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compiled by LAKENDRA SCOTT

TODAY AND SATURDAY Bookstore Annual Crazy Sale

Students can save an additional 25 percent off clearance merchandise at the Rand Hall Bookstore's annual crazy sale. Tents will be set up on the Rand Terrace from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

TODAY AND SATURDAY Rites of Spring

Vanderbilt's Programming Board will put on the annual Rites of Spring music festival. The indie band Spoon will headline Friday and Lil Jon is headlining Saturday. Gates open on Alumni Lawn at 4 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Saturday.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19 Vanderbilt Dance Line tryouts

Tryouts for the Vanderbilt 2008-2009 dance team will take place in the Student Recreational Center Aerobics Room at 1 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19 Baseball game

The Vanderbilt baseball team will play Auburn University at 2 p.m. at Hawkins Baseball Field.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY Vanderbilt Hillel celebrates Passover

Vanderbilt Hillel is celebrating Passover with three seders this weekend. On Saturday, there will be two seders, one at 5:30 p.m., which will be shortened for Rites of Spring, and another at 8. On Sunday, there will be a traditional seder at 6 p.m. The seders cost \$30.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20 March for Babies benefit

The Vanderbilt Medical Center and the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital are sponsoring the 2008 March for Babies benefiting March for Dimes. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. and the walk starts at 2 p.m. at Centennial Park.

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



THE DRIVING QUESTION: How green are we, really?

The Commons Center is open and LEED certified, and more buildings are on the way. Recycling and sustainability are slowly but surely becoming institutionalized, with the recent hiring of coordinators Jennifer Hackett and Andrea George. And students seem to be participating — bins in residence halls have a tendency to overflow.

Despite all the efforts, though, Vanderbilt still received a C+ rating from the Sustainable Endowment Institute for 2007. It is partially related to the private nature of the endowment, but transportation and climate impact scores were low at a C.

And then there is the coal plant. It looms over campus, one of the most prominent landmarks, providing 40 percent of campus energy. Can Vanderbilt escape that reality on campus?

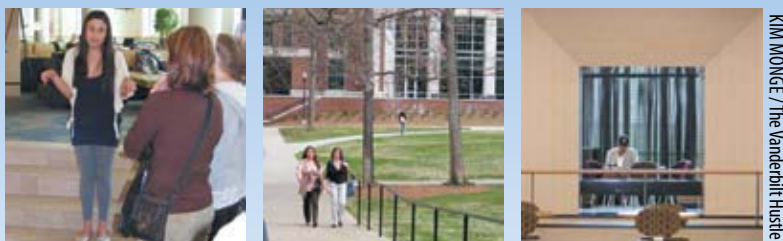
In the upcoming series of articles, the Driving Questions Team will explore the relationship the university and its students have with the "green movement." This Driving Question is asking you to look carefully at your actions, and, maybe more importantly, your attitude concerning the environment on campus.

We are asking ourselves the same question as well. Where does Vanderbilt stand on the environmental movement, how invested are students and what does the future hold?

It is a complicated if not impossible question to answer comprehensively, but here is our attempt. As always, send in your comments, blog on InsideVandy.com and let us know how we are doing.

—The Driving Questions Team

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KIM MOORE/The Vanderbilt Hustler

Eco-marketing

by JOSLIN WOODS
Staff Reporter

Tour guide Michelle Zar leads her group across the stone floor in The Commons on Peabody campus, stopping just before the building's four-story atrium. The pause signals the group has reached the pinnacle of their tour — the gem of the university's \$154 million investment.

"The interesting thing about this building is that it is environmentally friendly. It is LEED-certified, meaning that the light is adjusted to the sunlight, the restrooms use less water and all the materials were purchased within a certain distance from this campus," Zar said.

A new stop on the campus tour this year is The Commons since all freshmen will live there. But central to the pitch is its "green" status.

So is this eco-marketing? Maybe. Whatever the case, the university's interest in the environment is certainly becoming a selling point, explained Kenny Moore, project manager of The Commons, even

just in its aesthetic appeal.

"I think sometimes, when you love The Commons Center, you are loving the LEED items whether you think about them or not," Moore said. The fires in the fireplaces, for example, are environmentally friendly by releasing a very small percentage of pollutants into the air, he explained.

Nevertheless, it is something the university wants to stress to potential students.

Michael Thomas, a prospective student, noticed and said he was impressed.

"I have never seen a building that green on a college campus before," Thomas said, "and besides the fact that it was green, it was a really nice building that was tastefully designed."

Tour guide Sam Schreiber explained, though it is not mandated, guides are strongly encouraged to mention Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design and going "green" on campus tours.

Zar said she always mentions the LEED certification when she leads her tours into The Commons building.

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The Driving Question

Campus keeps getting greener

by LILY CHEN
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For students like sophomore Cristina Villarreal, after the completion of The Commons Center on Peabody campus, a place she chooses to spend a good portion of her time eating and studying, the question is not why LEED — it's why not LEED more?

So it comes as a pleasant surprise to her to learn the university is retrofitting slightly older buildings to meet the same certification. In addition to other buildings in The Commons, Vanderbilt is working to gain the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification in buildings on main campus and in the medical center.

"The concept of being a LEED-certified building is basically to have good building design that stresses durability and low operational costs during the life of the building," said campus architect planner Keith Loiseau.

Andrea George, director of the Sustainability and Environmental Management Office, said Vanderbilt Medical Center leased portions of 100

Oaks Mall and is renovating it to meet LEED-certification standards.

"We'd be moving the medical and clinical operations there to alleviate traffic congestion and we could grow the clinical operations without causing any problems," George said.

Other buildings on campus — built recently with conservation in mind — have the potential to go "green" in terms of LEED certification as well, including Featheringill Hall and the Studio Arts Building near the Student Life Center.

The Commons is a point of pride for the university, explained sophomore Peabody resident Abby Hardy. Though she does not always see the building's environmental elements stressed, she sees it as a space students enjoy using. The open spaces and windows are nice, she explains, one of the main requirements to attain the certification.

"They are proud that they came up with an idea and it is sort of working out. Students — they study there all the time," Hardy said.

She said she is not surprised the university is in the process of retrofitting several other buildings either.

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The dining room in The Commons Center is a popular draw for students, who not only enjoy the space for their meals but who also spend many hours studying and socializing.

University moves forward in creating GLBT equality

by SARA GAST
News Editor

Vanderbilt is moving forward in making the campus more welcoming for all students regardless of their gender identity or expression in response to efforts made by students and a report issued by a GLBTQI Student Issues Committee.

