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THIS WEEK

Softball Extravaganza
Intramural Softball
Extravaganza sign
ups begin today and
will last until April 4 in
the Office of Campus
Recreation located on
the second floor of the
Student Recreation
Center. There is a \$10
forfeit fee (cash only)
due at time of sign up.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1 Model United Nations Spring Gala

Model United Nations will host Spring Gala, its philanthropy event, at 6 p.m. in the Student Life Center Ballroom. Dinner will be provided by P.F. Chang's, Qdoba, Roly Poly and Harris Teeter, and a panel of professors will speak and answer questions on the topic "Globalization 101."

TUESDAY, APRIL 1 Dance concert

The concert will be the premiere of Vanderbilt Dance Theatre, a dance company through Vanderbilt Dance Program, directed by Tom Shoemaker. The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. at Ingram Hall in the Blair School of Music.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1 'Uncounted' screening

Lecturer Judith Klass will screen the documentary "Uncounted," which claims election fraud changed the outcome of the 2004 election, led to even greater fraud in 2006 and looms as a threat to the outcome of the 2008 election, at 7 p.m. in Garland Hall, Room 101.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 RADR and ice cream

Rescue and Aid for the Dominican Republic will hand out ice cream on the Wall for \$2 a cone from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 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 towards 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.

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



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Alumna Mary Cady Ford struggled to raise daughter Caroline and finish her degree at Vanderbilt as a single parent. Her difficulties inspired her to found "Finished Up," a program that provides aid and support in various forms to single parents who double as students to allow them to have more options.

Fashioning for a cause

An all-student cast took to the runway to help raise money for teens.

by LAKENDRA SCOTTAsst News Editor

Sequins, stilettos and Polo shirts graced the runway in the fifth annual Fashion for a Cause benefit show.

Thursday's show was larger than it has been in the past, and the models were all students coming from organizations ranging from sororities to

—To view a slideshow of the fashion show, go to:

Students Promoting Environmental Awareness and Recycling. Involving students in the modeling was a way to encourage student involvement in the cause.

"We want people to come out and support the cause so we get models for the show from different organizations," said advertising chair Amanda Shield. "The other members of the organization come out and support the models, and everyone benefits."

This year, 23 student models displayed the designs of local Nashville boutiques. While the show has featured designers from across the country in the past, this year stores such as Posh and Boutique Bella were the stars of the runway.

"We got our looks this year from local stores," said Fashion for a Cause President Minnie Miller. "We realized that local Nashville boutiques were more accessible and easier to publicize."

While fashion is the main event, the real purpose of the evening is the children. The show changed gears this year and adopted a new cause, the Boys and Girls Club College Tour. Although they have supported the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in the past, the committee said they wanted



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Senior Akua Hill represented VIBE, the Black Student Alliance, Peer Educators and the MOSAIC Committee in the show. Fashion for a Cause is a yearly event that raises funds for chairty. It directly fundraises for the College Tours Program, which is dedicated to taking local high school students on college visits around the country.

to make sure they were reaching out to multiple charitable organizations.

"We thought it would be important to support different causes," Shield said. "We also felt like our contribution would really be felt at the Boys and Girls Club."

The children of the Boys and Girls Club opened the show with an interpretive dance, and the student groups VIBE and Spoken Word also performed.

The student-run organization began preparation for the fashion show in November but the organizational process became more intense in the past few months.

"We start preparing for Fashion for a Cause in November after Accessories for a Cause, our fall benefit," said advertising chair Amanda Shield. "It has been a long process getting ready for the show, and a lot of people have been involved."

Like many students in attendance, senior Alex Reich came to the benefit in support everyone's effort.

"My sorority sister Linda was in the show," Reich said, "and I came to support her. It's a good cause." ■

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CAMPUS NEWS BRIEF

Peabody College ranked as No. 2 education school in U.S. News & World Report rankings

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Peabody College is the No. 2 education school in the nation, or so says U.S. News & World Report in their most recent rankings of graduate, professional and specialty schools.

Multiple other graduate schools also increased in rank, Vanderbilt News Service reported, including Vanderbilt Law School, which rose to No. 15 after tying for No 16 last year, and the School of Medicine, which rose from No. 18 to No. 16.

"It is clear that Vanderbilt's graduate and professional programs are recognized as among the best in the country," said Chancellor Nick Zeppos in a press release. "We can point with pride to the many factors that make this possible, chief among them the quality and accomplishments of our faculty and students. That is the heart of a great university."

The annual rankings by U.S. News & World Report moved Peabody from last year's tie for third with Harvard University. Stanford University is ranked No. 1 this year with University of California — Los Angeles coming in at No. 3.

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Examining the White House from the inside out

by NORAH SCANLAN
Staff Reporter

On Jan. 20, 2009, said Bradley Patterson, 450 people will walk into the White House. Some will have never been there before, but they all will be

expected to run it.

So what does go on behind those doors where decisions affecting our country are made every

The celebrated author and authority on public policy, who will release his third book in August, spoke to the audience gathered in the Board of Trust room on Thursday evening about the structuring and functioning of the White House. He focused primarily on the reformation that is occurring in the White House under the leadership of President George W. Bush, especially emphasizing the change in the conduct of foreign policy, which used to be a hands-off matter but has now transitioned to become a personal affair.

The face-to-face interaction that occurs between our president and other chiefs of state is not limited to, Patterson said, "a handshake and a 'How's the wife," but rather it is expanded to discussion of significant problems or issues at hand. Personally conducting American foreign policy, Patterson said, has led to a change in the role of the presidency.

This alteration in public policy and how it is communicated is further revolutionized by the new facilitation of the long distance-secure teleconference that allows face-to-face interaction between the president and other prominent officials in his administration from different locations. Patterson, who has served on the staffs of three U.S. presidents and has worked in the Department of State, the Peace Corps, the Treasury Department and the Brookings Institution, emphasized that "candid, highly classified information" is exchanged using this device.

