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#### THE WALL

#### Creative **Expressions Exhibit** on display at **Kennedy Center**

The exhibit features work in many mediums from artists with a wide range of abilities/disabilities and ages. It will be on display until Jan. 31.



"Indian Landscape by Jesse Fortner (provided)

#### **World War II Materials Exhibit at Heard Library**

The exhibit will feature materials found in the **Special Collections** holding, including photographs, documents, letters to home, V-mail and posters. It will be open 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 10.

#### **VU Theatre** auditions and crew sign-up for "Odysseus"

Auditions and crew positions are open to any student on campus. Scripts are available in Neely 207 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. Auditions are Jan. 11, 4 to 6 p.m. and / to 9

#### Yahoo! chief scientist to speak



Jan O. Pedersen, chief scientist for search and marketplace with Yahoo! will lecture on the workings of Internet search engines on Jan. 11 from 4 to 5:15 p.m. in 4327 Stevenson Center. A reception will precede the lecture at 3:30 p.m. in 6333 Stevenson Center.

#### "What Makes Us Human?" seminar by Brazilian professor

Suzana Herculao-Houzel, Ph.D., from the Departamento de Anatotmia of the Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro will give a lecture in 316 Wilson Hall on Jan. 11 from noon to 1 p.m. titled "Cellular Scaling **Rules for Primate Brains: What Makes Us** Human?"

# **Panhellenic sorority** recruitment begins



Freshman Samantha Koches exits the Pi Beta Phi house during philanthropy round Tuesday afternoon. Philanthropy round is the second of four rounds in the recruitment process.

#### End of second round marks halfway point of process.

Potential new sorority members huddled under umbrellas in the rain Tuesday afternoon, waiting to enter the chapters they had been invited to attend for the second round of recruitment, the philanthropy round.

Kristen Torrey, director of Greek Life, said 508 women are participating in recruitment this year, an increase of 30 people from the year

Torrey attributed the increase to multiple information sessions during the semester and at Summer Academic Orientation Program as well

as the improved Greek Ambassador program.

"Our goal is to make sure that every potential new member has a positive experience and to give each potential new member a way to find a home in the Greek community," Torrey said.

Freshman Leslie Kelly said that she has had a positive experience with recruitment so far, despite some hesitation.

"I didn't think I'd have time for it, and it's a big financial commitment with Vanderbilt costing an arm and a leg," she said.

Ultimately, Kelly decided that the Greek

experience was important to her. "I have met so many amazing upperclass girls

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### Industry predicts future shortage of librarians as boomers retire

#### Central Library employee Melinda Brown remains unconcerned.

by GLENNA DEROY Editor-in-Chief

With the impending retirement of approximately half of the country's 105,000 librarians, some industry groups are becoming concerned that there may become a shortage of librarians.

The scare comes at a time when librarians must evolve with constantly changing technology. The image of the bookish, uptight librarian is being replaced by a more versatile, technologically savvy version.

According to an article in The find out that we have to keep on

Wall Street Journal, some think the cutting edge in terms of how that the retirement of the baby boomer generation will lead to a shortage of librarians.

Melinda Brown, a Vanderbilt librarian and instruction coordinator, she said education of the general public as the key to ensuring that a librarian shortage does not become a

old-fashioned person who's more comfortable with books than anything else, but once you do any kind of research on the field, you

is information being provided to people," she said. "I think we won't have many problems filling those jobs once people learn more about the profession."

In addition, higher pay in academia, the financial sector and government has helped push a third of the librarian work force — 44 percent of librarians with "People tend to think of the master's degrees under age 45into the private sector.

While Brown acknowledged that low pay may discourage some from pursuing a career as a librarian, Please see LIBRARIANS, page 3

## New York's trans fat ban expected to spread

Vanderbilt Dining, some restaurants already in compliance.

> by SYDNEY WILMER Senior Reporter

When the New York City Board of Health officially banned trans fat in all of its restaurants in early December, it gave restaurant owners and consumers alike some food for thought.

While New York City is the first city to ban trans fat, some major restaurants, including Wendy's, KFC, Taco Bell and, most recently, Starbucks have already started to reduce trans fat in their cooking oil.

Vanderbilt Dining decided a year and a half ago to prepare food on campus without trans fatty acids.

According to Fran Blackman, Clinical Dietician at Vanderbilt Center for Human Nutrition, "everybody should be concerned and careful about the dangers of trans fats."

She said trans fat contributes to heart disease by lowering good cholesterol and increasing bad cholesterol. She said trans fat is similar to saturated fat because if there is too much in the diet, it can clog arteries.

Lida Horna, director of Vanderbilt Dining, said that while they are successful in keeping trans fat out of food produced on campus, they are not as successful in keeping popular foods that contain trans fat out of campus markets.

Horna explained that the demand for healthier foods on campus lead to the creation of Nectar, an organic food market located in Vanderbilt Barnard, which is new this year.

Because product stocking depends on the market's drive and demand for the item, explained Howard, it can be difficult to bring healthier options to

"Some of these products are not always available, so we are continually changing what we serve," he said. "It is evolving."

"We hope that students make the right choices day to day," Horna said. "Then the market here will support these healthier products."

Some students are not aware of what types of food include trans fat. Freshman Kesley Pendleton said trans fat content is rarely part of her food-selection criteria.

"First I look at calories and total fat," she said. "Then I look at the vitamins. Then I look at the price. I never really look at trans fats or other bad-for-you



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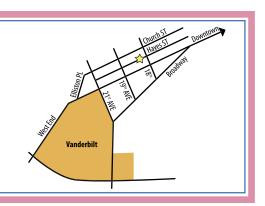
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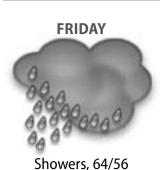




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Jan. 4, 2007, 12:17 a.m. — An arrest was made for stealing muscle relaxants from a visitor's jacket at the Medical Center.

Jan. 5, 2007, 9:16 a.m. — An e-mail was sent to a woman stating that someone was hired to murder her but would not if

she paid \$80,000.

Jan. 5, 2007, 4:06 p.m. — A small change purse containing \$300 and a cell phone was stolen from the waiting area of the Medical Center.

