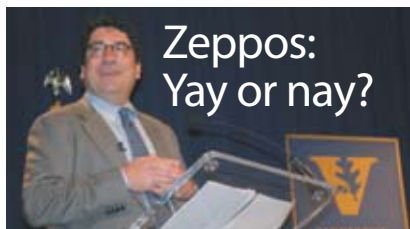




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THE WALL

compiled by SARA GAST

TODAY World on Wednesday

The World on Wednesday series continues with the Kibbutz Movement in Israel. The event, sponsored by Vanderbilt Hillel, will be held at 12:10 p.m. in the Student Life Center Lower Level Meeting Rooms 1 and 2 and will provide free Mediterranean food.

TODAY 'Vows of Silence' screening

The Center for the Study of Religion and Culture is sponsoring a screening of the film "Vows of Silence," which explores the Vatican's system of justice through the saga of Father Marcial Maciel, at 4:10 p.m. in Buttrick Hall, Room 101. A discussion with the director, Jason Berry, will follow.

TODAY Small Gestures general body meeting

Students are encouraged to come learn about projects the group has planned. They will also be screening "Born into Brothels," a film about children raised in the red light district of Calcutta, and providing free pizza. The meeting will be held in the Community Partnership House at 5 p.m.

TODAY Writers Studio workshop

Part two of the "Writing for Non-Profit Agencies" series will focus on "distilling your message." The workshop will be held in Alumni Hall, Room 117 at 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13 Picnic basket benefit auction

Alpha Chi Omega's benefit raises money for the Chron's and Colitis Foundation of America, and many of the proceeds will help sponsor children to attend Camp Oasis. Students are invited to bid on a themed picnic basket at the Alpha Chi house. The event starts at 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13 Marrowthon benefit concert

Vanderbilt Cancer Society presents their Marrowthon fundraiser, featuring Chip Greene and James Fate at 6 p.m. at the Ben Schulman Center for Jewish Life. Admission is \$8.

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

Trips less traveled by

by SARA GAST
News Editor

Taking a break from school doesn't also mean taking a break from service, as hundreds of students showed last week through some unconventional spring break trips.

Whether it was on the beach in Florida, in the snow of Quebec or the heart of New York City, service-based groups organized multiple trips for students to give back to communities across the nation. Although Vanderbilt claims the

largest Alternative Spring Break contingency among the more than 200 schools nationwide which have established chapters (the organization was founded here in 1987), several student groups organized "alternative" trips for the campus community, who participated in projects that varied as much as their locations.

Some of their stories are shown throughout today's issue, but with nearly 50 different trips, there was no way we could fit everyone. Head online to InsiveVandy.com for more tales from, well, everywhere. ■



"A Dios Le Pido"
Monterrey, Mexico

ALYSE ANDALMAN
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—To view slideshows and read stories from these and many more service trips, go to:



"Hakuna Matata"
Seguin, Texas

BEN STRATTON
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"Voulez Vous Servir Avec Moi"
Quebec, Canada



SPOTS — San Francisco

KAREN SWETLAND
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"Brick House"
Zellwood, Fla.

MIKE DIBENIGNO
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"Wide Open Spaces"
Sonoran Desert

MICHAEL PUTMAN
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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEF

Bush says 2008 race won't affect his decisions in Iraq

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — President Bush spoke to the National Religious Broadcasters convention at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel on Tuesday, seeking to firmly plant Iraq back in the American consciousness and reassert his role as the one who will shape the war ahead, The Associated Press reported.

It was the start of a communications offensive ahead of the war's five-year anniversary, the NATO summit in early April, and the upcoming congressional testimony of the top U.S. figures in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus and Ambassador Ryan Crocker.

Addressing the broader public and the people chasing his job, Bush said the 2008 presidential campaign will have no bearing on how he prosecutes the war.

"I want to assure you, just like I assure military families and the troops: The politics of 2008 is not going to enter into my calculation," Bush said. "It is the peace of the years to come that will enter into my calculation."

Zeppos plans for campus improvements

by ELIZABETH MIDDLEBROOKS
Editor in Chief

As "iChancellor," Nick Zeppos made plans to improve the university, and as Vanderbilt's new chancellor, he will have the chance to see those plans become a reality.

The Board of Trust announced Zeppos' election to the

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ZEPPOS

Publisher's note: A statement from the VSC Board

On Feb. 26 the Board of Directors of Vanderbilt Student Communications Inc. voted to remove Jarred Amato from the position of editor in chief of The Vanderbilt Hustler. The various communities that staff, support and consume campus media at Vanderbilt are entitled to an explanation of what happened and why, and so we attempt to provide that here.

It says "Publisher's Note" at the top of this statement, but many readers may not be aware of who actually publishes The Hustler. Vanderbilt Student Communications is an independent, nonprofit corporation that since 1967, by agreement with Vanderbilt University, serves as the publisher and exclusive authority for all officially sanctioned student media on campus. The corporation, governed by a board of directors composed of three faculty members and five students, employs a staff of five full-time and two part-time professionals who provide expert technical, journalistic, managerial and business advice and assistance to the many students who make the various print and electronic media enterprises work. The board selects (hires) students to run each of VSC's divisions, including The Hustler and InsideVandy.com, and can remove a VSC division head by a two-thirds vote. This is what happened here.

The events that led to this action stem from a Hustler sports feature that, over successive issues, invited readers to vote online in a tournament-style popularity contest involving campus athletes. Online voting results in a given round were supposed to determine "contestants" in the next round. Prior to the Feb. 8 edition of the newspaper, however, editor Amato elected to ignore the

actual results of the previous voting round, fabricate results to yield a different balloting outcome and present to readers of both The Hustler and InsideVandy.com the ballot for the next voting round derived from falsified results.

In short, the editor knowingly published false information both in the paper and on the Web site. Moreover, he did so after being explicitly cautioned to reconsider. Before the deception went to press, a VSC staff member (with a background in both collegiate and professional journalism) who was working with the students on technical aspects of the feature became aware of the fabrication. She told the editor that manipulation of the survey results raised issues of "journalistic integrity" and suggested the feature should "honestly reflect the outcome" of prior voting. Nonetheless, the version of the feature that appeared in the paper and online the next day included the deception.

After the falsified material appeared, VSC Director Chris Carroll told the editor that its publication abridged tenets of "journalistic integrity, academic integrity and the honor and conduct that Vanderbilt expects from its students." In the next edition of the paper, on Feb. 11, Amato published an apologetic "Editor's Note" in which he drew an analogy between his own feeling of regret and that of an infielder who muffs a ground ball. This analogy, we note, is inapt: The publication of false information was not an editorial miscue; it was deliberate deception.

In contemplating how to react to these events, the VSC board wrestled with three ideas in tension. First, we regard integrity as fundamental to effective journalism within VSC media, just as academic and personal

integrity are fundamental to Vanderbilt University. Honesty as a value is essential to ethical journalism, just as it is central to the ideal of an ethical and honorable university community.

Second, VSC through its board and professional staff encourages students involved in campus media to cultivate a serious sense of professionalism in their work, and holds them to high standards of practice and ethics. We do this for a couple of reasons. One is that many students who participate actively in VSC enterprises aspire to and ultimately pursue careers in journalism and media. For them, given a university with no major in journalism, the campus press is their classroom and their professional training ground. High standards are also crucial because a critical part of VSC's mission is providing the campus community with forums for the dissemination of news, free exchanges of ideas and outlets for creative work — all in the service of a vibrant university in a democratic society.

