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ADMINISTRATION

Braeburn under fire

At Vanderbilt University,

the board is trying to rein in star chancellor E. Gordon Gee, without running him off. >>



Vanderbilt paid more than \$6 million, never approved by the full board, to renovate and enlarge Braeburn, the Greek-revival university-owned mansion where Mr. Gee and his wife, Constance, live. The university pays for the Gees' frequent parties and personal chef there. >>



Some trustees' concern was aroused when they learned that Mrs. Gee was using marijuana at the mansion. The chancellor told some trustees she was using it for an inner-ear ailment. To these trustees, the incident demonstrated that Mr. Gee needed to be more accountable to the board. >>

Now change is afoot. **Trustees recently**

created a subcommittee to monitor Mr. Gee's spending. For the first time, the full board will get reports about his expenditures and pay package. A second new board committee is scrutinizing potential conflicts of interest. >>

—from Sept. 26 Wall Street Journal article "Vanderbilt Reins in Lavish Spending by Star Chancellor"



JONATHAN DIETZ / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Braeburn, the chancellor's residence located in Belle Meade, underwent over \$6 million in renovations upon Gee's arrival.

Front-page article in the Sept. 26 Wall Street Journal sparks response from members of the Vanderbilt community, Nashville residents and alumni.

Student Reaction

"To anyone, million seems like a lot, but in light of what he has done for the university, I think he is fairly compensated. If he were to leave because of the outcry, it would cost he university much more than \$6 million. It's not like he stole money from the university. I think he was justified in his spending."

—sophomore Luke Bidikov

"I was unaware of the allegations leveled toward Constance Gee, but that is a personal matter for the Gees to resolve. There wasn't anything else that I would say surprised me to a considerable degree. I think the article actually shows that Vanderbilt has a place among the most elite universities. We're going to be subjected to scrutiny more than we expect, and I think the university will be able to respond to it."

— senior Kyle Southern

allegations were pretty unrelated to the university. I see it as a personal matter and think that the students I find that the Board of Trust's measures to increase transparency by monitoring Chancellor Gee's spending is evidence of good business practices, not an admission of guilt."

— senior Devin Donovan, Interhall president

"The marijuana issue regarding Constance Gee was kind of surprising. I actually had more the topic of spending at problems with that than what was said about Chancellor Gee. It's just very unbecoming will understand that. because she is such a strong representative of the university."

> —sophomore Maggie Morrow

University Keaction

"There has always been a pretty thorough process for review of expenditures other financial matters. What we are doing now is making it more rigorous and more in-depth."

—Michael Schoenfeld, Vice Chancellor for Public

"I think the article is terrible journalism. The article engages in guilt by association by detailing all of these other instances of academic scandal. We don't have any instances of academic scandal here. Second, there is a lot of use of unattributed sources. That is always problematic in journalism. Last, it is very gossipy. So from the standpoint of good journalism, I would say some people would question the ethics of it."

—Paul Dokecki, Human and Organizational Development professor

"Vanderbilt has certainly taken a hard hit, but one must realize this is any issue that faces universities across the country. We are not the only ones under scrutiny. As one can read from the article, the Board of Trust has and is making changes as we speak to bring some clarity to the issue."

—Alice Ji, Young Alumni

For more reactions from the media, alumni and parents, see WALL STREET JOURNAL page 3.

Constance Gee accused of marijuana use

Article links allegations of drugs in mansion to medicinal purposes.



Constance Gee, associate professor of Public Policy and Education in Peabody College and wife of Chancellor Gordon Gee, was accused of using marijuana in the chancellor's residence in a Wall

By Allison Smith ASST NEWS EDITOR

In a Wall Street Journal article printed Sept. 26, the reporters wrote that subcommittees to monitor Chancellor Gordon Gee's spending were formed after some trustees learned that the chancellor's wife, Constance Gee was using marijuana in their Belle Meade mansion.

Constance Gee is an associate professor of Public Policy and Education in Peabody

Gee said he would not comment directly the allegations in the Wall Street Journal article concerning Mrs. Gee's use of

"I don't talk about those issues," he said. "Those are personal issues, but I will say that my wife has been very ill with Meniere's Disease over the last several years, in fact it's just been two years, and it's a very debilitating disease, and she spent about almost four months on our bathroom floor with vertigo, and I just don't comment on those issues. Other than to say that she's feeling better, and we have addressed her health concerns and I'm grateful for that."

Meniere's Disease is a disorder of the

inner ear that affects hearing and balance. According to WebMD.com, the disease causes sudden attacks of vertigo, tinnitus and temporary loss of hearing.

According to CNN.com, nine states have passed laws that allow marijuana for medicinal use. Tennessee is not one of those states. Doctors in the Otolaryngology Department at Vanderbilt University Medical Center declined to comment on

Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs Michael Schoenfeld would not comment specifically on the issue or any reprimand that Mrs. Gee received in response to this incident.

"All relevant and appropriate university policies and procedures were followed," he

Gee gave the same response, saying, "The procedures that we follow for every faculty and staff member at the university, and my wife is a faculty member, were followed in

According to the Drug and Alcohol Policy for Vanderbilt Faculty and Staff, "The university prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of alcohol and illicit drugs by faculty and staff on its property or as part

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Chancellor Gordon Gee

Allison Malone Glenna DeRoy

Chancellor Gordon Gee responds to questions from The Vanderbilt Hustler regarding the highly-anticipated Sept. 26 article in the Wall Street Journal.

VANDERBILT HUSTLER: Are you surprised about any information that was in the Wall Street Journal article?

GORDON GEE: When you're at a great university and when you are a very senior university president like I am, you have a target on your chest, and you take that for both its good and ill points.

VH: Is all the information in the article factual?

GG: Well, I mean, let me just say that I plead quilty in the sense that yes, I am the highest paid university president in the country, I am also the senior university president in the country, yes, we live in a very big home, and we do a lot of entertaining, so I plead guilty to all of those, and the other part of the information for which I plead quilty to is the fact the we have raised lots of money and the university is doing incredibly well, which all ties together in my view.

VH: How do you think that the new subcommittees will impact the way the university spends money?

GG: I think always the issue is one of transparency, which The Hustler has talked about, and which I agree with, and the second issue is making certain that there is a balance between the general offices of the university being able to do what they do at the same time making certain that we have that transparency with the board. The lawyers that we have hired to work with us over the last year tell us that we are on the very cutting edge of governance in private institutions.

VH: Do you think that members of the Board of Trust feel as if they are "in the loop" most of the time?

GG: There are 41 of them, and there's one of me and that's one of the challenges I face as university chancellor. And there are 10,000 students and one of me, and there's 20,000 faculty and staff and there's one of me, so the question is does everyone feel like they're in the loop? No. Do we have a procedure to make certain that we are following best practices in terms of informing people? We do have that.

VH: What corporate boards do you plan to leave?

GG: I've sat for a long time on five corporate boards, and there was a recommendation made by corporate governance groups that individuals probably should not sit on any more than three boards, so I agreed with my new letter of agreement that I would move back to three and I haven't decided which of those that I'm going to move on from. I'm an unusual person in that sitting on a corporate board has been like playing golf to me. It is my hobby.

