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## THE WALL

### TODAY McGill Hour with Professor Ron Schrimpf

The McGill Project is hosting its first McGill Hour of the year at 5 p.m. in the McGill Hall TV lounge. The forum is entitled "Music For The Masses—The Impact Of Technology And Downloading" and will be led by Professor Ron Schrimpf of the electrical engineering and computer science departments.

### TODAY Memorial service for Sheltia Murray

A vigil for Sheltia Murray, a rising senior in the College of Arts and Science who passed away last summer, will be held today at 6:30 p.m. in Benton Chapel. Family and friends of Murray will reflect on her life, and there will be a performance by Voices of Praise and Jeremiah Generation.

### ONGOING 2007 Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Series exhibit: Harold Lowe Civil Rights Photograph Collection

The Sarratt Visual Arts Committee is participating in the 22nd Annual Martin Luther King Commemorative Series by hosting an exhibit entitled "Harold Lowe Civil Rights Photographs: 1960-1964" in the Sarratt Art Gallery. The collection contains powerful black-and-white photographs, taken by Harold G. Lowe Jr. for The Tennessean newspaper during the years of 1960-1964, of civil rights activities in Nashville.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 23 The Seventeenth Frederic LeRoy Conover Lecture in Chemistry

Paul S. Cremer, a professor in the Department of Chemistry at Texas A&M University, will hold a lecture entitled "The Role of Anions in Interfacial Water Structure and Hydrophobic Collapse" on Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the chemistry conference room (Stevenson Center 7330A). Refreshments will be served at 4 p.m. in the main lobby of Stevenson Center 7.

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

## Twice as nice

VANDY GAMEDAY: VANDERBILT 72 KENTUCKY 67

### Vandy wins second straight at Rupp.

by JARRED AMATO  
Sports Editor

LEXINGTON, Ky. - It took Vanderbilt 29 tries to win its first game at Rupp Arena. The second victory came a whole lot sooner.

Junior Shan Foster's jumper with 2:19 remaining put the Commodores ahead by one, and they never looked back, defeating the No. 25 Wildcats 72-67 for their third consecutive win Saturday.

"You can't come here and play not to lose," said Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings, whose team is now 4-1 against top-25 opponents. "You have to come here and play to win, and I thought our guys did that, particularly down the stretch."

Although the Commodores (13-6, 3-2 Southeastern Conference) led for large portions of the contest, Ramel Bradley's off-balance jumper gave the Wildcats (15-4, 4-1 SEC) a 59-58 lead with three minutes to go.

Vanderbilt wasn't fazed, however, as Foster calmly sunk a jumper from just inside the 3-point line to regain the lead. The Commodores proceeded to score the next eight points, causing many of the 24,824 in attendance to hit the exits early.

"I looked up and (Sheray) Thomas was on me, and I felt like I had a little bit of quickness on him," said Foster, who had 16 points, seven rebounds and seven assists. "I gave him a hesitation,

and he backed up and I just let it go. When I know my teammates are behind me, it is quite easy to make shots."

The dagger came when junior Ross Neltner fed senior Dan Cage for a 3-pointer from the corner to put the Commodores ahead 65-59.

"(Cage) was 0-for in the first half, and Dan Muller, one of my assistant coaches, told him at halftime in front of the team, 'Dan, you're going to hit some shots this half that are going to make a big difference,'" Stallings said. "I didn't know how prophetic that would be."

Offensively, Vanderbilt shot 50 percent from the floor, including 11-for-23 from 3-point range. It also got to the free-throw line 20 times, compared to the Wildcats' 13.

Senior Derrick Byars, who is now 4-0 all-time against Kentucky, led all players with 23 points (on seven-for-12 shooting) and eight rebounds.

"We sometimes refer to him as Big-Shot Byars," Stallings said. "Against Alabama, they had cut it to nine and they had the momentum, and we came down and threw it to Derrick, and he busted a three from about a step behind the line. Derrick is a big playmaker and is playing really good basketball for us right now."

Defensively, the Commodores turned in one of their best performances of the season to earn their first SEC road victory.

Please see BASKETBALL, page 8



Vanderbilt's Shan Foster (32) gets inside against Kentucky's Randolph Morris (33) to score two of his 16 points in a 72-67 victory over No. 25 Kentucky in Lexington, Ky., Saturday. The Vanderbilt victory snapped an 11-game UK win streak.

## VSG: Third presidential ticket informed of ineligibility



BILOTTA



GRAGG



VIGNESWARAN



HOLMES

### Bilotta/Gragg, Vigneswaran/Holmes to vie for top post.

by KRISTEN CHMIELEWSKI  
Asst News Editor

Two tickets will appear on the first-ever Vanderbilt Student Government president and vice president ballot. A third VSG presidential ticket that declared its intention to run Thursday has been informed it will not appear on the ballot.

In order to meet VSG eligibility requirements, all candidates for president and vice president must have at least one year of experience in Interhall or the Student Government Association.

SGA Attorney General Elizabeth Scott sent both candidates an e-mail Wednesday night, attempting to clarify their involvement within SGA or Interhall.

"We couldn't confirm their involvement, and they didn't confirm their involvement," Scott said.

The 2007 VSG election ticket will include Cara Bilotta and Perry Gragg facing off against Krish Vigneswaran and Ashley Holmes.

Petitions for the candidates are due Tuesday, Jan. 23.

"We will have the two candidates teams officially in the race once they've turned in the petitions on

Tuesday," said Interhall Attorney General Chris Skene.

Campaigning will officially begin at midnight on Tuesday morning and voting for the general election will be held Jan. 30.

Vigneswaran and Holmes plan to garner support for and carefully inform students of the College Halls plan by synthesizing both administrative and student support.

Vigneswaran said with his experience as cultural awareness co-chair of SGA and Holmes's experience in Greek life their ticket "combines information from many facets of college life."

They also plan to focus on security issues and have a variety of ideas about implementing ITS to improve the Vandy Vans system.

The Bilotta-Gragg ticket said they want to enhance all students' needs by improving upon "academic life, student service, campus life and dining and housing."

Gragg said he and his running mate plan to meet with various student organizations to gain their input on issues such as VUPrint, the Collegiate Readership Program, the academic calendar and meal plans. ■

## Class of '07 to be denied off-campus housing

by CHRISTINE BROWN  
Staff Reporter

Current sophomores will be the first class not permitted to live off campus — at all.

Dean of Students Mark Bandas also said only about 400 fifth year and rising seniors will be granted off-campus housing permission this spring.

Although this seems like a big change for student life, the decision follows a Board of Trust residential policy created in 1952 that requires all single undergraduate students to live on campus unless there is insufficient space in the residence halls.

Bandas said the university is now able to adhere to this policy because of the new housing opportunities created by construction of The Commons. Five double-occupancy residence halls will be complete by 2008, creating sufficient space on campus for all undergraduates.

Next fall, two new residence halls will open and renovations on Gillette Hall will be complete. Currently, sophomores occupy two new dorms, which will be a part of The Commons.

