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## THE WALL

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### TODAY AND TUESDAY

#### Marrowthon

Marrowthon 2008 will be taking place in the Student Life Center Ballroom from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and again on Tuesday from 8 a.m. to noon. All it takes is a quick cheek swab and \$52 for you to get your name in the bone marrow registry and to have the possibility of one day saving a life. There will also be a blood drive taking place.

### TODAY

#### Rainbow ReVU opening party

Join the Vanderbilt Lambda Association as it celebrates the kickoff of the first annual Vanderbilt Rainbow ReVU. There will be food and music at the GLBT Resource Office from 7 to 9 p.m.

### TODAY

#### 2008 Young Alumni Trustee voting

The Young Alumni Trustee is a graduating member of the Class of 2008 who is elected by the Classes of 2007, 2008 and 2009 to serve on the Vanderbilt Board of Trust for a full board commitment of four years. Vote from now until April 11 at <https://studentorgs.vanderbilt.edu/elections/vote/>

### TUESDAY, MARCH 25

#### Political Trivia Night sponsored by Election Alliance

The Election Alliance is sponsoring a Political Trivia Night at the Ben Schulman Center for Jewish Life from 7 to 9 p.m. Sign up in teams of however many members you want — it's free to enter and the first-place team wins \$50. E-mail Lilly Massa with your team members ahead of time or register at the door.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

#### 'West Bank Story'

Ari Sandel, director of the Academy Award-winning "West Bank Story" will discuss his film following a screening in the Multipurpose Conference in The Commons at 6:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by Vanderbilt Hillel and the Interfaith Council.

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

# Bona fide

by NIKKI BOGOPOLSKAYA  
Staff Reporter

The mission of the National Marrow Donor Program is to help people who need a life-saving marrow or blood cell transport by matching patients to potential donors using the NMDP registry — which, at 6 million people and growing, is the largest listing of volunteer donors in the world.

Since it began operations in 1987, the NMDP has facilitated more than 30,000

marrow transplants for patients who do not have matching donors in their families with more than 300 transplants each month.

Today and tomorrow, Vanderbilt students have the chance to join the registry and the possibility to contribute their own bone marrow to save a life.

Registration for the NMDP registry requires a short cheek swab and a questionnaire. Cheek swabs will then be tissue typed, and students will be placed on the registry, where they will remain until they turn 60. Tissue typing costs \$52, but students can donate a pint of blood in payment. Those students who have already signed up for the NMDP do not need to get typed again; however, they can donate blood to Marrowthon.

Signing up for the registry is only the first step toward bone marrow donation. Tissue typing for potential is determined by analyzing 36 individual factors in their tissue sample. The odds of being a perfect match for any unrelated individual is one in 20,000 people. Below are two stories — one donor and one recipient — of individuals who found themselves in the middle of a bone marrow transport.

—To view a video from this event, go to: [insidevandy](#)

## Luckily, it was all in the family

by JANELLE STOKES  
Staff Reporter

On the first day of school two and a half years ago, Charles Clark was diagnosed with leukemia lymphoma.

Now a junior, Clark is a member of the committee working on Marrowthon, a bone marrow registry and blood drive taking place today and tomorrow in association with the Vanderbilt Cancer Society and the National Marrow Donor Program.

Clark's personal reasons for participating in the Vanderbilt Cancer Society overlap with his appreciation for its role as a unique service organization at Vanderbilt.

"(The Vanderbilt Cancer Society) is an amazing program, and the bone marrow drive itself is a good program that we have at Vanderbilt," Clark said.

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CHARLES CLARK / Photo provided  
Junior Charles, right, poses with his brother Porter, who donated bone marrow to Charles when he underwent treatment for leukemia lymphoma.

## Called on to serve — by giving

by NIKKI BOGOPOLSKAYA  
Staff Reporter

The chance of being matched to a recipient seems very slight, but as Becca Kastan would tell you, they are not impossible.

Last spring, thenow-junior Kastan stopped by Marrowthon on a whim and donated a sample to the registry.

Six months later, a few days after she returned from a study abroad program in Australia, Kastan



KASTAN

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### MARROWTHON

**Where:**  
Student Life Center

**When:**  
Today, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and  
Tuesday, March 25, 8 a.m. to  
noon

**Who:**  
Vanderbilt Cancer Society

# Voter-Palooza registers voters

by JUDY WANG  
Staff Reporter

For years, the youth have been branded as an apathetic portion of the national electorate. However, this year's election seeks to defy these stereotypes, as recent voting patterns indicate a surge in political awareness for the teenagers of today.

From the earlier caucuses to Super Tuesday, the nation's youth is voting in historically large numbers. In fact, for most states, youth turnout has tripled — and even quadrupled — the turnout in 2000 and 2004.

In alignment with this trend, Vanderbilt's nonpartisan organization Election Alliance '08 is seeking to further promote awareness, education and enthusiasm for the 2008 presidential elections. This week Election Alliance is holding Voter-Palooza as a drive to register at least 1,000 new voters.

"Our goal is to register 1,000 students during this week so that they can vote in quite possibly the most important election ever," said Lilly Massa-McKinley, Election Alliance program coordinator.

An online poll was sent out last week in order to get a better understanding of how Vanderbilt students voted. Out of the 1,074 responses, 88.9 percent

VOTER-PALOOZA EVENTS	
<b>Tuesday, March 25</b>	Political Trivia Night at the Ben Schulman Center for Jewish Life at 7 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, March 26</b>	"18 in 08" screening and discussion in Wilson Hall, Room 126A at 7 p.m.
<b>Thursday, March 27</b>	Project Vote Smart, a bus that tours the country as the nation's first voter self-defense system, will be here from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Vanderbilt Place.

VOTING AND VANDERBILT			
<b>88.9%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>77.5%</b>
Percent of students who are already registered to vote	Percent of registered students who are registered in Tennessee	Percent of registered students who are interested in changing their registration to Davidson County	Percent of unregistered students who are interested in registering to vote

Number of respondents to the Election Alliance survey: 1,074

of students stated they were already registered to vote, and of those, 30 percent were registered in Tennessee. Forty percent of the students who were not registered as Tennessee voters were interested in possibly changing their registration to Davidson County. Those who were not registered yet showed an overwhelming interest —

77.5 percent — in registering by the general election, and a third of those students responded that they might be interested in registering in Davidson County. ■

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## CAMPUS NEWS BRIEF

### Alumnus named to senior fundraising post at Vanderbilt

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Vanderbilt News Service reports that Randall Smith, a graduate and major fundraiser for the university's Shape the Future fundraising campaign, which has raised about \$1 billion so far, has been named an executive associate vice chancellor for development and alumni relations.

Smith, who began working at his alma mater 12 years ago as alumni relations program coordinator, has served in a variety of roles related to alumni programs and fundraising.

"Perhaps most notable among Randy's accomplishments has been his work as architect of the university's Regional Development Office, where he was charged to staff and grow the office in conjunction with our Shape the Future campaign," Chancellor Nick Zeppos said in a press release. "I have worked with Randy to realize some of the university's major gifts, and I appreciate the sensitivity and strategic thinking that he brings to these important relationships with the university."