But third, we do not take lightly the "S" in VSC — the fact that a big part of our mission is to preserve learning opportunities for students within laboratories of live journalism. When learning is involved, risks will be taken and mistakes inevitably will happen. This is not to say all lapses are equally tolerable, but we know full well a board charged with oversight of student activity in an educational context should be measured and prudent rather than draconian when the inevitable occurs.

In weighing the fabrication that occurred, we as a board juggled and balanced these three ideas. We did so realizing that most

professional news organizations would treat an infraction like this as a firing offense with little hesitation, but also cognizant that this involves a student newspaper in a collegiate media environment.

After a lengthy and difficult discussion, the board concluded that a willful lie need not and should not be tolerated within the pages of this newspaper, no matter how insubstantial or inconsequential the infraction may seem. In our view, an editor who is explicitly advised to reconsider the ethics of deception before publication, and then prints the lie anyway, lacks the judgment owed to the community of a prestigious national university by its student media and student leaders. Accordingly, we decided to remove the editor, and appointed senior Elizabeth Middlebrooks as editor in chief for the remainder of the spring semester.

This outcome is less about inflicting punishment on an individual than it is about safeguarding the integrity and reputation of the venerable campus media institutions in our care. The most important asset any vehicle for journalism can hold is a covenant of trust with its readers. This is as true for a university's student press as it is for a national newspaper. As the board of the corporation that publishes campus media at Vanderbilt, we deeply regret that this covenant was breached recently in the pages of The Vanderbilt Hustler and InsideVandy.com.

**The Board of Directors
Vanderbilt Student Communications Inc.**



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Emergency Information ... When and Where You Need It

ODDS & ENDS

CORRECTION

In the Feb. 25 issue, the article "New emergency warning system to be implemented" incorrectly referred to the old emergency alert system as AlertVU. The old system is named MobileVU. The new system, which will be implemented later in the month, is called AlertVU. The Hustler regrets this error.

WEATHER

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THURSDAY



Partly Cloudy, 72/52

FRIDAY



Showers, 62/53

SATURDAY



Showers/Wind, 58/39

VUPD CRIME LOG

compiled by SARA GAST

Monday, March 3, 10:30 a.m.:

A subject received a harassing e-mail at the Student Health Center.

Wednesday, March 5, 9 p.m.:

Subjects were arguing and yelling at each other during a game at Memorial Gym.

Friday, March 7, 1:11 a.m.:

A subject failed to maintain the lane and made illegal lane change near Peabody campus. The subject also performed poorly on a field sobriety test.

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

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compiled by SARA GAST

1 Pressure mounts on New York's Gov. Spitzer to resign; he finds few friends, many enemies

ALBANY, N.Y. — With pressure mounting to resign Tuesday over a call-girl scandal, Gov. Eliot Spitzer found himself with few friends and lots of powerful enemies, many of whom regard him as a sanctimonious bully who got what was coming to him, according to The Associated Press.

Republicans began talking impeachment, and few if any fellow Democrats were willing to defend him.

While Spitzer and his family remained secluded in their Fifth Avenue apartment, insiders said the governor was still trying to decide how to proceed.

2 Wall Street moves sharply higher after Fed, other central banks move to ease credit crisis

NEW YORK — Wall Street rebounded sharply Tuesday after the Federal Reserve and other central banks said they will pump \$200 billion into the financial markets to help ease the strain from the credit crisis, The Associated Press reported.

The move was seen as a direct boost to struggling banks by avoiding having to dramatically slash interest rates next week. Economists continued to be concerned about the unrelenting rise in oil prices and the dollar's weakness, which contribute to inflation — and cutting rates only add to these pressures.

3 Obama beats Clinton in racially polarized Mississippi Democratic primary; Pennsylvania is next in high-stakes race

JACKSON, Miss. — Barack Obama coasted to victory in Mississippi's Democratic primary Tuesday, latest in a string of racially polarized presidential contests across the Deep South and a final tune-up before next month's high-stakes race with Hillary Clinton in Pennsylvania.

Obama was winning roughly 90 percent of the black vote but only about one-quarter of the white vote, extending a pattern that carried him to victory in earlier primaries in South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana, according to The Associated Press.

4 Gas prices rise to new national record, driven by crude oil's own record-breaking rally

NEW YORK — The cost of filling up the family car climbed to a record high Tuesday, The Associated Press reported, adding to the challenges consumers already face with falling home values and rising food prices.

Gas prices at the pump rose overnight to a record national average of \$3.2272 a gallon, according to AAA and the Oil Price Information Service. Soaring gas prices worsen the financial plight of consumers already suffering through a downturn in the housing market.

5 Central Command chief is resigning under fire

WASHINGTON — Adm. William Fallon, the top U.S. military commander for the Middle East, is resigning, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Tuesday.

Gates said Fallon had asked him Tuesday morning for permission to retire and Gates agreed, The Associated Press reported.

Fallon was the subject of an article published last week in Esquire magazine that portrayed him as opposed to President Bush's Iran policy. It described Fallon as a lone voice against taking military action to stop the Iranian nuclear program.

6 Bill would penalize illegal immigrants who accept pay in Tenn.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A proposal to make it a crime for illegal immigrants to accept pay for work done in Tennessee is headed for floor votes in both chambers of the General Assembly, The Associated Press reported.

The Senate Commerce Committee voted unanimously Tuesday to advance the proposal to make it a misdemeanor for illegal immigrants to accept pay.

The measure could lead to fines of \$500, up to six months in jail and require illegal immigrants to forfeit any earnings they receive.

7 CDC study says at least 1 in 4 teen girls has a sexually transmitted disease; HPV most common, highest prevalence among blacks

CHICAGO — At least one in four teenage girls nationwide has a sexually transmitted disease, or more than three million teens, according to the first study of its kind in this age group.

A virus that causes cervical cancer is by far the most common sexually transmitted infection in teen girls aged 14 to 19, according to The Associated Press, while the highest overall prevalence is among black girls, the study from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found.

8 At least 42 killed across Iraq; 3 more U.S. soldiers die as bloodshed worsens

BAGHDAD — Violence killed at least 42 people Tuesday, including 16 bus passengers caught in a roadside bombing in southern Iraq, after the deadliest day for U.S. troops in precisely six months.