There will be "five immediate key action steps," Dean of Students Mark Bandas wrote in a press release: opening an Office for GLBT Life; hiring a director of GLBT life; working with various campus groups, especially admissions offices and The Commons, to "ensure that members of the GLBT community understand that they are welcomed and valued members of our community"; moving to amend the non-discrimination policy to include gender identity and expression; and continuing to investigate additional recommendations made by the GLBTQI Student Issues Committee.

"Inclusion is the foundation of an academic community," Bandas said. "We can best reap the benefits of the challenges of difference in an environment based upon mutual respect and appreciation."

The changes will make Vanderbilt the first school in Tennessee and the Southeastern Conference to add "gender identity or expression" in its non-discrimination policy.

"We've been reluctant," said senior Nick Wells, president and founder of Human Rights Campaign at Vanderbilt. "Now we can really be a leader in Tennessee and the SEC."

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CAMPUS NEWS BRIEF

Vanderbilt partners with Google to offer undergraduates Gmail

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Gchat bells are ringing.

Vanderbilt is partnering with Google to offer undergraduates Gmail, a press release reported. The service will be launched in early summer.

Many students have already forwarded their VUmail to Gmail, and their recommendation together with Vanderbilt Student Government led to the university's collaboration with Google.

"Students have expressed great enthusiasm for this e-mail option. The Gmail interface is one with which they are familiar," Dean of Students Mark Bandas said in the report. "And the number of students who already use Gmail to forward their e-mail shows how user-friendly it is," said VSG President Joseph Williams.

Under the partnership, students will use their existing VUmail to access the service and will maintain their vanderbilt.edu e-mail address. There will be no disruption to their e-mail as they migrate.

In addition to Gmail's expanded storage capacity, students will have access to all of the Google Apps for Education, which includes Google Calendar, Google Chat and Google Docs, which Williams said "can be shared for working on a group project together."

After implementing the Google services for undergraduates, the university plans to explore expanding the program.

"If the system works smoothly, as I'm sure it will, it will be expanded to faculty," Williams said, "and will become a great communication tool through all levels of the university."

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compiled by LAKENDRA SCOTT

Sunday, April 13, 9:35 p.m.:
A robbery that was reported to have happened on Rand Terrace at this time did not actually happen, according to an e-mail sent by VUPD on April 16.

Thursday, April 17, 2:06 a.m.:
A simple assault occurred at Carmichael Towers.

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

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1 Pope celebrates first public Mass of US trip in Washington at Nationals Park

WASHINGTON — Pope Benedict XVI praised America as a land of opportunity and hope Thursday as he celebrated the first public Mass of his U.S. pilgrimage, but he lamented that the nation's promise fell short for blacks and Indians, according to The Associated Press.

Hope for the future, he said, "is very much a part of the American character."

Tens of thousands of worshippers filled Nationals Park on a clear spring day and cheered Benedict as he arrived in a white popemobile, standing in the back and waving.

2 CDC: Flu season worst in 4 years; vaccine did not work well against viruses

ATLANTA — This year's flu season has shaped up to be the worst in four years, partly because the vaccine didn't work well against the viruses that made most people sick, health officials said Thursday.

Based on adult deaths from flu and pneumonia, this season is the worst since 2003-2004 — another time when the vaccine did not include the exact flu strain responsible for most illnesses, reported The Associated Press.

3 Alaska Airlines 737 evacuated on landing in Seattle due to smoke in cockpit

SEATAC, Wash. — More than 100 people were evacuated from an Alaska Airlines 737 on Thursday because hazy smoke appeared in the cockpit shortly after the plane landed at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, The Associated Press said.

No major injuries were reported and the source of the smoke remained under investigation, authorities said.

4 Suicide bomber hits funeral north of Baghdad, killing 50

BAGHDAD — A suicide bomber struck the funeral of two Sunni tribesmen who joined forces against al-Qaida in Iraq, killing at least 50 people Thursday and reinforcing fears that insurgents are hitting back after American-led crackdowns, according to The Associated Press.

The sudden spike in bloodshed this week adds to the other worries now piling up in Iraq: violent rivalries among Shiites and persistent cracks in the Iraqi security forces.

5 Bill seeking informed consent before an abortion fails, will be studied over summer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A legislative proposal to require informed consent before an abortion has failed this session and will be studied over the summer, The Associated Press reported.

The Republican-controlled Senate Judiciary Committee voted 5-3 on Thursday to send the measure to a summer study committee.

The bill sponsored by Sen. Roy Herron, D-Dresden, would also require a 24-hour waiting period prior to an abortion to allow the woman time to review information about consequences of such a procedure. Herron said doing so would reduce the number of abortions in the state.

6 Air Force leaders under fire for \$50 million contract to promote Thunderbirds

WASHINGTON — A Pentagon investigation found that a \$50 million contract to promote the Thunderbirds aerial stunt team was tainted by improper influence and preferential treatment, leading to administrative action against three officials, the Air Force said Thursday.

Air Force Secretary Michael Wynne took administrative action against Maj. Gen. Stephen M. Goldfein, who was the commander responsible for the Thunderbirds at the time, as well as two others, and referred action on two additional personnel to their commanders, the service said in a statement, according to The Associated Press.

7 Democratic presidential hopefuls campaign to young voters with different agendas

PHILADELPHIA — The Democratic presidential hopefuls have bounced from city to city in Pennsylvania hoping to nab some much-needed votes in Tuesday's primary.

And while they're both courting young voters, college students and young workers often respond differently to the candidates' policy prescriptions, said The Associated Press.

Those in college often have different concerns. While some students are struggling to pay for their degrees, others their age have to think about a child's schooling. The conflict in Iraq has some worried that they'll be heading to war while others just feel its economic repercussions.

8 Evolution, global warming excised from classroom bill

BATON ROUGE, La. — The subjects of evolution, global warming and human cloning were excised Thursday from a bill touted by backers as a means of promoting objective discussions in Louisiana classrooms but attacked by opponents as a subtle means of introducing religion into science classes, The Associated Press reported.

Removal of language specifically mentioning the three topics muted much of the opposition to the bill by Sen. Ben Nevers, D-Bogalusa. For his part, Nevers vehemently denied ulterior, religious-based motives.