Check out http://police.vanderbilt.edu/ crimelog.htm for complete listings

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#### WORLD

#### American helicopters bomb suspected al-Qaida in Somalia

Attack helicopters strafed suspected al-Qaida fighters in southern Somalia on Tuesday, the first U.S. offensives in the country since 1993. A U.S. intelligence official said five to 10 people were killed while four to five were wounded.

A Somali lawmaker said 31 civilians died in the assault by two helicopters in Afmadow, a town close to the Kenya border. A Somali Defense Ministry official described the crafts as American, but witnesses could not identify the helicopters.

Somalia's president said the U.S. was pursuing suspects in the 1998 bombings of two U.S. Embassies in East Africa and he fully supported the effort.

#### 50 insurgents killed in air strike of Sunni Arab neighborhood of Baghdad

U.S. jets and helicopter gunships attacked a central Baghdad neighborhood on Tuesday, with the Iraqi Defense Ministry reporting that 50 insurgents were killed.

The battle occurred 1.5 miles north of the Green Zone and was the second major confrontation in the area since Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki pledged to rid Baghdad of sectarian fighters.

Lt. Col. Scott Bleichwehl said no American or Iraqi soldiers were killed. The attack comes on the eve of President Bush's expected announcement that 20,000 more soldiers would be sent to Iraq.

#### NATION

#### Hall Of Fame welcomes Ripken and Gwynn, not McGwire

Cal Ripken Jr. and Tony Gwynn easily gained baseball's highest honor — while Mark McGwire fell far short — in their first attempts.

Ripken played in a major league-record 2,632 consecutive games and finished with 431 home runs, two AL MVP awards and two Gold Gloves as a shortstop.

Gwynn won eight batting titles, was selected to 15 All-Star teams and won five Gold Gloves as an outfielder.

McGwire appeared on only 23.5 percent of the ballots, below the required 75 percent. He finished his career with 583 home runs, including 70 home runs in 1998. Under heavy suspicion of using steroids, McGwire's dismal showing does not bode well for other players under the cloud of steroids, such as Barry Bonds and Sammy Sosa.







#### Apple Inc. introduces new iPhone

Apple Computer CEO Steve Jobs debuted the iPhone, the iPod maker's longawaited leap into the mobile phone business. The iPhone, starting at \$499 when it launches in June, is controlled by touch, plays music, surfs the Internet and runs the Macintosh computer

operating system. The iPhone is less than a half-inch thin — less

than almost any phone on the market today. It comes with a two-megapixel

digital camera built into the back. The phone automatically synchs the user's media — movies, music, photos through iTunes.

#### <u>CAMPUS</u>

#### Vanderbilt ranks No. 1 on Productive Research Universities list

Vanderbilt jumped from No. 54 last year to No. 7 in the large research university category of the Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index, released by Academic Analytics using data from 2005. Harvard University took the No. 1 ranking followed by the California Institute of Technology.

The rankings also placed Vanderbilt atop the pharmacology, Spanish, Portuguese and education categories.

The Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index measures the scholarly productivity of faculty based on publications, citations, and financial and honorary awards. It includes information from over 200,000 faculty members at 354 institutions.

#### Vanderbilt Policy Center takes Tennessee pulse on education

The Vanderbilt Peabody Center for Education Policy took a poll on Tennesseans' attitudes toward education. Among their findings was that education was a second-tier issue among Tennessee voters, below health care.

The poll also showed a majority believes the state is doing a poor job in educating students.

While most of those polled did not see increasing the state budget for education as an answer, an overwhelming 70 percent stated that teacher pay is too low, with almost half saying that teachers should be paid "a lot more."

The poll surveyed 601 Tennesseans who reported voting in the 2006 election.



Freshmen participating in Panhellenic recruitment move between the Pi Beta Phi and Delta Delta Delta houses Tuesday afternoon.

### **SORORITIES:** Active members and freshmen remain optimistic

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and freshmen women that I didn't want to miss out on an opportunity to grow closer to these girls."

Ashley Dwyer, a freshman who is also participating in formal recruitment, said the process was "exhausting but fun."

"It's like the beginning of freshman year," Dwyer said. "You're trying to remember people's names and things about them."

Dwyer said she is looking forward to Bid Day, which is held on Sunday and marks the end of the week when women receive bids to join sororities.

"It's an instant group of 100 friends," Ashley Wood, the Greek Ambassador

Coordinator said potential new members are grouped by quad this year instead of by hall, like they were

Wood said the GA program was changed because of feedback from potential new members.

Liz Warner, the Panhellenic Vice President of Recruitment said they have not faced any big problems so far. "Recruitment is going smoothly and we are well-prepared for the week," she

Ashley Wood described the annual recruitment week as an "ever-evolving process." This year, the schedule for the week was changed to start on Monday rather than Sunday to accommodate Delta Pi, said she was honored to be in the members of sororities who were returning from semesters abroad. Panhellenic also changed the way Greek Ambassadors — girls already in sororities who counsel a group of around 20 girls about the recruitment process — were assigned from grouping potential members by quad instead of by residence hall.

Diana Ebanks, a senior who disaffiliated from her sorority from the semester to be a Greek Ambassador, said the job is a difficult one.

rush experience, and as a Greek and Saturday, respectively.

Ambassador I have to relate to a lot of different situations.

Ebanks said she thinks everything will work out in the end.

"Every house is fantastic and I have great friends in each of them so if girls stick with it the rest of the Greek life experience has a lot of potential," she

In addition, the chapters have made changes to their individual recruitment

"Everyone always is trying to make changes to make their rounds better to build upon success from the past," Torrey said. "They learn what works and doesn't work."

Alpha Chi Omega president Kate Liska said, "Recruitment is going really well this year. I am excited to see so many girls interested in becoming part of the Greek system on Vanderbilt's

"We have changed a lot of decorations, skit, and dances," said Whitney Kane, recruitment chair of Chi Omega. "It gives us new energy and the freshness makes it more interesting." "Recruitment is a lot of fun and a

great way to bond with your house,"

she said. "We spend a lot of time here

— we practically live here!" Even though being in charge of recruitment for a sorority is a large time commitment, senior Ashley Cornforth, recruitment chair for Alpha

"Recruitment affects the future of a chapter," she said. "I want to make a lasting impact on the legacy of my

"At the end of the day, we feel tired and anxious but it is all worth it," said Lindsey Galbraith, a junior and

member of Alpha Delta Pi. Formal recruitment consists of four rounds of parties: display round was held Monday, philanthropy round was held Tuesday, and entertainment and "I want every girl to have a fantastic preference rounds will be held Friday

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## 'Genius' professor discovers some mammals can smell underwater

### Use of high-speed camera informs published findings.

by HARISH KRISHNAMOORTHI

Asst News Editor

Kenneth Catania, professor of Biological Sciences, discovered that, contrary to scientists' previous beliefs, some mammals are able to use their sense of smell underwater.