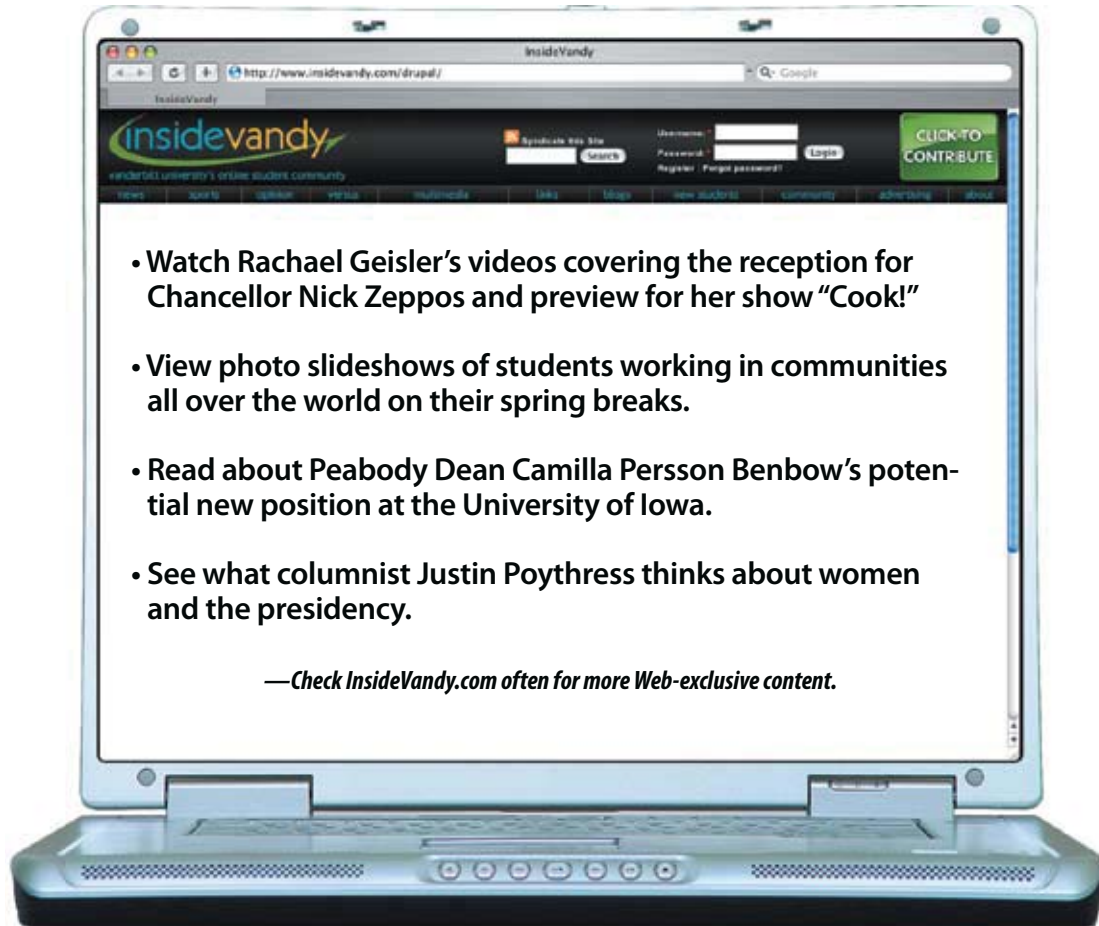
The U.S. military announced that three American soldiers were killed in a roadside bombing north of Baghdad on Monday, The Associated Press reported, bringing the number of troops who died that day to eight.

9 Peabody researcher wins national award

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Peabody College's Christopher Loss has won the American Education Research Association, Division J (Post-Secondary Education) Dissertation of the Year Award, according to a press release Monday.

Loss, who is a researcher and assistant professor of public policy and higher education, will be presented the award at the organization's annual conference March 27. His winning dissertation is titled "From Democracy to Diversity: The Politics of American Higher Education in the Twentieth Century."

WHAT'S NEW ON INSIDEVANDY.COM



- Watch Rachael Geisler's videos covering the reception for Chancellor Nick Zeppos and preview for her show "Cook!"
- View photo slideshows of students working in communities all over the world on their spring breaks.
- Read about Peabody Dean Camilla Persson Benbow's potential new position at the University of Iowa.
- See what columnist Justin Poythress thinks about women and the presidency.

—Check InsideVandy.com often for more Web-exclusive content.

SNAPSHOT

OUT OF THE FRYER, INTO THE GAS TANK



CHRIS PHARE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

The BioTour biodiesel bus visited campus on Tuesday, March 11. The bus, which runs only on waste oil from restaurants, is touring the country to raise awareness of ecological reform. For more on the bus's appearance, go to InsideVandy.com

Office of Housing Assignments

Important Information

March 13 Ballots available for all apartment/suite selections:

Pick up your ballot(s) for the following apartment/suite events in the Housing Assignments Office, located in 4113 Branscomb Quadrangle.

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ZEPPOS: University should lead

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chancellorship last week after a seven-month national search for Vanderbilt's eighth chancellor. Gordon Gee resigned from the position in July.

Zeppos said his most immediate goal as chancellor is the development of a "bold, new" plan for more comprehensive financial aid packages in order to eliminate student debt.

"I want (Vanderbilt) to step forward and be one of the very, very few universities that leads by saying, 'We are going to make it even more affordable to come to Vanderbilt, and we are going to eliminate all the debt that our students would have at Vanderbilt,'" he said. "I'd really like to have that plan in place by commencement."

He also said he hopes to implement a scholarship program for summer and Maymester study abroad programs.

"We're launching a pilot program that would provide scholarship funds for (students) who want to go study abroad during the summer or Maymester because the current financial aid packages don't cover that," he said.

Globalization and student demand for more international opportunities fueled the push for increased aid, Zeppos said, noting that a complete program should be in place within five years.

He also said campus improvements are high on his list of priorities, with a new



Chancellor Nick Zeppos was officially greeted by the Vanderbilt community at a reception Monday in the Student Life Center.

—To read more about Zeppos' plans for the future and watch a video from Monday's reception, go to:



College Halls replacing Kissam Quadrangle and the possibility of a new library.

"I want to get a lot of student input and reaction to the two new residence halls that will replace Kissam ... in the next two to three years," he said. "I also want to work closely with students over the next couple years about a new library ... that meets students' needs on campus for work and study space."

While he makes plans to improve student life, Zeppos is also making plans to hire new administrators to assume the jobs he vacated when he accepted the chancellorship. Underway are plans to search for a new provost and vice

chancellor for development, two positions Zeppos held prior to his role as chancellor.

He said he will focus his search for the new provost within the university and hopes to have the position filled by July 1. A national search for vice chancellor for development could take as long as the rest of the calendar year.

While Zeppos said he enjoyed his time in those positions, he also said "it's nice to just have one title (as chancellor)."

Although all of Zeppos' plans may take several years to implement, he said he plans to work at Vanderbilt well after he sees the projects to completion.

"I'll be here as long as they'll have me," he said. "I've been here for 20 years, and I'm going to do my whole career at Vanderbilt, whether it's as chancellor (or another position). I love Vanderbilt, and I plan on spending my whole career here." ■

Restoring the Habitat



LILLIAN GU /Photo provided

Students with Habitat for Humanity went to do what many from New Orleans, La., never did: return to clean up the mess.

"Many parts of the city were still devastated from Hurricane Katrina," said sophomore Matt Bigger, "and you can see that many people never came

back after they evacuated."

The group worked with the local Habitat affiliate to restore an area on which the organization had been concentrating its efforts.

"We stayed and worked out in St. Bernard Parish, about a 30 minute drive from downtown, working on

putting up siding, caulking and painting for two different houses," Bigger said. "It was amazing to see how much further along the communities around the Habitat sites had come than in much of the city." ■

Manna breaks boundaries



NIKKI BOGOPOLSKAYA / The Vanderbilt Hustler

They came to teach the children a little English and fix their playground. In turn, the students on the Manna Project International trip to Quito, Ecuador, learned about community.

