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TODAY

Hip-Hop Week kickoff: Sneaker exhibition

This opening reception to kick off Vanderbilt's first Hip-Hop Week features an exhibit of the sneakers that have walked, jumped and danced hip-hop into the present day at the Bishop Joseph Johnson **Black Cultural Center** from 9 a.m. to 7p.m., with a reception at 5

TODAY Tickets on sale for **Passover Seder**

Chabad and Loews Vanderbilt Hotel will host a Passover Seder on April 20 at 7:45 p.m. Tickets for the Seder are \$18 and will be on sale from today until April 13. They are available on the Card at the Sarratt Box Office.

TODAY HBO documentary screening

The Office of the Dean of Students is hosting a special screening of the HBO/Cinemax documentary "Andrew Jenks: Room 335." Meet one of the filmmakers, Jonah Quickmire Pettigrew, and take part in a special questionand-answer session. The first 100 people will receive complimentary gifts, and admission is free at Sarratt Cinema at 7:30 p.m.

TODAY IAC First Annual Debate

The International Awareness Committee, VU Debate Team and the communication studies department are hosting their first debate. The topic is "Should the U.S. boycott the 2008 Olympics to take a stand against the genocide in Darfur and crisis in Tibet?" The event begins at 7 p.m. in The Commons Center second-floor multipurpose room. Dessert will be served

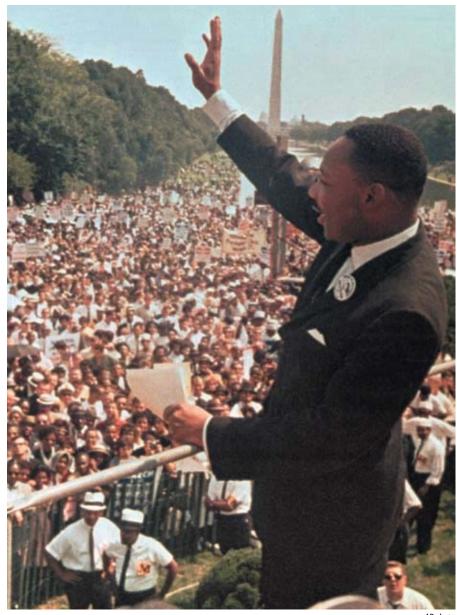
TUESDAY, APRIL 8 Desserts with Kirkland

beforehand.

Students can stop by Sarratt 189 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. to discuss campus issues and express concerns to campus administrators and Vanderbilt **Student Government** representatives. A wide array of desserts will be provided.

See http://calendar.vanderbilt.edu

Remembering King



Angela Davis honors the civil rights activist as part of Vanderbilt's two-day remembrance of King's death.

by DANIELLE GANTT Staff Reporter



'It's good to be in the South, because when you say 'Good morning!,' the audience responds," joked scholar and activist Angela Davis during her lecture Friday commemorating the 40th anniversary of Martin Luther King

In her address, titled "We are Not Now Living the Dream," Davis shared views on King and what she felt was the belittlement of him and the entire

"The dream speech has overshadowed all the other deep analysis speeches King gave," Davis said. "King spoke out against the Vietnam War and linked global struggles and economic conditions to our American movement. It was beyond civil rights. It was more than America."

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Lachs of love

by SYDNEY WILMER

Senior Reporter

Philosophy professor John Lachs assured students of only two things Thursday night at a dinner discussion on the ethics of love: The emotion



mutual respect, and he is "certainly not planning on retiring anytime soon."

exists better with

Otherwise, there were no right - or wrong — answers. The

evening's discussion, which was sponsored by Vanderbilt Student Government in Furman Hall, moved from morality in the physical realm of love — the ethics of a one-night stand — to question the philosophical question of the existence of soul mates. There were no lulls in the dialogue, which did not surprise the

"Everybody is interested in love in some way or another," Lachs said. "I don't know anyone who isn't

Students felt the event was relevant

"Eventually what everyone is looking for is a sense of belonging," said senior Ananya Majumder. "This is a time when you finally begin comprehending what

love really means." Lachs claims no absolute expertise on the love lives of the young, but as a veteran in marriage, he explained he

has some tips for students. "I am holding up the national average

at 41 years," he said. While he believes the sexual liberation he has witnessed unfold during his life is a good thing, he acknowledged it ushers in a new set of

"There is a middle ground, though,"

moral dilemmas.

The message resonated with several students, especially in terms of the event's causal atmosphere.

"I think it just goes in with theme of The Commons because this setting lets students interact with professors on a very personal level," Majumder

said. "And in this setting, there were no correct answers."

Sophomore Jacquie Berger said she felt similarly.

"I disagree with professor Lachs on some points, but I really liked how all the students interacted," she said. "It was great to have him there to offer his wisdom and insight. I was in his class of 250 students last year, so it was great to

talk to him in this discussion." Though the event was Lachs' first opportunity to lead a "dinner discussion," he noted how important he thought the event was.

"Discussion is so important in life,"

When the evening was over, Locke told students that marriage — love — is a struggle, but a worthy one.

He left the group with a parting

"You don't have to be married to your soulmate," he said, "but it makes things easier. Look for a soulmate." ■

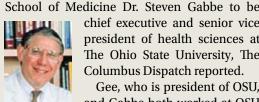
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CAMPUS NEWS BRIEF

Former Chancellor Gee nabs dean of school of medicine for **OSU Medical Center**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Gee always did like

Vanderbilt. The former chancellor recruited Dean of the





The Ohio State University, The Columbus Dispatch reported. Gee, who is president of OSU, and Gabbe both worked at OSU before coming to Vanderbilt. In fact, Gabbe was recruited to

chief executive and senior vice

president of health sciences at

Vanderbilt by Gee in 1996. Gee expressed his continued respect for Vanderbilt University to The Dispatch.

"Vanderbilt is one of the premier medical centers in this country," Gee said. "They have enormous talent

there, and I know that." Gabbe is considered one of the world's leading experts on diabetes and pregnancy. He seemed to look forward to returning to Gee and OSU, where two of his four children obtained their

degrees and where one daughter still lives. "We loved being at Ohio State when we were there," Gabbe said. "We've continued to be very close to the university."

According to the article, Gabbe, 63, will start his new job July 1 and will be paid \$750,000 a

Gee recruited Gabbe specifically because of Gabbe's involvement with a large construction project at Vanderbilt. Gabbe will return to OSU as it continues its work on a \$1.3 billion expansion. The project is aimed to help OSU become a top 20 academic medical center. Vanderbilt has already attained that achievement.

Gabbe said he is up for the challenge.

"I see only limitless opportunities at Ohio State," he said. "I don't see any reason why we can't achieve that goal."

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Vanderbilt ranks No. 1 in on-campus rapes in Tenn.

by DANIELLE GANTT

Staff Reporter

Being No. 1 isn't always a good thing.