VH: What other changes were made to your letter of agreement? GG: Well, it just further extends my time and my commitment to the university for the next five years. When I came, I had a letter of agreement and in that letter it talked about my duties and responsibilities and the duties and the responsibilities of the university to me, and after five years, the Board felt that it was time to revisit that and make certain that I was happy and that they were happy, and so we have a new letter of agreement, which is very affirming to me, and I hope to the university and to the Board.

VH: We were wondering about the allegations in the WSJ article concerning your wife and the use of marijuana.

GG: Well I don't talk about those issues. Those are personal issues and I will say that my wife has been very ill with Meniere's disease over the last several years, in fact it's just been two years, and it's a very debilitating disease, and she spent about almost four months on our bathroom floor with vertigo, and I just don't comment on those issues. Other than to say that she's feeling better, and we have addressed her health concerns, and I'm grateful for that.

VH: Is there a conflict between Vanderbilt's alcohol and drug policies and the resolution of this incident?

GG: I can say this, the procedures that we follow for every faculty and staff member at the university, and my wife is a faculty member, were followed in this instance.

VH: We've heard that your relationship with your wife has suffered considerably as a result of this ordeal.

GG: Well you know I can say that we work everyday on our relationship.

VH: Is divorce on the table at this point?

GG: No, no, no, no. I mean we work every day on our relationship, marriage is a long-time relationship, and we work very hard at it.

Read the complete transcript and listen to the podcast of The Hustler's interview with Chancellor Gordon Gee on InsideVandy.com.



QUOTABLE

"It will stop all the speculation, all the politics about somebody saying something about Iraq; you know, somebody trying to confuse the American people about the nature of this enemy."

— President George W. Bush

President Bush said Tuesday that he would declassify an intelligence document that reportedly finds that the Iraq war increased the terrorist threat to the United States.

The president said the media accounts of the leak of the National Intelligence Estimate were meant to "create confusion in the minds of the American people" and suggested that the report had been leaked for political purposes.



NOTABLE

Former Enron financial chief Andrew Fastow, known as the mastermind behind the collapse of Enron, was sentenced to six years in prison Tuesday - a lighter sentence than the 10 years he agreed to in his original plea agreement.

Fastow appeared before U.S. District Judge Ken Hoyt in Houston amid a throng of reporters and victims of the fraud that cost Enron shareholders billions of dollars. Hoyt sentenced him to 72 months in jail and two years of supervised probation following his release.

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Compiled by Allison Smith

Outdoor Recreation activity deadlines

Sign up by this Friday, Sept. 29 for the Sea Kayaking & Camping Trip on Oct. 6-7, Horseback Riding Trip on Oct. 7 and River Clean-Up via Canoeing Trip on Oct. 8. The Outdoor Recreation Center is open from noon until 6 p.m. on Friday.

Latin American Studies film presentation

The Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies will show "The Fall of Fujimori" tonight in 103 Wilson Hall from 7 to 9 p.m. The director of the film, Ellen Perry, will also be there to answer questions after the screening of her powerful portrait of former Peruvian president Alberto Fujimori.

Women and Gender Studies lecture

Rosemarie Garland-Thomson. "Can Disability be Chic?: High Fashion Images of Disability in Late Capitalism" will held in 4327 Stevenson Center on Friday, Sept. 29 at 4 p.m.

NPR to speak at Vanderbilt Law School tonight

Kevin Klose, president and chief executive officer for National Public Radio, America's premier non-profit news and cultural radio programming service, will speak about journalism and democracy in the context of current world events, on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 4:30 p.m. in Flynn Auditorium at the Vanderbilt Law School. This presentation is free and open to the public.

VUDM: Miracle Game

VU Dance Marathon invites everyone to its Miracle Game—the VU vs. Temple football game—on Saturday, Sept. 30. There will be a presentation of the game ball to a Miracle Family and donation sites around the stadium. Visit www.vudm.org for more information.

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VUPD CRIME LOG

Compiled by Allison Smith

Sept. 25, 11:57 a.m.—A computer was stolen at 1215 Medical Center Drive.

Sept. 25, 2:00 p.m.—Officers arrested a driver at 25th Avenue South and Vanderbilt Place for driving on a suspended license.

Sept. 25, 4:54 p.m.—Officers arrested a driver at 21st Avenue South and Dixie Place for driving on a suspended license.

Sept. 26, 12:34 a.m.—A simple assault was reported at 2200 Children's Way (VU Children's Hospital)

Sept. 26, 8:45 a.m.—Officers arrested a suspect for a drug equipment violation at 21st Avenue South and Scarritt Place.

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

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Presidents collaborate to increase interaction between SGA, Interhall

Lancaster and Donovan now chair four committees together.

By Darcy Newell ASST NEWS EDITOR

Boone Lancaster and Devin Donovan, presidents of SGA and Interhall, respectively, will serve together on four committees.

The committees that involve both organizations include Security, Environmental Affairs, Dining, Common Ground Executive Board and Student Athletic Advisory Committee.

"As Vanderbilt is becoming increasingly integrated between academic and student life, we really see our jurisdiction and constituencies overlapping," Donovan said. "Most of the issues that we face, such as security, are not

specifically student life or residence life issues. They interact, and so a program like Dorewalks, which is held in the dorms and typically walks students to or from a dorm, really needs to be a joint initiative between a campus-wide organization and a residence life-based organization."

The Security Committee, which is made up of representatives from both organizations, is responsible for recent additions to Vanderbilt's campaign for on-campus security such as the improvements to Vandy Vans and Dorewalks. The committee meets periodically with VUPD to discuss how to improve Vanderbilt security.

Future Leaders is another program that has traditionally been operated by SGA, but is now administered and funded by both organizations. It is a leadership program geared toward first year students. The students, who must apply to participate, listen to presentations by administrators and student leaders about networking and involvement on the Vanderbilt campus. The students are then asked to plan an event with the skills they have learned.

"We realized at the end of last year that it just kind of made sense for future leaders on our campus to be working together and to learn about both organizations," Lancaster said.

Another jointly funded program that was just voted on last week is the Sustained Dialogue project, which came out of the Multicultural Affairs committee last year. The program will have weekly meetings of groups of 15 students who will engage in a sustained dialogue about a specific issue.

"The idea really is to just pull in students that otherwise would not be a part of this discussion and help people understand some of the difficulties that are existing on the university's campus," Lancaster said. "It's something that, with Vanderbilt and some of the bad press we got last year in regards to diversity, we really think will be a good program for our student population to be running."

"We're continually looking for opportunities like the Dinner Discussions program, which began as an Interhall initiative, but then turned into a joint initiative when we realized that SGA had some resources in its Issue Awareness Committee that could be of assistance with certain aspects of the program," said Donovan said. "We're proactively seeking ways in which to work together because we really want to utilize all the resources that we have."

"The more unified the student voice, the better represented the student body will be," Lancaster said.

—Glenna DeRoy contributed reporting for this article. lacktriangle



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Media Reaction

"If you don't know already, I attended Vanderbilt (graduated in 2004) and have nothing but praise for the way Chancellor Gee runs the school. We are on a first-name basis and have exchanged emails over the years, so I do not have the appropriate level of distance necessary to give an unbiased opinion. I will say, however, that \$1.4 million is outrageously high. Gee's annual compensation is 'among the highest for U.S. university leaders' which, while absurd, is indicative of a national trend towards big paychecks in academia."