With this major change and \$20 million investment, the graduate of University of Chicago and of the National War College said "the presidency will never be the same again."

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On Wednesday, March 26, the "Our View" on page 4 made two errors regarding the departure of Vice Chancellor Mike Schoenfeld. First, Schoenfeld was referred to as "Mark Schoenfeld." Second, the "Our View" stated that he sends e-mails to English majors, when it is actually associate professor Mark Schoenfield who does so. The editorial board regrets the errors.

WEATHER

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WEDNESDAY



Sunny, 60/46



Mostly Cloudy, 74/59

VUPD CRIME LOG

Sunday, March 23, 8:52 p.m.:

A Sony Playstation was stolen from the Delta Kappa Epsilon house. Thursday, March 27, midnight:

Vehicle was stopped for driving without headlights. Three students in the vehicle were in possession of alcohol and all were underaged.

Friday, March 28, 9:48 p.m.: A male suspect forcibly fondled a female student and another stole her purse near Stevenson Center and Featheringill Hall.

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

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Shiite leader al-Sadr tells followers to defy Iragi government as US bombs more targets

BAGHDAD — The Associated Press reports that an Anti-American Shiite militia leader Muqtada al-Sadr ordered his followers Saturday to defy government orders to surrender their weapons, as U.S. jets struck Shiite extremists near Basra to bolster a faltering Iraqi offensive against gunmen in the city.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki acknowledged he may have miscalculated by failing to foresee the strong backlash that his offensive, which began Tuesday, provoked in areas of Baghdad and other cities where Shiite militias wield power.

CIA director calls Afghanistan, Pakistan border region 'clear and present danger' to US

WASHINGTON — The situation in the border region between Afghanistan and Pakistan where al-Qaeda has established a safe haven presents a "clear and present danger" to the West, the CIA director said Sunday according to The Associated Press.

Michael Hayden cited the belief by intelligence agencies that Osama bin Laden is hiding there in arguing that the U.S. has an interest in targeting the border region. If there were another terrorist attack against Americans, Hayden said, it would most certainly originate from the region.

Rice wins concessions from Israel. Palestinians to improve negotiating climate

JERUSALEM — Israel and the Palestinians on Sunday agreed to a series of "concrete steps" aimed at paving the way for a final peace agreement later this year, beginning with an Israeli pledge to remove some 50 roadblocks in the West Bank, U.S. officials said. The officials, traveling with U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, also said the Palestinians had agreed to step up their efforts to "prevent terror" in the West Bank according to The Associated Press.

Fierce debate expected over administration plan to revamp financial regulation

WASHINGTON — In proposing the broadest overhaul of financial oversight since the Great Depression, the Bush administration has kicked off a fierce debate. It pits those eager to revamp an antiquated system against an industry opposed to excessive regulation.

The administration is aware of the hardening lines. The 200-page plan set for release Monday comes with the financial system in the midst of the most severe credit crisis in two generations.

Large and small screen actors guilds cut ties before upcoming contract talks with producers

LOS ANGELES — Unions representing film and television actors will negotiate separately with producers in upcoming contract talks after board members of the TV actors union voted Saturday to sever a long-standing agreement between the two guilds, according to the Associated Press.

The vote by the board of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists came hours before a meeting with the Screen Actors Guild and just three months before the expiration of the contract covering movies and prime-time shows.

ICF seeks millions in Katrina overpayments from homeowners

NEW ORLEANS — A private contractor under investigation for the compensation it received to run the Road Home grant program for Katrina victims says in the rush to deliver aid to homeowners in need some people got too much. According to The Associated Press, it now wants to hire a separate company to collect millions in grant overpayments.

The contractor, ICF International of Fairfax, Va., revealed the extent of the overpayments when it issued a March 11 request for bids from companies willing to handle "approximately 1,000 to 5,000 cases that will necessitate collection effort."

Students say teacher grabbed wheel of out-of-control bus

SPRINGVILLE, Ala. — The driver of a bus carrying 44 children on a field trip to Chattanooga's Tennessee Aquarium passed out at the wheel, and a teacher's quick actions kept the vehicle from careening into oncoming traffic, students said.

Math teacher Amy King grabbed the steering wheel and tried to straighten the swerving coach, witnesses told The Birmingham

The crash Friday sent 20 people to the hospital, including the driver and King, the Associated Press reports.

Vanderbilt law professor named American **Council on Education Fellow**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Beverly I. Moran, a tax scholar and sociology professor who has served on the faculty of Vanderbilt Law School since 2001, has been named an American Council on Education Fellow for the 2008-09 academic year, Vanderbilt News Service reported.

Moran's fellowship appointment was announced by David Ward, president of the American Council on Education.

Moran, who was nominated for the fellowship by Chancellor Nick Zeppos, is one of 36 fellows selected this year in a national competition.

Bush facing resistance in NATO expansion goals in week before summit **WASHINGTON** — Ahead of this week's NATO summit, President Bush

has told alliance members he wants to expand the organization to include three Balkan countries and put Ukraine and Georgia on track for membership, according to The Associated Press.

Bush probably will get some of what he wants at the meetings Tuesday through Thursday in Bucharest, Romania. But with only nine months left in his term, Bush may find his ability to persuade European leaders diminished, just as it is with Congress.

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SNAPSHOT



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History professor Helmut Smith answers questions after the screening of "From the Beltway to the Green Zone," which was shown as part of the series "The Iraq War: 5 Years and Counting" that began in February and will run through April.



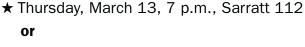
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WHITE **HOUSE:** Career in public service urged

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"It is now," he said, "an operating presidency. There have been 26 books about the lousy communication in Iraq, and I've read all of them. That miscommunication is now behind us."

Patterson also discussed the increase of the number of people working in the White House, which, he believes, is over 6,500. This large staff's legal authority is limited to assisting and advising the president. He further calculated the White House's 2008 fiscal budget to be \$1.6

"It's fun to talk about this," Patterson said in conclusion. He urged students to consider a career in public service as he stressed the need for brilliant, eager individuals and the moral rewards that come from such an occupation.