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**Jan. 17, 2007, 6:30 p.m.**— Two students were cited with disorderly conduct for setting a tennis ball on fire and kicking it on the sidewalk.

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**WORLD**

**World's oldest woman dead at 115, according to Canadian media**

Julie Winnifred Bertrand, the world's oldest woman at 115, died in her sleep in a Montreal nursing home, according to Canadian media reports Friday.

Bertrand, born Sept. 16, 1891, in the Quebec town of Coaticook, passed away in her sleep early Thursday at the nursing home where she lived for the last 35 years, her nephew told The Gazette in Montreal. "She just stopped breathing," said Andre Bertrand, 73. "That's a nice way to go."

Bertrand became the world's oldest woman last month, after the death of Elizabeth Bolden, a Tennessee woman born on Aug. 15, 1890, according to the Guinness Book of World Records.

The designation made her an instant celebrity. Bertrand's niece, Elaine Sauciere, said the fame her aunt acquired late in life was really quite "unbelievable."

"This little woman sold clothes at a department store in Coaticook," Sauciere, 70, said.

The eldest of six children, Bertrand never married. She had her suitors, Sauciere said, adding it was difficult to say how close she may have been to Louis St. Laurent, a young lawyer who went on to become prime minister.

"She was friends with his sister, and I think she was sweet on him, but how serious it was, I don't know," Sauciere told The Gazette.



BERTRAND

**NATION**

**Energy promises to be focus of Bush's State of the Union, but action uncertain**



ERIC DRAPER / White House staff photo

A year after warning America of its addiction to oil, President Bush is expected to renew concerns about energy security in his State of the Union address. But will the rhetoric be followed by action? Up to now, the record has been mixed.

Aides hint of a major pronouncement on energy in the speech to be given before Congress and the nation Tuesday night. Yet the president is expected to take a predictable path, urging expanded use of ethanol in gasoline, more research into cleaner-burning coal and on gas-electric "hybrid" cars, and greater nuclear energy.

He may tweak his voluntary program on climate change.

Aides, however, say the president remains opposed to mandatory cuts in carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping "greenhouse" gases as has been proposed in Congress.

A year ago, Bush declared "America is addicted to oil," and he set a goal of replacing three-fourths of today's oil imports from the Middle East by 2025. He pledged to press for alternatives to oil and for more efficient use of energy.

He has had some success in getting more domestic production.

The Bush administration has opened new federal lands for oil and gas drilling. Last month, Congress approved opening a large new area in the Gulf of Mexico to drilling. This month, Bush lifted a longtime ban on oil and gas drilling in Alaska's Bristol Bay.

But when it comes to weaning the country away from oil, the president's critics say his rhetoric has not been matched by action.

The department's requests for renewable fuel and conservation programs have stayed flat at about \$1.18 billion annually over the past six years, really a decline if inflation is considered, energy efficiency advocates say.

"Since 2002, the energy efficiency programs at the Energy Department have dropped by a third in real dollars," says Kateri Callahan, president of the Alliance to Safe Energy, a private advocacy group.

SOURCE: AP

**CAMPUS**

**Cummings appointed principal scientist of Oak Ridge National Laboratory division**

Peter T. Cummings, a chemical engineering professor, will lead the science programs of an Oak Ridge National Laboratory center that is designing and developing next-generation nanoscale materials.

As the principal scientist for the ORNL Center for Nanophase Materials Sciences, Cummings will continue to serve as John R. Hall Professor of Chemical Engineering. He will also continue to oversee the CNMS Nanomaterials Theory Institute, which he has led since 2002.

One of five U.S. Department of Energy Nanoscale Science Research Centers, the CNMS allows scientists and engineers to collaborate more quickly to make nanoscience discoveries and to develop ways to create new materials to be used in medicine, electronics and a wide variety of industrial applications. Cummings will work closely with CNMS Director Linda Horton to advance the center's research.



CUMMINGS

SOURCE: VANDERBILT NEWS SERVICE

**OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING: Students' feelings differ**

From **OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING**, page 1

The seemingly new policy is receiving mixed reviews among current students. Some students said they are upset that they will not be able to live on their own in college, while other students said they see living on campus as a chance to make the most of their time at school.

One of the main reasons this policy was created was to encourage a more conducive academic atmosphere for students, Bandas said. Many of the top universities in the country also have over 95 percent of their students living on campus.

"Living on campus increases students'

interaction with faculty, academic performance, persistence, degree attainment, intellectual orientation, autonomy, empathy, tolerance, interpersonal skills and satisfaction with the collegiate experience," Bandas said.

The completion of the residence halls in the fall of 2008 will mark the achievement of the Board of Trust's vision to have a fully residential undergraduate campus.

The Office of Housing and Residential Education is working to ease the transition by holding programs about upperclassman housing and hosting open houses March 18 to give students a better idea about their future living options. ■

**Prospective students to visit Peabody campus**

by **EVE ATTERMANN**

*Asst. News Editor*

Prospective students will now visit the Peabody campus as part of their Vanderbilt tour in anticipation of the Commons opening in 2008.

The Class of 2012 will be the first class to live together in the Commons, which boasts five newly constructed, double-occupancy dorms and a new dining and recreation center.

According to tour guide junior Sam Schreiber, the admissions office has trained the tour guides to use the new route.

"We will be saying the same things, just in different places," Schreiber said.

Dean of Admissions Douglas Christiansen said it is difficult to explain the uncertainty of the Commons to prospective students, primarily regarding what the new undergraduate experience will entail for upperclassmen.

"The new students are a part of the building of it," he said. "We don't know all of the answers yet. We're kind of going through that."

While the admissions Web site has not yet been updated to explain The Commons in full detail, Christiansen said a completely new admissions Web site will launch in about a month.

"The reality is, the current (Web site) doesn't do justice to what we need," he said. "So a whole new Web site will go up, which will be much more detailed on the Commons, the Visions program, and how they will move into further years."

Keith Waite, father of a prospective student who attended a campus tour in late September,

noted that while the Commons was mentioned on their visit to Vanderbilt, they were not given a tour of Peabody campus.

"We went into Vandy-Barnard and were shown a show room there that nobody actually lived in," Waite said. "They said that this single room was a typical place where a freshman student might live. They stressed that this was a typical dorm. Then they told us that by 2008 all freshmen would be living on a different campus, the Peabody campus."

Will Roth, a prospective student, noted that the housing situation was not really discussed when an admissions office visited his high school.

"We spent a lot of time talking about athletics, academic facilities and Nashville," Roth said.

Christiansen said most prospective freshmen that look at the school are more concerned with their immediate needs, such as freshman year and the details of their admission, than the upperclassmen experience.

However, Christiansen said that his office is "not keeping any secrets" concerning the uncertainty regarding what will happen beyond the freshman year.

"They need to understand that those students starting in 2008 and 2009 will not have a whole new hall system yet."