-Claire Suddath, in a post on Nashville Scene's "Pith in the Wind" blog entitled "Keep Your Eye on the Bow Tie: Vanderbilt Chancellor in WSJ"

"A former president of Brown University is making headlines for his alleged spending spree as chancellor of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. E. Gordon Gee, who raised eyebrows after leaving Brown so soon after he got there, is the subject of a Wall Street Journal report outlining the \$6 million renovation of his campus mansion, \$700,000 in annual entertaining and other expenses, and a newly formed committee to watch over his expenditures."

—"WSJ: Vanderbilt Clamps Down On Former Brown President," Turnto10.com, Providence, R.I.

"A story in today's Wall Street Journal contained a look at oversight by Vanderbilt University trustees over Chancellor Gordon Gee. Included in the story was the fact that the chancellor's wife, Constance Gee, has smoked marijuana in the university-owned mansion. Michael J. Schoenfeld, vice chancellor for public affairs at Vanderbilt, said today that Constance Gee is on faculty at the university, and that he cannot comment on whether or not she was reprimanded for using marijuana in the mansion."

—Ralph Loos in The Tennessean article, "WSI article says Constance Gee smoked marijuana in Vandy"

Visit us online at InsideVandy.com for continuing coverage of the **Wall Street Journal** story including:

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Alumni Reaction

"I have been at Vandy, working in alumni relations, for 23 years, and I have to say that the alumni at Vanderbilt feel as positive about where Vanderbilt is going right now as I have seen in my 23 years here, and they credit a lot of that to not only Gordon but to the leadership team he has put in place here."

—Robert Early, Executive Associate Vice Chancellor for Development and Alumni Relations

"There are a lot of stakeholders at Vanderbilt, both students and faculty. It's prudent for the school to look at how money is spent. There should be multiple checks and balances about how money is spent."

—Neil Vigdor, member of Metro New York Vanderbilt Alumni Chapter

and the marijuana, so I'm sure the media will have a field day with that. It probably will not effect my giving to the university, but I will follow the story with interest and see where it goes."

"It's bizarre, especially about his wife

-Kurt Schmalz, from Los Angeles, Cali.

expenditures were allowed to happen. It's part of his job to entertain so some of it I can understand. I don't know how he's generally viewed, but it does seem to be an exorbitant package he earns. Overall,

has he been good for Vanderbilt? Yeah,

"I'm wondering why the trustees'

supervision of the chancellor was

so "loosey-goosey" that all of these

-Mattie Darby, from Baltimore, Md.

Parent Reaction

"We have had a little bit of response from parents, and I have been pleasantly surprised that the response that we have gotten has been more positive than negative. We have gotten three positive responses, and one negative one."

—Sheryl Rogers, executive director of Alumni Relations

"As a parent of a current student, someone married to an alum, an alum and president of the Alumni Association, my thoughts are that the university is adequately handling the situation. In my dealings with the chancellor, I can't imagine he would do anything intentionally or unintentionally to jeopardize the university. We trust the Board of Trust to handle this and make the changes that they have seemingly already started to put in place."

-Karen Fesmire, parent and president of the Alumni Association

C. GEE: Faculty Handbook outlines punishment for drug use

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of any university-sponsored activity. The prohibition extends to off-campus activities that are officially sponsored by Vanderbilt, its schools, departments or organizations."

If an employee is found in violation of this policy, "the university will impose disciplinary sanctions on faculty and staff, up to and including termination of employment and referral for prosecution."

Further, employment at Vanderbilt may become contingent upon the completion of a rehabilitation program.

The alcohol and drug policy set forth in the Student Handbook is similar to the employees' requirements.

The handbook states that "the use or distribution of illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia is prohibited."

According to the handbook, "Violation of this policy will result in serious disciplinary action, which may include suspension or expulsion for the first offense, and may also result in criminal prosecution."

Jeannine Atkinson, director of Vanderbilt's Office of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Prevention, said she is "sure there will be some effect" of the Wall Street Journal's allegations of Mrs. Gee's marijuana use.

"A lot of it will depend upon the individual's belief system concerning marijuana," Atkinson said. "It's evident that any person can get into using or abusing a substance without realizing the possible consequences. It can happen to any one of us, even if we are intelligent people."■



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CEO of National **Public Radio** addresses journalism and democracy on campus

Klose to speak today at Vanderbilt Law School's Flynn Auditorium.

> By Kay Robinson CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Kevin Klose, president and chief executive officer of National Public Radio, will give a speech entitled "Journalism and Democracy" today at 4:30 p.m. in Flynn Auditorium at the Vanderbilt Law School.

Klose's talk will discuss the relationship between the two often interrelated concepts of journalism and democracy in light of current world events, especially the war in Iraq.

According to Rob Gordon, president and general manager of Nashville's NPR affiliate, the talk should be very interactive, with Klose only lecturing for about half the time he is scheduled to speak.

He also said that the discussion should be very lively, given the contentious topic and the audacious nature of the audience.

"We've asked him to take questions, and I've spoken to some listeners who have some really pointed questions that will make the talk really interesting," Gordon said, citing one listener in particular who is convinced NPR's coverage is biased.

"We have reporters that are stationed full time in Iraq, and as a network, we have experience, and Kevin in particular has experience with the problems faced by the media in such situations," Gordon

Though no longer an active reporter, Klose has recently visited reporters in Baghdad and Lebanon.

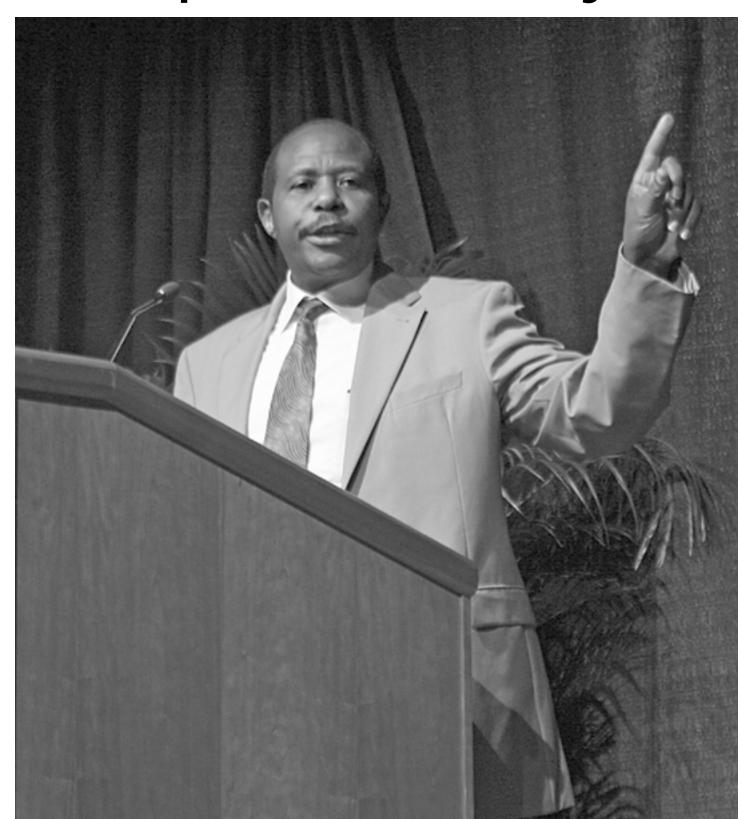
"The speech will be a fascinating firsthand account," Gordon said. "Our reporters have actually had their vehicles fired upon as they go into the city trying to get their stories."