Using a high-speed camera, Catania observed that various underwater mammals, particularly the star-nosed mole and the water shrew, on both of which Catania focused, exhaled bubbles through their nostrils and immediately inhaled them at the same rate as land mammals.

"Because the olfactory nerves in the nose are covered with mucous, odorant molecules are all water soluble," Catania said in the Vanderbilt Register.

"So, when these bubbles come into contact with an object, it is almost inevitable that odorant molecules will mix with the air and be drawn into the nose when the bubble is inhaled."

However, the bubbles do not tell the whole story. Because the nose of the star-nosed mole is covered with appendages, the animal is both sniffing and feeling the object it is focused on.

To see if the star-nosed mole could follow a scent, Catania

created underwater scent trails leading to food that was protected by a screen that would allow bubbles through but not the appendages. Another experiment used the same setup but the screen limited the movement of bubbles



The results showed that the starnosed mole could follow the scent trail, but when the bubbles could not interact with the food, it was only chance that the mammal could find the food.

"Now the question is: 'What award. ■

other semi-aquatic mammals do this?" Catania said in the Register.

Catania, whose research was published Dec. 21 in the science journal Nature, said he hopes his research will encourage scientists in the same field to continue studying and discover more about the use of the nose underwater.

While the National Science Foundation funds his current research, Catania has yet to use the \$500,000 from his Genius Grant, which was awarded to 24 individuals in September 2006. The Genius Grant differs from other grants in that the recipient can choose any projects to fund and is not required to keep an account of how the money is used, which, as the MacArthur Foundation states, "offers the opportunity for fellows to accelerate their current activities or take their work in new directions."

"Through his integrative approach to understanding an unusual animal model, Catania generates new insights in the mammalian cortex," said the MacArthur Foundation

Anonymous nominators from different fields select individuals in their fields and a 12-member committee reviews each nominee and finalizes the recipients of the



The first of up to 20,000 additional U.S. troops will move into Iraq by month's end under President Bush's new war plan, a senior defense official said Tuesday. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi pledged to hold a vote on the increase, which many Democrats oppose.

Details of a gradual military buildup emerged a day before Bush's planned speech to the nation, in which he also will propose a bit over \$1 billion to shore up the country's battered economy and create jobs, said a second U.S. official.

Bush is expected to urge friendly Mideast countries to increase their aid to Iraq but will ignore the recommendationof the bipartisan Iraq Study group that he include Syria and Iran in an effort to stanch Iraqi bloodshed nearly four years after the U.S. invasion, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the plan has not yet been

Bush is expected to link the troop increase to promised steps by the Iraqi government to build up its own military, ease the country's murderous sectarian tensions, increase reconstruction and enact a plan to distribute oil revenues among the country's religious sects.

The speech looms as a key one for Bush, who is beginning the final two years of his presidency waging a war that has scant public support and whose own popularity has plummeted as well.

Even before he delivers his speech, Bush's plan has drawn sharp criticism from the leaders of the new, Democraticcontrolled Congress. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said he hoped for a bipartisan measure that would declare, "We don't support this escalation of the war." If it passes, "the president's going to have to take note of that. I think that's the beginning of the end, as far as I'm concerned,"

Jennifer Crider, a spokeswoman for Pelosi, said Tuesday night, "The House will vote on the president's proposal." She said she had no details.

Under Bush's plan, thousands of troops will be alerted that they may be needed in Iraq \_ including units already there whose service would be extended, or others that could be sent earlier than initially scheduled, said one official.

Moving first into Iraq would be the 2nd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, which is now in Kuwait and poised to head quickly into the country, the defense official said. The brigade, numbering about 3,500 troops, is based at Fort

Other units, including Marine brigades in western Iraq, could be asked to extend their deployment. And the military buildup is also likely to include moving the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis into the Persian Gulf region, as a show of force and a warning to Iran and Syria.

There are already about 132,000 U.S. troops in Iraq. ■

knowledge, perspective, understanding



Melinda Brown, an instruction coordinator and librarian at the Jean and Alexander Heard Library, does not fear a librarian shortage. Brown has worked there for nine years.

### **LIBRARIANS:** Position adapts to new technology.

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she said that she focuses on other, more positive aspects of the job.

"There are always people that will want to do this kind of work," she said. "A lot of people, especially in academic libraries, want to be able to use their advanced degrees in other fields and want to work with students and professors. It's a really good field."

Brown said that a librarian's activities are more varied today than they once were, attracting many to the position.

"A lot of people like the profession because you get to teach, you get to show people how to use materials and you can be involved in electronic projects, among other things," she said. ■

—Tyler Hagen contributed reporting to this article.

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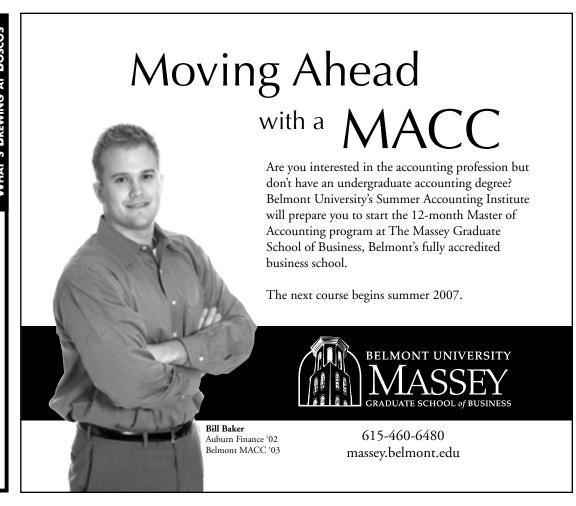
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## The Vanderbilt Hustler marches on in 2007

Hustler has seen both good times and bad.