"The Commons is an investment by the institution of literally tens and tens of millions of dollars, saying we believe in the undergraduate experience," Christiansen said. "One of the ways to really jump-start the undergraduate experience is with the freshman experience, which builds upon the other years." ■

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# Senior places 2nd on 'Jeopardy'

by KRISTEN CHMIELEWSKI  
Asst News Editor

Donning a gold tie, senior Jeremy Walker took home \$2,000 Friday night after he slipped to second place on UPN's "Jeopardy," despite maintaining the lead for the majority of the program.

Walker, a national tournament participant in the academic Quizbowl competition, said he practiced by watching the show.

"Most of the answers I knew from high school," Walker said.

Walker said he buzzed in about 70 to 80 percent of the time but was not chosen to answer nearly that much.

Categories ranged from "Jewish Athletes" to "Disney Characters."

Williams lost to Linda Schildkraut from Bayside, N.Y., only after she correctly answered a series of questions in the last few categories of the game.

Walker said if he could have done anything differently, he would have wagered more on the daily double.

"I wagered \$1000, but I wish I would have wagered everything," he said.

Walker said Alex Trebek, Jeopardy's host, reminded Walker of the character Ron Burgundy from "Anchorman."

"During the commercial breaks Trebek would take questions from the audience and then answer them with outlandish ridiculous stories," Walker said. "He was pretty goofy, actually, and funnier than I thought he would be off the camera."

Walker said he missed one question by accidentally providing an unintended incorrect response. He said the most difficult question of the program was the identification of Jimmy Carter as author of the book, "Hornet's Nest," a question which none of the participants were able to answer.

Walker's roommate, senior J.J. Alexander, said he was counting on Walker to win.

"It was too bad that he lost because I was looking forward to a new big screen TV for the apartment," Alexander said. ■

# Bravo, Food Network added to students' channel lineup

by GLENN DeROY  
Editor-in-Chief

Bravo and Food Network are now available in all residence halls as part of the university-provided cable package.

Interhall President Devin Donovan spearheaded the effort in response to student demand and collaborated with Dean of Students Mark Bandas and Tina Smith, director of the Office of Housing and Residential Education, last semester to make her plan a reality.

Starting this semester, students can watch Bravo by tuning in to channel 62 and Food Network by turning to channel 55.

Although the two channels have been up and running for two weeks now, Donovan said Interhall was reluctant to announce their existence at the beginning of the semester

because there was still the potential for malfunction, and the channels remained in "test mode" until this week.

Donovan said Interhall began to consider the addition of these channels after receiving several comments on the organization's Web site. From there, Donovan said dorm presidents were instructed to speak with students living in their residence halls about their preferences and opinions on the matter.

"These are really the two channels that we got multiple recommendations for," Donovan said.

"The Food Network is very popular, and the Bravo channel has a lot of GLBT programming, so that was one of the reasons that channel was so popular."

Donovan said she first proposed the channel additions a couple months ago, and since the university had not added channels in a number

of years, Bandas and Smith were both receptive to the idea.

Donovan said their only concern was space.

"In order to add channels, you need to add a number of different types of equipment to a room in one of the residence halls," Donovan said.

There is a limit on the amount of equipment that can fit into the room, so the actual feasibility of adding channels had to be examined, Donovan said.

Dean of Students Mark Bandas said this climate-controlled space is almost entirely full, leaving space for only another five to seven more channels.

Bandas said the financial impact of this decision was not a major constraint, as the current budget allowed for the addition of the two channels.

Donovan said the completion of The Commons will provide student leaders with an opportunity to re-evaluate the cable lineup, but at this point, there are no plans for future cable additions or subtractions.

"We will soon be adding so many new buildings, and Building A has so many rooms, that when The Commons is ready, they'll have to re-evaluate the cable system in general," she said.

Bandas agreed that with the opening of The Commons, administrators and student leaders will need to reconsider the cable infrastructure and channel options.

"The Commons will bring faculty families into the residence halls, and my guess is that they will have different tastes in programming than college students," he said. "I think it will also bring an increased emphasis on educational programming." ■

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# Iran announces new missile tests as Ahmadinejad dismisses domestic economy criticism

by NASSER KARIMI  
Associated Press

Determined not to budge under pressure, Iran announced new tests of short-range missiles Sunday, and hardline President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad dismissed criticism that the country's economy has been hurt by U.N. sanctions imposed for its suspect nuclear program.

The missile tests come as the U.S. Navy is sending a second aircraft carrier to the volatile Persian Gulf. U.S. officials said the USS John C. Stennis, which arrives in Mideast waters in a matter of weeks, is meant as a warning to Iran.

The deployment appeared to alarm some in Iran's hardline leadership, including a member of a powerful cleric-run body who warned last week that Washington plans to attack, possibly by striking Iranian nuclear facilities. U.S. officials have long refused to rule out any options in the faceoff with Tehran, but say military action would be a last resort.

Stressing Iran's preparedness, state television said the Revolutionary Guards planned to begin three days of testing the short-range Zalzal and Fajr-5 missiles Sunday. It could not be confirmed if the exercise had begun near Garmsar city, about 60 miles southeast of Tehran.

"The maneuver is aimed at evaluating defensive and fighting capabilities of the missiles," the report quoted an unidentified Guards commander as saying.

Last year, Iran held three large-scale military exercises to test what it called an "ultra-horizon" missile and the Fajr-3, a rocket that it claims can evade radar and use multiple warheads to hit several targets simultaneously.

Though U.S. officials suggest Iran exaggerates its military capabilities, Washington is very concerned about Iranian progress in developing missiles. Some of its missiles are capable of hitting U.S.-allied Arab nations and Israel, which Ahmadinejad has called to be wiped off the map.

The United States, which led military maneuvers of its own in the Persian Gulf in October, also accuses Iran of supporting militants in Iraq's sectarian bloodshed and is trying to rally Arab allies to isolate the Tehran regime.

Iran's new maneuvers are the first since the U.N. Security Council imposed sanctions last month over Ahmadinejad's defiance of its demand that Tehran suspend uranium enrichment. The sanctions ban selling materials and technology that could be used in Iran's nuclear and missile programs.

The United States and its allies accuse Iran of secretly developing



VAHID SALEMI / AP Photo

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, left, delivers his budget bill to the parliament speaker Gholamali Haddadadel, in Tehran, Iran, Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007. Ahmadinejad on Sunday defended his economic policies from sharp recent domestic criticism and said U.N. Security Council sanctions imposed in December would never deter the country from pursuing its nuclear program.

atomic weapons in violation of its treaty commitments. Tehran has repeatedly denied that, saying its program is solely for the peaceful purpose of developing nuclear technology to generate electricity.

A top American diplomat urged Iran on Sunday to resume negotiations on curbing its nuclear program, warning of stepped-up international pressure if diplomacy fails.

Speaking in Israel, Undersecretary of State Nicholas Burns said the limited U.N. sanctions imposed were just the beginning of the global effort to punish the Tehran regime. "Iran is going to have to suffer the consequences of being an international pariah," he said.