Students said they enjoyed the "insider" perspective Patterson

"We got to hear about the White House from a new perspective: inside," freshman Steven Menendez. "It was cool to hear Mr. Patterson speak after studying the White House in my political science class." ■

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FINISHING UP: Program provides assistance

From **FINISHING UP**, page 1

Ford became pregnant during her junior year and decided to keep the child. She dropped out of Vanderbilt for a year, still receiving credit through independent studies, and graduated a year late in 2006.

Now finishing up a master's degree at the Vanderbilt Divinity School and raising her 3-and-a-half-yearold daughter Caroline, she has founded a non-profit organization called "Finished Up." It provides the necessary assistance with things like housing, medical needs, childcare and counseling, which a single mother needs to complete her undergraduate or graduate degree.

"At Vanderbilt, even in 2004, there were no resources for a pregnant student," Ford said. "(The administration) wanted me to stay but didn't know what to do for me."

Ford, who planned from the beginning to keep the baby, said she felt like her only options were an abortion or adoption if she wanted to stay in school and on track.

"I shouldn't have to relinquish my dreams if I want to keep the baby," she said, "and girls at Vandy should be able to know, regardless of the choice they

make, that they can finish out their life at Vanderbilt."

And that is just what Ford set out to make possible with "Finished Up." She plans to include the Office of Financial Aid, student health, the Office of Housing and Residential Education and even Greek life in the program.

"My sorority enveloped me in love and were very supportive," Ford said. "(Caroline) grew up in the sorority house while I went to class."

Ford has ideas to include the Office of Greek Life by offering service credit to chapters on campus who offer to volunteer as babysitters.

Finished Up, the first program of its kind in the nation, has not only been well received at Vanderbilt, it has sparked interest across the country. Western Kentucky University, Western Michigan University and SMU are a few of the universities who have told Ford they want her program at their schools.

"Vanderbilt is setting the bar," Ford said. "We are telling other colleges that this is what you should be doing. It's groundbreaking."

Although Ford says there is not a huge demographic of pregnant undergraduate students, she thinks most girls who decide to have their baby subsequently

JOSH ANDERSON / photo provided

"Finished Up," which provides various forms of aid to single parents who are trying to complete their degree, would be the first of its kind. Alumna Mary Cady Ford said she thinks the program will offer pregnant students more options.

drop out and leave Vanderbilt. She is Finishing (school) to Caroline says that I living proof that it is possible to both stay in school and raise a child.

"Getting pregnant made my life dramatically change," she said. "I didn't have a social life for two years. I didn't date, I didn't go out, I worked odd jobs because I had to make ends meet. ...

can do this, and I did it for you." ■

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PEABODY: Research program also improves rank

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Owen Graduate School of Management

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"Peabody's elevation to No. 2 is very gratifying," Camilla Benbow, the Patricia and Rodes Hart Dean of Education and Human Development at Peabody, told Vanderbilt News Service. "More importantly, it reflects the outstanding efforts of our faculty and students who are inspired to address the thorniest problems in education. We have an obligation to contribute as much as we can to helping all learners be successful, and the new ranking suggests that we are meeting that obligation."

The research program at Vanderbilt University Medical Center moved up two spots to tie at No. 16 with the Pritzker School of Medicine at the University of Chicago.

"Our rise in these rankings is a direct reflection of the strength of our students and faculty, our superb environment for education, patient care and research, our highly respected residency programs, and our growth in National Institutes of Health research funding," Dr. Steven Gabbe, dean of the Vanderbilt School of Medicine, told Vanderbilt News Service.

In addition to ranking individual schools, the magazine looked at fields of specialty for each school.

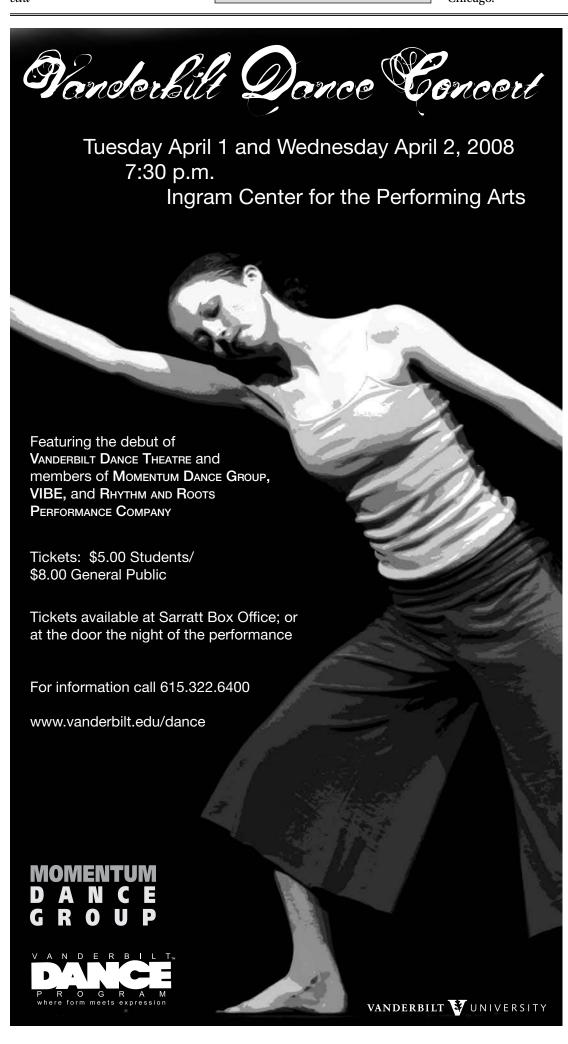
Vanderbilt University Medical Center's speech pathology program tied for No. 5, up from No. 6 in 2004, and audiology retained the No. 1 ranking it first earned