The four-year-old MPI, which was founded at Vanderbilt, is quickly expanding its service efforts, featuring service trips to Peru, Costa Rica and Nicaragua, in addition to Ecuador.

The group explored the area on their time off, but they spent the majority of the trip interacting with the members of the community.

"Between teaching them English and literacy and helping them with their homework, we re-cemented, painted, dug drainage ditches and created a basketball, soccer and foursquare court for them to play on during recess," said sophomore Hannah Putin.

And their efforts paid off.

"Not only did everyone have a fantastic time seeing the sights, we left with tangible proof that our visit made a difference," Putin said. "In six days, we completed a playground and a casa

barrial, or neighborhood gathering place, for the children that the Manna Project volunteers have been working with for the last six months. Seeing the faces of the whole community as they looked through the fences of the program area to watch us work to create a play-space for their children made the trip worth it." ■

—Nikki Bogopolskaya contributed reporting for this article.

'Wide Open Spaces'



MICHAEL PUTMAN /Photo provided

There's a lot to learn about cacti, Michael Putman's and Lauren Ring's Alternative Spring Break group found out on their trip to Tucson, Ariz.'s Saguaro National Park, which is in the Sonoran Desert.

"The Saguaro cactus is a protected species that grows only in the (Sonoran) Desert," Putman said. "It and other native desert species are also threatened by invasive species, such as Hoarhound. We helped remove some of these

species in addition to our work on the trails."

The group worked to clean up the park and learned and practiced environmentally friendly camping habits.

"We worked with the National Park Service Trail Crews to clear trails of prickly pear cacti and other obstructions," Putman said. "This encourages hikers to stay on the trails and off of the desert fauna, such as the Saguaro cactus." ■

GREAT BIG SHOWS PRESENTS

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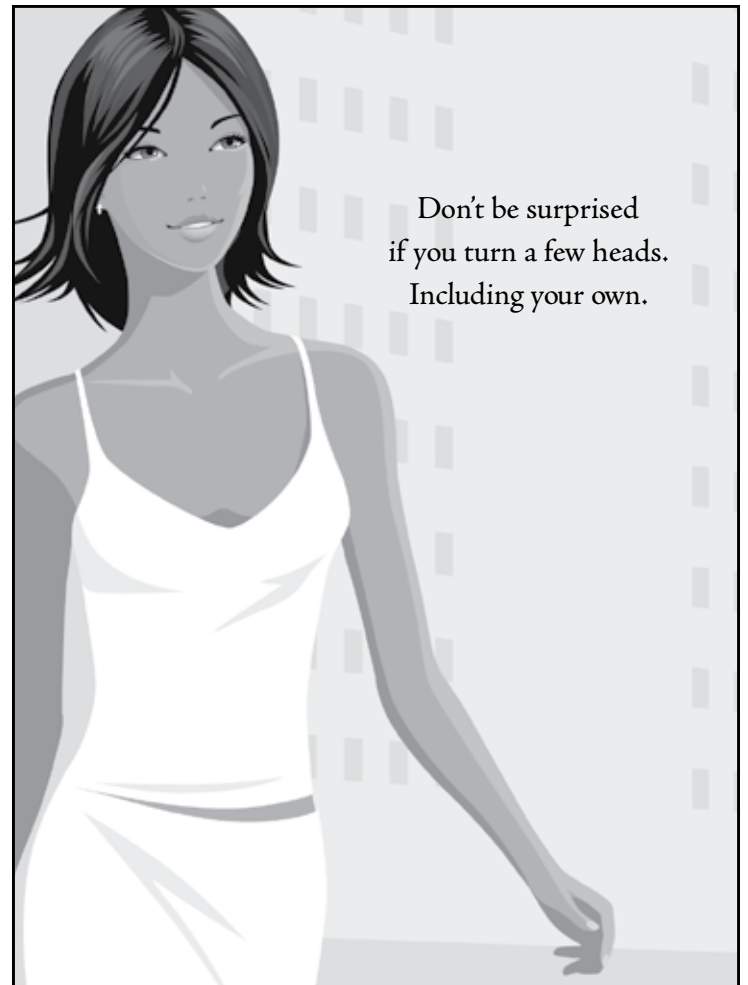
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'Voulez Vous Servir Avec Moi'



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Site leaders Michael Funk and Nicole Simms mixed in a little European flavor with their Alternative Spring Break site, traveling to the Francophone Montreal, Quebec.

"Our ASB group also tried to experience a bit of Montreal culture by eating at local restaurants, exploring

the Old City, visiting famous basilicas and speaking French with our service contacts," Funk said.

Here, freshman Sarah Bilsky paints and law student Safiya Morgan paint junior Alex Garrett's face while the group plays with children of working families, something they

did every day of the trip.

"We focused on helping package food and essential items for underprivileged families and also on working with children from working families, providing activities for the kids during their break," Funk said. "Most of our work was coordinated by the

Sun Youth organization of Montreal, which is a huge presence in the city, helping feed and clothe the poor and keeping crime in the city low by bike patrols, working with the police and helping young people get involved with constructive activities like sports." ■

Making their SPOT



KAREN SWETLAND /Photo provided

They sought to leave a mark — make that a SPOT — in San Francisco.

The Baptist College Ministries' annual service trip Service Projects Other Than Summer, "gives students an opportunity to leave the Vandy bubble over spring break and explore a new city through acts of service," said junior Karen Swetland, who led this year's trip.

And Swetland said SPOTS is a little different than other service missions. "As Christians, our definition of service is not just to meet physical needs, but emotional and spiritual needs as well," Swetland said. "We volunteered with four organizations, packaging and serving food, playing with inner-city kids, and organizing donated clothing — but that was only one aspect of our ministry.

"We each had about 20 hours during the week set aside for 'spontaneous ministry.' Some people went to Golden Gate Park to play drums with the hippies, some handed out sandwiches and socks to the people who live and sleep on Market Street, and some went down to the Castro District to interact with the homosexual population."

Swetland said this conversation is what makes the trip different. "It wasn't about music or food or even broadening our horizons, it was about the opportunity to engage in conversation — the opportunity to understand and love these people, God's people," Swetland said. "We embraced the opportunity to blur the line between the one who serves and the one who is being served, because at the end of the day, we're all God's children and we all have a story to tell." ■

'A Dios Le Pido'

There were more barriers to break than just the border between Mexico and the United States.

"Between the language barrier and conditions of severe poverty, it soon became clear (to us) that 'A Dios Le Pido' was no typical (Alternative Spring Break) experience," said junior Alyse Andalman, who led the site with sophomore Maeghan Wilson.

Group members interacted with members of impoverished community of Monterrey, Mexico, while working with Caritas de Monterrey, a Central-American equivalent to the Red Cross.

"Whether working to better the living conditions of some of Monterrey's poorest residents or spending time at the local orphanage in order to bring smiles to children's faces, all of the participants were particularly dedicated to the mission statement maintained by Caritas de Monterrey," Andalman said, which is to provide services and assistance for human and community development.

And the trip made such an impact on the group that they are going to continue working to help the community.