Gordon said Klose has a unique perspective on these issues as a journalist who has extensive experience in the field and as a successful

"One of the things I admire about Kevin is that he came to NPR with a strong journalism background," he said. "It's rare for a journalist to be an executive. If you look around at most networks, they're not run by journalists."

Before joining NPR's staff, Klose was an editor and national and foreign correspondent to The Washington Post. He also managed the U.S. government's global radio and television program from 1997 to 1998. ■

Paul Rusesabagina, inspiration for 'Hotel Rwanda, speaks on sadness of 1994 genocide



MASON HENSLEY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Paul Rusesabagina spoke Monday in the Student Life Center. Rusesabagina shared his experience during the Rwandan genocide and related it to the current situation in Darfur. He emphasized the responsibility that our generation has to succeed where our parents have failed in the pursuit of human rights for all.



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Vanderbilt Visions requires attendance at new VUT production

Some freshmen doubt effect of play, Visions program on adjustment to college.

By Harish Krishnamoorthi STAFF REPORTER

This year, the Vanderbilt Visions program requires all freshmen to attend the Vanderbilt University Theater presentation of "The

Last spring, Vanderbilt's Norms and Values Committee worked with VU Theater to select a play that would be both relevant to students and feasible for the university to produce, and "The Shape of Things," by Neil LaBute, was the final choice.

In the play, a female graduate student seduces a male undergraduate into changing his appearance and character. However, she has an ulterior motive for changing the young student.

"I think one of the things that's really neat about it is it's three undergraduates and a graduate student, I believe, so it's very accessible to this audience," said Sydney Larson, president of VUcept. "I think it will be something that people will really connect with.

"There's a lot of swearing, and it's very real. I think more than some of the other plays that we were looking at, it will be something that

a lot of people are really able to identify with and therefore be able to get more out of it."

Vanderbilt Visions is the new extended orientation program for the incoming freshmen. Meeting in groups of 20 once a week, the freshmen read articles about aspects of campus life, such as integrity, relationships and personal accountability, and they discuss them during the meeting.

"One of the things we're hoping [the play] will make people think about is that in college a lot of people are trying to figure out what and whom they really value and what they're going to allow to influence them and what they're deciding on their own," said Larson.

"You're on your own and you don't have Mom and Dad saying, 'Do this' or 'Do that.' You realize you can pretty much do whatever you want and nobody's really going to say yes or no. So I think it's really important to think about what you're letting influence you."

However, some freshmen are skeptical of the play's role in shaping their freshman experience.

"I like the idea [of Vanderbilt Visions] but I think some of the issues we talk about aren't very relative to the adjustment," said Micah O'Hare, a freshman.

"I haven't seen [the play] yet so I don't know what it's about but I don't think it's going to help me get adjusted."

The most common criticism of Vanderbilt Visions and its relation to the play is that it is mandatory for the freshmen to attend.

"I just don't understand what they think we're going to get out of it," said Sam Woods, another freshman.

"We talk about things we already know. Why should we have a required class that we can get suspended for?"

Larson believes that Vanderbilt Visions is too young a program to

have an immediate impact on the groups just yet. "I think a lot of people that are going through it may realize a little

bit more in retrospect how much they got out of it," said Larson. "There are some sections struggling more than others, but I think

that on the whole, it's going well, and people are enjoying it for a variety of reasons."■

—Glenna DeRoy contributed reporting for this article.

Dining tests new card readers

Goal is to decrease transaction time to five seconds.

By Ryan Farha

Vanderbilt Dining has added four new off-campus restaurants to the Taste of Nashville program, but obstacles, such as slow card readers, have caused long lines in the most popular restaurants.

Restaurants that participate in the Taste of Nashville program use card readers issued by the Commodore Card Office to conduct transactions. The card readers run on dial-up modems which must connect every time a transaction occurs.

This process causes delays of 15 to 25 seconds per transaction, often causing long lines at Taste of Nashville locations most frequented by students, such as Chili's and Bread and Company.

Rick Wood, the manager of the Card office, said the office is considering ways to improve service, especially at high-volume merchants.

"We are looking at potentially allowing them to use a modem that will be connected all the time," he said. "It reduces the timeframe from 20 seconds to

Wood said this plan will soon be implemented in a testing stage at one of the high-volume restaurants, but he would not name the restaurant.

In addition, Wood says a new card reader which connects to the internet could potentially be tested by next semester. Nevertheless, he stresses the importance of improving the technology that is

"If we can get something set up where the merchants are down to five seconds, then I think that would eliminate most of our problems," he said.

The new restaurants added this semester are Cabana and Sunset Grill on Belcourt Avenue, and Obie's Pizza and Schlotzky's on West End Avenue.

Vanderbilt Dining Coordinator Jim Shadburne said the new additions are meant to increase students' dining options.

"We're always trying to find new things and new restaurants to be part of the program in order to give the students more selection and more variety," he

The four new restaurants brought the total number in the program to 19, until McDougal's Village Coop chose to withdraw.

"It was a business decision that they made, and they thought it was in their best interests to do that," Shadburne said.

The manager of McDougal's would not comment on the decision when contacted by telephone.

Student appears on Fox News

Donnelly interviewed about Sept. 11 forum.

By Allison Malone

Junior Chris Donnelly discussed a Sept. 11 forum held at Vanderbilt last night on "Hannity and Colmes," a Fox News commentary program.

Donnelly was asked to comment about a video of the forum featuring professor James Lawson's remarks. In the video clip, Lawson said "The attack on Islam has been misplaced. The most violent religion in the world for the past 500 years at least has been Christianity."

"I saw the Sept. 11 forum, and I thought it was a missed opportunity because there was no dialogue, so I contacted a group, Young America's Foundation, and I talked to some people there," Donnelly said after the show aired. "They lifted the video from the Vanderbilt Web site to get the footage and transcribed it. They sent it to right-wing media contacts, and Sean Hannity picked it up."

On the show, Donnelly called the forum "uninformative and unhelpful" because of the liberal bias of the nine professors on the panel. He also

said the professors' comments were anti-American. When Hannity asked about the conservative "There was no conservative voice, not even a moderate voice, only voices from the left."

Donnelly told Hannity that he spoke up to question professor Michael Bess at the panel. He said, "The professor basically shot me

down. He said we should put ourselves in al-Qaida's shoes." When Colmes provided a liberal counterpoint to his argument, Donnelly cited one professor's

quotes as an example of liberal bias. He said,

"James Lawson said that racism, slavery and Navajo genocide contributed to Sept. 11." "I was particularly concerned with Rev. Lawson's comments," Donnelly after the interview. "I respect his achievements in the 1960s civil rights movement, but at this point, I am not sure what his value is on this campus

in terms of the rhetoric he exhibited at the 9/11 At the end of the interview, Hannity said, "I hope that more students like you will film these kinds of things so that we can hold professors accountable and expose these liberal

"I hope this brings attention to the problem we



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OUR VIEW

Vanderbilt is still standing

The Vanderbilt Hustler first reported on the Wall Street Journal's investigation of Chancellor Gordon Gee on Sept. 4. Since that time, over three weeks' worth of worry and anticipation have been building up regarding the contents of the article. Yesterday, the story finally came, all 3,000-plus words of it, and all of us who have been eagerly awaiting its arrival are a little unimpressed.

