



ACADEMICS

## Professors 'deluged' with hate mail for comments made at forum

Panelists say partisanship not important when discussing 9/11.

By Allison Malone  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Several professors and students have been the target of a "poison e-mail campaign" after junior Chris Donnelly's recent appearance on national television.

Donnelly appeared on the Fox News commentary program "Hannity and Colmes" on Sept. 26. He commented about a video of an on-campus forum called "9-11: A Time for Reflection" that featured a panel of Vanderbilt professors. He said there was "no dialogue" at the forum because of the panelists' extreme liberal bias.

"There was no conservative voice, not even a moderate voice, only voices from the left," Donnelly said.

David Wood, professor of philosophy and a panelist at the forum, said, "We have had a lot of positive feedback about the roundtable itself, but I am dismayed at the poison e-mail campaign directed at faculty panelists choreographed by the extreme right after Chris Donnelly's complaints."

Another panelist, Beth Conklin, professor of anthropology, also has received hate mail.

"The comments for which I'm being deluged with hate mail came in the informal question-and-answer discussion, when audience members said that we need to talk more about the causes of 9/11," Conklin said.

According to Wood, Donnelly's television appearance was disappointing.

"He had a vigorous exchange with the panel at the time, as much as any other member of the audience," he said. "That was healthy, and we welcomed it. Complaining to the national media is a strange response when there are so many opportunities for continuing dialogue at Vanderbilt."

Donnelly told The Hustler that he has never experienced academic bias in a class at Vanderbilt.

"I don't have a problem with the fact that there are going to

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HOMECOMING

## Students choose finalists for Outstanding Senior award

Ten seniors were chosen to represent Vanderbilt as members of the Homecoming Court. Voting for the 2006 Outstanding Senior will take place Oct. 9 and 10.

Charleson Bell



**Hometown:** Pawley's Island, S.C.  
**Major:** Biomedical engineering  
**Organizations:** Student Government Association executive board, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., National Panhellenic Council member, Mayfield Living and Learning Lodge  
**Statement:** "My Vanderbilt experience has been one full of discovery, kinship beyond question and unbelievable fun. If the rest of my life mirrors my time spent here at Vandy, I will leave this world with a lifetime full of precious connections and everlasting memories."

Emilie Carroll



**Hometown:** Winnetka, Ill.  
**Major:** Geology, Spanish  
**Organizations:** Delta Delta Delta sorority, Vanderbilt Equestrian Team, VUcept, Rites of Spring/The Music Group  
**Statement:** "My experience at Vanderbilt has challenged me, inspired me, exposed me to new ideas, enabled me to connect with many different people and given me the opportunity to be who I truly am. I wouldn't trade it for anything."

Raymond Dake



**Hometown:** Springfield, Mo.  
**Major:** Political science  
**Organizations:** Field commander for Spirit of Gold Marching Band, vice president of membership for Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Co-ed Band Service Sorority, Vanderbilt College Democrats, VSVS  
**Statement:** "The past three years at Vanderbilt have been the best of my life. Being part of the Vanderbilt community has allowed me to become a part of something that is greater than anything I could accomplish by myself."

Devin Donovan



**Hometown:** Annapolis, Md.  
**Major:** Secondary education, English  
**Organizations:** Interhall president, keeper of the ritual for Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, resident advisor, Peabody academic leader  
**Statement:** "Vanderbilt: work hard, play hard, make memories, make a difference."

Eric Frye



**Hometown:** Cincinnati, Ohio  
**Major:** Public policy  
**Organizations:** Co-founder of Vanderbilt Rockstar Songwriting Group, Founding Father of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, Council member of Presbyterian Student Fellowship, Preston Taylor Ministries  
**Statement:** "Thank you for the very positive, full experience I've had here at Vanderbilt. We've seen the school succeed incredibly, due to the passion and dedication of the entire school community; we should be grateful to each other!"

Gabriel Hemphill



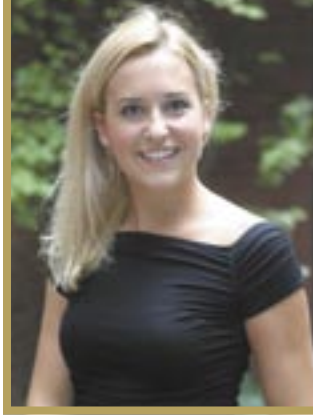
**Hometown:** Foreman, Ark.  
**Major:** English, philosophy  
**Organizations:** Ingram Scholarship Program, founder of Expressions: Community Outreach Through the Arts, Momentum Dance Group, Vanderbilt Campus Progress representative  
**Statement:** "My Vanderbilt experience has been one grounded in opportunity and immense possibility, where I have been able to find myself through investing my passion through service leadership and place my 'dent' in the world."

Allison Malone



**Hometown:** Tazewell, Tenn.  
**Major:** Public policy  
**Organizations:** The Vanderbilt Hustler editor-in-chief, VU Center for Health Services board member, Greek Ambassador, Phi Alpha Delta  
**Statement:** "Vanderbilt and its student body have enriched my life with learning experiences both inside and outside of the classroom. There is no school in the country that balances academics, campus and community involvement, and social life as well as Vanderbilt."

Maggie Myers



**Hometown:** Oak Brook, Ill.  
**Major:** Public policy  
**Organizations:** Small Gestures, Supporting Healthy Images in Nashville Everyday, Phi Alpha Delta, Habitat for Humanity  
**Statement:** "Vanderbilt has been a unique experience full of challenges, accomplishments and enduring friendships. I am honored to be nominated as Outstanding Senior because it embodies the characteristics I strive to exemplify."

Jay Salato



**Hometown:** Nashville, Tenn.  
**Major:** French  
**Organizations:** Beta Upsilon Chi, VUcept and Vanderbilt Visions, Campus Crusade for Christ, Reformed University Fellowship  
**Statement:** "To me, Vanderbilt is more than 10 letters and 17 Scrabble points; it's a place that has given me the opportunity to take the study-abroad experience of my dreams, to meet professors who challenge me, to find students who inspire me and to develop relationships that will last a lifetime."

Lindsey Williams



**Hometown:** Indianapolis, Ind.  
**Major:** Music education  
**Organizations:** Panhellenic Executive Council, Vanderbilt Honor Council, Kappa Delta sorority, Sigma Alpha Iota music sorority  
**Statement:** "I am confident that at no other institution could I have benefited from a top school of music, a thriving Greek community, a competitive dance program and a chance to lead in multiple, diverse capacities in one undergraduate career."

LAW SCHOOL

## Law school says 'goodbye' to early decision

Administrators retain rolling admissions option to provide students with advance decisions.

