



FACULTY

## Vanderbilt professor receives 'genius grant'

*Catania will use \$500,000 to continue neuroscience research.*

By Glenna DeRoy  
NEWS EDITOR

Kenneth Catania, a Vanderbilt neuroscientist who studies unusual mammals to gain a deeper understanding of the human brain, was honored as a MacArthur Fellow on Tuesday.

The fellowships, known to many as "genius grants," are awarded every year to 20-25 individuals recognized by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation as possessing the "creativity, originality and potential to make important contributions in the future," according to the foundation's press release.

Each honoree receives \$500,000 in "no strings attached" funds over the next five years. There are no restrictions

on the type of projects recipients can pursue, and the foundation does not ask for any accounting of how the money is used.

Catania is one of 24 individuals to be awarded the grant this year, and, in a press release, Daniel J. Socolow, director of the MacArthur Fellows Program, expressed his satisfaction with this year's group.

"There is something palpable about this group of MacArthur Fellows—about their character as explorers and pioneers at the absolute cutting edge," he said. "These are people pushing boldly to change, improve and protect our world, to make it a better place for all of us."

Foundation President Jonathan Fanton said that he was also satisfied with this year's selections.

"This new group of MacArthur Fellows illustrates our conviction that talented and creative individuals, free to follow their insights and instincts, will reveal new discoveries and make

a difference in shaping our future," he said in the MacArthur release.

Catania was recognized for his study of the sensory systems of insect-consuming mammals such as the star-nosed mole. His research has drawn parallels between the way the mole's nose functions and the way the retina in the human eye works. Conclusions from this research have the potential to help doctors understand how complex skills are learned and how best to aid patients in recovering from brain injury or strokes.

Catania said that he does not expect any aspect of his research to change in the near future.

"I'll continue to study star-nosed moles, water shrews, shrews and naked mole rats," he said in a university press release. "I'll continue to examine the most interesting species not in the mainstream—the sort of animals that tell us a lot about brains and how they work."

However, he said the unrestricted nature of the award will allow him great latitude.

"If not tied to the terms of a specific grant, there's no telling what sort of new and different things might be explored."

Vanderbilt administrators, such as Provost and Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs Nicholas S. Zeppos, said that they are not surprised by the foundation's choice.

"Ken's selection for this great honor should come as no surprise to those who have followed his extraordinary career," Zeppos said. "His work at the intersection of biology, psychology and neuroscience has set a new standard for interdisciplinary research. I am pleased and proud that he is at Vanderbilt."

Catania is the second Vanderbilt faculty member to be named a MacArthur Fellow in recent years. Edgar Meyer, adjunct associate professor of bass at Vanderbilt's Blair School of Music, received the award in 2004. ■

TELEVISION

## Krystal selects five students for ad campaign



MASON HENSLEY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Vanderbilt students Sarah Fowler, Brennan McMahon, Joe Galvin, Bill Weimar and Nick Burjek shoot a party scene on the set of a Krystal commercial that will star seniors Fowler and McMahon.

### *Fowler and McMahon first to shoot commercial.*

By Anne Malinee  
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Approximately 20 students decked out in costumes crammed onto a set in a house near campus Tuesday night to shoot a TV commercial starring seniors Brennan McMahon and Sarah Fowler for Krystal fast food restaurants.

Dressed as things that start with the letter "t"—tennis players, toilet paper, a taco—the students

re-enacted McMahon and Fowler's favorite memory involving Krystal food, a sorority theme party, for the restaurant's ad campaign.

McMahon and Fowler were two of five Vanderbilt students selected out of 41 Vanderbilt students interviewed on campus last week by Krystal representatives to appear in TV commercials for the chain. Junior Andrew Smith, sophomore Luke Bidikov and freshman Charles

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

## SGA introduces new resolutions to kick off academic year

*Senate voting records made available to students online.*

By Darcy Newell  
ASST NEWS EDITOR

The Student Government Association has put forth four new resolutions.

Led by President Boone Lancaster and Executive Vice President Cara Bilotta, it has passed resolutions to make voting records available to the public and to create a Security Committee. It has also resolved to appoint non-voting members from a variety of campus organizations and hold SGA office hours.

Vice President of Communications Jared Anderson proposed posting voting records online at the Aug. 30 Senate meeting.

"A concern some students have had is that our voting records haven't been posted anywhere," he said.

This issue was contested last spring during the presidential elections, at which time the Senate voted against a motion to make the voting records accessible.

During the election process, The Hustler contacted all of the candidates and asked them for their individual voting records, but some candidates did not respond. Thus, students were not aware of how some senators voted on resolutions and initiatives when it came time to elect new leaders.

"I proposed this resolution because I believe every student has the right to know how their senators are representing them on issues that affect them every day, whether it's security, academic options or organization funding," Anderson said.

From now on, members' voting records will be accessible to students as part of the organization's minutes and can be viewed online at the SGA Web site.

