

GREEK LIFE

## Fewer girls receive bids during recruitment

More rushees are single intention preferencing.

BY MONIKA BLACKWELL  
HUSTLER REPORTER

The number of women who did not receive bids on sorority bid day this year increased. The reason for this, explained Director of Greek Life Kristin Torrey, is that more young women are "single intention preferencing."

Last year, 534 women registered for the rush process and 496 completed it, compared with 518 that registered this year and only 478 completing the process.

Though women have the option of marking three sororities as their top preferences, it is becoming increasingly more common for women to mark only one so-

rority as their choice.

"It's saying I would like to be in this one sorority or no sorority. She has other chances but she chooses only one," Torrey said.

Torrey explained that if a student selects three houses after preference rounds, she will automatically ensure herself a spot in a sorority.

"If they maximize their options, I will

guarantee that they will have a bid the next day," she said.

This year, twenty-five women did not receive bids on bid day as a result of single intention preferencing. However, Torrey explained that there were more than twenty-five women who did not maximize their options. Some of the women who selected only one house as an option, however, got into their "preferred" houses.

During the process Torrey personally explains to the women who have not maximized their options that they risk not receiving bids on bid day.

"It's a choice that she has to make," Torrey said, "I'm not forcing people to be in chapters they'd rather not be a member of."

Nonetheless, Torrey would not advise  
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STUDENT LIFE

## Students respond to task force findings

Implementation committee prepares to review report.

BY TANYA ALVAREZ  
HUSTLER REPORTER

After more than a week of discussing the new security task force recommendations, students seem to have mixed opinions about the effectiveness of the proposed changes.

"They (the task force) are very specific about some things, like setting up more lights and police officers, which is good, but they were very vague about other things" said Junior Melinda Cole. "I do agree that freshmen should take a course on drinking and socializing, because right now they only attend one meeting and that doesn't seem to be very effective."

Vice Chancellor of Student Life David Williams II, co-chair of the task force, said that in the recommendations "we asked parents to have

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CRIME

## Fraudulent solicitor hits Vanderbilt Greek row



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY Peter Tufio / The Vanderbilt Hustler  
With security on campus at the forefront of discussion, the recent confidence scam involving Vanderbilt fraternities and sororities raises new questions about the changing environment of education.

## Posing as fund-raiser, suspect extracts unknown amount.

BY TANYA ALVAREZ  
HUSTLER REPORTER

Last Monday a solicitor came to Vanderbilt's Greek row trying to get a donation for a supposed dance team that he said was traveling to Memphis the next day. He went to several Greek houses and asked to talk to their treasurer hoping that he could convince them to give him money.

According to fraternity sources, when he visited Phi Kappa Sigma, the visitor claimed that every other Greek house on campus had already donated to his cause and that Phi Kappa Sigma

was the only one who had not contributed.

"Well, none of it really seemed to fit," said Phi Kappa Sigma treasurer, Andrew Storm.

"First of all, he had a list of all the houses who had paid, and we were on there. It looked like he just wrote down every single house name and put an amount by them. Also, he claimed they needed \$2,500, but the total of the amount he had written was well over \$5,000. I told him we'd have to vote on it and got his number, promising to call."

The man showed up the next day trying to col-  
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ADMISSIONS

## Race card played by Caucasians

'Other' box growing in popularity.

BY NICOLE FLOYD  
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A recent study done by the John Irvine Foundation suggests that the ethnic composition of universities like Vanderbilt may be distorted due to the increased number of white students who are checking the "unknown" or "other" race box on their college applications.

The study, entitled "Unknown Students on College Campuses: An Exploratory Analysis," explains that the number of students who check "unknown" or "other" has grown from 3.2 percent to 5.9 percent in the last decade.

The interesting finding is that the majority of those checking the boxes are actually white.

The study concludes that universities nationwide are admitting fewer minority students because admissions officers wrongly assume that those students who check the "other" box are minorities.

However, William Shain, Dean of Undergraduate Admissions, says that at Vanderbilt whether or not the student checks the "other" box on their application has no effect on the admission process.

"What they indicate in the space provided may, however [have an effect]. 'Other' without additional specification is disregarded and not entered into our data base. Thus, for a Caucasian student to check 'other' would have neither a positive nor a negative effect," explained Shain.