Ahmadinejad has remained defiant, saying Iran has the right to conduct uranium enrichment, a process that can produce fuel for nuclear reactors but also provide material fuel for atomic bombs.

But the president's tough talk has come under criticism from both ends of Iran's political spectrum. Some reformists and conservatives have accused Ahmadinejad of focusing too much on fiery anti-Western rhetoric and not enough on domestic issues, including the economy.

Ahmadinejad strongly defended his economic policies Sunday, and said again that sanctions would not deter Iran from pursuing its nuclear program.

"The (Security Council) resolution was delivered dead. Ten more similar resolutions will not affect our economy and our policy," he said in a speech broadcast live on state TV as he delivered the budget for the new year.

"Falsely, they want to imply that we have had costs in this regard," the president said, apparently referring to recent news stories in the West that said prices for food and other basic goods have risen in Iran since the sanctions were imposed in late December.

Iranians have been hit hard by inflation, which the government says is running at 11 percent a year and independent Iranian economists estimate as high as 30 percent. Unemployment also is a problem, with the government saying the jobless rate is 10 percent while experts put it at 30 percent.

Ahmadinejad was elected last year on a populist agenda promising to bring oil revenues to every family, eradicate poverty and tackle unemployment, but he has faced increasingly fierce criticism in recent weeks for his failure to meet those promises.

In presenting his budget for the fiscal year that begins March 21, he defended his domestic and economic policies. "The government has completely controlled the prices of some food stuffs, such as bread, gas, water and electricity," he said.

About 150 Iranian lawmakers have signed a letter calling on Ahmadinejad's government to reconsider its draft budget for next year, arguing it overestimates oil revenues in a falling world market. Roughly 80 percent of Iran's revenues come from oil exports.

Ahmadinejad said Sunday the budget took account of a possible further drop in oil prices, but he gave no specifics.

"We assume enemies want to damage us by decreasing the price of oil," he said. "So we have reduced dependency on oil revenue." ■



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### OUR VIEW

## Present anxiety haunts future plans

Only the densest Vanderbilt student remains unaware of the transition rocking the university in recent years. Administrators claim The Commons will revolutionize the Vanderbilt experience; Chancellor Gee has declared, "The Commons will be a place of belonging." Unfortunately, this time of transition has been an uncertain one at best.

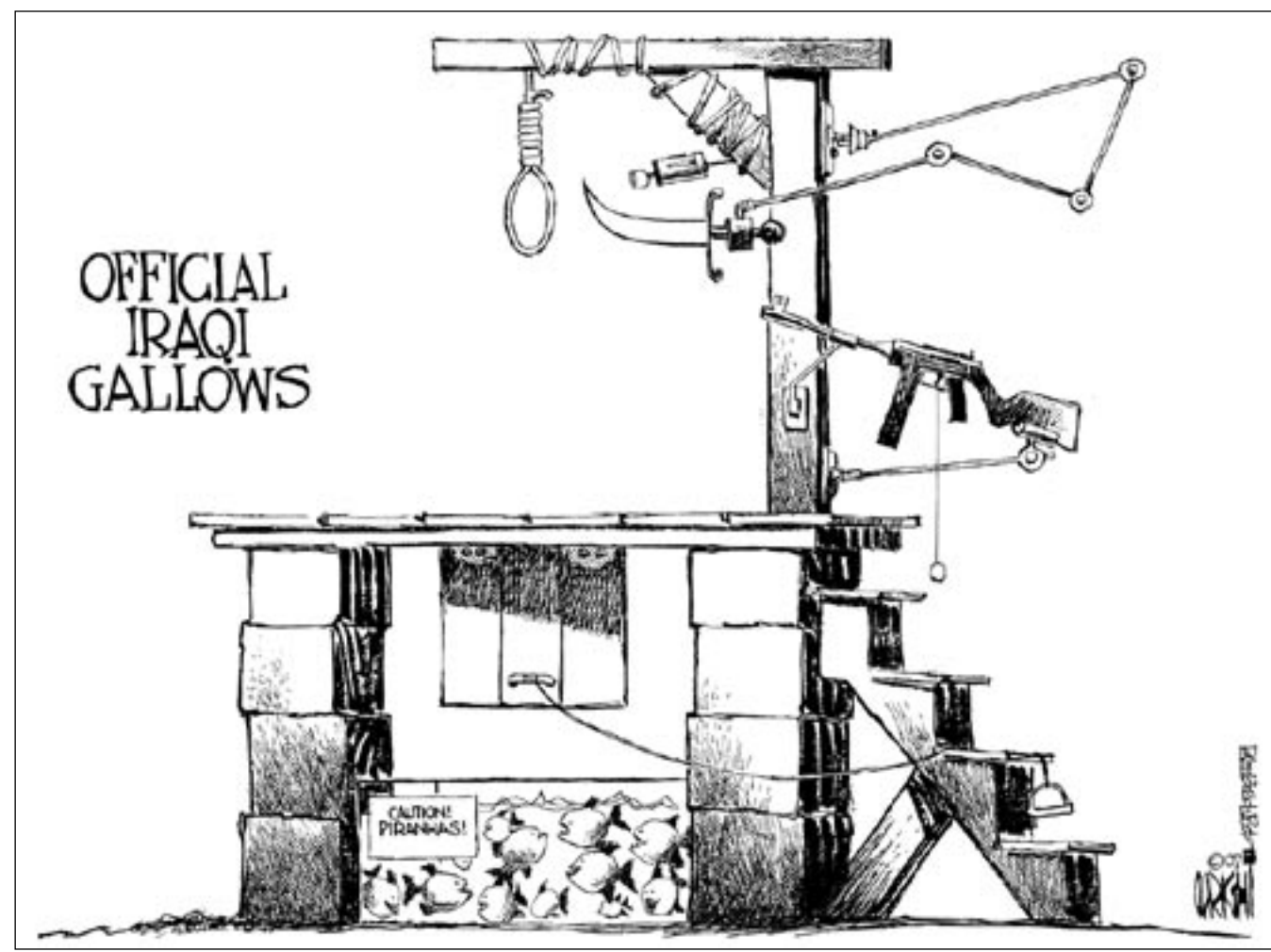
The current sophomore class, as well as subsequent classes, will not be allowed to live off campus in any situation, and only 400 students in total will be allowed to do so this spring. Dean of Students Mark Bandas declared, "Living on campus increases students' interaction with faculty, academic performance, persistence, degree attainment,

intellectual orientation, autonomy, empathy, tolerance, interpersonal skills and satisfaction with the collegiate experience."

We do not doubt Bandas' claims concerning campus life. Certainly the project will be a boon to future generations of Vanderbilt students at some point in the next several years, and the theory behind it seems sound. The campus has been awash in information about The Commons, and student groups have been told The Commons will not seriously disrupt their operations. Yet The Commons is always discussed in terms of what it will be once it is finished, not as the half-completed project it is now. Surely organizations will have adjusted to the reality of the

situation by the time the ambitious plans have been completed, but what is to be done in the meantime? How should the setbacks and disruptions be handled? Right now, we should be discussing what we should be doing as this project coalesces, not the plight of future students who will have to choose between the ellipticals at the Rec or those in the shiny new Dining Commons.