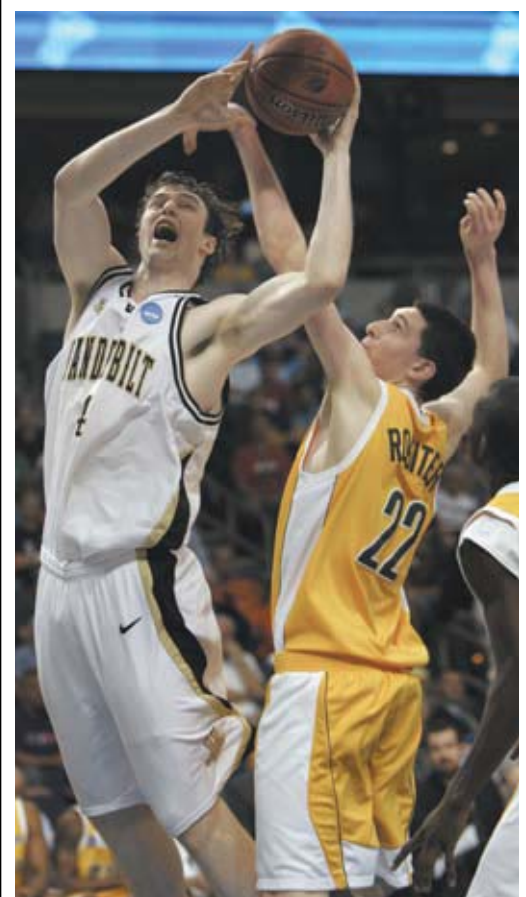
For the past five years as an associate vice chancellor, Smith also worked with key staff and alumni volunteers to improve programs in undergraduate reunion, alumni relations and the alumni association board of directors.

Smith earned his bachelor's degree in philosophy in the College of Arts and Science, graduating magna cum laude in 1984. He also received his master's degree from the Divinity School in 1988. From 1989 to 1996 he worked in the ministry for the Disciples of Christ, serving churches in Tennessee, Kansas and Missouri. Just prior to starting at Vanderbilt, he served as pastor-developer for a new congregation in Lee's Summit, Mo.

## We lost to Siena?

### VANDY GAMEDAY:

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JOHN RAOUX / AP

Vanderbilt center A.J. Ogilvy gets by Siena's Jamie Graham during the first half of an NCAA Midwest Regional first-round tournament basketball game Friday, March 21, in Tampa, Fla. The Commodores never held a lead in the game, which they lost by 21 points.



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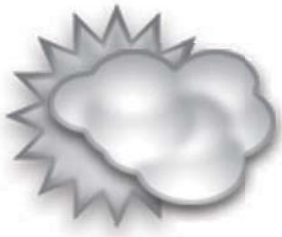
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**WEDNESDAY**



Showers, 64/48

**THURSDAY**



Partly Cloudy, 74/57

**VUPD CRIME LOG**

compiled by ADAM WEINSTEIN

**Wednesday, March 19, 2 a.m.:**  
A guest of a resident left a Village at Vanderbilt apartment with a laptop. He refuses to give it back.

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

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## THE 123456789 STARTING 9

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### 1 China attacks House Speaker Pelosi over Tibet remarks; accuses her of double standard, ignoring truth about unrest

**CHENGDU, China** — According to The Associated Press, China attacked House Speaker Nancy Pelosi Sunday for her recent meeting with the Dalai Lama, accusing her and other "human rights police" of double standards and ignoring the truth about the unrest in Tibet.

China also again accused the Dalai Lama, the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader, of orchestrating anti-government riots in Tibet and neighboring provinces this month in a bid to mar the Beijing Summer Olympics and overthrow the area's communist leaders.

### 2 42 killed in attacks in Iraq, including 13 Iraqi soldiers; Green Zone under fire

**BAGHDAD** — A suicide car bomber penetrated tight security to strike an Iraqi military base on Sunday in the deadliest of a series of attacks that killed at least 42 people across Iraq. In Baghdad, the U.S.-protected Green Zone came under heavy fire by rockets or mortar rounds.

The Associated Press also reports seven people killed and 14 wounded in a suicide car bombing in the Shiite area of Shula in the capital.

### 3 Cheney says Mideast peace deal with mean 'painful concessions'

**RAMALLAH, West Bank** — A Mideast peace agreement will require "painful concessions" by Israelis and Palestinians who must work together to defeat those "committed to violence," Vice President Dick Cheney told The Associated Press Sunday.

After meeting with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, Cheney stressed the U.S. commitment to the creation of an independent Palestinian state, saying it was "long overdue."

### 4 Metro is slow to fight sewage in 5 streams

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** — A soup of untreated sewage and rainwater from Metro's waste-water system repeatedly overflows into five streams in Davidson County, pushing levels of E. coli and other bacteria so high that the state says the water is unsafe for swimming and fishing, according to The Tennessean.

The city has been plagued by sewage problems for years and has spent more than \$570 million since 1990 to repair and upgrade pipes and other parts of the city's sewer system.

### 5 NTSB preliminary report: Florida flight school plane was flying too slow before crash

**LANTANA, Fla.** — The Associated Press reports a small plane that crashed last week in South Florida, killing all four people aboard, apparently spun into the ground and might have been overloaded, according to a National Transportation Safety Board preliminary report released Saturday.

The Cessna 172S was carrying four men weighing a total of 768 pounds, 40 pounds of baggage and a substantial load of fuel, the report said. The plane was permitted to hold up to 862 pounds.

### 6 Musharraf hails Pakistani democracy after his foes name candidate for prime minister

**ISLAMABAD, Pakistan** — Embattled President Pervez Musharraf hailed the start of a "new era of real democracy" in Pakistan and vowed Sunday to support an incoming government led by foes bent on diminishing his powers, according to The Associated Press.

"The journey toward democracy and development we started eight years ago is now reaching its destination," said the former army strongman, who seized power in a 1999 coup. "A new era of real democracy has begun."

### 7 Pope baptizes Italy's most prominent Muslim, an iconoclastic writer, at Vatican Easter service

**VATICAN CITY** — The Associated Press reports that Italy's most prominent Muslim, an iconoclastic writer who condemned Islamic extremism and defended Israel, converted to Catholicism Saturday in a baptism by the pope at a Vatican Easter service.

An Egyptian-born, non-practicing Muslim who is married to a Catholic, Magdi Allam infuriated some Muslims with his books and columns in the newspaper Corriere della Sera newspaper, where he is a deputy editor. He titled one book "Long Live Israel."

### 8 Search under way for two missing after boat capsizes in Tennessee River

**NEW JOHNSONVILLE, Tenn.** — Six people have been rescued from the Tennessee River after their boat capsized, and authorities said they're searching for two more who are missing.

