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THE WALL

compiled by SARA GAST

TODAY 'Mardi Gras: Made in China'

World on Wednesday presents a unique documentary that explores the detached relationship between Chinese workers, who work up to 14 hours a day to make beads, and the Americans who throw the beads away at Mardi Gras festivities. The screening will be in the Student Life Center Lower Level Meeting Rooms 1 and 2 at 12:10 p.m.

TODAY 'Vanaja' screening

"Vanaja," a film that explores the chasm that divides classes as a young girl struggles to come of age and better herself through Indian classical dance, will be shown in Sarratt Cinema at 7 p.m. as part of the International Lens program, sponsored by the Office of the Dean of Students and presented by Vanderbilt India Association.

TODAY AND THURSDAY Safe Spring Break Week

Students may pick up their Safe Spring Break packets on the Wall from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today and Thursday. Safe Spring Break Week is sponsored by the Office of Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drug Prevention, the Wellness Program, GAMMA, CHEERS, Vanderbilt Cancer Society and Student Health.

TODAY AND THURSDAY Registration for Vandy Mile Bonanza

Students can register for the second annual Vandy Mile Bonanza for \$10 on the Wall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 28 Writers' Studio workshop

"Top 10 Signs You Need to Talk to Your Professor: Making the Most of Office Hours" will help students identify when they need to talk to their professor about their writing and how they can make the most of that conversation. It will be in Alumni Hall, Room 117 from 4 to 5 p.m.

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

Vanderbilt Hustler editor in chief removed from position

Jarred Amato has been removed from his position as editor in chief of The Vanderbilt Hustler following a decision by the Vanderbilt Student Communications Board.

The board suspended him last week as it investigated his role in printing false results of the "Who's Now?" competition.

"This was a really difficult decision. Acting in the role of publisher, the board has to put its highest priority on preserving the integrity of the enterprise," said Bruce Barry, chair of the VSC board and professor of management and sociology.

Other board members agreed on the difficulty of the decision for both Amato and the board.

"I think that Jarred was in a really tough position. He put us in a tough position," said board Member-At-Large Allison Smith. "(But) we kept coming back to ethics and good journalism and that he willfully violated that. No one was happy (with the decision)."

Barry emphasized the board's decision as one of maintaining the standard to which student media is held.

"Our intention is less to punish the editor than it is to signal the importance of unfettered honesty and integrity in Vanderbilt media and that led us to make this decision," he said.

Managing Editor Elizabeth Middlebrooks will assume the role of editor in chief for the remainder of the spring semester.

The board expects to publish a more complete statement in Friday's issue of The Hustler. ■



AMATO



MIDDLEBROOKS

The Music Group announces initial Rites lineup

by ELIZABETH MIDDLEBROOKS
Editor in Chief

Vanderbilt Programming Board's Music Group has released the initial 2008 Rites of Spring lineup.

Indie rock band Spoon will headline Friday, April 18, and rapper Lil John will headline Saturday, April 19.

David Silverstein, co-chair of The Music Group, said the organization highly anticipates this year's headliners and is excited for the lineup as a whole.

"I think Lil John will bring a fantastic level of energy for the Vanderbilt student community as well as the greater Nashville area that hasn't been seen on Alumni Lawn," Silverstein said. "And Spoon will bring a twist to the rock 'n' roll sound I think everyone will enjoy."

This year's group of supporting artists consists of both established and up-and-coming musicians. The initial lineup includes Colbie Caillat, Old Crow Medicine Show, Feist, Hill Country Revue featuring members of North Mississippi Allstars, the Avett Brothers, DJ Kool, Jeremy Lister, Randy Rogers Band, H-Beam and Grace Potter and the Nocturnals.



LIL JOHN



SPOON

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Insert expletive here

by SARA GAST
News Editor

Aretha Franklin said it once in that '60s classic. "R-e-s-p-e-c-t."

I guess that's what I feel has been lacking this semester in Vanderbilt Student Communications Inc.

And no one disrespects any member of my Hustler family without hearing from me.

Before I begin, I want to say I have devoted my life to this paper I still love. I have lost sleep, grades and friends to ensure its quality. I want to serve you, the students and my readership, the best way I can.

For this issue, this is the way.

In the journalism business we have this thing called a nut graph, which gives background on a story. For the events leading up to this editorial, here is your nut graph:

A board of eight members — five students and three faculty members — governs VSC. It was their decision last night if then-suspended Editor in Chief Jarred Amato would be reinstated or fired for fabricating the results of the Who's Now competition semifinals. They decided on the latter, a decision I do not necessarily find fault with if it were not for the way they went about making it: in a seemingly cowardly silence, failing to tell Amato to his face he was gone. Instead they sent one of our advisers

down to tell him. I know it was snowing and getting late (5:30 p.m.). I understand the decision they made and where they are coming from — he violated the ethics that govern the media.

But what I don't understand is how you can destroy someone's editorial career and severely damage any future in journalism he might have and not take a couple minutes to tell him why. And not through a delegate or press release — to his face.

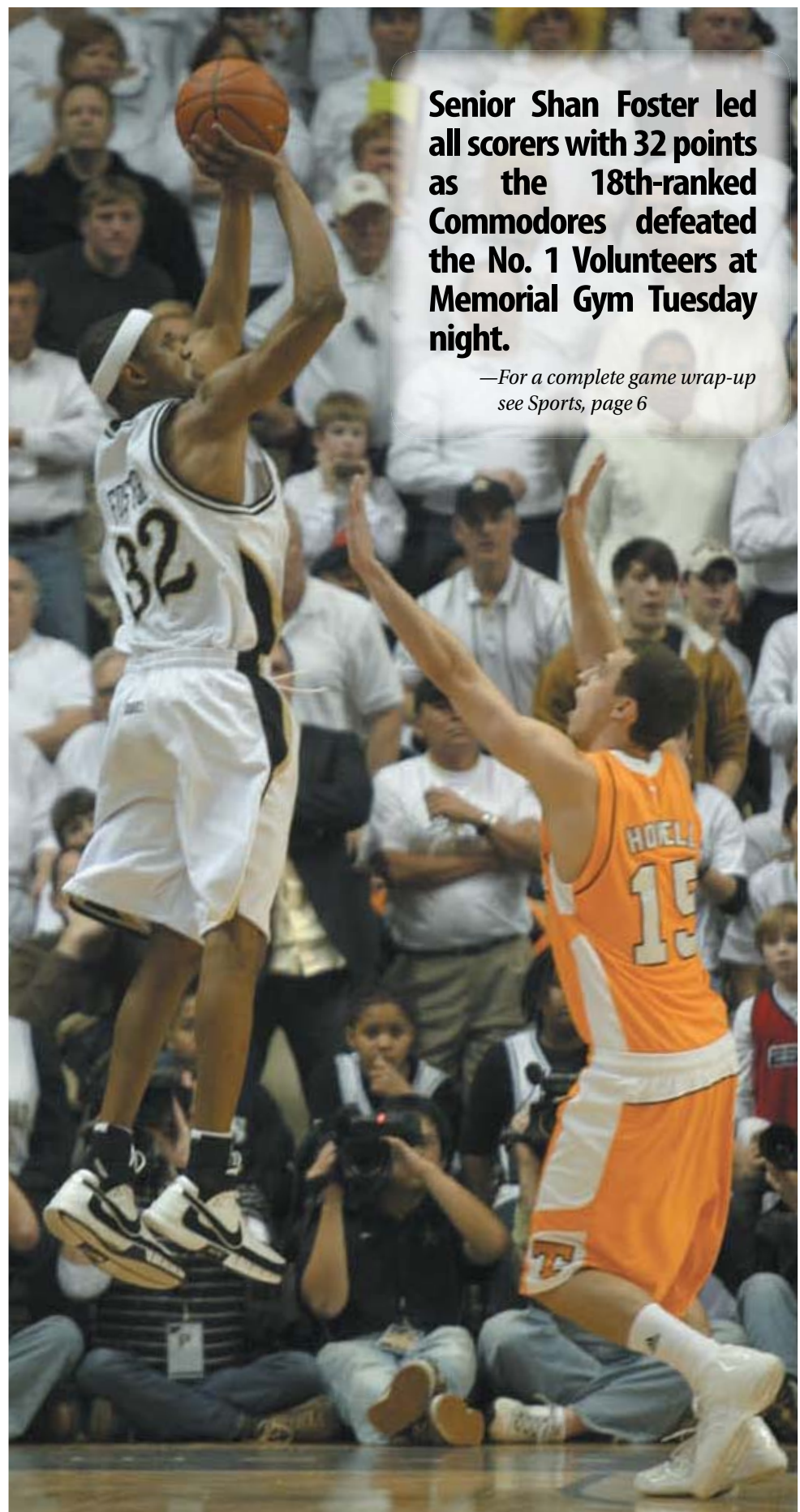
But respect is something I find in short measure these days.