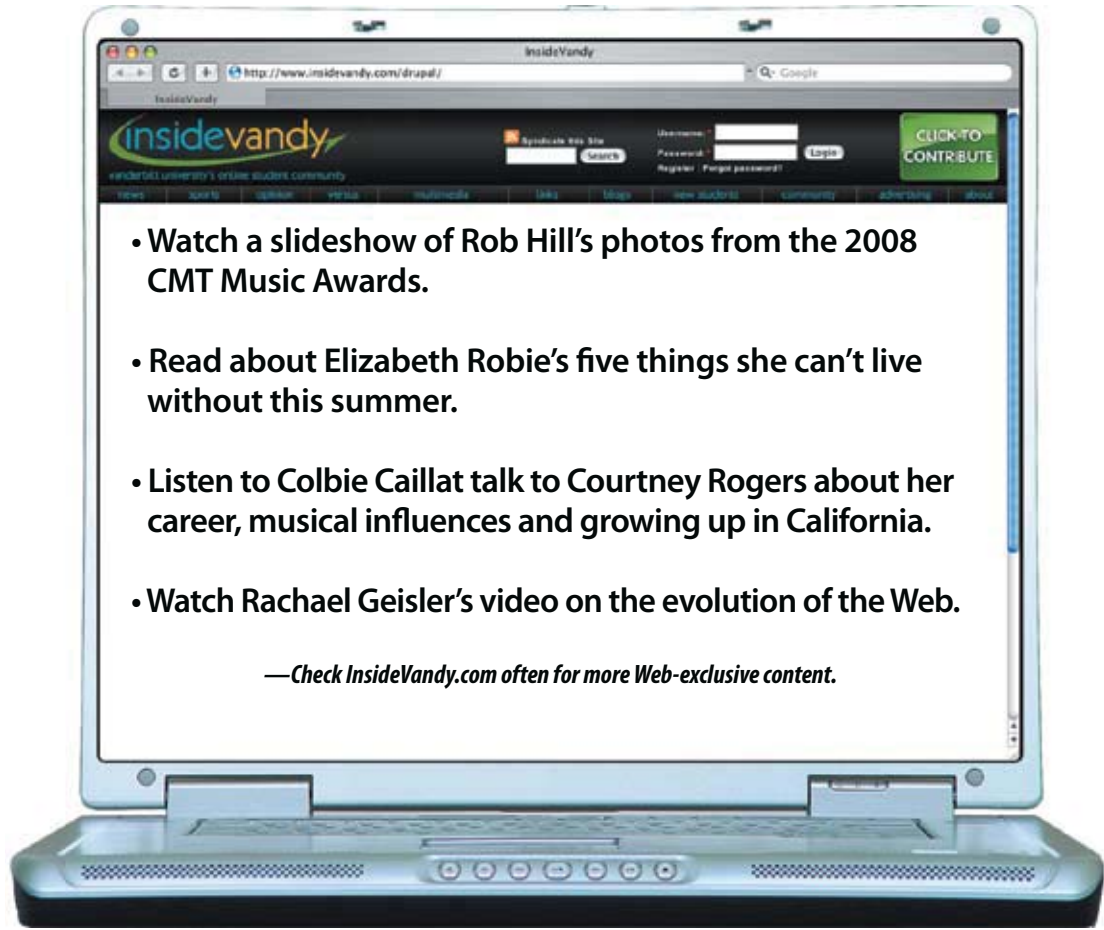
9 Injection ruling lets Tenn. resume death penalty cases

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A brief reprieve may be over for inmates on Tennessee's death row, as the U.S. Supreme Court cleared the way Wednesday for executions by injection to resume in this country.

Within hours of the ruling, the Tennessee attorney general's office was preparing to ask the courts to lift stays of execution on several inmates whose scheduled execution dates passed months ago, according to The Tennessean.

Executions have been on hold around the country while the high court considered a Kentucky case that questioned whether injection is a humane method of execution.

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SNAPSHOT

CHILLOUT COOKOUT



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International Awareness Committee and Highland Quad sponsored a De-Stress Fest on Highland Quad lawn. Students enjoyed barbecue, games and activities at the event on Saturday afternoon.

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GREEN TOUR: Trend not unique to campus

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"It shows that Vanderbilt is making an effort to be environmentally friendly," Zar said, "and we need to start somewhere since there are a lot of environmental issues facing us today."

"LEED is definitely an attractive point to people because (students) are becoming more conscientious about the environment," Moore agreed.

Moore said it is important to tell prospective students about the green buildings because it is The Commons' way of helping the Vanderbilt community and the community overall.

"We impact our environment by reducing the negative impacts," he said.

Vanderbilt may be marketing going "green," but Moore said the trend is not unique to this campus.

"There are a lot of universities, small and large, like Vanderbilt, that are looking into going green," he said. "Schools are looking at what they can do because the students are caring more."

Prospective Vanderbilt student David Kanoff noticed the trend when he went on his college campus visits year.

"A lot of the colleges that I visited talked about environmentally friendly buildings and how they are trying to save the environment," he said. "I saw Vanderbilt as keeping up with the trend since it's more of the top schools that I visited that are following the move to green buildings."

When Kanoff visited the university earlier this year, he said the "green" Commons was emphasized on both his tour and the information session he attended.

"I probably heard it mentioned about five times while I visited the school," he said.

Kanoff added he does not plan on making final college decisions based on buildings like The Commons Center.

"All of the other things that Vanderbilt has to offer like academics, athletics and campus spirit impact my decision more than the environmentally friendly

building, especially because a lot of other college campuses are going green too," he said.

Prospective student Ivy Prince agreed it is nice to know the university is making the effort to be environmentally friendly, but it was not among her top criteria in choosing a school.

"It's not something that I'm really thinking about when I'm applying to school because there are so many other factors," she said.

Although the green buildings at The Commons are being stressed to those visiting the Vanderbilt community, Moore made it clear the center is spreading awareness to other parts of the campus as well.

"I think the Commons is setting a trend for the rest of the campus," Moore said. "Vanderbilt is trying to get plugged into the green-conscious environment." ■

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LAUREN FONDRIEST / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Many students take the initiative to recycle and act in an environmentally friendly manner on their own, regardless of where they live.

Students grant wish to young leukemia survivor

by ARYEH HILLMAN
Staff Reporter

Wishes don't come true every day. But on Wednesday night, they did for Jerel Kennedy.

For the last three years, the Vanderbilt WishMakers have been diligently raising money to grant a wish to a young person with a devastating illness.

At a surprise party Wednesday evening at the Chi Omega sorority house, the Vanderbilt WishMakers announced the fulfillment of their gift to Jerel.

Jerel had no idea that his wish was going to be granted that evening.

"I was just very happy I was going to a sorority," Jerel said. "I was just shocked. I was in a wild position. I'm really truly happy that this happened."

Jerel, who suffered from leukemia, will be going on a week-long cruise in the Caribbean Sea with stops in Miami, Puerto Rico, St. Martin and Haiti.

The surprise party itself came together serendipitously, with on-campus groups working in concert, including the WishMakers, Chi Omega, whose philanthropy is the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and the Vanderbilt Steel Drum Band, to create a Caribbean-themed party.



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Vanderbilt WishMakers and Chi Omega sorority were two student groups who surprised leukemia survivor patient Jerel Kennedy on Wednesday evening with a week-long cruise for him and his family.