We are being asked to give the benefit of the doubt to The Commons in the name of the wonders awaiting Vanderbilt upon the project's completion. The topic of what is to be done with us, we who will see many drawbacks yet relatively few benefits prior to our respective graduations, has been almost entirely untouched.



Don Wright—MCT

### LETTER

## Vandy Fems remember Roe v. Wade

#### To the Editor:

"If you can't trust me with a choice, how can you trust me with a child?"

Today marks the 34th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision, one of the most controversial and influential court cases in American history. This decision, made on Jan. 22, 1973, made abortions constitutionally legal, overturning all state legislation that made abortions illegal. Recently, South Dakota legislature penned a bill that attempted to eliminate all forms of abortion, claiming that life originates "at the time of conception." This bill, however, was projected by CNN to be overturned with 55 percent opposition when 64

percent of the vote was counted.

Without this access to abortion, many women would doubtless turn to unsafe, potentially fatal alternatives. The right to choose gives every woman the right to control what happens in her own body.

Students should also be aware of the services available to them on campus. The Student Health Center (322-2427) offers gynecological exams, pap smears, birth control, Plan B emergency contraception and referrals to abortion clinics.

**Vanderbilt Feminists**

### COLUMN

## Global governance threatens national security

**CHART WESTCOTT**  
Columnist

The 21st century has already seen numerous attempts by enemies of American power to use international organizations to rein in American sovereignty. In order to protect our national security and ensure our continued hegemony, the United States must resist attempts at global governance that are not in our interests. Before describing this issue, it is necessary to define sovereignty and how global governance violates it. Sovereignty is the "supreme power of a body politic" and "freedom from external control."

Any time a country voluntarily agrees to give up authority is not a violation of that country's sovereignty. For example, if the U.S. decides to agree to a voluntary climate control accord, that would not qualify as a violation of its sovereignty. The U.S. submission of many of its trade policies to the World Trade Organization is not a violation of sovereignty; the U.S. gave the WTO authority over many of its trade policies voluntarily, and American policymakers could terminate the U.S.'s membership in the WTO at any time.

Nevertheless, some international organizations' aim is limiting

American power. Whether this is intentional or not is a separate matter: Many international organizations of which America is currently a member actively seek ways to rein in the U.S.'s power. One example of an organization seeking to dilute American power is the United Nations.

Many globalists have sought to establish the U.N. as the sole wielder of force in the international arena, transferring what was previously a right bestowed only on the state. In fact, under Article 51 of the U.N. Charter, self-defense is the only circumstance in which member

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### COLUMN

## Shape the Future bolsters our rich intellectual environment

**MONROE J. CARELL JR.**  
Guest Columnist

You may know of our university's capital campaign, Shape the Future, but I want to report to you our success, our opportunity and how I think this successful campaign impacts the experience of every Vanderbilt student.

As a longtime and committed member of Vanderbilt's Board of Trust, I have had the privilege of seeing this university grow and shift and change, and always in positive, evolutionary ways.

You may wonder what occasions this editorial — why I would greet you upon your return to campus with an essay on the importance of financial aid to the life of the university. I seize this opportunity at the beginning of the spring semester to inform you because I imagine that many, if not most, of our students only conceive of financial aid as something that is important or effective only on a personal, individual, specific basis. But financial aid has a collective concern, and its availability has a collective value. It allows for economic, geographic and social diversity, which enhances your leaning experience. So please accept this testimony from a veteran member of the Board of Trust, based on his own experience as a patron of higher education and also as a recipient of financial aid as my only means of receiving a Vanderbilt education.

The success of Shape the Future has allowed us to add more endowed financial aid during this campaign than had previously been raised in the 130 years of the university's history. Through the campaign and strategic investments Vanderbilt's colleges and schools have made in financial aid, we have been able to reduce the debt students assume when they made the decision to attend Vanderbilt, and so we have dramatically altered the makeup of our student population. We have made it smarter, more interesting and more various.

Currently, approximately 60 percent of our undergraduates receive some form of financial aid through Vanderbilt. The people who populate your experience of Vanderbilt surround you as the result of both merit- and need-based financial aid packages. But I want to emphasize above all why the scholarships, loans and grants that enable students to afford a Vanderbilt education are most crucial.

Any institution can employ faculty at the top of their game and support programs that lead in their disciplines, but the intellectual atmosphere of a campus is not composed only of these. You and your fellow students help make the Vanderbilt experience so special.

What you gain from Vanderbilt will have a particular shape and substance because your time here has been enhanced by the presence of colleagues of such high intellect and character. The best students deserve to be here, regardless of their financial circumstances, because they raise the bar for all of us. Need-based financial aid directly shapes and transforms the lives of those who receive it, both immediately as well as for years to come, and it indirectly assists other students by granting them access to the thoughts and collaboration of fellow students whom they might otherwise have been deprived of meeting. Exposure to our rich intellectual environment should be possible for all students.

Financial aid is a benefit to a whole campus community, not only affecting the students who otherwise would not be

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# WESTCOTT: U.S. served by protection of sovereignty

From **WESTCOTT**, page 6  
states have the right to use force against another state without a resolution by the U.N. Security Council. Granted, this article has been violated many times, but the restraint on American power exists and represents a threat to U.S. security.

However, the war in Iraq set a new precedent, when the Bush administration essentially declared America did not need the U.N. and did not need to subscribe to international law regarding the use of force. Tufts international law scholar Michael J. Glennon makes this point clearer: "The structure and rules of the U.N. Security Council really reflected the hopes of its founders rather than the realities of the way states work. And these hopes were no match for American hyperpower."

Regardless of whether the war in Iraq is a good idea or not, it is clear there is a new precedent protecting America's right to use force against other states. Quite simply, the use of force by the powerful is legal and just, while the use of force by the less powerful is questionable and subject to the laws the powerful nations are free to ignore.

Noam Chomsky argues against the expansion of U.S. power and the use of force but he accurately describes the significance of this new principle: "The doctrine is for (America), not for anyone else. We will use force whenever we like against anyone we regard as a potential threat, and maybe we will delegate that right to client states, but it's not for others." While Chomsky and others look negatively upon this policy, it is a strategy of near perfection from a national security perspective. Since the U.S. has entrenched its authority of having the power to use force whenever it wants against whomever it wants, we will find it much easier to extend regional hegemony further into the 21st century and maintain the status quo of a unipolar world.

This policy effectively allows the U.S. to use unilateral force when it serves the interests of the country, but it also curbs the use of force by lesser powers that might create regional instability or attempt to conquer territory and become great powers through conquest. The ability to limit the use of force by others is made easier because the U.S. can do so through the U.N. Security Council as well

as through "passing the buck" to its allies. This strategy frees the U.S. from a substantial percentage of the resource burden by channeling the power of the international community against threats to national security when it is politically feasible.

