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Despite the Dores' victory on Tuesday, students still have plenty to rant about the game.

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TODAY

Leap day

Babies born on Feb. 29 get to celebrate the anniversary of their birth on the day it happened for the first

time in four years.

TODAY AND SUNDAY, MARCH 9 **Spring break**

airport shuttles Vanderbilt Student Government is sponsoring shuttles to and from Branscomb Quad and the airport from noon to 6 p.m. today and 2 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, March 9. From noon to 3 p.m. buses will run on the hour, but from 3 to 6 p.m. and all day on Sunday the shuttle will run on the hour and half hour. The cost for the shuttle is \$5, which can be paid in cash or cab cash. Free InShuttle buses will run simultaneously to pick up and drop off students at Kissam Quad, North Hall and

TODAY Study abroad applications due

Morgan House.

Applications to study abroad in fall 2008 and the full year (2008-'09) are due to the Global Education Office in the Student Life Center, Suite 115. More information can be found at www. vanderbilt.edu/geo

TODAY Blair Presents: The Nashville Jazz **Orchestra**

The Blair School of Music will host "Basie, Boogies and the Blues," a night of big band jazz by the Nashville Jazz Orchestra at the Tennessee Center for the Performing Arts at 8 p.m.

TODAY

Baseball game

Vanderbilt's baseball team will play Kansas University at 4 p.m. at Hawkins Baseball Field.

MONDAY, MARCH 10 'The Floating **Dungeon'**

"The Floating **Dungeon: A History** of the Slave Ship," will be presented by the John William Byrn Lecture and history department at 4:10 p.m. in the Renaissance Room at the Vanderbilt Law School. A reception will follow.

See http://calendar.vanderbilt.edu



SAM KIM / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Junior Elias Feghali performs at the Spoken Word Showcase last weekend in the Student Life Center. Students addressed issues like genocide in Darfur, cultural diversity and women's issues at the event, which brought together students from many cultures and backgrounds.

"The types of issues we

address are very diverse,

and our group is too,"

Nicholas said. "We have

all people of all races

Asian, Caribbean,

Indian, Caucasian and

black - which shows

by LILY CHEN Staff Reporter

It began with a culturally

challenging "You question: Down?" In a display of poetry

and theater, the Spoken Word Showcase addressed a variety of issues ranging from arranged marriage to genocide in Darfur through an array of performances.

"I say the show is an electrifying performance of words on stage," said artist and tech director for Spoken Word senior Beville Nicholas. "The title of the show is 'You Down?' because the question is: Are you down with women's issues, with change, with cultural diversity and with Darfur?"

With pieces such "Jaded Enchantress," "Darfur Demonstration" and "I'm Down," the show's focus was on promoting campus consciousness about events happening around the world including prostitution, genocide and lack of equality. In addition, the showcase spotlighted Darfur and the Nashville Sudanese Center by donating the show's proceeds to the organization.

—To watch a video

and slideshow of students in Spoken Word, go to:

> that the love of poetry and artistic expression crosses all racial boundaries." Debangshu officially Roychoudhury involved with Spoken Word in the

> fall of 2007. "I wanted to surround myself with a group of friends I could constantly be comfortable with," Roychoudhury said. "I wanted to create a family at Vanderbilt."

> According to Roychoudhury, Spoken Word started out with a few people interested in expressing

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Students use month to blur racial boundaries

by JANELLE STOKES Staff Reporter

What started off as a week created by author and journalist Carter G. Woodson in 1926 to remember important black achievements has blossomed to a nationally recognized, month-long celebration of the achievements and contributions of blacks

around the world. The celebration of Black History Month, now in its 82nd year, has evolved into a celebration of American history. Vanderbilt faculty and students from all cultures have embraced the month as a means of fostering relations among various races on campus.

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Note from the publisher

The Board of Directors of Vanderbilt StudentCommunications Inc., which publishes The Hustler, has issued a statement regarding its decision earlier this week to replace the editor. The statement has been posted at InsideVandy.com and will appear here in the newspaper in the next (March 12) issue.

Honor Council begins campus outreach

by ADAM WEINSTEIN Asst News Editor

The stress of midterms makes the temptation to cheat quite alluring.

That is probably why the Honor Council sees most of its cases filed during midterms and final

As it stands, the council sees about two cases a week. The majority of the cases deal with plagiarism and the receiving or giving of unauthorized aid, which includes most kinds of inappropriate collaboration.

"If a guilty verdict is found," said Honor Council President Abby Stufflebam, "we break the violation down into three ratings: how truthful the student was during the evaluation, the flagrancy of the violation and the amount of premeditation of the violation."

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Honor Council executive board members pose for a group picture. On the back row, from left to right, are Caroline Nebhan, Kathryn Moreadith, Abby Stufflebam, Patrick Hill and Sumaiya Hossain, On the front row are Billy Ripley, Macy Skulman, Matt Specht and Amy O'Brien. Jeremy Gunn and Lauren Law are not pictured.

Kissam Quad faces security issues

RESIDENTIAL SAFETY TIPS

- Know your neighbors so you can determine who does not belong in your building.
- Do not prop open exterior doors.
- When entering a building with access control in place,
- do not allow strangers to enter behind you.
- Always lock your door when you leave, sleep or work late. Stay alert and plan for "what if?"



OLIVER WOLFE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

by ADAM WEINSTEIN Asst News Editor

Part of Vanderbilt's Southern charm lies in everyday courtesies — someone almost always seems to be there to hold the door open

But these acts of hospitality are partially responsible for four laptop thefts in Kissam Quad since November.

"We know through the video tapes that the suspect gained entry either by following students into the residence halls or by students opening up the door and letting the individual into the residence hall," said Captain Andrew Atwood of the Vanderbilt Police Department.

"We recognize that people want to be nice by holding the doors open," Atwood said, "but there's a reason why the security features are in the residence halls, and that's to try to keep the residents and their property as safe as possible."

To make matters more frustrating for VUPD, all of the computers were taken from unlocked dorm rooms: one from Currey Hall, another from Reinke Hall and two from Hemingway

In response to the thefts, VUPD has deployed officers to Kissam Quad in order to ensure the dorms are secure, going room to room to make sure the students are locking their doors and doing their part to keep themselves and their property safe.

"Our detectives have spent quite a bit of time over at Kissam asking people if they've seen anything suspicious," Atwood said. "Even during that process, they found many doors that were completely ajar with nobody in the room."