The Vanderbilt Wish-Makers are the only college group associated with the Make-A-Wish Foundation in all of Tennessee, which regularly grants "wishes" to children with serious illnesses.

"We're so impressed with the Vanderbilt WishMakers," said Pat Ledford, Nashville's Make-A-Wish director of development and communications. "They started with a group of two or three people two years ago and

worked very hard for two years to raise money so they could raise a wish, and they have done it."

Raising the money, a sum of about \$5,000, was no easy feat.

"It was a long and arduous process," said senior Andrew Beel, president of the WishMakers.

In addition to holding a fundraiser at a nearby Applebee's, the group raked dozens of lawns throughout

Davidson Country during the fall for the last two years.

According to Jerel's father, Jerel was originally planning on going to church that evening, but his father insisted otherwise, knowing in advance about the surprise party.

"I was just blessed," Jerel said. "I believe in God, Jesus Christ, and he did all this." ■

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GREEN CAMPUS: People create impact



LAUREN FONDRIEST / The Vanderbilt Hustler

The Commons Dining Center plays a part of the overall Commons effort to be environmentally friendly, using eco-friendly spinning rack ovens and dishwashers that use less space, water and energy. The "green" effort is based on sustainability.

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There are different classifications of certifications for LEED: the basic level, silver, gold and platinum. According to Loiseau, six of the dorms on The Commons are LEED certified, with the dorms aiming for silver and The Commons Center going for gold. The estimated cost to register a building for LEED certification is \$1,500.

"However, any additional costs to build a LEED-certified building is paid back in future operational cost savings," Loiseau said.

The time it takes for a building to go through the LEED-certification process takes the duration of the design and construction of the building. In order for a building to be certified, it must first apply for LEED certification in the design stage. Then, after construction, there is a three- to four-week review period before the building is finally certified.

"Having a building LEED certified is like having a third-party stamp of approval to verify that the building does indeed have functioning green components," George said.

According to Loiseau, other benefits to having LEED-certified buildings are setting a standard for environmentally friendly initiatives at Vanderbilt for other universities to follow.

SPEAR first petitioned for

buildings to be LEED certified in 2004.

"Most of the buildings were already close to being LEED certified, so it wasn't too difficult going that extra step," Loiseau said.

Assistant Director of The Commons Center Kenny Moore said he believes while the university practices environmentally friendly actions through constructing LEED-certified buildings, people have a greater impact.

"Being LEED certified is great, but in order to be truly green, people have to continue environmentally friendly practices outside of campus," Moore said. "People need to be more conscious of their actions and be environmentally responsible."

"I think it is definitely important because Vanderbilt has the resources and the knowledge to promote these environment," Villarreal said. "If Vanderbilt wants to be considered a top-ranked school, it has to renovate buildings. One building isn't enough to make the best effort. That won't make the school more green." ■

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EQUALITY: Changes 'good first step'

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Much of the university's action is being taken as a result of an alleged hate crime in early September when an undergraduate student and a recent graduate of the Divinity School, both male, were subjected to racial slurs in the Carmichael Towers West Quizzes and were attacked outside.

Wells has been active since that incident to push administrators to create change. Most notable of HRC Vanderbilt's efforts this year has been creating a petition to amend the non-discrimination policy, which has garnered over 1,500 votes, and winning the support of prominent student groups, including Vanderbilt Student

Government and the Greek community, where 33 of the 36 chapters voted to support the amendment.

"I think it's important to understand the role student activism had in helping encourage the administration to move forward on this," Wells said.

Wells seemed to be pleased with the action the university is taking.

"The recommendations the committee made and that the university is moving forward is a very good first step," Wells said, although he said there were still more changes, such as the creation of gender-neutral housing and bathrooms, that could be made.

VSG President Joseph Williams also said he thinks these initiatives show "excellent progress" on the part of Vanderbilt.

"The university's done what it needs to do," Williams said. "At the end of the day, everyone deserves to feel comfortable, safe and welcome. Policy change now and in the future will do that."

Chancellor Nick Zeppos expressed his support similarly, saying in the report that "we cannot be satisfied with our progress until every member of our community feels safe, secure and valued at Vanderbilt." ■

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Equestrian team makes strides

by ALLIE MORRIS
Staff Reporter

Imagine the ultimate home field advantage. Not only does the home team provide the field, but they provide all the equipment. The equipment that is living, breathing and three times the size of you.

"It's the luck of the draw," said freshman Ashley Simakas, a new rider on the Vanderbilt Equestrian Team, which recently won their regional tournament.

"At the beginning of a competition you draw a horse's name from a box," said senior Amanda Hoyt. "A good horse can make a score. It shouldn't, but it definitely has an impact. I mean, it is a live animal."

The Vanderbilt Equestrian Team was started in 1999 by Mawghan McCabe

during her freshman year, and the team competes in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association.

Since the equestrian team is a club team, not a varsity sport, they compete in Division III instead of Division I. Although this lower status mandates less school funding, the team enjoys their D-III status.

"We have less restriction at D-III standing," said McCabe, who coaches and provides moral for the team. "Within Division I there are strict professional rules and rules that regulate how you spend riding time outside of practice."

These Division-I rules would prevent some students from competing on the team, including team member Whitney Goulart who is deemed "professional" by D-I standards.

Though initially Vanderbilt gave only \$500 to the start-up team, the group now receives the maximum amount of funding: \$7,500 a year in addition to \$400 of dues members pay each semester.

But the money goes quickly. "Usually we spend roughly \$30,000 a year on hotels, transportation, entry fees, jackets and lessons," McCabe said.

The team practices at Hunter's Court in Murfreesboro, where they pay trainers for weekly lessons.

"It is an individual sport, like track, but a team sport in the fact that we practice together and support each other," Hoyt said. "We give each other advice." ■

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OUR VIEW

Green culture needs campus cultivation

Some feel Vanderbilt exists as a school with a reactionary veneer — a school that outwardly appears so conservative that some students feel cultural change, particularly of a progressive variety remains impossible, which limits efforts to the contrary.

The environmental movement hasn't missed Vanderbilt and anyone who has been over to Peabody would attest to that. But one building simply is not enough and it isn't going to change the culture around campus.

Students perceive the efforts of groups like SPEAR as futile pursuits, wasted on a progressive endeavor limited to a very small subset of the Vanderbilt community. This is a rash conclusion, however. The

campus has seen grassroots efforts by various groups, from sorority houses to the Vanderbilt Law School, and from classroom initiatives in both the HOD and public policy areas. Among these students, there is a snowball effect; subtly, numerous groups on campus have made sizeable change.

Clearly, The Commons serves as nearly a beacon of environmental advocacy in the college atmosphere, both for our campus and for the nation. While the significance of this is not lost on Vanderbilt students, the administration has seen less success in efforts to make the green movement relevant and integral to student culture.