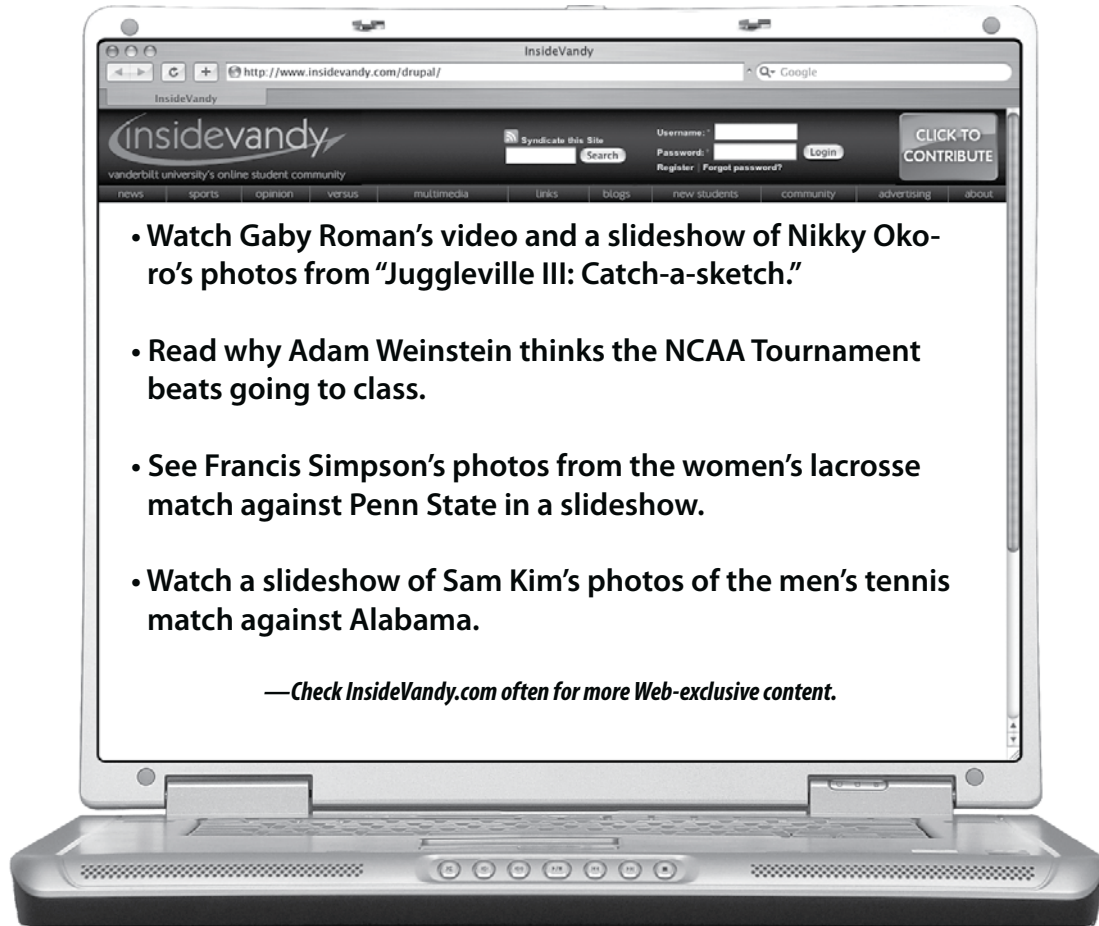
Kristi Brown, spokeswoman for Humphreys County sheriff's office, told The Associated Press 911 dispatchers received a call reporting the incident just north of the Tennessee River Bridge around 9 p.m. Saturday.

### 9 EPA says Tenn. did not give timely notice on oil well fire in Anderson County

**OLIVER SPRINGS, Tenn.** — A U.S. Environmental Protection Agency official has told Anderson County residents that the state did not inform them of an oil well fire in a timely manner.

The well near Oliver Springs struck a huge pocket of natural gas Tuesday. An all night effort to cap the well was unsuccessful and on Wednesday morning the natural gas and oil spewing from it exploded, according to The Associated Press.

## WHAT'S NEW ON INSIDEVANDY.COM



- Watch Gaby Roman's video and a slideshow of Nikky Okoro's photos from "Juggleville III: Catch-a-sketch."
- Read why Adam Weinstein thinks the NCAA Tournament beats going to class.
- See Francis Simpson's photos from the women's lacrosse match against Penn State in a slideshow.
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—Check [InsideVandy.com](http://InsideVandy.com) often for more Web-exclusive content.

**SNAPSHOT**

### ETCH-A-SKETCH



NIKKY OKORO / The Vanderbilt Hustler

"Juggleville III: Catch-a-sketch" featured various performing arts, like staff tricks, in its performances on Thursday and Saturday. To read more about Juggleville and see multimedia from the performance, go to [InsideVandy.com](http://InsideVandy.com)



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# MARROWTHON: TV dramatizations cause misconception

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received a phone call from the NMDP telling her that she was a perfect match for a 21-year-old boy with acute lymphatic leukemia.

"I had totally forgot I had even signed up for this procedure," Kastan said, citing the initial shock she felt upon learning that she could contribute as a bone marrow donor. "I was just blown away by the situation. But right off the bat, I was so gung ho about it. I just didn't understand how this opportunity could be turned down."

However, in the recent past, there were plenty of reasons a bone marrow transplant could be turned down. Bone marrow used to involve drilling into the donor's bone to remove tissue. Due to recent advances in adult stem cell research, marrow donation has become much less invasive. Donors receive a series of five injections of a drug called filgrastim that causes blood cell-producing stem cells to "overproduce" to the point that they can actually be harvested from the blood stream.

From there, marrow donation is a procedure similar to blood donation: The blood is removed through a sterile needle in the arm, passed through a machine that separates out the blood-forming cells, and then the remaining blood is returned to the donor. The recovery time is less than one day, and the only common side effect in donors is muscle soreness.

This is the process Kastan underwent in January.

"It only lasted three to five hours," Kastan said. "I was up and moving after the first couple of hours — I was working out the next day. It was a very easy process and taking that part out of life to save someone's is just really rewarding."

Kastan recommends that all students stop by today and register for the NMDP.

"To register is so easy — it's not even getting your blood drawn," she said. "The whole process overall is just so organized. They take care of you and handle it so well."

Marrowthon coordinator Sarah Proffitt urges students to register as well.

"Dramatizations of gruesome surgery have the general public scared to death of bone marrow transplants. However, these are all terrible misconceptions," Proffitt said.

According to the NMDP, approximately 35,000 children and adults require a bone marrow transplant every year.

"If students just give a tissue sample, they could be the second chance at life for one of those patients," Proffitt said.

To add incentive for the drive, registered donors will be entered into various drawings for prizes, and sorority members can receive Derby Days points. ■

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# Remembering Iraq

by **ALLIE MORRIS**  
Staff Reporter

Although many students may remember last Wednesday, March 19, by a hard midterm or a fun night out, the day marked the fifth anniversary of the Iraq war, the war of our generation.

Professor David Wood didn't want to let the date slip by unnoticed, so in an effort to inform both Vanderbilt students and faculty he created the Iraq WarSeries, a combination of films, lectures and panel discussions.

The series kicked off Feb. 19 with the showing of "The Ground Truth." It continued through the month and will end March 30 with the screening of "In the Valley of Elah."

"I wanted to show war from all different points of view," Wood said, "and there are so many wonderful movies that have been coming out about the war that this is a great way to focus people's attention on the many aspects of this war in general."

According to The Associated Press, the death toll for U.S. tragedies since the invasion of Iraq five years ago is nearing 4,000 as of Sunday, with the violence increasing after a period

of relatively few attacks.

Wood, a philosophy professor, says the movies provide a broad prospective on the Iraq war because films include the points of view of the soldiers who are fighting, those who have returned, the soldiers reflecting on their experiences, the soldiers' families, the Iraqi citizens and the media's spin on the war.

The movies are shown in Sarratt Cinema. Although they are open to both the Vanderbilt and Nashville communities, the showings have had a smaller turnout than Wood would have liked, with audiences consisting mostly of faculty and Nashvillians. Few students have attended.

"I hoped that we would fill the theater each time with students coming to watch the movies and talk about these issues," Wood said. "I don't see how you can live through these times and not reflect on and talk about them."

Amanda Carrico, a physiology graduate student, blames the lack of student political participation on a feeling of helplessness.

Wood agrees.

"Most people are waiting for a change in government or foreign policy," Wood said. "They are not feeling empowered, so they



ADIL AL-KHAZALI/AP

An Iraqi kid squats by a U.S. soldier on a patrol in the Shiite enclave of Sadr City in Baghdad last week, during which the five-year anniversary of the Iraq war fell. U.S. soldiers have been patrolling the Shiite militia stronghold since March 4 under a deal which allowed them to enter the area without resistance.

are less inclined to take an active interest in something that seems out of their hands."