Examples of the U.S. acting in accordance with this principle would be Security Council Resolution 85, which called for member states to assist of Korea in defending itself from attack, and Resolutions 660 and 678, which respectively called on Iraq to withdraw unconditionally from Kuwait and authorized member states to use any and all means to achieve the goal stated in Resolution 660. These examples show there is a use for the U.N. within the interests of American national security.

Returning to the concept of sovereignty, it is clear this new monopoly on the legitimate use of American force could violate the principles of sovereignty. For example, the U.S.'s invasion of Iraq, regardless of U.N. resolutions, was a blatant violation of Iraq's sovereignty.

The argument remains that supranational imposition should be resisted because it violates sovereignty. I reconcile this apparent contradiction with my allegiance to one idea: the national interest. Protecting American sovereignty is essential to the national interest and security. Sometimes using force and violating the sovereignty of other countries is also essential to national interest.

Thus, the U.S. must oppose violations of its own sovereignty so it may retain the right to violate the sovereignty of other countries when American national interest demands it. It is impossible to imagine what opportunities for conflict may exist in the future: The world is complex, and everything from environmental disaster to terrorism to disease has the potential to cause massive security disruptions.

The U.S.'s ability to act with force must not be limited by any authority other than the government elected by the American people. It is up to the public to ensure the government they elect is one that is just and fair, and saves the option of war for when the security of our nation is truly at stake.

—Chart Westcott is a senior in the College of Arts and Science.

## AROUND THE LOOP

### Do you have thoughts or reservations about The Commons, and if so, what?

Compiled by Ceaf Lewis



"I'm worried about hitting drunk freshmen as they cross 21st"

**MIKE KRANZLER**  
Sophomore



"I don't like how far the freshmen will be from the hilarity of The Slant."

**TIM COLLAZZI**  
Sophomore



"The rooms in the new Commons dorms received recycling bins but no trash cans, so the bins were used for trash and recycling didn't do well."

**JENNY MAGILL**  
Senior



"I think they might over-program the freshmen."

**DAN TAYLOR**  
Senior



"I think it's probably good that the freshmen will be far from Greek Row."

**REAGAN BUSH**  
Junior

# Carell: Aid benefits us all

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able to afford tuition at a private university, but also students who are fortunate enough to exhibit no financial need. We all need it to be in place, available and with as few strings as possible so all students can have the widest range of peers with whom to collaborate, debate and share the experience of university life. Vanderbilt has made commitments to this end and will continue to commit to increasing our own accessibility in the future.

Vanderbilt has a long-standing commitment to need-blind admissions. We have chosen never to take into account a prospective student's ability to pay the tuition when we are selecting an incoming class. You would be surprised to know how rare it is for an institution to be able to make that claim.

Another way we commit to the composition of our student body is through what we call our "Vanderbilt Vow" to meet the financial needs of all students whom we admit. We consider this a deeply moral commitment because in addition to bringing the best and most fitting students into our midst, we protect admitted students from dashed expectations, vain hopes and from having to make regretful, painful decisions.


Our campaign continues with continued emphasis on endowment for scholarship and faculty chairs. Having raised \$1.3 billion toward an original goal of \$1

billion, we have now raised our goal to \$1.75 billion. With the success we will be able to afford a more aggressive financial aid program.

Our dreams for Vanderbilt's future — for its continued progress as an institution — count upon its being accessible to all qualified students. Chancellor Gee has declared that within the next four years, Vanderbilt should be able to declare publicly that any student accepted and coming from a family with an income under \$40,000 per year can attend Vanderbilt with no loan debt, and to guarantee that any child from a family with an income under \$100,000 will have loans capped at a minimal amount. These are goals that, if met, will further increase Vanderbilt's capacity for excellence in teaching and research.


If you are an advocate of higher education, then today you need to support and appreciate financial aid. All of us who are associated with Vanderbilt and the campaign are very proud of each of you, our students. We want to make Vanderbilt accessible to all worthy young people who want to Shape the Future with a Vanderbilt education.

—Monroe J. Carell Jr. is a member of the Vanderbilt Board of Trust and chairman of the university's Shape the Future campaign, which has raised more than \$1.25 billion for endowed scholarships, faculty chairs, new buildings and programs.



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## Upcoming Events

**Men's Basketball  
Connecticut at  
Louisville  
Tonight  
6 p.m. CT  
ESPN**

This game pits two potential bubble teams against each other. Both Connecticut (13-5, 2-3 Big East) and Louisville (13-6, 3-2 Big East) need to get on a roll. The Huskies played Indiana tough despite losing by four, while the Cardinals have won three of four. Expect Louisville to pull out a victory at home. *Prediction: Louisville 68, Connecticut 64*

**Men's Basketball  
Oklahoma at No. 14  
Oklahoma State  
Tonight  
8 p.m. CT  
ESPN**

Oklahoma State (16-3, 2-2 Big 12) needs to bounce back after being destroyed by Texas A&M over the weekend, while the Sooners (11-6, 3-2 Big 12) have played well after a sluggish start. The Cowboys are the favorite, but expect this one to be close. *Prediction: Oklahoma State 76, Oklahoma 74*

**Men's Basketball  
Indiana at Illinois  
Tuesday  
6 p.m. CT  
ESPN**

Illinois (14-7, 2-4 Big 10) has struggled as of late and is running out of time to make a run for the tournament. Meanwhile, Indiana (14-4, 4-1 Big 10) is on steadier ground, having won five straight games. Illinois has one the best home-court advantages in college basketball but will need to be at its best to pull of the upset. *Prediction: Indiana 72, Illinois 70*

**Men's Basketball  
No. 9 Alabama at  
Auburn  
Tuesday  
8 p.m. CT  
ESPN**

Alabama (15-3, 2-2 SEC) lucked out against Georgia over the weekend, while Auburn (12-8, 2-3 SEC) is coming off a loss at Mississippi State. The Tigers have beaten both Vanderbilt and Tennessee at home, while the Tide struggled their last time away from Tuscaloosa, losing 94-73 here in Nashville. This figures to be an interesting contest in a heated rivalry. *Prediction: Alabama 81, Auburn 74*

**Men's Basketball  
Villanova at  
Providence  
Tuesday  
6:30 p.m. CT**

The Friars (13-5, 3-2 Big East) and Wildcats (13-5, 2-3 Big East) are two bubble teams in need of a victory. Providence, led by the frontcourt of Herbert Hill and Geoff McDermott, are one of the surprise teams this season, while Villanova is coming off a very impressive victory over Texas. Expect the Friars to win a close one. *Prediction: Providence 82, Villanova 78*

**OVERALL RECORD: 15-10**

## Defense makes all the difference

Commodores earn first conference road victory.

by WILL GIBBONS  
Senior Sports Reporter

LEXINGTON, Ky. – It looked like Kentucky might pull it out. After holding a precious 58-57 lead for almost three minutes, Kentucky's Ramel Bradley hit a jumper to give the Wildcats a 59-58 lead. But Vanderbilt did what it had been unable to do in their previous two road contests.