"We hope to continue the effort to alleviate such suffering on the grassroots level through continued service and donations to Caritas," Andalman said. ■



ALYSE ANDALMAN /Photo provided

'Welcome, This is a Farmhouse'



KAITLYN RAMON /Photo provided

Six states later, senior Dusty Patil and junior Sarah Scott found themselves in "the middle of nowhere" Wellington, Co., with their Alternative Spring Break group.

At Harvest Farm, not only did the students (like freshman Kaitlyn Ramon, pictured above) interact with the farm animals, they interacted with the

farm's unusual residents.

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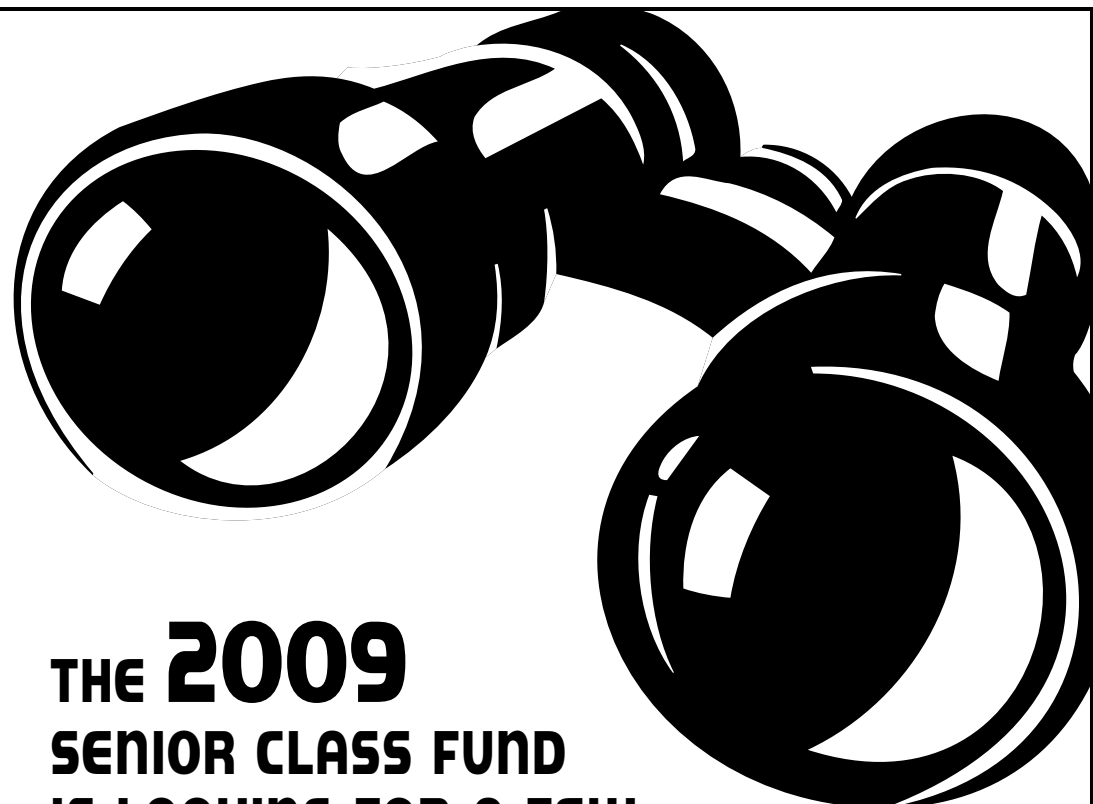
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OUR VIEW

Zeppos values students first

Undoubtedly, the chief executive office at Vanderbilt, or any one of its peer institutions, is a demanding one to hold. Following the impressive and extremely visible tenure of Gordon Gee, the inherent difficulty of the chancellorship increases significantly.

In selecting Nicholas Zeppos to be the eighth chancellor at Vanderbilt, the Board of Trust reaffirmed the importance of a strong, ongoing relationship between administrator and student. While Zeppos may not be the most visible figure on campus, those who have met and spoken with him know him to be a genuine person who has the utmost regard and interest in the students on this campus. As chancellor, he is sure to continue this legacy of true friendship to the students he serves.

With the advent of The Commons in the fall, a plan Zeppos had a strong hand in designing and implementing, consistency in leadership is ever more necessary. Though the enterprise of The Commons is now a fixed cost, the benefits have yet to be realized; perhaps, if the Board had selected someone outside

the university, that individual's vision may not have had such strong ties to The Commons, potentially a huge detriment to the program in its infancy.

Some have voiced legitimate concerns about a potential short-term decline in fundraising. Hopefully, alumni will recognize in Zeppos the characteristics any organization seeks in a leader: integrity, compassion and a profound commitment to the institution he leads.

Modesty, sometimes a neglected virtue on a college campus, is nevertheless an admirable trait, particularly in an official. When Zeppos was asked to serve in the interim, the Board offered him the trappings of the chancellor's office — the house, the car and the additional compensation — but he declined, only seeking to fulfill his obligation to the university. This is the type of person who cares foremost about our school and its community — the trait of a capable and valuable leader.

COLUMN

Spitzer's scandal part of a pattern



KATHERINE MILLER
Opinion Editor

The glorious spirit stick of inappropriate sex scandal has finally been passed back unto its champions: the Democratic Party.

Throughout the '90s, from Clinton to Marion Barry and all the way back around the Clinton, the Democratic Party managed to snatch almost every round of interleague play away from the Grand Old Party. As of late, of course, the tide has turned, and from Mark Foley to Larry Craig, the GOP has had its fair share of unfortunate turns. But, like clockwork, the Democratic Party has managed to produce a public relations disaster during a critical election year.

What's alternatively troubling and hilarious about the sex scandals of the 21st century, however, is the irony that drips off each successive one, to an almost staged degree. I half expect Thomas Paine and Voltaire to publish a little pamphlet from their respective graves to guide today's voter through the expected outcomes of their elections. Campaigns against gay marriage? Solicits oral sex from a police officer in an airport bathroom! Campaigns for ethics reform? Bankrolls a prostitution ring! It's like Caligula's Rome.

Certainly, politicians are no strangers to scandal, particularly of the sexual variety. That tendency, however, doesn't explain why certain elected officials have been drawn to behavior that completely stands against not only their offices, but also their own stated personal beliefs — nor does it explain why it's happened so often in recent years. Perhaps the media has changed the way these scandals are depicted; or maybe, in the glare of that media and the pressure of maintaining a comprehensive image in spite of mass communication, character flaws become something larger, and societal deviance becomes an outlet for a select group of politicians who cannot cope properly with the pressure.

Naturally, further complexity develops around the question of whether these officials should, as Suzanne Sugarbaker of the ever-poignant "Designing Women" once said, "get some black wigs and get the hell out of town." The question typically renders itself moot, as the constant flux of mass information hammers every minute detail of each scandal into the scandal-happy public until such point that the official is forced by his party to take his hat and leave. Spitzer's crimes, hilarious and illegal though they may be, don't have much to do with his office. Deception, of course, remains undesirable.

Mainstream media often express concern about the "Daily Show Generation" and how our love for news entertainment, rather than hard news, has translated into a wry ambivalence, or else idealist misinformation, about actual issues. That line of thinking seems legitimate, until you find out the governor of New York is Rich Uncle Pennybags to the best, most ethically reformed little warehouse in New York. Because, at that point, it becomes funny. Perchance, my unequivocal glee about Spitzer and the Emperor's Club V.I.P. has to do with partisanship, or maybe it's a coping mechanism to process corruption's insatiable appetite in the American political landscape. At the end of the day, however, an old-fashioned political sex scandal seems too wonderfully American to take it with too much seriousness. Who knows, maybe we can even get a Governor Rudy Giuliani out of this.