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—For more student leader responses on the decision to remove the Hustler editor in chief, see Opinion.

VOLS FALL

VANDY GAMEDAY: #18 VANDERBILT 72 #1 TENNESSEE 69



Senior Shan Foster led all scorers with 32 points as the 18th-ranked Commodores defeated the No. 1 Volunteers at Memorial Gym Tuesday night.

—For a complete game wrap-up see Sports, page 6

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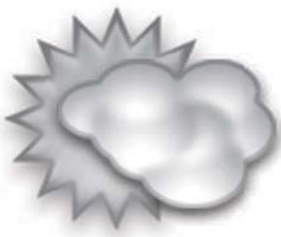
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WEATHER

compiled by SARA GAST

THURSDAY



Partly Cloudy, 49/41

FRIDAY



Showers, 54/40

SATURDAY



Mostly Sunny, 56/41

VUPD CRIME LOG

compiled by SARA GAST

There is no crime to report.

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

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Back issues are available in Sarratt 130 during business hours.

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compiled by SARA GAST

1 Fla. power grid hiccup causes outages affecting up to 3 million people; nuke plant shut down

MIAMI — A problem with Florida's electrical grid caused a nuclear plant to automatically shut down Tuesday and intermittently cut power to up to 3 million people from Daytona Beach through the Florida Keys, The Associated Press reported.

Authorities said there were no safety concerns at the nuclear plant but did not specify the outage's cause.

A Florida Power & Light spokesman initially said the Turkey Point plant south of Miami caused the outages for about a fifth of Florida's population.

2 McCain disavows radio talk show host who calls Obama 'hack, Chicago-style' politician

CINCINNATI — Republican John McCain quickly denounced the comments of a radio talk show host who, while warming up a campaign crowd, referred repeatedly to Barack Hussein Obama and called the Democratic presidential candidate a "hack, Chicago-style" politician, according to The Associated Press.

Hussein is Obama's middle name, but talk show host Bill Cunningham used it three times as he addressed the crowd before the likely Republican nominee's appearance.

3 Senate advances legislation to cut off money for Iraq war

WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans on Tuesday helped advance a Democratic-pushed bill to cut off money for the war in Iraq, saying the additional debating time would allow them to hail progress there.

Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell told The Associated Press the discussion will allow the GOP to cite the "extraordinary progress that's been made in Iraq over the last six months, not only on the military side, but also with civilian reconciliation beginning to finally take hold in the country."

4 Vanderbilt business, economics, divinity and education students combine forces to find ways to alleviate global poverty

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Vanderbilt graduate students from four disciplines — business, divinity, economics and education — have set an ambitious goal for their spring break trip to Bangladesh: find ways to alleviate poverty in the poorest parts of the world.

One of the highlights of the Feb. 27 through March 9 trip, titled Project Pyramid, is a meeting with Muhammad Yunus, who earned a Ph.D. in economics at Vanderbilt University and won the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize for his work to combat poverty by giving small loans to the poor, Vanderbilt News Service reported.

5 Mass. inmate says her body is becoming less feminine as she awaits ruling on sex change

BOSTON — A killer who sued to have a sex change claims her body is becoming more masculine again because she's being denied treatment in prison as she awaits a ruling in her bid for the surgery, according to The Associated Press.

Michelle Kosilek, formerly known as Robert, said that for months she has not been allowed to have court-approved hair-removal treatment or access to a specialist to discuss her testosterone levels.

6 Jury in Ohio begins deliberating sentence for ex-cop convicted of killing lover, unborn baby

CANTON, Ohio — A jury began deciding Tuesday whether a former police officer convicted of killing his pregnant girlfriend and their unborn daughter should get the death penalty.

Bobby Cutts Jr. was led from the courtroom by sheriff's deputies after the jurors began deliberations, The Associated Press reported. It was the same jury that convicted Cutts earlier this month.

A sobbing Cutts appealed to the jury Monday to spare his life. He said he took responsibility for the deaths of 26-year-old Jessie Davis and the couple's unborn daughter last June.

7 Tenn. House lawmakers kill abortion amendment proposal to specify law in constitution

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A House subcommittee voted along party lines, 6-3, Tuesday to defeat a constitutional abortion amendment amid open partisan sniping over the legislation, The Tennessean reported.

The measure proposed to amend the Tennessee constitution to specify that nothing in state law explicitly protects abortion. The Senate approved the proposal earlier this year.

Proponents said the amendment was needed for future abortion regulation; opponents have decried it as an election-year gambit and an attempt to eventually ban abortion outright.

8 College campus outside Roanoke, Va., locked down during search for man seen with handgun

FERRUM, Va. — Classes were canceled and a small private college went on lockdown Tuesday as police searched for a man who was seen with a gun on campus, officials told The Associated Press.

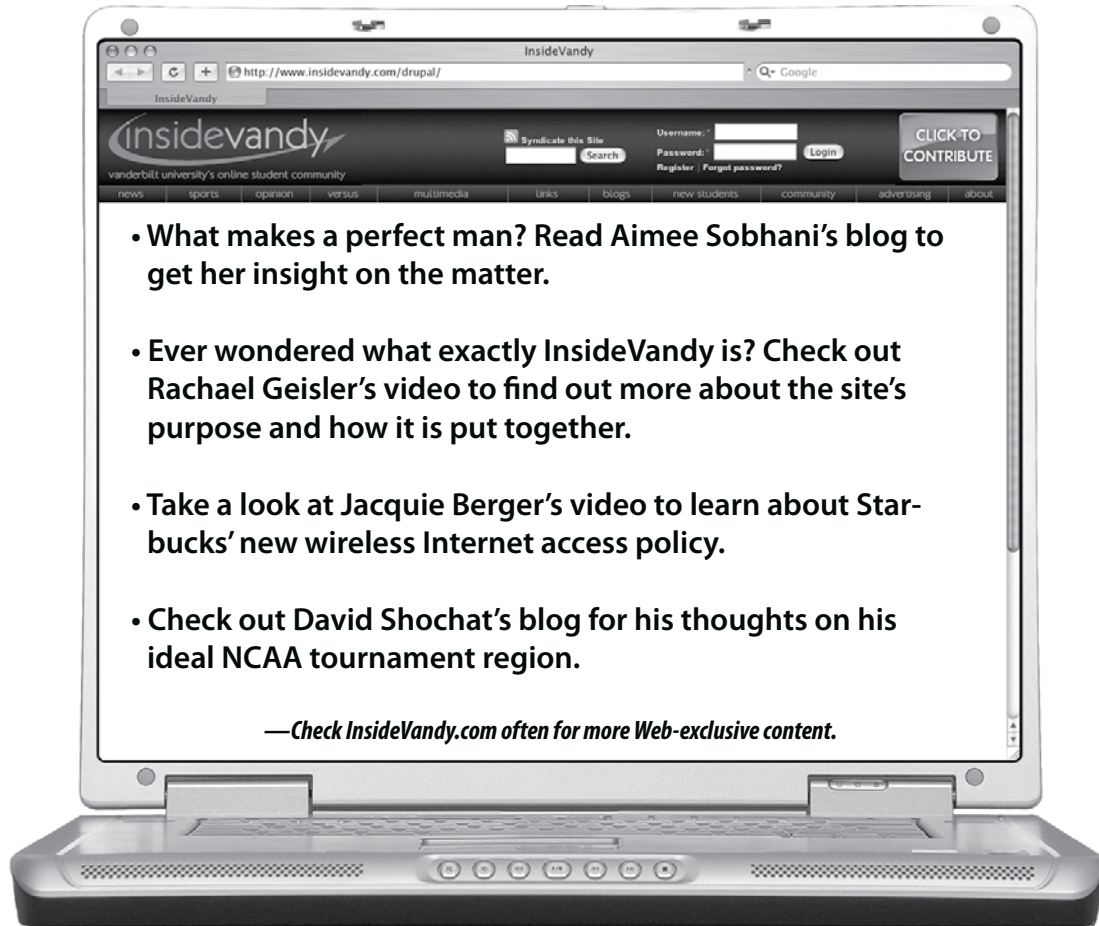
Ferrum College President Jennifer Braaten activated an alert system and ordered the school locked down after a member of the housekeeping staff reported seeing a young man walk into a residence hall with a handgun, Franklin County Sheriff Ewell Hunt said at a news conference.

