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THE WALL

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TODAY

Vandy Mile Bonanza

Students are invited to participate in the second annual Vandy Mile Bonanza, which will be held at the Vanderbilt Track Complex. All event proceeds will go toward providing a \$3,000 scholarship for a graduating senior from local Pearl Cohn High School. The open mile begins at 6:15 p.m., and the Greek relay will start at 7:30 p.m.

TODAY

World on Wednesdays

Executive Director of the Sudanese Community and Women's Service Center Gatluak Ter Thach will discuss the resource center at 12:10 p.m. in the Student Life Center Lower Level Meeting Rooms 1 and 2.

TODAY

God in country music videos

Professors James Hudnut-Beumler and James Byrd, who specialize in American religious history in the Divinity School, will analyze eight country music videos with special attention to religious content in the lyrics and religious imagery in video conception at 4 p.m. in the Divinity School art room.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

Cold War lectures

Professor Helena Goscilo from the University of Pittsburgh will discuss films produced between 1990 and 2005 in the U.S. and Russia that reveal attitudes about the relationship between the countries in "Fade from Red: The Cold War Ex-Enemies on Screen" on Thursday at 4:10 p.m. in Furman Hall, Room 114. She will continue the discussion Friday in Buttrick Hall, Room 205 by examining of Soviet and post-Soviet criminal tattoos at 11 a.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

Review release party

The Vanderbilt Review, the campus's literary magazine, will release its 23rd volume in Alumni Hall, Room 117 at 6 p.m.

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

KISSAM

Making the best of it

Housing, Dining, VSG collaborate to make drastic changes over summer.

by ELIZABETH MIDDLEBROOKS
Editor in Chief

Kissam Quadrangle has a reputation for being one of the least desirable places to live on campus, but all that may change this summer.

Upgrades and renovations to the buildings include new carpet in all dorms, new laundry facilities in Kissam Hall, plasma TVs and a Varsity Market in Hemingway Hall. The modifications will total more than \$1.3 million.

Changes already in place or under way include the replacement of curtains with blinds, new carpet in corridors and student rooms and furniture and bathroom upgrades. One controlled-access entrance from the courtyard-facing side of each building and multiple picnic tables between the halls will be added this summer.

HOW MUCH WILL THE CHANGES COST? WILL KISSAM STILL BE DEMOLISHED?

About \$1.3 million from the Office of Housing and Residential Education will fund the Kissam renovations. The budget for the Varsity Market is not yet determined.

The most expensive improvements are the carpet replacement (\$403,926), furniture upgrades (\$358,000), and Kissam laundry and kitchen additions (\$251,000).

But in spite of the upgrades and investment, Kissam will be demolished in the future to make way for College Halls residences, according to Jim Kramka, senior director for housing facilities, operation and management.

"We've picked Kissam as something students are telling us needs additional attention," he said. "(But) we don't want to see that money lost in a tear down. ... We're trying to be prudent with how we spend the money."

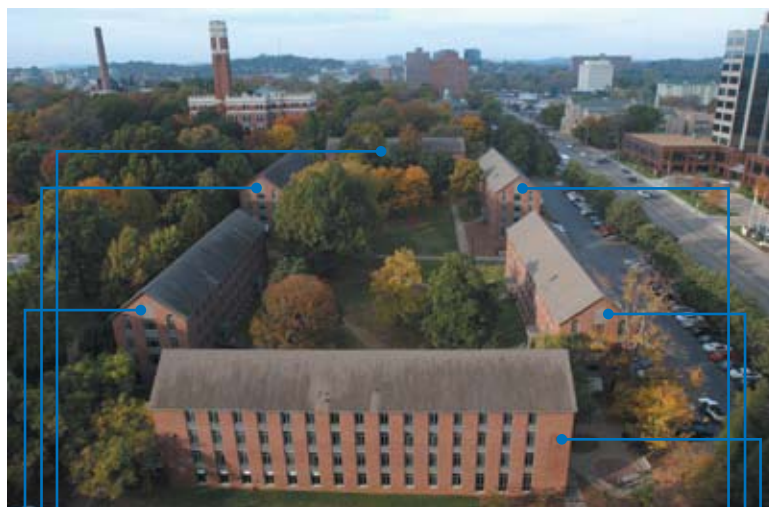
Ann Nielson, director of housing facilities, pointed out that most of the furniture and other amenities can be reused. She also said the money comes directly from Housing, not from the endowment or other university funds.

WHO WILL LIVE IN KISSAM?

Some changes have gradually taken place in the buildings since Housing determined that upperclassmen would reside there, said Vanderbilt Student Government President Joseph Williams.

"While Kissam Quad will be (demolished) in the future, several ... upperclassmen will be living in Kissam," he said, "and those residence halls in their current state are simply not quality upperclassman living."

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Renovations by building

KISSAM

Renovations:

- Larger laundry with 15 washers and 18 dryers
- Student lounge with common area kitchen
- Game tables and TV lounge with 42-inch flat-screen TV
- Carpet

Total cost:
\$257,000



DYER

Renovations:

- 65-inch plasma TV and sound system
- LoveSac seating
- Carpet

Total cost:
\$24,000



MIMS

Renovations:

- Vending machines with tables and chairs
- TV lounge using reupholstered furniture and 42-inch flat-screen TV
- Carpet

Total cost:
\$10,000



CURREY

Renovations:

- Reupholstered furniture
- 65-inch plasma TV
- Two study rooms
- Carpet

Total cost:
\$21,000



REINKE

Renovations:

- Exercise room with two motion trainers, one bike, one treadmill and
- a wall-mounted TV
- TV lounge
- Carpet

Total cost:
\$38,000



HEMINGWAY

Renovations:

- Varsity Market
- Lounge area with tables and chairs

Total cost:
undetermined



ALL BUILDINGS

Renovations:

- Access-controlled entrance on courtyard side
- Blinds in all rooms*
- Furniture upgrade*
- Bathroom upgrades and full-length mirror in individual rooms**
- Desk chair replacement
- Corridor carpet replacement and student room carpet**
- Picnic tables

Total cost:
\$978,526

GRAND TOTAL FOR ALL UPGRADES:
\$1,328,526
(excluding Hemingway)

*Improvements already complete.
**Improvements partially complete.

CAMPUS NEWS BRIEF



WEISS

Engineering professor receives NSF CAREER award

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Sharon M. Weiss, assistant professor of electrical engineering, has received the National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Development Program Award, Vanderbilt News Service reported.

She will receive \$400,000 over five years to support her efforts to achieve faster and more accurate detection of biological and chemical materials by using portable porous silicon waveguides. Her work has impact on medical diagnostics, environmental monitoring and homeland security, the press release said, as well as offers additional research experiences to undergraduates.