The Iraq Film Series will continue tomorrow with the showing of "Iraq For Sale" at 7 p.m. in Sarratt Cinema. Following the film will be a discussion response led by professor Bob Barsky and graduate student Forrest Perry. ■

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IRAQ WAR SERIES
All movie screenings are held at 7 p.m. in Sarratt Cinema
<b>Tuesday, March 25:</b> "Iraq For Sale: The War Profiteers"
<b>Thursday, March 27:</b> "No End In Sight"
<b>Sunday, March 30</b> "In the Valley of Elah"

# BROTHERS: Familial donor not always possible

From **BROTHERS**, page 1

While Clark was fortunate to find a bone marrow match within his family, he noted that this isn't always possible for cancer patients suffering from leukemia lymphoma and other blood-related cancers.

Around 70 percent of cancer patients undergoing a bone marrow transplant are able to find close matches in blood and tissue type within their family. The others look to the NMDP for assistance.

"This program is for people who need a bone marrow transplant but can't find a donor within their own family," Clark said. "For me, it really hits home, and while I didn't go through the program, I think that it's a special thing to do here."

In the past, the bone marrow and blood drive has been a success in terms of participation from the Vanderbilt community.

Cancer is usually seen in patients who are at the extreme

ends of the age spectrum, and young adults often fall through the cracks. Campus programs like Marrowthon can raise awareness.

"My story is trying to help raise awareness for people not just my age but for all people," Clark said. "(Students) realize that it could happen to anybody no matter what age you are."

Clark's attitude and plans for the future were shaped the year he took off from school for his treatment. After graduation,

he plans to continue to raise awareness about cancer and issues in rural health care and is considering medical school.

"You try to reprioritize things in your life, and I think for the most part I have tried to change for the better and take in the overall picture of life," Clark said.

"It's a wake-up call." ■

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### OUR VIEW

## Marrowthon offers way to save lives

In discussing the Marrowthon, one particular fact transcends the rest: The odds of being a perfect match for a non-relative is one in 20,000. Those odds force us to consider for a moment those who suffer the horrible pain of bone cancer but do not have family members to donate. Hopefully, imagining the impossibility of that situation would inspire compassion in anyone but especially in college students, most of whom are at the peak of their health.

Though the process of marrow extraction continues to be a painful one, the surgery has become less invasive in the past few years. Considering that any individual on the registry remains there until he or she reaches age 60, advances in medicine could completely revolutionize the process. Regardless of the pain, however, the product of the surgery is a gift of life for another human being, against the greatest odds.

After so many people returned from Alternative Spring Break with such inspirational results, the Marrowthon should serve as another great opportunity — one that requires much less travel. The short trip to Branscomb and the accompanying cheek swab cannot really be much of an imposition for anybody, especially since the Marrowthon lasts two days.

While the choice of either paying \$52 or the donation of a pint of blood for the tissue typing feels somewhat like a bribe to give blood, blood donation is another life-giving enterprise. The spirit of the Marrowthon is to replenish and save lives, and blood donation, just like marrow donation, serves as a means to do so.

It may be that not one person who goes to Branscomb today or tomorrow is ever a match or called on to donate marrow, but on the off chance someone is needed, the potential to save a life is there.

### Change the lottery order

**Katherine Miller, Opinion Editor**  
This may be a short-term vanity solution, but if Housing were to simply order the housing lotteries correctly, they might be able to avoid some of the endless hate we all share for them.

Why, for instance, do the Morgan and Lewis three-person apartments follow the Morgan and Lewis doubles? Wouldn't the logical progression of though involve seeking a more desirable three-person apartment and then, failing that, going for the double? Apparently not. I'd also appreciate an explanation on why the "suites" in Vaughan and Scales were grouped with the Chaffin apartments — surely those two particular groups of housing do not share equal standing. A kitchen just seems ever so slightly better than a Varsity Market. At least you can turn assignments down now. Otherwise, nothing would quite match a a sweet return to the freshman stomping grounds for juniors and seniors who took a chance on getting a Chaffin.

### Increase number of students on ballots

**Glenna DeRoy, Guest Columnist**  
People talk a lot about the Vanderbubble and the false sense of reality that envelops students here. The housing process, a highly regulated affair, highlights this issue more than any other campus event. The number of people allowed on a sophomore housing ballot has been limited to two doubles or four singles. Even worse for the upperclassmen, they can only put one room on a ballot. Many in VSG lobbied for relaxation of these rules over the past year, and I do not wish to minimize their efforts. But the student concerns were not accepted by the administration. Officials were worried the presence of too many names on each ballot would create cliquy halls. They didn't want groups of friends to alienate their hallmates and sought to limit that possibility. I wouldn't wish alienation on anyone, but I think this policy illustrates an attempt to shield us from the real world. We are all old enough to learn how to be good neighbors, and this policy should be relaxed in the coming years. We should not, as the mature adults we hopefully are, need this much supervision.

### More organization, information needed

**Aimee Sobhani, Columnist**  
I think that the housing process definitely needs improvement. As it stands now, the system is pretty confusing — which is unfortunate for all of us who pay thousands of dollars for housing that is sub-par at best (I've seen less "prestigious" universities with much better housing options). One key element that the housing process lacks is clarity. Despite the illustrious yellow housing booklet and the color-coded ballots, I am still really confused about what options are available to me. It doesn't help just to know deadlines — I need a lot more information to make decisions.

People are complaining left and right because housing has provided them with inaccurate information. It seems like the rules in the housing game keep changing, and they should have been finalized a long time ago. How are students supposed to get what they want if the options aren't set in stone?

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**What one thing would improve housing at Vanderbilt?**

### A few steps for dealing with housing

**Medora Brown, Guest Columnist**

1. Transfer. Some small liberal arts colleges take care of housing for you: At the Ivies, you're put into a house for the last three years of college, and at big state schools, they don't care where you live. They probably don't have room for you anyway.
2. Go abroad for the year. This way, you only have to deal with finding somewhere to live in a foreign city, in a language you're not comfortable with and for an odd length of time. Totally easier than dealing with the Office of Housing and Residential Education.
3. Become an officer for your fraternity/sorority. So yeah, your life will be consumed by rush and party-planning for a year, but Greek elections are less of a gamble than the lottery.
4. Accept your fate. Remember the days when you could spend an entire weekend without leaving Branscomb? When you could roll out of bed five minutes before class and still make it on time? Or when you had mold growing on your windowsill? Wasn't that fun?

### COLUMN

## Facebook's March Madness just part of a bigger problem

**KATHERINE MILLER**  
Opinion Editor

I like to think we've all been given something to unite behind in the past week. I speak not of Easter, nor the collective disappointment in the Commodores, but instead how utterly terrible CBS's Facebook bracket system has been and continues to be.

Leaving aside that the load time for groups and brackets harkens back to an age when the AOL dial-up noise interlude in "Digital Get Down" actually made a little sense, the scoring system has been atrocious. On the first day, group scoring refused to load on my computer. This was a precursor for Saturday night when each time I refreshed my bracket a randomly generated score appeared: 49, 28, 62, 23, 45 and so on. The brackets themselves are not Facebook's fault, but letting CBS control the brackets

is their mistake — a mistake I can assume will become more common as Facebook becomes more and more a corporate enterprise.

To begin with, March Madness brackets on Facebook was one of those ideas that's so simple and rational that it's brilliant, and in the past, when the brackets were an in-house feature, they worked smoothly and without widespread issues. The same can be said for Facebook in general: An online social network for college students was hardly something out of Proust, yet Mark Zuckerberg still has \$1.7 billion at age 23 for stumbling across it.

