first shot, but taking the best shot in the first four minutes ... really passing the ball off and making their defense play. Our shot selection was really good in those first four minutes," Balcomb said.

Sophomore Christine Wirth, and seniors Dee Davis and Caroline Williams all sank 3-pointers in the first few minutes of play.

Inside the paint, 6-foot-4 junior Liz Sherwood, the team's reserve center, dominated Auburn with her physicality.

"Sherwood is a nice player. The thing that's so good about her is she buries you right under the basket. When she gets the ball her head is in the basket," said Auburn head coach Nell Fortner. "Vanderbilt is a good team; they have really good players."

Sherwood scored 10 straight in the first half and finished with a total of 14 points and seven rebounds. Senior forward Carla Thomas led the team in scoring with 15 points; Caroline Williams netted 14.

"We come out with this mentality like we're going to take these four minutes and play as hard as we can," said



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Vanderbilt freshman Meredith Marsh looks to make a pass in the Commodores' 80-45 victory over Auburn Sunday at Memorial Gymnasium. The team has now won four straight games.

guard Jennifer Risper after the game. "We practice hard before the games. We just try to focus on ourselves and not what they're doing."

The lopsided box score didn't come from offensive production only. Team defense was crucial in holding the Tigers to a mere 16 points in the first half. Risper had three steals and seven defensive rebounds in the game.

The Vanderbilt women capitalized on nearly every Auburn mistake and showed poise on defense despite not playing for a week and having three days off during the bye week.

"The No. 1 key was to defend them one-on-one. (Auburn) does not average a lot of assists; they like to play one-on-one basketball," Balcomb said. "We wanted to take pride in our one-on-one defense."

In the last few minutes of the game, the majority of the starters took a seat to their younger counterparts. Every player on the roster made a field goal attempt, and all but one recorded a basket.

Thomas said she is happy for her young teammates' success in the game.

"You can step up and work as hard as you can because you know the bench is not going to fall off," she said. "In fact, it's going to get better and they're going to keep up the same intensity that the starters have."

The team will now prepare to head to Starkville, Miss., Thursday to take on the Lady Bulldogs. Tip-off is at 7 p.m. CT. ■

# Corbin's squad off to fast start

by MAX FRANKLIN  
Sports Reporter

By just looking at Vanderbilt's 3-0 record in the season-opening Houston Astros College Classic, coach Tim Corbin's team appears as if it is already off to a great start. But if one does more than examine the box score and really looks between the lines, there were some signs this weekend that things are already working in the favor of the 2007 squad.

As expected, junior All-American David Price started on Friday and pitched a very good game, overcoming some early mishaps to give up only three runs while striking out six. However, junior Tyler Rhoden picked up the Commodores' first win of the season, coming in to relieve Price and holding the No. 1 Rice Owls in check as Vandy took the lead.

Out of the bullpen, Rhoden, junior Cody Crowell, freshman Mike Minor and seniors Stephan Shao and Casey Weathers combined over the three games to pitch 11 innings, giving up only two runs while striking out 11.

Sophomore Brett Jacobson had arguably the best start of the weekend, giving up only one earned run in six and two-thirds innings, striking out six without a walk. If the starters other than Price can consistently produce all season (sophomore Nick Christiani had nasty stuff in between his two rough innings on Saturday), the pitching staff for the Dores

will contend for the title of best in the Southeastern Conference.

The Vanderbilt lineup also proved that hit can for power, something Corbin said was lacking a year ago. Junior catcher Shea Robin hit the first homerun. Senior Matt Meingasner followed with a homer of his own and Alvarez hit a shot down the right-field line against ASU. For the weekend the Dores hit eight doubles and two triples.

Junior David Macias scored six runs while junior Alex Feinberg had four runs and four RBI, and sophomore Ryan Flaherty showed the patience and timely hitting that is needed hitting behind Alvarez.

If the team continues to get the lucky breaks it had this weekend, and the bottom of the order keeps coming up in the clutch, it could be a very long season for opposing pitchers.

Obviously, three games do not make a season. But beating three top-25 teams in a weekend, including the consensus No. 1 team in the country, certainly shows the potential this team has moving forward.

While the Dores cannot hope to go all season winning games in a come-from-behind fashion, the grit and determination the squad showed over the weekend is a sign of the team's maturity even at this early point of the year.

The stars may have all been aligned for this early season tournament, but it already looks like the team could continue to shine deep into June. ■

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