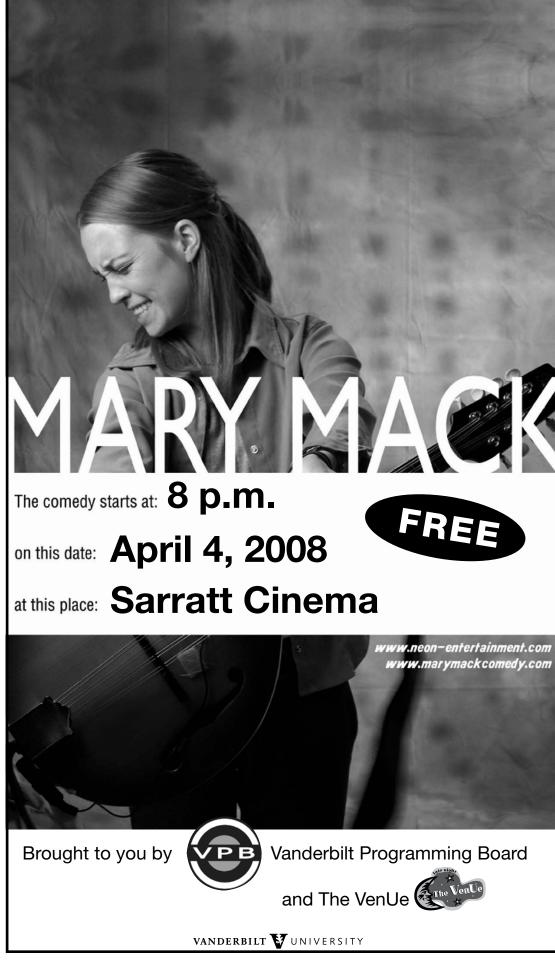
"We've received tremendous support from the leadership of the medical

center, we have a wonderful facility and tremendous people that work here," said Dr. Fred Bess, professor of audiology and chair of the department. "We're glad to have this affirmation of our work."

The Vanderbilt School of Engineering tied again at No. 42. Owen Graduate School of Management tied for No. 44, a drop from No. 34, in the business school

Specifically, Peabody was ranked the best in the nation for administration/ supervision programs, No. 2 for special education, No. 4 for education policy, No. 5 for elementary education, No. 8 for higher education administration, No. 9 for educational psychology and No. 10 for both curriculum/ instruction and secondary education. ■





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Finished Up creates deserved choice

A potential pregnancy poses a difficult choice for any female student, particularly at a school of Vanderbilt's caliber, where unplanned pregnancy tends to hold a stigma for an overachieving student body and fast-track career options produce limited options.

Mary Cady Ford's dilemma during her junior year at Vanderbilt — faced with an unplanned pregnancy, but determined to complete her degree — speaks to the perceived limited options. At the time, she felt the choice presented to her was between abortion and adoption, rather than the choice she made: raising her child and completing her degree.

As with any difficult choice of this magnitude, her circumstances forced Ford to sacrifice many of the trappings of the traditional college experience — she worked, didn't go out, didn't date. Nevertheless, she completed her degree, a profound individual accomplishment, especially considering the lack of available assistance. Her story serves as a reminder of the work and sacrifices incurred by many of our peers, like

those who participate in federal work-study.

An institution of higher learning must aim, first, to provide an education and the included opportunities. In the modern conception of the university experience, the expectation is that a student who earns acceptance to our university should be able to — through a variety of potential financial avenues, if necessary — matriculate and further themselves intellectually and socially.

Ford's organization, Finished Up, embodies an avenue by which a university can help provide for each student, regardless of circumstance. Since the creation of the non-profit group, the organization has been approached by multiple universities for the possibility of expansion. While the group likely does not cater to a particularly large constituency — the campus doesn't appear, on the surface at least, to have many pregnant students assistance to a pregnant student or young mother could drastically change the life of both mother and child.

Superdelegates, voters must decide Spencer Montalvo, Asst. Opinion Editor

The conventional wisdom is that Hillary Clinton cannot overtake Barack Obama in the race for the

nomination and that she should bow out for the sake of party unity. In the eyes of many party leaders she has already lost. While she is not winning, she not only has the right but also the momentum to stay in the race. The rush to anoint a winner is a disservice to the millions of voters in Pennsylvania and North Carolina. In situations like this, the voters must decide.

This being said, the sooner this conflict is resolved the better. Clinton doesn't seem like the kind of woman to vow to compete

until hell freezes over, and then suddenly drop out (John Edwards). The longer this conflict drags, the more difficult it will be to win the general election. The best way to end this and prepare for November is to convene the 800 superdelegates to select which candidate they want to endorse. Otherwise they can only hope the party will figure out a way to win an eight-week general election campaign.



Clinton should calm down, not bow out Glenna De Roy, Columnist

Calls for an end to the Democratic presidential primary have grown louder over the past week, but to suggest Hillary Clinton should guit seems premature. Millions of voters have yet to weigh in, and there remain

several issues for the two qualified candidates to discuss before the convention. But issues have not been the focus of either campaign as of late, and this needs to change before Clinton and Barack Obama do longlasting damage to their party.

Clinton needs to realize that trading barbs with Obama will not help her win more state delegates or attract superdelegates, though it will make party unity more difficult and make the general election harder for any Democrat to win. Attacks are not the only way to get the public to pay attention to the campaign, and they are not worth the negative consequences. It would benefit the candidates, the party and the nation to have a more civilized and dignified debate as this contest continues. Clinton will do minimal damage if she dials down the rancor and ups the substance, but otherwise, both candidates stand to lose.



Choice goes undefined in the strange world of primary voting

Thomas Shattuck, Columnist

Should Hilary drop out? A better question might be: Is there a reason she should drop out? I mean there are some problems with the infighting between the candidates; the constant bickering could affect the presidential election. All things considered, it is only reasonable for her to secede from the primaries if it prevents an electoral backlash.