"This resolution allows the students to be more involved in the process and be informed about what goes on in SGA,"

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RECOGNITION

## Kirkland lobby dedicated to receptionist

*Gee honors Taylor for 51 years of service to Vanderbilt.*



MASON HENSLEY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Senior Alex Krusel speaks to Kirkland receptionist Mary McClure Taylor in the lobby that has been named in her honor.

By Kay Robinson  
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Chancellor Gordon Gee announced that the Kirkland lobby would be dedicated to Mary McClure Taylor in recognition of her contribution to the university at a banquet on Thursday.

Taylor has worked at Vanderbilt for 51 years, and for the past 20 years she has been the Kirkland receptionist, greeting visitors with a friendly smile and warm hello.

Taylor said that she was surprised by Gee's announcement.

"I think most people knew about it on the campus except me," she said. "Next to the day I married, it was the most exciting day of my life."

Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs Michael Schoenfeld said that Taylor's surprise was evident.

"She was stunned, surprised, flattered and honored; she is a very humble person," he said.

Several people in the last few years have suggested that Chancellor Gee make such a gesture, Schoenfeld said.

"She has really been the face of Vanderbilt for generations of students."

In fact, Taylor said that the

students are her reasons for staying at Vanderbilt so long.

"That's why we all are here," she said. "I think this building can be kind of awesome and I just want to make everyone feel welcome. You all make the campus; that's the school. To see each one of you come in that door, makes my day."

Taylor, a Nashville native, graduated from Vanderbilt with a degree in political science and sociology.

She said that her Vanderbilt education was inevitable; both her father and her brother graduated from Vanderbilt, and her father founded the radiology department here.

"There was never any question for me," she said. "Vanderbilt has been so good to me. I came here and went to school and never left."

In Taylor's years at Vanderbilt, she has seen many famous people come and go, such as Condoleezza Rice, Tom Brokaw, Dan Quayle and Larry King.

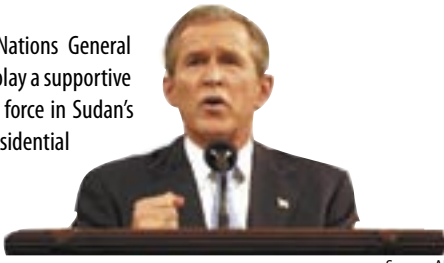
Taylor recalled one particularly humorous visit, saying, "I saw Tom Brokaw passing by, and I ran down the steps and flagged him down to ask him to sign our autograph book." ■

# THE WALL

## QUOTABLE

**"This morning I want to speak about the more hopeful world that is within our reach, a world beyond terror, where ordinary men and women are free to determine their own destiny, where the voices of moderation are empowered and where the extremists are marginalized by the peaceful majority."**

— President Bush in his address to the United Nations General Assembly yesterday where he asked world leaders to play a supportive role in fighting extremism, urged support for a U.N. force in Sudan's Darfur region and announced the appointment of a presidential special envoy to seek peace there.



Source: AP

## NOTABLE

Spinach was a \$325 million industry in the United States in 2005, and California produced 74 percent of the nation's fresh crop and 67 percent of the spinach that gets frozen or canned. The Salinas Valley accounts for roughly three-fourths of the state's share.

With that market disappearing in a matter of days, some valley farmers were already writing off their spinach crops, plowing the fields under and preparing to plant broccoli, cauliflower and cabbage.

Source: AP

## WEATHER FORECAST

**TODAY**  
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**THURSDAY**  
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**FRIDAY**  
Scattered T-Storms 80/71

## TODAY IN THE BUBBLE

Compiled by Allison Smith

### Committee applications available on SGA Web site

Committee applications are available on the SGA Web site and will be accepted online until Sept. 26. Applicants will hear back in regards to those applications within the next week and a half.

### World-renowned archaeologist and Vanderbilt professor to speak

Dr. Arthur Demarest will present his findings on a centuries-old massacre that occurred in Cancuén, a once-thriving center of the Mayan civilization in what is present-day Guatemala on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 4:10 p.m. in Furman 114.

### Meeting for Maymester course in London held Thursday

The first informational meeting for this year's Rhetoric of Winston Churchill class, the Maymester class in London, will be held in Buttrick 206 at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

### Sean Curran Dance Company to perform Thursday

Sean Curran Dance Company will perform on Sept. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in Ingram Hall as a part of the Great Performances Series. Tickets are required. Visit <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/vpb> for more information.

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

## VUPD CRIME LOG

Compiled by Allison Smith

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**Sept. 18, 2006, 8:47 a.m.**—Officer reported a theft from a motor vehicle at Devon Valley Road and Old Hickory Blvd.

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**Sept. 18, 2006, 9:38 a.m.**—There was a theft of motor vehicle parts at 31st Avenue South and Vanderbilt Place.

