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## THE WALL

compiled by LAKENDRA SCOTT

### THIS WEEK 'A Time to Heal'

Amnesty International is selling flags on the Wall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in order to raise awareness for the rape epidemic in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in their campaign "A Time to Heal: Fundraising Campaign for Victims of Sexual Violence in the DRC." Each flag represents 100 of the 27,000 reported victims in one province of the DRC in 2006. Students can purchase a flag for \$1 and plant it on the lawn next to the Wall.

### TODAY Dodecs spring concert

Students are invited to spend their evening listening to the a cappella group the Dodecs perform songs made famous by Sean Kingston, Modest Mouse, James Taylor, The Doobie Brothers, Neil Diamond, Incubus and many more. The event will begin at 7 p.m. in Ingram Hall.

### TODAY The Second City comedy troupe

The campus community can see the legendary comedy troupe that launched the careers of a thousand comedians. Free food, drinks and T-shirts are available to all students. The performances will be held in Sarratt Cinema at 8 p.m. and 11 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 22 'A Time to Heal'

Amnesty International is holding a benefit concert for their weeklong campaign in Sarratt Cinema at 6 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 22 Garba Dance Festival

A traditional Indian dance festival will be presented by Masala-Sace, featuring live music and food. It will be in the Student Life Center Ballroom at 7 p.m.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 23 'Iraq in Fragments'

The Office of the Dean of Students is sponsoring "Iraq War: 5 years and counting," which is a series of films, lectures and panel discussions. The film will begin at 7 p.m. in Sarratt Cinema.

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

## Mold madness

Freshmen in Kissam Quad — like many of their predecessors — fight with issues of mold and mildew.

by ARYEH HILLMAN  
Contributing Reporter

Kissam and mold. About 600 freshmen sing the same song each year, but that hasn't done much to help the problem.

Mold growth is not new to the poorly ventilated dorms in Kissam Quad. Freshmen and parents alike are disgusted each year by the problem.

"It's just kind of gross," said freshman Emily McBride. "I know some of our parents were kind of surprised that we were living in a dorm where there was mold growing because it's in the majority of the rooms in this hall."

Though it is often difficult to pinpoint the exact reasons for mold, it is clear that sources of water are required for its growth.

"We're in Middle Tennessee, (and there is a) very high-humidity climate in this area," said Jim Kramka,

senior director of housing facilities, operation and management.

"When the weather changes, when it gets colder outside, windows, especially windows with metal frames, conduct the cold so you get condensation," Kramka said. "Where you get condensation of moisture if it doesn't evaporate quickly, it can become a (place) for mold (and) mildew to grow."

A recent leak in an old pipe in Dyer Hall, for example, was responsible for significant mold growth underneath the carpet in the hallway. It was enough to revolt some freshmen who were already leery of Kissam Quad.

"The mold caused an air bubble in the linoleum," said freshman Leah Vanderwerp. "I haven't had any problems with mold in my room, but it's pretty gross. (There was) black stuff all over the metal part of the window frame."

Officials at Vanderbilt, including

Kramka, feel there are principally three reasons for the mold growth in Kissam Quad.

And one of those is adherence to new fire codes.

"I don't know exactly when this happened, but a fire inspector came through and said, 'The vents in the door are a fire hazard, you have to close them.' So we closed them," Kramka said. "What that (means) is that you have less circulation from the room to the hallway, for instance. And so that can trap moisture in a room under certain conditions."

Secondly, they believe the orientation of student's furniture can contribute to problems.

"If (furniture) gets up against (walls), that can trap that moisture," said Kramka, who mentioned there were plans to switch out the curtains in the rooms for blinds, which allow for more air circulation.

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Mold grows in Dyer Hall after a pipe burst and leaked water under the carpet. The prevalence of mold throughout the six dorms in Kissam Quad is attributed to the poor ventilation and air circulation.

### WAYS TO PREVENT MOLD

- Pull furniture and fabrics away from the walls
- Pull back curtains
- Keep the room temperature cool
- Run the air-handling units (and fans) at all times
- Keep as much moisture as possible (like wet towels) outside the room
- Wipe off moisture from the walls

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEF

### Gibson Guitar sues retailers over 'Guitar Hero' video game

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Gibson Guitar Corp. is suing Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and five other major retailers that sell the Activision "Guitar Hero" game, claiming it violates a patent held by the Nashville-based company.

A federal lawsuit filed Monday claims Wal-Mart, Target Corp., Kmart, Amazon.com, GameStop Corp. and Toys R Us should stop selling the game, The Associated Press reported.

"Guitar Hero" is a popular game among students, who expressed concern it would no longer be sold.

"Guitar hero is one of the few video games that appeal to a diverse group of people," said freshman Nathan Chan, "because it deals with music, which is just so universal."

Gibson has already tried to stop video game publisher Activision Inc. from selling all versions of the game, claiming it too closely matches a musical virtual-reality patent from 1999.

The guitar company said in a released statement on Thursday that it took "this action reluctantly, but is required to protect its intellectual property."

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SARA GAST / The Vanderbilt Hustler

The Collegiate Readership Program returned to campus Thursday, March 20, distributing copies of USA Today and The New York Times, which students like Bosun Yang can read for free.

## Collegiate Readership Program returns to campus

by SARA GAST  
News Editor

The Collegiate Readership Program returned to campus Thursday based on the success of the pilot program held in February, the Dean of Students office and Vanderbilt Student Government announced.

According to Dean of Students Mark Bandas, Vanderbilt Student Government pushed for the return of the program, citing high student interest.

"The pilot program was just an experiment to help us determine the level of interest in the readership program, so we didn't really have any prior expectations," Bandas said. "When the student government showed us evidence (of) how much interest the student body had, we accepted their recommendation."

Although part of the pilot program, The Tennessean will not be a part of the distribution on campus any longer, Bandas said.

"There was not much pick up of The Tennessean," Bandas said, "and we were concerned about the potential revenue implications it would have on student media."

Bandas and VSG President Cara Bilotta met with members of Vanderbilt Student Communications

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## VSG transitions into new presidency

by VASANTH SATHIYAKUMAR  
Staff Reporter

On the official day she stepped down from being president of Vanderbilt Student Government, senior Cara Bilotta had one more duty before she passed her position to Joseph Williams — the catered food for the VSG turnover dinner was apparently missing. However, using her past experience and quick



BILOTTA



WILLIAMS

thinking, Bilotta purchased snacks and drinks from the Varsity Market.