9 Iraq: Troubled northern regions flare up as Shiites gather in the south

BAGHDAD — Insurgents targeted passenger buses north of Baghdad on Tuesday, as a suicide bomber killed at least eight people west of Mosul and gunmen seized 21 men traveling through Diyala province, The Associated Press reported.

The latest bloodshed highlighted the slow-going, punch-counterpunch U.S.-led campaign against al-Qaida in Iraq, more than a month after Iraq's prime minister said he expected the fight for Mosul would be a "decisive battle."

WHAT'S NEW ON INSIDEVANDY.COM



- What makes a perfect man? Read Aimee Sobhani's blog to get her insight on the matter.
- Ever wondered what exactly InsideVandy is? Check out Rachael Geisler's video to find out more about the site's purpose and how it is put together.
- Take a look at Jacquie Berger's video to learn about Starbucks' new wireless Internet access policy.
- Check out David Shochat's blog for his thoughts on his ideal NCAA tournament region.

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

SNAPSHOT

GUITAR HEROES



SAM KIM / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Students Natalie Larson, Hazia Mazlan (guitars), Rob Rucker (vocals) and Ken Hartsook (drums) play "Rock Band" as part of a gaming tournament in Featheringill Hall.

MARCH 11
Reserve Your Suite or Apartment!

Do you like your current apartment or suite? How about your roommates? Do you want to reserve your apartment or suite for the 2008-2009 academic year? **If so, students seeking to reserve their current lodges, suites or apartments must bring their current Vanderbilt identification cards and housing contracts to 4113 Branscomb Quadrangle between noon and 6:00 PM on Tuesday, March 11.**

In order to reserve a suite or apartment, there must be a sufficient number of current students agreeing to renew. The guidelines are listed below:

- **Carmichael Tower Suites:**
3 out of 6 current residents must be returning
- **Morgan and Lewis:**
 - **Efficiencies:** 2 out of 2 current residents must be returning
 - **1-Bedrooms:** 2 out of 2 current residents must be returning
 - **2-Bedrooms:** 2 out of 3 current residents must be returning
- **Chaffin Place:**
3 out of 4 current residents must be returning

The remaining spaces must be filled by a returning undergraduate student of the same sex.

A group may reserve only the suite or apartment it currently occupies. All students in the group will be required to sign contracts binding them to the suite or apartment for the entire academic year, 2008-2009. Please remember that students currently applying for Vanderbilt Study Abroad Programs or internships outside of Davidson County are **not eligible** to participate in the suite and apartment reservation process.

Students wishing to reserve their suites or apartments or who are chosen to fill vacancies should bring their current Vanderbilt identification cards and housing contracts to the Office of Housing and Residential Education, 4113 Branscomb Quadrangle. To reserve the space, all residents of the suite or apartment — including new roommates — must be present.

At the time the suite or apartment is reserved, each student will be required to designate the room in which she/he will reside. The residents of the suite or apartment should decide who will live in which room prior to the reservation process.

Office of Housing and Residential Education
4113 Branscomb Quadrangle
322-2591

Students elect new group of VSG senators

by MEDORA BROWN
Staff Reporter

Freshmen Jean Xiao and Lori Murphy were celebrating in Sarratt when Xiao turned around and asked, "Are you sure? Can you check those numbers again? You're positive?"

The numbers were correct — Xiao and Murphy were two of the Arts and Science senators elected yesterday, with 17 percent and 18 percent, respectively.

On Tuesday, the student body elected five new senators in the Vanderbilt Student Government elections, bringing a "very energetic, young group" to next year's senate, according to Speaker of the Senate Jared Anderson.

There was a universal enthusiasm among the VSG members present for the announcement.

Attorney general Andrew Gossett summed it up, saying, "They'll be great student leaders, and I'm excited to see what they'll do."

The third Arts and Science senator-elect,

junior Aziz Malik, received 20 percent of the vote.

The Engineering senator-elect, junior Ben Stratton, won with 53.6 percent of the vote, and freshman Aysha Malik captured the Peabody position with 56.8 percent.

The winners "all deserve it," said Student Services and Technology Committee Co-chair Melissa Zhu. "They've worked really hard."





Freshman Tommy Obenchain, president of Dyer Hall, approved of the results.

"The student body made good choices," he said. "These senators are going to promote change and help create a strong VSG."

Of her victory, Murphy said, "I'm thrilled and honored to be elected; I'm glad my hard work has paid off. I'm appreciative of all the support I've received throughout my campaign, and I'm excited to get to work."

Applications for appointed positions are available through the VSG Web site. They are due Thursday, Feb. 28, at 5 p.m. ■

—Medora Brown can be reached at medora.k.brown@vanderbilt.edu

VSG SENATOR ELECTION RESULTS		
College Arts and Science		
 Aziz Malik Junior	 Jean Xiao Freshman	 Lori Murphy Freshman
School of Engineering		
 Ben Stratton Junior		
Peabody College		
 Aysha Malik Freshman		

RITES: Tickets available March 10

From RITES, page 1

Silverstein said the supporting lineup could be considered as good as a normal Rites lineup.

"From Feist to Old Crow to Colbie Caillat and the Hill Country Revue featuring members of North Mississippi Allstars, The Music Group has strived to bring the best talent in a wide array of genres," he said.

"We strive to bring the best music to Vanderbilt University and Nashville and are very pleased with this year's Rites of Spring," Silverstein said. "The weekend will be packed with fantastic artists and bands ranging from rock to hip-hop, and we anticipate a great festival."

E.Y.E. will sponsor this year's Rites. The company will have an on-site presence at the festival and will sell tickets from the Ticketmaster outlet at its West End store.

Vanderbilt student tickets are \$15 for a two-day pass and limited to one per student. The general public may purchase

tickets individually or as weekend passes. A one-day pass is \$35, a weekend pass purchased in advance is \$45, and a weekend pass purchased April 18 is \$55.

Tickets go on sale March 10 and can also be purchased from the Sarratt Box Office. ■

rites of spring 2008

Where?

Alumni Lawn

When?

Friday, April 18, 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 19, 1 p.m.

How much?

Tickets: Vanderbilt students, \$15

General public two-day pass, \$45 (advance)

General public two-day pass, \$55 (day of show)

General public one-day pass, \$35

Violent thunderstorms hit Southeast, snow ties up areas around Great Lakes; 2 dead

Associated Press

A broad storm system spread heavy snow across the Great Lakes region Tuesday and fired up violent thunderstorms that knocked out power to thousands of homes and businesses in the Southeast.

At least two deaths were blamed on the stormy weather.

Fallen trees and other debris on roads slowed travel and several traffic accidents brought morning rush hour traffic to a standstill in Birmingham, authorities said.

A falling tree struck a mobile home and killed a 71-year-old woman in Leeds, a town outside Birmingham, the Jefferson County coroner's office said.

Utilities said about 42,000 homes and business lost electrical service across central Alabama early Tuesday.

Georgia Power spokesman Jeff Wilson said the number of customers without power rose to 93,000 by 8 a.m. Tuesday, with most outages in the Atlanta area. By 10:30 p.m., service was restored to all but about 1,000, Wilson said.