Most of this is old news. Gee even predicted some of the article's main points as far back as the Fall Faculty Assembly on Aug. 24, saying, "Do I think it will say some good things about us? Yes. Do I think it will say some particularly irritating things for me? Absolutely. It will say that 'they bought him to come from Brown, they renovated his house, they paid him a lot of money. That was the reason that he came." He nailed it.

Gee may not have predicted the particularly irritating things the article said about his wife. The Wall Street Journal cites her for outspoken liberalism and smoking marijuana on university property. While the latter is definitely illegal and may reveal an unsurprising double standard between students and the chancellor's wife, it is hardly worthy of noting in the Wall Street Journal.

The Wall Street Journal reporters, Joann Lublin and Daniel Golden, are blatantly attempting to convict Gee by association. In the few paragraphs that do not focus directly on Vanderbilt, they bring up three university presidents who have been forced to retire or indicted for committing fraud. However, there are no accusations of fraud in Gee's case. These references simply allow them to claim that the story is about general trends in higher education, rather than just a swipe at Vanderbilt.

The real story here is the board's apparent ignorance of the goings-on within the university for the past five years. The board should definitely be aware of Gee's spending habits, which should be thoroughly reviewed and kept in check. In an interview with The Hustler, Gee said that he was concerned with transparency, and, as the article says, the board has already initiated steps to become more involved in the chancellor's spending. It is disconcerting that this wasn't done earlier, but at least it is being done. We hope to see results soon.

Students on campus are similarly in the dark regarding how the university is run, which is unacceptable. Most students and alumni who commented to The Hustler supported Chancellor Gee, but many probably are totally uneducated about the business of the university. Hopefully, if this article does anything, it serves as a wake-up call to students and student media- we should make sure to hold the administration and the board of trust accountable for decisions made concerning our university.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Speakers Committee addresses ticket issues

To the Editor:

This is a letter to the Vanderbilt and Nashville community regarding the Speakers Committee presentation of Paul Rusesabagina on Monday night, and it will hopefully dispel some of the complaints I am anticipating from those who weren't able to attend the event. It was impossible to predict the incredible draw Paul Rusesabagina would have, and it is unfortunate that some were disappointed that they couldn't attend. Speakers Committee is a studentrun organization charged with bringing distinguished and accomplished speakers to campus in order to contribute to the academic and intellectual environment. The last thing we want to do is turn people away.

The vast majority of tickets were sold on Thursday and Friday of last week, and a week before the event there were still hundreds of tickets available. Ironically, we were concerned that we weren't going to sell enough tickets! The choice to host the event

at the Student Life Center, with its capacity of 825, was based on the limited options for speaking space. Langford Auditorium was the preferred choice with a capacity of 1154, but it is effectively out of service for the year due to construction. Posters and fliers were put up weeks ago publicizing the event, and students had ample time to purchase tickets. A press release was issued to the Tennessean, yet it was printed Monday, after tickets had already sold out.

In the future, we will be simulcasting our events, and we will do our best to get the word out as soon as possible. We will be getting posters out more than two weeks prior to an event and will be pursuing other advertising methods for getting the word to the community. However, the members of Speakers Committee cannot take responsibility if students do not pick up tickets or read the fine print that says they need them. We also cannot take responsibility if students wait until the day of or a day

before the event to purchase tickets.

There will be many other distinguished speakers on campus this year, both hosted by us and by a myriad of other organizations. Please continue to come to events. However, to ensure your admission, read the posters and get tickets early. Doing so ensures your admittance, gives the organizers an idea of the crowd they can expect and allows time to put together secondary measures, such as simulcasting, to accommodate larger

On Wednesday, Nov. 15, the Speakers Committee will be hosting Jamie-Lynn Sigler, the actress who plays Meadow on the HBO series "The Sopranos." Tickets are not on sale yet, but keep an eye out for posters with all the details as the event draws near. We hope to see you there.

> Nate Meltzer Co-Chair of Vanderbilt University **Speakers Committee**

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Students encouraged to consider teaching

To the Editor:

I am writing regarding the article published on Sept. 22 regarding Teach For America. As a Vanderbilt alumnus currently starting my first year in the classroom with TFA, I certainly have an interest in Vanderbilt students entering the program. I teach chemistry and physical science in Forrest City, Ark. My experience has been both amazing and extremely challenging. It is, however, the most rewarding experience of my life.

Teach For America does an incredible job at recruiting and training teachers. They make an effort to recruit from schools like Vanderbilt because competitive college

graduates have a work ethic second to none. TFA teachers work relentlessly to make significant gains in the classroom as well as in the low income communities in which they teach.

Finally, being a member of Teach For America has limitless benefits. because TFA recruits strong student leaders, the members of the program are some of the most competitive and driven people in the country. Having connections to this group allows members to develop ties to businesses, grad schools and policy makers. I ultimately want to go to medical school, and TFA provides connections to some of the best schools in the country. Plus, the skills

used in the classroom to manage a group of 30 students are skills that can be used throughout life in every situation.

I would like to encourage anyone who is remotely interested in Teach For America to find out more about the program. It really is an amazing experience that will teach you the skills to succeed for the rest of your life, all while you teach some incredible young people that desperately need a good education. Good luck to the Class of 2007 and go Dores.

> **Davis Blanton** Vanderbilt Alumnus Class of '06

COLUMN

Marijuana is a victim of government propaganda

"By the tons, it is coming into this country—the deadly, dreadful poison that racks and tears not only the body, but the very heart and soul of every human being

Drawing the Line

MATA BURKE

who once becomes a slave to it in any of its cruel and devastating forms..." In the 1930s, this and many other alarming statements in the San Francisco Examiner incited national opposition against the use of marijuana, a dried form of the Cannabis sativa plant. Marijuana is now the focus of many heated debates raging across the country. The plant has been used globally for more than 8,000 years as cloth, rope, food and medicine. In 1619, a law was passed in the Jamestown colony requiring all farmers to grow the Cannabis plant. However, in modern times, an individual caught possessing even a small amount of marijuana is immediately fined and/or thrown into jail. One may wonder why a naturally grown plant with many practical and beneficial uses was suddenly criminalized in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The answer to this question may come as a shock to many.

The truth is that marijuana was originally criminalized as a result of racism, corruption and corporate greed. In the early 1900s, American laborers were becoming apprehensive about the large influx of Mexican immigrants into the country. With the onset of the Great Depression, Americans were desperate for jobs and despised Mexican immigrants, who were a source of cheap labor. This animosity towards the Mexicans was soon connected with marijuana, which many of them brought into the country. In addition, many white Americans connected marijuana use with the wild, "Satanic" music of Latino and African American jazz musicians.