"This is a lesson for you, Joseph, in communication and crisis improvisation," Bilotta joked in front of a crowd comprised of VSG

representatives, campus community members and Chancellor Nick Zeppos.

The main purpose of the evening was the official swearing-in of now-President Joseph Williams, a junior who was last semester's chief of staff. Now-Vice President Wyatt Smith was Williams' running mate.

"Being president of the student body allows me to be informed about what

goes on in the student body," Williams said. "Vanderbilt is a great place, but things can be better. I love to represent the student voice and make Vanderbilt better."

Some of the first problems Williams plans on tackling as president include obtaining more financial aid for students who wish to study abroad, improving card access policies to dormitories and initiating improvements

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## Making their 'Impact'



—To view an audio slideshow and listen to a podcast from this event, go to:



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Reza Aslan, renowned expert on Middle Eastern politics and faith, and Gen. John Abizaid, former commander of United States Central Command, spoke on the last night of the 2008 Impact Symposium Wednesday. Aslan discussed the intersection of religion and politics in the region, drawing from his experiences in Iran and other countries to illustrate the sentiments of the Muslim world. Abizaid, the longest-serving commander of CentCom, pinpointed the biggest challenges for U.S. military involvement in the Middle East, lending an operational perspective to the lineup of speakers.



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**MONDAY**



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**VUPD CRIME LOG**  
compiled by LAKENDRA SCOTT

**Saturday, March 16, 2:04 a.m.:**  
Subject found a bag with a green leafy substance on the floor in Branscomb lobby.

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## THE 123456789 STARTING 9

compiled by LAKENDRA SCOTT

### 1 Towns across Midwest brace for more flooding as rivers continue to rise from heavy storms

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** — Residents warily watched as rivers continued to rise Thursday from heavy storms that dumped as much as a foot of rain in the Midwest and left behind more than a dozen deaths.

While the first day of spring brought much-needed sunshine Thursday to Ohio and other states, authorities warned that many rivers would crest well above flood stage in the next several days. Flooding was also reported Wednesday in parts of Arkansas, southern Illinois, southern Indiana, Missouri and Kentucky, according to The Associated Press.

### 2 Bin Laden accuses pope of leading anti-Islam crusade, threatens severe reaction against Europe

**CAIRO, Egypt** — Osama bin Laden accused Pope Benedict XVI of helping in a "new crusade" against Islam and warned of a "severe" reaction to European publications of cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad that insulted many Muslims, The Associated Press reported.

Bin Laden's new audiotape message raised concerns al-Qaida was plotting new attacks in Europe. Some experts said bin Laden, believed to be in hiding in the rugged Afghan-Pakistan border area, may be unable to organize an attack himself and instead is trying to fan anger and inspire his supporters to violence.

### 3 Democratic primary contest swells party's ranks in Pennsylvania

**WAYNE, Pa** — The Associated Press reports that Pennsylvanians are rushing in record numbers to sign up as Democrats so they can vote in the April 22 presidential primary between Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton.

Many are lured by the historic drama of two U.S. senators vying to be the first black or female president. But the two campaigns are also busily recruiting independents, disgruntled Republicans and those who were not previously registered at all.

### 4 Populous Sandhill cranes in gun sights of wildlife group

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** — Tennessee could be the only state in the Southeast to allow hunting of Sandhill cranes if a push by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency works out, The Tennessean reported.

The 4-foot-tall birds have grown in number and in fame at the Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge in East Tennessee, where up to 15,000 are estimated to stop and rest during migration in the winter. Their appetites have been responsible for wiping out food supplies planted through a TWRA program for ducks and geese, which are hunted.

### 5 Rise in jobless claims, drop in index suggest US economy faltering

**NEW YORK** — A rise in jobless claims and a drop in a key forecasting gauge provided the latest evidence that the U.S. economy is faltering and may be slipping into recession.

The Conference Board, a business-backed research group, said Thursday that its index of leading economic indicators fell in February for the fifth consecutive month. The index, which is designed to forecast where the nation's economy is headed in the next three to six months, dipped 0.3 percent to 135.0 in February after slumping 0.4 percent the month before, The Associated Press reported.

### 6 Bill extending commission on Indian affairs headed to governor

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** — The Associated Press reports legislation that would extend the life of the state's commission on Indian affairs by another year is headed to the governor for his consideration.

The measure sponsored by Rep. Mike Kernell, a Memphis Democrat, passed the house 78-14 on Thursday with no debate. The Senate approved it 24-6 last month.

At that time, senators voted to overturn the Senate Government Operations Committee's recommendation to repeal the commission at the end of June.

### 7 Drag racer charged with vehicular homicide in parade crash

**SELMER, Tenn.** — A professional drag racer whose car plowed into a parade crowd, killing six people and injuring 22 others last summer, has surrendered to authorities on multiple felony charges.

Troy Critchley is charged with six counts of vehicular homicide due to recklessness and 22 counts of reckless aggravated assault, according to the Tennessee Highway Patrol. The Associated Press reports he was indicted March 4 but the charges remained under seal until Thursday.

### 8 D.C. court bars Libby from practicing law after perjury conviction in CIA leak case

**WASHINGTON** — Former top White House aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby was banned Thursday from practicing law in the nation's capital following his perjury conviction in the case of a CIA operative's leaked identity, according to The Associated Press.

The disbarment order of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia had been expected.