This of course is rather debatable. Would Hilary supporters refuse to vote in the main election if she dropped out? Or would they refuse if she were just defeated in the normal fashion? The

> psychology of choice is defined under many theories, each one for different situations. Unfortunately, the primaries have become so complicated that it is near impossible to make any comment based on any firm theories. When it comes down to it, the only advantage of having her drop out might just be to give some kind of resolution to Obama supporters.



Should Hillary Clinton just drop up?



Even though Hillary Clinton

to surpass Barack Obama, there is really no reason why she should drop out of the race. Though Obama is currently in the lead, he does not yet have the

pendulum in Clinton's favor. After all, ten states still need to vote in the primaries, and perhaps the Democratic Party will decide to validate the results in the Florida and Michigan parties.

However, at this point in the campaign, it is important for both candidates to tone down some of their rhetoric. November is looming in the distant future, and Clinton and Obama should make sure not to destroy each other in the interest of their party. Whichever candidate wins the nomination needs to be in top shape if he or she hopes to beat John McCain.

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The future isn't certain by any means Aimee Sobhani, Columnist

cannot gain enough delegates

nomination. Some phenomenal event could occur and swing the

Olympics serve as a display of misplaced patriotism



With the hullabaloo over Chinese rights violations, the Beijing Olympics get overshadowed a tad bit. I'd say this is a shame, but it would be a blatant lie. Not to douse the aspirations of sports fanatics, but civil upheaval happens to be slightly higher on my list of priorities than the 100-meter dash, which actually is located between bubblegum machines and dying of Fatal Familial Insomnia (which is in fact a real malady). Oddly enough, many people disagree with my priorities. Sadly, there are plenty of idiots running around declaring that everyone should boycott the Olympics — as if this would do a damn thing.

At this point I should probably make it clear I don't hate the Olympics; I just don't like them either. This of course is a distinction only Chuck Klosterman, formerly of Spin Magazine, seems to understand. I don't see a point to them. The vast majority of the American populace doesn't care about archery and shot-putting on odd-numbered years. The

real question then is, "Why do we care about them during the Olympics?" The only theory I've got is misplaced patriotism.

Seriously, most of the viewers will be supporting the home team because they are in fact the home team. I find this profoundly messed up, which might make me slightly disloyal, but I generally support someone for qualities I think are important. For the record, the country where someone files his or her taxes is not an important quality. Being American does not make you a superior athlete, an exemplar sportsman or even a decent person, it just makes you American. Congratulations to you, resident of the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, Puerto Rico, American Samoa and/ or U.S. Virgin Islands (I'm not entirely sure whether Midway is still under the American flag).

After this, I really do sound as if I am hostile towards the Olympics. I repeat: I have nothing against them, or anyone who watches them for that matter. There are some exceptions of course. For example, if you steal a TV to watch them, I will be judging you — and finding you wanting of some innate Please see **SHATTUCK**, page 5

LETTER 'We Are **Vanderbilt'** displays the unity on campus

To the Editor,

Student leaders are often called on by friends, fellow students and administrators to publicly comment on general issues relating student life and relevant topics of concern to the student body as a whole. Other times, issues are so immediate and have such impact on individual students that student leaders are compelled to take initiative themselves. Last week's "We are Vanderbilt" campaign represents a great example of such an initiative, designed by students in reaction to an issue that has caused tremendous pain and suffering to a segment of our community. Mike Warren's Friday column, "VSG pledge makes lame attempt to 'save' us all," incorrectly categorizes the effort as an indictment of our campus as being overrun with racism and religious intolerance, an assertion that couldn't be further from the truth.

Like Warren, we (Vanderbilt Student Government) recognize that hatred and intolerance, cornerstones of many topics on JuicyCampus, are views limited to a minority of individuals who cowardly post written attacks on the website. By no means do we believe the initiative was needed to "save Vanderbilt's soul;" quite the contrary, it was needed to reassure community members personally abused or offended by the postings that the university stands with them and not behind the acts of spineless cyber abusers.

JuicyCampus is not indicative of widespread hate at Vanderbilt; instead, it is a symptom of a smaller issue: With anonymity as their protection, a few individuals are being allowed a forum for libeling individuals in our community and expressing hatred towards racial, ethnic, homosexual and religious populations. For weeks, the students hurt most by this violation of free speech have lacked a forum conducive to expressing their disgust and rejection of this intolerance within our community. On the university's part, silence at this point would have been implicit approval of this intolerance and hatred, and it was important that we provide the affected people with an outlet for publicly voicing their views.

Further, Warren's insinuation that VSG acted unilaterally in initiating the "We are Vanderbilt" campaign discredits the efforts of many individuals across campus working to craft a university-wide response to perceived intolerance and hatred in our community. Without the initiative and hard work of VUcept President Lauren Page Black, Multicultural Leadership Council President Joann Lee, Black Student Alliance Vice-President Courtney Williams and multiple university staff members within the Office of the Dean of Students, Office of the Dean of the Commons and Office of Greek Life, the campaign would have failed to achieve its purpose of facilitating a united campus response to the acts of a hate-spewing

Instead of characterizing "We are Vanderbilt" as a reaction to widespread intolerance within our campus, Warren should have acknowledged the true purpose of the campaign: to provide an opportunity for students to reaffirm their commitment to the values set forth in our Community Creed and offer individuals disgusted by online cowardice an outlet for publicly voicing their disdain for hatred in our community. The "We are Vanderbilt" campaign wasn't intended to dramatically unite our campus under an illusion of respect and acceptance; it simply proved we were together

> **Wyatt Smith VSG Vice President** Sophomore, Peabody College

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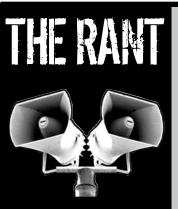
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Top 10 Reasons Why Drumline Should Not Return to Vanderbilt

FRANNIE BOYLE **Guest Columnist**

The world is full of people, and they can't all make the best decisions all of the time. So, as every news junkie knows, there are always plenty of mistakes, oversights, embarrassments and gaffes to go around and provide fodder for the relentless 24hour news cycle. Offered here are just a few of the more recent noteworthy anti-accomplishments from local, national and international news. While some of these are merely amusing, others actually raise important issues worthy of consideration and discussion.