Ironically enough, Atwood also recalled a time that officers found a student's door propped open with a laptop.

"We want to remind students that the security features are there," Atwood said. "We just want them to be aware that they need to lock their doors, because they defeat the purpose of them otherwise."

As of now, the four computer thefts are still under active investigation, and the suspect is still unknown. The VUPD urges anyone who believes they have seen suspicious activity in Kissam, or may have knowledge about any of the cases to contact detective Jason Huskey. He can be reached at 322-2745 or by e-mail jason.l.huskey@vanderbilt.

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MONDAY



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VUPD CRIME LOG

compiled by LAKENDRA SCOTT

Saturday, Feb.23, 2:30 a.m.:

Purses were taken during a party at Branscomb Quad.

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

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STARTINGS

Israeli air strike kills 4 youths, Palestinian medical officials say

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — An Israeli air strike killed four Palestinian youths Thursday in the northern Gaza Strip, Palestinian medical officials told The Associated Press.

Dr. Moaiya Hassanain, a Health Ministry official, said all the victims were civilians under the age of 16. The incident raised the death toll in Thursday's fighting to 12 Palestinians, officials said.

The Israeli army was looking into the report.

Explosion rocks Illinois mall during lunchtime; at least 6 taken to hospitals

WAUKEGAN, III. — A large explosion has blown the top off a shopping plaza in Waukegan, Ill., The Associated Press reported. Police say at least six people have been taken to a hospital.

The explosion struck around lunchtime Thursday. It blew the

windows out of storefronts and collapsed the ceilings above stores. Witness Candi Rixie was taking orders at a sandwich shop a block away. She said she felt a rumble, almost like somebody hit the building with a car.

Paulson says various housing proposals would do more harm than good

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said Thursday that various proposals being put forward to deal with the housing slump would do more harm than good.

While he said that while the housing problem remains the biggest downside risk to the economy, the issue needed to be put in perspective. According to The Associated Press, Paulson said 93 percent of all mortgages are being paid on time and that less than 2 percent are in foreclosure.

McCain says critics distort his remark about US troops staying 100 years in Iraq

HOUSTON — Republican presidential hopeful John McCain said his remark that American troops could stay in Iraq for 100 years has been distorted, according to The Associated Press, yet he still suggests a lengthy U.S. presence comparable to that in Korea and other countries.

"Of course, that comment of mine was distorted. Life isn't fair, as Jack Kennedy said," McCain told a town hall meeting at Rice University. "I was talking about American presence after the war."

Clinton says swing state voters focusing on economy can revive her campaign

ZANESVILLE, Ohio — Hillary Clinton spent almost three hours Wednesday trying to persuade a college gym full of Ohioans that her detailed plans to revive the failing economy can also resuscitate her dwindling campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination, The Associated Press reported.

"Obviously, the economy is the No. 1 issue in the country, and it's unbelievably important here in Ohio," said Clinton.

Former Sen. Ford ordered to begin prison term within 60 days

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Former state Sen. John Ford must report to prison in 60 days to begin serving a five-and-a-half-year sentence for bribery, a federal judge said Thursday.

Judge J. Daniel Breen rejected Ford's request to remain free to take care of four minor children while his ex-wife serves more than a year in jail for drunken driving, according to The Associated Press. Ford, 65, declined comment on the judge's decision.

The Volunteer State does a number on No. 1

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee upsets top-ranked Memphis to move to No. 1, then Vanderbilt knocks off Tennessee.

The Volunteer State has done a number on The Associated Press poll in the past week with consecutive upsets of the topranked teams happening just 200 miles apart along Tennessee's Interstate-40 corridor.

"The college basketball scene in Tennessee — if it's been better, someone's got to tell me when," Memphis coach John Calipari said.

Angry parents want monitors on buses

RUTHERFORD COUNTY, Tenn. — Parents outraged by a recent alleged rape on a school bus are calling for the school district to put adult monitors on buses and asking why none of the other students tried to intervene, The Tennessean reported.

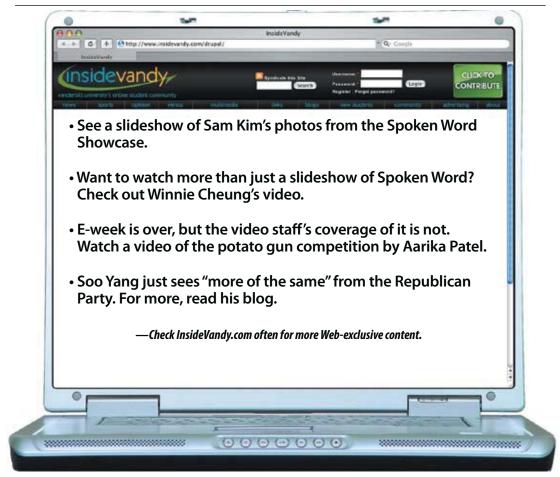
District officials and school board members who were flooded by the response said adding monitors would cost more than \$3 million dollars annually. The outcry follows accusations that Riverdale High School senior Brandon Stover, 18, raped a freshman girl a week ago on a school bus packed with 60 students.

Nashville could add six early voting sites in November

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Davidson County Election Commission hopes to add six early voting sites for the November election, the agency's top administrator said in a budget hearing Thursday.

As The Tennessean reported, election administrator Ray Barrett said the commission hopes to set up 14 early voting sites, based on expectations that the presidential election will generate the highest voter turnout in state history. The county has never held early voting at more than 11 sites; it used eight in last year's mayoral election and this year's presidential primaries.

WHAT'S NEW ON INSIDE VANDY. COM



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AUCTIONING AMOR



Sophomores Arielle Maffei and Stephanie Cordel auction off sophomore Andres Chong-Qui at at Latin Flavor of Love Thursday, Feb. 28.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL: Cor look to beat Georgia, conti-streak

SPOKEN WORD: Emotions felt in acts

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themselves through hip-hop. As there were more performances, more students joined and created a movement that led to the creation of the student group and the event. Spoken Word is now supported by the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center.

Saturday's showcase garnered about 500 audience members and an extended contract of sponsorship from the BCC.

"We had a diverse group and a diverse crowd, and the show exceeded our expectations," Roychoudhury said. "We have a tight relationship within the group and with the Black Cultural Center, and I don't see why this show won't be an annual thing."