**Sept. 18, 2006, 12:45 p.m.**—Jewelry was reported stolen from a vehicle at the Vanderbilt Clinic.

**Sept. 18, 2006, 3:04 p.m.**—Officers reported credit card fraud at 2817 White Oak Dr.

**Sept. 18, 2006, 5:42 p.m.**—A simple assault and drunkenness was reported at the McDonald's on West End Avenue.

**Sept. 19, 2006, 2:24 a.m.**—Officers cited a driver at Edgehill and 19th Avenue South for driving on a suspended license.

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

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## HEALTH

# Kentuckian treated for E. coli at Vanderbilt

*Vanderbilt Dining and nearby restaurants affected by outbreak.*

By Allison Malone  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Vanderbilt Medical Center is currently treating a teenage girl from Paducah, Ky., for E. coli infection resulting from her consumption of bagged spinach.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention first reported that Tennessee was one of the 20 states to be affected by the outbreak, but no cases in Tennessee have been reported, according to state health officials and a revised report from the CDC.

Federal health officials await test results from California farms and packing plants that could allow them to pinpoint the source of an E. coli outbreak that has sickened spinach eaters across the country.

Although the Vanderbilt patient couldn't be identified because of privacy concerns, she is a vegetarian who had eaten spinach recently, said Jerry Jones, a Vanderbilt spokesman.

She suffered kidney complications from the infection, said Dr. William Schaffner, Vanderbilt's chair of Preventative Medicine and an expert on infectious disease.

Schaffner speculated that because the outbreak was so widespread, it likely was caused by bacteria in the irrigation systems in spinach crops or during the washing process.

Washing the spinach won't get rid of the bacteria, especially if it entered the plant through its root structure during irrigation, he said. Schaffner recommended consumers throw out all bags of spinach.

Restaurants across Nashville have been affected by the outbreak.

Vanderbilt Dining Director Lida Horna said, "We include spinach in at least every lunch and dinner at various locations on campus. It's a main ingredient for us, or at least a daily ingredient."

Horna heard about the E. coli outbreak on Friday morning and reacted immediately.

"When we heard about it, by 7:30 a.m.,



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ / AP Photo

Workers gather lettuce crops in Salinas, Calif., Monday, Sept. 18, 2006. As federal and state health officials continue prowling spinach fields and packing plants for the source of a multi-state E. coli outbreak Tuesday, farmers started plowing under crops, laying off some workers and wondering what the scare would mean for a region that bills itself as the "Salad Bowl of the World."

we had removed spinach from all campus locations," she said. "We immediately acted upon the news."

Bread and Company on West End Avenue also had to react quickly to the news.

"When we found out about the widespread nature of the spinach problem, we called our produce provider, who told us there was spinach in our mesclun mix," said John Clay, owner and president of Bread and Company. "That sounds weird that we didn't know, but mesclun mix is a seasonal blend of a variety of lettuce, and spinach is included from time to time."

The outbreak resulted in a financial loss for the restaurant.

"It was a big deal on Friday, and it caused a few operational issues on Saturday and Sunday because we couldn't get enough of the other lettuces in," he said. "We're over that problem now."

"We serve exponentially more mesclun

mix than spinach, so it was the problem for us," Clay said. "We threw out 400 pre-made salads plus 14 or 15 big cases of mesclun mix."

They have found a solution, however.

"We will have a mesclun mix that will be spinach-free back in a few days. We will serve spinach again as soon as we figure out where the source of the problem is and we can be guaranteed we won't serve spinach that is part of the problem. Spinach is off our menu now and will remain that way until we get the all clear," he said.

Horna advised students to refrain from eating spinach until there is an indication that it is safe to do so.

"Students should wait for the FDA or whoever is investigating the situation to give the go-ahead flag, so to speak," she said. ■

—The Associated Press contributed reporting.

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# KRYSTAL: Krystal will post all commercials on Web Oct. 29

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Page were also selected to star in upcoming ads. Howard Curtis, president of Varnson Group, the advertising agency in charge of the Krystal ad campaign, said he looks for students who are comfortable in front of the camera and passionate about the brand to share their real-life Krystal stories on TV.

"Their passion for the brand is so over and beyond. It came through," Curtis said of the Vanderbilt students selected.

Senior Bill Weimar, a friend of the two students who played a partygoer in the commercial, said it is easy to see why McMahon and Fowler were chosen for the ad, which is the 142nd commercial in the Krystal campaign.

"If you have been to a late-night Krystal session with Brennan and Sarah, you know exactly why they are perfect," Weimar said. "It's right up their alley."

McMahon and Fowler's favorite Krystal memory involves a sorority theme party saved by Krystal sandwiches.

"We got stood up for a date party, and instead of being sad, we decided to go to Krystal and get Krystal Chiks and bring them to the party," Fowler said. "We were the life of the party."