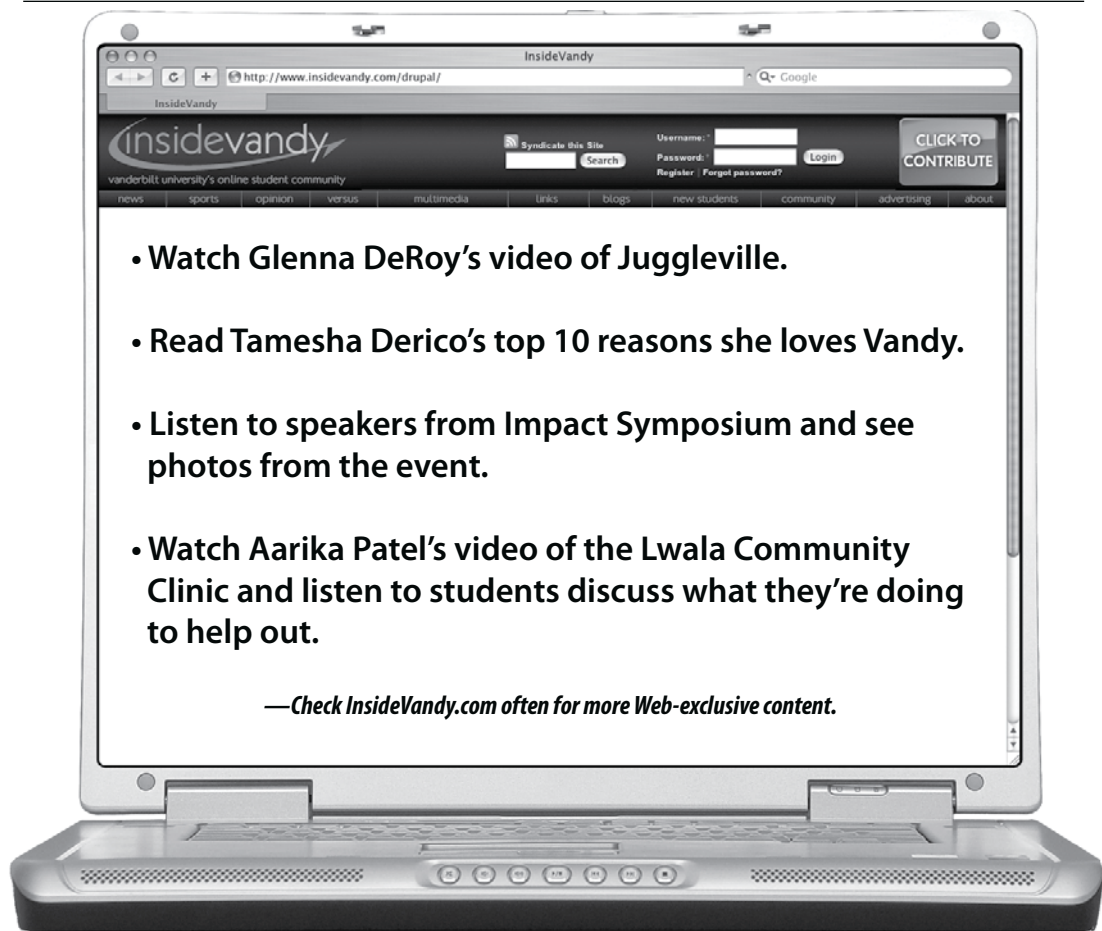
"When a member of the bar is convicted of an offense involving moral turpitude, disbarment is mandatory," the appeals court ruled.

### 9 McCain visits London, hails bravery of UK troops in Iraq

**LONDON** — Republican presidential candidate John McCain on Thursday hailed the bravery of British and U.S. soldiers yet refrained from calling publicly for Britain to slow the pace of its troop withdrawal from southern Iraq, The Associated Press reported.

McCain discussed Iraq with British Prime Minister Gordon Brown in their first-ever meeting — a 45-minute discussion in London that also touched on the economy and climate change, McCain said.

## WHAT'S NEW ON INSIDEVANDY.COM



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**SNAPSHOT**

### MENTIONING THE 'UNMENTIONABLES'



LAUREN FONDRIEST/The Vanderbilt Hustler

McGill Hall resident Addy Petrilla, a sophomore, attends the McGill Project Expo on Tuesday evening in the Ben Schulman Center for Jewish Life. The event previewed presentation research related to McGill Hall's theme: "unmentionables."



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# MOLD: Housing combatting mold case by case

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Kramka also explained that, unlike residents in other dorms, students in Kissam Quad have complete control over special individual air-handling units. These units, in addition to controlling air temperature, remove moisture from the air, and many students choose to never use them. Dorms in Branscomb Quad, on the other hand, have centralized air conditioning systems that constantly run throughout the day.

According to Dr. Jonas Kalnas, a mold and occupational health expert at Vanderbilt Medical Center, the configuration of air conditioning systems are important to maintaining the correct amount of moisture in the air.

"Air conditioning units are very important, because air conditioning units cool the air and also dry the air," Kalnas said.

Taken together, however, it's not entirely clear the

reasons that officials have cited for the mold problems give a complete picture of the problem. Students in mold-free Vanderbilt/Barnard Hall, for example, have freedom over their furniture arrangement, individual air units and do not have any air vents in their rooms.

Moreover, the dorms in The Commons also are similar to rooms in Kissam in that they also do not have any vents in their rooms and have

controllable air units — but no mold grows there, either.

Kramka said he still feels students who run their air conditioning regularly and keep their bed away from the walls should be able to prevent problems with mold.

"One, keep the fan up. My air handler runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week," Kramka said. "The other thing is keep bedding fabrics away from those walls."

Still, despite following all

recommendations, students like freshman Lauren Bates have had issues with air quality and mold.

"Our (resident advisers) in October sent suggestions to prevent mold in our rooms," Bates said. "They told us we should run our AC on a medium setting, and since then I've been doing that, but when my mom visited in February she said that she could smell the mold in my room, which is kind of a disgusting thought."

For now, Kramka and his team are fighting the problem on a case-by-case basis.

"You try to address the source of the moisture," Kramka said. "If there's not moisture, there's not going to be growth. Identify that process, you remediate the area through cleaning, and you're good to go." ■

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## COLLEGIATE READERSHIP: Tennessean least popular, will not be part of contracted program

Inc., including Chair of the Board Bruce Barry and Director of Student Media Chris Carroll, over the past couple weeks to discuss the concerns about fighting for advertising with The Tennessean.

"There was fear expressed by (VSC) that The Tennessean was going to compete with them much more for advertising revenue, and we wanted to be respect for their concern as well," Bilotta said.

All parties agreed it would be in the best interest of VSC, under which several campus media publications are produced, including The Vanderbilt Hustler and InsideVandy.com, to discontinue the distribution of The Tennessean.

Carroll said he was "pleased" The Tennessean is no longer part of the program because of the concern of its threat to student media, saying "the other two papers don't really present a concern as far as advertising competition."