This year will be the former.

The quickening pace of technological development has led to an uncertain future for print media. Newspapers such as this one must adapt in order to compete with electronic offerings. The strength of online publications is that they can be changed and updated at a moment's notice. Therefore, the road to success for print publications is to be as cutting-edge as possible, to work against the image of the stodgy newspaper favored only by antiquarians and the most out-of-touch of the elderly.

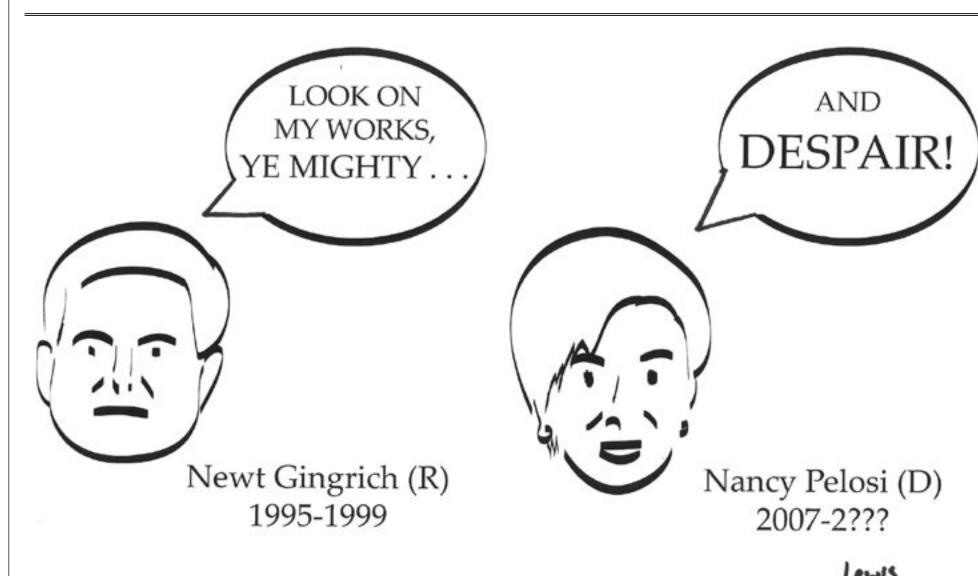
The first step in this process was last semester's creation of InsideVandy.com, the online hub of

Over the course of its history, The Vanderbilt student media at Vanderbilt. Over the past few popular "Good Call/Bad Call" feature has been months, InsideVandy.com has grown from an empty website to a veritable cornucopia of content with traffic in the millions of hits.

> Among the first of our priorities is greater integration with InsideVandy.com. Reader commentary on news stories is always welcome, while news will be supplemented frequently with podcasts and other electronic bric-a-brac. The Opinion section has diversified its regular staff of writers to include alumni and other members of the greater Vanderbilt community in order to more fully represent the wide spectrum of ideas. Sports looks to increase reader participation in its content, with greater coverage of club teams and intramural sports events. In addition, the

expanded to include reader opinions as well as those of the staff. Life has adopted a similar policy, with reader picks on a variety of subjects displayed alongside staff picks. Perhaps most important to any policy of increased campus coverage is a monthly Focus section, which explores issues highly relevant to the Vanderbilt community in an in-depth fashion rarely before seen in the pages of The Hustler.

To phrase the above more succinctly, greater integration with electronic media and greater involvement with the campus as a whole are the policies we intend to pursue in order to ensure The Hustler's continued relevance for another 119 years.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## SGA defends Collegiate Readership Program

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the staff editorial published in the Dec. 4 issue of The Hustler. As the writers and developers of the proposal, we would like to clarify what the Collegiate Readership Program is and our intentions in bringing the program to Vanderbilt.

The Collegiate Readership Program is a service that provides college students nationwide with dailyaccess to hard copies of national newspapers, such as The New York Times and The Washington Post for a dramatically reduced fee. The program currently operates on 185 campuses, including Cornell, Duke, Tulane, Villanova and peer SEC institutions. The principle behind this program is to actively engage students in current affairs and encourage civic engagement, a principle on which our university was also founded.

As elected representatives of the Student Government Association, the interest of the students is at the heart of this initiative. As The Hustler is a publication produced by Vanderbilt students, we value their concerns with regards to this program, and The Hustler has been and is being consulted on the issue. A direct result of one of these meetings was our agreement not to include The Tennessean in the bundled service, as a local newspaper would compete for advertising dollars on which The Hustler depends for operation. We believe this compromise is a sign of our appreciation for out student media, our willingness to cooperate and our support for The Hustler.

Furthermore, the proposal to which the editorial refers has not been written yet, as SGA representatives are still gathering information and consulting with student leaders, including those from The Hustler, to ensure that the proposal is comprehensive and well planned.

Our decision to seek funding for the Collegiate Readership Program does not represent a value judgment preferring national papers to student media, but unfortunately there is no alternative to providing the student body with widespread access to physical copies of these national newspapers other than charging a fee. It is our understanding the student media are doing fine independently, and we are sincerely appreciative of the hours students pour into fundraising efforts in order to provide free student publications. We are grateful for a free subscription to The Hustler; however, if it is deemed necessary to have the student body pay a subscription fee to The Hustler, we do not feel it will be the result of the implementation of the Collegiate Readership

A final note on funding: Contrary to the implications of The Hustler, SGA would not unilaterally support a raise in the Student Activities Fee without the support of the student body via a referendum vote. We would never force a service upon the university that students do not desire.

While students do have access to these newspapers online through the Vanderbilt Library Web site, accessing these Web sites is

often confusing and complicated. Frankly, most students will not seek out national news via the Internet unless they are interested in reading about a specific story, and studies prove that students our age are more likely to stay informed with current affairs if provided with a physical newspaper versus online resources. While The Hustler does include national and world news in its publication, as a campus paper it is limited in

Ceaf Lewis—The Vanderbilt Hustler

Many students voice their concerns about being enclosed within the "Vandy Bubble." The Collegiate Readership Program is a way for students to stay informed about issues on a national and world level. This is not the territory of The Hustler. We are not pursuing this program because we wish to infringe upon The Hustler, but because we believe physical access to national newspapers is something the student body wants and deserves. As elected representatives of the Vanderbilt student body, it is our job to voice the concerns and desires of the students to the administration; therefore, we feel we have no other course to take than to pursue what The Hustler calls a "frivolous expenditure" as far as we possibly can, while doing our best to keep in mind the concerns of The Hustler and its staff.