Since Spoken Word was officially recognized as an organization in 2007, it has performed at various venues

Ghandi Week, Night of Hope and Asian New Year Festival. The inspiration for this showcase, Roychoudhury said, was Night of Hope.

"When we attended the Night of Hope event, our Sudan piece made me realize that there was not enough being done about Sudan and not enough awareness about multicultural issues," Roychoudhury said.

For Roychoudhury, this will be his last year with Spoken Word.

"This has been incredible experience for me," Roychoudhury said. "At first hiphop was nonexistent, and now it's slowly growing. Spoken Word was a chance to stand up and talk about issues people are reluctant to speak or hear about."

But for freshman Kelly Swope, the experience is just beginning.

"I saw Spoken Word perform including Diwali Performance, at the showcase at the beginning

of the year and became secretly down with the movement," said Swope, who also writes for The Hustler. "When I officially joined in January, the movement really provoked a lot of inspiration and thought. I wanted to be an actor not just an observer."

Swope's first performance was at the Asian New Year Festival, and his second performance at the showcase was a piece titled "The White Boy Piece," which addressed issues of race and stereotypes.

"At the showcase, I was a little anxious at first, but so many people supported us, and the performance turned out to be a success," Swope said. "At the showcase, it was great being able to perform on stage and talk about such important content."

For sophomore Crystal Fang, Spoken Word was a way to experience in Thailand.

"I went there last summer to work with prostitutes to try to help them find a better way of living," Fang said. "The experience inspired the piece I performed, 'Jaded Enchantress.' This was a subject that I was passionate about, and I wanted other people to be aware of the problems of the issue as well."

Fang says during her experience with Spoken Word, she has been able to learn from the group's diverse members.

"Everyone just themselves into their performances at the showcase. As a group, we're able to support each other and critique each other," Fang said. "For me, Spoken Word isn't just performing: There are also elements of reality within the performances." ■

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH: Black History Month celebrated by different groups, cultures

From BLACK HISTORY MONTH, page 1

Throughout the month of February, black historythemed "World on Wednesday" programs, the annual Posse Retreat, the Highlander Rolling Classroom Seminar numerous programs held at the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center dealt with the topics of social activism, race relations and empowerment for

In keeping with similar themes, this past week presented events that coincided with the legacies of black predecessors who left a trail for social injustice to be corrected and for contributions to be remembered.

Black Student Alliance hosted "Reviving the Greats," a program meant to commemorate the contributions of less notable black figures in history through music, original skits and poetry. The event had a full audience but lacked the ethnic diversity that Moore was seeking.

"Maybe it had to do with advertising, or maybe when (people from another race) hear 'black history program' they think, 'It doesn't apply to me," said Black History Chair Angela Moore. "Vanderbilt does have a conscious awareness of black history and a diverse (student body), but does everyone show up to the events? That's the question."

Members of Lambda Theta Alpha Sorority (LTA) hosted a discussion on race relations with sociology professor Roosevelt Noble titled "How Race Affects Our Everyday Lives." Members said they hoped the forum would bring the campus community together.

we are a multicultural sorority, and we wanted to explain and discuss race on this campus," said sophomore Stephanie Cordel. "Personally, for us and our organization, we thought we could be the gap between black and white."

In contrast to BSA's event, a diverse audience attended the discussion on race relations, but the reasons for students' attendance was varied. Cordel noted that certain professors offered students extra credit if they attended.

In an attempt to foster unity among the Greek community, LTA invited Interfraternity Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council and Panhellenic Council sororities and fraternities to celebrate Black History Month by displaying banners with quotes from the civil rights era.

LTA President Arielle Maffei said she wanted to "show the Vanderbilt community that the Greek community not only acknowledges Black History Month but (members in the community) were actually thinking about what it meant, and (the banners are a representation of their) support."

The response to the initiative of Black History Month has been widely received by all facets of the Greek community.

"A lot of (chapters) have done it," Maffei said. "We can come together in what is a historical part of American history and prove to the Vanderbilt community that we're thinking about it and conscious about what is going on." ■

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HONOR COUNCIL: Community education key

From **HONOR COUNCIL**, page 1

For a first-time offense, the presumptive minimum penalty is failure in the course, but if the ratings are not favorable to the student, the council can choose to increase the severity of the penalty.

"It's important to know that there is no typical case or circumstances," said Public Affairs Chair Matt Specht. "The violation could always be worse, and we try to look at each case individually without trying to fit them into the whole grand scope of things."

According to the council, teachers report nearly all of the violations.

"We don't see many students turning in violations, which is understandable because people who would be noticing would be their friends," Stufflebam said. "Still, we really do wish that students would not ignore things, but at the same time, we don't expect students to be the fingerpointers."

So the council said it is trying to clarify and change the student body's conception of their role on campus, especially before

the Class of 2012 arrives and signs the Honor Code, and next year, it plans to make the organization more visible by using presentations during Vanderbilt Visions to solidify the Community Creed.

As Stufflebam put it, the sentiments behind the outreach plans of the council are multifaceted.

"By educating everyone we can prevent a lot of these situations, and in doing that we can spend a lot more time focusing on academic honesty rather than dishonesty," Stufflebam said. "We don't want to have hearings, and we don't want to do the punitive aspect of our roles."

The idea is to educate students so they will never have to be in front of the council in the first place.

"We hope to have the opportunity to increase educational programming in classrooms to prevent violations from occurring," Specht said. ■