The administration can significantly enhance the efficacy of student-led efforts

of both the recent past and near future. By recognizing the specific successes of the groups and enveloping environmental efficiency and conservation into the fundamental values of the institution, the environmental advocacy can become natural and habitual, rather than forced, minimal efforts for many students. Without a genuine push to increase the perceived importance of conservation, the admirable changes to the infrastructure and the ideas behind The Commons will fade into a wasted exercise.

Looking for the cold, hard facts?

For more information about the green movement, see Driving Questions on page 1 of the News section.

COLUMN

Benedict's visit to U.S. benefits Americans



MIKE WARREN
Columnist

The arrival this week of the head of the Roman Catholic Church to the U.S. has seen a surprising turnout from Catholics and other Americans wishing to be a part of an historic visit from Pope Benedict XVI. President Bush's welcome ceremony for the pontiff was a bellwether for the response that Benedict has received from Americans so far during his visit.

The President and the first lady made the unusual move of greeting the pope at Andrews Air Force Base themselves, taking Benedict to the White House for only the second time in papal history for a powerful ceremony the next day. Nine thousand people, the largest audience ever at the White House, gathered on the South Lawn to hear the U.S. Army Chorus in a moving rendition of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," to pray with soprano Kathleen Battle as she sang the Lord's Prayer and to listen to speeches by both President Bush and Pope Benedict.

In addition, many large, outdoor Masses have been organized, the first taking place Thursday at Nationals Park in Washington. According to the AP, over 46,000 people were expected at the Mass. Additional religious services for Benedict to preside over on his trip have been planned at St. Patrick's Cathedral and Yankee Stadium, both in New York City, where turnout is also expected to be high.

The most interesting aspect of the pope's visit are not the issues he and the president discussed; we all understand they agree on issues like abortion and embryonic stem cell research and disagree about the death penalty and the war. Rather, it is both the pope's professed view of America and, likewise, the receptiveness of Americans, Catholic and otherwise, toward the pope and the church.

In his address at the White House, Benedict made it clear he believed "Americans have always been a people of hope." Indeed, he stressed in his speech a very different view of America than that of which is usually attributed to people and nations around the world by the far left in this country. Benedict repeatedly expressed a faith in America to have hope in themselves because of a strong tradition of hope in God and Jesus Christ.

The 81-year-old pope ended this address with a resolute yet simple statement: "God bless America." This is almost a cliché in this country, with certain people even deeming it archaic or politically incorrect. Coming from a foreign pope, a leader of the largest church in the world, it may even mean a lot more to us than when Americans say it to each other. That the successor of St. Peter finds the U.S. exceptional in its founding values speaks volumes to the true perception of the U.S. most certainly must be a beacon of hope for the world and its people.

Equally uplifting is how Americans have received Benedict. The crowds are enormous, filled with people eager to see the pope. The fact that so many Americans have expressed such heightened interest in this papal visit indicates that the country may not be lost to secular progressivism quite yet.

Of course, we hear much in the way of downplaying the role of religion in American society. It is a signature argument from some self-styled "progressives" that religion

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Top 10 Rants of the Semester

KATHERINE MILLER
Opinion Editor

Everybody loves the Rant, so once again, here's the top 10 of the semester. (Sadly, we cannot print, nor could we ever, the most memorable rant we received this semester, a Hustler staff favorite directed at me with some of the filthiest language possible.)

- 10.** "I would like to take an opposing stance to Lil Jon's argument, albeit well-pontificated, on the subject of his intelligence, 'I am the wild and crazy and out-there guy who's always screaming, but I'm intelligent, too.' Look at him. Both pictures."
- 9.** "To all liberals who whine about Mike Warren's conservative views: Consider the fact the other 98 percent of The Hustler is blatantly liberal. Even the damn crossword puzzles have a liberal bias. If you are so upset with one conservative viewpoint every now and then, I suggest you quietly skip over the lone section of The Hustler that isn't left-winged and get your anti-GOP fix elsewhere."
- 8.** "Whatever jerks live in Tower 1, suite ####, are the most selfish, antisocial idiots at Vanderbilt. Apart from playing emo music to drown their fears of eternal virginity, they also disregard accepted social mores of turning off their music at a decent hour. If anyone knows the people who live in this suite, please tell these self-absorbed twerps that they are some of the rudest, if not most pugnacious, imbeciles on this planet. And de-friend them."
- 7.** "Who's the genius who came up with the idea to 'White Out' Tennessee? Congratulations, morons. Memorial Gym will now be officially full of UT white and orange. While we're at it, why don't we cheer every time the Vols score? Besides, it's a lot cooler to black out anyway."
- 6.** "Like ... You know, like _____ is NOT a viable transition sentence. Please start over, and this time maybe you can try playing the role of someone who is getting something out of their education."
- 5.** "To fellow ranter and the owner of my newly-acquired LCR monogrammed towels: Thank you for so thoughtfully putting your towels in with my laundry. You must have been kind enough to realize that my initials are also LCR, and I would be pleasantly surprised to find a set of monogrammed towels with my initials on it in the dryer with my whites. I will let you know next time I do my laundry so that maybe you can drop off a matching bathrobe as well."
- 4.** "OMG!!!!!!! My little is soooooo cute and sweet and fun and nice and awesome and cool and fantastic and neat and adorable!!! I just want to hug her and squeeze her and buy her all sorts of ridiculous monochromatic crap that she will just give away again next year, and I'm never going to shut up about any of it ever again! HAHAAHAHAHAHA! *vomiting sounds*"
- 3.** "Dear hippie in the baseball glove lounge who chastised me for not recycling: Unless your hooded sweatshirt is made of hemp and you only eat dolphin-safe tuna, I don't need to hear you eerily whisper 'recycle' as I cold-heartedly throw my plastic bottle into the trashcan. I was in a hurry to throw a gallon of motor oil in the river, and it completely slipped my mind."
- 2.** "Whoever owns the white SUV with 'Hoot! Hoot! Baby Hooties!' and other Chi-O stuff written all over it, WASH YOUR CAR! Rush was over months ago. I don't understand how this can remain on your vehicle for so long, you lazy sororstitute."
- 1.** "Dear undergraduates: Is it not enough that you have overrun our Refectory, you also need to take over the Divinity Library too? Please take yourself, your Blackberries and your leggings, and go somewhere else. Some of us need to use the specific resources in that library. You can study for organic chemistry elsewhere. WWJD? He'd rebuke your ass, that's what."

COLUMN

Nostalgia strikes at graduation

SAM SCHREIBER
Guest Columnist

I'm sure everyone remembers the ridiculous storm of last Friday morning that left the animators of the Doppler radar very satisfied with their work. People were herded into tunnels and urged to go inside by police driving around. Sirens were going off and (gasp) some professors even cancelled class. One thing left unaffected? The line at Pancake Pantry.