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Zeppos will be great in short-term
Katherine Miller, Opinion Editor

Hiring Zeppos was an excellent short-term strategic move. I could be mistaken, but I imagine Zeppos is here to lead us through the initial years of The Commons and prepare the school for another defining face. Although Beyonce has made it clear that some people are very replaceable, Chancellor Gee was not one of them. If the Board of Trust had attempted to bookend the myth and glory of the Gee chancellorship with another gunner, it wouldn't have worked. It would be akin to the Packers trading Ryan Grant and mortgaging the farm right now for the sole purpose of picking up somebody like Drew Brees, who can be great, but will never be Brett Favre. A move like that would only serve as a detriment to the long-term plan of prior seasons. Zeppos knows the system, has done a lot of fundraising legwork and can carry The Commons to fruition, just as he imagined it.

Zeppos offers his enthusiastic support to student endeavors
Glenna Deroy, Guest Columnist

One of the things we missed most about Chancellor Gordon Gee was his visible connection to the student body. You almost could not go a week without spotting his bow tie around campus — on the path, in Rand, on frat row. Though we may not see Zeppos don a bow tie or play a game of beer pong anytime soon, we can be sure he will provide the same advocacy for student needs. I think he will remain dedicated to the preservation of the institutions most treasured by students — Southeastern Conference athletics and an active (but not overpowering) Greek system among them — as the university undergoes significant changes in the next few years. And I know from my personal conversations with him as editor of The Vanderbilt Hustler that he supports a free and active student press. References to the "hiccup years" and an at times tunnel-visioned focus on the freshman experience have prompted discussions about how much the administration cares about the student body it serves. Zeppos knows this community better than any other administrator, and with him as chancellor, I am confident we will not feel ignored.

Zeppos lacks star power
Justin Poythress, Columnist

In my most esteemed opinion, it's a no on Chancellor Zeppos. I believe our administration has committed a grave misjudgment in this scenario. For Vanderbilt, like the country as a whole, we are in the midst of a sliding recession, and our value is falling faster than most tech stocks. In these times of tribulation and uncertainty, we need real star power to pull us to our feet. Knowing this, how closely did our school really look at potential candidates such as Andre the Giant, Conan O'Brien and Sherlock Holmes? These are the type of people that would really be able to salvage Vanderbilt and start getting Boise State-caliber application numbers, not some stuffy academic with a jolly face. We'd have Gordon Gee crawling back in no time. The only way for Zeppos to amend some of our loss is to roam campus in a giant Piglet costume. Everybody loves Winnie the Pooh.

Zeppos' experience will translate into success
Sean Tierney, Columnist

Was there ever a doubt as to who was the best choice for chancellor? Nicholas Zeppos knows Vanderbilt from the inside out and for twenty years has shown loyalty to this university — something our last leader could not. Unlike some big-name outsider, Zeppos has worked in several areas of the university and knows the culture and the people. With The Commons upon us and more construction and shakeup on the table, we need a leader who knows what he's doing. We need someone who's been at Vanderbilt and understands where we've come from, where we're going, what we need to keep and what we need to let go.

Moreover, Zeppos has the right personality for the job. He has the ability to put people at ease and challenge them at the same time. I have had the opportunity to see him in action in several settings, and he truly cares about the Vanderbilt community and have become more enamored with him over time. Plus, he claims to read The Slant...

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Did the Board of Trust make the correct decision in hiring Zeppos?

COLUMN

The Texas Two-Step needs some new dance moves



MARK MELASKY
Columnist

I did the Texas Two-Step for the first time in my life during spring break. I am talking not about the sexy dance but the Texas Democratic Party's combination primary and caucus system. According to CNN, 126 delegates from Texas are awarded based on the March 4 primaries and 67 are based on the caucuses. Because Texas is so late in the primary season, few people usually show up to participate in the caucuses. This primary season has been drastically different because of the strength of the Democratic candidates.

The worst aspect of the hybrid system is the logistics. People have to report to their precincts twice to vote for their candidate. The primary is held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and the caucus starts

at 7:15 p.m. Voting locations are always located close to people's homes, but not necessarily near their jobs. Like many of the heavily Democratic precincts in Texas, my home precinct has many working class people who punch time cards to earn a living. Some of these people use public transportation to commute, and reporting to their precinct twice on a weekday is not easy.

Placing the primary and the caucus on different days would help solve the logistics problem. About half of the people in Harris County, where I live, voted early. Early voting helps ease the burden of voting twice in one day. However, unlike locations on Election Day, early voting locations are sparse and sometimes have long lines.

I think the best solution to the problem is to declare a holiday for the primaries and the general elections. A holiday would allow voters in Texas to participate in both the primaries and

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COLUMN

Spitzer case raises questions

TYLER J.P. SMITH
Guest Columnist

Initially, I was shocked when hearing of Eliot Spitzer's connection to a prostitution ring. Anyone familiar with the New York governor's crusade against big business, acid rain, the mafia and even prostitution rings must have had a similar reaction. It is hard for the mind to grasp that a man possessing such a superior moral compass in legal matters was apologizing Monday for committing such an undeniably atrocious and illegal action.

With Spitzer's record as a crime-fighting attorney, the case disturbs not just because of the immorality but because of the legal hypocrisy involved. The ability of someone to separate their individual morality from their public morality should be disturbing to all members of the American public. The more I thought about the instance, the more I was reminded that whether or not the allegations appear to be true or false, the case brings up an interesting facet of American politics: the issue of the separation of a politician's public and personal morality. Put simply, it is a glaring instance of the belief politicians seem to hold that rules do not apply to them.

Watching the presidential race unfold, we once again see the face of that famous adulterer, yet still suave and somewhat likable, former President Bill Clinton. Of all the good and bad policy moves he made while in office, seeing Clinton's face in the media still brings to mind the ever prevalent question of whether or not a political leader should be held accountable for his individual morality. His Oval Office antics once forced us to ask: Do we elect politicians because of the stances and laws they seek to forward or defeat, or do we elect leaders because we feel they are individuals of great moral worth, most fit to translate their individual morality into the leading and shaping the direction of our country?

The problem with Spitzer's case, though, is it shows that no matter what type of seemingly noble background politicians may appear to have, in reality, their personal lives are truly a secret to the greater public. Other than political insiders or family friends, it is unlikely that many of us knew about Spitzer's involvement with call girls. With Clinton, this was different; instances in his past like his affair with Paula Shore revealed he had some questionable

views about being faithful to his wife. Yet Spitzer's very public crusades against questionable analyst's reports at Merrill Lynch or finding loopholes to nail gun manufacturers led the public to believe he really was an unwavering fighter for some type of common good. Spitzer's case is thus worse than Clinton's because we knew Clinton was sort of morally careless, while Spitzer presented himself as better than the rest. Although he lied under oath, Clinton never portrayed himself as a moral saint.