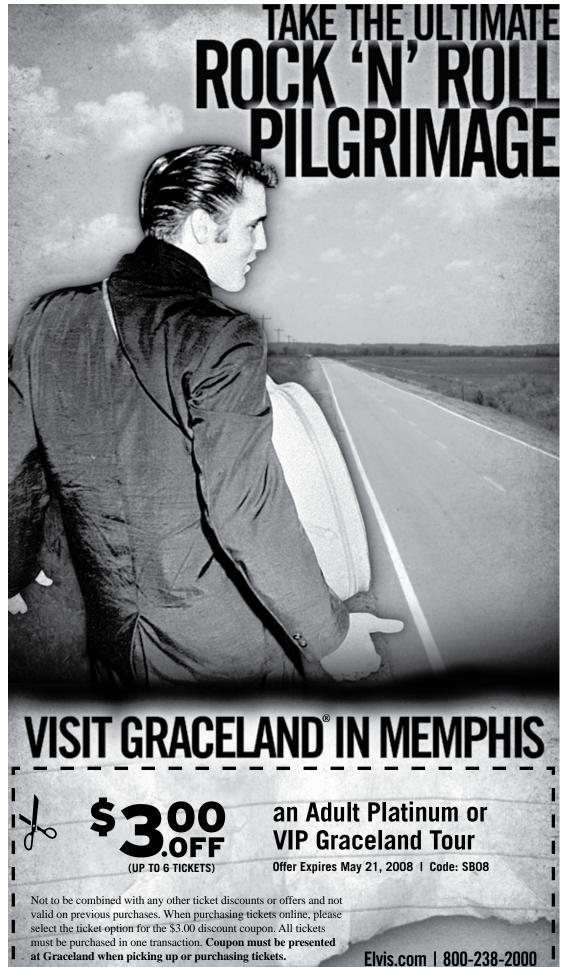
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HONOR COUNCIL TO RELEASE CASE REPORTS From Public Affairs Chair Matt Specht:

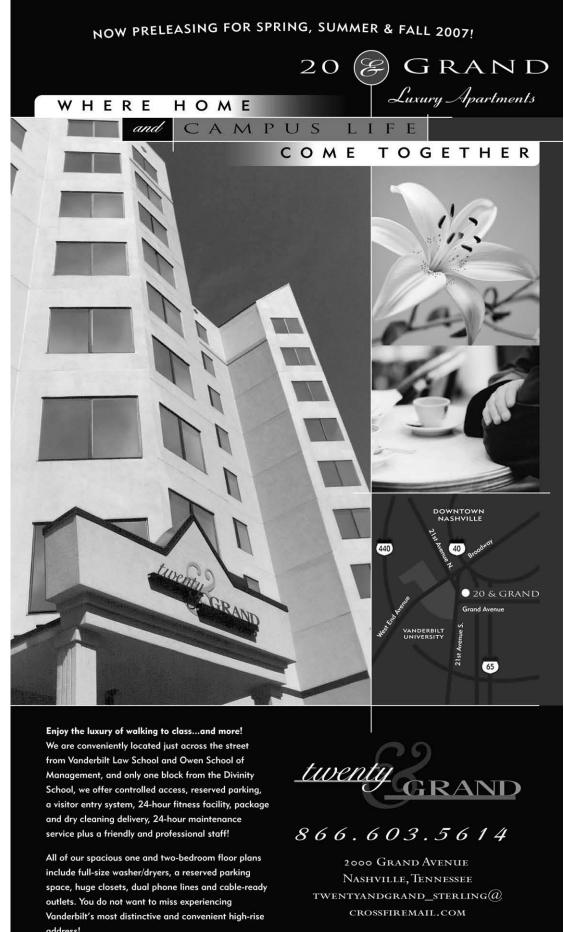
"The Honor Council is committed to increasing campus awareness of issues of academic integrity. With this in mind, the Honor Council will publish regular reports on the cases.

"From the start of the semester until Feb. 28, the Honor Council heard 16 separate cases involving a total of 21 students. Seven students were charged with plagiarism, 13 with receiving or giving unauthorized aid, and one student's charge was classified as 'other.'

"Twelve students pled guilty to the charge(s) they faced, while six pled not guilty and one student's hearing was postponed. Of the 15 students who either pled guilty or were found responsible for an Honor Code violation, 10 were assessed a penalty of failure in the course. One student received a reprimand and recommendation of failure on the assignment in question. One student received a penalty of failure in the course plus a minor semester suspension. One student was assessed a penalty of failure in the course plus a minor and major semester suspension. Two students were assessed penalties of expulsion from the university. Five students were found not guilty."



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OUR VIEW

The Music Group deserves praise

After the Quake lineup, which managed to bring a Rites of Spring favorite (Brett Dennen), a renowned live act with a cultlike following (Guster) and a critically acclaimed superstar (Kanye West), The Music Group set the bar high for Rites.

They definitely followed through. The slate of artists and bands represents a diverse group of music styles with two legitimate front liners.

While Lil Jon may not have quite the same critical allure of, for instance, The Roots, he has definitely been something of a pop cultural mainstay over the past few years, both in the world of Dave Chapelle and as a producer and rapper.

At the same time, Spoon seems to be a favorite among a wide variety of people, balancing indie cred with a broader appeal, which seems to be a balance worth striking at the biggest event of the spring semester. The band also has an impeccable reputation as a live band, which satisfies the other major tenet of the Rites experience.

Feist and Colbie Caillat, both up-and-coming artists, have become immensely popular on this campus and nationally in the past year. Because of their rumored commitments to Rites of Spring this winter, it wouldn't have been surprising if they were headliners, as Music Group co-chair Dave Silverstein said in Wednesday's Hustler, given their caliber and name recognition.

Many of the other acts, including Old Crow Medicine Show and The Avett Brothers, have large followings among Vanderbilt students and should be excellent live acts. The board even managed to secure DJ Kool, who lays claim to a very fine novelty song, "Let Me Clear My Throat," sure to be a crowd favorite.

Top to bottom, the Music Group did an excellent job finding and securing a group of entertaining, successful and quality artists and bands to make the Rites weekend fun and memorable.

Top 10 Last-Minute Spring Break Plans

JUSTIN POYTHRESS Columnist

Yeah, some of your friends have had their spring break planned since the day after last year's spring break, but you've had plenty of better things to do. Unfortunately, those "better" things can get in the way of figuring out what to do this year. It happens. So The Hustler has come to the rescue with some last-minute ideas for your hiatus from school.

Go to Cancun. As much as this one may be overkill, at least you never have to give acquaintances a further explanation of what you did. Also, especially if you're a girl really looking to unwind and expand your cultural horizons, you can always depend on the generosity of strangers. Leave the camera at home, please.

Go back home. It's just good financial sense. Besides giving you the opportunity to sleep more hours per day than many animals still in hibernation, a visit back home allows you to spend time with your chief donors and assure them that their hefty investment may pay off in the next 30 years.

Work on the Hillary Clinton campaign. Although this may be about as effective as trying to get Hayden Christensen nominated for best actor, at least you get to work for someone who's had more facelifts than haircuts. Plus, short-term work shouldn't be hard to come by. Word has gotten out that Hillary is interested in recruiting any level of campaign assistance including college students, illegal immigrants or toilet-trained chimpanzees.