McMahon said Krystal representatives contacted

her last Friday about the commercial. Since then, she said, it's been nonstop action. McMahon and Fowler went to Hendersonville Monday to film part of the commercial at a Krystal restaurant there, and Tuesday evening they rounded up friends to re-enact the party scene.

The students arrived at the set and were ushered through hair and makeup before going to a room decorated for the party. Directors instructed the students to dance and cheer when McMahon and Fowler arrived with plastic bags of Krystal sandwiches.

"It's been so, so much fun," said McMahon, who was dressed as a "tacky teal girl" in a turquoise feather boa, tiara and blue minidress.

"I'd never even been to Krystal, and Brennan made me try it," Fowler said. "It's been love ever since."

At least one of the Krystal commercials featuring Vanderbilt students will begin airing on TV stations throughout the South in late October, and the rest will begin airing in late December, said Brad Wahl, director of marketing for Krystal restaurants.

Wahl said all the commercials will be posted on Krystal's Web site on Oct. 29, where visitors to the site will be able to view the ads and rate their favorites. ■

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## SGA: Creates new Security Committee

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because it is, after all, their SGA," Anderson said.

At the Sept. 6 Senate meeting, SGA unanimously passed a resolution to establish a new Security Committee. SGA Senator Caroline Holland and Interhall Security Secretary Perry Gragg will jointly chair the committee.

"The committee will discuss security on campus, in residence halls and at events like Greekfest," Bilotta said. "They will also be in charge of coordinating Dorewalks and evaluating and improving VandyVans."

"Security is definitely an issue warranting more and more attention from SGA, which is why we created a committee to directly deal with it," she said.

Last spring, Lancaster and Bilotta ran on a platform of "Connecting through Community," and in pursuit of that goal decided to appoint non-voting members to SGA from a variety of campus organizations, including the Interfaith Council, Panhellenic Council, Interhall, Interfraternity Council, Honor Council and Vanderbilt Programming Board.

"We have pulled representatives for the first time from all of these organizations, so they remain informed on SGA initiatives and participate in our discussions," Lancaster said.

Lancaster and Bilotta have also worked toward their goal by opening SGA office hours. Every Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., an executive officer will be available in Sarratt 359, the SGA office, to answer questions or listen to concerns that students might have.

"We're trying to make sure students have easy access to student government," Lancaster said. ■

## Kappa Delta decorates for Lambda Chi event



Sophomore Dina Bandman and junior Hannah Kelly decorate their house with a watermelon theme to be judged by Lambda Chi Alpha brothers for annual Watermelon Bust competition.

MATT RADFORD / The Vanderbilt Hustler

### STUDY ABROAD

## Vanderbilt supports federally-funded study abroad programs

*Lincoln scholarships aim to increase access to international education.*

By Linda Vongkhamchanh  
STAFF REPORTER

The Office of Study Abroad Programs supports legislation that would reform Vanderbilt's programs in an effort to increase the number of students that travel abroad each year.

Sens. Richard Durbin (D-Ill.) and Norm Coleman (R-Minn.) introduced the bill on July 26 to establish the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Program in order to make study abroad programs more available to low income, minority and community college students.

With the passing of the legislation, at least one million students will be able to study abroad in the 10 years following the bill's enactment.

"This program would significantly expand the number of students who could participate in

study abroad programs, thereby strengthening their personal, first-hand experiences in other parts of the world," said Jeff Vincent, Vanderbilt's assistant vice chancellor for Federal Relations.

"This is an important ingredient in building cultural understanding, diplomacy, foreign language skills, national security and U.S. economic competitiveness."

While 30 percent of Vanderbilt students in the College of Arts and Science study abroad, less than 200,000 students travel abroad during their undergraduate years and minority, low income and community college students rarely get the chance to receive an international education.

"We try and assist lower income students to go abroad and participate in our programs wherever possible," said Gary Johnston, director of the Office of Study Abroad Programs.

"Any financial aid a student receives on the home campus will be fully applicable to a Vanderbilt study abroad program with the exception of work study. The opportunity to study abroad should be available to all regardless of level of income. I absolutely applaud the recent federal initiative to establish the Lincoln Scholarships for Study Abroad."

According to the American Council of Education (ACE), the legislation recognizes the importance of study abroad programs to broaden cultural understanding, strengthen foreign language skills and increase global literacy.

The ACE also supports the bill and said that it was important because the United States consistently scores lower than other advanced countries in indicators of international knowledge. ■



## Why I Chose Not to Drink

I was in the most adorable high heels I owned and that one outfit that I just looked killer in, but I was stumbling not stunning. I used alcohol to make social situations easier. I wanted to be the "fun" girl. In fact, I cannot think of many people who want to be the "responsible, serious, wet-blanket" of the group. Freshman year was my year to make mistakes and learn from them. Now a Junior, I still look back to those amazing, fun nights with all my girls. I wonder what it all would have been like if I had made the decision not to drink. Would I have had as much fun? Would I have met the same kind of guys? Would I have ended up at the same kind of parties? Would my friends still want to hang out with me? Would I still have been fun or would I have been that awkward girl in the corner?