By Meredith Casey  
SENIOR REPORTER

Vanderbilt University Law School has eliminated the early decision application option, maintaining the rolling application option to allow students more flexibility and time to consider financial aid offers.

"Both the early decision option and rolling option overlap in some sense," said Allison Bentley, a senior currently preparing her law school applications.

"If Vanderbilt's law school had eliminated both the ED option and rolling option, then I imagine that many more students would have been quite upset. Rolling admissions still provides students with earlier responses to their applications."

Vanderbilt's law school is ranked 17th by U.S. News and World Report. Seven law schools ranked higher than Vanderbilt offer Early Decision application options: Columbia University, New York University, University of Chicago, University of Pennsylvania, University of Virginia, Georgetown University and University of Texas, Austin.

A number of factors contributed to the law school's

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### HOW DO VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL'S ADMISSIONS OPTIONS COMPARE TO OTHER TOP LAW SCHOOLS?

1. Yale	No ED, no rolling
2. Stanford	No ED, no rolling
3. Harvard	No ED, no rolling
4. Columbia University	ED, no rolling
5. New York University	ED, no rolling
6. University of Chicago	ED, no rolling
7. University of Pennsylvania	ED, rolling
8. University of California, Berkley	No ED, no rolling
8. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	no ED, rolling
8. University of Virginia	ED, no rolling
11. Duke University	No ED, no rolling
12. Northwestern University	No ED, no rolling
13. Cornell University	No ED, early action, no rolling
14. Georgetown University	ED, EA, no rolling
15. University of California, Los Angeles	No ED, no rolling
16. University of Texas, Austin	ED, no rolling
17. University of Southern California (Gould)	No ED, no rolling
17. Vanderbilt University	No ED, rolling

Schools in italic offer early decision.

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EDUCATION

## Black students' classroom performance affected by social stigma

Ford and Whiting find that smart African-American students are accused of acting white.

By Allison Smith  
ASST NEWS EDITOR

Most gifted and well-performing black students are not reaching their fullest academic potential for fear of being labeled "acting white," according to a study by Peabody College professors.

Dr. Donna Ford and Dr. Gilman Whiting's findings were reinforced at their presentation on Monday at the Robert Penn Warren Center.

Audience members were asked to fill out a four item questionnaire asking, "What does acting black mean to you?"

According to Ford, the Betts Chair of Education and Human Development, the responses from the audience, which was composed of Vanderbilt community members, mirrored the findings that they collected in the study.

"They said the same thing," Ford said.

Respondents in both surveys associated "being white" with being "intelligent, a higher achiever, speaking standard English and dressing in traditional clothes." Participants associated "being black" with "being thuggish or bad and speaking non-standard English, having terrible grades and wearing baggy or urban clothes."

Ford said this means that if a white student were acting smart they would be called a "geek or a nerd."

"But if an African American or Latino student were accused of being smart, too often they will be accused of being 'white.' Acting white is another way of being a called a sellout, a traitor, not true to your race—its another form, a more intense form of peer pressure," she said.

Ford said the results of both surveys are significant because "it is not just that black kids think that acting white is this and acting black is that, you have the educators and community people who give you the same explanation."

"This is something we need to work on with the

students but also with the education profession and people in the community so we can stop the belief that acting white and acting black have those characteristics and instead let people know that achievement has no color," she said.

Corey Sullivan, a junior majoring in special education and sociology, said that there is not enough emphasis in Peabody's curriculum on multicultural education. She said that while Peabody does offer electives on multiculturalism and special education, it is difficult to fit the classes into an education major's tight schedule.

"I feel like it's one of the biggest disappointments I've experienced at Peabody," Sullivan said. "I think that Vanderbilt assumes that most of its education students want to teach in private schools where there is not as much cultural diversity, and that might be the case, but you still need to teach the students there about different cultures, because we all must learn to interact with those different from ourselves," Sullivan said.



FORD

WHITING





## NOTABLE

Luxury handbag maker Coach is suing Target Corp., alleging that the discounter sold what it believes is a counterfeit Coach bag in at least one of its stores.

The lawsuit, which was filed in federal court in Manhattan on Friday, said the bag imitated the signature "C" logo of a genuine Coach bag and copied other features such as the "Coach" tag.

The suit claims the bag in question was bought from a store in Largo, Fla., and appears to be an "exact replica of a genuine Coach handbag."

Target responded in the filing that it believed the bag was a genuine Coach product.  
Source: CNN

## QUOTABLE

**"That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."**

— Neil Armstrong (1969)

An Australian computer programmer says he found the missing "a" from Armstrong's famous first words from the moon in 1969, when the world heard the phrase, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

The famous astronaut has maintained he intended to say it properly and believes he did. Thanks to some high-tech sound-editing software, computer programmer Peter Shann Ford might prove Armstrong right.

Source: CNN

## WEATHER FORECAST

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## TODAY IN THE BUBBLE

Compiled by Allison Smith

### Sign up by Friday for Backpacking Trip

Sign up by Friday, Oct. 6 for the Fall Break Backpacking Trip with the Outdoor Recreation Center. Plan on backpacking five to seven miles around the Smoky Mountains. Estimated trip duration is from Oct. 14 at 10 a.m. to Oct. 17 at 6 p.m.

### Sign up by Friday for Canoe-Camping Trip

Sign up by Friday, Oct. 6 for the Fall Break Canoe-Camping Trip with the Outdoor Recreation Center. This trip involves camping, canoeing 10 miles on the Eleven Point National Scenic River and canoe-camping 18 miles on the beautiful Jack's Fork River. Beginning canoeists are welcome. Estimated trip duration is Oct. 13 at 4 p.m. to Oct. 17 at 4 p.m.

### Maymester informational meeting to be held

Study recent American political history in Washington, D.C., this Maymester. History 294, Introduction to Active Citizenship and Public Service, offers you the opportunity to live in a Vanderbilt residential community in D.C. while engaging in daily seminar roundtables at the Vanderbilt Office of Federal Relations with national leaders in politics, journalism, the foreign service, the arts and religion. Dr. Mark Dalhouse teaches the course and will be holding an information session for students at the Community Partnership House on Thursday, Oct. 5 at 6 p.m.

### LEAD interest meeting to be held Thursday

Leaders Engaged for an Active Democracy (LEAD) will have an interest meeting at the Community Partnership House on Thursday, Oct. 5 at 5 p.m. The session will cover getting Vanderbilt students involved in the 2006 elections, engaging area middle and high schools in civic education and leadership, issues/voter education for the Vanderbilt campus, brainstorming ways to bring a polling place to the Vanderbilt campus in time for the 2008 elections and efforts to begin raising awareness/interest on campus for the upcoming 2008 presidential campaign. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

### Register to be a Dance Marathon Dancer

Sign up to be a dancer for Dance Marathon 2007. Dance Marathon is a 14-hour fundraising event that benefits the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. Last year, Dance Marathon raised \$112,432.70, and they are looking for student volunteers to help them raise more this year. For more information or to register visit: [www.vudm.org](http://www.vudm.org).