It's still the greatest show on Earth. How many of your friends can say they got to shovel camel manure or split some cracker jacks with a two-headed dwarf?

Set up a tent and camp out in Centennial. There's nothing illegal about doing some good old-fashioned outdoor living in the middle of a public park. You'll find more than sufficient late night company with high school couples and wandering hippies.

Have a spontaneous road trip. Nothing says college like an unplanned voyage with some friends. All you need is a car, some juice boxes and daddy's credit card. Don't have any friends? Then hop in a car you spot idling and hide in the luggage. The adventure and restraining orders are half the fun anyway.

Do you prefer the company of strangers or love spending time with truckers and lonely, middle-aged men? Then stick out your thumb and start making dreams happen. Before you know it, you'll be cruising by hundreds of acres of corn or be gagged and duct Set up a corner in Nashville.

3. What are your strengths? Slinging rock? Making up dramatic stories about how you became poor and how many children are depending on you? Smooth operation of a windshield squeege? Select the approach that best fits your style and slap down a sleeping bag at your favorite intersection.

Become a cheerleader. Whether it's for Vanderbilt, or a team that will make it past the sweet sixteen, this is a great way to get a free pass to the conference tournament games that will be happening. No need to be in shape.

Squat in your room. Dodge early checks for room occupancy and then the coast is clear for you to kick it with the janitorial staff and weird squatter community. This is your time to recoup some of your housing cost. For convenience, turn on all lights and leave the shower running.

State of education changing

ANDREW SOLOMON

COLUMN

Columnist As graduation approaches for this

Hitch-hike.

coming senior class and everyone scrambles to find out what his degree is really worth, I think it's time we stepped back briefly to take stock of what that diploma you're getting framed really means. In a world where the dynamics of social interaction are changing at a rapid pace thanks to online social networks, access to mobile communication tools and the availability of information, what did you really learn from Vanderbilt? Perhaps more importantly, how did you learn it?

I strongly believe that, over the course of the next 20 years, the world of academia is going to experience a shakeup that will

change the structure of learning at the postsecondary level, particularly in collegiate settings. With so many varied ways of disseminating and absorbing information changing the way we go about our everyday lives, the methods by which we learn must change just to keep up.

One notion that has already begun to materialize here at Vandy is the genesis of user-generated content in coursework. User-generated content can be most easily described by looking to the pinnacle of its use: Wikipedia. While the concept is not bound by this site alone, the term means students will have the ability to add relevant information to coursework as the class progresses, essentially tailoring aspects of their classes to what they feel is important. I've taken an engineering class

where a Wiki page was used as a platform for students to post notes and outside information for exams to complement the coursework; it added an interactive quality to the curriculum that made learning a much more dynamic experience.

One of the problems we encountered was this content was generated by a proportionally small segment of the class, but education will hopefully reach a point where entire classes could be formed based on demand from students and run almost entirely on UGC. A course full of handselected students interested in a common theme is sure to generate sufficient information for learning. An idea like this will likely require a large

pool of interested individuals to begin Please see **SOLOMON**, page 5

COLUMN **Buckley's** life defined conservatism



MIKE WARREN **Columnist**

The passing of William F. Buckley Jr. this week means America has lost a charismatic and revolutionary intellectual. The impact Buckley had on conservatism as an intellectual movement can only be described as monumental. Emerging in an era where the face of conservatism was a drunkard named Joe McCarthy and the Republican President Eisenhower was considered so moderate that it was briefly suggested the Democrats run him as their candidate in 1956 too, Buckley, as he famously remarked in the first issue of his National Review, stood "athwart history yelling, 'Stop."

America came to know Buckley through his television appearances, primarily on his twiceweekly PBS program, "Firing Line," which ran from 1966 to 1999. He would engage in debate with the left-wing intellectuals of the day, including Gore Vidal and Noam Chomsky, with his characteristic erudite vocabulary and seemingly infinite knowledge of nearly every detail of every issue. Through National Review he provided a vessel for the great conservative minds to transmit the ideas of free markets, anti-communism and small government to educated America, but it was the Bill Buckley that Americans saw on television that solidified his status as a man that changed the way people thought about the relationship between the individual and the state.

In losing Buckley, we lose a great teacher of conservatism. As Rush Limbaugh reiterates nearly every day on his radio program, conservatism is a philosophy that must be taught and re-taught to successive generations. The liberalism entrenched in our educational, entertainment and media cultures threatens the conservative movement through its near-monopoly, and only by winning the intellectual battle can the teachings of Buckley continue to thrive.

Indeed, Buckley was part of a very select group of the most influential conservatives in the second halfofthe 20th century; his most logical counterpart in this group was his good friend, Ronald Reagan. The movement lost Reagan to Alzheimer's 14 years ago. Now, with Buckley gone as well, the state of the conservative movement can be placed in an interesting perspective. In Reagan, it had a political leader and in Buckley, an intellectual one. Both challenged the liberal establishment in these respective fields, and in doing so brought millions of Americans into the fold. Today, Limbaugh serves as a media leader, using his skill and genius as a broadcaster to challenge this establishment in what he calls the "Drive-By Media."

Even with the legacy of Reagan and Buckley and the continued success of Limbaugh, conservatism is starved for leadership. Movement conservatives are disillusioned with the Republican Party in Washington, where the small-government contingent has nearly disappeared. The Republican primaries illustrated this hunger, with Fred Thompson and eventually Mitt Romney trying harder than any other candidate to be that conservative leader in the political arena.

We conservatives would be wise to turn back to the Buckley-Reagan paradigm as a guide. Before Reagan spoke at the 1964 Republican National Convention about a "rendezvous with destiny," Buckley had already sown the seeds of the thought movement. After his alarmingly revealing tome, "God and Man at Yale," the success of National Review and his role in familiarizing America with a radically different alternative to the wave of progressivism after World War II, Buckley had ensured that a national electorate would be informed enough to elect a new kind of political

Now, with the threat of Islamofascism providing a more dangerous and sinister parallel to the Communist threat of the past and a collectivist political class with more fervor than it had 20 years ago, conservatism needs a new intellectual leader in the vein of Buckley. This leader shouldn't be a Buckley clone or reincarnation; rather, he must continue the fight WFB began.