The Times and USA Today were the most popular among students, and the interest in those papers is what drove VSG to bring it back.

"When we were discussing with the dean of students staff and members of VSG, we had to take into account that we have limited resources to pursue this program," Bilotta said. "We decided to invest more in the papers that were getting

picked up most, which were The New York Times and USA Today."

But it is these limited resources that VSC feels could be put to better use within the university.

"I think it's great that students want to pick up newspapers. We're not opposed to that," Barry said. "But from a VSC perspective, we don't believe that the university should be subsidizing the local media that student media competes with for advertising dollars."

The New York Times and USA Today will be distributed on campus as part of the Gannett-sponsored CRP, with 356 copies of The Times and 234 copies of USA Today distributed between the two locations in Sarratt Student Center and The Commons Center, Bandas said.

The two national papers will be distributed until exams period, Bandas said, and the program will continue on a semester-by-semester contracted basis. ■

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## Dinnertime jazz performers serve music to students' ears



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Jazz trumpeter Jon Lijoi (far right) joined the Blair Jazz Trio of Benet Brown (keyboard), Kenny Hildebrand (drums) and Mike Rinne (upright bass) as they serenaded diners at The Commons Center on Thursday. The quartet performed as a part of the Music in The Commons initiative, a project to bring more live music to The Commons Dining Center.

## VSG: Bilotta initiated multiple changes

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in buildings for upperclassman housing such as Kissam Quad.

"Because this is just the second year of VSG, there are some kinks we need to work out," Williams said. "But we plan on improving the committee structure to get more student involvement and grassroots support to implement policies. Any undergraduate student can apply to be a part of the committees."

Williams's track record also includes being a VUceptor, social chair and vice president of Beta Upsilon Chi fraternity, area coordinator for InterHall, and deputy chief of staff for Student

Government Association.

Many, including Zeppos, expressed their thanks to Cara for her work and belief that Williams will be a capable leader.

"I can't think of what the year would have been like without Cara's support and leadership as we are about to transition," Zeppos said. "I am looking forward to working with Joseph and all student leaders."

The transition in VSG from Bilotta to Williams comes after Bilotta changed many aspects of Vanderbilt. Under her presidency, Bilotta and VSG were able to coordinate Vanderbilt's first Memorial

Madness before SEC play began in basketball, implement a new seniority system for housing, add Qdoba and Best Wok to meal money, and provide shuttle services to areas around Nashville such as the airport, among other various changes.

"I will definitely miss the service and the feeling I had interacting with students," Bilotta said. "Being in this position allowed me to know so much — the problems, events and celebrations that Vanderbilt had."

She said the big picture was more important.

"If I were to give Joseph advice, it

would be that at the end of the day, he has to keep the students, administration and the whole university in his mind, but that he works for the students. Oh, and to reply to e-mails quickly, too."

In his closing remarks, Williams showed some signs of surprise of how a self-professed loud, rambling person like him could be president. He did, however, also have some advice for all who were present.

"Stop and smell the roses — and count your blessings." ■

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## Yago corresponds with campus community

Former MTV News correspondent Gideon Yago addressed members of the Vanderbilt and Nashville communities as part of Impact Symposium on Tuesday. This year's theme of "East Meets West" tied in with Yago's lecture on the United States' relationship with the Middle East.



BRETT KAMINSKY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

## GUITAR HERO: 5 compaines sued for patent violation

From **GUITAR HERO**, page 1

Earlier this month, Activision filed suit in California asking a federal judge to declare the game does not violate the patent.

Spokeswomen for Wal-Mart and Amazon.com said the companies do not comment on pending litigation. Officials with the four other retailers did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

Santa Monica, Calif.-based Activision contends Gibson's patent assertions have no merit. Gibson has said it wants

Activision to stop selling "Guitar Hero" until it gets a license under the patent.

"Our 'Guitar Hero' retailing partners have done nothing wrong," Activision said in released statement. "We will confront this and any other efforts by Gibson to wrongfully interfere with Activision's relationship with its customers and its consumers."

Gibson attorneys sent Activision a letter in January accusing it of violating a patent titled "System and Method for Generating and Controlling a Simulated

Musical Concert Experience," according to a lawsuit filed by Activision.

A copy of the patent is included in Gibson's lawsuit and dated Nov. 23, 1999. It describes a device that lets a user "simulate participation in a concert by playing a musical instrument and wearing a head-mounted 3-D display that includes stereo speakers."

The device also includes playback of audio and video of a prerecorded concert and a separate track of audio from the user's instrument.

"Guitar Hero" users perform songs using a stringless, plastic guitar that plugs into a game console. A TV connected to the gaming console displays animated musicians playing along and graphics that guide users' play.

In Gibson's lawsuit, it states the company "has been damaged and will continue to be damaged by the aforesaid infringement unless defendants are enjoined, preliminarily and permanently, from selling and offering for sale infringing products ..." ■

## Juggleville

In its third year, Juggleville has dazzled audiences with its juggling feats and various other physical arts — so much so it had to add more shows. This year, the sold-out Juggleville III: Catch-a-Sketch promises to deliver no less.

With acts including Chinese yo-yos, staff tricks and rhythmic gymnastics, this year's show tells the story of a young girl's fantasy world through her magical coloring book.

In order to prepare for the show, the 60-member cast of Juggleville III has put in time and dedication.

"This week I'll be spending four hours a day, easily, getting ready for the show," said freshman Doug Denniston, a performer, choreographer and planner for Juggleville III.

The cast will perform three shows, all of which sold out. But if students already have their tickets — or can get their hands on some — the cast promises the show will be worth it.

"Every year Juggleville is one of the most anticipated shows, and I think judging by the amount of work we've put in, this year going to be our best show," Denniston said.

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### OUR VIEW

## Kissam's mold must be addressed

It seems unlikely that Vanderbilt would ever notify each student's parents and guardians with something to the effect of "We have discovered mold not conducive to your student's health in his or her dormitory. In order to correct the situation, we have elected to remove the curtains and install blinds."

While the mold in the Kissam dorms is not life-threatening, the editorial board doubts the air circulation problems of the dormitories will be resolved with the substitution of blinds in the windows. We also have doubts about how much comfort those blinds will bring to the rising sophomores who must live in the, literally, moldy Kissam Quad.