Vanderbilt University is ranked No. 1 among Tennessee colleges for on-campus rapes in 2007, according to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

Reported rapes at Vanderbilt rose from three in 2006 to 13 reported rapes last year. However, Vanderbilt Police Department Chief of

Police Marlon Lynch is not immediately concerned about the sudden rise. He said he believes the higher rate is due to the effectiveness of Vanderbilt

"Here at Vanderbilt, we have two ways of reporting ... the traditional way and the option to report anonymously," Lynch said. "The actual reports reported were five. The other option is through Project Safe, and they received eight. The ability to report anonymously encourages victims to report at Vanderbilt."

Yet some students, especially those new to Vanderbilt, are troubled.

"I'm alarmed," said freshman Mariah Deans. "We never hear about the rapes."

Freshmen Tracy Okoli and Dana Reynolds echoed

Deans' sentiment.

"I'm really shocked," Reynolds said. "People shouldn't walk around campus by themselves at night."

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Partly Cloudy, 75/53



Showers, 66/58



Isolated T-storms, 77/62

VUPD CRIME LOG

Tuesday, April 3, 12:30 a.m.: A drug violation was reported at the Terrence Place Garage.

Tuesday, April 3, 1:18 a.m.: Suspect was reported driving without a license on 23rd Avenue North at West End Avenue.

Saturday, April 5:

A student was assaulted by the Edgehill footbridge and Medical Research Building III.

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

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STARTINGS

Bush, Putin meet for last time, still divided on missile defense plan, NATO expansion

SOCHI, Russia — The Associated Press reported President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin failed to overcome sharp differences over a U.S. missile defense system, closing their seven-year relationship Sunday still far apart on an issue that has separated them from the beginning.

"Our fundamental attitude toward the American plan has not changed," Putin said at a news conference with Bush.

"We got a lot of way to go," Bush said. Despite the impasse, the two leaders agreed that Moscow and Washington would work together closely in the future on missile defense and other difficult

State hikes in college tuition exceed national average

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee's colleges and universities are promising single-digit tuition increases for this fall, more unwelcome news for students in a state that more than doubled tuition and fees in the last 10 years, according to The Tennessean. Those increases outpaced the national average, and community college students, who pay less but also are less likely to qualify for lottery scholarships or federal grants, will be hardest hit.

"Probably the individual that gets hurt the worst in tuition increases is a working adult who's trying to go part time and probably doesn't qualify for financial aid," said Bob Adams, Tennessee Board of Regents vice chancellor of finance. "Pretty much they're paying out of their pockets."

22 killed in Sadr City clashes as gunmen release students seized near Mosul

BAGHDAD — Iraqi troops backed by U.S. forces battled Shiite fighters in Baghdad's Sadr City neighborhood in clashes that killed 22 people and wounded dozens despite a cease-fire between the government and the militia, officials said Sunday.

To the north, police said gunmen seized 42 students off a bus near the city of Mosul — al-Qaida's last major urban stronghold — but later released them unharmed, according to The Associated Press.

Vanderbilt law professor Beverly Moran honored by 'Top Ladies of Distinction'

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Vanderbilt law professor Beverly Moran has been honored by "Top Ladies of Distinction," an organization that recognizes black women for outstanding leadership each year, Vanderbilt News Service reported.

Moran, a leading tax scholar who has served on Vanderbilt's law faculty since 2001, was the first black woman granted tenure at Vanderbilt Law School. She is also a sociology professor.

Custodian files suit after finding mannequin taped to urinal

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — A custodian says he was the victim of racial intimidation after finding a black mannequin head taped to a urinal in the City County Building in Knoxville.

The Associated Press reported that Charles Wesley Neal, a six-year employee who is black, said he found the mannequin with an Afro wig and a plaid shirt attached in an employee-only restroom last July.

Obama and Clinton press for the youth vote in aging Pennsylvania

PHILADELPHIA — Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton are hustling for the youth vote in Pennsylvania as if they've never heard that this is a state where the old hold sway, The Associated Press reported.

Campuses in the cities and mountainsides are alive with political activism, stirred most notably by Obama in student registration drives aimed at replicating his success with young voters dating to the lowa caucus in January.

' Hollywood legend, conservative activist **Charlton Heston dead at 84**

LOS ANGELES — Charlton Heston, the Oscar winner who portrayed Moses and other heroic figures on film in the '50s and '60s and later championed conservative values as head of the National Rifle Association, died at the age of 84, The Associated Press reported.

The actor died Saturday night at his home in Beverly Hills with his wife Lydia at his side, family spokesman Bill Powers said. He declined to comment on the cause of death or provide further details.

Law enforcement peacefully enter temple on the grounds of a polygamist compound in West Texas

ELDORADO, Texas — Law enforcement agents entered an enormous temple on the grounds of a polygamist compound, but by Sunday morning they still had not found a 16-year-old girl whose initial report of abuse led to the raid, according to The Associated Press.

"There were some tense moments last night, but everything has remained calm and peaceful, and they are continuing their search," said Allison Palmer, a prosecutor from a nearby county handling the case, early Sunday.

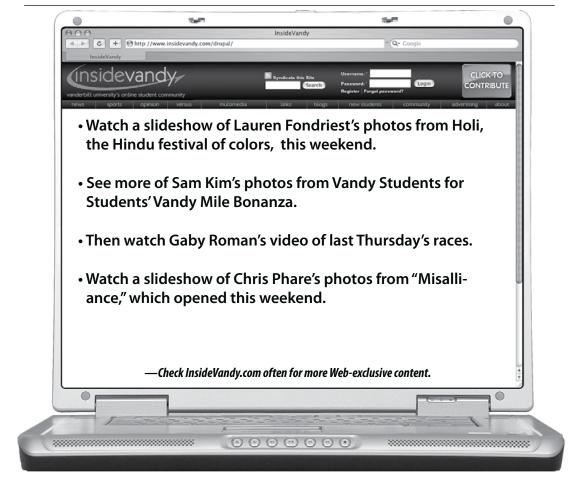
VA employees rack up \$2.6 billion in credit card charges for veterans care **WASHINGTON** — Veterans Affairs employees last year racked up

hundreds of thousands of dollars in government credit-card bills at casino and luxury hotels, movie theaters and high-end retailers such as Sharper Image and Franklin Covey — and government auditors are investigating, citing past spending abuses.

All told, VA staff charged \$2.6 billion to their government credit cards, according to The Associated Press.

The AP, through a Freedom of Information request, obtained the VA list of 3.1 million purchases made in the 2007 budget year. The list offers a detailed look into the everyday spending at the government's second largest department.

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SNAPSHOT

A BONANZA OF A MILE



Students participated in the Vandy Mile Bonanza on April 2. Vanderbilt Students for Students hosted the event, which featured a kids' fun run, an open mile and a Greek relay, to raise money for a \$3,000 scholarship for a student at Pearl Cohn High School in Nashville.