Snow fell from Illinois to New England, with more than 6 inches on the ground by late morning in northern Indiana

and Ohio. Up to a foot of snow was possible in parts of Ohio, the National Weather Service said.

Schools were closed in parts of southern Michigan and northern areas of Indiana and Ohio, where the University of Toledo also closed for the morning. Some local government buildings closed in Ohio and the Akron zoo also closed for the day. Schools closed early in parts of New York state.

Several accidents shut down a stretch of slippery Interstate 75 in northern Ohio, and one man died in a wreck on a snow-covered Ohio highway, police reported.

Up to 16 inches of snow was possible across northern sections of Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine, the weather service said.

By the time snow stops falling Wednesday, Burlington, Vt., could surpass its February snowfall record of 34.3 inches and its December-January-February of 96.9 inches. Concord, N.H., already had set a record this year for the snowiest December, January and February with 89.1 inches.

"We'll be plowing for the next couple of days, at least," said Steve Goodkind, director of public works in Burlington, Vt. ■

New Cuban president meets with top Vatican official

Associated Press

Raul Castro met behind closed doors with the Vatican's No. 2 official Tuesday, in his first encounter with a foreign dignitary as Cuba's president.

The talks with Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, Pope Benedict XVI's secretary of state, came two days after the 76-year-old Castro succeeded his older brother Fidel to become the first new Cuban head of state in 49 years.

Cuban Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque and vice presidents Esteban Lazo and Carlos Lage also attended the meeting. Details of the talks were not immediately released.

Bertone, whose visit marked the 10th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's visit to Cuba, said earlier Tuesday that the island's leaders had assured him they would allow some Roman Catholic broadcasts on state-controlled media.

"Authorities have promised me more openness in the print press and the radio and in some exceptional cases, in television as well," he told the news agency of the Italian Bishops Conference, SIR. "We do hope for some openness, because nothing is impossible."

The timing of Bertone's weeklong trip, just after the 81-year-old Fidel Castro



JAVIER GALEANO / AP

Cuba's President Raul Castro, right, listens to Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, the Vatican's Secretary of State, at the Revolution Palace in Havana, Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008. Raul Castro met behind closed doors with Cardinal Bertone in his first encounter with a foreign dignitary as Cuba's president.

announced his resignation, was a coincidence, officials said.

After John Paul's 1998 trip, Cuban authorities released a large number of prisoners, including 99 held for political crimes. On Tuesday, Bertone told SIR that in meetings with officials he did not ask "directly" for Cuba release any political prisoners.

"It would look like interference," he was quoted as saying. "The Church does not impose, but proposes."

The cardinal has called for improving often-strained relations between Cuba's government and the local Catholic Church, and reacted warmly to official invitations for Benedict to visit the island.

Besides requests that some Catholic services and other events be aired on state television and radio, Church officials on the island have long urged the government to ease bans on religious schools. But Bertone told the news agency that he "did not ask for Catholic schools, but for greater space in formation and education."

During his visit, Bertone has also called the U.S. embargo against Cuba "ethically unacceptable," echoing the words of his predecessor.

Cuba's single-party, communist government never outlawed religion, but it expelled priests and closed religious schools upon Fidel Castro's takeover of Cuba in 1959. Tensions eased in the early 1990s when the government removed references to atheism in the constitution and let believers of all faiths join the Communist Party. They warmed more with John Paul's visit.

But in a message to Cuban bishops last week, Benedict said some Catholics on the island are frustrated by difficulties, mistrust and a lack of resources.

Since arriving in Cuba, Bertone has presided over large Mass services in Havana and Santiago, the island's second-largest city, as well as in Guantanamo, which borders the U.S. naval base. ■

Ayaan Hirsi Ali announced as first speaker at IMPACT

Ayaan Hirsi Ali will be the keynote speaker on the first day of this year's IMPACT Symposium, Vanderbilt Speakers Committee announced.

"Impact 2008: Middle East meets West" will run for three days, March 17 through 19, and feature keynotes each night. On the 18th, journalist Gideon Yago and scholar Reza Aslan will speak, and Gen. John Abizaid will follow on the 19th.

The series falls on the fifth anniversary of the war in Iraq and will explore different perspectives on the complex

relationship between the Middle East and Western society, a press release said.

Ali is best known as the best-selling author of "Infidel and 'The Caged Virgin,'" as well as a filmmaker and former Dutch parliamentarian. She will discuss her views as a critic of Islam in her speech "Islam and the West." A book signing will precede the speech.

"Ali should add a healthy dose of controversy, but with an equal amount of substance. She provides a perspective that many people are afraid to voice and many others find difficult

to hear," said co-chair Reeve Hamilton. "The purpose of IMPACT is to provide a range of perspectives on an important issue, and this year's lineup, especially with the inclusion of Ali, certainly does that with regards to how Western and Middle Eastern culture relate to each other."

Yago and Aslan will discuss the intersection of faith, politics and society in the Middle East, and Abizaid will relate his experiences in the Middle East and his perspective on our military presence there. ■

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The Hustler must move forward

It's safe to assume that on their first real production night, any editor in chief will face multiple obstacles, but the editor often can easily work through those problems because he or she is prepared and knows what to expect.

Last night, I couldn't predict one hour from the next.

The Vanderbilt Student Communications Board voted to remove my friend and colleague Jarred Amato from his position as editor in chief of The Hustler, appointing me to the position and sending our usual Tuesday night production into a tailspin.

But despite the many, many obstacles that arose, The Hustler came out and will always come out. Some issues may be better than others, but on those not-so-great days, I can forgive you for turning right to the crossword. Sort of.

Jarred's removal has shaken the staff to the core and affected other members of

the Vanderbilt community, clearly seen in the other content on these pages. But what's done is done, and nothing we say or do will reverse the board's decision.

Jarred's action of altering the "Who's Now?" results seems rather inconsequential when viewed in relation to other journalists' (though not ones here) transgressions, but who decides the difference between a big lie and little lie?

I'm not here to pass judgment on Jarred as an individual — I still hold a great deal of respect for him as a journalist and as my friend. But as journalists, members of the Hustler staff are bound by ethics and stand for journalistic integrity. All we have is our word that what goes in the paper is truthful and accurate.

But before we're journalists, we're students of Vanderbilt and bound by the Honor Code and Community Creed, and we must abide by those in all our

actions, whether for the newspaper or in our academic work, and any form of dishonesty should not and will not be tolerated.

By the same token, Vanderbilt is a place for us to learn and grow, and if this isn't a learning experience, I don't know what is. Everyone involved has figured out something about themselves, other staff members or the journalism world in general. All we can do in this case is take what we've learned and apply it to our jobs, our schoolwork or our personal lives.

The Hustler remains truthful, accurate and trustworthy and a benchmark for honesty and integrity on Vanderbilt's campus as it has for the last 120 years.

The only direction we have to go from here is forward.

Elizabeth Middlebrooks
Editor in Chief

COLUMN

Disrespectful board falls short of its mission

REEVE HAMILTON

Guest Columnist

The Vanderbilt Student Communications Board believes it can protect something by firing Hustler Editor in Chief Jarred Amato. They believe they can protect the integrity of The Vanderbilt Hustler and set an important precedent regarding future ethics violations. While the board made an understandable decision, since Amato's fabrication of the Who's Now results was both foolish and unethical, the disrespectful, cowardly matter in which the board handled the situation defies comprehension. Rather, it sets a horrible precedent for future board behavior and reveals a need for the VSC board to re-examine both its makeup and its purpose.

The VSC board has eight voting members - three professors and five students. The students - Katherine Miller, Douglas Kurdziel, Mike Warren, Rhyse Nance and Ally Smith - have the majority for a reason. They are expected to represent the perspective of the students in Vanderbilt media, including its flagship publication, The Vanderbilt Hustler. Bizarrely, The Hustler has no intentional board representation. Miller has been the opinion editor of The Hustler for just under half a semester but joined the board while she was working for The Torch, a much smaller, conservative magazine. Kurdziel serves as Torch editor in chief, and Warren works as an associate editor for the same publication. Neither Nance nor Smith have had any affiliation with any publication for some time. In short, nobody on the board can or has been

placed there to speak to the needs and operations of its most important print publication, The Hustler. Nobody on the board, therefore, could convey the extent to which the current Hustler staff overwhelmingly feels nobody is more qualified and capable of manning The Hustler's helm than Amato, even given his momentary lapse of judgment.