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# U.S. makes misguided effort to forbid online gambling

JASON LEVINE

Columnist

President Bush recently signed a law that will inconvenience millions of Americans who play online poker every day and diminish the revenues of the thousands of online poker rooms which rake in billions every year. The new law prohibits American banks from transferring money to gambling sites, making it very difficult, but not yet impossible, for Americans to play online poker and other forms of online gambling. Since the law's inception, public companies have lost billions of dollars in market value and millions of customers, as they must shut their doors to U.S. customers. Bush and the Republican Party believe the new law will help reduce gambling problems among Americans and deter money laundering. I believe the new law will do little to reduce gambling in the United States, is forcing the government to lose out on millions of taxable dollars, and, perhaps worst of all, is completely hypocritical because the U.S. government is the largest purveyor of gambling through lotteries and legalized gambling in

In 1995, gambling in the U.S. grossed over \$40 billion in revenues, whereas amusement parks grossed a mere \$7 billion and movie theaters grossed an estimated \$5.5 billion. Needless to say, gambling is a major activity in the United States. By 1994, every state except Utah and Hawaii had some form of legal gambling, and gambling is currently legal in 27 states. In 2005, online gambling revenues topped \$10 billion. Revenues from gambling have been used to support important public projects such as improvements in transportation and educational systems, yet the Republicans have allied themselves with a minority of citizens who are against online gaming. In doing so, they have outraged the millions of gamblers who make online wagers daily, through sports betting, poker and other casino games.

Ironically, it's the Republican Party that may ultimately wind up the loser following this legislation. The Republican Party touts itself as working to create a free society based upon the people's wishes. According to New York Times Op-Ed contributor Charles Murray, "If a free society is to work, the vast majority of citizens must reflexively obey the law not because they fear punishment, but because they accept that the rule of law makes society possible." Murray is essentially saying when laws like the online gaming law are established — laws that reasonable citizens believe are stupid — "such

laws invite good citizens to choose knowingly to break the law, confident that they are doing nothing morally wrong." The basis of this argument is that perhaps the government should stick to more important issues, rather than laws like this that many believe to be dumb and thus do not plan to follow. The slippery slope of this argument ultimately leads to more citizens breaking the law and thus losing their loyalty to the law. Eventually the system of government will be eroded. It would not be surprising to see some of the 23 million online-gambling Americans' outrage at this law continue the backlash seen in this most current election as they vote against conservative, morality-based candidates and legislation.

But what if the government is correct? What if the recently passed laws are needed in order to protect Americans from gambling problems? According to the American Psychological Association, about two to four percent of Americans have an active gambling problem, and adolescents are about three times more likely to become pathological gamblers than adults. If only two to four percent of the population has such problems, then why must 96 to 98 percent of the population not have the option of participating in an activity that is clearly extremely popular? Surely there must be better ways to deter gambling or help those with gambling problems, if that is the intention. Online gambling is simply a more convenient way for Americans to gamble. Banning such a convenience will not deter Americans from gambling, as they can resort to simply going into "brick and mortar" casinos or even playing the local lotteries if they really need to gamble. Banning online gambling will do little to prevent addiction.

One interesting addition to the story is that the recent laws have no effect on one of the government's greatest sources of income: the lottery. That's right. American citizens can sit online at their home computers for hours scratching off electronic lottery tickets, but a game like poker, which actually requires skill, cannot be played. It seems as though the government has arbitrarily put monetary gain before the rights of its citizens, but perhaps what they do not realize is that they are missing out on over \$50 million in taxable online gambling fees that could be collected if online gaming were legalized. Furthermore, since there is such a profitable industry at stake here, the online gaming casinos will come up with all sorts of ways of circumventing the laws. Many have resorted to creating e-wallet intermediaries which act as third party cash transferees. Shady "underground" poker clubs have been quickly rising, often preying on

THE VERDICT Stand and be judged by the Vanderbilt Hustler opinion staff. Amniotic fluid The fluid surrounding unborn children is rich in stem cells. It's like the Gold Rush of 1849, only messier. **Daniel** The Kazakh prime minister has Akhmetov resigned.Sorry, no"Borat" references here; this is a serious matter. Subsidies and The U.S. won't cut subsidies; the tariffs European Union won't reduce tariffs. Things are going nowhere. Communists The Archbishop of Warsaw admitted to working with Communists years ago. It seemed like a good idea at the time. Then again, it's easier to appreciate Communists Communist chic when they can't threaten us with nuclear annihilation. Kansas weather Winter storm damage has led Kansans to finally indulge their fantasies of the Viking lifestyle. LG has unveiled a player that supports **LG Electronics** both Blu-Ray and HD-DVD formats. Thus ends the Great Nerd War of 2006.

gamblers by "stealing" their money and knowing that their heist will go unreported, putting many citizens simply looking for a social poker scene in jeopardy. Wouldn't it be more beneficial for everyone to have safe, regulated gambling from which the government could also profit?

There is no doubt in my mind that gambling addiction is a huge problem for some families in America. The bottom line, however, is that the newly passed law does little to stop gambling in America and only inconveniences those who want to gamble, which ultimately leads to failure in much the same way that prohibition failed to stop individuals from drinking alcohol. If the United States is really looking to fight gambling addiction, they need to attack the issue in a completely different way. Perhaps a fairer and more effective way to combat gambling addictions would be to pour some of the \$50 million in tax revenue that they would gain from online gaming into education and gambler's rehabilitation programs for the minority of individuals who require it. Lastly, I believe that it is the job of the government to protect its citizens from terrorism and other imminent dangers, but by no means is it the job of the government to protect citizens from themselves, nor is it to legislate morality, especially when most Americans enjoy gambling and engage in it responsibly.