Marijuana also posed an imminent threat to paper manufacturing companies. In fact, just before marijuana was made illegal, George Schlichten patented his hemp decorticator, a device that could have produced 50,000 tons of paper at half the price of wood pulp paper and saved countless acres of forest. Clearly, this was an unacceptable prospect to wood pulp paper manufacturers at the time. As a result, they launched a massive propaganda campaign, claiming that marijuana causes insanity, violence and death.

Sadly, this faulty association is still prevalent today. In reality, no one has ever died from an overdose of marijuana. The same cannot be said for alcohol and many common overthe-counter and prescription medicines that are readily available for consumption. This is not to say that smoking in general is not bad for your health; like any medicine, there are side effects to marijuana use. However, some people believe that the benefits of marijuana Please see BURKE, page 7

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COLUMN

Wartime calls for limits on civil liberties

Following the law is important, but we are fighting a war.

This past week, the issue of treatment of U.S.-held detainees in the war on terror has

CHRIS DONNELLY

come to the forefront, culminating in a deal reached between the White House and Sen. John McCain. McCain believes that the United States needs to strictly follow the Geneva Conventions when interrogating captured terrorists. The White House is concerned that if it is not able to use some methods of torture, it will not be able to fully fight the war on terror. There is a reasonable argument to be made for both sides, but I believe that right now, we are fighting a war against ruthless Islamo-fascists who want nothing more than to attack the United States again.

The question then becomes how far should the United States go to secure itself? Gen. Colin Powell, former secretary of state, sent President Bush a letter last week in which he wrote, "The world is beginning to doubt the moral basis of our fight against terrorism." While an argument could be made for this, I think it is hard to say that the United States uses the same type of tactics as people who

attack us. In past wars America has taken drastic steps to achieve its goals and we still view these actions as heroic. A perfect example of this is World War II. When the Allies bombed Germany in response to the Nazi attack on England, cities were destroyed and civilians were killed. In addition, we dropped a heavy amount of explosives over Japan, culminating with the two atomic bombs. However, the men who fought in that war are viewed as heroes, as is the United States for a country that defeated evil, fascist regimes.

In addition, presidents have often had to take measures in times of war that are viewed as Draconian, but in fact have helped to secure us. For instance, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln suspended habeas corpus rights for individuals, but he is still viewed by many not just in the United States, but also around the world as a great president. The same goes for Woodrow Wilson and Franklin Roosevelt. During their respective wars, they took some measures that limited the civil liberties of individuals, but they both won those wars for the United States

What is interesting is that in the case of terrorists detained by the United States, it is not clear that the Geneva Conventions apply to them. Geneva only applies to uniformed combatants fighting on behalf of

a sovereign state. Al Qaeda is not a state and these terrorists do not wear distinguishable uniforms. During a time of war like now, the executive branch must be able to exercise strong power to ensure that we are safe. As the Yale-educated, former Bush administration official John Yoo, now a professor at Berkley Law, wrote in The New York Times recently, "To his critics, Mr. Bush is a 'King George' bent on an 'imperial presidency'. But the inescapable fact is that war shifts power to the branch most responsible for its waging: the executive. A reinvigorated presidency enrages President Bush's critics, who seem to believe that the Constitution created a system of judicial or congressional supremacy. Perhaps this is to be expected of the generation of legislators that views the presidency through the lens of Vietnam and Watergate. But the founders intended that wrongheaded or obsolete legislation and judicial decisions would be checked by presidential action, just as executive overreaching is to be checked by the courts and Congress." This means that the White House may have to use unconventional techniques to get the information it needs from terrorists. After all, who is it going to blame if we're attacked again?

—Chris Donnelly is a junior in the College of Arts and Science.

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BURKE: Marijuana can have significant health benefits.

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use far outweigh its harmful effects when smoked. According to the Mayo Clinic, marijuana is an effective means of treating nausea, increasing appetite, relieving pain, preventing glaucoma and reducing the effects of multiple sclerosis. Some of these uses are especially beneficial to cancer patients going through chemotherapy and AIDS patients.

The bottom line is that individuals should be able to do what they wish with their own bodies as long as they are not posing a threat to anyone else. The government should not have the right to protect people from themselves. Even when

people know the risks of certain activities, they can still choose to do them. For instance, many people have died while skiing, yet others continue to do it because they enjoy it. Why should this perspective suddenly change when marijuana and other drugs are involved? It is appalling to think of how much money has been spent, how much effort has been wasted and how many innocent people have been sent to jail for this flawed cause. The government is intruding on individuals' personal decisions under the guise of protecting them from a horrible danger.

—Mata Burke is a freshman in the College of Arts and Science.

HPV vaccine should be mandatory

The Food and Drug Administration approved the vaccine Gardasil for human papilloma virus in June. Recently, Merck and Co., the makers of the vaccine, began informing the population of

Column

WYNNE DUONG

the virus and the vaccine. Michigan has passed legislation that required young girls to receive the HPV vaccine upon entering the sixth grade. This has caused much controversy among parents across the nation. Many parents argue that requiring the vaccine will promote sexual activity among adolescents.

The vaccine is meant to save lives. It is necessary: otherwise, it would not have been made mandatory. Other states should follow the legislative actions of Michigan. Though it is an expensive vaccine (\$120 per shot in a series of three shots), it is worth receiving because it prevents cervical cancer. According to the Food and Drug Administration, HPV causes about 70 percent of the cervical cancer cases in America each year. Cervical cancer is the second most common cancer among women and causes over 233,000 deaths a year worldwide.

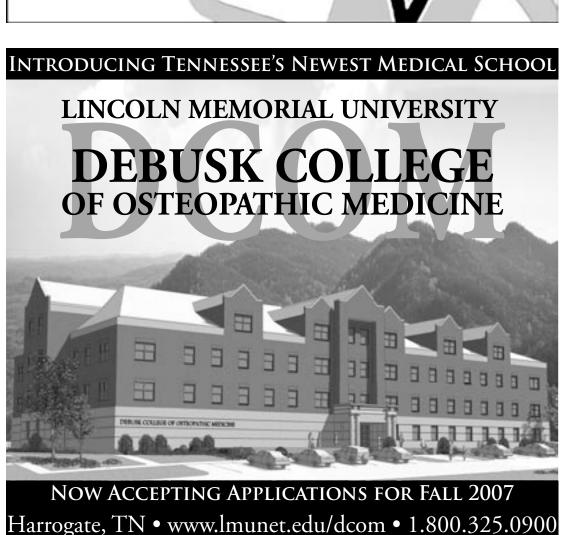
Hepatitis B vaccine is required, which also helps prevent STDs. Why not HPV vaccine? If it saves the lives of thousands, it should be administered. Parents also have the option to "opt out" of the vaccination, although it is a bad

decision. Teenagers will be promiscuous with or without a vaccination, just like people will have sex with or without contraception. Providing teens with resources and vaccinations will at least educate them on their choices. Then maybe they can make the right choice.

Receiving the vaccine will not hinder, but rather help girls and women. The Zefross Student Health Center at Vanderbilt and many other clinics offer the HPV vaccine as well as STD testing and information about safe sex. The vaccine is another step towards cancer prevention, and hopefully we will see other states follow in the footsteps of Michigan.