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Vanderbilt's Online Community



Pornography program poses issues

On Tuesday, April 8, the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center will be sponsoring lecture Vanderbilt called "Pornography, What's the Big Deal?" in the Schulman Center at 4 p.m. The event will be co-sponsored by two of the center's divisions, Gender Issues and Project

The speaker, Rus Funk, has been asked by colleges and businesses to do lectures and trainings on gender issues. He recently wrote a book called "Reaching Men," which deals with pornography, sexist attitudes and preventing violence.

Director of Gender Issues former Vanderbilt undergrad Stacy Nunnally said, "(Funk) takes the stance of looking at pornography from a critical lens."

They hope to attract a wide spectrum of students who may think pornography is no big deal and students who feel it hurts society and the way the women are unrealistically portrayed. Nunnally said she hopes the lecture will spark an open dialogue session afterward.

Some topics that will be discussed are violence against women and how it might be influenced by pornography and discerning the difference between the erotic fantasy and the reality that porn stars are real people with their own set of life problems.

KING: Davis: Goal of dream still unreached

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Davis was one of several who Vanderbilt's two-day spoke during





King's death in Memphis on April 4, 1968. Other speakers during the "We Speak for Ourselves" seminar included Rev. English Lawson. professor Houston Baker, University Nottingham professor Richard King and Ruth Turner Perot, who interviewed Robert Penn Warren. Warren's book "Who

remembrance

Speaks for the Negro?" was the basis of several discussions.

Davis, professor of history of consciousness and feminist studies at the University of California-Santa Cruz, said she also believed the civil rights movement had been reduced to "the dream of one man," noting there were many other leaders and activists during King's time.

"Without Fanny Lou Hamer, Barack Obama is inconceivable," Davis said, "and I rarely hear that discourse when I hear talks of this being an 'unprecedented election."

Davis said she felt if King was alive today, he would be disappointed in the scholar-activist community.

"If he were around today, he would criticize our hyper-individualism and be against the absolute rule of the market, which extenuates itself in all aspects of our lives," Davis said.

Davis shared these views in front of a crowd that was so large, additional

chairs had to be brought into the room. Even then, the audience spilled into an overflow room.

"I liked the event", said freshman Danielle Whittaker, who did some research on Davis and decided to come to the event to see what she had to say, "but I couldn't hear her too well because of the overflow room I was in. However, the points that I did catch were really good points."

Engineering school junior Kyle McMillan came to the event because of Davis' "radical" reputation.

"It's not everyday you get to see someone who was on the FBI's Top 10 Most Wanted list," McMillan said.

Although there had been some discourse over how appropriate Davis was to commemorate King, McMillan found Davis to be "appropriate without being overly one-sided or caustic."

"It was a very open point of view,"

McMillan said. "She treated the subject matter with dignity and truth and spoke

candidly." Whittaker also felt that Davis was a

fitting speaker. "She talked about freedom and how we've failed to reach King's dream,"

Whittaker said.

Davis, who spoke out against the tolerance for the racist rants from Don Imus and Michael Richardson and what she deemed obvious racist incidents involving Tiger Woods and the Jena 6, urged the audience to realize that racism exists institutionally and causes these seemingly individual racist acts.

"We urgently need more captious meetings about racism and antiracism," Davis said. "We have to give up the black-white paradigm." ■

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Color craze



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Senior Katie Grogan and several students came out to celebrate Holi, the traditional Hindu festival celebrating spring, on Saturday, despite the cooler weather. Holi, also called the Festival of Colors, was held on Wilson Lawn and was sponsored by Masala-SACE. Students threw colored paint powder, jello, and water and shaving cream balloons at each other at the event.

RAPE: Community responsible for preventing rape

From RAPE, page 1

security around campus," Okoli said.

Students who have attended Vanderbilt for a while,

however, were more apathetic. "I'm not surprised by the high number of rapes at Vanderbilt," said senior Ashley Adams. "After you've been here for four years, it's not surprising anymore."

Senior Danielle Jupiter agreed with Adams, suggesting that colleges are conducive environments

"It sucks, but it's the reality of Vanderbilt with the amount of alcohol and partying that goes on here," Jupiter said.

Senior Ashleigh Beamer said she wished the university would take a bigger stand against rape.

"I've had a friend that was raped here at Vanderbilt," "We need more lights by the library and more Beamer said. "My friend ended up leaving Vandy because of the position that the attacker was in. He VUPD and the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center was too valuable to Vanderbilt to be punished."

Lynch offered his own suggestions on how the rate

"It's the community's responsibility, not just VUPD," Lynch said. "In many of these situations, the assailant and the victim knew each other. If they are on a date or alone in a situation, we can't possibly intervene."

Beamer believed the high number of rapes on campus were due to the lack of education to the Vanderbilt male population on women's issues.

"They don't have to take any women's studies courses and receive no education on how to judge sexual incidents other than during freshmen

orientation," Beamer said.

However, Lynch cites the education programs sponsor as a means to lower the rate of rapes that happen on campus.

"VUPD offers the (Rape Aggression Defense) program, which teaches defensive and preparation tactics. We also have programs regarding alcoholic consumption," Lynch said. "The Women's Center also has programs for men and women about dos and don'ts and just overall responsibility." ■

—For more, see Our View, page 4

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HBO documentary asks students to think of elderly

When 19-year-old filmmaker Andrew Jenks decided to spend his summer volunteering in an assisted-living community, he went the extra mile: He moved in with them.

Jenk's plan to learn from his elders led to unexpected, life-changing encounters and friendships and students can see the story for themselves tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the screening of "Andrew Jenks, Room 335" in Sarratt Cinema.

The film is being brought to campus in large part by junior Ariel Astrachan, who is interning at HBO this spring. According to a press release, Astrachan said she felt it touches on a reality that many students do not take the time to ponder, nor do they want to associate with or contemplate old age.

The Office of the Dean of Students is working with Astrachan to show the documentary, which is intended to cause students to think about what will happen to their parents or grandparents when they cannot live on their own. Jonah Quickmire Pettigrew, who helped Jenks create the film, will introduce it and lead a discussion following the screening. Admission is free.

Lights, camera, Alumni Lawn



CHRIS PHARE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

"Billy: The Early Years," and independent film about Billy Graham, films in front of Alumni Hall on Sunday evening. Graham was once the president of Northwestern Bible College in Minneapolis, Minn., so the crew came to campus to film a college scene.

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OUR VIEW

Rape numbers may be misleading

According to last week's story in The Tennessean, Vanderbilt had the most reported on-campus rapes in the state of Tennessean during the calendar year of 2007, with 13 of the 25 rapes occurring on the Vanderbilt campus; these numbers, however, must undergo some critical assessment before any hysteria arises.