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

## VUPD CRIME LOG

Compiled by Allison Smith

**Oct. 2, 4:13 p.m.**—A burglary occurred at 1601 21st Avenue South in Medical Center North. Money was stolen. The suspect has not been identified, and the investigation remains active.

**Oct. 2, 7:59 p.m.**—An incident of disorderly conduct occurred at 1211 Medical Center Drive at the Vanderbilt University Hospital.

**Oct. 2, 11:46 p.m.**—A DUI arrest was made at the intersection of 21st Avenue South and Medical Center Drive

**Oct. 2, 12:20 a.m.**—An incident of vandalism occurred at the Psychiatric Hospital at Vanderbilt at 1601 23rd Avenue South. The suspect has been identified, but the investigation is still active.

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## PROFESSORS: Zeppos emphasizes importance of free speech at universities

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be liberal professors, and I have had a lot of good professors that were liberal," he said. "What I don't like is that when a school puts together a panel of nine professors rather than one in a classroom — you hope you can get at least one or two conservatives."

Fox News political commentator Sean Hannity closed the program featuring Donnelly, saying, "I hope more people like you will tape these professors, and we can expose them. I think it will have some effect on exposing how extreme these colleges have become."

However, Richard McGregor, professor of Islamic Studies and another panelist, said the panel was not meant to be a survey of all possible takes on Sept. 11, but people were chosen to speak because of their academic perspective, regardless of personal politics.

"This isn't a question of which political party or a breakdown of Democrat versus Republican issues, and I don't think 9/11, whatever way you should talk about it, should be mired in party politics," he said.

McGregor said the panel and the audience gave "quite a cross section of views."

"This is the American way to come together and have diverging voices, and that is why it was a public event — anyone, left- or right-wing, could respond," he said.

"I don't get paid to toe party lines — we are all here to think in daring, challenging ways."

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Nick Zeppos said academic bias does not exist at Vanderbilt.

"Certainly our faculty, as active members of a flourishing democracy, have a right outside of Vanderbilt to be actively involved, campaign and be involved in politics, and if you look at the 2,000 faculty members, you would see the wide range of political views that you see across all of America," he said.

Zeppos emphasized the importance of free speech at a university.

"Free speech, whether it is on our campus or at Fox News, is one of the most important principles that our society and our university adheres to," he said. "As much as one might disagree with what students, faculty or Fox News says, we have to preserve free speech rights. This is as important for students as it is for faculty." ■

## RACE: Study is part of VU Achievement Gap Project

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cultures because we all must learn to interact with those different from ourselves," Sullivan said.

President of the Black Students Association Sharon Taylor said she was "very surprised to see that these stereotypes exist."

"I didn't know about the study, but I was already participating in Black Achievers and Cultivating College Collegiates at the BCC (both YMCA programs where college aged students mentor high school students), but now that I know about the studies, I can see how the programs are answers to the call because the programs help dispel the stereotypes that exist among schoolchildren as they see the reality of minority students being involved in higher education," Taylor said.

Senior Erin Bryant, who started REALITY, a program that mentors middle school students, attended the presentation on Monday.

"I think their presentation was a great representation of what society sees as acting white and acting black," she said.

"I believe that by attending certain session like this one, others can be enlightened on certain issues that we face as minorities. I would strongly encourage individuals to attend the next session on Nov. 10."

This study is a part of the Vanderbilt University Achievement Gap Project, an on-going endeavor that proposes to close the academic gap by making a focused effort to resolve the problem through theory, research and practice.

The project, led by Ford and Whiting, director of undergraduate study in African American & Diaspora Studies, comprises eight initiatives that include a fall lecture series featuring Vanderbilt officials, a seminar and a visiting scholar lecture series.

"This achievement gap is something that has been studied for decades," Whiting said. "I think we are in a state of apathy, and the work that Dr. Ford and I are doing is putting this issue back on the front burner." ■

## LAW SCHOOL: Dean says Harvard decision did not affect law school



MASON HENSLEY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Vanderbilt University Law School is ranked No. 17 by U.S. News and World Report.

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decision, said Todd Morton, assistant dean of admissions at the law school.

Morton said, The choice was made independent of Harvard's decision to eliminate its undergraduate early decision program although the logic behind both decisions is similar.

These factors include low demand for the early decision option, the binding nature of early decision agreements, uncertainty regarding financial aid packages and the existence of the rolling admission option at Vanderbilt.

"Last year only 175 of 3,658 applicants — 4.9 percent — applied under the early decision program," Morton said.

"Although the early decision option seemed ideal to many when applying to an undergraduate university, it appears that now more and more students would like to keep their options open when it comes to law school — especially their financial options," said junior Killian Lamkin, vice president of Phi Alpha Delta, Vanderbilt's pre-law society.

The early decision option also required admitted applicants to

enroll in Vanderbilt's law school and withdraw all applications to other schools.

"This meant that applicants made these commitments without knowing about potential financial assistance at Vanderbilt or at other law schools to which they had applied," Morton said. "Our concern was that lower-income applicants in particular might be reluctant to apply though early decision under these circumstances."

The third major factor in the decision was based on Vanderbilt's current rolling admissions policy, which can function similarly to early decision.

"Our rolling admission process means that early applications tend to get early decisions," Morton said.

"Applicants who are certain they would like to attend Vanderbilt if admitted are encouraged to complete their applications in November, and although we cannot promise a decision by Dec. 15 as we could for all who applied under the early decision program, those who are admitted are very likely to be notified during December or early January." ■



# Inaugural Multicultural meeting held Monday



MASON HENSLEY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Vanderbilt's Multicultural Council, made up of the presidents of each cultural organization, held its inaugural meeting Monday night. The meeting focused mainly on the upcoming Homecoming tailgate and the finalization of plans for a MCC-sponsored Habitat for Humanity House. Suggestions for the Homecoming tailgate included the addition of a "pie in the face" booth. The event, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. will include multicultural music and an assortment of dishes and drinks, some reflecting the cultures celebrated and represented by each group.

RESEARCH

## Kennedy Center receives highest honors for second year

*Designation provides consistent funding for community outreach programs.*

By Kay Robinson  
STAFF REPORTER

The Kennedy Center has been designated a University Center for Excellence for Research in Developmental Disabilities, the highest form of recognition a center for disability research can achieve.