If this group can, behind closed doors without any required explanations, make crucial staffing decisions for an organization with which it has only a tangential relationship, the least they could do is take responsibility for those decisions. The board, however, opted not to do this and, following their decision, went their separate ways without informing Amato. Instead, they relied on Director of Student Media Chris Carroll, who has no say in board operations, to serve as a go-between. This cowardly, patently unprofessional behavior on the part of the board, most of whom are students no better than Amato, does not set a good precedent for a group that has chosen the most severe punishment available for a lapse in professionalism.

This gets to the heart of the matter - the purpose of VSC. According to their mission statement, they serve three purposes - "the provision of an environment that fosters the development of students' skills, ... the provision of realistic opportunities for students to learn and gain competency in specialized mass communications skills, ... and the provision to the campus community of print and broadcast media serving as forums for free expression, allowing the

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GAST: Editors face disrespect over various issues from VSC staff, board

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Back in January, we as an editorial board ran an Our View that endorsed the Collegiate Readership Program. You may have noticed it — and most of you probably did not think twice about it. I've had to think 1,000 times about it (and I would still run it today). The response has made me question every reason I am involved in student media, and I know Amato felt the same. If nothing else, the response he has received from our advisers this past week following his suspension has fallen short of being supportive.

Both Amato and myself took the majority of the backlash for a couple weeks — every editorial decision we had ever made as well as our motives and ability to serve as editors were put in full question by our advisers. The ability to have a second viewpoint on the situation was, the way I perceived it, unacceptable. We were not free to view

the CRP as student editors. We could only see it as editors of a publication that is not in any way supported monetarily by the university it serves. While we understood where our advisers were coming from, since advertising in The Tennessean could, indeed, possibly damage the ability for our paper to sell ads, I still don't feel they have ever tried to understand our view.

Then, after months of no feedback on the paper, one of our advisers, Director of Student Media Chris Carroll, decided to critique the content I had chosen to run, which, in and of itself, I welcome. But it was not in a forum where I could respond or offer my reasoning, unless you call coming in to our office when no one was there, taking down our posters and "anonymously" hanging up the critique next to The New York Times and USA Today a forum I could respond in.

I felt disrespected — I felt like my section and the hours my reporters put

into this publication were disrespected.

And last night I felt that Amato was disrespected, that the massive amounts of time and energy he has put into improving the quality of this paper and leading this staff was cast aside, that the great short-term penalties this will inflict upon the Hustler family were ignored. To be treated as inconsequential to the organization hurts when you have sacrificed so much.

Did Amato do something seriously wrong? Yes. Did the board and our advisers treat with him respect? Not the way I see it.

The repercussions from this are still to be seen for our fragmented editorial board and remaining family members.

But I'll see you again Friday. I think.

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Students should keep true legacy in mind

GLENNA DEROY

Guest Columnist

David McSwane will always be known for his "Fuck Bush" editorial. The world will always pay more attention to his one stupid decision that it will all the productive contributions he made to his student newspaper. This makes no sense to me, and though one incident should not define the legacy of former Hustler editor Jarred Amato, the same fate may await him.

Most readers will only see the worst in Amato, but others have recognized him for the good. He was named the best sports reporter in the South last weekend at the Southeast

The board opted to take only this first breach into consideration, though it should have considered the impact their decision would have on his career and the short-term success of the paper.

Journalism Conference, for example, and the same group gave him a second place award in the College Journalist of the Year competition.

Amato was a creative genius at his best, though many might not remember he reformed the sports section as a sophomore and expanded it to three days a week. He brought fresh new coverage to the section and found feature stories that would interest the entire student body — from Vandy Fanatics to casual fans. At his worst, however, he allowed the desire to engineer a good story to override his knowledge of journalistic ethics.

No one will tell you what he did was right. It was unethical and frankly, stupid, but it was not his fault alone. It was not representative of his career in student media, it was not representative of his potential as a journalist, and it was not representative of the quality of his character.

Despite all of this, Amato has been treated as a case study, not as an individual but as editor No. 100-and-whatever. The Vanderbilt Student Communications Board sanitized the situation and tried to ignore any good Amato had done and any good his talents could have done in the future.

Though this board might sound like stuffy professors, students actually make up a majority of the group.

Amato violated journalistic ethics in an act that should be taken seriously. But the board opted to take only this first breach into consideration, though it should have considered the impact their decision would have on his career and the short-term success of the paper.

In doing so, they have dealt a blow to his journalistic career before it has even begun. You would think students would be able to place themselves in his shoes. You would think students would understand that mistakes made as a 20-year-old should not determine professional futures.

But it would seem the student members of the board lost sight of this in their egotistical, power-hungry desire to take the moral high ground and hand down the maximum

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OPINION POLICY

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LETTER VSC must consider the well-being of students

To the Editor:
The Vanderbilt Student Communications Board's decision to fire Jarred Amato as editor in chief goes against our university's educational purpose that has been emphasized to us time and time again as student leaders of this community. We have been told the purpose of the Honor Council and the Office of Student Conduct is educational, not punitive. We have been told Vanderbilt University is a place to live and learn and strive toward greater intellectual enlightenment and personal growth. But the VSC board's recent decision seems to go against its very mission statement as a "laboratory, classroom, and professional experience in the absence of an academic journalism or broadcasting department."

Please do not mistake our stance. What Jarred Amato did was wrong. It was dishonest and endangered the journalistic integrity of The Hustler. The board's decision was surely intended to uphold our Community Creed's honesty value

and to ensure the long-term integrity of its media. We understand this stance. But we do not think VSC understands the stance of the students at large who read the paper every day, nor do we believe VSC acted in the best interests of the university by firing Amato from his position of editor in chief.

The Vanderbilt community will suffer greatly from the loss of Amato at the helm of our student newspaper. He has brought levels of excitement, creativity and student interest to The Hustler not seen before, and we feel VSC's decision to remove him from office goes against the principles of forgiveness and understanding that our university values in our community.

Amato is, first and foremost, a student. He made a serious mistake, but as students we are all susceptible to slips in judgment from time to time. This is a case in which the punishment does not fit the crime, and although he is at fault, our community only suffers from losing him as a journalist and a leader.

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DEROY: Short-term effects of removal should have been taken into account

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punishment possible.

The board took too narrow a focus on this situation and did not consider the full impact of their decision on Amato and the rest of the Hustler staff.

The Hustler staff spends a lot of time together in a windowless basement office; we spend more time together than we do with our roommates. Amato has had a far-reaching impact on the

paper and on those who work for it. The student body should realize the termination of his career in student media does not determine his legacy — the supportive words on these pages do.

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HAMILTON: VSC board fails to serve stated educational purpose

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exchange of ideas, dissemination of news, outlets for creative work and vehicles for entertainment, fulfilling a role critically essential to the health of a vibrant university in a democratic society." The board, which had a number of options with regards to his future, must have thought the continuation of his editorship posed a threat to the fulfillment of their third provision, based on the fact that, in one instance that has been publicly acknowledged and apologized for, Amato fabricated survey results. Ignoring momentarily the fact that discontinuing his editorship clearly poses a threat to The Hustler's ability to produce a quality product, and ignoring the fact that any precedent set on a college campus lasts just four years, they must have taken into account their first provision, decided Amato had fully developed as an editor and found his ability lacking. They failed to see this college junior as the student that he is, actively engaged in an ongoing learning process. They had an opportunity to help this individual realize his mistake, educate him on its consequences, and, in keeping with their mission, be a part of the development of an already accomplished, award-winning journalist.

Instead, in an effort designed to protect their third provision, they chose a path that violated all the other provisions of their mission statement by refusing to encourage a student's development and denying him opportunity in a manner that both embarrassed and endangered The Hustler.

The VSC board can never be effective if it does not grant its most important and profitable component, The Hustler, permanent student representation. It is of little use if its main purpose is not the education and encouragement of promising students. It deserves no respect if it does not conduct itself in a professional, respectful manner. Its student members are confused if they think the power they are granted in any way makes them better than their fellow students. And anybody who thinks it serves the greater good to deliver a dramatic, life-altering blow to a promising student for a mistake that harmed nobody is just wrong.