- The traffic created by the many buses and trailers used to transport the instruments.
 - If you were a prospective student, what would you think about a bunch of high school-ers in velvet jumpsuits?
 - It gave many students another excuse not to go to the rec.
 - People who play instruments have to eat somewhere ... nearby.
 - I can't hear Ryan Flaherty's pump up song over those damn drums!
 - Leggings are out. Onesies with zippers in the back are in.
 - Who are they dressing for? The USS Enterprise stops for no one.
 - Not only do rising sophomores get shafted with housing, but they also get their own alarm clock that plays live music in the Branscomb quad at six in the morning.
 - The grade of 25th Avenue is too steep for those heavy drum sets to be pushed up.
 - The outfits made a "walk of shame" not look so bad.



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"Classes that suck need to have clocks that work."

"In case you've forgotten, The Hustler's opinion policy requires columnists to use 'logical argument,' not hypocrisy and stereotypes. Mike Warren's 'Vanderbilt is not hateful and intolerant' article was hateful and intolerant. Andrew Solomon's 'article' blatantly promoted the typical stereotype of Vanderbilt women and that was ALL IT DID. You should either follow your own opinion policy or stop printing it."

"I would like to take an opposing stance to Lil Jon's argument, albeit well-pontificated, on the subject of his intelligence, 'I am the wild and crazy, and out-there guy who's always screaming, but I'm intelligent too.' Look at him. Both pictures."

"I mean it: Undergrads, get out of the Divinity Library! We don't like you. Neither does Jesus. To the left, to the left, goats! Everything you own (leggings, Vera Bradley bags) — and your very existence in our library — sends you to the left!"

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"Of all the times for a TV channel to stop working, why must it be ESPN2 when I wake up at 5 a.m. to watch the Red Sox opening day game?"

"Why did the entire rest of the state of Tennessee get to watch the VU women's basketball game versus WVU in its entirety, while people watching on Vandy's campus, of all places, couldn't watch the Vandy game at all??? It would have been nice to actually watch and cheer on our team that made it to the Sweet 16."

Compiled by Katherine Miller

SHATTUCK: Patriotism exists as a superficial and divisive social construct

From SHATTUCK, page 4

human characteristic (you know who you are).

This aside, there are some problems with this superfluous loyalty (and yes, I do mean superfluous). patriotism is not limited to sports. It's a mentality that has permeated most of the social sphere. It's the concept of us versus them, the Neo-Con enemy theory. American social structure dictates that there must be an outside force to maintain cohesion among the citizenry, and without the aforementioned enemy, there is little to keep a farmer makes sense; I understand the theory, but I just find it vanderbilt.edu

bizarrely xenophobic.

I suppose I am meant to have an opinion on this, but I don't. Yeah, I don't particularly like it, but I'm not sure how you can replace it. The human animal is too fragile to live without just such a manipulation. To quote Chuck Klosterman, "My main fear is that the Saudi Arabian relay team will steal the gold in the 400-meter relay and moments before the event is rebroadcast in prime time — (Bob) Costas will be unable to resist telling us that the terrorists have already won."

-Thomas Shattuck is a in Iowa and film executive in freshman in the College of Arts Los Angeles together. This all and Science. He can be reached thomas.w.shattuck@

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SPORTS

GAMES OF

BASKETBALL Maryland 80, Vanderbilt 66

A great season came to an end for the Commodores when they were defeated by a powerful Maryland team in the regional semifinals in Spokane, Wash., on Saturday. The first-seeded Terrapins stormed out to a 26-13 lead and led 44-29 at halftime. The Commodores pulled to within 12 points early in the second half, but Maryland went on an 18-8 run and never allowed Vanderbilt back into the game. Junior Christina Wirth, who after being held to no points for much of the first half went on to score 13 points, led the Commodores. Sophomore Jessica Mooney came off the bench and kept Vanderbilt in the game by scoring 11 points. In her final game as a Commodore, senior Liz Sherwood made all three of her shot attempts and finished with six points and a block. Hats off to the Commodores for an outstanding season that defied expectations in every way. With every starter returning next season, the future looks very bright for Vanderbilt.

BASEBALL

Because of rainouts over the weekend, Vanderbilt was only able to play two of the three games scheduled against the Arkansas Razorbacks. The teams played a double-header on Sunday, with Vanderbilt pulling the sweep and completing an undefeated homestand. In the opener, the Commodores won an extra-inning thriller when sophomore Brian Harris hit a gamewinning double in the bottom of the 12th inning to score senior Parker Hanks and win

In the second game, which was shortened to just seven innings, redshirt freshman Caleb Cotham picked up the victory in a 6-2 win. Freshman Aaron Westlake drove in three runs to lead the Commodores. Vanderbilt (18-6, 5-3 Southeastern Conference) plays next at Middle Tennessee State on Wednesday in

THEY SAID IT ...

Murfreesboro.

"I just respect the kid so much because the tougher it gets, the better he is. ... He epitomizes what toughness is all about."

> IAN DUVENHAGE Men's tennis coach, on

player Nick Cromydas

SEC STANDINGS (BASEBALL)

Eastern Division: Florida 7-1, 20-5 Georgia 5-3, 14-10

Kentucky 5-3, 22-3 South Carolina 5-3, 17-7 Tennessee 5-3, 16-8 Vanderbilt 5-3, 18-6

Western Division: Ole Miss 3-4, 15-10 Alabama 3-4, 14-11 Auburn 3-5, 17-10 Arkansas 2-4, 15-9 LSU 2-6, 15-10 Miss. State 2-6, 11-14

RUNE A BITTER END IN SPOKANE



Coach Melanie Balcomb and the Vanderbilt bench look on as the No. 1-seeded Maryland Terrapins handed the fourth-seeded Commodores an 80-66 defeat on Saturday.