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# **SPORTS**

# WHAT 2 WATCH 4

**Upcoming Events** 

#### Men's Basketball No. 20 Tennessee at Vanderbilt 7 p.m. CT Tonight Memorial Gym

The Commodores (10-5, 0-1 SEC) and Vols (13-2, 1-0 SEC) both like to play at a fast pace so expect this game to be a high-scoring affair. Tennessee, which beat Vandy twice last season, is off to another strong start, while the inconsistent Commodores are looking to get on a roll. Having a great crowd tonight will certainly help. Prediction: Vanderbilt 84, Tennessee 81

#### Men's Basketball No. 11 Duke at Georgia Tech 6 pm CT Tonight ESPN

With both teams are coming off losses - the Blue Devils (13-2, 0-1 ACC) got beat by Virginia Tech, while the Yellow Jackets (13-4, 0-2 ACC) fell in the final seconds to Clemson – it will be interesting to see who responds better. Duke is not nearly as talented as past teams, while Georgia Tech needs to grow up. It helps that the game is in Atlanta. Prediction: Georgia Tech 72, Duke 68

#### Men's Basketball No. 10 Oklahoma State at No. 6 Kansas 8 pm CT Tonight ESPN2

Kansas (13-2, 0-0 Big 12) looks to extend its winning streak to eight games after a relatively easy nonconference schedule, while Oklahoma State (15-1, 1-0 Big 12) seeks its third win against a ranked opponent. The Jayhawks are the favorite but the Aggies are one of the most underrated teams in college basketball. This should be a great one. Prediction: Kansas 75, Oklahoma State 74

#### Men's Basketball Marquette at No. 22 Connecticut 6 pm CT Tonight

Connecticut (12-2, 1-1 Big East) looks to rebound from its loss to LSU, while Marquette (13-4, 0-2 Big East) seeks to get back on track after a solid start. Prediction: Connecticut 68, Marquette 62

#### Women's Basketball No. 14 Vanderbilt at South Carolina 6 pm CT Thursday

The Commodores (14-2, 1-1 SEC) are off to one of their best starts in recent memory and with the exception of the hiccup against Ole Miss, have been solid in all phases of the game. Meanwhile, South Carolina (10-6, 0-1 SEC) has lost two in a row.

Prediction: Vanderbilt 80, South Carolina 70

# Vandy upset by Auburn

by ANDREW HARD

Senior Sports Reporter

After a sluggish non-conference slate that saw losses to Southern Conference members Appalachian State and Furman, the Vanderbilt men's basketball team looked to get back on track in its Southeastern Conference opener Saturday night at Auburn.

It didn't work out as planned as the Tigers took a seven-point halftime lead, then used a 10-1 run late in the second half to hold off the Commodores 68-65 in front of 6,088 at Beard-Eaves Memorial Coliseum. Sophomore guard Rasheem Barrett led Auburn with 22 points, including a 6-for-9 effort from behind the arc.

"It was really nice to see Barrett come in there and make some shots," said Auburn coach Jeff Lebo. "I told him that you have to have confidence that the next open look you get is going to go in."

Vanderbilt defeated Auburn twice last year, including a 76-71 triumph in the first round of the SEC tournament. But they got off to a slow start defensively in this one, allowing the Tigers to shoot 47 percent from the field, including 8-for-15 from behind the arc, in the first half. Auburn shot 14-for-28 from three-point range for the game.

"We didn't defend the threepoint shot well enough," said Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings. "We didn't defend (Barrett) well enough, I guess, and they were only shooting 31 percent for the year (behind the arc)."

Vanderbilt got off to a rather fast start offensively, connecting on six 3-pointers in the first 10

by JARRED AMATO

Vanderbilt won't have to shut down Tennessee

Much of that responsibility will fall on junior

"Obviously good players in the SEC can't be

stopped so you just have to do the best you can

to contain them," said Foster, who's averaging 15

Coach Kevin Stallings said the Commodores

will have to be aggressive and contest every shot,

while making sure that they keep Lofton, an 82-

percent free-throw shooter, off the foul-line —

gets, but he's so good even that you've got to hope

In addition to Lofton, Tennessee (13-2, 1-0 SEC)

features junior JaJuan Smith, who's averaging 19

points and shooting 45 percent from beyond the arc

over his last six games, and Ramar Smith, the reigning

Like Vanderbilt, the Vols are undersized up

front. Six-foot-4 Dane Bradshaw plays power

forward, similar to Commodore Dan Cage, and

6-foot-7 freshman Duke Crews starts at center.

SEC Freshman of the Week, in the backcourt.

"You try to limit the number of open looks he

Shan Foster, who will likely be assigned to the

guard Chris Lofton to beat the Vols tonight, but

they will most certainly have to contain him.

Southeastern Conference's leading scorer.

points and five rebounds per game.

and that still might not be enough.

he just misses some," Stallings said.



ANTHONY HALL/AP

Vanderbilt's Shan Foster shoots over Auburn's Quantez Robertson in the Tigers' 68-65 victory last Saturday. The Commodores look to rebound against Tennessee tonight.

minutes. But they shot just 2-for-16 from inside the arc and 31 percent overall in the first half.

"It's hard to win games when you're missing layups," said junior guard Shan Foster, who finished with 14 points and 10 rebounds. "It's hard to win on the road when you don't take advantage of easy opportunities. That's what happened (Saturday)."

Auburn jumped out to a 47-35 lead early in the second half before Vanderbilt went on an 18-4 run to take a two-point lead with eight minutes left. The

**Dores must contain Lofton** 

'Dores were able to clamp down defensively by holding Auburn to single-shot possessions and forcing long jumpers, but couldn't keep up the pressure for the entire half.

Auburn led by five late before the 'Dores closed it to one, but Quan Prowell extended the lead to three on 10-foot floater with 17 seconds left. Senior Dan Cage, who led Vanderbilt with a career-high 19 points, missed an open look to tie, as did freshman Jermaine Beal before the final buzzer.

It's no surprise, then, that Tennessee loves to

run and play up-tempo, fast-paced basketball.

The Commodores have adopted a similar style

"I think it'll be up and down," Stallings said of

the game's pace. "We're not trying to slow it down;

they're not trying to slow it down. I don't anticipate

this being a possession game by any stretch. I

Vanderbilt (10-5, 0-1 SEC) has the potential to

"We are not getting back and not getting

matched up," said Tennessee coach Bruce Pearl.