Shain says that rather than check the "other" box on the  
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If you're a white student, how do you make yourself stand out? Separate yourself from the rest of the pack, which is predominantly white.  
— Dr. Richard Pitt, Sociology professor

IN TOUCH

## Board of Trust sits down, speaks up

BY BEN SWEET  
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Vanderbilt University, like many schools and most corporations, is run by a board of trust. Behind the Chancellor sit a panel of 45 men and women, as well as trustees emeriti. Most are graduates of Vanderbilt, spread out across the United States. We recently sat down with Ibrahim Nasmyth, class of 2002, one of the youngest members of the board.

Q: Why is it important for Vanderbilt to have a board of trust?

A: I would say it's really just a matter of accountability. We are a private institution so we don't have a lot of  
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### Rites of Spring

**Ben Folds headlines**

The Vanderbilt Programming Board announces a slate of performers for Rites of Spring. Student suggestions for bands are still being accepted on the website, [www.vanderbilt.edu/vpb](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/vpb). The current list of performers can be found on that website Tuesday.

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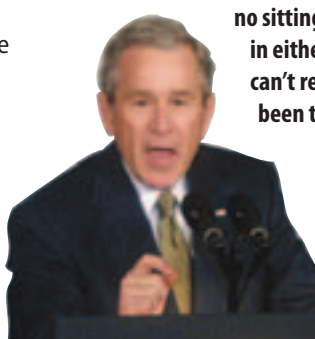
**OUR VIEW**  
Read what the editorial board thinks about Caucasian students identifying themselves as ethnicities or 'other' on college applications. See Page 4

**TENNIS**  
The Men's Tennis team was dominant in their weekend matches beating in-state rivals Tennessee Tech and UT-Martin 7-0. See Page 6

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**QUOTABLE**

"This is an unusual year because this is the first time there hasn't been a kind of natural successor in the party. Two wide-open primaries with no sitting vice president running in either primary, so this is — I can't remember a time when it's been this open."



—President Bush in an interview with CBS Evening News' on who would be running for president in 2008.

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## Q&A: Former student speaks about Board

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the regulations a public institution might have in place. It is in the best interests of the school to have a board of trust in place to make sure the university is heading in the right direction.

**Q:** Who are the type of people that serve on the Board?

**A:** Lately we've brought in a fair amount of younger folks. It's always fun for me because people whose names you see on buildings (at Vandy) like Branscomb or Featheringill are sitting next to you. We have the former president of Notre Dame, a professor at the Kennedy school at Harvard, and other big supporters. Basically, people who love the university.

**Q:** Because the Chancellor appoints the members, how much influence on the Board of Trust does each Chancellor have?

**A:** Chancellor Gee has a great amount of support on the Board. I think we're all very excited about the work he's doing. That said, we also have a fair amount of input — he's always asking what we're concerned about, whether we're aware of issues that have to be dealt with.

**Q:** How connected to the University are you?

**A:** I would say the vast majority of the Board of Trust really cares about every student at Vanderbilt. A lot of them get *The Hustler* and read it each week. A lot go to forums and listen to what students have to say about their campus.

**Q:** What should students know about their Board of Trust?

**A:** I think the number one thing is that we're here at your disposal. A lot of us are not hard to reach and we want to hear from you. We have open channels — we're not out of touch or unwilling to talk. ■

## Race: Study highlights new approach to process

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application, an increasing number of Vanderbilt applicants are choosing to leave the optional race question entirely unanswered.

The number has risen from 6.8 percent of the applicant pool for the class which entered Vanderbilt in 2002 to 12.9 percent for the class that will enter Vanderbilt in the fall of this year.

"Most but by no means all of these students appear to be Caucasian based on other items in their application, though that is only my empirical reaction," Shain said. "We certainly have never studied it."

Sociology professor and a former admissions officer, Dr. Richard Pitt, does not find the study's findings surprising. He feels that the increase in white students checking the "other" box may very well be an effort on their part to make them stand out.

"Vanderbilt's class of '09 had nearly 12,000 students competing for a space; Vanderbilt only admitted 35 percent of them," Pitt said.

"If you're a white student, how do you make yourself stand out? Separate yourself from the rest of the pack which is predominately white. If the admission office doesn't know your race (and can't or shouldn't assume that you're not multiracial), those applications...will likely get an additional look."