Obviously, Facebook isn't what it used to be. CBS's ownership of the brackets is as clear a sign as you could find, though a close runner up would be the quietly absent "Too close for missiles, I'm switching to guns." The advent of Facebook applications certainly signified a major change in the corporate approach. Not to get

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### COLUMN

## World's inaction allows for more rights violations

**THOMAS SHATTUCK**  
Columnist

If anyone's worried about the recent Tibetan uprisings or the Chinese response, don't worry, John McCain's on it already. He recently stated, "There must be respect for human rights, and I would hope that the Chinese are actively seeking a peaceful resolution to this situation" as a retort to fears of Chinese human rights violations. Nancy Pelosi, not wanting to be left, echoed his response (and I thought the Democratic Party never took a stance on anything). With such fierce commentary on the precarious situation, I wonder how the Communist Party hasn't already abated in its process to eliminate Tibetan culture.

As if that wasn't already enough, some members of the European Union have even gone out on a limb and suggest that maybe some countries should dare to boycott the Beijing Olympics. This of course is a

**"The CCP claims that over 100 countries supported their actions in the past week. I'll go out on a limb and just say the CCP is spouting BS once again."**

lesson learned from history — if England and France had just opted out of the 1936 Olympics, Hitler would have never have tried to annex Poland.

In all seriousness, this whole affair has become pathetic. When have stern words and wagging fingers ever persuaded the Chinese Communist Party to sway from any agenda that they have eagerly pursued? If we make it so clear to them that no one is willing to interfere, why will they ever change? As far as I can tell, at this rate they never will. I hope you like (or are at least comfortable with) low wages, unsafe working conditions and politically motivated cultural exterminations. I hate to say it, but it looks like they're here to stay.

Interestingly enough, the CCP has the unabashed gumption to blame the revolt on the Dalai Lama. I don't know if you've seen a picture of him, but with his smile, it seems more likely that the uprisings were started by patriotic Chinese nationalists rather than anyone currently located in Dharamsala. Furthermore, the CCP claims that over 100 countries supported their actions in the past week. I'll go out on a limb and just say the CCP is spouting BS once again.

But what does this all say about the average American (AA)? Apparently the everyday AA supports John McCain's response. Maybe some AAs even think his words will have an effect, though it seems more likely that the majority of AAs simply do not care. They'd rather watch the debates on YouTube and talk politics about an election that still remains fairly far away. I understand that carpe diem isn't a particularly bright idea, but at some point you've got to look to the now or you'll never make it to the future. We can no longer just sit in our armchairs, talking about Iraq and Afghanistan, and

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# MILLER: As Facebook goes corporate, old-school Facebook goes farther away

From **MILLER**, page 4  
 nostalgic for something so inconsequential as Facebook, but I much preferred the college-only informality of even two years ago to the combination of garish, MySpace-like applications and the too-serious "social networking" of today's Facebook. I don't really want CBS running my brackets, and I don't like the pressure of a potential employer looking at my Facebook profile.

Of course, someone else has become a tad disgruntled with Facebook: the Feds. Between the simultaneous explosion of Facebook across non-college demographics and the infusion of corporately owned applications, made for advertising and therefore profitable purposes, Facebook now has some considerable legal issues. Due to copyright problems, Scrabulous may soon be shut down. Meanwhile, these maligned March Madness brackets have fallen under federal scrutiny because of potential online or interstate gambling, both of which are illegal.

Despite the increasingly common experience of poor-performing applications

and the bizarre trend of parents joining, Facebook seems to be a lasting presence. By virtue of its success and its control of the minimal competition, Facebook gets to become the information age's glorified, personalized phonebook — a way for each person to catalog themselves in a way that transcends the borders of just one community, state or country. It should come as something of a comfort that in five years, we will be able to keep in touch with ease, or at the very least know what's going on with the people we've lost touch with, even if that communication develops out of an infrastructure as superficial as Facebook.

Nevertheless, I'd prefer my Facebook old school. All I ask for is brackets that work, photos from spring break and "Top Gun" quotes. I suppose the obvious answer to my dilemma is a refusal to participate, but that's both pretentious and stupid. I'll just curse at my brackets instead.

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# SHATTUCK: China's rights violations will not be deterred by audio clips

From **SHATTUCK**, page 4  
 ignore all the other problems. If you want to police the world, you can't really pick and choose.

Ass-backward priorities aside, what can we (the U.S.) do? Are we actually limited to harsh audio-clips? I wish I could answer

such a deceptively simple question, but at this point, almost any suggestion seems more reasonable than the current trajectory. Of course, this requires the American people to care, a notion they have already managed to thoroughly avoid. I guess we could all wish Tibet good

luck and hope some positive karma will help; that is, if that's not too much effort.

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"What kind of professor makes a project due Easter Monday, during March Madness?"

"They shut down the entrance to North on Friday for construction, ruining the traffic on a holiday weekend, and then they didn't even fix anything because the entrance is still really rough and uneven, like falling into a crater while driving."

"Seriously, Vanderbilt? Siena? Siena, really? It's so much fun explaining to family friends you randomly run into at the grocery store during your weekend home that: No, you don't know where Siena is, nor why there's only one N in Siena, nor why Vandy looked like it was playing against a team in my rival high school's uniforms."

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## SPORTS

## ONE AND DONE

by DAVID RUTZ  
Asst Sports Editor

The Siena Saints hammered Vanderbilt 83-62 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament on a Friday at the St. Pete Times Forum where upsets were commonplace. But the Saints played like they were the team with the better seed and the big-name players.

A downcast Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings could only congratulate Siena afterwards on their sensational play.

"It doesn't matter who the best team is, it's who plays the best," Stallings said. "And Siena played the best."

Vanderbilt players had been hearing all week that Siena was a popular choice to pull the upset, and the Saints showed why they were the trendy pick.

"They beat us to the ball, they beat us to spots, they were better with the ball than we were," Stallings said. "They had a lot more answers than we did. Certainly, the team that deserved to win the game won the game tonight."

But this was not an upset, insisted Siena senior Tay Fisher, who made all six of his 3-pointers and finished with 22 points.