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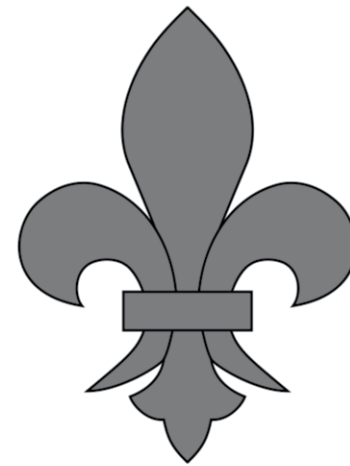
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SPORTS

Vanderbilt tops Rocky Top

Associated Press

The Tennessee Volunteers found out being No. 1 can be tougher than beating No. 1.

Shan Foster scored 32 points and No. 18 Vanderbilt knocked off Tennessee 72-69 on Tuesday night, a day after the Vols moved into the top spot in the rankings for the first time in school history.

The Vols (25-3, 11-2 Southeastern Conference) beat then-No. 1 Memphis on Saturday night 66-62 on the western edge of Tennessee for their ninth straight victory to earn that spot themselves, and then had to travel back to the middle part of the state to defend their top ranking for the first time.

Tennessee coach Bruce Pearl said his Vols were fine, not exhausted by two road games against in-state rivals in about 72 hours.

"I thought we put ourselves in a position in the second half on the road to be able to gut one out again, and they got a period there in the second half defensively where we just fouled them and sent them to the foul line a boatload of times. I thought that was a real difference," Pearl said.

Vanderbilt (24-4, 9-4) has hosted the No. 1 team nine times in its 56 years at Memorial Gym, and the Commodores improved to 6-3 overall in those games with victories in the past four, including then-No. 1 Florida last year. The Commodores also now have won all 18 home games this season and 31 of their last 32.

"It's special," said Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings. "We needed a win. It was a home game. It's a big game for them. You want to win any game, but you certainly want to win big games. This was a big game."

Jermaine Beal added 17 points and Alex Gordon 11 as Vanderbilt won its seventh straight. The 'Dores moved into a tie with Kentucky for second in the SEC East, a mere game behind the Vols with three games to play.

Chris Lofton led Tennessee with 25 points. Tyler Smith, playing with the flu, had 11 points and a career-high 17 rebounds.

"They came out with the passion and played with more intensity than us. They wanted it more than us tonight, and it showed. They got the win and they deserved it," Lofton said.

The Commodores celebrated by high-fiving classmates as they

walked and skipped between the student section and the campus officers keeping them off the court.

These rivals separated by less than 200 miles hadn't played in Nashville with both ranked since 1968. Vandy won that game also.

This time, the Commodores had a sellout crowd making it even louder than what the Vols faced from a bigger group in Memphis' FedEx Forum. In Memorial, sound just rolls off the cinder block walls and back onto the floor, and one sign summed up the Vols' fate: "Enjoy Second Place Next Week."

The combination of the travel and quick turnaround left the Vols exhausted, and it showed in the first half as they hit only eight of 34 shots, too often shooting away from beyond the 3-point line where they hit only 5-of-17. They finished 20-of-61.

Wayne Chism, who had 18 points and 18 rebounds when Tennessee beat Vandy in Knoxville 80-60 last month, had four points and four rebounds.

"I thought we got punked in Knoxville," Foster said. "We wanted to show we were a different team."

Vanderbilt led 31-28 at the break after nearly blowing a 14-point lead in the opening half. The teams swapped the lead four times with three ties before Alan Metcalfe's 3-pointer broke a 43-all tie with 14:20 left, and Vandy never trailed again.

Tennessee stayed close enough to keep sending Vandy to the free throw line and pulled within 72-69 on Chism's dunk with 7.5 seconds.

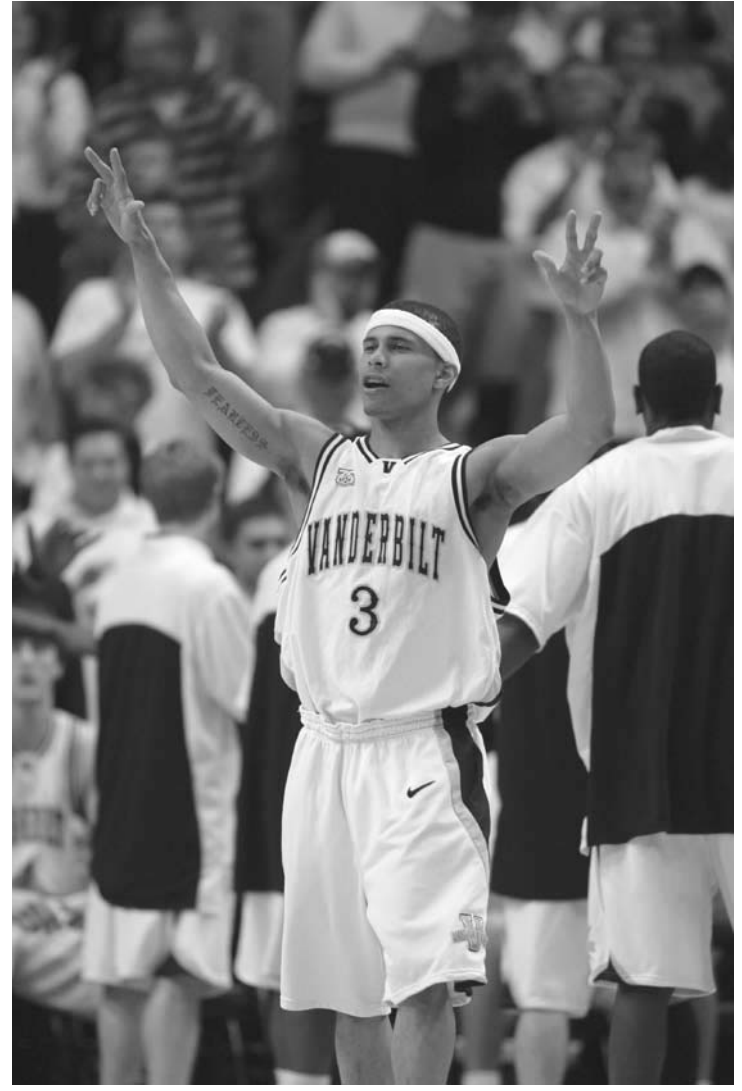
But Ross Neltner got the ball past the Vols' pressing defense, and Foster threw it upcourt to Keegan Bell. The Vols fouled him with 1.8 seconds left, and he missed both attempts. But a late throw at the basket went deep into the seats after the buzzer.

Vanderbilt nearly ran Tennessee out of the gym in the opening minutes by scoring 10 of the first 13 points and jumping out 23-9 on A.J. Ogilvy's dunk with 10:36 left in the first half. Then they went cold, finishing by hitting only two of their final 12 shots. They went nearly seven minutes between field goals before Foster hit his fourth 3 with 3:57 to go.