The Vanderbilt Kennedy Center for Research on Human Development, located on Peabody campus, was considered a Developmental Disability Research Center before receiving the honor two years ago.

The designation allows the center to participate in more community outreach programs, said Elisabeth Dykens, associate director of the Kennedy Center.

"The three things the center performs, in a very broad sense, are training, research and service," Dykens said. "UCEDD designation allows us to expand and grow in all those areas."

Funded by block grants from the government, the Kennedy Center receives regular, stable funding for all three facets of the center's work.

While the center performs a wide range of activities, Dykens said that what ties them together is a commitment to helping individuals with special needs.

Dykens and Elise McMillan, director of community outreach, cited three initiatives as major programs at the center include the Family Outreach Center, the Tennessee Disability Pathfinder project and the Susan Gray School.

Teresa Turnbo, program coordinator at the Family Outreach Center said that the Family Outreach center is "the gateway to the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center and its programs."

"I would want families that have a relative with a disability to know that there are people at the Kennedy Center to offer them what they need," she said.

For example, at the FOC, students who have learning disabilities can receive free tutoring through reading clinics. The FOC also offers behavior analysis clinics for adults and children with developmental disabilities.

Also located at the FOC, the Tennessee Disability Pathfinder program provides people with disabilities and their families with a statewide information and referral service.

The Web site is a comprehensive, searchable database that provides information on organizations and the counties they serve and aims to inform the public about how government works to help people with special needs.

Carole Moore-Slater, program coordinator for Pathfinder, explained that the program is a response to past difficulties related to finding disability-related resources in Tennessee communities.

"It's free, it's statewide, it's bilingual, it includes all disabilities of all ages and it's all on the Internet," she said.

Pathfinder is currently organizing a volunteer training day scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 7.

Adjacent to the Kennedy Center is the Susan Gray School, run by Ruth Wolery.

"It's an inclusive pre-school program for kids one to five years," Dykens said, pointing out that all three of her children have attended the school. "It's a phenomenal program."

She said that the school is directly connected to the Kennedy Center, as many of the Susan Gray families are also involved with the center's research programs. ■

ACTIVISM

## STAND urges students to fast in support of Darfur

*Several events to be held Thursday seek to honor, help the region's refugees.*

By Becky Tyrell  
STAFF REPORTER

Students Taking Action Now: Darfur will sponsor a fast on Thursday to raise funds for Doctors Without Borders.

Doctors Without Borders is an independent medical humanitarian organization that delivers emergency aid to people affected by armed conflict, natural or man-made disasters, epidemics or exclusion from health care in more than 70 countries.

Members of STAND will be handing out commitment forms today and will be collecting monetary donations Thursday on the Wall. Later Thursday evening, STAND will hold a vigil to honor Darfur victims, followed by a breaking of the fast with food provided by Horn of Africa.

STAND will also tour the Doctors Without Borders mock refugee camp in Centennial Park on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Doctors Without Borders receives 80 percent of its annual income from public donations. According to sophomore Jennifer Hirsch, co-president of STAND, they chose to become involved with the Doctors Without Borders because it is one of the larger, more reputable organizations assisting Darfur victims.

"I believe in basic human rights for everyone, and the genocide in Darfur is something I don't think should be ignored or taken lightly,"

she said. "Our government hasn't taken direct action, so we need to make sure we sponsor organizations that will."

Hirsch said that the goal of organizations such as STAND is to raise awareness about the situation in Darfur within communities around the country.

"The main problem with the issue of Darfur in America is that a lot of people aren't aware of what's going on," she said. "Students on campus can become aware of what's going on in other countries through events like those STAND is sponsoring."

In conjunction with special events such as those planned for this week, Hirsch said that STAND volunteers at the Sudanese Community Center every Monday and Thursday.

During their visits, students help Sudanese immigrants and refugees to adjust to life in America, learn English and develop computer skills.

"Helping Sudanese refugees here in Nashville really brings the issue closer to home," she said. "I think that many people don't feel close to the issue of genocide in Darfur because it's so far away. Working here makes it obvious that there is a serious problem."

For more information on this week's events, upcoming events or additional ways to become involved, send an e-mail to [stand\\_leaders@list.vanderbilt.edu](mailto:stand_leaders@list.vanderbilt.edu). ■

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## OUR VIEW

### Bias not an issue on panel

There is more than a small bit of irony in a student, worried that a two-hour panel, complete with question-and-answer sessions, with nine Vanderbilt professors, was “uninformative and unhelpful for anyone that wanted an actual dialogue,” choosing to broadcast his grievances in a four-minute television program in which he is presented as the only expert on the topic. Yet, such have been the actions of Chris Donnelly, a sophomore in the College of Arts and Science, who has appeared on Fox News’ “Hannity & Colmes,” as well as the local Fox 17 news, complaining about liberal bias on a panel held at Vanderbilt on Sept. 11, 2006, entitled “After 9/11: A Time for Reflection.”

As conservative talk show host Sean Hannity said to Donnelly, “On college campuses, you would hope you’d have a free and open exchange of ideas.” Hannity might, for example, hope that highly educated professors might welcome and consider seriously the views of students, whether they agree with them politically or not, and engage in a dialogue with those students about those views. Such an exchange took place when Donnelly stood up at the panel on Sept. 11 and said, “Islamofascism is what we’re fighting. It’s a war between our values and those of Islam, and I don’t think those on the panel seem to understand that.” Three professors addressed this comment, asking questions of Donnelly and responding to the questions he posed. This was, unquestionably, a free and open exchange of ideas.

Donnelly’s actions actually serve to illustrate the point made by panelist and philosophy professor Gregg Horowitz, that it seems to be impossible to talk about the events of Sept. 11, 2001, without becoming trapped by “hardcore politics” or “soft-core sentimentality.” The panel in question did not speak in talking points, like “Islamofascism.” They did not merely reiterate platitudes about the tragedy. They were respectful and thoughtful in their discourse as they addressed Sept. 11 through a range of lenses including religious, aesthetic, political, philosophical and historical. They took questions and responded to them. They did not simply paint a false picture of a two-sided issue. His is all much more than is offered students by politicians and pundits. However, it seems that Donnelly could not resist the temptation to consider the issue solely in the clear-cut, easily recalled terms presented on television.