In the past year, the university implemented an anonymous reporting system, in which anonymous reports were directly relayed to the police. Anonymous reporting accounted for eight of the 13 reported rapes on campus; self-reported rapes saw a small increase over the previous year — there were three self-reported rapes in 2006 and five in 2007.

invited (or at least, they shouldn't).

the DAR as they do in NATO.

While I understand our admirable goal

of apparently creating our own United

Nations, complete with its own army, the

strength in numbers argument does not

hold up. Eastern Europe has been a hotbed

for political revolution and conflict for more

than a century, and I'd hate to see NATO be

forced to police its own members, or else

that's probably enough. The founding

members of the alliance founded it on

the basis of collective defense, meaning

that all members must respond to an

NATO must be aware

Aimee Sobhani, Columnist

members of NATO, and

There are currently 26

attack on any member. Adding more members will only increase

the United States' responsibility, which might not be the best idea

since our military is already stretched pretty thin. Do we really

want to be obligated to protect small, insignificant countries like

It's necessary to consider Russia when thinking about expanding

NATO. Many former Soviet satellites have joined NATO, and Russia

may begin to feel threatened by the fact that it is surrounded by

potentially hostile countries. Russia and the U.S. aren't on the best

terms, and since Russia possesses nuclear weapons, it might not

be the best idea to provoke it by supporting the expansion of

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of Russian interests

defend useless Latvia against Russia.

NATO has to quit inviting party guests

While someone might tell you, sarcasm dripping from

each syllable, that NATO is not some luncheon where

everyone gets invited and hey nonny nonny, I disagree with the

sarcasm: NATO is exactly like a DAR luncheon — not everyone gets

The charming ladies of the DAR understand the rules of warfare in

the context of diplomacy and allegiance. Moreover, they know you

only invite a few former members of the rival chapter for the silent

satisfaction of winning, rather than ushering in half of the former

USSR. The members of the former USSR would fit in about as well at

Katherine Miller, Opinion Editor

system is the only one in the schools surveyed by The Tennessean that reports directly to the police. Memphis University, the University of Tennessee and Middle Tennessee State University have no such direct communication between anonymous reporters and the police.

At the same time, the UT only reported one rape on campus during the entire year; while the editorial board hates to be cynical about something as serious as rape, it seems somewhat unlikely that merely one rape occurred on a campus of more than 20,000 undergrads.

Vanderbilt is also a primarily residential campus, as opposed to some of the larger

The university's anonymous reporting universities, which means that, logically, the majority of rapes involving Vanderbilt students would occur on campus.

> The editorial board is in no way trying to minimize the impact of the number of rapes on campus; in fact, as Project Safe has argued, the increased numbers should be seen as an encouraging rise in reported rape. Rape exists as an inexcusable violation of a person's liberty; the increase in reports therein should be taken as a step toward increasing awareness.

Looking for the cold, hard facts?

For more information about the rapes statistics on campus, see today's story on

page one of the News section.

Purpose of expansion must be defined **Thomas Shattuck, Columnist**

I'm not entirely sure how this could be construed as a

simple yes or no question. It involves so many different factors that essentially the question can only be considered relevant in certain situations. For example, with expansion, do we mean geographically, financially or militarily? All three of these are important in making any decision in international policy. Furthermore, certain countries (especially in the eastern bloc region) may pose a threat as

The specifics aside, what would be the purpose of expanding the organization? In this case, the motivation plays a key role in making

> any kind of call. If this is another cog in the war against terror, I'll just say no straightup. That should have no bearing on it, seriously we've spent enough money on such a dangerous social diversion -George W. Bush should take up hunting. With other intent, I'd say maybe. Do you want some kind of miracle answer you can just use whenever it's convenient? The world's a confusing place, get used to it.



Should NATO keep expanding?



Expansion does not help member states

The North Atlantic Treaty

from an attack by the Soviet Union. In a mutual defense pact, the countries party

to the alliance consider an attack on any one of the countries as an attack to all the countries. Thus, if a member country is attacked, all the countries will defend it. This is fantastic for countries that would benefit from having 25 other countries run to their aid, but is it beneficial for the larger countries in the alliance? Could Luxembourg offer as much help to Great Britain as the U.K. could

And that is precisely why NATO should not expand. The countries seeking membership now, like Macedonia, Georgia, Montenegro and Ukraine, would essentially be freeloaders, even if they contributed all they could to the alliance. They would use more resources than they would supply, and I don't think America would feel much safer in the event of an attack knowing

members of NATO, while others may only cause danger if they're not.

Medora Brown, Columnist

Organization was formed in 1949 as a mutual defense pact,

primarily to defend the member states

offer them? Doubtful.

Montenegro was now in our corner.

COLUMN

Estonia and Iceland?

Pressures of different kinds dictate our actions



THOMAS SHATTUCK

Right now, I'm sitting in my dorm room attempting to convince myself I'm actually making some kind of progress on my work. The wonderful weather aside, this happens to be a fairly normal Sunday. It is ripe with unfinished assignments, notebooks lying half-open, unread on my floor and unnecessarily loud music (which I pretend will help me concentrate on the task at hand). This is the way it goes: You slowly inch through what is there so you can begin to do what has yet to be assigned. It's an incremental process designed to grind concepts into the student, similar to honing an axe on a whetstone.

I suppose none of this work has to be done — no one's holding a gun to my head (and at that point I'd still have some options). When it comes down to it, the only

reason I continue meandering through the murk and mire is pressure. Pressure takes many forms; it has many denotations and connotations. Some of these are technical, some emotional and even a few that could only be described politely as highly colloquial. All in all though, pressure is simply any kind of force that brings about a result or an action that otherwise would be absent.

From where does such a force arise? We might put it on ourselves, but frankly, if this were the only source it would rarely cross our minds on a daily basis. The pressure is from outside us — money, job prospects and teacher recommendations — and we never make peace with it. We spend vast amounts of time running away, trying to hide and, when all else fails, numbing our minds to it. To some this is college, to others it is life in general, and to me it's

We spend our entire lives submitting ourselves to the Please see **SHATTUCK**, page 5 COLUMN

If elected, **Obama will** ruin the gains made in Iraq



KATHERINE MILLER **Opinion Editor**

Friday evening, I had dinner with a few friends and one friend's parents. After we concluded the discussion on the egregiousness of the Marlins-Tigers trade this past winter, we forged right ahead into a brief political discussion - about what exactly a Barack Obama presidency would be like.

My friend's father mentioned the extended honeymoon period he imagines an Obama presidency would entail. Afterward, I realized that Obama, still self-righteously awash with his own 2002 forethought and surrounded by liberal supporters clamoring for an end to the Iraq war, would succeed in withdrawing the troops from Iraq.