Eyewitnesses tell me the Nashville landmark still required a wait in the elements before you could enjoy some Swiss chocolate chips pancakes and grits. If this doesn't speak to the heart and soul of our city, I don't know what does.

As a graduating senior leaving the state, I have begun to notice all the things that have become an important part of my everyday life and that I will miss. Maybe it isn't as relevant to

most people who are from here or are staying in the South, but the spirit of Nashville is unlike that of anywhere else I've been.

Nashville is one of the few cities currently growing instead of falling into recession. There are high-rise condos, posh clubs and hotels going up, and famous people are picking up their Hollywood Hills mansions and Manhattan lofts and moving to Belle Meade and surrounding suburbs. The airport is completely different (finally a Starbucks, let alone food court) from my first visit to Nashville, as is the now full and blinged out Tiffany's/Louis Vuitton/ Cheesecake Factory Green Hills Mall. Many of the comforts of home — California Pizza Kitchen and Whole Foods — have arrived.

I guess what I'm saying is Nashville is full of culture and contemporaries while still embodying the Southern spirit and history. It's so easy to get stuck in the Vandy bubble and

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WARREN: Faith defines us in ways incomprehensible to political scene

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 dumbs us down, hinders us from realizing scientific and philosophical truths and makes us all hypocrites. This is perhaps true for some Americans, though religion itself is no more a culprit than television, food, health consciousness or a career in controlling a person's life in a negative way. It is a human problem that we allow ourselves to be held back intellectually, and we will do so by any means possible, including religion.

Yet faith in God offers much more to Americans than the immediate pleasures and benefits of those other examples. Faith provides a moral guide, not just for individuals, but also for a nation building itself upon the highest of standards and the noblest of virtues. When Barack Obama takes a cheap shot at the "bitter" religious

people of Pennsylvania, he actually, though probably unwittingly, attacks the very foundations of this country by trivializing religion as an escape from meaningless (in the grander scheme of things) economic woes.

Faith, particularly Christian faith, saves people in a way that Obama and other big-government liberals would love to do so themselves. Is it any wonder that the progressive movement began with a temperance movement rooted in Christian churches? The problem is that such ideology seeks to redirect the faith-oriented inclinations of people toward government, almost like a replacement for God. God, however, is infallible and good, while government is really just comprised of more people.

What Benedict recognized at the White House is that our government allows people to

be free and to have hope in themselves. The response to his visit shows that people yearn for a real faith. These large Masses may look a little like Obama rallies, but rather than worshipping a simple, the crowds coming to see the pope seek to worship and understand God.

It has been reported that after the speech on the White House lawn, as he shook the pope's hand, President Bush told Benedict that his words were "awesome." Awesome indeed. Here's to hoping that Americans, through the guidance of this papal visit, realize again how important faith in God is to maintaining a free and righteous country.

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SCHREIBER: Desire to see things change abandons a graduating senior at the end

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 meal money sub-bubble and not realize all of the things Nashville is and is becoming. When I give tours and there are alumni with their kids, they always point out the things that weren't here when they attended. At first it irked me because clearly things will change after more than years, but I have no doubt that when I come back next year for Homecoming there will be parts of the skyline, strip malls and Vandy attractions I won't be able to identify. It's somewhat saddening that my college years and memories won't be preserved 100 percent. My nostalgia will be updated and eventually replaced (Kissam? Cohen?) as the new students at Vanderbilt take the Commons and Varsity Market in Kissam for granted, making their own memories while I become that annoying old person saying "Well!

When I was here we didn't have ... !"

As I shake Zeppos' hand at graduation and move on, I'm sure I'll accept that Vandy will progress, as all of us will too. Should my children want to visit Vandy at 17 (shudder) I'll have to prepare myself for the realization that I might not feel at home here or be able to revisit milestone places. Zeppos will take the school to amazing places and Nashville will continue to thrive, which is great and all, but a big part of me just wants to freeze it the way I remember it now forever. At least I can count on one thing — I know my kid and I will have to wait in a long line at Pancake Pantry.

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THE RANT



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"Nick Gallo: YOU TAKE THAT BACK! Colbie Caillat is beautiful, talented and her songs are both creative and heartfelt (of course 'Bubbly' is overplayed ... what good song isn't ... good thing she had an entire album full of equally good songs — just because you're too insecure, Nick, to be seen enjoying good love songs doesn't mean other straight guys with twice your testosterone level can't enjoy it..."

"What kind of psycho makes up crime reports? Not to mention it wasn't even a good story..."

"To the guy who always insists on putting his ice cream in the Murray House kitchen: I've seen you. You don't need it."

"To the student organizations aggressively promoting themselves on the wall (that means you, Tongue 'n' Cheek): If you don't stop hassling me during my lunch break, I will start detouring through Rand again to avoid you. And no, I will not come to your show, because you yelled at me."

"As an end of semesterly notice: If you are so inclined as to send a Rant directed at a member of the Hustler editorial board, in the most derogatory of terms and expletives, I might advise you not to send it from your AOL account in a stab at anonymity, particularly if your AIM screenname comes up on a routine Facebook search. Go Mets!"

"It better not rain on Saturday. There are, like, five nights a year that demand perfect weather and Rites of Spring is one of those times. I mean not that the majority of students will care, or know, if it's raining after a rousing attempt and success at belligerency."

"Sex in the Biomed? Really?"

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SPORTS

Tennis Teams compete for SEC Championship this week

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Less than two weeks ago, Commodore fans were talking of a mid-season slump. Now, the No. 11 Black and Gold (26-10, 8-6 Southeastern Conference) have won seven straight games and are slowly creeping up from the cellar position of the SEC standings. The team hopes to continue their momentum into the three-game series with Auburn (22-16, 6-9 SEC) this weekend. Auburn will try to snap a season-long four game losing-streak during their visit to Nashville. Vanderbilt will start sophomore Mike Minor on the mound Friday, while Auburn will counter with redshirt freshman Grant Dayton. The teams will square off for the second game at noon on Saturday and again at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Men's Golf at SEC Tournament
All day

Men's golf starts things off for a slew of Vanderbilt teams competing in SEC championship tournaments this weekend. The linksmen, who finished the regular season with a fifth place finish at the Bank of America Intercollegiate, will head to the Frederica Golf Club on St. Simons Island, Ga., for the tournament, which will finish on Sunday. The Dores face an uphill battle against the field of SEC teams, six of which are currently ranked in the top 20. No. 1-ranked Georgia has won three out of the last seven tournaments. Look for junior Jon Curran to pace the Dores as the team tries to improve on last year's seventh place finish.