Like Dean Shain, Professor Pitt points out that more students are looking at the race checkboxes with ambivalence and choosing not to respond to the question at all, insisting that they are "human" first.

Pitt also believes that students applying to elite colleges are very aware of the role that race plays in the admissions process and that they along with their college counselors are smart enough to know that the admissions process is a game.

"Not checking the box becomes a social movement . . . a point of activism almost," Pitt said.

"These students recognize the box is there; it's not overlooked or confusing when they see it," said Pitt. "They know exactly what it is asking, and they know exactly why it is asking it."

"Clearly, some have decided that they're not participating in that part of the game." ■



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# Vandy students are too willing to settle for less

Many people have remarked on the name of my column with varying opinions of the worthiness or lack of worthiness to those words, "the road less traveled". Despite what you may hear me mutter to myself while I'm walking to class in a half alert state, I am not truly a misanthrope, nor do

(unless you're foolish enough to get your own column). People by their natures are social creatures, but do you observe people's tending to favor places with larger or smaller crowds? Do they go for more public or intimate settings? Do they tend to be more open or exclusive?

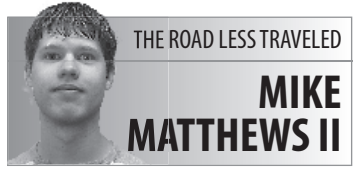
a horse or donkey with a carrot on a string; the prize is ever in front of the beast, taunting it into pursuing someone else's dream and never being able to achieve its own.

Through placing a kind of reverence and mysticism about their dreams, many people disallow themselves the ability to pursue what they truly desire, and in pursuit of this unattainable ideal, settle for the first facsimile, no matter how crude. The problem is compounded when the person both tells himself he may never do better and that the object he settled on is in fact not the refuse it really is.

The effects trickle down until one thinks these norms to be correct by virtue of their popular occurrence. For example, one should never consider it normal for a person to crave a Natty Light even if that person is a beer lover. Similarly, by expecting our dreams to come in certain pre-packaged bundles, we reject the image of our deeper desires, assuming these untested phantoms instead to be the dross actually settled upon.

In around 600 words, I cannot fully explain, nor did I intend to explain, why my culture bothers me. Despite the lack of a lucid depiction, you might still be able to ask yourself what is holding you back both from finding your true desires and from being ebullient.

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THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED  
**MIKE MATTHEWS II**

I truly hate white people (except in jest and as a way to express a bigger idea.) With that said, people make me sad, especially people who are not poor and do not know what it is to struggle.

It is with this as my background that I would like to call on your recollection of the metaphor of the cave while explaining what it is about certain people on this campus that so irritates me. In this illustration, Plato makes the argument that some people in society will invariably prefer to lie in the darkness of ignorance, instead of gaining the riches growing in the light of knowledge.

Despite how pompous such a statement may strike you, stop to consider the state of people on this campus and be honest with yourself since no one can hear your thoughts

Many people in college are an extension of their high school selves; for this reason, many people tend toward small cliques where personal growth is not only not required, but is largely discouraged. Similarly, people wall their minds with pleasant-sounding answers to social problems, akin to the sentiment attributed to Marie Antoinette, "Let them eat cake." But when faced with actions, these same people preaching such pleasantries are nowhere to be seen unless their charity contributes to their image.

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## AROUND THE LOOP

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<b>CHARLIE JASPER</b> Senior "Fairly prevalent because some professors make courses too hard and don't inspire students enough to do the work on their own."	<b>DANIEL CROWEL</b> Sophomore "I've never personally seen anybody cheat."
<b>NIKKI MAJORAS</b> Sophomore "I'd say a small percentage of people probably do it quite a bit."	

Compiled by Allison Malone

COLUMN

# Democrats should not shy away from using filibuster

On Thursday, Senator John Kerry called for a filibuster of the confirmation of Samuel Alito, President Bush's nominee for the Supreme Court. Though chances of Kerry's call being heard by his fellow Senators is low, by tomorrow we may have quite an important show on our hands. The outcome of these proceedings will have

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bearing on all our futures and we should all pay close attention. This is a big political risk for Senator Kerry, and would undoubtedly result in Majority Leader Bill Frist's, and many other Republicans', hurling even more names and disparaging remarks at Democrats, should they choose to follow him. However, a public stand along the lines of a filibuster may be exactly what the Democratic Party, and the country, needs. They should not shy away from this opportunity to send a message to the country's conservative leaders.