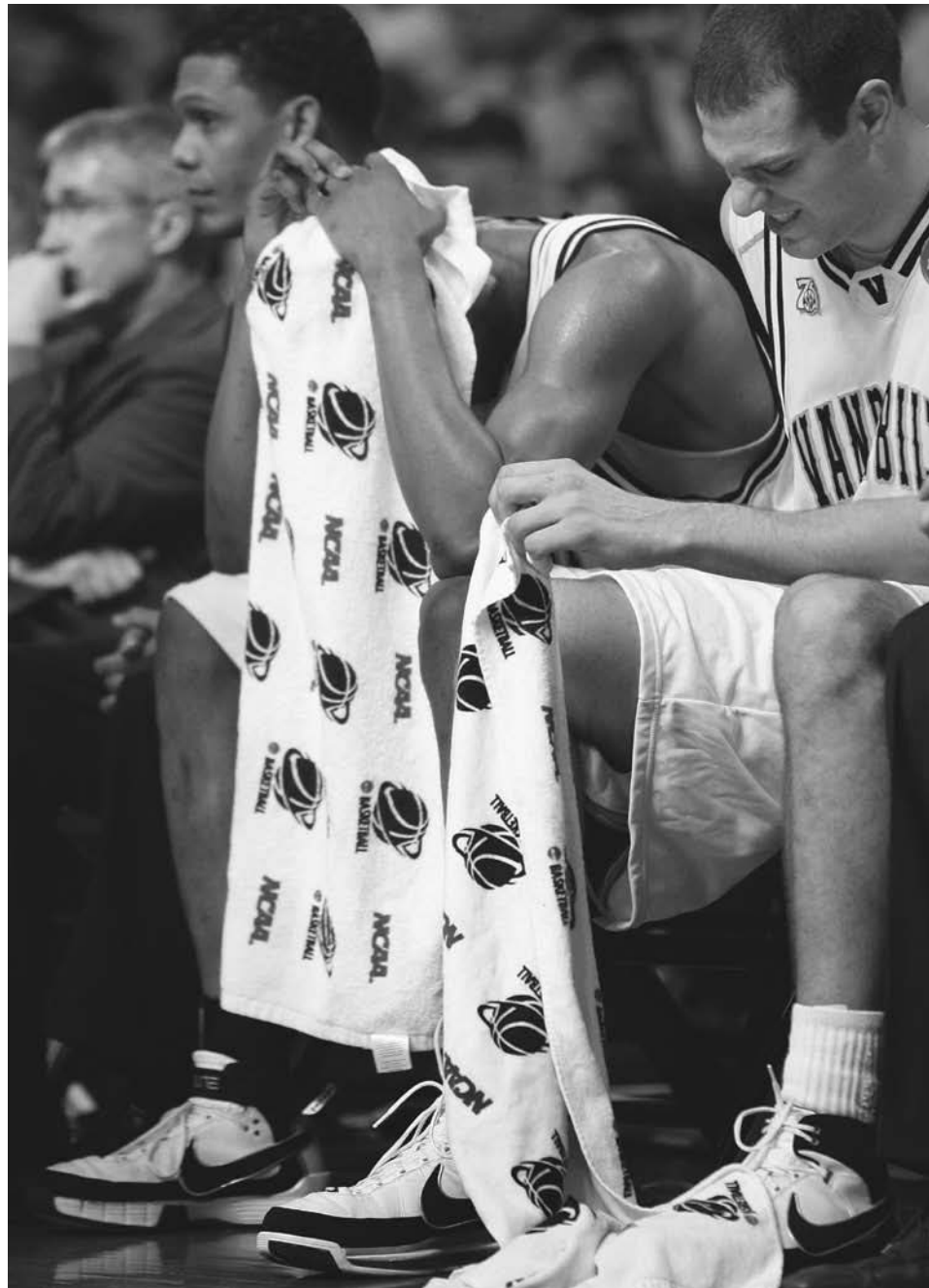
"When people say Cinderella, it really doesn't come to my mind, because I knew we could hang with anybody," Fisher said.

Siena didn't let Vanderbilt even hang around in this one.

Siena leapt out to a 26-13 lead and led 46-34 at halftime. The Commodores never got within seven points of Siena in the second half.

The fact that the Saints led the whole way was crucial to Siena coach Fran McAffrey.

"I thought establishing the fact that we were going to be the aggressor from the



Shan Foster and Ross Neltner react as they lose to Siena 83-62 during an NCAA Midwest Regional first-round tournament basketball game on Friday in Tampa, Fla. The Siena Saints moved to the second round, where they lost to Villanova. MIKE CARLSON / AP photo

opening tip was absolutely critical, not only for what they thought of us but for what our players thought of themselves," McAffrey said.

But the fact that Siena played well was not what surprised the Commodores so much as their own flat performance.

"We knew they were very capable," senior Shan Foster said. "We didn't know we would go out there and have the kind of defensive effort that we put on."

Siena knocked down nine 3-pointers and had an

answer every time Vanderbilt seemed to be making a run, making for an immensely frustrating evening for the Commodores.

"It's hard to get into an offensive rhythm when you're not making shots and you're not making stops," Foster said. "Our defense was really letting us down."

Foster finished with 13 points in his final game at Vanderbilt, while freshman A.J. Ogilvy led the team with 18. That was not nearly enough production from

Vanderbilt's two top scorers.

"To come out and play the way we did just wasn't going to get it done," Ogilvy said.

Vanderbilt's record-breaking year cannot be summed up in one game, but there's no denying the sudden end to the season stings.

"I'm proud of our players, and I'm proud of their efforts," Stallings said. "We weren't a very good team tonight, and unfortunately that's a lot of what we'll remember and that makes it a bitter pill to swallow." ■

## THE RUN DOWN

## W2W4

## TODAY

#4 Vanderbilt vs. #5 West Virginia, tonight at 8:30 p.m. ESPN2

The Lady Dores look to continue their quest toward a Final Four berth in Tampa in their second-round match up against the Mountaineers. With a revived offense and rising confidence, Christina Wirth, Liz Sherwood and company appear to be peaking at the right time.

## GAME OF THE WEEK

Women's Basketball  
Vanderbilt 75, Montana 47

The fourth-seeded Commodores sent the Lady Griz packing early in the NCAA Tournament, making sure their motto of "no pressure" stuck throughout the course of the game. The Lady Dores, led in scoring by freshman Hannah Tuomi with 14, kept the pressure on Montana throughout, rendering the champions of the Big Sky Conference helpless against a battle-tested Vanderbilt squad.

## PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Mike Minor, baseball

Minor brought his best stuff in the first game of a three-game showdown with SEC rival Alabama, with the sophomore southpaw striking out a career-high 12 batters in a 2-1 victory over the Crimson Tide. He allowed only eight hits throughout the game and an unearned run in the third, propelling the Commodores to their 14th win over the season.

## THEY SAID IT...

"There really isn't anything you could ask for more than what these guys were able to give."

KEVIN STALLINGS on his departing senior class core of players

## DAILY #

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Percent of 3-point attempts Vanderbilt — a team that relied heavily on their outside game — knocked down during their 21-point loss to Siena.

## SEC STANDINGS (BASEBALL)

## EASTERN DIVISION:

Florida 4-1, 16-4  
Georgia 4-1, 12-7  
Kentucky 3-2, 19-2  
South Carolina 3-2, 14-5  
Tennessee 3-2, 13-7  
Vanderbilt 3-2, 14-5

## WESTERN DIVISION:

Ole Miss 3-2, 15-7  
Arkansas 2-3, 14-7  
Auburn 2-3, 14-8  
Alabama 1-4, 10-11  
LSU 1-4, 13-7  
Miss. State 1-4, 9-11

## Commodores cruise past Montana

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Vanderbilt's motto this season is "no pressure." And that's exactly how it went in the NCAA Tournament opener.

Freshman Hannah Tuomi scored 14 points, Christina Wirth added 13 and Liz Sherwood had 12 to help fourth-seeded Vanderbilt beat overmatched Montana 75-47 on Saturday night.

The Commodores (24-8) were right at home in the NCAA Tournament, making a ninth straight trip and 21st overall. They worked their offense like a Swiss clock, exploiting a size and speed advantage for layup after layup.

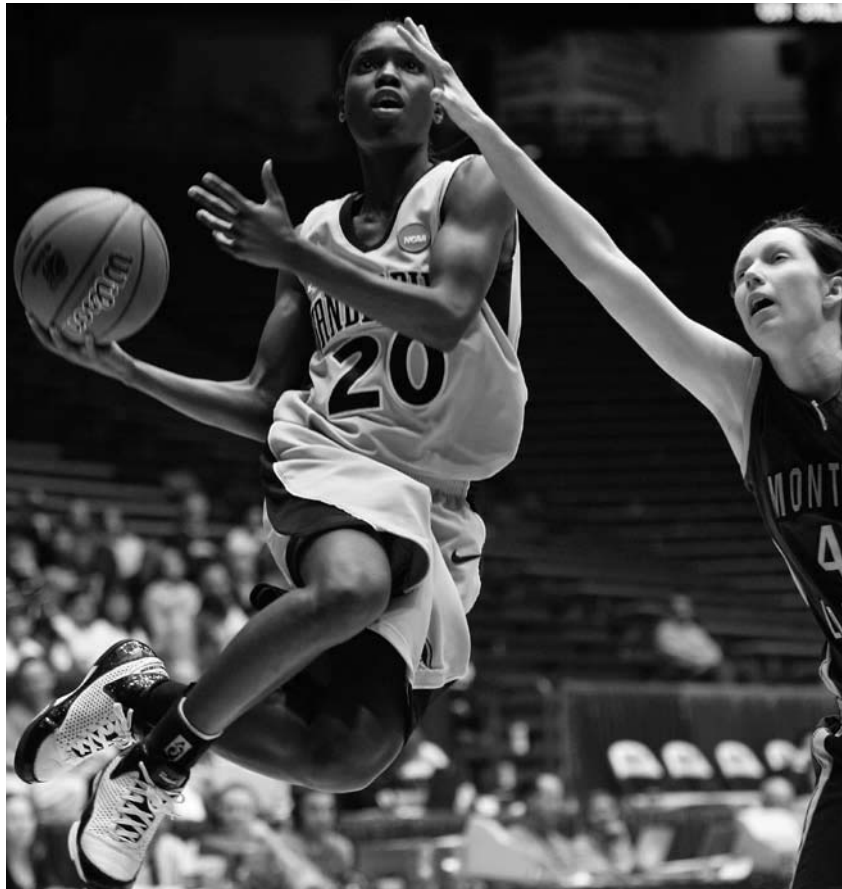
"We were well prepared," Wirth said. "That's always a focus for us in every game. We did a good job of executing and coming out and being the aggressor. That keeps the other team on its heels."