One of the CAREER Program's objectives is to identify the next generation of leading researcher-educators. The NSF receives about 2,500 applications for the 400 CAREER grants it awards annually.

During the past two years, seven Vanderbilt engineering professors have received CAREER Awards, putting the School of Engineering among the top recipients of these awards nationally.

Professors discuss, debate globalization

by ADAM WEINSTEIN
Asst News Editor

Students packed the Student Life Center Ballroom on Tuesday night as a panel of Vanderbilt professors came together to answer pressing questions about globalization at the Model United Nations first Spring Gala.

The discussion centered on globalization, a fitting topic for a group with such a global focus.

"We were looking for something that affects Vanderbilt students," said Matthew Orton. "With more and more people going abroad and our students going out to work in different countries, globalization struck us as an important topic."

Professors John Lachs, Stephen Buckles, Malcolm Getz, Klint Alexander, Helmut Smith and Michael Bess were all on hand to argue the merits of globalization and how the U.S. might be able to further the cause.

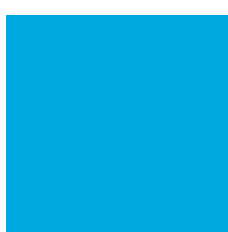
Students asked the panels questions on topics ranging from who in the world should be sending troops to provide aid against the genocide in Sudan, to whether a higher amount of trading in the global market would prevent military conflict from arising in the future.

The consensus among the panelists was that even though the wealthier nations of the world are doing a good deal to encourage globalization and international networking, there is still more to be done. On top of that, they stressed that there is always more to be gained by globalization, even starting here at Vanderbilt.

"It's a wonderful thing to have students circulate," Smith said. "Students shouldn't just stay here at Vanderbilt. The more students we can have going abroad and the more exchange programs we have here, the more we can further the cause of globalization."

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CORRECTION

In Monday's issue of The Hustler, the Fashion for a Cause photo caption incorrectly identified senior Ashley Banks as senior Akua Hill. The Hustler regrets this error.

WEATHER

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THURSDAY



T-Showers, 64/56

FRIDAY



T-Showers, 68/51

SATURDAY



Few Showers, 63/45

VUPD CRIME LOG

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There is no crime to report.

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1 As gasoline nears \$4 a gallon, Congress has questions about big profits

WASHINGTON — The Associated Press reported that top executives of the five biggest U.S. oil companies were pressed Tuesday to explain the soaring fuel prices amid huge industry profits and why they weren't investing more to develop renewable energy sources such as wind and solar.

The executives, peppered with questions from skeptical lawmakers, said they understood that high energy costs are hurting consumers, but deflected blame, arguing that their profits — \$123 billion last year — were in line with other industries.

2 Foreclosure relief bill clears first Senate hurdle as GOP relents

WASHINGTON — A legislative effort to address the nation's home foreclosure crisis moved forward in the Senate Tuesday as Democratic and GOP leaders defused a potential filibuster, The Associated Press reported.

The move means dropping a Democratic plan — strongly opposed by Republicans and President Bush — to give bankruptcy judges power to cut interest rates and principal on troubled mortgages.

3 Wall Street surges on UBS and Lehman Brothers stock news, economic data

NEW YORK — Wall Street began the second quarter with a big rally Tuesday as investors rushed back into stocks amid optimism that the worst of the credit crisis has passed and that the economy is faring better than expected, according to The Associated Press. The Dow Jones industrials surged almost 300 points.

Financial stocks were among the big winners after Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and Switzerland's UBS AG issued new shares to help bolster their balance sheets. With that upbeat news and a fresh quarter ahead of them, investors appear quite willing to make some bets that the worst of the damage from the nation's credit struggles has been felt.

4 Clinton likens herself to legendary film boxer Rocky, says she won't quit

PHILADELPHIA — Perhaps the analogy was inevitable: Hillary Clinton as Rocky Balboa.

Addressing a meeting of the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO Tuesday, the former first lady and New York senator said that she, like Rocky, wasn't a quitter, The Associated Press reported.

Recalling a famous scene on the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Clinton said ending her presidential campaign now would be as if "Rocky Balboa had gotten halfway up those art museum steps and said, 'Well, I guess that's about far enough.'"

5 Zimbabwe's opposition leader denies talks under way over Mugabe's departure

HARARE, Zimbabwe — The Associated Press reports Zimbabwe's opposition leader says his party is not in discussions with President Robert Mugabe's team on the longtime leader relinquishing power.

Earlier, a businessman close to the electoral commission and a lawyer close to the opposition said such talks were under way.

But opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai said late Tuesday: "There are no discussions."

The opposition has claimed victory in Saturday's elections. But officials have yet to release results from the presidential vote.

6 Bush to seek path for ex-Soviet states Ukraine, Georgia to join NATO despite French-German opposition

BUCHAREST, Romania — Unflinching from a fight, President Bush told The Associated Press on Tuesday he fully supports proposals to put ex-Soviet states Ukraine and Georgia on the road toward joining NATO despite French and German qualms that it would upset relations with Moscow.

Bush's declaration laid the groundwork for an uncomfortable showdown when leaders of the 26-member military alliance gather in Bucharest for a summit Wednesday to Friday. France refused to back down under U.S. pressure.

7 Nashville authorities searching for escaped inmate

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Nashville authorities are searching for an inmate who escaped early Tuesday morning from jail, The Associated Press reported.

Davidson County Sheriff's spokesman Rick Gentry says 31-year-old Joseph Bennett escaped from the Correctional Development Center in Antioch.

Authorities say around 3:30 a.m. he stole a U-Haul from the facility and drove it to the I-24 Haywood Lane junction before leaving the vehicle there and probably fleeing on foot.

8 Tenn. senate committee votes against Ga. boundary commission

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee senators say they do not want to participate in a boundary commission proposed by Georgia legislators to consider moving the states' border, according to The Associated Press.

Members of the Senate State and Local Government Committee voted unanimously Tuesday for a resolution that formally rejects any participation in such a commission. The measure unanimously passed the House earlier this month.