Two years older and many life lessons later I can honestly say I make a choice not to drink because I found the answer to all those questions. I still have fun, I meet very different guys, I don't end up at the same parties (but I still party), my friends still hang out with me, and yes at times I am awkward. Then again, I was awkward when I was drinking the only difference is when I was drunk I was the only one who didn't notice how stupid I was acting.

When I chose not to drink I respect my friends who chose to drink and they respect my decision. It's that respect that formed our friendship in the first place and even though they asked questions and offered me drinks for a while eventually they understood that it's just a personal choice, my choice. I don't like being told how to think or how to act by anyone and drinking alcohol isn't any different; I make my own decisions. I hope we can respect each other as peers and adults and realize drinking isn't for everyone and it doesn't mean that a person isn't fun or exciting.

Ashley, '08

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CRIME

# Three charged in connection with shooting of Duquesne basketball players

*Sophomore Brittany Jones accused of allowing shooters to enter party.*

By Dan Nephin  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Police charged two men Tuesday with shooting five Duquesne University basketball players after a school dance, and they accused a 19-year-old sophomore of helping six men into the dance despite knowing some were armed.

Brandon Baynes, 18, faced arraignment on charges of aggravated assault, reckless endangerment, carrying an unlicensed firearm and criminal conspiracy. Police were still hunting Tuesday for William Holmes, also 18 and wanted on the same charges.

Three players remained hospitalized following Sunday's shootings after the dance. The most seriously wounded, junior forward Sam Ashaolu, 23, was in critical condition with bullet fragments in his head.

Brittany Jones, accused of helping get some young men with guns into the party, was arrested Monday on charges of reckless endangerment, carrying a firearm without a license and criminal conspiracy. She was arraigned and posted bond Tuesday morning.

According to the criminal complaint, Jones, who is active with the Black Student Union, which sponsored the dance, got a call from a man asking whether he and his brother could attend. They arrived with four others about midnight.

While walking to the party, Jones told police, she became aware that several of the men had guns, authorities said.

They asked Jones if they were going to be "patted down" before entering, officials said. The doorman reportedly told Jones partygoers weren't being searched, and the men went into the dance, police said.

In interviews Monday with The Associated Press, several players said the shooter was a non-student unhappy that the woman he

accompanied to the dance had talked with a player. The shooter and at least one other man followed the players when they left the dance to walk to their dormitory, they said.

Jones' attorney, James Ecker, would not confirm Tuesday whether she was cooperating with authorities and would not comment on reports that authorities may drop charges if she provides information to the police.

"Until this case goes to a hearing or trial, she's presumed innocent," Ecker said.

University president Charles Dougherty said he was grateful to police for the "swift arrest of the individual who may have been the shooter in the vicious attacks on Duquesne University students last Sunday morning."

Besides Ashaolu, the other injured players were junior guard Kojo Mensah, 21; 6-foot-7 forward Stuard Baldonado, 21; junior center Shawn James, 23; and Aaron Jackson, 20, a guard who is one of only two returning players from Duquesne's 3-24 team last season.

Ashaolu remained in critical condition Tuesday with a bullet, shattered into three pieces, in his head.

Baldonado was in fair condition Tuesday with arm and back injuries; he likely won't play this season because his back injury will require two to three months of rehabilitation. He was expected to be released from the hospital by the end of the week.

Mensah, shot in an arm and shoulder, was kept at a hospital to receive additional injections of antibiotics but was expected to be discharged later Tuesday.

Jackson said he and teammate Stephen Wood dropped to the ground when shots rang out. Mensah, Baldonado and Ashaolu were the first players hit in the attack. James was wounded on the foot but escaped by running across the football field. ■

# KOALA urges respect for non-drinkers



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KOALA Week's mascot, Koalie, gives out hugs on the Wall in support of Vanderbilt's non-drinkers. KOALA Week will last from Sept. 17 to Sept. 23. Representatives on the Wall will pass out koala bears and yellow ribbons so that students can display their respect for the decision not to drink.

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## OUR VIEW

## Bush's comments on Darfur are encouraging

On Tuesday, at the United Nations General Assembly in New York, President Bush gave an address that focused mostly on, what he called, "the great ideological struggle between extremists who use terror as a weapon to create fear and moderate people who work for peace." A very interesting part of the speech came towards the end, when the president narrowed his focus to Darfur, a region of Sudan.

"To the people of Darfur," Bush said, "you have suffered unspeakable violence. And my nation has called these atrocities what they are: genocide." Indeed, the United States Congress unanimously passed a resolution declaring the situation in Darfur a genocide. That was over two years ago, in July 2004, and the mass killings have yet to stop. The United Nations has yet to even recognize the situation as genocide.