Vanderbilt advanced to play No. 5 West Virginia in the second round Monday at 8:30 p.m., but Balcomb was reluctant to characterize the Montana contest as a warm-up.

At times, this one looked like an exhibition. The Commodores, with two freshman starters, won for the 10th time in 11 games and showed how they finished third in the high-powered SEC behind Tennessee and LSU.

As for 13th-seeded Montana, the Lady Griz (25-7) scored a season low and had more turnovers (21) than field goals (15). Montana coach Robin Selvig blamed it on Vanderbilt's quickness.

"You can't simulate it in practice," Selvig said. "It looked like we got frustrated because we're capable of making shots. I knew we'd have trouble scoring, but I thought we could defend them better."



Vanderbilt's Jessica Mooney goes airborne toward the basket and past Montana's Lauren Beck during the last minutes of a first-round women's NCAA basketball tournament game on Saturday at The Pit in Albuquerque. JAKE SCHOELLKOPF / AP photo

Mandy Morales led Montana with 11 points and eight rebounds.

Vanderbilt led 45-22 at the break, and the only time it was close was during pregame warm-ups.

"It was really important we came out with the level of intensity we wanted," Balcomb said. "We always talk about starting strong the first four minutes of each half. We set the tone with our effort."

Wirth started things for Vandy with a 3-pointer just after tip-off, and then added a jumper as the Commodores opened with an 11-3 run.

Montana cut the margin to 17-14

on a basket by Dvera Tolbert midway through the first half, but Marsh hit two 3-pointers as Vanderbilt used a 20-3 blitz to put it out of reach early.

"We never were really in it," Selvig said. "We played tough, but everything has to go right for us. They came out and played great defense. We shot poorly and dug a hole."

The Lady Griz, champions of the Big Sky Conference, were making their 17th NCAA Tournament appearance and returned after a two-year break. The last trip was a 67-44 loss to Vanderbilt in a first-round game at Seattle. ■

## Memorial Magic will change after Class of 2008

by ANDREW BARGE  
Senior Sports Reporter

It's been a good ride for the five Commodore seniors.

The group made back-to-back NCAA tournaments, a feat that hadn't happened since the 1988-89 season. It also featured the most prolific scorer in school history.

Most importantly, no other class has seen more wins in their four years on campus.

"The records speak for themselves in terms of being the all-time winningest class in the school's history," said coach Kevin Stallings after falling to Siena on Friday. "I'm exceptionally proud of them and very, very appreciative of all that they've done."

It's safe to say the senior class hasn't been what Stallings had in mind when he first put the group together in 2004.

For starters, when Ross Neltner decided to transfer to Vanderbilt in the spring of 2005, Stallings landed a player he couldn't lock up out of high school. Neltner's veteran presence in the paint served as an unexpected yet welcome addition to Commodore basketball.

Unfortunately, the good news didn't last long. In 2006, the Class of 2008 received two devastating blows.

Vandy fans remember March 6, the day center Davis Nwankwo suffered cardiac arrest during practice. After being revived by athletic trainer Mike Meyer, Nwankwo was advised to never play again. Though he continued to contribute as a manager and team leader, his imposing presence in the paint would be sorely missed.

The Commodore faithful also remember forward DeMarre Carroll, whose energy had fans psyched about his final two years at Vanderbilt. Soon after Nwankwo's near-death experience, however, Carroll transferred to Missouri in hopes of spending more time on the perimeter.

The spring of 2006 didn't bode well for the future. But while the personnel of the class had changed significantly, the common goal of winning remained constant. After managing just 37 wins in the first two seasons, the class capitalized on the new responsibility of being upperclassmen.

Neltner contributed from the get-go, averaging at least five rebounds in each of his two seasons as a Commodore.

Alex Gordon, after famously dropping 30 points against Tennessee as a true freshman, was forced to adopt a selfless point guard role during his junior year. His sacrifice was admirable and, after a solid year at the point, he came on strong as a senior, averaging nearly 11 points per game.

Alan Metcalfe contributed as well, especially during his senior year. As the sixth man, he had an integral role in several of the Dores' early wins, most notably against South Alabama (14 points) and DePaul (18 points).

And finally, there's Shan Foster. This paper doesn't have enough space to be able to talk about his achievements as a junior and senior.

After facing significant adversity, the current seniors went on to win 48 games in their final two seasons, establishing the Class of 2008 as the best to ever pass through Vanderbilt.

Despite the success, Foster and Stallings feel the class's contributions transcend the record books.

"They're extremely special. Not only as basketball players but more importantly and more so as human beings," Stallings said. "They've been everything that we desire to have at Vanderbilt and in our basketball program, from a character standpoint, from an attitude standpoint."

Foster agrees. When asked what he'll miss the most about being a Vanderbilt Commodore, the senior didn't hesitate.

"Definitely my teammates, great guys on and off the court. I couldn't ask for a better set of guys that I just enjoy being around," he said.

The basketball future of the Class of 2008 remains to be seen, but the character of these five seniors will undoubtedly benefit their respective futures.

Stallings thinks it already has, as each member of the class is scheduled to graduate in two months.

"These guys have been great teammates the entire time they've been here. All five of them will have their degree in May," he said. "There really isn't anything more you could ask for than what these guys were able to give."

Eventually players and fans have to move on. Still, Commodore fans will always have fond memories of the graduating Class of 2008, whether it's Alex Gordon pounding his chest or Shan Foster hitting consecutive 3-pointers.

Memorial Magic goes on, but it'll never be the same. Thanks for four great years. ■

## Serving up defeat



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Ryan Preston serves to an Alabama opponent on Sunday at the Currey Tennis Center. The No. 34 Commodores rallied to claim a Southeastern Conference victory over No. 23-ranked Alabama, topping the Crimson Tide 4-3 in Vanderbilt's first home match since March 2.

# Commodores in brief

### JORGENSEN WINS 800 METERS AT JACE LACOSTE INVITATIONAL

Freshman Rita Jorgensen won the 800 meters to lead the Vanderbilt distance runners as they opened their outdoor season on Saturday at the Jace LaCoste Invitational in Starkville, Miss. Also running well for the Commodores was fellow freshman Kristabel Doebel-Hickok and junior Carmen Mims, who finished second and third respectively in the 3000 meters.

Running in the first outdoor race of her career, Jorgensen captured the 800 meters with a time of 2:12.28. Finishing in second was Alina Varpioitaite of UAB, who recorded a time of 2:13.11. Vanderbilt's Erin Guglielmo finished fifth in the race with a time of 2:20.48.