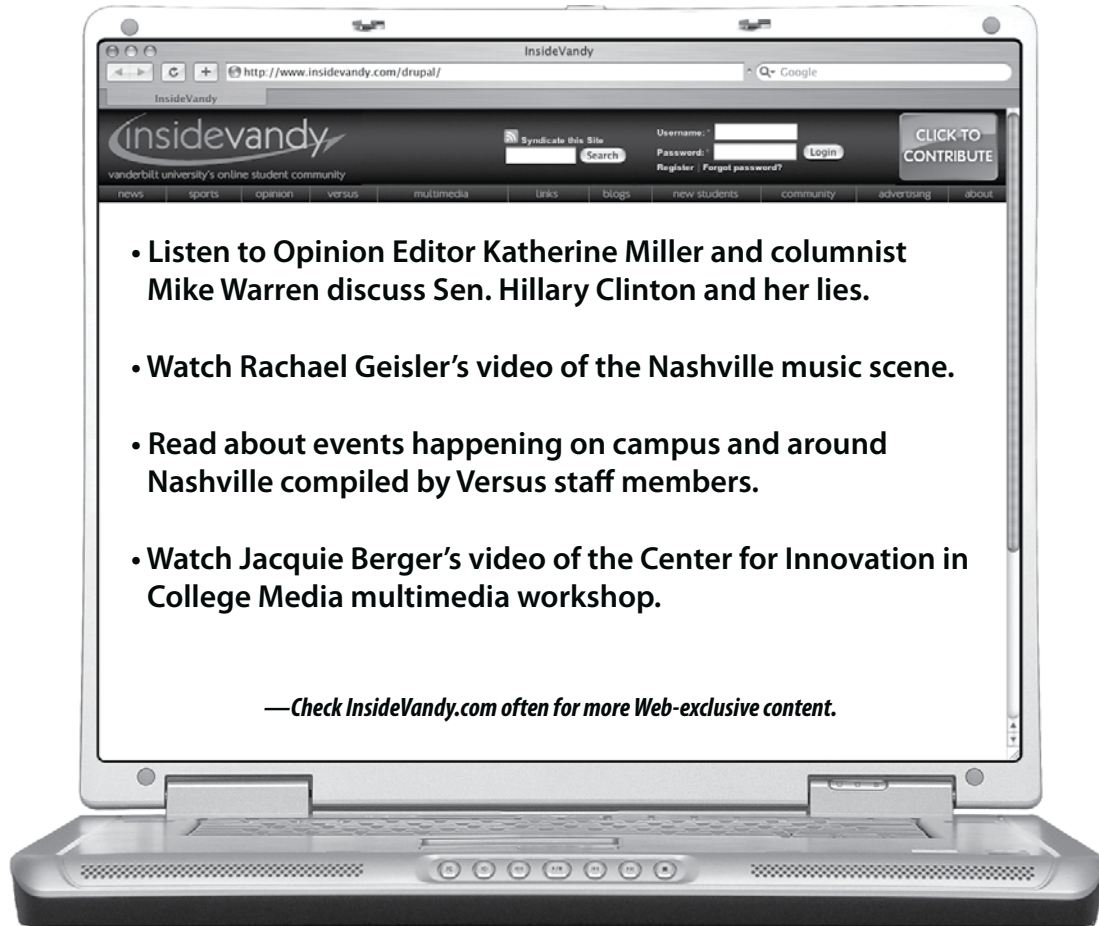
Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen has said he doesn't intend to change Tennessee's border.

9 In historic change, Army lets husband-and-wife soldiers live together in Iraq

BAGHDAD — In a historic but little-noticed change in policy, the Army is allowing scores of husband-and-wife soldiers to live and sleep together in the war zone — a move aimed at preserving marriages, boosting morale and bolstering re-enlistment rates at a time when the military is struggling to fill its ranks five years into the fighting, according to The Associated Press.

Long-standing Army rules barred soldiers of the opposite sex from sharing sleeping quarters in war zones, even if they were married.

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SNAPSHOT

COZY IN THE COMMONS



SAM KIM / The Vanderbilt Hustler

In the first installment of the new "Nashville in Our Living Room" series, Audrey Spillman and Vanderbilt student Ben Cameron performed with the rest of their band on Wednesday, March 26, in The Commons Center.

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Thursday, April 3

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Women's Singles and Doubles Selections: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Men's Singles and Doubles Selections: 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Seniority is a factor in these selections. Students selecting rooms with four (4) point ballots will select before students with three (3) point ballots.

The following buildings have single rooms:

Central Campus: Carmichael Towers East, Cole, Tolman, Barnard, Vanderbilt, Kissam, Dyer, Mims, Currey, Hemingway, and Reinke

The following buildings have double rooms:

Central Campus: Carmichael Towers East, Tolman, Branscomb Quadrangle, Barnard and Vanderbilt Hall

Participants must bring both copies of their printed contracts and current Vanderbilt identification cards to the selection.

Office of Housing and Residential Education
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KISSAM: Changes benefit upperclassmen

From KISSAM, page 1

Because the Class of 2012 will live in The Commons on Peabody campus, upperclassmen will reside in traditionally freshman housing, including Kissam.

“(Housing) knew when upperclassmen were scheduled to live there, the improvements needed to be made,” Nielson said. “We started (making changes) three summers ago.”

WILL MOLD BE A PROBLEM?

According to Kramka, Housing hopes to eradicate

mold issues this summer. Room-by-room checks will be conducted, and any problems will be addressed.

“We’ll meet with Plant Operations to look comprehensively at the situation, but we don’t believe there’s a systemic issue here,” Kramka said. “(Mold can grow) in any room if the conditions are right, but we want to look at everything and make sure it’s operating right.”

VSG Director of Public Relations Theodore Samets said he does not believe the

mold is a major problem for Kissam and that VSG “couldn’t be happier with how Housing handled the situation.”

WHAT KIND OF VARSITY MARKET WILL GO IN?

Hemingway Market will be constructed to occupy about half of the Hemingway lobby, with the other half holding tables and chairs.

According to Interim Director of Dining Camp Howard, the market will be slightly larger than the Junior Varsity Market in Sarratt Student Center but

will contain many of the same amenities found in the Varsity Market in Carmichael Towers East.

Howard said it will have “typical Munchie Mart items,” as well as coffee drinks like espresso and cappuccino.

He said the budget is fluid, as Dining is still taking construction bids and the market is in the planning stage.

“We wanted to provide students (in Kissam) with the same things students in other pockets of campus have,” he said. “We’re excited about it.”

DID VSG DO THIS?

Upperclassman housing improvements were a cornerstone of Williams’ and Vice President Wyatt Smith’s VSG campaign, and Smith said Kissam has room for improvement.

“Kissam may not be up to par with some other buildings, but the goal is to make it better,” he said. “We want to work toward a system where living in Kissam has a lot of positives.”

Williams said upperclassmen deserve a higher-quality experience than Kissam in its

current state would provide.

“This will be the living space for rising sophomores for the next two to three years, and it needs lots of improvements — not just small ones but big ones,” he said. “This Kissam will be much different than the one of prior years at Vanderbilt.” ■

—For more on the Kissam renovations, see “Our View” on page 4.