In the months leading up to the war in Iraq, many Democrats were too afraid to risk being called weak on terrorism to take a stand and vote against the war. Though many have since expressed regret, it does not change the fact that we are now stuck in the Middle East with well over 2,000 soldiers dead.

The Democrats cannot afford to let fear of political backlash restrain them, or they will get steamrolled by the Republican Party, allowing President Bush to have free reign over more than his fair share of the federal government.

In "Federalist No. 10," James Madison wrote, "Complaints are everywhere heard from our most considerate and virtuous citizens...that measures are too often decided, not according to the rules of justice and the rights of the minor party, but by the superior force of an interested and overbearing majority." He might as well have been writing about the present.

The conservative leadership has repeatedly threatened to utilize what has been termed "the nuclear option," should a filibuster take place. This would make the blocking of a judicial nominee by the minority party impossible. The Republican leadership should review the Constitution.

To prevent tyranny, the United States was established with three branches of government, maintained by a system of checks and balances that prevent any one branch from becoming strong enough to hijack the government, which would cause the entire democratic system to derail. Part of this system of checks and balances establishes that the President's nominees for the Supreme Court, as well as many other official appointments, must be approved with the "advice and consent" of the Senate. Senators exist for a reason — to represent the American people.

The Democratic Senators generally represent people who did not vote for, and do not support, President Bush. By winning the election, the president did not win the right to offer a deaf ear to these voices. He did not win the right to appoint any conservative judge or pass any legislation he wants. The system of checks and balances ensures this and protects the rights of the minority party to be heard.

Meanwhile, the conservative majority leadership refuses to entertain dissenting voices, as Minority Leader Harry Reid has repeatedly complained, thus effectively eliminating the possibility of balanced "advice" coming from the Senate. So, being in the minority, they may be left with one option to voice their lack of consent — a filibuster. Whether it fails or succeeds, they will be able to make sure the voices of a significant number of Americans are heard. To eliminate this option tips the system of checks and balances that holds the federal government together and gives the "overbearing majority" excessive power. When the Constitution says it requires the "consent" of the Senate, this consent is not guaranteed. What many Republicans do not understand, or are unwilling to admit, is that if the Senate does not consent, then that is okay. That is how the system works.

If enough Senators remain unconvinced that Samuel Alito is fit for the Supreme Court of the United States, for a variety of legitimate reasons that could fill another column, and want to continue to debate this nomination by filibustering, they are well within their rights and merely doing their job of protecting the American people by keeping the president in check. Most people will not like it; it is a hassle, and, granted, Alito is a more qualified nominee than Harriet Miers. However, just look to Bush's disregard for legal procedure with regard to eavesdropping on the American people without getting the necessary warrants, and it is clear that somebody needs to step up and tell him that the federal government is not his play thing.

Even if you are a conservative Republican, you want the precedent of the filibuster to remain, and not just so your kids can appreciate Mr. Smith Goes to Washington.

Otherwise, by what means could Senator Frist have attempted to block President Clinton's nomination of Judge Richard Paez to the Ninth Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals in 1996? Much like Senator Kerry will most likely be, Senator Frist was unsuccessful in his filibuster attempt. But, hey, at least he tried.

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# Double: Media instigates turmoil

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possibly interpreted as "racially insensitive", they get a whole different treatment.

In December 2002, at the 100th birthday party of then-Senator Strom Thurmond, Republican Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott was one of many speakers who came to pay tribute to Thurmond. In an off the cuff remark Lott said, "I want to say this about my state: When Strom Thurmond ran for president, we voted for him. We're proud of it. And if the rest of the country had followed our lead, we wouldn't have had all these problems over all

these years, either." Obviously, these remarks probably weren't the best ones to make, even as a joke, since Thurmond ran a 1948 third-party presidential campaign in which he won only a few southern states, including Mississippi, based almost solely on supporting racial segregation. Of course, there were stories in the media about Lott's remarks immediately. Lott, like Nagin, issued an immediate apology for his remarks, saying, "A poor choice of words conveyed to some the impression that I embraced the discarded policies of the past. Nothing could be further from the truth, and I apologize to

anyone who was offended by my statement." This should have cleared everything up, right? Wrong.