A lack of fair and open dialogue is not a problem at Vanderbilt. It is, however, a problem among the two major political parties, which, Horowitz observed, in a bipartisan manner, seem to be engaged in “a race to the bottom.” It is unfortunate that Donnelly felt the need to drag Vanderbilt down into that race, when Vanderbilt was providing him the very thing he claims to seek.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### No evidence exists of wrongdoing by Schall

**To the editor:**

On Sept. 13, 2006, The Hustler reported in a front-page story that the U.S. Department of Agriculture was investigating violations in the Animal Welfare Act by Professor Jeffrey Schall of the Department of Psychology in the College of Arts and Science. In an accompanying editorial, The Hustler asserted that Professor Schall “has been guilty of noncompliance with regulations on multiple occasions.”

A sub-committee of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee has completed an exhaustive investigation of these allegations. After conducting more than 60 interviews of faculty, students and staff members, the review committee found absolutely no evidence of wrongdoing by Professor Schall. This report has been sent to officials at the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the National Institutes of Health.

The reporting of an unsubstantiated allegation and drawing editorial conclusions does a disservice to the readers of The Hustler and to Professor Schall. Jeff Schall is a valued colleague and a distinguished member of the faculty of Vanderbilt University. He is recognized internationally as one of the leading neuroscientists of his generation.

Among his many honors and awards are the Troland Research Award from the National Academy of Sciences and the Ellen Gregg

Ingalls Award for Excellence in Classroom Teaching from Vanderbilt University. He directs the Center for Integrative and Cognitive Neuroscience and the Vanderbilt Vision Research Center and is principal investigator on four grants from the National Institutes of Health. He has authored many research papers in leading journals.

Finally, Jeff is teaching an honors seminar this semester on Neuroethics.

What isn’t obvious from a review of his scientific honors or his long list of publications is the type of person Jeff Schall is. Anyone who knows him will tell you that he is a terrific person, devoted to his family, a talented and dedicated teacher and a wonderful mentor of graduate and undergraduate students. I can assure your readers that these qualities carry over to his care of and compassion for the animals in his research program that are housed in our vivarium facility.

I trust your readers now have a greater appreciation for the qualities and high ethical standards of Jeff Schall. Vanderbilt University is fortunate to have had him as a distinguished member of its faculty since 1989. I am fortunate to call him a valued friend and colleague.

**Richard McCarty**  
Dean, College of Arts and Science

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Accusations against researchers are baseless

**To the editor:**

It was with horror that I read the piece regarding ‘brain surgeries that were performed on monkeys without anesthesia’ at Vanderbilt. It was with even greater dismay that I read the piece in The Vanderbilt Hustler reporting this ‘leak’ and smearing the names of researchers at Vanderbilt University. There were three things that made me upset.

Check your facts! No major surgeries are done without anesthesia. First, in light of the actual facts, the reporting of this story by The Hustler was naïve, uninformed and irresponsible. The accusation was made by an animal rights organization against Vanderbilt researchers. This accusation was based on an e-mail from Vanderbilt veterinarians aimed at clarifying what fell under the category of major surgery (done under general anesthesia) versus minor surgery (done under local anesthesia in sedated animals). This e-mail led to the accusation that surgeries have been done without anesthesia here at Vanderbilt. This is a painful example of how factual events and statements can be manipulated and misrepresented. Just in case some readers of The Hustler found these accusations in any way credible, let me make it absolutely clear that at Vanderbilt, ALL major surgeries on animals are conducted under general anesthesia.

Inform yourself! Animal research is conducted in a careful, humane and controlled fashion. The second point that needs to be made to the Vanderbilt community is that all procedures conducted on animals at Vanderbilt are done following many layers of scrutiny by veterinarians, by the IACUC (Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee), by USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture) and by AAALAC (Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International). We researchers take very seriously the use of animals in medical and scientific research. We do not use animals for personal gain, money, entertainment or maliciousness. To give an idea of how much thought is put into this research, our animal protocols (often over 100 pages long) include detailed descriptions of what we do, why we do it and why it is beneficial to society, as well as procedures for the humane care, treatment and housing of animals, and descriptions of training of each researcher. These protocols are then reviewed annually by the IACUC committee (which is composed of scientists, non-scientists

and persons from the general community). Only after full approval are we allowed to conduct research. Moreover, every procedure conducted is documented in detail. To ensure compliance with procedures, there are regular inspections of our labs, facilities and documentation. The take-home message is that animal researchers put a lot of effort and thought into how to improve health and quality of life for both humans and animals.

Your well-being depends on animal research! This brings me to my third point. It is vitally important for Vanderbilt community and general public to be aware of the beneficial impact that animal research has upon the lives of humans AND animals. Because of animal research, we have eradicated diseases like smallpox and polio. We have tremendously improved the lives of those with AIDS and cancer and the lives of those suffering from strokes, Parkinson’s, depression and a myriad of other diseases. A host of surgical techniques such as liver, kidney and heart transplants would not have been possible without animal research. All drug research is based on animal research, so next time you or any member of your family take any medications, please keep that in mind. Your grandmother who has Alzheimer’s or Parkinson’s needs animal research. Your neighbor who is afflicted with schizophrenia or mental retardation needs animal research. The paralyzed automobile accident victim who uses a remote control device or artificial limbs needs animal research. The next time you take your pet to the vet for any treatment, be well aware that your pet needs animal research. Enormous understanding of animal behavior and ethology has arisen from animal research. This has in turn helped ecologists and environmentalists shape habitats, form policies and improve the lives of animals in the wild.

In sum, and I speak as a teacher and scientist, I would urge all to be cautious about believing things that you hear or read. Check out the source! Second, be aware that animal research at Vanderbilt is conducted ethically, carefully and with a great deal of supervision, both at the local and the government levels. And third, be aware of how much animal research has improved your life and the lives of animals around you.

**Anna W. Roe**  
Associate Professor, Department of Psychology



GUEST COLUMN

# Rusesabagina leaves questions unanswered

When I bought tickets to see Paul Rusesabagina, the subject of the movie "Hotel Rwanda," last week, I was looking forward to finally seeing the man who saved all those people in the Rwandan genocide, the hero, the person who spoke with such conviction on behalf of other

Guest Columnist

**LUKE BIDIKOV**

human beings. I was expecting him to tell us what to do to make sure a genocide like the one in Rwanda would never happen again.

I was disappointed. He told us the heartbreaking stories of the killers' brutality when Rwanda erupted in the largest-scale genocide in recent human history. He told us about the power of his words, how he succeeded in convincing stubborn soldiers and government officials, and how at every confrontation his words saved more lives. By that point he had the audience captivated. Here was a man before us, whose deeds were so pure, so benign, so utterly good, that I was willing to do whatever he said.

He knows, I thought, what to do better than all those U.N. officials or special ambassadors; he's seen it with his own eyes and knows the solution. But instead of giving us a direct course of action, he urged us to make sure this would never happen again, and gave his hope that our "generation

would succeed where (our parents') generation failed." How?