I will not argue in this space or any other that, afforded the retrospect of now five years, the decision to invade Iraq and its original execution was the wisest foreign policy decision ever made by the U.S. Clearly, nay. Removing the Ba'athists from power and dismantling the government in its entirety went against the conventions of successful democratic reconstructions, with post-war Germany and Japan as the chief examples.

However, past errors cannot be a justification for any action that will immediately devastate the improvements of the past year. And those improvements are legitimate; as Time reporter Bobby Ghosh wrote last week, "In commercial districts (of

The decision to invade is a sunk cost, a lamentable and hasty, but well-intentioned mistake made in a chaotic era of American history — one we have to accept ... As a nation with a cracked, tenuous standing in the world, we cannot afford to toss Iraq into the pile of broken toys.

Baghdad), more shops and businesses are open than there were a year ago. Shoppers are taking the time to haggle with vegetable vendors ... There are no queues at the gas stations. Baghdad even sounds different. In my first two days, I hear no explosions or

These statements echoed those of Angelina Jolie, a UNHCR ambassador when she wrests herself away from the bearing of children, who wrote for the Washington Post in late February, "As for the question of whether the surge is working, I can only state what I witnessed: U.N. staff and those of non-governmental organizations seem to feel they have the right set of circumstances to attempt to scale up their programs. And when I asked the troops if they wanted to go home as soon as possible, they said that they miss home but feel invested in Iraq. They have lost many friends and want to be a part of the humanitarian progress they now feel

Iraq has advanced, preparing itself for the day lasting change can be affected in the minds and actions of its people. What

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SHATTUCK: Pressure detracts from the appreciation of life's real purpose

whims of others. We never get what we want because we never ask. There are elements of past stoicism in our prospective futures. Somehow, instead of pursuing any form of contentment, we merely follow whatever pathetic fad to fill the empty spaces that define the vacuous regions of our under-utilized minds. I'm not talking about any type of hallucinogenic visions of independence from materialism that can be found in "Fight Club." This movie, while watchable, simply offers very little in the spectrum of actual philosophy. I'm not asking you to destroy the edifices of our

capitalistic history, I'm just asking to look at your hands and ask the question "What the heck have I done?"

Of course, the answer to this question is rather simple: You sold yourself short. You looked for security instead of adventure. You took promises instead of moving into more uncertain areas. Maybe it's just me, but there are some mornings I wake up and wonder what I plan to do. Most of those mornings, I haven't

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MILLER: November may fundamentally alter the course of Iraq — for the worse

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may derail this success is an ill-advised withdrawal of the forces. Ghosh reports that the fears of ethnic cleansing and a descent into sectarian violence "explain why every Iraqi who (offered him) a view on American politics seems to be praying for a McCain victory."

In his novel "Saturday," Ian McEwan frames the Iraq war in the context of the uncomfortable opposition between the anti-Hussein humanitarian cause and the desire to avoid a prolonged loss of life and a potentially unjust war. I think this is again relevant, in terms of ensuring that Iraq's success is not only a temporary avoidance of sectarian conflict, but a stable government in fifty years. While certainly not an easy or sure process, the existence and continuance of the Iraqi nation has become our responsibility — like it or not.

The decision to invade is a sunk cost, a lamentable and

hasty, but well-intentioned mistake made in a chaotic era of American history one we have to accept and continue to move forward with. As a nation with a cracked, tenuous standing in the world, we cannot afford to toss Iraq into the pile of broken toys. If anything, we have born witness to the unfortunate consequences of an aborted foray into the internal workings of a hostile nation — the Afghani insurgents who fought U.S. troops with weapons the U.S. provided during the Cold War come to mind.

Obama could ruin this promise for the future very easily with one nationally televised speech, pandering to a war-weary public, overstepping the cautious foreign policy of the Washington establishment, the very establishment led by John McCain, whose son James serves in Iraq and who will likely be joined by brother Jack. Announcing opposition to a war as a state senator who has no vote and even less say in the matter differs profoundly from being handed the keys to the world's largest military force; unfortunately, the former experience has boxed Obama into a corner, should his legacy as the leader to abandon Iraq distress him enough to recant, he will have to answer to the millions he bewitched with his anti-war rhetoric.

The potential for this seems doubtful, however; in all likelihood, the liberal jubilance of a post-Bush world will propel a swift end to the war and a new age of violence in Iraq. Perhaps then McCain would have the satisfaction of being right about the war, a feeling less glorious and more bittersweet than the one Obama has garnered from his 2002 statements.

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"The drumline regionals were not completely indoor. I clearly remember being woken up by a blasting drum cadence outside of my window in Branscomb at 10 a.m. SATURDAY morning. Oh so sorry for complaining about being woken up at 10 a.m. on a SATURDAY MORNING on a COLLEGE CAMPUS. I am also wondering, oh wise soul, how you came to the conclusion that by complaining about a clear noise violation we were somehow making a character judgment on these 'hardworking high school students in velvet jumpsuits.' False. I am certain that the indoor drumline is an incredible performance, just not at 10 a.m. on a Saturday morning in front of a residence hall. Are you picking up on the sarcasm? Because I'm laying it on pretty thick. I look forward to your next logical argument."

"If they are going to screw us over for housing, they could at least do it on time."

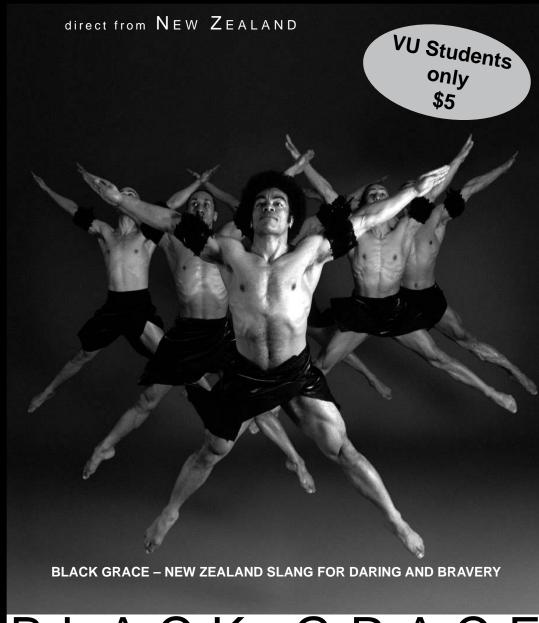
"Dear Boys that live above me, I would be incredibly appreciative if you stopped blaring your music at 2 in the morning. Oh, and every time one of you so daringly chooses to hurl yourself off of your bed, me and my roommate hear it, and don't like it. So stop. That is all."

"This may be old news to some, but the fact that the incoming freshmen get Peabody still irks me while I have the lovely potential of living in Kissam. Oh but it's okay, because they're adding a treadmill, two ellipticals and one bike, oh and plasma. WOW. What an awesome gym. Oh and I almost forgot about the blinds, my bad. Great life."

"Gas prices are absurd right now. That needs to change, stat."