Maryland sends the Dores back to Nashville with 80-66 defeat in NCAA tourney.

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After lackluster efforts in the first two rounds, Maryland finally looked like a No. 1-seed.

Crystal Langhorne scored 28 points and Maryland's defense swarmedVanderbiltinaconvincing 80-66 win in the Spokane Regional semifinals on Saturday night.

Two years removed from their national title, the Terrapins are one win away from a return to the Final Four. Maryland will face either Stanford or Pittsburgh in Monday night's regional final. It will be the sixth regional championship game for the Terrapins.

And while Maryland's offense was again a model of efficiency shooting 51 percent and getting 14 assists on 29 baskets — it was a concerted effort at the defensive end that finally made the Terrapins look like championship contenders.

"We wanted to show our defense," said Maryland coach Brenda Frese. "We wanted to come out and play inspired for the first 20 minutes."

After delivering twin boys in February, Frese stomped and yelled at her players, lauding their effort on the defensive end. The Terrapins looked very little like the team who lost in the second-round last year, then sweated through a pair of closer-than-expected games on their home court to reach the regional semis.

The Terrapins (33-3) were inspired in the first half, holding Vanderbilt to just 34.5 percent shooting and forcing nine turnovers that Maryland converted into 10 easy points, quickly getting the pace to its liking. Vanderbilt's leading scorer, junior Christina Wirth, was held scoreless for the first 15:30, and only the aggressive play off the bench of sophomore Jessica Mooney kept the Commodores within 15 at halftime. Wirth finished with 13 points and Mooney added 11 for fourth-seeded Vanderbilt.

Langhorne was unstoppable in the first half, often getting set up by precision passes from point guard Kristi Toliver, who tempered her own offensive game to be more of a distributor.

"We have great guards, K.T. (Toliver) did a great job handling the ball tonight and getting the post easy touches," said Langhorne, who made eight of 13 shots in the first half, most inside the paint, as Vanderbilt failed to slow the ACC player of the year.

Maryland's 44 first-half points were nearly what Vanderbilt allowed in its first two wins — 47 points to Montana and 46 to West

After Vanderbilt pulled within 12 early in the second half, the Terrapins rolled off 18 of the next 26 points, capped by Langhorne's three-point play with 11:34 left. It gave Maryland a 20-point lead and the Terps never looked back.

Marissa Coleman added 19 and Marah Strickland had 13 for the Terrapins.

Vanderbilt relied on its defense to reach the regional semifinals. Since Jan. 1, no team other than Tennessee had scored more than 62 points on the Commodores.

But Vanderbilt's players and coaches kept saying Maryland reminded them of Tennessee, and its concerns were justified.

The Commodores finished the season (24-9) and have just one senior, Liz Sherwood, on their

2007-08 **COMMODORES** BY THE NUMBERS

Greatest number of points scored by Vanderbilt in a regulation game

(against Cumberland University on Oct. 31 and again against Belmont on Nov. 23)

Number of games won against SEC foes

of points scored by Vanderbilt (against Auburn in the second round of the SEC Tournament)

scored

Greatest total number of minutes played by a freshman (Jence Rhoads)

Greatest total number of rebounds by an individual (Jen Risper)

Number of seniors on Vanderbilt's squad (Liz Sherwood)

Scrimmage showcases **2008 Dores**

by NICHOLAS HUDSON Sports Editor

The offense dressed out in white and gold while the defense wore black jerseys in the offense/ defense full contact scrimmage. The Commodores played a total of 13 series, executing 62 plays and showcasing all four of Vanderbilt's candidates for starting quarterback.

Redshirt junior Chris Nickson began the scrimmage under center. On the opening play, redshirt sophomore Broderick Stewart broke through for a tackle behind the line of scrimmage. On the following drive redshirt freshman Jared Funk completed for 37 yards to redshirt freshman Turner Wimberly. Funk also showed his ability to scramble as he picked up six yards on his first rush.

In the third series, led by redshirt sophomore Mackenzi Adams, Stewart again stepped up to make a big tackle, this time downing Adams for the only sack of the day. Later in the game, freshman Elviro Tropeano snagged an interception off of freshman Larry Smith to continue the defense's shutout. Smith showed more promise in his second drive with a 12-yard rush and three consecutive passes over 10 yards to redshirt sophomore Jake Bradford, freshman Udom Umoh and redshirt freshman Justin

The offense was once again denied the end zone but did make it into field goal range. Vanderbilt displayed three kickers in junior Brian Hahnfeldt, redshirt freshman John Laughrey and sophomore Thomas Carroll. Hahnfeldt was the most successful, but Carroll was just as consistent on shorter distances. Redshirt sophomore Jared Hawkins was the driving force on the first successful drive, running for a fourth down. Funk threw to redshirt freshman Gaston Miller, who made an extra effort after the catch to cross the goal line for the first score.

Towards the end of the scrimmage, Vanderbilt began to find their way through the defense on the ground. Redshirt freshman Kennard Reeves, who rushed for 41 yards on six carries, and Hawkins, who would lead the team in rushing with 44 vards, accounted for the majority of the vardage in the final drives. Ouarterback Nickson and redshirt junior tackle Thomas Welch had excellent open-field blocks in the red zone to set up a two-yard dash by Nickson to score the second touchdown. Nickson was unsuccessful in the air but showed his versatility and confidence behind the line.

On the final possession, Funk ran on three consecutive plays capped off by a 13-yard dash into the end zone. He was the most productive passer, completing four of six passes for 52

"I thought all of them did some good things," said coach Bobby Johnson of the quarterbacks. "Chris and Mackenzi have improved due to being live (full contact) because it's forced them to look to make plays with their feet when things break down. Jared and Larry also have shown us

The defense did not show many weaknesses either. Redshirt sophomores Chris Johnson and Derrius Dowell led with five tackles each. And freshman Duane Vaughn, Billinger and redshirt sophomore Steven Stone also had key tackles that contained the offense throughout

Although the team did lose a lot of senior starters, and Johnson was cautious about playing his injured or recovering players, the quality of play did not suffer, which speaks to the depth and talent of the 2008 Commodores.