In short, no questions asked, Spitzer should resign immediately if he is found guilty. After his resignation, his illegal activities should be investigated with the same aggressiveness and bias as he went against major corporations. If he holds up against these tactics and is found innocent, let him continue in his Robin Hood ways. Yet, to let Spitzer remain a public figure after such hypocrisy shames the political system and lets politicians who think they are better than laws gain more assurance in their superiority.

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MELASKY: Federal and state holidays for election and primary days needed

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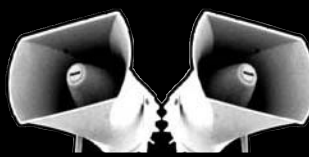
caucuses. On the national level, a holiday would allow people who have hourly jobs to vote without worrying about missing time.

I really liked participating in the Texas Two-Step. People were excited to be part of the democratic process and badly wanted to be involved. After we finished signing in, people could have left before the votes were tallied. However, of the 208 people that came to the caucus at my location, half stayed to make sure the rules were precisely followed. Many

of them even tried to run to be delegates at the state convention. For the first time in many of their lives, their votes were going to make a difference. And they could not seem to get enough of it.

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**WEDNESDAY
Baseball vs.
Western Carolina
4 p.m.**

No. 4 Vanderbilt (9-3) goes for the sweep of Western Carolina (4-8) at Hawkins Field after winning yesterday, 5-3. The series marks the first time the two schools have played each other on the baseball field. Redshirt freshman Mark Lamm (0-0, 0.00 ERA) will be the starting pitcher for Vanderbilt. Lamm has appeared in relief roles this season, but this will be his first career start for the Commodores.

**THURSDAY
Women's Tennis vs.
Furman
2:30 p.m.**

The No. 9 Commodores take on No. 65 Furman at Currey Tennis Center after a successful week that saw them move up 11 spots in the rankings. Vanderbilt (9-3, 1-3 SEC) defeated then-No. 21 LSU for its first SEC win and also beat defending national champion Georgia Tech last week.

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Foster named SEC Player of the Year

Ogilvy named to All-SEC Second Team and All-Freshman Team

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Senior wing Shan Foster became the fourth Vanderbilt player and the second consecutive Commodore to win the Southeastern Conference Player of the Year Award in a vote done by the league's 12 coaches. Foster joins last year's winner, Derrick Byars, as well as Dan Langhi in 2000 and Will Perdue in 1988, as the only Vanderbilt players to capture the award since its inception in 1987. Freshman A.J. Ogilvy was named to the All-SEC Second Team and was a unanimous selection to the league's All-Freshman team.

Only LSU (six) and Kentucky (five) have won more SEC Player of the Year award honors from the league's coaches than Vanderbilt since the award's inception in 1987. Foster leads the SEC in scoring (20.6 ppg), 3-point field goals made (4.03 per game) and 3-point field goal percentage (47.2).

The Player of the Year award caps off a remarkable season by the 6-foot-6 senior from Kenner, La. Earlier this year, he became Vanderbilt's all-time leading scorer, surpassing former Commodore great Matt Freije, and became the school's leader in 3-point field goals made and attempted.

Foster also set the single-season Vanderbilt record for 3-pointers in route to Vanderbilt's best start in school history at 16-0 and a tie with the 1992-93 team for the highest regular season win total (25) since Vanderbilt began playing basketball in 1900-01.

Foster, who has been named the SEC Player of the Week a record four times in 2007-08, has posted the most 20-point games in the league this season (17) and has the highest single-game output in the SEC season after pouring in 42 points in a win over Mississippi State on March 5.

Foster and Mississippi State's Jamont Gordon were the only two players named as unanimous selections to the All-SEC First Team. Richard Hendrix of Alabama, Sonny Weems of Arkansas, Ramel Bradley of Kentucky, Charles Rhodes of Mississippi State, Devan Downey of South Carolina and Chris Lofton and Tyler Smith of Tennessee join Foster and Gordon on the first team.

Vanderbilt's freshman center A.J. Ogilvy, who leads all SEC freshmen in scoring at 16.7 points per game, was a unanimous selection to the league's All-Freshman team and was honored on the All-SEC Second Team. The 6-foot-11 freshman from Sydney, Australia, has four double-doubles on the year and is fourth in the league for field goal percentage (58.2) and



Senior Shan Foster was voted Southeastern Conference Player of the Year, following in the footsteps of former teammate Derrick Byars. Foster leads the SEC in scoring, 3-point field goals made and 3-point field goal percentage and is Vanderbilt's all-time leading scorer.

free throw percentage (78.4). He also leads all SEC players in free throw attempts with 208 charity stripe appearances, which is also the fourth-highest single-season total in Vanderbilt history.

Ogilvy was named to the All-SEC Second Team by Nick Calathes of Florida, Sundiata Gaines of Georgia, Joe Crawford and Patrick

Patterson of Kentucky, Marcus Thornton of LSU, Dwayne Curtis of Ole Miss and JaJuan Smith of Tennessee.

Foster and Ogilvy lead the Commodores into SEC Tournament play Thursday afternoon at the Georgia Dome when they face off against Auburn. Tip-off is set for 2:15 p.m. ■

Southeastern Conference Postseason Awards

FIRST TEAM ALL-SEC

Richard Hendrix, Alabama
Sonny Weems, Arkansas
Ramel Bradley, Kentucky
Jamont Gordon, Mississippi State
Charles Rhodes, Mississippi State
Devan Downey, South Carolina
Chris Lofton, Tennessee
Tyler Smith, Tennessee
Shan Foster, Vanderbilt

SECOND TEAM ALL-SEC

Nick Calathes, Florida
Sundiata Gaines, Georgia
Joe Crawford, Kentucky
Patrick Patterson, Kentucky
Marcus Thornton, LSU
Dwayne Curtis, Ole Miss
JaJuan Smith, Tennessee
A.J. Ogilvy, Vanderbilt

SEC ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM

Nick Calathes, Florida
Jai Lucas, Florida
Chandler Parsons, Florida
Jeremy Price, Georgia
Patrick Patterson, Kentucky
Anthony Randolph, LSU
Trevor Gaskins, Ole Miss
Chris Warren, Ole Miss
Mike Holmes, South Carolina
A.J. Ogilvy, Vanderbilt

SEC ALL-DEFENSIVE TEAM

Steven Hill, Arkansas
Sundiata Gaines, Georgia
Ramel Bradley, Kentucky
Garrett Temple, LSU
Jarvis Varnado, Mississippi State
JaJuan Smith, Tennessee

SEC COACH OF THE YEAR

Billy Gillispie, Kentucky
Bruce Pearl, Tennessee

SEC PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Shan Foster, Vanderbilt

SEC SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Dave Bliss, Georgia

SEC FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Nick Calathes, Florida
Patrick Patterson, Kentucky

SEC SIXTH MAN OF THE YEAR

J.P. Prince, Tennessee

SEC DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Jarvis Varnado, Mississippi State

Tennessee takes Vandy 63-48

Commodores eliminated from SEC Tournament in Saturday loss

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The Tennessee Lady Vols have a chance to show how much they've improved since being humiliated by LSU.

Candace Parker scored 17 of her 25 points in the first half as the No. 3 Lady Vols advanced for a shot at their third Southeastern Conference tournament title in four years by beating in-state rival Vanderbilt 63-48 on Saturday night.