THEY SAID IT...

"I'm extremely proud of James Moye... He's just got tremendous desire. He is a grinder and competes very well."

IAN DUVENHAGE

Men's tennis head coach on James Moye's tie-breaking performance on Thursday

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The total number of yards on the par-72, Frederica Golf Club course where the Men's SEC tournament will take place this weekend. The course was opened in 2005.



Amanda Taylor (left), four-time All-SEC team member will lead the women's squad at the SEC tournament this weekend at Auburn. James Moye (right) helped lift the men's team over Arkansas in a tie-break thriller on Thursday.



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by **NICHOLAS HUDSON**
Sports Editor

The men's and women's Southeastern Conference tennis tournaments began on Wednesday in Fayetteville, Ark. The women earned a bye in the first round and will not play until Friday, but the No. 31 men's team took on No. 46 Arkansas Thursday afternoon at Auburn and pulled off a close 4-3 win.

After the doubles match Vanderbilt was down 0-1. They won their first three singles matches to make it 3-1. They then dropped their next two to tie it up at 3-3. It all came down to sophomore James Moye to win his tie-breaker in the third set of his sixth position singles match. Luckily he pulled through to win his match and advance Vanderbilt to the second round against Georgia.

The women's team learned today they will face Tennessee Friday in their tournament at Auburn.

Both of the tennis teams have been having great seasons. The men's team (12-8, 4-7 SEC) earned a No. 8 seed in the tournament after their first road win against Kentucky last week. The men will have tough competition this weekend. They will be playing Georgia, the No. 1 seed in the tournament, on Friday. The rankings were very tight towards the end of the season, and Vanderbilt's win at Kentucky was the difference between a No. 8 and No. 10 seed in the tournament.

Regardless of how the tournament ends, the men's team has seen its fair share of accolades lately. Vanderbilt senior Evan Dufaux was selected for the SEC Men's Tennis

Community Service Team for his commitment to the community. Dufaux was one of eight athletes from around the SEC named to the team, which recognizes exceptional community service and "good works," as the award was known as until 2007. He has participated in many campus activities including Take Back the Night, Athletes Against Assault and These Hands Don't Hurt. Even though this is his last year playing tennis at Vanderbilt, he plans to continue his community service by joining the Peace Corps once he graduates.

Vanderbilt senior Ryan Preston was named to the All-SEC team this season. He is only the fourth men's tennis player in school history to achieve this distinction three times.

"This honor is very much deserved," said Vanderbilt head coach Ian Duvenhage. "He's been

one of the better No. 1 players in this league for a number of years and he is very much deserving. The fact that he made one of these two at-large spots says a lot about how he is regarded in the league. I'm very happy for him."

The women's team, who earned a No. 4 seed in their tournament, has also seen many of their players recognized for outstanding performance this season. Seniors Taka Bertrand and Amanda Taylor were named first team All-SEC. This marks the fourth All-SEC team appearance for both of the seniors.

"For those two seniors to be named All-SEC for all four years is an incredible accomplishment," said Vanderbilt women's tennis head coach Geoff Macdonald. "It speaks to how consistently incredible they were in their careers."

Taylor was also named to the

SEC community service team for her dedication off the court in serving her community.

Sophomore Catherine Newman was also named to the second team. This is her second All-SEC honor, as she was recognized on the All-Freshman team last year.

Freshman Keilly Ulery was named to the All-Freshman team this year, along with winning Freshman of the Week last week when she improved to 9-2 on the year.

The women's team will also face tough competition this weekend. If they win their first match, they will either face No. 1 Florida, or the team that beats the No. 1 seed. Following the SEC tournament, the NCAA Tennis tournament regionals begin May 9 for the men and May 10 for the women. ■

Baseball defeats Western Kentucky, extends streak to 7

by **NICHOLAS HUDSON**
Sports Editor

The Vanderbilt baseball team traveled to Bowling Green, Kent., on Wednesday to play the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers (20-16) for the second time in two weeks. Last Tuesday, when the Commodores (26-10, 8-6 Southeastern Conference) beat the Hilltoppers at home, it was the beginning of a seven-game winning streak, which was continued by the win Wednesday.

It was another good showing by Vanderbilt's pitching squad, who led them to a 5-1 victory over WKU. Freshman Chase Reid started and gave up the only WKU run in the first. Redshirt freshmen Mark Lamm, Richie Goodenow and junior Brett Jacobson combined for eight shutout innings as Vanderbilt's offense solidified the win. Lamm was named as the winning pitcher (1-0) after his four innings of work. Jacobson came in as the closer after one out in the seventh for his second save of the year.

Lamm had to work himself out of a tough spot in the sixth inning. WKU's Scott Kaskie started off

with a double. Luckily, Lamm forced Terrence Dayleg to line out to right field and struck out WKU's most threatening slugger, Chad Cregar. Wade

Gaynor also lined out, and Vanderbilt ended the threat. "It was real big to fill up the zone after giving up the double," said Lamm. "Being able to pitch through that and get the strikeout and then Curt (Casali, freshman) made a great stab to not let a run score on a changeup in the dirt. It was good to leave the runner stranded and not let them get the momentum back."

Vanderbilt put together a good offensive first inning and scored on a sacrifice fly RBI from senior Dominic de la Osa to take the lead. Senior David Macias, who has been hot during the winning streak, got the first hit of the game and scored the first run after the bases were loaded by some off-target pitching from Western Kentucky.

The Dores are back in action Friday with the first of a three game series against Auburn of the SEC Western Division. ■



MACIAS

No. 13 LAX upsets No. 8 Notre Dame, 9-6

by **BILLY SHERK**
Sports Editor

Entering Wednesday's matchup, the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team was averaging 13.5 goals per match.

Thanks to Brooke Shinaberry, the Fighting Irish could not reach even half of their usual output against visiting Vanderbilt.

The senior goalkeeper had 10 saves to lead a strong defensive effort that propelled Vanderbilt to a 9-6 victory over Notre Dame in South Bend. Shinaberry continued her dominance in the net, where she has stopped more than 50 percent of the shots she has faced in six of the Commodores' last seven games.

Notre Dame (10-5, 3-1 Big East) was held to their second lowest goal total of the season against the Dores, who never trailed during the game.

Offensively, Vanderbilt (11-4, 3-1 American Lacrosse Conference) was once again paced by sophomore Carter Foote, who dropped a hat trick on the Irish defense. Senior

Margie Curran added to her record point total with two scores. Three other Commodores added two or more points:

Junior Cara Giordano found the net twice, freshman Katherine Denkler had three assists and sophomore Sarah Downing contributed with a score and an assist.

After Vanderbilt's two quick scores in the opening five minutes of the match, Notre Dame surged back to tie things up at three apiece, which would be the closest score of the match.