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ASB offers opportunity to recharge, reflect

REBECCA REICHARDT Columnist

If you take a look at the eyes of your fellow Vanderbilt students this week you will probably notice most of us look as though our joy has been stolen by some horrible creature. The midterm season is a hellacious week of exams and papers designed by professors to suck out all of our intellectual prowess. Have no fear, though; relief is on its way.

Spring break will be here at the end of the week, bringing much needed rest and relaxation and an escape from the bubble for everyone. Some will head home to get a little TLC from Mom, others will hit the beaches of Destin and Cancun, more will head to Europe to visit friends abroad and a lucky 420 of us will be participating in Vanderbilt-founded Alternative Spring Break.

I myself am fortunate to be making my second ASB voyage, this time as a site leader. I am frequently asked by my friends and sometimes by my family exactly why I prefer to spend my break doing manual labor, camping and eating peanut butter and jelly sandwiches with people I barely know to chilling out on a white-sand beach in the Cayman Islands with a cabana boy bringing me frozen drinks. For me, the decision was not difficult: I see

ASB as the best, most rewarding bubble-buster out there. There is nothing better to reduce the tensions of school than to head off to a faraway land to interact with the real world.

On an ASB trip you are exposed to maladies of the world. While some may think this would be depressing, for many people it has the opposite effect. There is something utterly refreshing about going out into the world and remembering there are things bigger than demand curves, functionalist social theory and the latest campus gossip.

On ASB you interact with real people who face real problems on a daily basis. Last year I volunteered at a substanceabuse rehabilitation center in Wellington, Colo. Addiction is one of the most difficult obstacles to overcome, so prior to the trip I thought the atmosphere was going to be rather desperate. However, at Harvest Farm (the rehab center), my group and I were welcomed with warmth. The residents of the farm openly shared their stories of substance abuse, but more importantly they shared their hopeful outlooks on life. It was refreshing and inspiring for me, an individual who sometimes lets my problems like a lengthy line at Corner Market get me down, to see individuals with a positive outlook, despite having lost everything, including their family, friends, homes and jobs. The residents of Harvest Farm know life might be hard and may seem unfair at times, but there is always hope and always something to be happy about.

Spring break is supposed to be a time when students find escape and refreshment from their studies. There is no better or more beneficial way to leave the troubles of school than to escape on ASB. Not only do participants find refuge from the world of labs, essays, problem sets and exams, they also find perspective on these particular problems, learning we all are pretty lucky the biggest stress in our lives is finishing our political science papers.

On ASB I have been able to form bonds with my peers outside the confines of Vanderbilt social structure and via the universal language of service. ASB is a Vanderbilt rite of passage, and I cannot wait to experience it for a second time. I know I will return to Nashville just as refreshed as I would if I were to go to Destin. I am just lucky enough to have the added benefit of a refreshed perspective.

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"This is ridiculous. If 2200 seats are going to sell out by SEVEN, allocate more, Vanderbilt! Or at least sell them to us — I shouldn't have to pay 350 to some scalper on the road for my own team's basketball game."

'If you're going to skip class and show up four hours early to get a front row spot, why don't you go ahead and grow a pair and rush the court? People have been rushing the court for decades, and leave it up to the amazing fair-weather fans of Vanderbilt to be scared by six cops standing in your way. A true Vandy Fanatic would've rushed that court in a heartbeat."

"The Vanderbilt student section is smart enough that we don't need anyone to continue to try to jinx us by incessantly putting the 'don't charge the court' reminder on the Jumbotron or by putting cops with video cameras filming everyone in the front rows. When we're 14th in the country, we should expect to win every home game. When the time does come to charge the court, those juvenile measures aren't going to stop anyone."

"Here's why no plan to get more businesses on the Vandy Card will ever work: a 26.3 percent surcharge on every sale made through the Vandy Card. If someone spends \$10 on the card at Qdoba, \$2.63 goes straight to Vanderbilt Dining. That's before Qdoba pays for anything else. If we want more businesses on the card, we need to lower that rate. Let's hope President Joseph Williams has that kind of influence for us students."

From SOLOMON, page 4 operating effectively since ideally

Compiled by Katherine Miller

students would compete to gain admission to the best courses. This reality quickly lends itself to a complimentary notion that I believe will also come to impact college education a bit further down the line: Why can't I take a course from another college? Places like MIT and Stanford are already offering online courses, so why not make it easier to integrate that opportunity?

The largest obstacle to a seamless integration of coursework from other universities is that it doesn't gel easily with the current rigid degree structure of the American

university, the core business of the institution. Currently this concept would siphon revenue from the university as students obtain credit elsewhere, but perhaps a forward-looking group of prestigious universities could enter into an association where the revenue generated from these types of courses is shared along with the coursework.

SOLOMON: Academia must act now

Of course, there are pitfalls to be aware of as we charge forward. The Internet, for all its uses, is ruthless in its ability to disregard old models of operation. It disaggregates quickly because of its boundless ability to reach large number of people. What happens to genuine scholarship as Webbased content continues to rise in prevalence both inside and outside the traditional collegiate setting? If there's no substitute to showing up to a class and interacting with a lecturer, we will have to adapt the online learning experience to serve the student. In the next 10 years, the ability to disseminate information in dynamic new ways will arise and dramatically change the traditionaleducationallandscape. I hope academia is insightful enough to meet the challenge head-on.

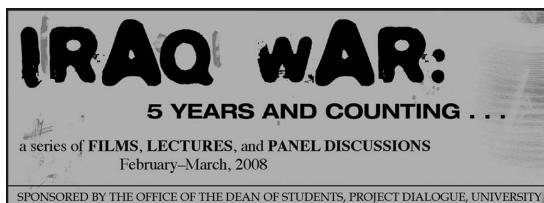
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WARREN: Conservatives must return to ideology in light of Buckley's death

Why can't conservatives seem to find this new leader? Circumstances are different in 2008 than they were in 1951, with a certain level of cynicism aimed at those involved in any aspect of a political ideological movement. Political analysis has become a profitable entertainment form, a fact with which I have no

problem. Nevertheless, for the ideas of conservatives to ignite the public once again, we need a leader to rise above it all and start teaching (and re-teaching)