Senior center Nicky Anosike said the key lesson was not slacking up with a big lead.

"You have to keep fighting and pushing, and the defense still has to be there," she said.

Tennessee, which already has 12 SEC tournament championships, will be making its 18th appearance in the title game after knocking off the defending champion. Vanderbilt (23-8) lost for the first time in nine games after winning the 2002 and 2004 titles here at the Sommet Center, only a mile from its own gym.

Vanderbilt, whose five tournament titles are more than any other SEC school but Tennessee, had been trying to win for the fourth time in seven years.

"We've played them harder every time we've played them this year, and ... I'm proud of how much we've improved as a team," Vanderbilt coach Melanie Balcomb said.

Jennifer Risper led Vanderbilt with 14 points and nine rebounds. Christina Wirth, the Commodores' leading scorer with 13.1 points, was held to seven.

"We're young," Wirth said, "(but) we're getting better all year long."

The Commodores got within 39-33 on a 3-pointer by Wirth in the opening minutes of the second half, but Tennessee's Alex Fuller hit a 3 with 13:33 left for a 47-35 lead that never dipped back into single digits again.

Parker hit four free throws, and Alexis Hornbuckle added a jumper midway through the second half for the Lady Vols' biggest lead at 53-35. ■



MARK HUMPHREY / AP

Tennessee forward Candace Parker (3) chases down a loose ball with Vanderbilt forward Christina Wirth, right, in the second half of a semifinal game at the women's SEC basketball tournament on March 8. Parker led Tennessee with 25 points as the Lady Volunteers won 63-48. Tennessee will face LSU in the championship game Sunday.

Women's tennis jumps to No. 9

Bertrand close to breaking record for singles wins

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The Vanderbilt women's tennis team jumped 11 spots to ninth in the latest national rankings released Tuesday by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

The Commodores are coming off a week that saw them finish 2-1, including a road win over No. 2 Georgia Tech. After losing the doubles point to the Yellow Jackets, the Commodores came back to win four singles matches to complete a comeback win over the defending national champions.

After losing to No. 30 Arkansas on Friday, Vanderbilt picked up its first Southeastern Conference win of the year against No. 21 LSU. The Dores swept the Tigers 7-0, while winning all nine matches that were played.

The Commodores have fared well against ranked opponents this season, going 6-3 against teams that are ranked. The Commodores have defeated two top-10 teams on the season, beating Georgia Tech along with No. 9 Notre Dame.

Vanderbilt senior Taka Bertrand is three wins away from breaking the Vanderbilt record for most singles wins in a career. Bertrand currently has a career singles record of 112-33.

Julie Ditty, Class of 2001, holds the current record. She won 114 singles matches in her four-year career.

Vanderbilt returns to action later this week, facing No. 65 Furman on Thursday and No. 41 Florida International on Friday at the Currey Tennis Center. Both matches are scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. ■

Baseball knocks out Western Carolina 5-3

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Vanderbilt rode the strong pitching of Caleb Cotham, Steven Schwartz and Russell Brewer to a 5-3 win over Western Carolina in baseball action Tuesday afternoon at Hawkins Field.

Cotham pitched four innings of one-hit ball to move to 2-0 on the year. He gave up an unearned run while striking out four and walking two in the regulated start.

"I thought we had good pitching today," said Vanderbilt head coach Tim Corbin. "Caleb gave us some good innings, Schwartz was pretty effective, and Brewer was pretty good."

Schwartz came on in relief and gave up two runs on three hits in two innings of work with a walk and a strikeout.

Brewer threw three scoreless innings to pick up his first career save. He struck out five and allowed two hits while not walking a batter.

"Those guys pop the strike zone and it keeps the umpires in the game and keeps the defense sharp," added Corbin when talking about the relief staff. "They are not fearful when guys are in scoring positions and get the job done."

David Macias led off the first with a double and scored on Andrew Giobbi's RBI single to take a 1-0 lead. Macias scored again in the second on a RBI single by Alex Feinberg to make it 2-0.

Dominic de la Osa's solo homer in the third pushed the lead to 3-0.

Western Carolina got on the board in the fourth when J.C. Lyons doubled, moved to third on a passed ball and scored on a RBI groundout.

Shea Robin got the run back in the sixth with a solo homer to left, his first of the year, to make it 4-1.

Barrett Shaft's two-run single in the seventh cut the deficit to 4-3. Ryan Matthews hit an infield single, and Tyler Kirkpatrick walked to

lead off the inning. Brewer came on in relief of Schwartz and struck out Jason Haynes for the first out. WCU then pulled off a double steal to put runners at second and third. Nick Liles then popped up to short for the second out. Brewer nearly got out of the inning unscathed as he had two strikes on Shaft before the single up the middle.

Giobbi had a RBI single in the seventh to make it 5-3. He was the lone Commodore with two hits on the night and finished with two RBI.

The Catamounts threatened in their last at bat and put the tying runs on base with two outs when Brewer struck out Barrett Shaft to secure the victory for the Commodores.

Vanderbilt and Western Carolina will play game two of the series Wednesday at 4 p.m. The Commodores will then open SEC play against South Carolina this weekend at Hawkins Field. ■

Commodores, Terriers set for Wednesday matchup

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The 10th-ranked Vanderbilt women's lacrosse team plays host to 18th-ranked Boston University on Wednesday. The opening draw is scheduled for 5 p.m. at the Vanderbilt Lacrosse Complex.

Both squads are coming off their first loss of the season after facing highly ranked opponents on the road. Vanderbilt traveled to seventh-ranked North Carolina, where the Tar Heels were 12-5 winners on Saturday. For the Commodores (5-1), the attack will be looking to rebound after failing to score in double-figures for the first time this year.

Boston comes to Nashville after losing at top-ranked Northwestern. The Wildcats out-shot the Terriers, 43-22, in that contest, and 14 saves by goalkeeper Rachel Klein could not hold down the three-time defending national champions.

Vanderbilt's potent offense was held in check for the first time this season against UNC. Super sophomores Sarah Downing, Carter Foote and Laura Keenan rank first, third and fifth in scoring for the Commodores.

On Saturday, senior All-American Margie Curran

led Vanderbilt with two goals and one assist, but the story of the game was Vanderbilt's defense. Senior defenders Heather Koutrakos, Michele Slotke and All-American Sasha Cielak each picked up at least three ground balls in the game.

BU leads the all-time series against the Commodores, 3-2, though the teams have not met since the 2001 season. That game was played on a turf field surrounded by snow, with the Terriers winning, 15-7.

Senior Lauren Morton leads Boston (2-1) with



Women's lacrosse defeated Virginia Tech 12-8 early last week in Nashville before falling 12-5 to North Carolina on Saturday. The Commodores host No. 10 Boston University today at 5 p.m.

11 points on nine goals and two assists. Morton and midfielder Molly Collins are the only two seniors on head coach Liz Robertshaw's squad.

Vanderbilt head coach Cathy Swezey

counters with seven senior starters, including U.S. Developmental Team goalkeeper Brooke Shinberry.

Wednesday's game kicks off a four-game Vanderbilt homestand. The Commodores will play host to New Hampshire (March 15), Cornell (March 17) and Penn State (March 23) over the next two weeks before opening American Lacrosse Conference play on the road at Northwestern. ■

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