This being said, I am confidently looking forward to embarrassing coach Steve Spurrier again in our first home game next year against South Carolina.■

COLUMN

Football looks strong for 2008-09

Sports Editor

If the Black and Gold Scrimmage revealed anything on Saturday, it

was that the defense will lead the Commodores in the fall. The defense was quick and efficient,

swarming to the ball carrier on each possession and preventing any sort of momentum for the offense. The secondary, which in the past has been somewhat porous to deep passes, clamped down on receivers and made the day miserable for the four quarterbacks who saw action. The secondary was aided by a tenacious defensive line, which often sent the quarterback scrambling, led by redshirt sophomore ends Broderick Stewart and Steven Stone and tackles sophomore Greg Billinger and redshirt sophomore Derrius Dowell.

The Commodore defense, returning several starters, will attempt to repeat its impressive numbers from last year, which saw the Dores ahead of Florida and Tennessee in total defense at 325.3 yards per game.

What remains to be seen, however, is how the offense will progress in these last 15 days of spring practice.

Things did not start well for the offense, which saw promising junior tackle Eric Hensley fall to an apparent ankle injury on the first possession.

Quarterback play, perhaps the main topic of interest this spring, was questionable at best. Coach Bobby Johnson has yet to name a starter at the four-deep quarterback position, and it appears that his decision was made no easier from the results of the scrimmage. Redshirt junior Chris Nickson and redshirt sophomore Mackenzi Adams

were imprecise in their first few possessions especially while throwing deep down the field. With Earl Bennett gone, Nickson and Adams will both need to be more accurate on deep passes in order to spread defenses out. Otherwise, teams will continue to bring more men into the box to prey on the short-passing game that the Commodore offense has continued to rely on.

Mobility at the quarterback position will not be a problem, however. All quarterbacks showed evasiveness and agility while dodging the advances of the defense. On the ninth possession of the game, redshirt freshman Jared Funk shook off a blitzing junior Bo Baggerley to complete a touchdown pass, the first score of the game. Look for the Commodores to utilize the option or quarterback draw in the fall.

The offensive squad, thin due to an

assortment of injuries, could not string together a scoring drive in the first nine series of the 13-possession scrimmage, which does not bode well for a team that was third to last in the Southeastern

Conference in scoring averages. If there was one bright spot to an afternoon of less-than-stellar offensive production, it was Nickson's tremendous open-field block on the second-to-last series of the scrimmage that opened up the field for a 13-yard run by redshirt freshman Kennard Reeves and inspired the offense to reach the end zone on its last two possessions. If Bobby Johnson can expect such strong senior leadership for the remainder of the season, perhaps the offense will be able to gel without Bennett and Chris Williams and, alongside a consistent defense, propel the Dores to a winning record. ■

Baseball earns victory over Arkansas, 6-2

Commodores win season series over Razorbacks for first time ever.

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Freshman Aaron Westlake had two hits and three RBI to lead Vanderbilt to a 6-2 win over Arkansas on Sunday afternoon at Hawkins Field.

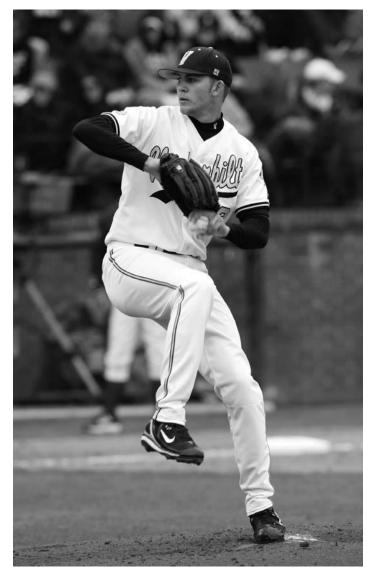
The win gave the Commodores their first ever series victory over the Razorbacks in 11 previous chances dating back to 1994. Vanderbilt improved to 18-6 overall and 5-3 in Southeastern Conference play, while Arkansas dropped to 15-11 and 2-6 in league play.

The game was a shortened seven-inning contest due to SEC travel rules regarding play on Sunday. The teams started the day by completing Saturday's suspended contest that was tied at 5-5 after 11 innings. The Dores won the game in the 12th, and after a 30-minute break, the teams played the seven inning

"There was no rhythm to the weekend whatsoever," said Vanderbilt coach Tim Corbin. "I've never had a weekend like

Vandy took a 1-0 lead in the first, scoring on an error by first baseman Andy Wilkins on a hot shot by Westlake that allowed senior Dominic de la Osa to

The Dores then broke open the game with a four-run second to take a 5-0 lead. Senior Shea Robin doubled with one out, and sophomore Brian Harris was hit by a pitch to put runners on first and second. Senior David Macias flied out for the second out before de la Osa doubled down the first base line to bring in Robin. Junior Ryan Flaherty walked and Westlake followed with a two-run single to left to score Harris and de la Osa. Redshirt freshman Steven



SAM KIM / The Vanderbilt Hustler Sophomore pitcher Mike Minor throws out a pitch during the Commodores' 6-2 victory over Arkansas on Sunday. The game began Saturday but was delayed due to inclement weather.

Liddle later walked with the bases loaded to finish the scoring.

Arkansas scored a run in the fourth on a solo homer by Tim Smalling off of redshirt freshman Caleb Cotham and Vanderbilt responded with a run in the bottom half on a RBI double by Westlake to make it 6-1.

Arkansas added another in the fifth on a RBI double by Wilkins to make it 6-2.

The Commodores scheduled game is a Wednesday $non\text{-}conference\,contest\,at\,Middle$ Tennessee on Wednesday. The team is attempting to schedule another home contest on Tuesday to make up for two games lost to weather this season.

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