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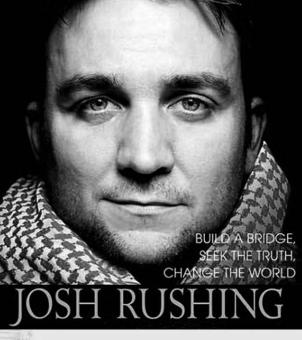
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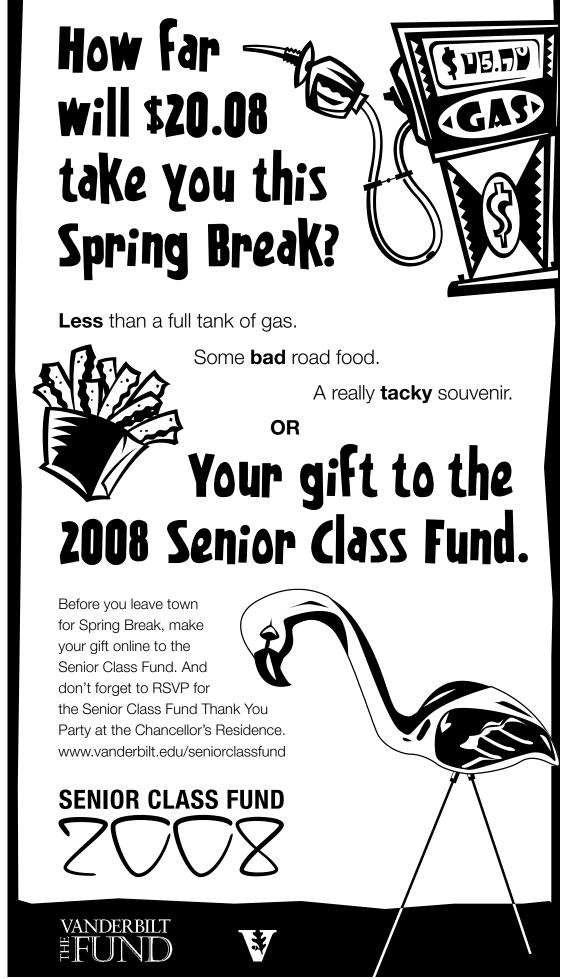


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SATURDAY Men's Basketball at **Arkansas** 3 p.m. TV: Raycom

After a triumphant homestand that saw No. 18 Vanderbilt (24-4, 9-4 Southeastern Conference) defeat four SEC East foes, including No. 1 Tennessee on Tuesday, the Commodores travel to Fayetteville to play Arkansas (18-9, 7-6 SEC). Arkansas has lost four of its last five games but is 5-1 at home in SEC play. The Razorbacks are struggling to earn a trip to the NCAA Tournament, and a win over red-hot Vanderbilt would be a big resume booster

SUNDAY Women's Basketball vs. Alabama 2 p.m. Radio: 560 AM

The No. 23 Commodores (21-7, 10-3 SEC) close out the regular season against the woeful Crimson Tide (8-20, 1-12 SEC) at Memorial Gym. While Vanderbilt has won eight of its last nine games, Alabama has lost 12 straight, all by at least 13 points. Vanderbilt handed the Tide their worst loss of the season, 92-47, on Feb. 10. Alabama is the only team in the conference that hasn't reached 10 wins, and about the only good news for the Crimson Tide right now is the season will be over soon.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY

way to go.

As the Commodores

Tournament, their

season still has a long

are a lock for the NCAA

Baseball The Commodores (3-1) host the Music City Classic at Hawkins Field this weekend. Kansas, Iowa and Xavier will come to town for the round-robin tournament starting today at 4 p.m. Vanderbilt won its home opener 4-3 on Wednesday against Evansville when senior Jonathan White hit a game-winning RBI single in the bottom of the ninth. The Commodores will be missing All-American junior third baseman Pedro Alvarez, who broke a bone in his hand in the season opener against Oregon State

THEY SAID IT ...

and will be out for a

minimum of six weeks.

"Vanderbilt deserves all the credit. They came out with more passion and had more intensity in their eyes."

> **CHRIS LOFTON** Tennessee guard



Consecutive times a No. 1 team has been beaten by Vanderbilt at Memorial Gym

Foster, crowd white out Vols



OLIVER WOLFE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Senior Shan Foster — who wears the Dores' No 32 jersey — appropriately scored a season-high 32 points in Tuesday's matchup against Tennessee. Vanderbilt knocked off UT after the Vols spent just two days in the No. 1 spot on the AP poll. Sophomore Jermaine Beal added 17 points and committed zero turnovers in the Commodores' 72-69 victory at Memorial Gym.

Senior drops 32 in signature win over No. 1 Tennessee.

> by ANDREW BARGE Senior Sports Reporter

too bad Memorial Gym doesn't host the NCAA

tournament. If it did, March Madness would

already be over. "I told Vandy Maniacs last year and I told them again this year, if the crowd comes out like that every single game, then we'll never lose at home," said senior Shan Foster, who scored a gameand season-high 32 points in Tuesday night's 72-69 upset of No. 1 Tennessee.

"It is amazing to play in front of that kind of crazy crowd, and it really is a pleasure to play with our fans supporting us the way

Coach Kevin Stallings, who

showed his appreciation by saluting the student section before the game, agreed with his star senior.

"Our place was electric tonight. It's one of the best places in college basketball on game night, and our crowd was absolutely unbelievable. We want to thank everyone for being here."

Tuesday's game marked the fourth straight top-ranked opponent knocked off in Memorial Gym. Tennessee, after earning its first AP No. 1 ranking in 99 years, held on to the title for only two days.

The Vanderbilt win didn't come as easily as last year's win over Florida, when every Commodore brought his A game.

"This game was different. Florida last year was as good as any team I've ever had to play, including that Kentucky game the other night," Stallings said.

Foul trouble limited center A.J. Ogilvy to a season-low 12 minutes played. To compensate for the freshman's off night, Foster had to step up. The senior responded with one of the best shooting performances in recent Commodore memory.

The energetic Vandy crowd fed off Foster every step of the way, which was difficult to maintain with the referees blowing the whistle on 53 fouls. Still, the high energy level lasted all night long, and Foster continued to hit shots when Vandy needed it the most.

"Shan's a terrific player. It's phenomenal that he scored 32 on 13 shots with their defense. He was our life support there for a while, and he deserves this," Stallings said. "He's a special, special kid."