Tennessee answered with a 14-3 spurt, and Lofton missed a chance to tie it going into the half with an off-target 3 over two defenders just before the buzzer. ■



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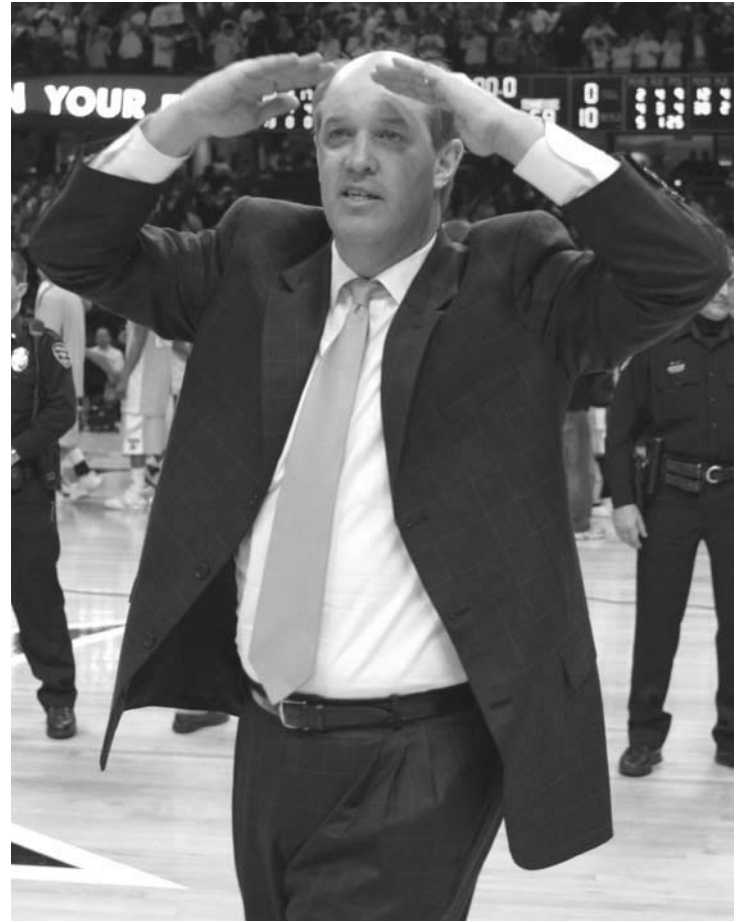
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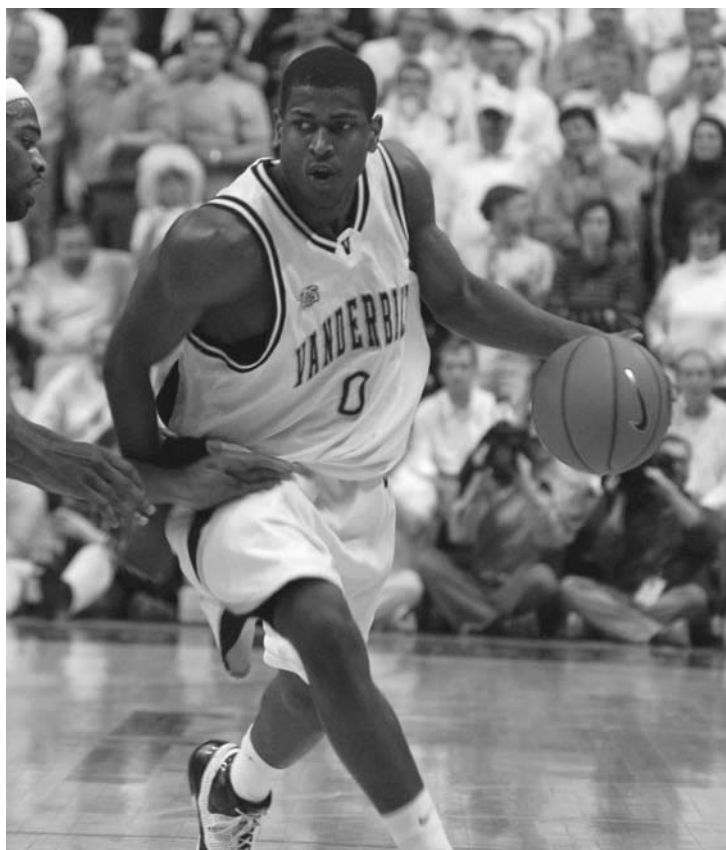
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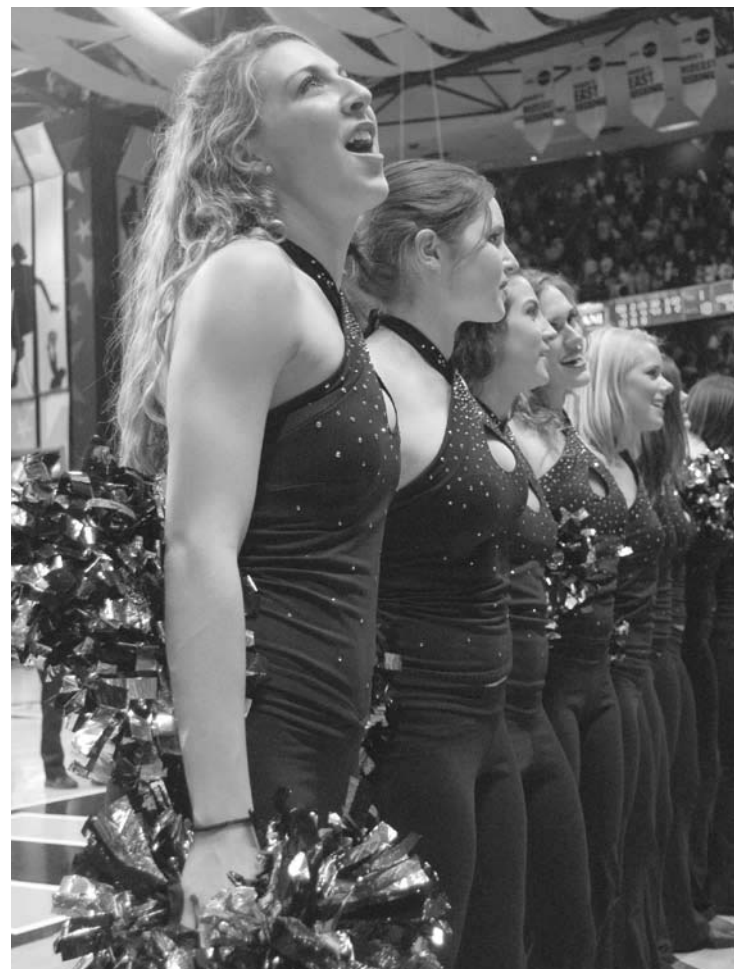
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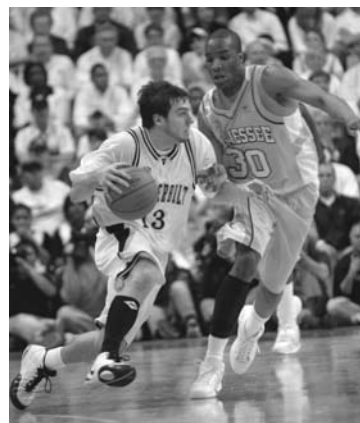
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Congress hopes to decide on whether to refer Clemens to Justice by end of week

Associated Press

Roger Clemens should know by the end of the week if Congress will ask the Justice Department to investigate whether the star pitcher or his accuser made false statements under oath.

Clemens' lawyer says they knew long ago that is where things probably were headed.

The majority and minority sides of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee met Tuesday to discuss how to proceed on the Clemens matter.

"I can't say anything about discussions today," Phil Schiliro, chief of staff for committee chairman Henry Waxman, D-Calif., wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press. "Our goal is a decision this week."

Waxman and ranking Republican Tom Davis of Virginia spoke with each other during a committee hearing about missing White House e-mails. When that hearing ended, Davis headed for the majority side's offices, rather than the minority side, as is customary.

Keith Ausbrook, Republican general counsel for the committee, wrote: "We will be consulting with the Democrats on what to do next. I cannot comment on any specific meeting or step."

At issue is whether Congress might have been lied to by Clemens or his former personal trainer, Brian McNamee.

McNamee says he injected the seven-time Cy Young Award winner with steroids and human growth hormone at least 16 times between 1998 and 2001. Clemens denies ever taking performance-enhancing drugs.

Both men stuck to their stories under oath at depositions with committee lawyers and then at a Feb. 13 hearing, where the questioning by representatives ran mostly along party lines.

Congress got involved after hearing Clemens vigorously and repeatedly deny McNamee's allegations after they appeared in former Senate majority leader George Mitchell's report on drug use in baseball.

Congress may decide to ask the Justice Department to investigate one man, both or neither. And then the Justice Department can opt to open an inquiry or drop the matter altogether.

"I haven't heard anything, one way or the other. We're not waiting with bated breath," said Clemens' lead attorney, Rusty Hardin. "We always assumed that there would be the very real possibility of a referral if Roger testified differently than the Mitchell Report. We will be neither surprised if they do nor surprised if they don't."