"We knew we needed to stay together on the road," said junior Shan Foster. "It's something that we talked about all week because we knew it was 20,000 fans against 13 guys. If we could stay together in an atmosphere like that, we thought we could come away with the win."

Staying together proved key for Vanderbilt, especially on the defensive end. The Commodores held Kentucky to 43.3 percent shooting and made several timely defensive stops, particularly down the stretch in a 10-0 run that gave the Commodores a 68-59 lead.

"Everyone had good mental toughness tonight," said senior Derrick Byars. "We had a couple dry possessions there when it was 58-57. Against Kentucky you can't do that often and survive. Everyone stayed positive, and luckily we came away with the win."

Kentucky, who entered the game shooting 48.2 percent from the field, was held to 43.3 percent on Saturday. Randolph Morris, Kentucky's star center and the one clear advantage Kentucky had, scored just 11 points and never got into a rhythm. The Wildcats also shot just six for 22 from the 3-

point line. They also had three shot clock violations.

"Well, the two road games we have lost have been because we did not defend the way you have to defend on the road to win," said Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings. "It wasn't because we went into a situation and played tentatively or played without effort – we just didn't defend on the road well enough to win. Obviously our point of emphasis today was to defend as hard as we could for as long as we could. That definitely made a big difference for us."

In road games at Auburn and Georgia, Vanderbilt's opponents shot a combined 50 percent from the floor and 44.4 percent from 3-point range. Auburn and Georgia made a Vanderbilt-esque 10 and 14 3-point baskets, respectively, compared to Kentucky's six on Saturday.

"With the effort we know we can give, we know what we're capable of," Foster said. "Our confidence is sky-high right now after this win, because it's a test of will playing against a tough defense like Kentucky. We were fortunate to play hard and together on defense to force some turnovers and do some good things."

Vanderbilt's calm yet determined responses to every threat Kentucky made show that this team has improved a great deal in just a few weeks. Saturday's win required a mental toughness that Vanderbilt had been unable to show in their two previous road losses.

"You just have to accept that you're going to come up for 40 minutes and basically get in a barroom fight with the



Kentucky's Randolph Morris is surrounded by Vanderbilt defenders, Shan Foster, Alex Gordon and JeJuan Brown in the Commodores' 72-67 victory over the Wildcats Saturday. Vanderbilt won for the second straight time at Rupp Arena and also snapped No. 25 Kentucky's 11-game win streak.

Kentucky Wildcats," Dan Cage said.

Vanderbilt has shot well all season. By stepping up their tenacity, Vanderbilt has been able to accompany their shooting with increased defensive pressure. Constant adjustments kept Kentucky out of synch.

"We're not a defense that we can just shut people out for four, five, six minutes at a time like they are, so we have to try to keep them off balance a little bit. So we wanted to use some of our traps," Stallings said.

Still, the Commodores know what lies ahead. There

is much work left to be done for Vanderbilt to accomplish its goals.

"We need to keep doing what we need to, and we'll keep getting wins," Foster said. "All we can do is worry about our next game, and if we keep winning, more respect will come." ■

## Bandwagon starting to fill up

by JARRED AMATO  
Sports Editor

How much fun is it being a Vanderbilt basketball fan right now?

After losing their conference opener at Auburn, the Commodores have defeated three ranked opponents in four games. And it's not just the fact that they've won, but how they've done it.

There was the Shan Foster buzzer-beater against Tennessee, the blowout of Alabama and the silencing of Rupp.

Yes, your Vanderbilt Commodores are one of the hottest teams in all of college basketball.

The most recent victory was probably the most telling. The Commodores played tough, both mentally and physically, and did whatever it took to win. They were unselfish on offense and aggressive on defense.

"Our confidence is sky high, especially when we defend like we did (Saturday)," said junior Shan Foster.

As it should be. Vanderbilt is now 4-1 against ranked opponents and clicking in all phases. Still, the players aren't about to get complacent.

"It feels good, but we don't want history to repeat itself," said senior Derrick Byars. "Last year we won (at Rupp) and got a little ahead of ourselves and went on a losing streak."

The Commodores have a tall task on Wednesday as they travel to Baton Rouge to take on Louisiana State, but the game doesn't seem nearly as impossible as it did two weeks ago when the words "Vanderbilt" and "March Madness" were polar opposites.

It's time to get on the Vanderbilt bandwagon if you haven't done so already. ■

## BASKETBALL: VU silences Rupp

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They held guard Joe Crawford to 12 points on four-for-17 shooting and center Randolph Morris to just 11 points. As a team, the Wildcats shot just 43.3 percent and committed 14 turnovers.

"It was something we harped on all week, being able to play with the same defensive intensity on the road as we did at home," Foster said. "We knew that it was going to be a close game because they're a great team, but all we wanted was a chance to win at the end, and that's what we got."

In the first half, Vanderbilt led 28-19 on a JeJuan Brown jumper, but the Wildcats went on a 13-4 run to go up by one at the break.

The Commodores began the second half with 3-pointers from Byars and Neltner to go up by five, but the game remained close throughout. As Stallings said, "It really became a game that was condensed into about three minutes and 50 seconds."

Clinging to a 58-57 lead, Vanderbilt went more than three minutes without scoring, but because of its defense, it trailed by just one with 2:19 remaining.

That's when Foster responded with a

jumper and a steal on the other end, which led to a Byars' lay-up. The Wildcats never got close again. ■



Kentucky's Bobby Perry tries to get this shot off despite the defensive efforts of Vanderbilt's Dan Cage in the Commodores' 72-67 victory.

SEC NOTEBOOK  
News and notes from the SEC and Vanderbilt hoopsby JARRED AMATO  
Sports Editor

## • DE-FENSE:

There's one reason why Vanderbilt was able to win its first conference road game: defense.

"The only way you win on the road is by guarding the snot out of people," said Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings. "You've got to guard and dig in and be tough, and we didn't do that in our first two road games."

Credit Stallings for his game plan. The Commodores confused Kentucky by switching between man-to-man and 2-3 zone defense and trapping the Wildcats on ball screens.

## • WAOH, NELLY:

Junior Ross Neltner turned in another solid performance, limiting Kentucky center Randolph Morris to just 11 points and seven rebounds.

"I have to commend Ross Neltner a whole bunch because, playing the five spot for us, Randolph's a little bigger, but he was in front of him all night and made it hard for him," said senior Derrick Byars. "If Randolph did catch it, we had a guy there on the weak side to trap."

## • THE TRUTH:

Shan Foster did more than nail the go-ahead jumper on Saturday. He scored 16 points on six-for-11 shooting, while grabbing seven rebounds and dishing out seven assists. Foster also came up with a big steal and block down the stretch.