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Athletes stand together against assault

by ALEKSEY DUBROVENSKY
Sports Reporter

With the hundreds of student-athletes gathered together on Monday evening in Sarratt Cinema, something was bound to occur.

But unlike any athletic accomplishment that any of these golfers, tennis players, goaltenders or linebackers had displayed before on the athletic field, this show of strength was of a decidedly unique flavor.

Athletes Against Assault, a joint initiative between Vanderbilt Athletics and Project Safe at the Margaret Cuninggim Women’s Center, staged a documentary titled “Body & Sold” at the gathering. It told the stories of seven young adults, five women and two men, who were sold and abused in the prostitution trade in America. The victims depicted the violence and cruelty they had experienced and described how difficult it was to “break free” of the bondage their choices and society had lashed upon them.

“I think this is an incredibly important issue,” said senior men’s basketball player Alan Metcalf, who participated on the task force for AAA this year and worked the event as an usher. “Since we’re athletes on this campus, we’re leaders, and we want to set a positive example for our teammates and for fellow students.”

The event was only open to Vanderbilt’s student-athletes, but the event organizers hope the messages conveyed in the performance will be carried on to the rest of the student body. A previous presentation of this

documentary that was open to the campus community was not attended well, but members of the AAA task force said they hope positive reviews of this performance will garner enthusiasm for another presentation to the student body in the future.

“To form this task force, we asked that each of the varsity athletic teams select one team member and assign them to this project,” said Kacy Silverstein, one of the project’s co-directors and associate director of Project Safe. “Each of these student-athletes who helped make this possible have met once a week all year and put together this performance.”

The show was one of several events the AAA task force has attended and promoted around campus over the school year. Other events they participated in include Take Back the Night, These Hands Don’t Hurt, Clothesline Project and Mentors in Violence Prevention training.

The evening received positive reviews from those who attended.

“You won’t believe some of the amazing things I heard people saying about the show as they were exiting after the performance,” Silverstein said. “We hope that these athletes who participated can take these messages back to their teams and that these athletes might take this message to the rest of the Vanderbilt community.” ■

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A Lupton chorus line



OLIVER WOLFE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Freshmen Craig Turner and Deno Saclarides, members of the band Zantzing Chorus, practice before the band recorded songs Tuesday afternoon. The band involves most of the sixth floor of Lupton House in Branscomb Quad, and the group will have about 500 CDs for sale soon.

MODEL UN: Panel stresses benefits of globalization

From MODEL UN, page 1

Smith went on to say that globalization’s benefits are multifaceted and essential.

“There is a cultural positive to globalization in that, the more you experience other places, the more enriched you become and the more you enrich other people with what knowledge you have. Exchange is a good thing,” Smith said. “There are also a whole series of problems — nuclear proliferation, global warming and environmental change — these are only questions that can be answered by the larger global community.”

The cause seemed to resonate with the Vanderbilt community, as

a large turnout lent itself to poignant questions and debate.

“I was really impressed with the turnout of professors and student body,” said Leslie Esbrook, who organized the event as the philanthropy chair of Model UN. “I’m really glad to see that they all engaged and responded to this setup. We thought up the idea of an interdisciplinary panel because students and professors here don’t always have that much interaction outside the classroom. We wanted to provide an opportunity for them to converse without the sense that they were being graded.” ■

College will offer election-based courses to students in fall

by NORAH SCANLAN
Staff Reporter

In response to the upcoming presidential election and the newfound role college students — many of whom could not vote in the 2004 elections — will play in it, the College of Arts and Science is offering two election-based courses this fall, Humanities 161 and Political Science 150.

Humanities 161: Mass Mediated Politics: Images and Issues, will be taught by Bruce Barry, professor of management and sociology, and John Sloop, the head of the communication studies department and associate dean for undergraduate academic affairs in the College of Arts and Science. The course, which will feature a great deal of guest speakers and is open to all majors, will focus on how political and social discourse throughout the presidential

campaign shapes the course of the election.

“Students will really think deeply about how the press construct and transform the election,” Barry said. “The course will explore how issues, both provocative and controversial, play out.”

Barry also stressed the importance of this election, as much is at stake and its underlying concerns impact the entire American population, including college students.

In addition, another course, Political Science 150: Election 2008, will be taught by John Geer, a distinguished professor of political science and editor of The Journal of Politics; Bruce Oppenheimer, professor of political science and director of graduate studies; and Vin Weber, a former Republican congressman and a consultant who worked for former Massachusetts senator and Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney.

This class will combine both the academic and real-world sides of the democratic process, giving students a sense of how elections work, why people vote as they do and why candidates act as they do. As the course is only offered every four years, it will be many students’ only opportunity to expand their knowledge of elections.

Geer, who said he enjoys teaching the course, said he is especially excited about the addition of Weber, who he said will give the course “a real-world feel to it.”

“It will be more fun with Weber,” Geer said. “He will offer additional insight and perspective.”

The course, Geer said, is an introductory course that is open to students of any major. ■

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OUR VIEW

Kissam's improvements will be positive, but change little

On the surface, the proposed renovations and improvements to Kissam Quad, small though they may be, seem somewhat pointless in the context of Kissam's numbered days. Comparatively, though, the \$1.3 million the Office of Housing and Residential Education is going to spend does not constitute much in the larger scheme of funding for housing on campus.

Considering the proportionally small amount of money the changes will constitute, the improvements should actually provide a welcome, albeit small, increase in the quality of living at a low cost. In addition, the funding itself comes from Housing's existing funds — it isn't as though the 42-inch flat screen will come out of an additional fee for students. The Munchie Marts will be positive additions for obvious reasons, and the replacing of the carpet seems like it will help the mold issues that have afflicted Kissam this year. The accompanying pledge to do more extensive testing and treatment this summer concerning

the mold situation may also bring about a significant improvement in the quality of life next year. The increased laundry facilities should most enhance the quality of living — veterans of Kissam know the malaise of the trek to Vandy-Barnard in February with a laundry basket.

These developments represent an earnest effort on Housing's part to mitigate the unfortunate state of the Kissam dorms, which should not go unappreciated.

Nevertheless, given the inevitable delays incurred with construction that imply the College Halls initiative may not begin within the two- to three-year time frame that is often floated around, the editorial board cannot help but balk a bit at the optimism with which the proposed changes have been presented. Perhaps this is cynical conjecture, but no undergraduate will suddenly be so stirred by new carpets in Dyer that they leap at the chance to live in Kissam.