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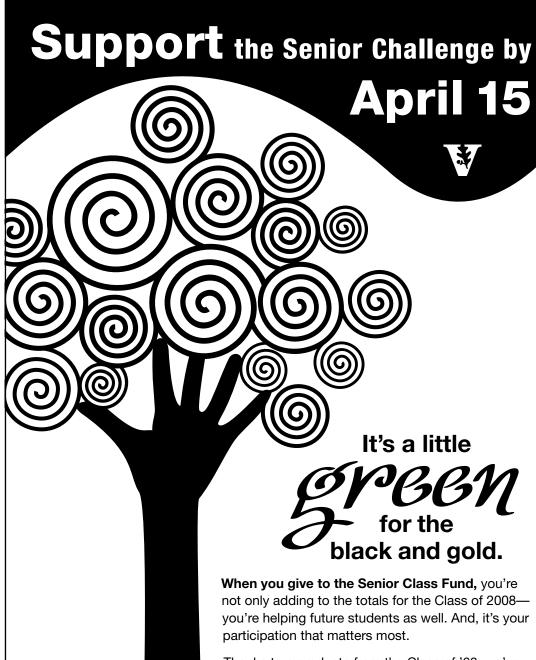
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Bowling National Championship: April 10-12 in **Omaha**

The Commodores will be in familiar territory this weekend, as the national champions will have the chance to defend last year's crown as a member of the eight-team field. One thing the Commodores have on their side is experience. Led by sophomore Josie Earnest, last year's tournament's Most Valuable Player, and junior Michelle Peloquin, a member of last year's five-woman all-tournament team, there is plenty of veteran savvy to go around for Vanderbilt. Also working in their favor is their mindset; starting with head coach John Williamson, the team realizes just reaching the championship isn't enough. "Getting to Omaha is an accomplishment and was one of our goals, but it is not our ultimate

ACHIEVEMENT OF THE WEEK...

goal," Williamson said.

Shan Foster, MBB

Senior swingman Shan Foster was more than just a basketball player this season; he was an embodiment of the ideal Vanderbilt Commodore. This legacy was cemented Saturday night, as Foster was named the recipient of the coveted Lowe's Senior CLASS award for excellence on the court, in the classroom and in the surrounding community. Foster, classy and well dressed as ever, accepted the award during the nationally televised broadcast of the Final Four. "I'm very excited to win this award," Foster said. "It means a lot to me, to Vanderbilt University, our coaching staff, my teammates and my family. This award says a lot about a person's character, and one of my goals is to show that I'm more than just a basketball player. I believe this award is a

THEY SAID IT ...

testament to that."

"This is a great honor for Shan, and we're extremely proud of him. He is an excellent ambassador for our program and for Vanderbilt University, and after seeing what he has done both on and off the court for the last four years, I believe he is very deserving of

> **KEVIN STALLINGS** on Shan Foster's Lowe's Senior CLASS award

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this honor."

Score by which the No. 13 Commodores women's tennis team defeated in-state rival No.17 Tennessee on Friday.

Ole Miss sweeps Dores W2 W4 TODAY Women's In three-game series



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Senior Alex Feinberg swings against an opponent in a game earlier this season. He was forced to leave a game against Ole Miss during this weekend's three-game series after being hit in the face by a wild pitch.

by NICHOLAS HUDSON

Sports Editor

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Ole Miss used a pair of four-run innings to defeat Vanderbilt 11-6 and sweep the three-game series Sunday afternoon at Swayze Field at Oxford-University

Ole Miss improved to 20-11 overall and 7-5 in Southeastern Conference play, while Vanderbilt dropped to 19-10 and 5-6 in league play. The Dores were swept in a conference series for the first time since losing three at Alabama in 2006.

Brett Jacobson (1-3) gave up six runs on seven hits in 3.1 innings with two strikeouts and two walks in the

Ole Miss pitcher Cody Satterwhite (3-1) gave up four runs on six hits in 6.2 innings with four walks and five strikeouts to pick up the win.

Fuller Smith had four hits and three runs scored to lead Ole Miss, while Dominic de la Osa led VU with four

Ole Miss scored three runs in the first on an RBI double by Cody Overbeck, an RBI sacrifice fly by Michael Guerrero and an RBI single by Zach Miller.

The Commodores broke a streak of 16 straight scoreless innings against the Rebels with a run in the fifth on a double by de la Osa to make it 3-1. VU failed to capitalize on a bases-loaded situation with one out as Parker Hanks and Shea Robin struck out to end the

Matt Smith started the scoring in the fourth with an RBI double, and Michael Guerrero added an RBI single to make it 5-1. An RBI groundout by Zach Miller and an RBI single by Jeremy Travis made it 7-1.

The Commodores used the long ball to get back in the game in the fifth with a two-run homer to center field by Pedro Alvarez and a solo homer to right by Ryan Flaherty to cut the lead to 7-4. All of the runs came with two outs, and VU looked to continue the rally when de la Osa followed with a single through the left side. He was picked off, however, at first to end the rally.

The Rebels added four more runs in the seventh to push the lead to 11-4. Fuller Smith led off with a homer off of reliever Chase Reid. It was the first earned run he had given up all season in 18.1 innings. Logan Power doubled, and Overbeck walked to end Reid's day. Steven Schwartz came on and gave up an RBI double to Matt Smith and a two-run single to Michael Guerrero to close out the scoring.

The Commodores added a run in the eighth on an RBI double by Steven Liddle. He brought in de la Osa who led off the frame with a double. VU would load the bases with two outs, but Brad French struck out to close

Vanderbilt added an unearned run in the ninth to finish the game scoring.

Vanderbilt started the series strong in their first game in Oxford when they destroyed Rebel starter Lance Lynn by scoring 6 runs off of 8 hits in the first four innings. Two of those runs were back-to-back homers by Flaherty and Alvarez.

This was Alvarez's first home run of the season. It was reported that not only did the ball clear the outfield wall, but it also cleared a stand of tents behind right field, flying an estimated 435 feet. Alvarez's performance this weekend, including another homer in Game 3, should quell any fear that his February hand injury will seriously affect his play the rest of this season.

Alex Feinberg was forced to leave the game after being hit in the face by a wild pitch from Lynn with the bases loaded giving Vanderbilt another run. Macias also hit a home run, his fifth of the year, and Robin and Flaherty helped put three more runs on the board before Lynn was removed after the fourth inning.

Those, however, would be the last runs the Commodores would score until Game 3. The Rebels rallied back early Saturday with a three-run sixth inning to take the lead, and Ole Miss reliever Scott Biddle shut out Vanderbilt in the last five innings to give the Rebels

The second game of the Saturday doubleheader was less thrilling. Vanderbilt was shut out for the first time since Georgia denied the Commodores last year. The 8-0 loss also marked the first time Vandy has dropped a doubleheader since losing to Alabama in 2006.