It is clear, as Bush indicated in his speech, that much more needs to be done. Bush addressed this in his speech in both general terms and with specific promises.

"The world must step forward to provide additional humanitarian aid. And we must strengthen the African Union force that has done good work, but is not strong enough to protect you," he said. He also added, "Today I'm announcing that I'm naming a presidential special envoy, the former USAID administrator Andrew Natsios, to lead America's efforts to resolve the outstanding disputes and help bring peace to your land." We are pleased to hear Bush speak so strongly on this issue.

The Vanderbilt community will, undoubtedly, be receiving a strong reminder of the dangers of neglecting to act against genocide this coming Monday, Sept. 7. Vanderbilt Speaker's Committee is hosting a talk by Paul Rusesabagina, the inspiration for the critically acclaimed movie "Hotel Rwanda." Rusesabagina, serving as assistant manager of the Hotel Mille Collines, sheltered over 1,260 potential victims of the Rwandan genocide, which claimed 937,000 lives according to a census conducted by the Rwandan government in 2001.

In an article Don Cheadle, star of "Hotel Rwanda," wrote for USA Today about his travels with Rusesabagina in 2005, he mentioned how, after the Rwandan genocide, pledges of "never again" became almost "ritualistic." However, many, including Cheadle and Rusesabagina, fear that what he swore would happen "never again" is being allowed to happen — again. Action must be taken in Darfur, and we are glad to hear that our president knows it.

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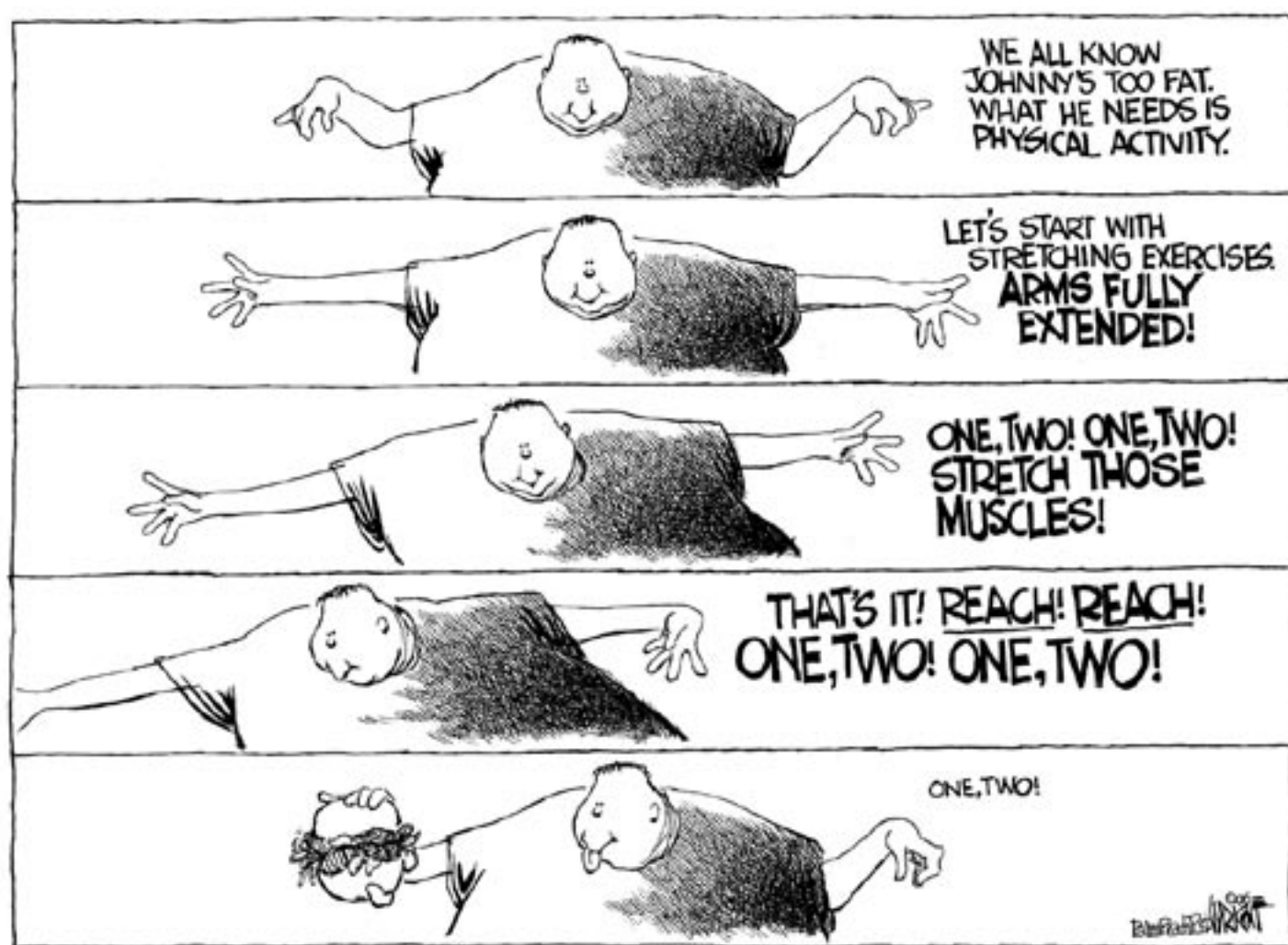
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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Students encouraged to respect VandyVans