Instead, the media continued replaying the remarks and talking about the story for weeks. Lott gave several press conferences in which he tried time and time again to explain he was simply trying to make Strom Thurmond feel good at his birthday party and that he meant nothing by it. Despite all his press conferences and apologies, the story made it to the cover of both Time and Newsweek. In the end, after three weeks of the media harping on the story, Lott resigned as Senate Majority Leader, and the story was finally put to rest.

Last I checked, Ray Nagin did not resign as mayor, and Hillary Clinton did not resign from the Senate. If the media want to hold people accountable for insensitive comments that they make about race, then that is fine. But it's important to hold everyone to the same standards, and not just pick and choose.

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## SPORTS

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Gators chomp hapless Vandy

BY WILL GIBBONS  
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While there were promising signs in the first half of Vanderbilt's 81-58 loss to No. 5 Florida, a second half that they'd rather forget did in the Dores. Taking a three-point lead into the locker room at the half, the Gators outscored Vandy 46-20 in the second half, never allowing the Commodores any hope after taking the lead at just under 15 minutes left in the game.

"It was a tale of two halves," Coach Kevin Stallings said. "We had a chance in the first half to grab control of the game and we didn't finish the first half well."

To begin the game, Vanderbilt matched Florida blow for blow, as DeMarre Carroll showed his muscle down low and Shan Foster caught fire shooting the ball. The Dores took a lead that eventually swelled to 10 points at 29-19 on a Carroll jumper. Carroll, who got the start in favor of Ted Skuchas, finished the game with 18 points and nine rebounds. The Dores were having their way on offense, as their field goal percentage was 60 percent in the first half.

Foul trouble became somewhat of a problem for Vandy in the first half, as Julian Terrell picked up two fouls early, and the Dores had to rely on Skuchas and Davis Nwankwo for quality minutes inside. As well as Vanderbilt had played in the first half, a late run keyed by Florida forwards Adrian Moss and Al Horford, as well as point guard Taurean Green, trimmed the lead to three at halftime.

"We were struggling on offense in the first half so I did whatever I had to do to get us going," Horford said. "I knew I had to get everyone fired up."

Perhaps the run was a foreshadowing of what was to come. The Gators came blazing out of the locker room, going on a 20-6 run early in the second half and taking an 11-point lead. It began with Horford's short jumper that trimmed Vanderbilt's lead to one at 42-41. He then converted a three point play to

give Florida the lead. The Gators never looked back, shooting 62 percent in the second half.

"They came out and dominated the second half," Stallings said. "They out-physicalled us inside."

As Florida continued to pound the ball inside and wear out Vandy, the Dores went ice cold shooting the basketball. They were zero for 10 shooting three-pointers, and 7 for 24 overall shooting in the second half. Vandy only made 6 of their 12 second half free throws, which are always important when seeking upset victories.

"We just didn't have it in the second half," Shan Foster said. "With the crowd and all, and them being a great team, we just got taken out of our offense."

Florida had four players score in double figures, including Horford's 16 points, Lee Humphrey's 14 points, Taurean Green's 12, and Joakim Noah's 10. Horford also grabbed a mammoth 16 rebounds and had six assists.

"We missed his rebounding last game, but he did a terrific job on both ends of the floor today," Florida Coach Billy Donovan said.