Sophomore guard Jermaine Beal, who chipped in 17 points and zero turnovers against Tennessee's stingy defense, was also in awe of Foster's big night.

"As a point guard, I love watching Shan when he's on. I always tell him to shoot it in practice and games. I don't even care if it's a bad shot, I just want to see him shooting it."

With the win, Vandy continues to play its best basketball of the season at a crucial time. Foster knows that pulling out close games late in the season will provide Vandy with the respect it

"I've said it before, but we really feel like we're the best team in the country in terms of winning games down the stretch," said Foster. "We've proven that time and time again. We work hard in practice, and that shows in the games. It's what this program is

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Homecourt advantage rules SEC

ADAM WEINSTEIN Sports Reporter

Home-court advantage

is something that exists in every sport to some extent, especially in basketball. On Tuesday night, when the Commodores took down the Vols here at Memorial, we saw yet another example of just how vital playing on your own hardwood is to a team's success in the Southeastern Conference.

After last Saturday's busy schedule, the SEC has a collective 137-37 record in home games, a .787 win percentage, better than that of the ACC, the Big Ten and the Big East among other elite conferences.

Put quite simply, there is nothing like a home crowd at an SEC game. There's so much history, so much emotion and so much energy embodied in the fans, that it's no wonder why conference play records have been so terrible on the

Even though critics of the SEC this year may point to the league's 45-75 record on the road as a way to discredit the strength of its teams, there's no doubt in my mind that away games in the conference are the toughest there are.

Here at Vanderbilt we've seen, time after time, the effects of our very own Memorial Magic on tight games here in Nashville (where the Dores are currently 18-0), and not just against Tennessee. In Vanderbilt's 61-58 win over the Gators, the Commodore crowd berated Florida freshman Calathes the entire second half of the game, culminating in a mental error, backcourt violation that changed the entire character of the game in the final minutes.

Had the game been played in Florida, there's no way, in my mind, that the turnover would have been made, and without that turnover, I'm not sure the Commodores would have eked out that win. Even so, the Gators absolutely thumped the Dores down in Gainesville, something that I'm equally as sure would not have happened if that game was played here.

It's not that our crowds are any louder or that our stadiums are more imposing on other teams. It's the rivalries that make it so hard to win a road game in the SEC. There just aren't any games where a team can take a breather emotionally because each and every night in this conference you play for bragging rights and your reputation.

As we saw earlier this year when Vanderbilt visited Kentucky, it doesn't matter what shape a team is in coming into the game, if it's taking place in this conference, you'd better bring your A game, because the opponent isn't really playing for a better record, they're playing to beat you. As far as I know, there's no stat that represents that, and maybe that's why the SEC is getting a bad rep this year. ■

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Defense and ball-handling key to victory

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Sports Reporter

While the headlines will proclaim senior forward Shan Foster as the hero of Vanderbilt's historic 72-69 victory over No.1 Tennessee in Memorial Gymnasium on Tuesday night, a number of lesser-known and even lessoften celebrated players made important contributions to that impressive victory that was the Dores seventh consecutive conference win and their second over a topranked opponent on their home floor in as

Certainly, Foster deserves a great deal of credit for putting the team's offense on his shoulders and leading the team to victory by pouring in 32 points on phenomenal 9-of-13 shooting from the field, including 6-of-9 from beyond the 3-point arc. But perhaps overlooked in the shuffle of defeating a topranked opponent is how impressive the overall team defense performed, forcing the Volunteers into shooting an icy 33 percent from the field, including just 7-of-26 from

"I thought most of their shots were contested," said Vanderbilt head coach Kevin Stallings. "If we go back to the tape, I think our defense had a lot to do with their low shooting night."

One player who defined the defensive intensity that the Commodores had all night was seldom-used reserve guard Jamie Graham. Graham, known more for his prowess on the football gridiron than for his contributions on the hardwood, played six valuable minutes of disruptive, in-your-face defense against Tennessee's leading scorer, senior point guard Chris Lofton.

"I wanted to play Jamie tonight because he gave us a good athletic presence on the ball. He has been terrific in practice, in terms of his effort," Stallings said.

While Lofton tallied 25 points against the Dores, he did so on 7-of-18 shooting, with 15 of those field goal attempts coming from beyond the arc. Many of those were taken off-balance with the shot clock winding down, a sign of how energetic the swarming Commodore defense was.

Equally as important in the victory was the impressive ball handling by the Commodores in the face of Tennessee's tough defensive pressure. The Vols engaged their fearsome full-court press for most of the night, but it only resulted in one turnover by Vanderbilt.

"We handled the ball better and only turned the ball 8 times," Stallings said. "That's why we're winning, we're taking better care of the ball, and that's pleasing, because they're the best defensive team in our league."

Sophomore guard Jermaine Beal was a big reason for the improved ball handling. After the Dores were forced into 20 turnovers in an 80-60 defeat to the Volunteers in Knoxville last month, Beal played a remarkably efficient game Tuesday. He contributed 17 points and two assists without turning the ball over once. Driving into the lane and drawing defenders away from the perimeter, Beal was able to draw fouls from the Vols and made seven of his nine free throw attempts.

"We had a number of guys step up and make big plays, Jermaine included, and that's what this team is about," Foster said. "Sometimes I might have an off night, but we have other guys who can step up and make winning plays."

The exciting atmosphere of a standing-roomonly crowd of 14,325 in Memorial Gymnasium



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Freshman Keegan Bell defends the basket from a Tennessee Volunteer on Tuesday at Memorial Gym. The Dores' defense held the Vols to just 33 percent shooting from the field.

didn't hurt the Commodores either. Most fans wore white to the game as part of the "White Out UT" promotion for the game, and the loud and raucous crowd appeared to affect both teams' play as the game wore on. "If the crowd comes out like that every single

game, then we'll never lose at home," Foster said. "That energy is amazing. It is amazing to play in front of that kind of crazy crowd, and it really is a pleasure to play with our fans supporting us the way they do." ■

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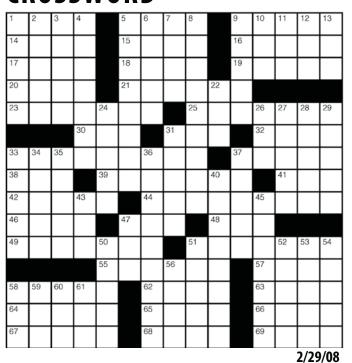
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