### To the Editor:

We hope that many of you have had the opportunity to enjoy the improvements and additions to the VandyVans program that were implemented this fall. Last semester, our Services and Technology Committee worked tirelessly to gain the improvements you have experienced, such as a designated starting time at 5 p.m. versus "dusk" and a new direct route from Peabody to Branscomb, which utilizes a larger, twenty-five passenger shuttle; however, we feel it is our duty to let you know that these improvements and our ability to make future enhancements to the program are in jeopardy.

This past month, VandyVans has provided over 16,000 rides, which is so exciting! To put this in perspective, this means that within the first four weeks of school, VandyVans has experienced almost a third of the ridership it typically experiences in an entire semester; however, in this same four-week time span, a disturbing amount of problems have occurred. There have been multiple incidents where VandyVans have not been treated with respect, and one incident went so far as to result in a physical altercation between a student and a driver. There have also been numerous situations where students have damaged VandyVans or have endangered passengers while en route. A door panel has been torn off of a VandyVan and stolen, and a temporary license plate has been removed

and ripped into pieces, leaving the driver and a VUPD officer to meticulously tape it back together, as clearly no vehicle can drive without a license plate. There have also been two incidents where students have rocked the VandyVan shuttle with such force while in motion that it could physically be seen swaying from the outside, which is a huge safety and liability issue. We do not ever want to imagine the outcome of a VandyVan tipping over and the serious injury that could result to all of the students riding. While these incidents may appear comical and easy to brush to the side, all of these situations are significant enough to stop VandyVans from operating the rest of an evening, leaving you without a VandyVan to get around campus safely at night.

We understand that the vandalism and disrespect occurring on VandyVans is not something every student is doing, but the result of the behavior of a few students has prompted much concern and discussion of future changes to VandyVans that we do not think any student will want, but may be necessary if problems continue. Some of the discussed changes are placing card readers or cameras on VandyVans, so students who choose to make harmful decisions can be held accountable for their actions, or, if serious incidents continue to occur, simply ending the VandyVan program altogether.

If you can imagine, VandyVans did not exist on our campus four years ago. VandyVans

began as a safety initiative between SGA and VUPD in order to provide vehicular escorts to students traversing the campus at night. Thanks to the outstanding numbers in ridership, VandyVans has seen tremendous expansion over the years. The University has been extremely gracious in providing a small fleet of vans for our convenience, but to continually damage them or discourage drivers from even wanting to drive them (because, let's face it, the vans cannot drive themselves) can only result in setbacks for the program. So, please, the next time you are riding VandyVans, consider how useful they are and how you would get around without them. If you see a fellow student acting in a way that is endangering the VandyVans program, we would hope that you would voice your concern and discourage their behavior.

As your student leaders, we want to continue to see VandyVans grow and improve; however, with so many problems in just four weeks of operation, making the argument for such changes is difficult even with such high ridership. Please help us and yourselves by respecting the drivers and the vans that are taking you around campus at night.

**Boone Lancaster**  
SGA President

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SGA Executive Vice President

## GUEST COLUMN

## Cultural change must come from students

Nearly a year ago, following a series of disruptions in our community life, Chancellor Gee appointed the University Task Force on Safety and Security, of which I was privileged to be a member. Following a series of often exhausting meetings, we recommended

Guest Columnist

**KYLE SOUTHERN**

a series of program and policy changes to enhance the sense of community on campus with the hope of providing a unified message that Vanderbilt, regardless of the failings of our national culture, stands for affirming the humanity and dignity of every individual. Unfortunately, we continue to allow mixed messages regarding this commitment, and all students must commit themselves to produce real cultural change.

We have made progress. The Vanderbilt Visions program, still in its infancy, provides a forum through which our first-year students can critically examine such issues as good citizenship, the responsibility of community membership, sexual messages and violence, and the power of the relationships we form in places like a major university.

It is the hope of all of the eighty faculty members and upperclass student co-facilitators of Visions sections that this program will effectively integrate the newest members of our community and aid in establishing a culture that rebukes rather than accepts a culture that objectifies women and in which the values of truth and honesty are put at risk by the actions of corporate and government leaders.

We all make choices about the kind of environment in which we

want to live. Many students on campus do not accept the need for any changes to come or for the choices that have to be made to improve our culture of respect for others. But we cannot have a university that, within the same week, presents a prominent speaker to every first-year student to discuss ways in which language and culture plant the seeds for violence against women and a Coolio concert in which he crawls under the dresses of female students on stage.