—Wynne Duong is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Science.









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SPORTS



Entering into a seven-game, eight-year deal with Wake Forest is one of the smartest moves the former athletic department has made. Apart from creating a bye in our schedule and ensuring that the Southeastern Conference is pleased with us, this series will help spark a non-SEC rivalry between the two schools and will help in Vanderbilt's quest to play in December.

Starting next year, Wake will be one of our four non-conference football games until 2014. Scheduling a series of games (as opposed to single-game entities, i.e., Michigan) is much better for the team and coaching staff.

The Demon Deacons are highly unlikely to radically change their football presence, so Vanderbilt will be better prepared for Wake Forest over the years. And while I applaud the university for scheduling the rare Michigan-esque games, we already play against Florida, Georgia and Tennessee on a regular basis. Shouldn't we allow ourselves the luxury of an easier game? As next year's nonconference schedule includes Richmond, Eastern Michigan, Kent State and Wake Forest all at home, there is a great chance that Vanderbilt could become bowl-eligible with only two conference wins. And while I understand this should not be a lasting goal for the Commodores, it is a decent place to

Less known than the addition of the Wake Forest series was the dropping of a four-game series scheduled with the University of Louisville. While most fans around campus don't immediately recognize the Cardinals as a football behemoth, they are. Louisville managed a 62-point shutout against the Temple Owls and a 59-28 rout of Kentucky, two opponents Vanderbilt will also face this season. We were able to trade four games against a perennial top 25 opponent for games against Wake Forest, a good deal in most people's minds.

Apart from bowl eligibility and football wins, there is the possibility for something much more lasting. Seven games over eight years is a big deal. In eight years, Tennessee went from winning the national championship to losing at home to the Commodores, a huge shift.

Also in this time is the possibility of picking up a genuine rival for our team. The Volunteers are our rivals in name only. If we can string multiple wins in a period of 10 years, I will once again call it

And while we could choose to replace Tennessee with Kentucky, South Carolina or Ole Miss, they all have their own big-time rivals themselves.

Wake Forest claims its biggest rival is North Carolina, but I thought Duke had already captured that claim. Wake Forest is so similar to Vanderbilt in terms of size, academics and athletics that it would make a perfect out-of-conference rivalry for both teams. ■

A football rivalry is not something that can be expressed in a dollar amount—nor should it

A football rivalry grows out of one school's long-standing pure hatred for the other.

Agreeing to a seven-game series with Wake Forest is by no mean grounds for a rivalry. Vanderbilt and Wake Forest have only met 10 times in the schools' history.

Add 132 more meetings to that total, and then you will understand why the Lehigh-Lafayette football game is consider to be the most celebrated rivalry in college sports.

So now for the important question: Why Wake Forest? Well, coach Johnson will tell you it's because "they are a university that holds similar ideals as Vanderbilt." That's it? That's the reason Wake Forest is our new rival? That's why we're ending the season with a

low-caliber ACC football team instead of the SEC powerhouse Tennessee? Don't worry, Commodore fans; Vice Chancellor Williams expects this series to develop into

a "healthy and entertaining rivalry." Although I most certainly hope a college football rivalry would be entertaining, "healthy" is

the wrong adjective. "Healthy" does not describe the World's Largest Cocktail Party before the Florida-Georgia game. A rivalry should be anything but healthy, which is exactly why each passing week sees Ohio

State fans growing with anticipation, knowing that the Michigan game is drawing near. Will a similar effect be seen at Vanderbilt? Doubtful.

Will the Demon Deacon fan base pack our stadium like Tennessee's does? Again, doubtful.

The most important aspect of a rivalry in college football is tradition, so why mess with it? The Tennessee game is traditionally the last game of the year, and what makes the game special is that in the rare occurrence Vanderbilt wins, such as last year, it brings a sense of accomplishment to the entire Vanderbilt community. Players, coaches and alumni own bragging

As for the argument that Tennessee doesn't reciprocate the rivalry because they win almost every year, what about Wake Forest?

Are we to assume they will actually care about beating Vanderbilt when they have Duke and UNC within miles of their campus to worry about?

Maybe the whole point of playing Wake Forest is to see who can pull off the black and gold better or which university's average SAT scores are higher. Either way, it isn't a rivalry, and never

Why Vandy should hate the Vols

We don't need a bowl game or a March Madness appearance or a trip to the Super Regionals. What this university needs most from its athletics is to hate the University of Tennessee.

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I know best, coming from Red Sox Nation and suffering through too many years of failure, sometimes the best thing for a sports team is a vicious rivalry, even if wins may not come easy.

When the Yankees won four championships in the late 90s, the only prospect brewing in the Red Sox farm system was hatred. It didn't matter that the Red Sox constantly lost, or that the losses were excruciatingly cruel. What mattered was the deep-rooted hatred spurned by Red Sox fans that permeated even the youngest fan at Fenway Park.

Last time I checked, the Dores' football team is an unbelievable 1-21 in the last 22 years against UT. The basketball team was swept by the Vols this past year and watched from their dorm rooms as UT spent a weekend playing in the NCAA tournament. Things are not looking good. If the Red Sox have taught me anything, it is that misery produces hatred (as well as obnoxious T-shirts, of which I own too many).

a true rival, starting with its recent dominance over Vandy. We have two perfect enemies in football coach Phillip Fulmer and new basketball coach

Fulmer sounded like a broken record this offseason, always in "disbelief" of the loss to Vanderbilt last year. Meanwhile, after Pearl's first appearance in Memorial Gymnasium, as he stood above reporters, dawning his pompous orange blazer, on a chair outside the locker room as if he owned the place, he said, "They booed me when I came out to start the game. That's great! Coach Mears has got to be so proud that we won and that they hate

Last year's UT performances were perfect for Vandy fans (and UT haters), as Fulmer's preseason No. 3 ranked football team didn't make a bowl, and Pearl's breakout year almost ended in a major first round upset. I even found myself cheering against Pat Summit, the "winningest woman's basketball coach." (Although if a tree falls in the woods and no one's around to see it...)

It doesn't end at the coaches, however. I lost count of how many UT football players were dismissed this summer alone, but the number could very well be larger than seniors who actually graduated last spring. Following the win in Knoxville last year, UT players lashed out, some throwing helmets

and one reportedly spitting on a photographer. Meanwhile, the basketball team decided that Fortunately, UT contains everything needed in a little powder was needed on the peaks of old

Rocky Top, when cops found 15.2 grams of crack cocaine in Jordan Smith's car. Smith and teammate Anthony Passley were charged with felony possession of drugs and suspended from the team. Thank goodness, however, that Coach Pearl lacks a conscience as he has allowed Passley to return to the team (Smith is currently involved in a grand jury investigation that could lead to

Do not, however, confuse these two players with last year's starting center, Major Wingate, who was thrown off the team a month ago for his third drug violation. Also don't confuse them with freshman Ramar Smith, who scored a 910 cumulative on his SATs after failing to meet the NCAA requirements for the ACTs he took in the spring. His suspect score was just recently passed by an NCAA investigation, allowing him to play for the Vols this year.

The bottom line is this: we don't need to stay even with the Vols to keep this rivalry strong. What we need is motivation to fight back and the taste of victory every once and a while that makes us crave it even more. When you look around Dudley Field or Memorial Gymnasium and see one more orange shirt, don't feel like puking, feel like heckling the Vol fans.