Everyone agrees on one thing — human genocide on the Rwandan scale must never happen again. But everyone disagrees on the method. Should we empower the U.N. with more money and soldiers? Should we reform the U.N. to allow more rapid, decisive use of force? Is the U.N. too bureaucratic, too inefficient to be of any use? Should other organizations, notably the American-led NATO and the African Union take the role of peacekeeper? Is it America's duty to stop every genocide in every country from happening? He addressed none of these questions, and he didn't tell us, the students, what we must do for the anti-genocide effort.

Every night we see Darfur on the news: 30 people wounded, 400,000 killed, 2 million displaced. Yet, we sit and eat our dinners and barely blink our eyes. We have become so accustomed to poverty and violence in Africa we sometimes assume that's the way it was and always will be. Rusesabagina brought the pain a little closer to home. Many people shed tears. Many left with a sense of purpose — they, unlike previous generations, would not allow the genocides to happen again. But purpose without action helps no one. Even though the people who left the room felt that they empathized with the genocide victims' struggle, I'm willing to bet that a few days later everyone had settled into their old routine of ignoring Africa.

—Luke Bidikov is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Science.

## THE VERDICT

The opinion staff passes judgement on everything inside the bubble and out.

Former Rep. Mark Foley		The man Bush said was part of "a SWAT team for kids" has cybersex with 16-year-old congressional page. Now, that is sick.
North Korea		Pledges to conduct a nuclear test in the future. This does not sound like it is a very safe decision.
Neil Armstrong		Actually said "a man." Grammarians everywhere breathe a sigh of relief. Historians, however, are annoyed.
Violence in schools		Three shootings in American schools in one week almost makes North Korea seem safe.
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Albert Haynesworth		Titans defensive tackle kicked Dallas center Andre Gurode in the face. Haynesworth says, "It was wrong." Duh.

COLUMN

# Purpose of congressional elections masked by clever politics

If one wishes to get an accurate portrait of what America's election years are like, one needs only to grab the clicker and turn on the boob tube. This wasn't always the case: it used to be that print media or a candidate's own words and actions could affect their campaign,

The Dissenting VU

**CHRISTOPHER MCGEADY**

but not today. No, today we have something else: ubiquitous negative politics. It is the campaign tactic of choice for the aspiring congressman. Maybe it's been this way forever and I just didn't know it, but aren't campaigns supposed to be about why each candidate is the right choice, not why the other candidates are not? As I follow the race in Tennessee for Bill Frist's soon-to-be vacant Senate seat, I wonder if these guys are really campaigning for themselves, or if they merely wish to campaign against their opponent.

That's one of the many problems with party-driven politics. It's not that someone is or is not a good choice for the Senate, it's that they're a Democrat and a baby-eating liberal, and, if their party gains control of the Senate, we'll all be speaking Arabic against our will within a generation.

Politics used to be local. It used to be about issues, about the things

that Tom, Dick and Harry cared about. Now, with the balance of power in Congress possibly shifting, a House race in Idaho has national implications. So what do the partisan politicians do? They say, "Let's make that local race a national referendum, completely disregard the function of a representative and show everyone that our 'ism' will make America stronger." And the sad thing is, most of the time it works. We allow ourselves to be deceived by the clever advertising of the opposition. This revolutionary political tactic was devised by Karl Rove, who effectively ran two negative campaigns against Al Gore and John Kerry, which guaranteed us eight long years of nothing but problems.

On top of negative campaigning there's my favorite tactic, the one that really shows what American politics is all about: turning real issues into slogans and real problems into advertising fodder. It's easy to rattle them off: "stay the course," "cut and run," "makes us safer," "makes us vulnerable," "helps the terrorists," "helps our enemies," et cetera, and that's only in terms of the Iraq war. The best way to communicate a message is to do so with strength and in short order, and because politicians are good at getting elected and not necessarily that good at running the government, they know it's best to be concise and to always appear infallible. We vote for the guy who's got the best tagline and who's the most confident. What about that poor sap who might actually have some good ideas, who might

have a realistic vision for the direction in which our country should be moving? Details, my friend. Mere details.

Maybe we're getting what we've asked for in this abysmal Congress. It's too easy to vote for incumbents because we know their slogans and we know they're experienced. As someone justifying a vote for Bush in 2004 said to me, "Better the evil you know than the evil you don't," and that actually carries a lot of weight. People are more afraid of the slightest things they don't know than the worst things they do.

More importantly, however, we have a tendency not to care enough to rectify the problem. Something as far removed from our everyday lives as that silly Congress and their elections is not going to move us to spend our own time and energy in investigating candidates for whom we won't vote for anyway. We seem to think that a candidate's party affiliation and how he's portrayed in television ads is enough for us to gauge whether or not he would be superior to his opposition, but this is just not true. Candidates' positions need to be sought out, their ideas need to be reviewed and their tenure in Congress or their professional life beforehand needs to be scrutinized so that we can stop electing politicians and start electing senators and representatives.

The face of Congress may be changing. Maybe how we look at government and our civic responsibilities needs to change too.

— Christopher McGeady is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Science.