Clemens, meanwhile, is getting set to do what he does best: throwbaseballs. Heshowed up at the Houston Astros' spring training site in Kissimmee, Fla., on Tuesday, and refused to answer questions about what is happening in Washington.

"Everything's been said that needs to be said on that," Clemens said. "We're moving forward. It's baseball time."

He will pitch batting practice to minor leaguers Wednesday through Friday.

While one House committee is still trying to decide what to do about Clemens and McNamee, another is set to haul officials from Major League Baseball, the NFL, NBA, NHL, the NCAA and



Former New York Yankees baseball pitcher Roger Clemens, center, gestures as his attorney's Rusty Hardin, left, and Lanny Breuer, right, standing, try to address members questions during testimony on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2008, before the House Oversight, and Government Reform committee hearing on drug use in baseball.

the Olympics up to Capitol Hill on Wednesday to discuss drugs in sports.

Commissioners Bud Selig, Roger Goodell, David Stern and Gary Bettman, along with their leagues' union heads, are among the witnesses slated to testify before the House Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection. U.S. Olympic Committee CEO Jim Scherr, U.S. Anti-Doping Agency CEO Travis Tygart, NCAA president Myles Brand and

National Thoroughbred Racing Association CEO Alexander Waldrop are also on the witness list.

Bettman sought to distance his league from others.

"My only concern is that we shouldn't all be painted with the same broad brush. Every sport is different. What goes on in one sport does not go on in every sport," Bettman said. "This hasn't been an issue for us for a variety of reasons as it has been for others."

The subcommittee chairman, Illinois Democrat Bobby Rush, plans to introduce legislation. In 2005, after a series of hearings on steroids in sports by various House and Senate committees, several bills were introduced, but all fell by the wayside.

Asked Tuesday why this ground might be different, Rush said: "There's a different will."

"The purpose of the hearing is to have a serious, open congressional hearing to alert and to allow the American

people to really understand that the spectacle of drug abuse, the use of steroids and human growth hormone, is not just confined to one sport, it's a problem in all professional sports, and that the real concern has to center around the effects of this drug epidemic on young people, young athletes, young cheerleaders, young gymnasts, young aspiring football players and basketball players," Rush said. "This is a problem that permeates American sports." ■

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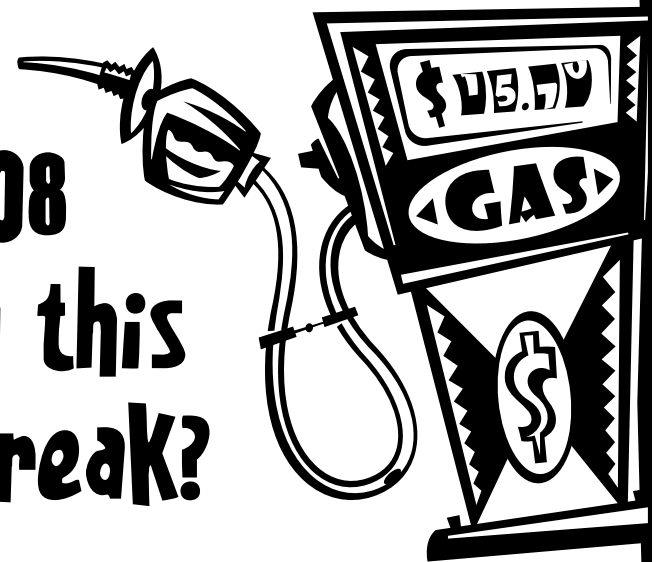


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GREAT BIG SHOWS PRESENTS

Just Announced:

Dave Barnes
THU 4/10 @ Cannery Ballroom

Sonic Youth
FRI 4/25 @ City Hall

Ongoing:

G. Love & Special Sauce w/ Tristan Prettyman
THU 2/28 @ City Hall

Griffin House w/ Sons of William & The Kin
FRI 2/29 @ Exit/In

Les Claypool w/ Secret Chiefs 3
MON 3/3 @ City Hall

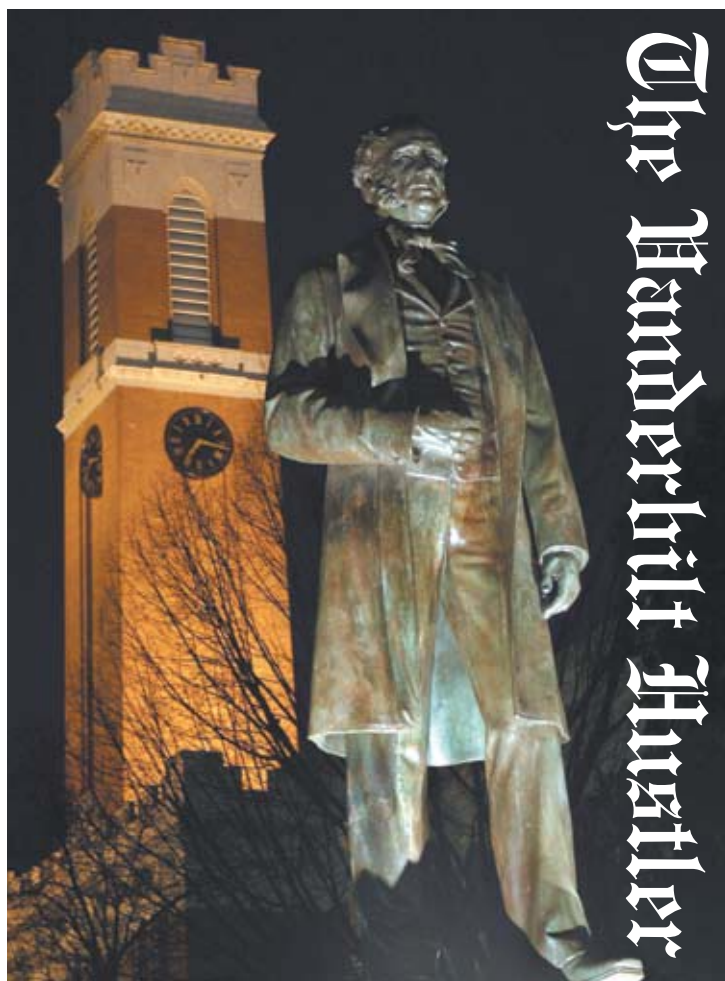
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TUE 3/18 @ City Hall
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Stars
TUE 3/25 @ Belcourt

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WED 4/2 @ City Hall

Son Volt w/ Bobby Bare Jr
THU 4/10 @ Exit/In

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CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Water-storing plants
 - Hence
 - Stately display
 - HOMES part
 - Take ten
 - Declare
 - Like Pisa's tower
 - Large-mouth pitcher
 - Actress Austin
 - Aristocrat
 - English Channel swimmer Gertrude
 - Pesky insect
 - Created murals
 - Constant
 - Halley's namesake
 - Legal wrongs
 - Editor's mark
 - Three-way intersection
 - Falco of "The Sopranos"
 - Stairway part
 - Billions of years
 - Chinese pan
 - Tarries
 - Sailing ship
 - Bees' abodes
 - Like some periodicals
 - Kind of nuclear reactor
 - Blue-gray metal
 - Mold again
 - Turning
 - At the summit
 - Actress Moran
 - Leg bone
 - Artifice
 - Boorish
 - Arena happening
 - Require
 - Understands
 - Male and female
- DOWN**
- Sleuth Charlie
 - Suggestive beginning?
 - Baby's bed
 - Highway barrier
 - Means
 - Actor Williams

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- Chopped with an ax
- Employ
- Decorative ribbon
- Proprietary product
- Out in the open
- Actress Oberon
- Snooped
- Has permission to
- Menu plan
- Skin openings
- Pot meal
- Commotion
- Actor Estrada
- Lawyer's files
- Apple drink
- Swiped
- Organic compound
- Catch sight of
- Metal-bolt hammerers
- Optional
- Auction actions
- Legislative bodies

2/25/08 SOLUTIONS

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- Piled
- Humorist
- Muscle
- Do up open laces
- Eleve's place
- Sectors
- Commute
- Wild goat
- Baseball team count
- Gangsters' heaters
- Regret

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