"We have some limitations defensively, like lack

of shot-blockers. We need to take charges better

and make good decisions. It's going to put a lot of

dropping their conference opener, tonight's game

has added importance. With students back on

campus, Foster and Stallings expect a big crowd.

there on the court, making noise and cheering,"

Foster said. "In the SEC, it's a big key to winning

Added Stallings: "Obviously we're playing a

rival team and they're ranked and this is a very

important game for us so I hope that we have a

great crowd and I hope that our players respond

"The home crowd is like a sixth defender out

After losing to the Vols twice last season and

imagine the ball going up pretty quickly."

score in transition against the Vols.

pressure on our offense this year."

to having a great crowd." ■

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# Gators prove SEC dominance

JARRED AMATO

Sports Editor

Forget "Good Call-Bad Call." There's no debate

Not after the Florida Gators embarrassed the Ohio State Buckeyes, 41-14, in the national championship game Monday night.

The seven-point underdogs not only proved they belonged in Glendale, Ariz., over Michigan (who just so happened to get blown out by Southern Cal), but that the Southeastern Conference is as good as it gets.

"Honestly, we've played a lot better teams than them," said Florida defensive end Jarvis Moss. "I could name four or five teams in the SEC that could probably compete with them and play the same type of game we did against them."

That might be a stretch, but Moss' point is well taken. No conference is as deep or talented as the SEC. And who would have ever imagined that Vanderbilt would give Florida more trouble than Ohio State? Remember that the Commodores were just an onside kick away from having a chance to beat the Gators here in November. They ended up losing 25-19.

• If you are still not convinced that the SEC is college football's best conference, consider that its teams went a combined 6-3 in this season's bowl games, while the Big 10 finished 2-5. The most impressive victory came from Jamarcus Russell's LSU Tigers, who demolished Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl. It shouldn't come as a surprise, however, considering that the Tigers were just as good, if not better, than the Gators, and that the Fighting Irish were extremely overrated.

• While Monday night's matchup was exciting, it didn't even compare to the Fiesta Bowl between Boise State and Oklahoma. I still can't decide which play was my favorite — the hook-and-ladder, the halfback pass, the Statue of Liberty or Ian Johnson's postgame proposal. I'll go with the last one.

After watching the football version of George Mason stun the Big 12 champion Sooners, how can anyone still say college football doesn't need a playoff system?

There is good news for Vanderbilt football fans as captain Jonathan Goff announced he will return for his senior season.

Goff, the team's leading tackler and second-team All-SEC linebacker, made the decision after receiving a preliminary evaluation of his draft status.

"From our point of view, Jonathan has the potential to become a great football player," said Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson. "On the field, he gives you everything he has, is an exceptional worker who wants to get better and is a great teammate. Away from the football field, he is just an outstanding young man. We are delighted to welcome Jonathan back for his final year."

Goff, who finished eighth in the SEC with 93 tackles, is one of eight starters returning for the Commodore defense next season.

• Jay Cutler made a similar decision two years ago and ended up being the 11th overall pick and eventual starter for the Denver Broncos. The Broncos lost to San Francisco in the regular season finale to prevent them from advancing to the playoffs.

But the loss became meaningless when it was announced that Broncos cornerback Darrent Williams was killed early New Year's Day when his white stretch Hummer was sprayed by bullets after a nightclub dispute following a New Year's Eve party.

Upon hearing the news, I immediately thought of former Vanderbilt running back Kwane Doster, who was shot to death on Dec. 26, 2004, when someone fired at the parked car he was in.

At Williams' funeral service, Denver safety John Lynch summed it up best when he said, "As a culture, as a country, we've got to start respecting life."

• While basketball season is in full swing, it's never too early to talk baseball, especially when coach Tim Corbin's squad is ranked eighth in Collegiate Baseball's Preseason Top 40 poll.

The Commodores, who return eight of nine position starters and a veteran pitching staff, finished 38-27 and advanced to the finals of both the SEC Tournament and the NCAA Atlanta Regional last season.

Vanderbilt will participate in the Houston Astros College Classic to start the season. From Feb. 9 to 11, the Commodores will play preseason No. 1 Rice, No. 14 Arizona State and No. 21 Baylor.



Radio: 104.5 'The Zone'

# **ONE-ON-ONE**SHAN FOSTER vs. CHRIS LOFTON

This is a matchup between two of the best three-point shooters in the Southeastern Conference. In an up-tempo game, expect both of them to get a bunch of good looks.

As Foster said, "Obviously good players in the SEC can't be stopped so you just have to do the best you can to contain them."

Foster doesn't have to outscore Lofton for Vandy to win, but he will have to keep the Vols' top scorer in check.



DAVID KADLUBOWSKI/A Florida's Earl Everett loses his helmet as he chases down Ohio State quarterback Troy Smith during the BCS championship football game last Monday.

# SEC PREDICTIONS

With conference play already underway, The Vanderbilt Hustler predicts how the men's and women's teams will finish. It also hands out awards to the most productive players from the first half of the season.

#### **EAST** 1. Florida (14-2, 1-0): With everyone back, there's no doubt this team can challenge for another National Championship.

- **2. Tennessee** (13-2, 1-0): Led by guard Chris Lofton, the Vols' high-octane offense is tough to defend.
- 3. Kentucky (12-3, 1-0): The Wildcats feel they're being ignored, but we need to see more before jumping on their bandwagon.
- 4. Georgia (8-5, 0-1): The Bulldogs, led by Mike Mercer, hung with Florida and have wins against overrated Gonzaga and Wake Forest, who beat the Dores.
- **5. Vanderbilt** (10-5, 0-1): Beating Georgia Tech but losing to Furman, the Commodores need to play more consistently if they want to make some noise in an extremely competitive conference.
- **6. South Carolina** (10-3, 0-0): Without Vanderbilt favorite Renaldo Balkman, the Gamecocks aren't as good as the team that won the NIT last season.
- \*Records do not include Tuesday's games