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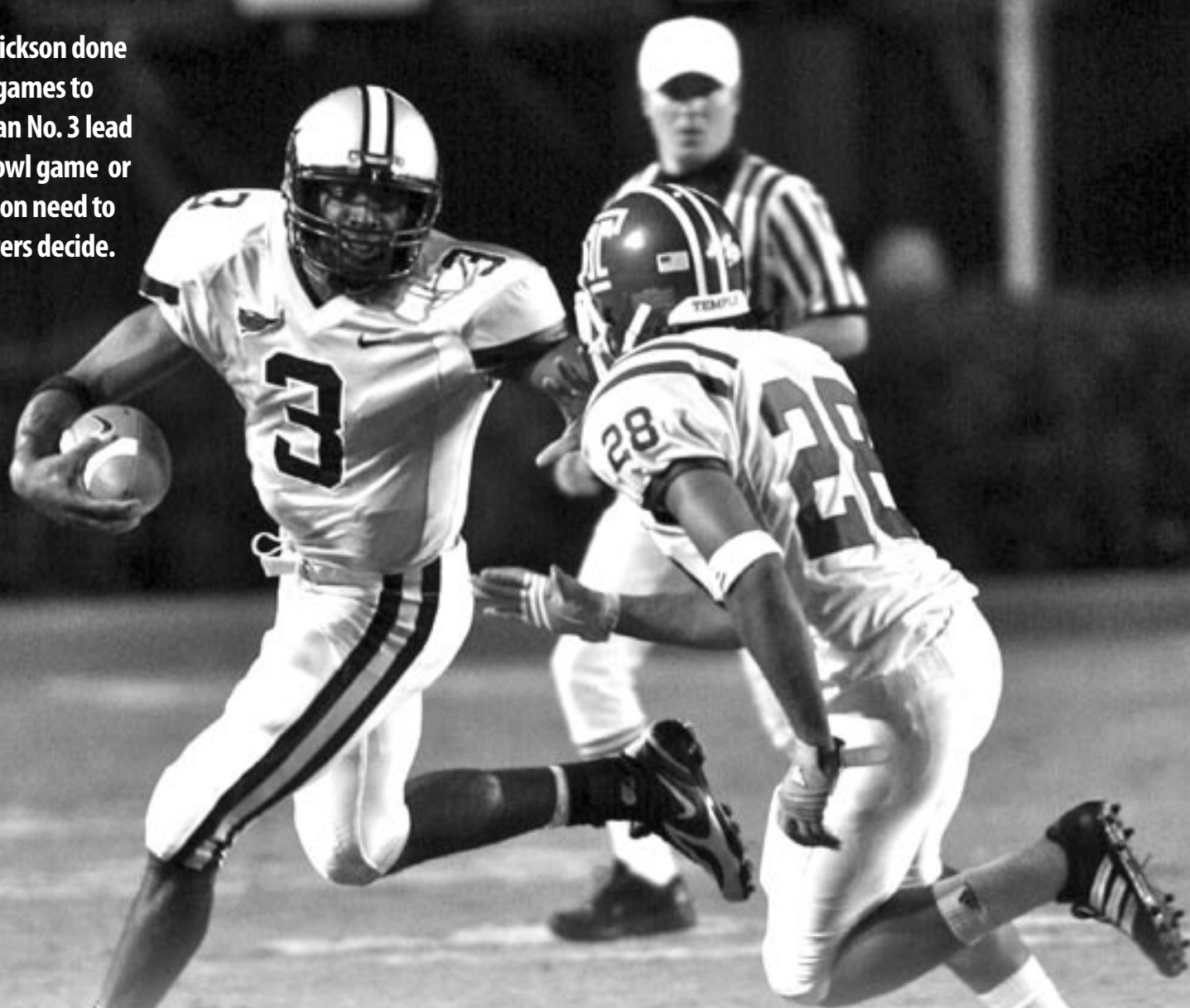


## SPORTS

FOOTBALL

## Nickson deserves to start rest of season

Has quarterback Chris Nickson done enough in the first five games to keep his job for good? Can No. 3 lead the Commodores to a bowl game or does coach Bobby Johnson need to make a switch? Our writers decide.



## GOOD CALL

By Andrew Barge  
SPORTS REPORTER

Before the Michigan game, coach Bobby Johnson named Chris Nickson as the starting quarterback. Redshirt freshman Mackenzi Adams has proven that he is capable of successfully leading this team and transfer Richard Kovalcheck came to Vanderbilt with over a year of starting experience under his belt. Still, Johnson stuck with Nickson.

Six weeks later, the Commodores sit at 2-3, leaving Vandy fans wondering if Nickson has earned the right to lead our team into the heart of conference play.

While he struggled to hit open receivers against a weak Temple defense, Nickson has definitely shown signs of improvement since his first start. After multiple fumbles against Michigan, he has learned how to protect the ball and can escape the pocket with ease.

His completion percentage still needs work, but the receivers definitely haven't helped in that department. The receiving corps was heralded as one of the deepest and most talented in recent years, but Earl Bennett and Steven Bright have been Nickson's only reliable targets. When Marlon White and George Smith start playing like they did against Tennessee in last season's finale, look for Nickson's passing numbers to dramatically improve.

Still, he has thrown for six touchdowns and just four interceptions. Throwing less than one pick per game is not easy to do for any first-year quarterback. So while Nickson has not made as many big plays as some would like, by limiting his mistakes, he's keeping his team in games.

The recent emergence of the rushing attack

puts balance into the offense, which will keep opposing defenses on their toes. Cassen Jackson-Garrison has put together solid performances after a rough first game and Jared Hawkins has proven to be a reliable backup.

This improvement, plus solid scrambling numbers from Nickson (236 rushing yards to go along with three scores) should give Southeastern Conference teams a reason to start worrying about Vandy's run rather than who is going to cover Earl Bennett. Again, this offensive balance should mean better numbers for our quarterback.

We also cannot overlook the importance of confidence. Not many first-year signal-callers have had to start off their careers at Michigan and Alabama. With two straight victories, expect Nickson to play better and more relaxed against Ole Miss.

We still have to be patient with Nickson's progress. After Jay Cutler's success last year, spoiled Commodore fans expect to see a second coming at quarterback this season. These fans have to remember that it took three years for Jay Cutler to develop into the quarterback he is today.

With four very winnable games left on the schedule, a bowl berth is still realistic at this point. Reaching a bowl for the first time in over 20 years will require focus, and our players don't need a quarterback controversy to distract them in the middle of SEC play.

For Nickson to achieve what Cutler couldn't, he'll need all the support he can get. His teammates and coaches are behind him. Vandy fans should start having faith too. ■

Chris Nickson has had his chance.

The sophomore quarterback has floundered during the first five games of the season, and it's time for a change in order to resurrect what's left of the Commodore season and lead a push towards a bowl berth.

Nickson is extremely talented, but his shortcomings outweigh any positives that he brings to the field. He is exceedingly careless with the football, forcing throws that often end up in the hands of opposing defenders, in addition to refusing to secure the ball when he is on the run.

His supposed dual-threat capabilities may improve the Dores' offensive potential, but his desire to run before passing and inability to hit open receivers plagues the team. Against the worst pass defense in the nation last week, Nickson could not put the ball in the hands of his receivers who were clear of defenders and literally waving for the delivery.

He had an abysmal three completions on 11 attempts midway through the second quarter against Temple. Under Nickson's leadership, the Dores struggled mightily against 1-AA TSU before the defense forced two turnovers and scored a touchdown. Against Temple, the Dores' running attack took all pressure off of Nickson, but he still could not find any sort of groove.

Think I'm being too hard on him? One pass Nickson threw on Saturday with no oncoming pass rush and George Smith open in the corner of the end zone ended up in the second row of the stands. It would be one thing if Nickson was our only option.

If by circumstance he was the only viable athlete who could manage our offense, then continuing to start him is justifiable. What we gain from Nickson's ability to evade defenders and to escape pressure is lost instantly when he fumbles on command or air-mails countless deliveries.

We are not an SEC power. We cannot afford to make careless mistakes if we want to defeat talented teams like Florida, Georgia, and Tennessee. What we do need is someone under center who can manage the game, manage the clock and get the ball in the hands of our strong receivers when necessary.