The timing of the announcements also leaves a little to be desired. New

carpet feels like a consolation prize to those undergraduates awaiting their housing lotteries during this week and next week. Not to be glib, but for those on campus who have relegated themselves to living in Kissam, or other current freshman housing, there seems to be a general distaste for the faint optimism that surrounds these improvements. Housing would have been wise to just let the housing-related anger simmer for a few weeks, at least until the lotteries were finished, so the improvements might have come as a pleasant surprise. Don't ruin our party just yet, Housing.

The proposed improvements should facilitate a better living experience, to some extent, in Kissam, but in the end, it's still Kissam.

Looking for the cold, hard facts?

For more information about the proposed changes to Kissam Quad, see today's story on page one of the News section.

LETTER

Divinity Library rant insults faith

In response to the Divinity Student's Rant:

I was able to dismiss the Relentless Religious Ranter's first rant as a rare release of utter frustration that risked "comedic" religious reference, albeit irreverent, in hopes of retaining your ridiculous notion of library "rights." Now that you have resumed this rant, I can no longer keep my response to your ridiculous and rude remarks so reserved. Your comments are insulting to people of faith, to people in general and to your own intelligence.

You have insulted people of faith through your flippant use of scripture as well as your blasphemous and unfounded description of the nature of Jesus Christ. As a student in the Divinity School, I am sure that you have learned by now that the most persistent character traits of Jesus as portrayed in the gospels of the New Testament were care, concern and unconditional love for all people. Some religious scholars would even argue that these were more important to Jesus than any notion of eternal salvation for the entirety of Christianity. Jesus doesn't "rebuke (someone's) ass" as you mentioned in your

Please see **GIST**, page 5

FACE OFF

The Commons will be good for freshmen.

REBECCA METRY

Guest Columnist

AGREE:

Coming out of the mad rush to secure housing for the fall, I have contemplated the sad truth that I will not be able to live on The Commons next year. I will admit to my jealousy, but delight in the improved first-year experience ahead. It has long been time to eliminate the three-tiered system of first-year housing, and the solution is finally here! The Commons will make it possible for first-year students to arrive on campus next fall and establish friendships based not on where students live, but on their similarities and intriguing diversity.

To an anthropologist, The Commons is considered an imagined community, but it is even more. First-year students will live within a five-minute walk of anyone they meet. Students will likely bond with each other over activities facilitated by their faculty heads of house. The Commons is a place, but even more importantly, it is a vision and an opportunity for all students.

Specifically, The Commons offers a living-learning experience. Faculty heads of house and resident advisors will host programs on The Commons where speakers may speak and food may be served. Musicians will be invited to play in the lobby of The Commons Center, and Vanderbilt Visions will finally have a central venue. These sessions will meet in The Commons and in several conference rooms, all within five minutes of students' halls. Student VUceptors will assist first-year students in their transition and be a presence at different programming on The Commons. Student and faculty VUceptors will facilitate pertinent discussion about life at Vanderbilt

and beyond throughout the first semester. Upon their arrival, first year students will be immediately linked to world-class faculty, upper-class mentors and their peers. They will be more connected to the university than they have ever been before, and this cohesion will spark discourse within the entire student body.

The quality of a Vanderbilt education is reliant not only on academic standards, but on the rich diversity and quality of students, faculty, administration and the differing perspective and backgrounds they have. The Commons develops an environment for the transaction of worldviews and ideas. Not only will professors live in apartments in the houses, but they will also serve as mentors and networking resources. All in all, this is one way of improving the quality of our Vanderbilt degree.

The Commons is about breaking down social barriers between groups and engaging these groups in open dialogue. The Commons is not physically isolated because, as an idea, it cannot be sequestered into one location.

As a symbol of unity and communion of thought, The Commons is anything but ordinary. It truly is an opportunity for all Vanderbilt students to unite and affirm that they are a part of the Vanderbilt community. On the surface there may be ten buildings and a beautifully "green" architectural structure complete with study, social and dining space, but the essence of The Commons is the communication of students, faculty and administration. In other words, it is Vanderbilt.

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AIMEE SOBHANI

Columnist

DISAGREE:

Most of this year, campus has been abuzz with talk about The Commons, an initiative to provide students with a collective "first-year experience." Incoming students will get a pretty good deal because on the surface, access to a great dining facility and new, spacious dorms seem worth the trek from Peabody to main campus. Though the administration hails The Commons as the greatest idea in history, I can't think of a more divisive endeavor.

With the physical separation of main campus and The Commons comes disunity of the student body. Though first-year students will get to spend every waking minute together (which, from experience, may leave a little to be desired), they will spend much less time interacting with upperclassmen and becoming involved in many of the great organizations that Vanderbilt has to offer.

As a member of a few of the smaller organizations on campus, I can tell you firsthand it's tough to generate interest, no matter how many e-mails you send to the student body. I wonder how difficult it will be for student organizations to gain fresh members next year. I am often not willing to attend certain club meetings just because I don't want to take a 10-minute walk through cold, rainy weather. If I lived on Peabody, I probably would be less likely to brave the elements just to go to a meeting. Unless the Vandy Vans suddenly become more numerous and predictable, I think the "average person" will be deterred by the lengthy commute.

Participation in campus organizations will not be the only thing affected by the freshmen's isolation on The Commons. Attendance at certain campus events and lectures will probably decrease as well. Now, on a whim, I may choose to

see some obscure speaker or to attend a philanthropic event or two, but that's because it is not overly inconvenient for me to walk over to Sarratt or the Student Life Center.

Maybe I am not expecting enough out of next year's new students. Perhaps they aren't that lazy — maybe they are driven and enthusiastic. Maybe they will want to go the extra mile (literally). In all honesty, next year's freshmen will probably be just as apathetic as current students, and thus, I think it's safe to predict that many students will not be willing to make the long journey from Peabody to main campus unless they are really enthusiastic about a certain club or event.

Since the separation from the main campus will probably negatively affect freshmen's involvement in extracurricular activities, first years will miss out on opportunities to meet upperclassmen. Though I've met a fair number of upperclassmen in my classes, I have met many more who actually share my interests through my participation in campus organizations and campus events.

I expect, however, that one of the underlying reasons for the creation of The Commons is the separation of freshmen from upperclassmen that could "negatively influence" them. Of course, this plan will never reach fruition because first years will continue to go to parties (after all, people are pretty motivated to party, and the Vandy Vans do run from 5 p.m. to 5 a.m.) and make poor decisions. Oh, well; I guess it's the thought that counts.

Bottom line: The Commons might look good on paper, but in reality, it will probably just lead to a less cohesive student body overall.

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COLUMN

Will women and men ever be equal?