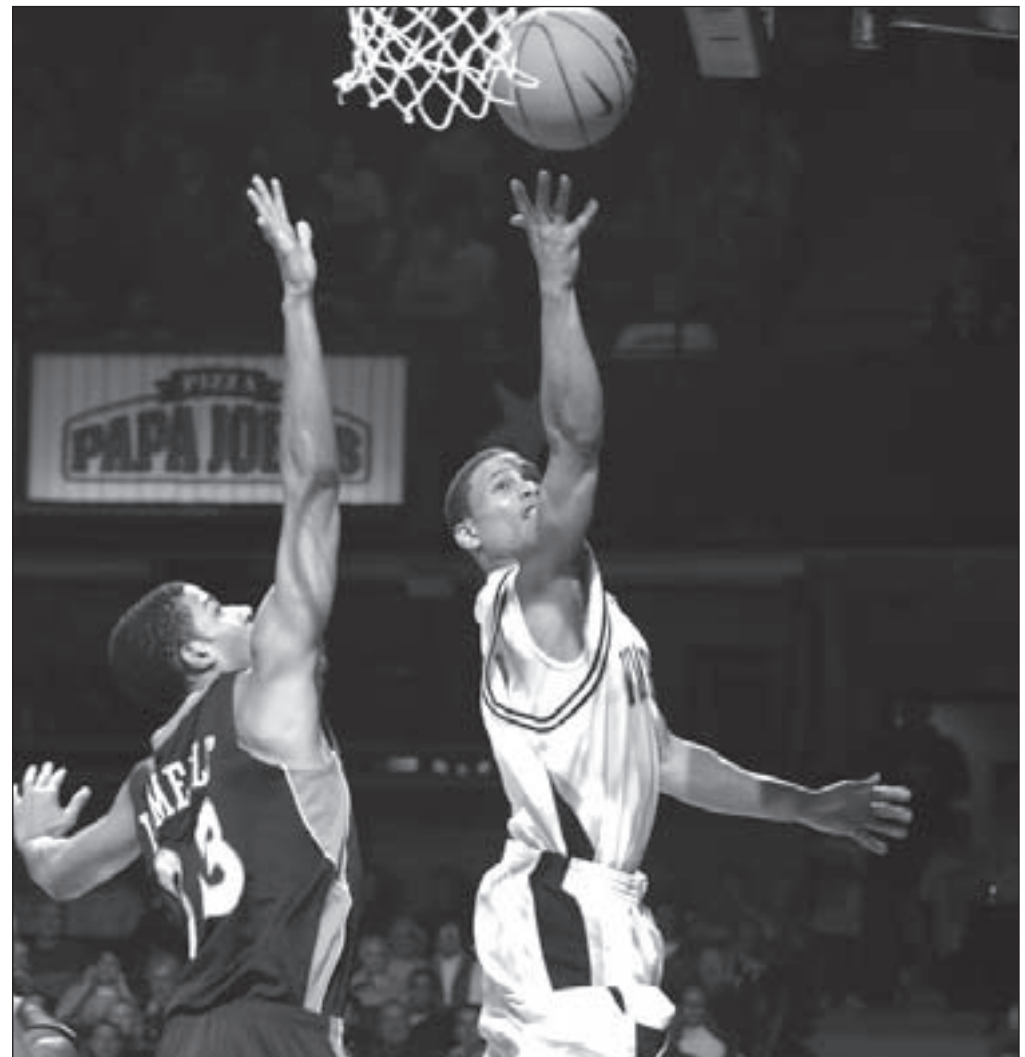
"It's good to see him learning."

For Vanderbilt, Carroll led the way with 18, while Shan Foster had 11 points. Carroll's production, however, tapered off in the second half, as he only scored three points and was hampered by foul trouble.

In the end, Vanderbilt was simply overmatched against a talented team that needed a win and was playing at home. Gainesville is one of the toughest places in the SEC to escape with a win, as the Gators have won 19 games in a row on their home court, the O'Connell Center.

"When teams come to the O'Dome, they know it's going to be tough," Humphrey said. "It's a tough environment, and we showed that in the second half."

The road will not get any easier this Wednesday, as the Commodores head east for a tilt with No. 19 Tennessee. ■



Neil Brake/VU Media Relations

Alex Gordon goes for a layup during a recent game. Playing in Gordon's home state Saturday, Vandy lost 81-58 to Florida.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Davis sparks victory over Rebels

BY JARRED AMATO  
HUSTLER ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

It is tough to decide which was more impressive: yesterday's warm temperatures or Dee Davis' gutsy second-half performance that gave Vanderbilt a much needed 68-58 home victory over Ole Miss.

Actually, considering the circumstances, it's a no-brainer. After losing three consecutive games and trailing 30-26 at the half, the Commodores found themselves in an emergency situation. Enter Davis.

"(Vanderbilt coach Melanie Balcomb) asked me if I was alright," said Davis, who's nursing a left knee injury. "Then she said, 'I need you to attack. I need you to go out there and play hard and give me what you've got.'"

Davis gave the Commodores (14-7, 3-4 Southeastern Conference) more than enough, scoring 8 points and recording 4 assists in 20 minutes of play.

"When Dee steps on the court, it's just a complete change in the ball game," junior guard Caroline Williams said. "Dee knows how to control us and it's just a confidence that we all feel with her with the ball and it really showed in the second half."