At the same time, the administration constantly defers long-term solutions to problems like mold and air circulation in Kissam, under the reasoning that its days are numbered as the College Halls initiative moves forward. Of course, Kissam Quad has been scheduled to be replaced for a long time and may remain in its limbo state. Since a Munchie Mart in Hemingway was deemed important enough to build, the logical conclusion of that effort would be that Kissam still will exist for a little while and still has some worth.

Although the potential changes to Kissam would likely come at great financial expense, health concerns like

asthma and allergies and general quality of life concerns should take precedence. If the benefits of the changes are less than the costs of making the changes, perhaps the administration needs some greater expediency, or at least a promise of greater expediency concerning the building project there.

The administration's slow response to testing the mold was somewhat concerning, as well. Had the mold been a serious health risk, this might be a very different Our View.

Regardless, a sincere effort to correct the air circulation problems in Kissam from the administration is needed and would be appreciated by the student body.

## Top 10 Ways to Pass the Time in a Boring Class

**JUSTIN POYTHRESS**  
Columnist

- 10. Take notes**  
This should only be used as a last resort. Also, when doing this, be careful to only be half-listening otherwise you are in danger of learning something.
- 9. Daydream**  
Whether you're an astronaut, a zookeeper, a football player on a team other than Vanderbilt or just a student whose professor doesn't take attendance, nothing passes the time quite like daydreaming.
- 8. Sleep**  
Not rested? Need a pick-me-up? There are a couple of tested variations on this: head rested on the arm, cap pulled down over the face or sunglasses pulled over the eyes. The advantage of the last is it also covers being hung over or stoned.
- 7. Eat**  
As far as temporary distractions go, I don't know if you can beat this one. Try to make a habit of scheduling your mealtimes during classes, thus being able to eat a full course meal, preferably in a loud and messy fashion to irritate those around you.
- 6. Do the crossword(s)**  
Both The Hustler and Versus contain a crossword and a sudoku, so make use of them when you just can't handle listening anymore. If your class meets only once a week, collect the crosswords so you have enough for the whole three hours.
- 5. Do NOT smoke in class**  
Though this may seem like a good way to ease tension, in reality, it's about as smart as taking relationship advice from Andrew Solomon. Such activity has potential to draw negative attention to yourself.
- 4. Games**  
Find an equally bored, accommodating partner and play a game of tic-tac-toe or Pictionary. For an added element of excitement, play the game on your arm with a pocketknife.
- 3. Prank games**  
You can also use unsuspecting classmates in your game. Collect little bits of paper, trash or used gum, and take turns placing them in the student's hair in front of you until he or she freaks out. It's like live Jenga.
- 2. Laptop activities**  
Bring in your computer. No matter if you're playing games, cruising Facebook or watching a movie without volume, the true beauty of this is there's always a chance the teacher might think you're using it to take notes.
- 1. Texting**  
How are your friends supposed to know how bored you are or what you're eating for lunch unless you text them? Plus, everyone else will think you're so cool you can't possibly squeeze all your socializing into non-class hours.

### COLUMN

## The meaning of country music

**CAMERON ROTH**  
Guest Columnist

Vanderbilt University is a school that houses students from many areas across the country and the world. Our fine university lies in the city of Nashville, also known as the Music City. When people hear the word "Nashville," they usually associate it with country music. Here at Vanderbilt, country music has a different influence on the diverse student population. First, there are Southern kids who actually adore country music. They hail from regions where country music is king, and most radio stations carry their favorite cowboy hat-toting artists.

For example, Arts and Science freshman Jeremy Strickland from Georgia has the skill of being able to sing every word to any country song that comes on the radio. This skill comes from being born and raised in an environment where country music reigns supreme. Georgians

believe country music is the "perfect blend of being able to chill and listen, sing along or dance." Not all country music fans come from Nashville or even the South, but here at Vanderbilt the vast majority believes country music should be king.

Although Vanderbilt is a school located in a city known for its country music, many students here were introduced to country through their college experience. When I first left for college, I had a great disdain for country music. Many of my friends believed I would return a changed man after being steeped in the country culture for many weeks. Many students share the same experience as I in that they leave home without knowing much about country but return home with a different opinion.

These students fall into two different categories. First, there are the students who return home with their favorite songs of "Wagon Wheel" and "Callin Baton Rouge." These people are looked down upon by

their country-loving brethren as "sell-outs" — people who just associate country music with tailgating and beer drinking. They assume Old Crow Medicine Show is the hottest band on the market and passively wait for another "hit" country song to be played at the next porch party. Unfortunately, I can group myself with these poor souls. Country music plays no part in my life unless I hear the typical five songs that are played at frat parties and tailgates. These songs remind me of dressing in my frattiest attire and heading out to the parking lot, but somehow I feel like I am faking my Southern style. Even worse, when we return home, we still claim that we don't like country music, but we indulge in our secret "Vanderbilt country" on our own. I'm not sure which way this group will swing after they leave school: Will we begin exploring more country music options, or will we move away from country and never give it

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### COLUMN

## Patriotism begins with liberty



**MIKE WARREN**  
Columnist

Monday evening's IMPACT speech from Islam critic and feminist Ayaan Hirsi Ali introduced many Vanderbilt students to "critical reflection" of Islam and the merits such reflection can have on a range of aspects of society. Ali spoke bluntly and freely about her own experience as a Muslim girl torn between religious piety and the prospect of freedom.

Hearing her account of discovering a world in the West that allowed her to be free from her restrictive conditions as a Muslim, I sensed a feeling verging on frustration in Ali's calm and demure demeanor. She vocalized this apparent frustration during an appearance last year on the Canadian news and opinion show "On The Map," hosted by a pest of a man, Avi Lewis. During the interview, Lewis expressed shock that Ali had so much admiration and respect for the American democracy, falsely implying it is a broken democracy. Ali's response was that she had lived in countries without democracy, and while the Canadian Lewis had been born into freedom and "can spit on freedom," she had seen what living without freedom was like. She expressed that there is nowhere in the world freer than America.