DAWN SILER
Guest Columnist

As the academic year comes to an end, many seniors here at Vanderbilt are preparing to begin careers in the real world or continue their education at a graduate school. While all seniors have reason to be pleased with their accomplishments, female graduates also can be very proud of the great strides women have made in educational equality in the last half-century.

Were we to travel back in time to the 1950s, we would see female college graduates as more an exception than the rule. Women at that time, in many instances, were faced with a stark dichotomy of choosing either family life or a career. The career options they did have were severely limited. Graduate and professional schools maintained even fewer slots for females than undergraduate universities, for society expected women to return to the home where they could raise a family and tend to their husbands. No need to attend law school if the only person you're trying to prove guilty is your son when he gets in trouble at school. Today, women have much broader options for post-undergraduate life. With the help of feminism and its determined proponents who pushed for Title VII, currently there is a greater number of women receiving baccalaureate degrees than men.

This phenomenon has extended somewhat to graduate schools,

where women face very few or no barriers on account of sex when applying to schools and receiving degrees.

Nevertheless, the workplace of now does not always reflect this progress. Sexism can still be prevalent in society and the workplace, where the highest positions still seem to be mostly held by men. On one hand, we may note that senior appointments take a lifetime to gain, and hence the workplace ratios at the executive end may not reflect the educational ratios until those graduating now and in recent years have reached full career maturity.

On the other hand, we may note that many women who have managed to climb the corporate levels have experienced what is called the "glass ceiling," or an invisible barrier to their upward progression just because of their sex. Right now we may also note that it is still less likely for a female graduating in May to attend graduate school than it is for a male to do the same, and that in many parts of America the popular culture supports this disparity. One is made to think: When will all the gendered workplace traditions finally be fully extinguished? A new generation of strong, educated women can continue to make a change — the candidacy of Hilary Clinton is proof of that — and hopefully, we will.

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GIST: Divinity library ranter misrepresents religious teaching, the educational mission of the Divinity School

From GIST, page 4

first rant, nor does he dismiss girls with leggings and Vera Bradley bags to the left, just because they have these possessions. I am utterly thankful for the chance that I had to learn these lessons myself as a Vanderbilt undergraduate student who was also a student in the Divinity School; perhaps though, you are a first year divinity student. As for your suspect scriptural "support," I will caution you on terms that you apparently understand quite well: "... ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction" (2 Peter 3:16 NIV).

You have insulted people in general by denouncing the intentions, intelligence, character and overall value of someone based solely on your ridiculous external observations. Facebook usage, cell phone usage, wardrobe choices or the like do not dictate someone's worth or suitability for time in the library and are therefore ridiculous measures of such. You have further insulted people in general by suggesting the library is

somehow of less importance to anyone but divinity students. Consider this scenario: A non-divinity student, perhaps one of the dreaded undergraduate minions, is taking one of their all too frequent 100 study breaks and happens to see a copy of the Bible, the Quran or the Talmud. He or she picks up the book and becomes enthralled with the concepts inside. This leads to further study of whatever interesting topic he or she had found, and before you know it, they decide they would like to become a divinity student or a religious practitioner. Is he or she now worthy of time in your precious Divinity Library? The arrogance and hypocrisy that you have displayed in this very manner is a very large reason that many people in this country consistently criticize people of faith. Please don't perpetuate the stereotype by perpetuating the stereotypes of others.

You have insulted your own intelligence by means of your Christocentric view of religion. Again, I am sure that given your studies you have learned by now that the Divinity School is a place for investigation of and enrichment

in all religions. Your persistent invocation of Jesus as sole protector of the Divinity Library is indicative of your ignorance as to the mission of the Divinity School, and thereby the library as a pivotal mechanism of that school. If your claims had any merit, then Abraham, Mohammed and any other number of key religious figures would also be plaguing the intrusive infidels of the Vanderbilt undergraduate student body.

I want to make myself clear: I am not saying this in an attempt to denounce you; that would simply relegate us to the same position. Rather, I am asking you to stop this ridiculous behavior for the sake of the aforementioned people. Stop this for people of faith, stop this for people in general and stop this for your own sake. Always remember, "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love" (1 John 4:8 NIV).

Matt Gist
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THE VERDICT		
Stand and be judged by the Hustler opinion staff! Compiled by Medora Brown		
Baseball		America's favorite pastime is back. Ryan Zimmerman would like to let you know.
Insurrection		Georgia third graders plotted to attack their teacher with a steak knife, handcuffs and duct tape. Is the teacher Piggy or Ralph?
Virgin and Google		In the year's best April Fool's joke, these two announced they'd establish the first colony on Mars, appropriately called "Virgle."
Rocky		Hillary Clinton compared herself to Rocky. Barack "Rambo" Obama was not available for comment.
Ringin'		New therapies have been able to combat tinnitus, or a persistent phantom ringing noise. Anybody else hear that?
Barbers		Studies show a higher incidence of cancer among barbers. It gives a whole new meaning to "a little off the top."
Moral turpitude		Reason to keep the U.S. safe, from fashionista Sebastian Horsley to fake plastic surgeon Daniel Serrano. Another win for DHS!
Air New Zealand		Passengers on flight from Fiji were fumigated before exiting. Definitely a great way to boost those declining passenger numbers.
Grass		The outfield grass of the Nats' new stadium will be kept unusually long and luxurious. Plus, it'll throw off visiting teams.
Hillary Clinton		Mrs. Clinton has challenged Obama to a bowl-off for Pennsylvania. Clinton will train with the Vanderbilt team tomorrow.



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SPORTS

THE RUN DOWN

W2W4

TODAY
Baseball at Middle Tennessee State
6 p.m.

Winners of five in a row, Vanderbilt (18-7, 6-3 Southeastern Conference) travels to Murfreesboro to play Middle Tennessee State today. The two teams met last week, with the Commodores winning in extra innings, 12-10, on a walk-off home run by freshman Curt Casali. The Blue Raiders (12-10-1) kick off a four-game homestand with Vanderbilt after a wild weekend that saw them score 48 runs in a three-game series, but win only two out of three. MTSU scored 34 runs in the second game of the series, shattering several team offensive records, but lost the final game 15-8.

Vanderbilt next travels to Oxford, Miss., to play Ole Miss this weekend.

THURSDAY
Women's track

Vanderbilt's track team returns to action this weekend as the team will send split squads to two different locations. The Commodores will compete in the Tiger Track Classic in Auburn, Ala., and the Stanford Invitational in Palo Alto, Calif., starting tomorrow. The Commodores enjoyed success over the weekend in Atlanta, Ga. Freshman Rita Jorgenson and senior Valerie Kazmer captured individual race wins to lead the Vanderbilt track and field team at the Yellow Jacket Invitational held Saturday at the George C. Griffin Track on the campus of Georgia Tech. Jorgenson continued her excellent start to her outdoor season by capturing individual wins in the 800-meter and 1500-meter races, while Kazmer blew away the competition in the 3000-meter race.