Vanderbilt regrouped with six minutes left in the half after calling a time out. Before halftime, the Dores scored two unanswered goals and followed up the start of the second half with two more by Curran.

Notre Dame's Jillian Byers attempted to bring her squad back into the game by tossing in two goals to reduce Vanderbilt's lead to two, but the Dores

responded with Foote's third goal to go up by three with 14 minutes to play.

From that point on, the Dores' spread offense and stalwart defense slowed the game down, and each team could manage only one more goal in the contest.

The win was the fourth straight for Vanderbilt, who defeated Notre Dame on the road for the first time since a 10-6 victory in 2000. Vanderbilt owns the all-time series against Notre Dame, having won two-thirds of the matchups since the two schools began playing one another in 1997.

The win was also Vanderbilt's second upset of a top-15 team in as many weeks.

The Dores return to their home turf on Sunday at 1 p.m. to face off against another highly-ranked opponent, the seventh-ranked Duke Blue Devils. Before the game, the team will honor its seven seniors: Curran, Shinaberry, Sasha Cielak, Leslie Koch, Heather Koutrakos, Ashley Paschall and Michele Slotke. ■



SHINABERRY

Women's golf team goes to Loudon, Tenn. for SEC Championship

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The Vanderbilt women's golf team travels to the Tennessee National Golf Club in Loudon, Tenn., for the 2008 Southeastern Conference Championship today through Sunday. The Commodores, ranked 30th in the latest Golfweek/ NGCA Rankings, will send senior Liebele Lawrence, juniors Jacqui Concolino and Amber Lundskog, sophomore Brooke Goodwin and freshman Megan Grehan to the Greg Norman-designed course for the weekend event.

The Tennessee National Golf Club, which opened on Sept. 8, 2006, will play as a par-72 at

6,310 yards. The course covers 260 acres nestled between the Great Smokey Mountains and the Tennessee River. There are 13 man-made lakes on the course and water comes into play on 11 holes. The tournament is making its first stop at Tennessee National. It was last played in East Tennessee in 1996.

Vanderbilt last captured the SEC title in 2003-2004 at the University Golf Course in Baton Rouge, its only league championship since the team's first year of existence in the 1988-1989 season. May Wood is the only Commodore golfer to win medalist honors when she shared the league title in 2004 as a sophomore. Last season, VU finished sixth as a team and

then-sophomore Concolino tied for fifth in being named to the All-SEC First Team.

This year's tournament features nine teams that are ranked in the top 40 or better, a field led by Florida, who enters the tournament ranked No. 5 in the Golfweek/ NGCA Rankings. Georgia (No. 7), Auburn (No. 9), Alabama (No. 10), Arkansas (No. 12), Tennessee (No. 17), LSU (No. 21), Vanderbilt (No. 30) and South Carolina (No. 37) are the others ranked nationally.

Vanderbilt players will be playing with South Carolina and Alabama in the five earliest tee times of the day — 9 a.m., 9:10 a.m., 9:20 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 9:40 a.m. ■



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Junior golfer Jacqui Concolino is one of five Commodores who will travel to Loudon, Tenn. for the SEC tournament which opens play at 9:00 a.m. today.

Track and Field hosts VU Invitational this weekend

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The Vanderbilt track and field team has its only home event of the season this weekend as it hosts the Vanderbilt Invitational on Friday and Saturday at the Vanderbilt Track and Field Stadium. The event begins on Friday at 4 p.m. and continues on Saturday, starting at 9:30 a.m.

The meet features a pair of teams from the Southeastern Conference, while several other local schools will be participating in the meet. SEC schools Alabama and Tennessee will compete at the meet. Local schools competing include Austin Peay, Belmont, Middle Tennessee State and Tennessee State.

The Commodores enjoyed a weekend off from competition last weekend. The Dorees were last in action at the Tiger Track Classic in Auburn, Ala., and

the Stanford Invitational in Palo Alto, Calif. At Stanford, freshman Rita Jorgensen continued to impress, finishing first and beating 68 runners in the second section of the 1500 meters, turning in a regional qualifying time of 4:27.40.

Senior Valerie Kazmer also set a regional qualifying mark in the 3000-meter steeplechase, running the distance in 10:43.92. Freshman Kristabel Doebel-Hickok set a new school record in the 10,000 meters with a time of 35:40.27.

At Auburn, sophomore Chavon Rhabb finished sixth in the 800 meters with a time of 2:21.66. Sophomore Cherice Robertson notched a third-place finish in the high jump, matching her collegiate best with a mark of feet six inches.

Look for Monday's edition of The Hustler for a recap of the weekend's action at the Vanderbilt Track and Field Stadium. ■

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Schuss
 - 4 New Orleans University
 - 10 Crow
 - 14 Ages and ages
 - 15 Endangered antelopes
 - 16 Dynamic prefix
 - 17 Mythical bird
 - 18 Political agitation
 - 19 Ransack
 - 20 Knock for a loop
 - 22 Set up
 - 24 Hold tight
 - 26 Paper fasteners
 - 27 Friendless
 - 31 Memorable period
 - 32 Infamous Amin
 - 33 Itsy-bitsy
 - 35 Unruly kids
 - 39 Evening in ads
 - 41 Main field of study
 - 43 Recognized
 - 44 Bowline and granny
 - 46 Sound judgement
 - 48 Pekoe or Assam
 - 49 URL ending
 - 51 Sailing sport
 - 53 Bring to fulfillment
 - 57 Whole lot
 - 58 Newspaper opinion
 - 61 Loco
 - 64 Noble Italian family
 - 65 Mouse sound
 - 67 View
 - 68 Butt
 - 69 Old World
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 - 71 Cinders of comics
 - 72 Less fatty
 - 73 WWII spy org.

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- DOWN**
- 7 Central lines
 - 8 Fits inside
 - 9 Real property
 - 10 Shea or Wrigley
 - 11 Add more lubricant
 - 12 Sprung up
 - 13 Sackers of Rome
 - 21 Unrefined mineral
 - 23 Cutting remark
 - 25 "Trees," e.g.
 - 27 Chain unit
 - 28 Valhalla bigwig
 - 29 Coarsely ground food
 - 30 Have a ball
 - 34 Hindu discipline
 - 36 Course of appetizers
 - 37 Adolescent
 - 38 Booty
 - 40 And so forth
 - 42 Rolling in dough
 - 45 Go it alone
 - 47 Game board piece

- 50 Tidbit
- 52 Black goo
- 53 Tractor man
- 54 Ford flop
- 55 Essential
- 56 Umbrage
- 59 Invisible emanation
- 60 Ponce de
- 62 Final letters
- 63 Yearnings
- 66 Do monkey see monkey do



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