## • THREE IN A ROW:

The Commodores have now beaten the Wildcats three straight times, including two at Rupp Arena. On Saturday, they snapped Kentucky's 11-game winning streak, which was the third longest in the nation.

## • GEORGIA COLLAPSE:

The fact that Alabama overcame an 11-point deficit in the final 4:35 to stun Georgia is great news for the Commodores.

The Bulldogs are now tied with Vanderbilt for third place in the SEC East, and they have to be careful not to let the devastating loss linger.

## • REELING TIGERS:

Up next for Vanderbilt is Louisiana State (13-5, 2-2 SEC), who was blown out by 20 by Arkansas on Saturday.

"There's so much tradition and history here, but it's done, and we have to turn the page and get ready for LSU now," Byars said shortly after the Commodores' victory.



# Commodores sweep opening matches

**HUSTLER STAFF REPORT**

The No. 12 Vanderbilt women's tennis team had an impressive start to its season, winning both home matches this weekend.

The Commodores swept East Tennessee State on Sunday and Louisville on Friday.

Against the Bucs (2-2), whom the Commodores beat 4-0 in the first round of the 2006 NCAA Tournament, junior Amanda Taylor earned her second consecutive victory at No. 1 singles. ITA All-American Amanda Fish is still out with minor injuries.

"I was nervous about starting, just because I hadn't played since November," Taylor said. "But the team's been really supportive. We've really come together as a team."

During her first set against ETSU's Olya

Batsula, Taylor traded points with the Belarus native until she broke the serve at 4-3, starting a 3-0 run to win the set 6-3.

In their second meeting, Taylor held Batsula to one game to take the straight set match victory (6-3, 6-1). Taylor's victory put the team ahead 3-0.

Earlier in the match the Commodores won all three doubles contests, and Taka Bertrand cruised to a 6-3, 6-1 victory at No. 2 singles.

In doubles play, Bertrand teamed with freshman Hannah Blatt to defeat Bucs' Vita Moskaliova and Brittany Stewart, 8-4, while Liberty Sveke and Courtney Ulery, and Taylor and Caroline Ferrell also earned victories.

With Ulery's victory over Tara Byrne, the Commodores clinched their second victory of the season. Catherine Newman, Sveke and Ferrell won their singles matches, as well.

Against the Cardinals, the Commodores were without Fish and Newman but still cruised to a 7-0 victory.

"We have a deep lineup," said Vanderbilt coach Geoff Macdonald. "You have to have one to be successful. You want to have confidence in all eight players and develop them."

While no matches went three sets, many Commodores overcame early deficits to earn wins.

"It was a very competitive match," Macdonald said. "And sometimes if you haven't played competitively in a while you forget things, like making those quick important decisions, and you make a lot of mistakes, but they get worked out in a couple of weeks."

Vanderbilt will kick off an intense road stretch next week, traveling to No. 29 Michigan on Jan. 28, followed by No. 4 Notre Dame on Jan. 29. ■



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Junior Taka Bertrand won all of her matches as the Commodores went 2-0 in their opening weekend.

# Williams leads Vandy past Tech

Senior scores 21 points as team rallies from nine-point deficit.

**HUSTLER STAFF REPORT**

Caroline Williams scored six points to spark a 26-0 run, and No. 14 Vanderbilt recovered from a nine-point deficit midway through the second half to beat Georgia Tech 72-55 on Sunday.

Williams, a Rockmart, Ga., native, scored a game-high 21 points on seven-for-nine shooting and grabbed a team-high seven rebounds in front of a number of her friends and family. On Saturday night, the Commodores (17-3, 4-2 Southeastern Conference) ate dinner at the Williams' house on their way to Duluth.

Vanderbilt senior Carla Thomas added 12 points, five rebounds and five assists, while sophomore

Christina Wirth chipped in with 12 points and four rebounds. Merideth Marsh



WILLIAMS

scored eight points off the bench, including a leaver as time expired in the first half that gave the Commodores a 30-26 lead.

Georgia Tech opened the second half with an 18-5

run to take a 42-35 lead after trailing 30-26 at halftime. Trailing 46-37, the Commodores turned the game around. Vanderbilt went on a 26-0 run, holding Georgia Tech scoreless for nearly eight minutes.

Williams poured in 11 points during the run, including two 3-pointers and a 3-point play. When the dust settled, the Commodores led 63-46 with just under three minutes remaining. Janie Mitchell scored 14 points for Georgia Tech (11-8, 2-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) in her first game since spraining her left knee on Jan. 4.

The Commodores return to Nashville when they host Pat Summit's Lady Vols on Thursday. ■

# Bowlers finish second in tourney

**HUSTLER STAFF REPORT**

Vanderbilt's bowling team rebounded from Saturday's struggles to finish second at the Ozark Classic Invitational Sunday afternoon.

The No. 2 Commodores turned the tables on two squads that beat them Saturday in the process of determining Sunday's final pairings. By defeating Southern and then No. 3 Nebraska in the semifinal, they advanced to the finals. Vanderbilt's attempt at its third consecutive tournament championship was snuffed out, however, by Arkansas State in the title match.

Tara Kane earned all-tournament honors after placing fifth in the individual standings. "Arkansas State bowled lights out," said Vanderbilt coach

John Williamson. "Other than our final game, we didn't perform that badly; they were just a little better today. If you look at the closeness of several of those games, they could have gone either way. I was pleased we put ourselves in contention to win the tournament."

The Commodores had an interesting Saturday. They started off with a school-record score of 1,148 pins in its victory over No. 10 Minnesota State-Mankato. Next, they topped No. 6 Central Missouri, 1,040 - 1,018.

However, things went downhill from there. No. 12 Southern shocked the Commodores, 1,036 - 961, and then Elmhurst, who Vanderbilt easily topped Friday in Baker game play, played giant-killer and won, 1,005-997. The afternoon concluded

with a head-to-head match against No. 3 Nebraska, and Vanderbilt lost a tight match, 1,093-1,085.

"First off, I want to congratulate Southern and Elmhurst for their excellent games against our team," Williamson said. "They deserved to win. Our team needs to understand that when you are the highest-rated team in a given tournament that everyone is going to give you their best shot."

The Commodores, who are now 38-9, captured championships at the Hawk Classic, hosted by Maryland-Eastern Shores, and the Mississippi Valley Classic in its last two events prior to breaking for the holidays.

Vanderbilt's next tournament competition is Feb. 3-4 at the Arkansas State Invitational. ■

## HOUSING AND RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION OFFICIAL NOTICE

January 2007

**TO:** The Residential Community

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

### SUBJECT: ROOM CHANGE REQUEST PERIOD

Students seeking room changes should schedule meetings with their Assistant Directors during the period January 29 – February 1. Students should be prepared to discuss in detail their housing needs and concerns with their Assistant Directors. Room change decisions will be announced no later than Friday, February 2. Students whose requests are granted should move to their new assignments during the weekend of February 2-4.

A student seeking a room change should contact the Assistant Director responsible for the residential area in which she or he currently lives.

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