THEY SAID IT...

"It wasn't anything negative about the program or the coaches or the players or the school. I just didn't think it was the right place for me."

—KEEGAN BELL, on his decision to transfer from Vanderbilt

DAILY

34

Number of games Bell played in his only season at Vanderbilt, also the total number of games this season.

SEC STANDINGS
(BASEBALL)

Eastern Division:

Florida 7-2, 20-6
Georgia 6-3, 15-10
South Carolina 6-3, 18-7
Vanderbilt 5-3, 19-6
Kentucky 5-4, 22-4
Tennessee 5-4, 16-9

Western Division:

Alabama 4-5, 15-12
Auburn 4-5, 18-10
Ole Miss 4-5, 16-11
LSU 3-6, 16-10
Arkansas 2-6, 15-11
Miss. State 2-7, 11-15

Foster named second-team All-American

by BILLY SHERK
Sports Editor

He is already a Vanderbilt legend, topping the list of Vanderbilt's all-time leaders in points and 3-point field goals made.

He has already been commended by his peers and rival coaches after being named Southeastern Conference Player of the Year for his outstanding play in 2008.

And now, as he ascends into the professional ranks and departs from a campus that will forever remember his name, the 6-foot-6, 205-pound beacon of basketball mastery that is Shan Foster has added another accolade to his ever-growing resume: AP All-American.

Foster joins fellow selections Luke Harangody of Notre Dame, D.J. White of Indiana, Roy Hibbert of Georgetown and recent star Stephen Curry of Davidson on the second team All-American list chosen by The Associated Press.

The first team is comprised of North Carolina's Tyler Hansbrough and Kansas State's Michael Beasley, who were the top vote-getters, as well as Kevin Love of UCLA, D.J. Augustin of Texas and Chris Douglas-Roberts of Memphis.

Sadly, Chris Lofton of Tennessee, who Foster beat out for Player of the Year awards in the SEC, could only reach the measly third team.

Although Derrick Byars, after garnering the same SEC Player of the Year honors

last year, made it only to the honorable mention listings of the AP All-Americans, Shan Foster's body of work as an undeniable perimeter threat and clutch performer could not go unnoticed by the selection committee. The nets of Memorial Gym cringed from overuse every time Foster, who led the Commodores to a perfect record at home during the 2007-08 regular season, poised for one of his signature jumpers from the outside while guarded by a handful of defenders.

At times this past season, his play was near miraculous, such as his unforgettable 42-point effort against Mississippi State in which he sank nine straight 3-pointers to lead the Dores to an impossible 86-85 victory. He finished the season first in points per game in the SEC (20.5), first in 3-point field goal percentage (47.3), and first in 3-pointers made (133).

The awards for the 2007-08 basketball season do not end with the All-American selection, however. Also on Monday, Foster was named as one of five finalists for the prestigious Chip Hilton Award, which highlights a senior Division I basketball player for his outstanding character, leadership and talent. The winner, chosen by a panel consisting of famous basketball personalities like Dick Vitale, Bob Knight and Dean Smith, will be announced at the Final Four in San Antonio on April 7. ■



STEVE GREEN / VU Media Relations

Vanderbilt senior Shan Foster earned second-team All-American honors from The Associated Press for his outstanding play in 2008. Foster tops the list of Vanderbilt's leaders for points and 3-point field goals made. He was also named as a finalist for the Chips Hilton Award, highlighting a senior Division I basketball player.

HOW DOES SHAN FOSTER COMPARE TO HIS FELLOW ALL-AMERICANS?

3-POINT PERCENTAGE

Foster: 47.3

C. Lofton (Tennessee): 39.8

S. Curry (Davidson): 43.8

M. Beasley (Kansas State): 38.9

POINTS PER GAME

Foster: 20.5

Lofton: 16.1

D.J. Augustin (Texas): 19.8

K. Love (UCLA): 17.1

REBOUNDS PER GAME

Foster: 4.9

Lofton: 3.2

C. Douglas-Roberts (Memphis): 4.1

D. Rose (Memphis): 3.2

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Foster: 52.6

Lofton: 39.9

L. Harangody (Notre Dame): 51.5

D. Collison (UCLA): 49.1

Battle for the ball



SAM KIM / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Intramural soccer teams have begun practicing on the field near the Student Recreation Center. On Tuesday afternoon, Beta Upsilon Chi's team faced off against "Model Organisms" for a round of practice.

In order to participate in intramural sports, teams must register by a specified entry date.

—To watch a slideshow of Sam Kim's photos from the practice, go to:



Bell to leave Vandy, hoops squad

Stallings allows full release after Bell's 34 games in Commodore uniform.

by DAVID RUTZ
Asst. Sports Editor

After one season with the Commodores, freshman Keegan Bell has decided to jump ship.

The point guard, who played in a backup role to sophomore Jermaine Beal, averaged 2.7 points, 2.8 assists and 1.2 rebounds per game.

The decision seems to have stemmed from a difference of opinion between Bell and Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings regarding Bell's role on the team.

"It was just that, I felt like Coach's idea of a point guard and my idea of a point guard

contrasted a little bit," Bell said. "Whenever that happens, it's tough to be successful. That's not a knock against coach Stallings. It's just that sometimes players don't see eye-to-eye with the coach."

Bell played in all 34 games for Vanderbilt but did not start. Also, he was not as big a scorer in Vanderbilt's system as he was in high school, which Keegan's father, Dan Bell, said played into the decision to transfer.

"He wants a chance to feel like he can play freely," Bell said. "(Keegan) knows he's not going to shoot as much as in high school, but he does want to be in a position to let it go."

Stallings released a statement about Bell's departure but was unavailable for further comment.

"Keegan Bell has decided to transfer at the conclusion of the semester," the statement read. "We support that decision 100

percent and wish him well."

Bell can transfer to any school he wants since Stallings allowed him a full release. He will have to sit out next season due to NCAA regulations but will have three years of eligibility left regardless of where he goes.

The energetic guard had an eventful and successful season with the Commodores, who finished 26-8 and were ranked for the last three months of the season. He had a season-high 12 points against DePaul on Dec. 12, spurring a dramatic comeback with four 3-pointers. He also helped preserve Vanderbilt's victory over then-No. 1 Tennessee on Feb. 26 when he saved the ball from going out of bounds with a few seconds left in regulation and forced the Volunteers to foul. ■

—See Friday's edition of The Vanderbilt Hustler for in-depth coverage of Bell's decision to transfer.