The frustration Ali felt during that appearance and perhaps while being questioned Monday evening at Vanderbilt is a feeling I and other Americans experience. It seems there is a sizeable portion of the country's population that does not recognize, as Ali does, the superiority of Western and American political culture. These people, often cultural relativists, hold that the ideas of democracy, freedom of speech and free markets are morally equivalent to all other cultures of the world, including the truly oppressive culture of violence and bigotry in radical Islam.

The truth is that Western society, particularly that of America, is morally superior to all other societies, in either the past or the present, because it holds individual freedom in the highest regard. The principles that guided the founding fathers were based on the idea that the individual can and should choose for himself his government, his belief system and his path in life. Freedom like this was revolutionary at the time, and it is still radical today.

To say that American society is superior to others is not to say Americans cannot learn or grow from appreciating or understanding other cultures. It is also not meant to suggest America does not have its own problems. For all of the noblest intentions of the founding fathers, there is no denying America has fallen short of its high standard for human life many times. Yet it is precisely this high standard that sets America apart from the rest of the world and the rest of history.

This is a country where citizens are free to express any political opinion they wish. This is a country where citizens can choose how and where to worship, or even whether to practice faith at all. This is a country where children born into poverty can become corporate CEOs, professional athletes, award-winning novelists and Supreme Court justices. America is great because of what it stands for: freedom for the individual human being to explore his own humanity to the extent of his own aspirations.

Statements like these may be sources of derision for high-minded academics and crusaders for social justice who can point to the aforementioned shortfalls, but it seems that these critics refuse to see the forest for the trees. Sometimes, it takes someone born in the metaphorical desert, like Ali, to remind us of the beautiful forest that lies right before our eyes.

Anti-war liberals love to repeat the meme that criticizing your country is a patriotic duty. Intelligent criticism of government is an important aspect to living in a free society, but it is not patriotism. To be patriotic in America is to understand the noble history of our country's foundation and continue to foster and praise these ideals in everyday life.

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COLUMN

# Will the Dems deliver McCain?



**KATHERINE MILLER**  
*Opinion Editor*

A new Franklin & Marshall poll shows that a fifth of likely Democratic Pennsylvanian voters will vote for John McCain if their preferred candidate does not receive the Democratic nomination. That fifth applies to both candidates.

As PAWaterCooler.com, a blog devoted to Pennsylvanian politics, points out: In a statistically perfect world, 20 percent would translate into over 800,000 votes for John McCain. Clearly, that won't happen. Then again, John Kerry won Pennsylvania in 2004 by a margin of 144,000 votes — McCain would need far less than 20 percent to capture the swing state's 21 electoral votes.

The potential McCain extension into Democratic territory is critical, but I'm less curious about the current statistics than I am about the trend of this data. How have the spats over race,

New York's Sex-Capades and the looming specter of Florida and Michigan affected this trend? Can the Democrats kill their own momentum?

Geraldine Ferraro had her vengeance moment Thursday, saying "(equating) what (she) said with what this racist bigot has said from the pulpit is unbelievable."

Leaving aside that Ferraro coughs up some hatred herself, her technical disassociation from the Clinton campaign, allows her to now assume the role of Fred Thompson in South Carolina this winter: the deadly assassin sent to destroy a potential nominee. Instead of the grim silence of Thompson, however, Ferraro will sing like she's Fraulein Maria. Whatever Clinton furiously scribbles in her journal by night will drop serendipitously from the lips of Ferraro. The Obama campaign may have created for itself a monster.

Meanwhile, Eliot Spitzer and David Paterson apparently seek

to replicate the effect Larry Craig and Mark Foley had on the public perception of the GOP.

Against all this dialogue is the hanging cloud of Michigan and Florida. The longer the uncertainty rules the day for the Democrats, the longer the suffering is drawn out. By the time the convention gets going, Democratic voters may want to get the hell away from the victor of the Slytherin-esque war of attrition and back to the Jon Stewart-friendly figure of McCain.

Most of this is speculation, of course. What isn't speculation is this: McCain holds independent appeal, and the Democratic race for the nomination is getting ugly. If those two facts translate into Democratic defection as that poll suggests, swing states may be stolen, and McCain could stand on a stage strewn with confetti, in this easy year for a talented Democratic candidate to win.

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## Correction: Really, we love the Yankees and Va. Tech

As more than a few have notified me, the Verdict contained a rather unfortunate typo on Wednesday: I gave the New York Yankees a thumbs down for their attendance at the Virginia Tech baseball home opener. This was unintentional — I hail from Virginia and am a huge baseball geek, so the Yankees' tribute was a perfect thumbs up to me. Sadly, I have difficulties copying and pasting properly. Go Hokies. —Katherine Miller

# ROTH: Vanderbilt possesses unique country-music culture on its campus

From **ROTH**, page 4  
another consideration?

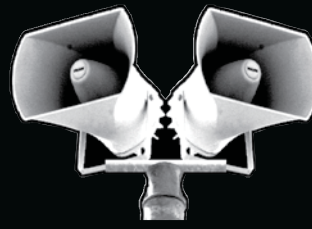
The second group of the non-country music students has an easy answer to that question. These are the students who do not and will not ever like country music. They are not swayed by the Southern charm of Nashville or the raging frat stars that claim to know something about the world of country music. A lot of these people were not brought up in country households and can never seem to find a taste for this genre of music. Throughout the years,

this has become less and less of a rarity at Vanderbilt as students from all across the globe start to apply here.

It is very easy to see all three groups of people at school, and this seemingly minute classification of people actually plays a role in the Vanderbilt social scene. Country music plays a big part of the social scene at school and it is fascinating to see different people react to new situations.

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# THE RANT



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Compiled by Katherine Miller

"I passed a tour group the other day and overheard the guide promoting the variety of clubs available to students with this statement: 'We have everything from the juggling club to the anime club.' Seriously?? I thought tour guides were trying to make Vandy look, you know, appealing. Hate to tell you, tour guide, but any school that advertised itself through the merits of its anime club probably wouldn't top the list of most people's places to go. Next time, how about everything from Model U.N. to ASB, or Vibe to ultimate frisbee ...?"

"When will organizations realize that bombarding our mailboxes is ineffective and wasteful? No matter how cute or brightly colored the flyer is I'm still just going to toss it in the recycling bin."