Passing up an open look, Davis instead assisted on a Williams' three-pointer that tied the game at 30. The Commodores went on a 12-1 run to open the half and never looked back.

"We got more aggressive," Balcomb said. "We've had a lot of leads and then we've lost them in the second half because we play not to lose instead of to win."

Balcomb stressed the importance of the victory and Davis' impact on the team.

"The doctors can't guarantee you one way or another," Balcomb said. "We tried to hold (Davis) out as long as we could but if we don't win this game today at home against a team that's 2-4 in the league, what are you saving her for?"



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Carla Thomas goes up against an Ole Miss defender on Sunday. Her 16 points helped Vanderbilt to a 68-58 victory.

## MEN'S TENNIS

## Tennis serves up victories

BY JAMBU PALANIAPPAN  
HUSTLER SPORTS REPORTER

The Vanderbilt men's tennis team opened the 2006 season this weekend with a pair of resounding victories at the Currey Tennis Center.

On Sunday, Vanderbilt swept Tennessee Tech 7-0 capping a weekend in which the Dores did not lose a game. Sophomore Ryan Preston defeated Tennessee Tech's No. 1 Shunsuke Shimizu 6-1, 6-0. Preston's strong forehand and impeccable court presence allowed him to gain an early advantage that he never relinquished.

"Ryan played extremely well," Assistant Coach Tom Boysen said. "He only lost one game all weekend, and he responded very well to being put at the Number one singles position."

Junior Evan Dufaux also took control of his match early at the No. 2 singles position with a 6-2, 6-3 over the Golden Eagles' Borja Zarco. Dufaux also won his doubles match with partner Andy Mack 8-3.

"Evan was a commanding presence in both singles and doubles," Boysen said. "He did a great job." Please see PALANIAPPAN, page 11

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## WOMEN'S TENNIS

## Dores rout Michigan

BY MAX FRANKLIN  
HUSTLER SPORTS REPORTER

The Vanderbilt Women's Tennis Team beat the University of Michigan 6-1 on Sunday at the Curry Tennis Center in their last match before they head to the ITA Indoor National Competitions. A strong start in the doubles matches carried over to singles as the No. 8 Commodores looked strong taking down the No. 35 Wolverines.

"I'm really pleased with our effort," head coach Geoff Macdonald said. "Michigan is a really solid team, the match was actually a little closer than it looked."

The day started off with a victory by the No. 2 doubles team of junior Amanda Fish and sophomore Taka Bertrand, who easily won 8-1. The newly elevated No. 1 team of sophomore Amanda Taylor and freshman Maggie Yahner responded to their challenge and won 8-3 against Michigan's top duo, winning the doubles point for the Dores. Michigan won the No. 3 doubles with a 3-0 run after being tied at 5-5 against sophomore Caroline Ferrell and freshman Courtney Ulery.

"I was very pleased with the No. 1 doubles," Macdonald said. "Yahner and Taylor have been lights out in practice, I wanted to give them this opportunity as a reward for their hard work."

In the No. 1 singles battle, Fish lost her first game but rolled from there, beating Michigan's Kara Delicata 6-1, 6-2.

Fish only had her serve broken once and

was in control of the whole match, finishing first and setting the tone for the rest of the Commodores.

"It was really fun, it's a nice honor to play No. 1," Fish said, after playing No. 2 last match behind Bertrand. "I thought I stayed in points pretty well and my movement was good, which helped today."

Bertrand was the next to finish in the No. 2 slot, engaging in a back and forth battle that ended in favor of the Dores, 6-2, 6-3. Ulery overcame formerly high ranked Elizabeth Exon 6-2, 6-3, to clinch the match for Vanderbilt.

"We're a really young team, so every match is about learning," Macdonald said. "Seeing how the match could have gone is real important getting ready for next week, because the momentum swings are many in the NCAA Indoors."

Vandy's No. 3 Taylor won her first game 6-3, but lost the second 3-6 after being up 3-2. She showed the resilience that Macdonald wants to see in his team by winning the third game 6-1.

Ferrell narrowly lost her match, 6-7, 7-5, and then 10-8 in a third game tiebreaker. Yahner took an early lead and was able to beat a tough Wolverine No. 6 with scores of 6-2, 6-2.