No. 13 baseball drops Tuesday afternoon game to SEMO

by NICHOLAS HUDSON
Sports Editor

The defense struggled while the offense continued to shine last night as the men's baseball team played Southeast Missouri State in a game scheduled on very short notice. Vanderbilt (18-7, 5-3 Southeastern Conference) dropped the high-scoring game 12-8 after numerous offensive rallies.

Last night marked the return of Vanderbilt third baseman Pedro Alvarez. Alvarez, who has been out since February with a hand injury, scored two runs for Vanderbilt in his first game back. He managed one hit in four at-bats, a double in the third inning. Vanderbilt put together a very promising fifth inning and had the bases loaded when SEMO walked Ryan Flaherty and Alex Feinberg to score two runs. Shea Robin hit a sacrifice fly RBI to score the third run of the inning. Unfortunately, Vanderbilt stranded three runners in the inning, which would have been the tying and go-ahead runs.

Pitchers on both sides were having trouble last night. Both starters (Taylor Hill for Vanderbilt and Dustin Renfrow for SEMO) were relieved in the third inning. All but one of the ten pitchers used last night (Everyone except Vanderbilt closer Brett Jacobson) allowed at least two hits.

On the plus side, Vanderbilt's offense was effective throughout the game. They recorded 12 hits and eight runs. Feinberg, David Macias, Dominic de la Osa and Parker Hanks each had two hits. Once SEMO scored their first three runs in the third, Vanderbilt never gained the lead. The game was as close as 8-7 in the eighth inning before the Redhawks extended their lead by four runs. SEMO reliever Jake Kemper held Vanderbilt to one run in the final 2.1 innings to get the save and end the game.

The loss put an end to Vanderbilt's recent four-game winning streak. The Redhawks, who have already seen five games delayed or cancelled due to weather this season, should be very happy to pick up a win against the No. 13 Commodores, especially playing away on short notice. ■

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JOHN RUSSELL / VU Media Relations

Freshman Keegan Bell, a mainstay for the 2007-08 Commodores, will transfer from Vanderbilt at the end of the spring semester.

Curran named SEC Male Golfer of the Week

Commodores finish fourth at Furman; Curran earns overall second place.

by NICHOLAS HUDSON
Sports Editor

Junior Jon Curran earned the distinction of SEC Male Golfer of the Week on Monday after his team-leading performance at the Furman Intercollegiate Tournament propelled Vanderbilt into fourth place over the weekend.

Curran was the overall runner-up in the tournament, shooting a two-under 214 (71-72-71) in three rounds at the 6800-yard, par 72, Furman University Golf Course. He finished only one stroke behind the overall winner from University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. Teammate sophomore Hudson Johnson shot a one-under 71 in his final round and finished five strokes behind Curran shooting a 219 (74-74-71), which earned him seventh place overall.

By the end of the second round, which was delayed on account of darkness Saturday afternoon, Vanderbilt was seventh place in the team standings. Thanks to stellar play from Curran, Johnson and senior Billy

Whalen, who played his best round (73) on Sunday, the Commodores jumped three spots into a tie for fourth place 888 (295-302-291, +24) in the team standings. They ended 15 strokes behind the tournament winners, the UT Chattanooga Mocs.

Curran was awarded the SEC Male Golfer of the Week title by conference officials Monday after his performance at Furman over the weekend. This weekend marked the third consecutive top-two finish for Curran, after winning the overall field at Seminole Intercollegiate and placing second at the Kauai Collegiate Cup. He has been Vanderbilt's top golfer this season, averaging 72.54 over 24 rounds. He has shot at par or below in eight of his last nine rounds. In the most recent ranking by Golfweek, Curran is listed as 50th nationally.

Men's golf has been having a very successful season this year. At the same tournament where Curran won the individual title in Tallahassee, the team finished fifth overall. And two weeks ago, while temperatures were in the 40s on campus, coach Tom Shaw was enjoying his first tournament win of the 2008 season as the Commodores finished atop the team standings in sunny Kauai, Hawaii. The men's golf team will next see action April 6 at the Reunion Tournament in Jackson, Miss., where they hope to repeat their excellent showing at Furman. ■

VSS, XC sponsor Vandy Mile Bonanza

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The Vanderbilt's men's cross country team hosts its second annual Vandy Mile Bonanza Wednesday afternoon to benefit a college scholarship program some of its members began for Nashville's Pearl Cohn High School students.

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runner Rob Whiting a year ago. Students and community members are encourage to come to the Vanderbilt track, located on Natchez Trace, at 5:45 p.m. for fun and to assist in this worthy cause. Participants of all ages and fitness levels will run or walk one mile with organizers hoping to raise a minimum of \$10 from each person.

The Commodore varsity

runners will dress as "rabbits" to set a fun pace for the entire group.

The event will have heats that will lump runners into approximate skill and fitness sets that range from walkers to sub-5 minute runners.

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- 1 Bart or Belle
 - 6 Falls back
 - 10 Thick piece
 - 14 Alphabetical quintet
 - 15 Spring forward
 - 16 Land of Lima
 - 17 Provisions
 - 18 Moral fiber
 - 20 GA city
 - 22 At that place
 - 23 Marvel Comics man
 - 27 Scottish sculptor Paolozzi
 - 31 Dime
 - 33 Tabitha's TV grandmother
 - 34 Compulsions
 - 35 Compassion
 - 37 NYC opera house
 - 38 Ernie of golf
 - 39 Pages
 - 40 Freon or neon
 - 41 Function
 - 42 "Waterloo Bridge" painter
 - 43 Spring from
 - 45 Clan pattern
 - 47 Detergent additive
 - 49 Central theme
 - 51 Breeds of hunting dogs
 - 52 Active people
 - 54 Boxing Day mo.
 - 55 Four parts
 - 59 Footwear
 - 63 Sitcom award
 - 64 Stead
 - 65 ___ cotta
 - 66 Week elements
 - 67 Stitched
 - 68 Slammin' Sammy
- DOWN**
- 1 Took a load off
 - 2 Golfer's peg
 - 3 Volleyball filler
 - 4 Woos
 - 5 Steals, as livestock
 - 6 Yale booster
 - 7 Deflected
 - 8 Take to the tub
 - 9 Hasty drivers

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- 10 Propagate
- 11 Luau garland
- 12 Knack
- 13 Purchase
- 19 Struggler's sound
- 21 Writer Deighton
- 23 R-V connection
- 24 Wright and Brewer
- 25 Fishermen
- 26 "___ Frome"
- 28 Iceberg alternative
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