"I really appreciate how the entire Class of 2011 is being completely neglected by the entire housing process. With the exception of a few rising sophomores going to Mayfields, everyone will be exactly where they are now ... in Vandy/Barnard, Kissam or Branscomb. What's the point?"

"Either the world's biggest jerk or the world's biggest Red Sox fan wrote the Verdict for Wednesday. Seriously, a thumbs down for the Yankees supporting Virginia Tech? Come on!!!"



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## SPORTS

# Dores gear up to play Saints

## Vanderbilt hopes for repeat of last two first-round victories.

by ANDREW BARGE  
Senior Sports Reporter

At 6:20 p.m. tonight, the Vanderbilt Commodores start their season. The No. 4-seeded Dores (26-7) have their first test in the No. 13 Siena Saints (22-10) at St. Pete Times Forum in Tampa, Fla.

The season has been a streaky one for the senior-less Saints, opening the year with back-to-back losses and responding the following week with a win over No. 20 Stanford. But Siena couldn't build on the upset, dropping their next game to Cornell.

Despite the inconsistency, Siena enters the tournament playing its best basketball of the season.

The Saints take on Vandy after winning the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Championship. After sharing the regular season title, Siena was awarded with a No. 1 seed in the conference tournament, which happened to be played on their home court in Albany, N.Y.

Their six-game winning streak is largely attributed to three star players. Sophomore Edwin Ubiles leads the team with 17.3 points per game, with junior guard Kenny Hasbrouck following with 15.6 ppg. Forward Alex Franklin rounds out the big three with 15.3 ppg. The sophomore also pulls down most of the rebounds, averaging eight boards per game.

Vanderbilt enters Friday's game following a disappointing loss to Arkansas in the Southeastern Conference Tournament. Though the Dores have yet to play their first NCAA Tournament game, their road to the tournament has been reminiscent to earlier experiences.

Vandy had a similar season-ending experience last year, falling to Arkansas in the opening round of the conference tournament. The losing feeling didn't last long, as the Dores responded by bouncing back in the big dance against George Washington and Washington State. (You could also argue that they continued that momentum against Georgetown, but that's neither here nor there.)

Another familiarity lies in the lack of respect given to the Dores by the national media.

Before the Dores made a run to the Sweet 16 in 2004, they were picked as a trendy upset pick against No. 11 Western Michigan.

Last year, analysts felt the back-to-back losses to Arkansas would translate into an early first-round exit.

This year, ESPN.com's Joe Lunardi called Vanderbilt "the most overrated team in the field," an opinion shared by several college basketball analysts. The negative press is eerily similar to the last two tournaments, with each of the two predicted "upsets" ending in opening round victories.

Let's hope history repeats itself again. ■

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FRANCIS SIMPSON / The Vanderbilt Hustler  
Vanderbilt's Alex Gordon and the rest of the No. 4-seeded Commodores face the No. 13 Siena Saints today in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The Dores hope to defy critics that say Vanderbilt may face an early exit from the tournament, based on a recent loss to Arkansas.

# Women look to go far in tournament

## Dores face Montana in 1st round; odds in Vandy's favor with 2 previous victories

by DAVID RUTZ  
Asst. Sports Editor



FRANCIS SIMPSON / The Vanderbilt Hustler  
Sophomore Merideth Marsh said she looks forward to the Commodores' trip to the NCAA Tournament this year, despite last year's disappointment. No. 4-seeded Vanderbilt faces off against Montana in Albuquerque on Saturday.

The Vanderbilt Commodores have waited a year to make up for their early exit from last year's NCAA Tournament.

After a sensational regular season, they now have their chance.

Vanderbilt (23-8, 11-3 Southeastern Conference) set a team record with 11 conference wins on the year, advanced to the semifinals of the SEC Tournament and garnered a No. 4 seed in the Spokane Region of the NCAA Tournament.

Not too shabby.

The season has been all the more impressive considering the youth of the squad. Coach Melanie Balcomb's team has two freshmen and a sophomore in the starting lineup.

After a rocky stretch in November when the Commodores lost three of five games, the team rebounded to finish the season winning 14 of their final 18 games.

"I'm proud of how much we've improved as a team," Balcomb said.

But the regular season is over, and after being upset in the second round last year by Bowling Green, Vanderbilt wants to show it has the mentality to make its mark on the postseason this year.

Sophomore guard Merideth Marsh is eager to get into tournament play and forget last season's disappointment.

"We all know that last year was a big disappointment to those of us who were part of the team," Marsh said. "We know how good we are, and we believe that we can truly go far in this tournament."

Vanderbilt faces 13th-seeded Montana in Albuquerque on Saturday. The two teams have met twice before, with Vanderbilt winning both times. The last time they faced each other was also in the first round of the NCAA Tournament in 2005, where the Commodores cruised to a 67-44 victory.

Last season Vanderbilt was a No. 2 seed, but the Commodores aren't complaining about a lower spot this year.

"We are extremely happy with our seed because we feel that we are in a great position to advance far into the tournament," Marsh said.

Despite the successful year, Vanderbilt enters the NCAAs on a two-week hangover from its SEC Tournament loss to Tennessee on March 8.

Balcomb was encouraged by her team's defensive effort in the loss to the high-octane offense of the Volunteers, however, holding them to just 63 points. The Volunteers have been held to less than 65 points only three other times all season.

"I don't think that happens to them a lot," Balcomb said. "I think that's something that's going to give us an opportunity to make a run in the NCAAs and in the postseason that's where we want to be defensively."

The rest of the field better watch out. This team is not only clicking defensively, but also they're out to avenge last season's shortcomings.

"We're happy we get a chance to redeem ourselves," Marsh said. "It's always an inner motivation of each player of a team to do better than the team before them did so that in itself gives us motivation." ■

## THE RUN DOWN

### W2W4

TODAY  
CBS: NCAA  
Tournament, 11:15  
a.m.

Calling all sports fans: Bust out your brackets and your list of 101 excuses to skip class for one of the more exciting days in all of sports. The second day of NCAA Tournament first round action gets started early with in-state rival Tennessee taking on American University in the school's first-ever tournament appearance. Numerous other marquee matchups are scattered throughout the day — including Arkansas taking on Indiana and Villanova looking to upset Clemson — but the money game starts at 6:20 p.m., as the Vanderbilt Commodores face off against the Siena Saints. With Shan Foster looking to add one final chapter to his soon-to-be legendary legacy here in Nashville, the Dores will look to send off the most successful senior class in school history with a standout performance in this year's big dance.