"The freshmen came out big today," Fish said. "It was great to see all our young guys come through in a tough match."

The Commodores will head up to Madison, Wisconsin, for the National Team Indoors on Wednesday, February 1st. ■

## FOOTBALL

## Cutler impresses scouts

BY ANDY LUTZKY  
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Capping off a week where he wowed scouts and cemented his status as a top quarterback prospect, Jay Cutler's North team won the Senior Bowl 31-14 over the South on Saturday.

Cutler only completed 9 of 16 passes for 69 yards, along with an acrobatic interception made by Texas cornerback Cedric Griffin. He also threw a late touchdown pass to wide receiver Derek Hagan of Arizona State.

According to NFL Draft expert Mel Kiper, however, his performance during the week of practice set him a cut above.

"Cutler still needs to work on his accuracy, but he displayed a terrific arm and good mobility," Kiper said. "Cutler solidified himself as an early to mid first-rounder."

Throughout the week, NFL scouts admitted that Cutler was far and away the best quarterback in Mobile, and possibly the best quarterback that the game had seen in several years. The consensus among talent evaluators around the league was that he showed terrific arm strength and great accuracy.

Even coaches who weren't in Mobile to see Cutler, like Cleveland Browns head coach Romeo Crennel, noticed his performance.

"Just sitting out there, I saw a couple of throws that caught your eye," Crennel said.

Throughout the week, several NFL teams showed a strong interest in Cutler, like the Dolphins, Ravens, and Jets, who pick fourth in the Draft.

While some scouts questioned if Cutler should be picked that high, he has no doubt that he can play to that level.

"I think I'm right there with Matt [Leinart] and Vince Young, in any aspect you can imagine," Cutler said.

Cutler might have benefited from other quarterbacks in Mobile having a tough week of practice. The only other quarterback who received much praise at all was Brodie Croyle of Alabama, who could have improved his draft status as much as two rounds. While Georgia's D.J. Shockley and Clemson's Charlie Whitehurst showed some flashes of great play, Penn State's Michael Robinson and Alabama-Birmingham's Darrell Hackney struggled.

From the start of the week, all eyes were clearly glued to Cutler, whose stock has risen steadily since the Commodores defeated the Tennessee Volunteers to close out their season.

"I think now everybody knows what kind of talent I have and where I might be at the draft," said Cutler.

The NFL Draft is April 28 and 29 in New York. ■

## 4 with a Dore

CHRISTIANA WIRTH

Women's Basketball Player



VH: Is there any consolation, losing to UT when it's Pat Summitt's 900th win?

Christiana Wirth: No. It's still a big disappointment. We're looking forward to having another chance to play them.

VH: Being so far away (from Mesa, AZ), do you ever miss home?

CW: I don't really miss Arizona, but I do miss my family and friends sometimes.

VH: Who talks the best smack on the team?

CW: Nobody. Well, maybe (director of operations) Kornell Battle.

VH: What is the best part of being at Vanderbilt?

CW: It's cliché, but I'm experiencing a great combination of outstanding academics and athletics.

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## Palaniappan: Commodores blank weekend opponents

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job taking the game to the opponents and never letting up."

The win came just one day after the Dores manhandled The University of Tennessee-Martin Skyhawks 7-0. Preston debuted at the No. 1 singles position and led the Dores with a pristine 6-0, 6-0 win over Skyhawk captain Olton Mollaymeri.

"It was a solid enough match," Preston said. "The whole team played really efficiently."

The most entertaining match of the day came

at the No. 4 slot when Commodore Andy Mack and UTM's Andrey Yesipov. Mack prevailed 6-4, 6-3 en route to a commodore sweep of the singles rounds.

The Dores also dominated the Doubles round, led by the strong performances of No. 3 pair Nick Cromydas and Nathan Sachs in their 8-1 victory.

"I thought that it was a pretty efficient first performance," Duvenhage said. "We really improved as the match went on."

The weekend marked a triumphant start to the Commodore careers for Duvenhage and

Boysen. Both were extremely elated that their first matches with the Vanderbilt program were such overwhelming successes.

"We had great starts all weekend long," Boysen said. "We capitalized on some break points early on in all of our matches and rode those out to great finishes."

The Dores finished last season with a disappointing 16-15 record and went on to the second round of the NCAA tournament. Boysen hopes that this season will be different. ■

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