#### WEST

- **1. LSU** (11-3, 0-0): The Tigers can win the division, but they will need Tack Minor to play like he did against Connecticut to do so. Otherwise, it will go to Alabama.
- 2. Alabama (13-2, 0-1): Loss to Arkansas aside, the Tide are for real. With Jemareo Davidson and Richard Hendrix inside, all Bama needs is for point guard Ronald Steele to play like he's capable of.
- 3. Arkansas (12-3, 1-0): Even without Ronnie Brewer, the Razorbacks are solid and should find themselves in the Big Dance.
- 4. Mississippi State (9-5, 0-1): The Bulldogs have played Tennessee and Clemson tough on the road and have a really good sophomore in Jamont Gordon.
- **5. Ole Miss** (11-4, 0-1): The Rebels blew a halftime lead against Kentucky, but should find mild success this season. 6. Auburn (11-5, 1-0): They shot out of their
- minds to beat Vanderbilt, but the young Tigers still aren't very good.
- \*Records do not include Tuesday's games

#### **WOMEN**

- **1. Tennessee** (14-1, 1-0): Led by sophomore sensation Candace Parker, the Vols are the favorite for the SEC title.
- 2. LSU (15-1, 1-0): The Tigers are giving up a league-best 43.6 points per game, 10 fewer than Kentucky, which is second best.
- 3. Vanderbilt (14-2, 1-1): With three talented seniors and the most depth in years, the Commodores can beat anyone on their schedule, especially at home.
- 4. Georgia (13-3, 1-1): The Bulldogs played tough against LSU, but losses to Middle Tennessee (although solid) and George Washington prove that they are very beatable. 5. Kentucky (12-4, 1-0): The Wildcats looked
- good in their near-victory over Ohio State and will most likely be playing in March. 6. Ole Miss (13-4, 2-0): Two wins to open
- conference play puts the Rebels in much better
- **7. Arkansas** (15-3, 0-2): Don't let the overall record fool you, the Razorbacks aren't as good as advertised. And the Commodores just beat them by 37.
- **8. Auburn** (14-4, 1-1): The Tigers lost to Ole Miss but rebounded with a win over Alabama and will probably be on the bubble come March.
- **9. South Carolina** (10-5, 0-1): The Gamecocks are third in scoring defense and first in rebounding margin.
- 10. Mississippi State (10-5, 1-0): Before beating Arkansas, the Bulldogs had no quality wins and they are last in scoring offense.
- 11. Alabama (10-7, 0-2): Eleventh in scoring offense plus eighth in scoring defense should equal a long season for the Tide.
- **12. Florida** (6-10, 0-1): The only team in the SEC with a losing record, the young Gators are clearly in rebuilding mode.

#### **HUSTLER'S FIRST TEAM ALL-SEC**

Taurean Green, Point Guard, Florida: Running the Florida offense, Green is averaging close to 14 points and four assists per game. He's also shooting 50 percent from the field and 43 percent from 3-point range.

Chris Lofton, Shooting Guard, Tennessee: Lofton would be our current choice for SEC Player of the Year. He leads the SEC with 22 points per game and is shooting 46 percent from beyond the arc.

**Jemareo Davidson, Forward, Alabama:** Davidson has been terrific for the Tide, averaging 14 points, 9.2 rebounds and a league-leading 3.4 blocks per game. He may not get as much as hype as others, but few are more productive.

**Al Horford, Forward, Florida:** It's Horford, not teammate Joakim Noah, who's on our first team. Horford thoroughly outplayed Ohio State center Greg Oden and though limited some by an ankle injury, is Florida's best player. He's averaging 12 points, 8.6 rebounds and two blocks while shooting 65 percent from the field, second best in the

Glen Davis, Center, LSU: "Big Baby," who has dropped close to 50 pounds since last season, is right up there with Lofton for Player of the Year honors. The versatile Davis is averaging 19.4 points and a league-best 10.5 rebounds., while he is also shooting 40 percent (8-for-20) from 3-point range.



Glen "Big Baby" Davis will challenge Chris Lofton for SEC Player of the Year.

#### **HUSTLER'S FIRST TEAM ALL-SEC**

Armintie Price, Guard, Ole Miss: Price is having a sensational season. She's first in steals, second in scoring, fourth in assists and sixth in rebounding.

Dee Davis, Guard, Vanderbilt: Davis is undoubtedly the best distributor in the SEC, if not college basketball. She's averaging a league-leading seven assists, while leading the Commodores on and off the court.

Candace Parker, Guard/Forward, Tennessee: Parker is the clear choice for SEC Player of the Year. She's first in scoring and blocked shots, and fourth in rebounding. Oh yeah, she can also dunk. Carla Thomas, Forward, Vanderbilt: Usually at her best in conference play, Thomas is off to a fantastic start, averaging 17.4 points and seven rebounds.

Sylvia Fowles, Center, LSU: Fowles has been dominant inside, averaging a league-best 10.5 rebounds. She's also scoring 17.3 points per game(fourth) and shooting 66 percent from the field (second).



Sophomore Candace Parker can do everything for the Vols, including dunk. She might even leave school early for the WNBA.



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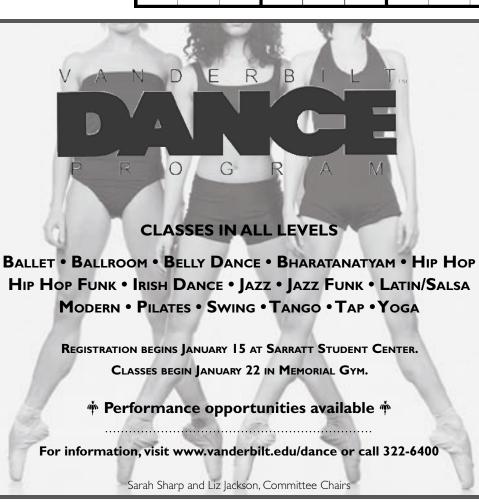
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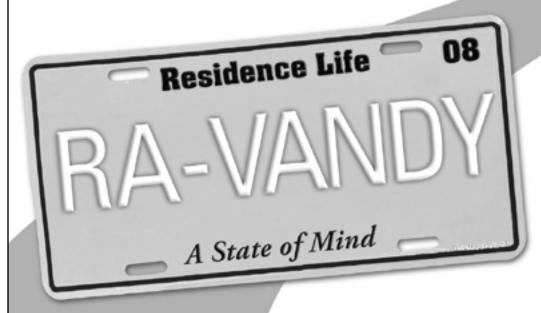
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