If we win, gloat, if we lose, make fun of the fact that your 10-year-old sister could pass admissions standards at UT. And most of all, if the Red Sox taught me anything, love to hate.

Shaw has high aspirations for men's golf team

New coach arrives in Nashville after six years with Green Wave.

> By Robert Wynkoop SPORTS REPORTER

Give him two years. That's how long new coach, Tom Shaw, said he needs to take the men's golf team into the top 25 nationally. It's a lofty goal given that the team's current position is 63rd, but as last season's Conference USA Coach of the Year, Shaw has an impeccable resume and a history of results.

The Fort Worth, Texas, native arrives this year after six years as coach of the Tulane Green Wave, where he took his 2005 team to a third place finish in the Conference USA championships. Unfortunately, Tulane dropped its golf program due to budget cuts in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, which brought Shaw to Nashville.

"Vanderbilt was the kind of school I knew I wanted to coach for," said Shaw, who has spent the last 15 years involved with golf in the Southeastern Conference. "At a lot of schools today, they're putting more of an emphasis on students being strictly athletes instead of

"It's going to be different (here for students) than, say, at the

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Dores know it's a long way to Omaha



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The Vanderbilt baseball team focuses on the fundamentals at its first fall practice yesterday. Baseball America predicted that the Commodores will be playing in the 2007 College World Series.

By Jarred Amato

After Oregon State won the College World Series in June, Baseball America listed the eight teams that it thinks will play in Omaha in 2007. Vanderbilt is one of them.

To be selected as one of the nation's best programs is undoubtedly an honor. But, it can also be a burden if players feel as if they no longer have to work as hard. Fortunately, that's not going to happen with the Commodores, not as long as Tim Corbin is in charge anyway.

"This team is not going to be caught off guard by trying to reach the pinnacle of baseball," Corbin said. "We talk about it a little bit, but we also understand and talk about the work that it takes to get there."

Corbin certainly doesn't put too much stock in the predictions.

"We have expectations ourselves that supercede anything that's written or that's believed by anyone else," he said.

While fall practice began yesterday, players have been putting in the work ever since they were eliminated from the NCAA Tournament by Georgia Tech. There's no off-season for this bunch.

"It's just another day that ends in 'y," Corbin said of the first practice. "Their baseball career is around the clock."

In addition to its World Series prediction, Baseball America rated the top prospects from each college summer league, as well as Team USA, and Vanderbilt was well-represented.

In its list of the top 10 prospects from the Corbin-coached Team USA, which went 28-2 and won the World University Championship in Cuba, the Commodores had the top two.

No. 1 is junior southpaw David Price, who earned Baseball America's Summer Player of the Year honors after going 5-1 with a 0.20 earned run average and 61 strikeouts in 44 innings.

"If Price can continue to avoid big innings and pitch within himself

like he did for Team USA, he must be considered the early favorite for the No. 1 pick in the 2007 draft," said Aaron Fitt of Baseball America.

Not far behind is reigning Freshman of the Year Pedro Alvarez, who led the Americans in batting, doubles and RBIs. Fitt gave the third

baseman quite the compliment.

"With a big, strong build that evokes a left-handed-hitting version of Albert Pujols, Alvarez has an offensive approach and work ethic reminiscent of the Cardinals slugger," Fitt said.

What makes Vanderbilt such an enticing squad in 2007, however, is the fact that the talent doesn't end there. The Commodores lost just one offensive starter (catcher Brian Hernandez) and one starting pitcher (Matt Buschmann) from a team that finished 38-27 and advanced to the Southeastern Conference championship game.

For example, Baseball America listed outfielder Jonathan White as the No. 1 prospect in the New York Collegiate League and named shortstop Ryan Flaherty as the 30th best prospect in the prestigious Cape Cod League.

"We've got a lot of quality players in a lot of different areas," Corbin said. "I like the mix of kids. It's certainly the deepest team we've had." However, for Corbin, being deep is not necessarily enough.

"You can be deep, but you can be deep with average talent," he said. "We want to be deep with very good talent."

With depth also comes greater competition, and Corbin is not hiding the fact that players who started a season ago are not guaranteed anything this year.

"I think there's more intra-team competition than we've ever had here before so that makes it a little stickier," Corbin said.

This fall, Corbin said the goal is to firm up the rotation, as well as certain positions. He also stressed the need for better production

"I want to see some doubles and some RBIs and more power," Corbin said. "Power is not just necessarily home runs but hitting the gaps and getting your balls to travel a little further."

Corbin likes what he has seen so far, citing older players such as Carter Hawkins for their leadership and for the entire team's dedication in the

"As long as they continue their good habits which we've instilled the past couple of years, it should be an enjoyable team to coach, but the proof is in the pudding," Corbin said. ■

GOLF: Coach says he needs two years to make program a national contender

University of Tennessee. (Student-athletes) have to put more effort into academics than at other schools."

This fact doesn't bother Shaw. While at Tulane, his team carried the highest GPA among men's teams, and every golfer graduated from the university. One of his golfers even earned the SEC's Scholar-Athlete Award, which is given to only one student athlete in the entire conference. Tougher academics makes recruitment more challenging, but is not an excuse to not be a top competitor, says Shaw, who graduated with high honors from Georgia Tech while leading the Yellow Jackets to two ACC titles.

"The previous coach achieved things here that hadn't been done before, as far as postseason play goes," he said. "Right now we're not in the top 25, and we need to burst through that bubble and get into the top 25. My goal is to make each kid as good as possible, and the (conference) championships will follow."

Recruitment is one of Shaw's strengths, as two of his Tulane players, Michael Thompson (now at the University of Alabama) and Chris Wheeler, were the first in the modern era to represent Tulane at the NCAA individual regionals. The two shattered every Tulane golf record and even some records in the conference.

Vanderbilt has no slouch of a team, however, which is why Shaw is so optimistic about the future of Commodore golf.

"(Senior) Luke List and (sophomore) Jon Curran are a pretty good one-two punch," he said. "I believe Luke is one of the top 10 players in the country, and they epitomize the word 'student-athlete."

Shaw said he will know in the coming weeks whether or not he gets the recruits he's had his eye on, but said it takes a special kind of athlete to accept the challenges of being a student-athlete here.

"If we get the recruits that I feel we want to get, we should be competing to win the conference," he said. "I've got a two-year plan ... beyond that I want to be in the top 25 and eventually win a national

The process will take time, and Shaw is well aware of the difficulty

"I'd love to be a football coach sometimes, because I'd love to yell at them and tell them to hit harder ... run faster ... but golf doesn't work like that," Shaw said. "It's a lot of psychology. Golf is so mental, and there's is a fine line you have to walk to be successful as a coach."

One thing that can impact the team is student support. Although Shaw admits it might not be as exciting to watch as a Commodore football game, the men's golf team has some impressive athletes, and all of the home tournaments have free admission.

"You're going to see a lot of these players on television. ... Luke (List) is going to be a bona fide star," said Shaw, himself a top 50 money-winner in the Nike Tour Championships throughout the mid '90s. "Here's a chance to watch some terrific athletes and support

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