Doebel-Hickok finished second in the 3000 meters, running the distance in 10:15.76. Finishing in third was fellow Commodore Mims, who finished with a time of 10:22.17. Simone Domingue of Mississippi State won the race with a time of 10:08.06.

The rest of the Commodore track and field team will open up its outdoor season next weekend at the Yellow Jacket Invitational in Atlanta.

### ALABAMA TAKES BASEBALL SERIES WITH 10-3 WIN

Alabama held Vanderbilt to just five hits in a 10-3 win to capture the series Sunday afternoon at Sewell-Thomas Stadium.

The Crimson Tide improved to 11-11 overall and 2-4 in Southeastern Conference play, while Vanderbilt fell to 14-6 and 3-3 in league action. The series loss snapped a streak of nine straight SEC series wins dating back to last season (lost two of three at Arkansas March 23-25).

Bama starter Robert Phares (1-1) limited the Commodores to just four hits in 7.2 innings of work to pick up the win. He gave up three runs, one earned, with five strikeouts and two walks and at one point in the game had retired 13 straight batters.

Ryan Flaherty staked the Commodores to a 1-0 lead in the first with a solo homer to right, his third of the season.

David Macias continued his power display this weekend with a two-run homer to right in the eighth to make it 10-3. It was his third homer of the series, and he now leads the Commodores with four on the year.

### NO. 11 WOMEN'S TENNIS DEFEATS ALABAMA 4-3

The No. 11 Vanderbilt women's tennis team picked up its first conference road win of the season as it defeated Alabama 4-3 on Sunday afternoon at the UA Varsity Courts in Tuscaloosa. The Commodores improve to 13-3 and 3-3 in SEC play, while the Crimson Tide falls to 6-9 with a 2-4 mark in league matches.

The Commodores won the doubles point for the fifth consecutive match. Alabama jumped out to an early lead in doubles as Paulina Bigos and Andrea Brenes defeated Amanda Taylor and Courtney Ulery 8-5 at No. 1 doubles. The Commodores stormed back to win matches at

the second and third doubles positions. Taka Bertrand and Keilly Ulery defeated Bianca Svensson and Shelley Godwin 8-6 at No. 3 doubles and Catherine Newman and Caroline Ferrell got past Tiffany Welcher and Meritt Emery 8-5 at the No. 2 doubles to secure the point for the black and gold. Vanderbilt improves to 11-0 on the season when it wins the doubles point.

Vanderbilt now leads the all-time series 18-15 against Alabama and has won 14 straight meetings against the Crimson Tide.

### LACROSSE DEFEATS PENN ST. TO OPEN LEAGUE PLAY

The 20th-ranked Commodore women's lacrosse team won its second straight game Sunday, defeating American Lacrosse Conference rival Penn State, 10-7, at the VU Lacrosse Complex.

Freshman Emily Franke led the Commodores, scoring three goals and adding two assists.

Senior goalkeeper Brooke Shinaberry made 10 saves even as the Nittany Lions outshot Vanderbilt 23-22. A strong defensive effort was led by Heather Koutrakos, who had two caused turnovers and three ground balls.

Senior Margie Curran helped the Commodores dominate the draw, controlling three on the day to help Vanderbilt get an 11-5 advantage.

Conference play continues next weekend, when Vanderbilt travels to Evanston, Ill., to take top-ranked Northwestern.

### MEN'S TENNIS RALLIES TO TOP NO. 23 ALABAMA

In the midst of a season-long three-match losing skid, No. 34 Vanderbilt looked well on its way to its fourth straight loss, trailing No. 23 Alabama 3-1 on Sunday. However, the Commodores rallied to earn a 4-3 victory over the Crimson Tide at the Currey Tennis Center.

"We really needed that one," said Vanderbilt coach Ian Duvenhage. "I'm proud of the guys, they wouldn't go away today. I told them that I'm happy for them and they deserved this one but that we can still get so much better."

For Vanderbilt (10-5, 2-4 Southeastern Conference), the match was its first at home since March 2 after having four straight matches on the road. The return home was a welcome sign for Vanderbilt, which is now 8-1 at home. With the loss, Alabama fell to 14-6 overall and 4-2 in the SEC.

The Commodores' comeback from a 3-1 deficit was their second this season and second in a row at home. In their last home match, the Commodores trailed South Carolina 3-1 before rallying for a 4-3 Vanderbilt win.

—To see a slideshow of photos from the weekend's lacrosse and tennis matches, go to:



## Defense controls Saturday scrimmage

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The defense controlled much of a 70-yard scrimmage Saturday afternoon as the Commodores made their first appearance this spring in Vanderbilt Stadium.

The Commodores are expected to return to practice on Tuesday leading to the team's Black & Gold Scrimmage on March 29 at 11 a.m. in Vanderbilt Stadium.

The Commodore defense clamped down much of the time, shutting down its counterparts on nine straight drives after the offense opened with a seven-play drive that ended in a short field goal. As the scrimmage

came to a close, the offense gathered some momentum with touchdowns on three consecutive possessions that began inside defensive territory.

Quarterback Mackenzi Adams and tailback Jeff Jennings were effective in the opening drive that eventually stalled just outside the end zone. Adams broke loose on a scramble for 47 yards, then hit Jennings for 16 yards on a screen pass to the 5-yard line. The possession ended with two incomplete passes and a tackle of Jennings by end Broderick Stewart and linebacker John Stokes.

The defense quickly took control after refusing to allow the opening touchdown.

Several defenders made key plays that either forced long third-down plays or forced punting situations.

Quarterback Chris Nickson was responsible for getting the offense back on track. Starting inside the 50-yard line, Nickson rushed out of the pocket for 11 and 24 yards, before eluding two defenders to score on a 4-yard carry.

Adams guided the final scoring drive, though Billinger provided one of the scrimmage highlights with a punishing tackle for loss on Gaston Miller. After Adams rushed for 11 yards, Miller came back from the hit with an impressive 10-yard carry off right tackle, then scored on a 2-yard rush. ■

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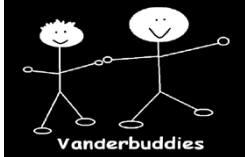
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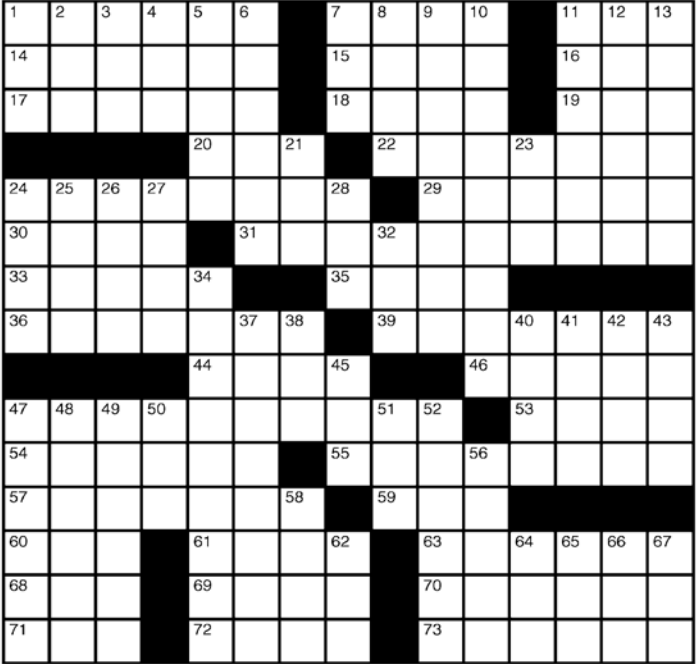
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