TODAY  
Baseball  
Vanderbilt  
vs. Alabama, 6:30  
p.m.

The Commodores, winners of seven of their past eight games, take their hot streak to Tuscaloosa to face a struggling Alabama squad looking to halt its slide having lost five games in a row. Sophomore Andrew Giobbi is tearing the cover off the ball to start the season, leading the team in batting average (.431) and RBI (19), and look for that to continue in this Southeastern Conference match-up.

### THEY SAID IT...

"Yeah, I like our chances in the NCAA Tournament, quite honestly."

COACH KEVIN STALLINGS  
On his outlook on the Dores' chances in March Madness.

### DAILY #

## 7-7

Vanderbilt's record away from Memorial Gymnasium this year.

## 16-3

Vanderbilt's record when Shan Foster scores more than 20 points.



# Men's tennis travels to Auburn, hosts Alabama

## Commodores look to improve conference record this weekend.

VUCommodores.com

Coming off its first open weekend of the spring, Vanderbilt's 34th-ranked men's tennis team will return to the courts after an 11-day layoff to play at No. 22 Auburn and host No. 23 Alabama this weekend.

The Commodores (9-4, 1-3 Southeastern Conference) will conclude their season-long four-match road swing on Friday at Auburn (8-6, 2-2 SEC) before returning home to host Alabama (13-5, 3-1 SEC) on Sunday. Vanderbilt and the Tigers will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the newly constructed Yarbrough Tennis Center. Sunday's match against Alabama will begin at 1 p.m. and will be held at the Currey Tennis Center.

Vanderbilt is 1-2 on its current road swing and enters Friday's match having lost two consecutive matches at Arkansas (4-3) and LSU (6-1). VU's lone win in the SEC was a 4-3 decision against South Carolina on March 2.

Auburn opened the season with a 2-0 record in SEC play, but like Vanderbilt, the Tigers enter Friday's match as losers of two straight SEC matches. Auburn earned home wins over Arkansas (5-2) and LSU (4-3) before dropping matches at Ole Miss (4-1) and Mississippi State (4-3). The Tigers are coming off the Blue-Gray Classic in Montgomery, Ala., where

the team posted a 2-1 mark, losing to Texas Tech (4-0) in the semifinals.

Individually, Auburn has two players ranked in the singles rankings: Alexey Tsyrenov is ranked No. 35, and Tim Puetz is ranked No. 114. Last season, the Commodores defeated Auburn, 5-2.

Alabama will host Kentucky on Friday before making the trek to Nashville for Sunday's match. The Crimson Tide has won two of its last three matches after posting a 2-1 record at the Blue-Gray Classic, where Alabama defeated Oklahoma (4-0) and NC State (4-3), losing only to Penn State (4-3). In SEC play, Alabama started the year with three straight wins over LSU (5-2), Arkansas (4-3) and Mississippi State (4-0) before losing at Ole Miss (6-1).

The Crimson Tide has two players ranked in singles and one doubles team ranked: Saketh Myneni is ranked No. 85, and Mathieu Thibaudeau is ranked No. 88. In doubles play, Alabama's team of Daniel Buikema and Thibaudeau is ranked No. 12. Last season, Vanderbilt was downed by Alabama, 4-3.

Individually, Vanderbilt is led by Evan Dufaux, who has a team-high nine singles victories in dual play. No. 75 Ryan Preston and No. 101 Vijay Paul have eight singles victories in dual play. ■



SAM KIM / The Vanderbilt Hustler  
The Vanderbilt men's tennis team will finish its series against Auburn today and play host to Alabama on Sunday. The Commodores have only one win against an SEC opponent.

# Baseball downs Lipscomb 12-4

VUCommodores.com

Vanderbilt used a seven-run third inning to blow past Lipscomb 12-4 Wednesday night at Hawkins Field.

The Commodores improved to 13-4 on the season, while the Bisons fell to 8-9.

Lipscomb had a 2-1 lead in the third when Vanderbilt exploded for seven runs to take an 8-2 lead. Steven Liddle had an infield RBI single to tie the game at 2-2. Jonathan White had an RBI single, and Brian Harris had a two-run single to make it 5-2. Alex Feinberg cleared a bases-loaded situation with a double down the leftfield line that made it 8-2.

Both teams scored a run in both the sixth and seventh innings to put the score at 10-4. Lipscomb's runs came on a fielder's choice RBI and a wild pitch, while Vanderbilt scored on a throwing error in the sixth and on another Jonathan White RBI single in the seventh.

The Commodores closed out the scoring with two runs in the eighth on a Ryan Flaherty RBI single and an RBI double by Dominic de la Osa.

Feinberg had two hits and three RBI, while Jonathan White added two hits and two RBI. David Macias and Brad French also had two hits each to lead the 12-hit attack.

Redshirt freshman southpaw Richie Goodenow picked up the win in his first collegiate outing. He pitched an inning of scoreless relief in the third, striking out the side while walking two.

Mark Lamm gave up two runs, one earned, on a hit in four innings of work with five strikeouts and three walks in relief. Sean Bierman closed out the game striking out five on one hit in two innings of action.

Drew Hayes started the game and pitched two innings, allowing two runs on two hits with three strikeouts and three walks.

Justin Sanders' two-run single in the first gave Lipscomb an early 2-0 lead. VU scored on a balk call in the bottom of the first to cut the lead to 2-1.

Vanderbilt will hit the road this weekend against Alabama in a three-game Southeastern Conference series. The Commodores and Crimson Tide will open the set on Friday at 6 p.m., with a 4 p.m. start on Saturday and a 2 p.m. tilt on Sunday.

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17 List of names

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23 Skyscraper figures

25 Red or White follower

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30 With it

33 Waterway

35 Tack on

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21 Inhalation

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24 New Delhi residents

26 Skirmish

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28 Wicked

31 Italian desserts

32 Mom or dad

34 Wiley subterfuge

36 Duty assignment

38 High rating

39 On a cruise

40 Portable shelter

46 Firearm

50 Lustrous gems

52 Experimental versions

53 Grand musical drama

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