Vanderbilt was simply less productive than Ole Miss in the second game. They managed six hits and only one error but could not score a single run. Ole Miss scored eight runs off eleven hits in only eight innings. Starting pitcher Caleb Cotham pitched for six innings, but never quite found his rhythm, allowing four earned runs on five hits in five innings.

The losses at Ole Miss drop Vanderbilt to 19-10 overall and below .500 (5-6) in league play. The Dores will look to rebound this week with a pair of midweek home games against Western Kentucky and Austin Peay. And next weekend they will return to Mississippi to face Mississippi State in a three-game series. ■

LAX tops Johns Hopkins, 9-5

by BILLY SHERK

Sports Editor

Three overtimes and nearly 64 minutes of play were just enough for the 17th-ranked Vanderbilt women's lacrosse team to rally from a 9-5 deficit and upend fellow American Lacrosse Conference team and 14th-ranked John Hopkins on Sunday. Sophomore Carter Foote rendered the Bluejay defense helpless late in the game, scoring all three of her goals after the 57th minute, including the game-tying goal with eight seconds left and the eventual game-winner in the third overtime.

The 11-10 victory at Homewood field in Baltimore, Md., boosted the Dores' record for the season to 8-4 and 2-1 in the ALC and set the stage for next Friday's crucial match-up against rival Ohio State. The Bluejays of Johns Hopkins dropped to 5-6 on the year.

Vanderbilt trailed by as many

as four goals early in the second

half before mounting a furious comeback led by Ashley Paschall and Margie Curran. The two seniors tossed in two scores with just over 10 minutes remaining in

Then Foote took control. With 2:23 to go in the second half, Foote scored off an assist from Sarah Downing to bring the Dores within one. Junior midfielder Cara Giordano interrupted a drive by the Bluejay offense and cleared the ball with a little over 30 seconds to play. Foote drove the field and whipped the ball into the back of the net to tie the

Although Vanderbilt controlled the ensuing draw, the eight seconds remaining in regulation were not enough to produce a winning score. Hopkins scored early in the first overtime but was matched by a goal from Giordano with two minutes to go in the OT.

The game entered suddenvictory territory after the first six

minutes of overtime. Vanderbilt's defense, spearheaded by seniors Heather Koutrakos, Leslie Koch and Sasha Cielak, held firm in the extra periods after the initial Hopkins goal. Senior Brooke Shinaberry was a wall in front of the goal, stopping 11 Bluejay shots in the grueling contest.

The golden goal came after 63 minutes, 48 seconds of play. Curran, who ended the game with a game-high seven points off of three scores and four assists, notched her final point by assisting Foote in the game-winning goal.

"I am just so proud of our team's character," said VU head coach Cathy Swezey after her squad eked out the win. "To not play our very best for the first 40 minutes and then come back the way we did shows a lot about this group."

Vanderbilt will take on Ohio State at 4 p.m. on Friday afternoon and will continue its regular season schedule on Sunday with a contest against Albany. ■

Doebel-Hickok sets new school record on the road

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For the second straight year, the Stanford Invitational served as a Bay Area treat for Commodore distance runners.

Head coach Steve Keith's six-member squad left the two-day competition with a pair of NCAA Region qualifying marks, a new school distance record and four personal bests. In 2007, two of the team's three regional qualifiers came at the meet, held on the Stanford campus 30 miles south of San Francisco.



DOEBEL-HICKOK

While the distance corps traveled to California, the rest of the Vanderbilt women's track and field competed in a regional meet at Auburn University, with redshirt freshman high jumper Cherice Robertson, sophomore 800-meter runner Chavon Rhabb and senior 400-meter hurdler Lauren Fortson leading the way with third, sixth and seventh place finishes, respectively.

California, regional qualifying performances by senior steeplechaser Valerie Kazmer and freshman middle distance specialist Rita Jorgensen quite possibly

upstaged a new 10,000-meter school record established late Saturday by freshman Kristabel Doebel-Hickok.

"We achieved virtually everything we set out to achieve at the meet," Keith said. "I was extremely pleased with the qualifying marks by Val and Rita, and really happy for Kristabel with getting the record. To tell the truth, the 5,000 PR that Adrienne (DiRaddo) ran Friday morning got us off to a nice start and helped create momentum for everybody else."

Kazmer, who two weeks ago set a new personal best in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, blistered her former record. Running seventh overall in her heat, Kazmer finished in 10:43.92, nearly 20 seconds lower than her previous best. Kazmer's regional qualifying performance is the third fastest steeplechase time ever by a Commodore, behind only 2002 Southeastern Conference champion Kylene Kownurko and 2007 Vanderbilt graduate

"Val's running with confidence and with a great deal of enjoyment," Keith said. "She's in the best shape I've ever seen her, and she's really starting to compete. Val has an opportunity to enjoy her final year in a Commodore uniform."

Jorgensen continues to impress in her first season as a Commodore. The Memphis product lowered her personal best by more than two seconds with a 4:27.40 clocking. The effort was the fastest among 68 runners in the 1,500-meter second section.

She also solidified her status as one of Commodores' best ever at the distance. Jorgensen is the sixth fastest at the distance. With virtually a full outdoor season ahead, she could challenge the team's 4:22.49 record set by Whitney Spannuth in 1994.

"Rita ran well. She really impressed me with the way she handled a slow second 400. She made a nice push over the last 700 meters and closed with a 65-second last 400," Keith said. "Rita got her qualifier and beat some very talented runners. Now we'll look forward and prepare for the SEC and NCAA Region in May."

Running in her home state for the first time as a collegian, Doebel-Hickok left the track with a school record. A native of Marina del Ray near Los Angeles, Doebel-Hickok knocked four seconds off the team's former 10,000-meter mark of 35:44.75, set 19 years ago by Stephanie Black. Doebel-Hickok's 35:40.27 effort resulted in a 13th place overall finish, and second among SEC

"Not only was it an excellent performance by Kristabel, but it was also a great experience for her," Keith said. "As she gains experience at this level and builds confidence, Kristabel has a ton

On Friday, DiRaddo served notice that she's also ready for the rest of outdoor season. Competing in the 5,000 meters for the first time as a Commodore, DiRaddo became the team's eighth fastest ever with a 17:15.84 effort. Junior Amanda Scott ran a solid race behind DiRaddo with a 17:47.89 effort. In another heat, talented junior Carmen Mims ran 17:24.30 in her return to competitive racing after missing the indoor campaign.

"That was a great run for Adrienne and a nice opener by Amanda. Carmen needed the race and will improve a great deal off it," Keith said.

At Auburn, Rhabb's 2:21.66 topped teammates Michelle Sauer and Kate Southcote-Want, who finished 10th and 11th overall in the 800. Southcote-Want came back to also finish 11th overall in the 1,500 (4:48.67), trailing freshman teammate Erin Guglielmo, who ran eighth in 4:46.43 In the 3,000, senior Julie Eckerly ran eighth overall in 10:40.37.