We need someone who won't be careless, who won't play quarterback in the same hesitant and causal attitude. Mackenzi Adams is that quarterback. He has a strong arm, excellent pocket presence and will not look to run every time he drops back to pass.

Adams is reasonably quick and elusive, and offensive coordinator Ted Cain will not have to change the plays he calls in order to accommodate his quarterback's unquenched desire to unsuccessfully make plays with his feet.

Coach Bobby Johnson should at least see what Adams can do with the first team offense rather than blindly putting his trust in his current starter. Nickson won the starting job by default after last season, simply because he had been in the system for one more year than Adams.

At a certain point, Johnson must at least consider the alternatives. ■

FOOTBALL

## Victory proves costly for Vandy

By Andrew Barge  
SPORTS REPORTER

Vanderbilt heads to Ole Miss in hope of earning its third win of the season. Coming off of an impressive performance against Temple, the Commodores have several banged up starters whose status for this weekend is uncertain. If the team is to continue its winning streak in Oxford, reserve players will have to step up and fill in the void.

Starters Marcus Buggs, Kevin Joyce and Brad Allen were just a few of the players that suffered injuries against Temple.

"We could have up to 5 or 6 starters out for this game," said coach Bobby Johnson. If that is the case, younger players will have to step up on Saturday.

Fortunately, true freshman Patrick Benoist proved that he could step in at the linebacker position after a solid eight-tackle performance against Temple. Johnson is confident that Benoist can help step in for Joyce at linebacker if needed.

"He is a real heady and reliable player," he said. "We're very pleased with his progress and we'll count on him to be able to play, maybe at weak side linebacker if Kevin (Joyce) is unable to play."

The Rebels face Vanderbilt after an emotional 14-9 loss against undefeated Georgia. Starting quarterback Brent Schaffer, formerly a backup at the University of Tennessee, transferred to Ole Miss this year from junior college. So far, Schaffer has struggled in the

new system, but his dual-threat style reminds Johnson of Chris Nickson.

"Both (Nickson and Schaffer) have good arms and you expect them to break through any second," he said. "They have made good throws and they can hurt you with their legs and do all kinds of things that set up other players."

Like any quarterback with scrambling ability, Johnson knows that the defensive line will have to put pressure on Schaffer to keep him from escaping the pocket.

"Schaffer has run around some very good players," Johnson said. "We're going to have to put pressure on him do when he does decide to pull it down and run, hopefully we will have people in position to contain him and keep

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Redshirt freshman Jared Hawkins fights for more yardage in Saturday's game against Temple. The backup running back scored twice on just three carries in Vanderbilt's 43-14 win over Temple. The Dores play Ole Miss this weekend.

COLUMN

## Writers have right to protect sources

*It's wrong that two authors are headed to jail while Bonds is still swinging for home run record.*

By Jarred Amato  
HUSTLER SPORTS EDITOR

While the sports world focuses its attention on the New York Yankees and Minnesota Twins, it has ignored the most important story.

It's a story about two journalists who are set to serve a maximum of 18 months in prison for simply doing their jobs.

Mark Fainaru-Wada and Lance Williams, reporters for the San Francisco Chronicle, took President Bush's advice when he said in a State of the Union Address that baseball needed to get rid of steroids.

The two used leaked federal grand jury testimony to write their book, "Game of Shadows," focusing on Barry Bonds' alleged steroid use and the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative. But, in order to get that information, Fainaru-Wada and Williams had to rely on confidential sources, and now the government is giving them quite the option: either reveal your sources or we'll lock you up.

Hold up a second. Bonds can continue to move closer to Hank Aaron's home run record and two Yankees, Jason Giambi and Gary Sheffield (who are also included in the BALCO investigation) can compete for a World Series, but two hardworking writers are going to jail for telling the truth? It doesn't make sense.

"Why don't Fainaru-Wada and Williams just give up their sources and cooperate with the government?"

people ask.

If the two Chronicle writers ever do decide to rat on their sources (which is extremely unlikely), the consequences will be grave. No one would ever trust them again, and, as investigative journalists who rely on confidential sources, their careers would be over.

Therefore, unless the government passes the Free Flow of Information Act of 2006, which would allow journalists to protect the identity of such sources in most instances, or it overturns the decision, Fainaru-Wada and Williams are headed to jail.

While the two writers should be commended for their bravery and commitment to their profession, it is sad that they are being put in such a predicament. By searching for the truth, Fainaru-Wada and Williams did the country a favor.

They didn't reveal information about national security or terrorism — what was gained from their reporting far outweighed any damage caused by the leak.

Because of their work, Barry Bonds is no longer glorified, sports, especially baseball, are no longer full of cheaters, and young kids are finally aware of the harmful effect of steroids.

While Fainaru-Wada and Williams are technically breaking the law by refusing to reveal who leaked federal grand jury information, "obeying the law and doing the right thing are not always compatible," said the Boston Globe's Steve Bailey.

How about we change the law? ■

## Teams gear up for softball playoffs



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Junior Michael Moustoukas, a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, in action yesterday at the Vanderbilt Recreation Center. Playoffs for intramural softball begin Monday.

## FOOTBALL: Dores get running game going

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him in the pocket."

Complementing Schaffer is junior running back BenJarvus Green-Ellis. Coming off an impressive 135-yard rushing performance against Georgia, Green-Ellis is ranked third in the SEC in rushing and is averaging 4.8 yards per carry.

Stopping the rushing attack would force the struggling Schaffer to hurry against an improved Commodore secondary. With Ole Miss ranked last in passing offense among SEC teams, this match-up should work in Vanderbilt's favor.

The Commodores continue to benefit

from a running game that improves every week. Cassen Jackson-Garrison and Jared Hawkins combined for four rushing touchdowns against Temple. Continued success on the ground against Ole Miss would allow Nickson to relax in the pocket and rebound from a sub-par performance in his last game.

Johnson credits the offensive line as a major part of the running game's success.

"Our offensive line did a really good job of blocking and our backs are getting the ball into the end zone," he said. "If we can continue that, no matter who we are playing, that would be a big help to our passing game. It would take pressure

off of Chris (Nickson) and hopefully we can get some things going [in our passing game]."

A win over Ole Miss would put the Commodores within three victories of a bowl berth. Lately, Ole Miss has struggled and Vanderbilt has won two in a row, but don't expect the Rebels to go down without a fight.

Recent contests between the teams suggest that this weekend's game will be hard-fought until the final play, and senior Steven Bright knows it.

"I always look forward to playing Ole Miss," he said. "Every game time we play, the game seems to come down to the very end." ■

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