Robertson, at full health for the first time in her Vanderbilt career, matched her collegiate best in the high jump with a leap of 5'5". The versatile Robertson also finished 12th overall in the 100-meter hurdles, missing her PR with a 14:77 clocking. In other hurdles competition, Fortson ran 1:02.87 in her seventh place finish in the 400-meter hurdles.

In the 4x100-meter relay, the foursome of Lauryn Smith, Taylor Jackson, Christina Mullen and Robertson ran sixth overall with a time of 47.01. ■

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Memphis, Kansas to meet in finals



Rose puts on show, leads Memphis past UCLA 78-63 into title game against formidable Jayhawks.

As hard as it is to imagine, Memphis keeps getting better just when it matters the most.

The Tigers claimed their piece of history Saturday, beating UCLA 78-63 in the NCAA men's semifinals to become, at 38-1, the winningest team ever in a single season. Now they have a chance to do what the other 37-win teams — Duke, Illinois and UNLV — couldn't do: cap it off with a national championship.

With Derrick Rose and Chris Douglas-Roberts taking turns at basketball acrobatics, it's certainly imaginable. And the Bruins certainly wouldn't doubt it.

"Going into the game, we knew that we was going to win. Ain't too much to say," Rose said. "We're just a great team. With the team that we have, it's hard beating us."

Coach John Calipari claimed his Tigers weren't aware they had set a record for most wins in major college basketball.

"My team's like, 'Is it? That's the most wins?" Calipari said. "And then I told them, 'No, no. You've got to get to 39 to have the most wins.' Hopefully we'll have one more in us."

The Tigers will get their chance Monday night against Kansas, which beat North Carolina 84-66.

All season, this Memphis team from lightly regarded Conference USA played along with Calipari's us-against-the-world theme. Now, the Tigers need only one more victory for their first championship

UCLA star Kevin Love put on his own show at practice Friday, hitting a full-court shot. He managed just 12 points - and missed both open 3-pointers — as the Bruins (35-4) again fell short in their third straight Final Four

"As disappointing as this loss is, it's hard to be here three years in a row and not come away with a championship," said coach Ben Howlan.

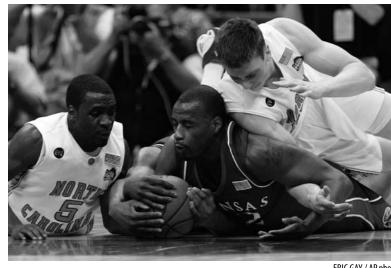
Russell Westbrook led UCLA with 22 points.

Rose finished with 25 points and nine rebounds and a bunch of eye-opening moves that won't show up in the final box.

Rose also hit 11 of 12 free throws. For a team supposedly vulnerable from the foul line, the Tigers did great in making 20 of 23.

Memphis led 50-45 with 13 minutes left before pulling away. Rose made a couple of nifty passes, Joey Dorsey came up with a monster block and later playfully popped Douglas-Roberts on the shoulder after a

This was certainly no repeat of 1973, when the Tigers — then known as Memphis State got routed 87-66 by UCLA in the title game. Bill Walton hit 21 of 22 shots and scored a record 44 points that night. But the big man has hip and back problems and wasn't able to make it to the Alamodome. Fact is, the taller Bruins were in trouble the entire way.



Kansas dominates North Carolina 94-66 to advance to NCAA national championship against Memphis.

Roy Williams taught Kansas all about how to handle cruel, crushing disappointments.

This time, the Jayhawks got their chance to make Williams feel the pain.

Kansas got 25 points and seven rebounds from Brandon Rush to stave off a ferocious comeback by North Carolina (36-3) for an 84-66 victory in the national semifinals.

Trailing 40-12 late in the first half, Tyler Hansbrough, Wayne Ellington and the Tar Heels made a valiant rally, getting to within five points with nine minutes left.

But they ran out of steam in their effort to pull off the biggest Final Four comeback ever.

"We sort of came out a little more casual than we would've liked, and they hit us right between the eyes," Williams said.

Now, the Jayhawks will play Memphis, an earlier 78-63 winner over UCLA, in Monday's

Kansas now has to worry about stopping fastbreaking Memphis and its sensational freshman Derrick Rose.

"We know we've got another step to take Monday night," Sherron Collins said. "It's going to be a great matchup. They play fast, we play fast."

Collins had two assists, a 3-pointer and a pair of free throws during the decisive stretch that saw the Jayhawks (36-3) pad that five-point lead back to 15 and send the Tar Heels into true desperation mode.

The Jayhawks also smothered Hansbrough,

even flooring him once on a hard foul by Mario Chalmers.

"To start the game, I felt, instead of having 10 hands out there it felt like we had 14 or 16," said Kansas coach Bill Self. "Guys were making a move, a reverse pivot, and there were two hands there waiting for them."

Despite North Carolina's impressive comeback, the final stats painted a picture of Kansas domination. The Jayhawks shot 53 percent from the floor and held the nation's second-leading offense to 35 percent. They had nine more rebounds, 10 more assists and six more blocks.

The basket looked as big as the Alamo for the Jayhawks, who made 12 of their first 16 shots and went on an 18-0 run for a 33-10 lead with 9:31

Meanwhile, the Tar Heels went a stunning 9:03 without a basket. No team has overcome a deficit bigger than 22 at the Final Four, and it was around the time that the lead was 40-12 that none other than Billy Packer, the CBS analyst, said the game was over.

But Carolina turned this into controlled chaos over the first 10 minutes of the second half, altering Kansas shots and making pretty much everything they threw up — including a 3-pointer by Ellington (18 points) with 9:20 left that made it 58-53 and had the Tar Heel fans in a frenzy.

Throughout the rally, Self called time-out after time-out and eventually, North Carolina cooled and Kansas ran away.



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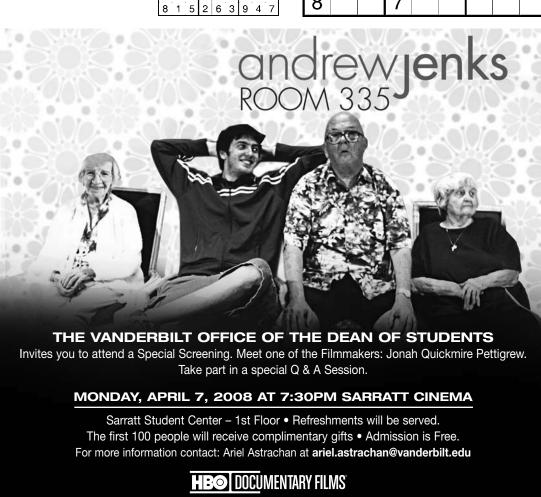
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