We cannot claim moral clarity when we invest in a program like Vanderbilt Visions and ask students to pay to hear the lyrics of such songs as "Move Bitch" at Homecoming. And so students and their leadership have to make choices to bring moral clarity and send a unified message of respect for each person as a person rather than something to be exploited or pushed aside.

Martin Luther King Jr. wrote of the "thingification" of human beings and the terrible moral consequences that come with stripping a man or woman of his or her identity as a human being. When we have a culture that accepts the making of people into things—as Coolio, Ludacris and many other performers from many genres have done and continue to do—tension in our moral fabric begins to create tears. While we will never know exactly what happened in the lacrosse house at Duke, we can see the potential implications of accepting thingification; we can safely assume that none of those gathered that night felt their moral spirits lifted from the experience. We must guard against such demeaning events in our own lives on an everyday basis.

I am not advocating censorship, nor do I blame any one musical group, party theme or performance for contradicting our professed value for a community of respect. But what would happen if one group made a commitment to say, "This is not the message we want

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**A response to Michael Wilt's column "Withdrawal from Iraq would lead to grim realities"**

**USER: MATT WOOLSEY**

"Oh Wilt, here is my question to you: at what point does the US disengage from Iraq? You acknowledge the fact that the country is more or less in Civil War, and in your statement 'Saddam Hussein's regime would look like a picnic compared to the 'governments' that would result in Iraq and other Middle Eastern countries' you do an excellent job pointing out our presence has made the Middle Eastern situation worse. Add crises in Lebanon, the newly created alliance between Iran and Syria, and the emboldening of Iran to the list. I suppose that is what I would like to know in a column, instead of addressing the simplified version of "cut and run" vs. "stay until it's done." At what point, in this downward spiral, is enough enough? Or do you truly believe in absolute victory?"

**Comments on Glenna DeRoy's article "United States Department of Agriculture investigates Vanderbilt"**

**USER: NEILSIEGEL**

"It is ridiculous for Vanderbilt to feign that it has its house in order when the facts show the exact opposite. The USDA has cited the school numerous times for violations of the Animal Welfare Act. Given the repeating nature of these violations, the degree of animal neglect, and the fact that Vanderbilt refuses to even listen to reasonable welfare improvement by experts in the field (e.g., PETA's primatologist who holds a Ph.D. and has done extensive fieldwork with nonhuman primates), the USDA should take the only reasonable course of action available -- revoke Vanderbilt's license to use animals in experiments, period. Vanderbilt should be ashamed of the cruelty it routinely forces animals to endure. Vanderbilt's animals are locked in its labs for years on end without any proper socialization or enrichment and are deprived of even the most basic of welfare needs. I urge each student on this campus to write to the university president in protest and demand an end to Vanderbilt's experiments on animals."

**On Reeve Hamilton's column "Statistics on violence should be approached with caution"**

**USER: GILBERT MARTIN**

"What specific gun control measures have been "eased off on" that make gun distribution easier than it was in the 1980's and 1990's?"

The only fairly recent national gun law change that I am aware of was the expiration of the so-called "assault weapons" law that banned certain types of semi-automatic weapons based on their appearance -- as opposed to functionality which was no different than other weapons not banned.

Speaking of statistics, there aren't any that can prove that any gun control measures have done anything to reduce crime in this country. Some of the cities with the most restrictive gun laws -- like Washington DC, also have the some of the highest crime rates."

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## THE VERDICT

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

Spinach		Spreads E. coli bacteria to 21 states, infecting over 100 people, which also causes spread of bad Popeye jokes.
Thailand		Military stages coup and declares martial law while prime minister at UN. Hopefully, he, at least, enjoyed his trip.
Pirates		This past week brought us pirate-themed parties, a pirate night at Rand and Talk Like a Pirate Day. Pirates are very "in."
Wind		Hahnfeldt would definitely have made that last kick if the wind had not picked up. There is no doubt in our minds.
Baby Abby		11-day-old baby, kidnapped from home by knife-wielding crazy woman, is found alive. Police say it's "quite exciting."
YouTube.com		White House has begun using site to run anti-drug videos. Is there anything that is not on YouTube? No.
Brandon Baynes		Arrested for Duquesne shooting. Also down is accomplice William Holmes, who is still at large.

COLUMN

## Homeless inconvenience students daily

They are so prevalent in our lives, we might as well call them hangovers—except the difference is they don't belong to or at our school. Like hangovers, they are both unwelcome and

Columnist

**STEPHANIE FLEISCHMAN**

a disruption to our studies. And rather than going to places like Panera and Starbucks and finding the cure for this problem, like we do for hangovers, we go to these places and find the problem itself: the homeless.

With all of the endearing nicknames we've created for them, you'd think they were our friends. And while some of our friends might mooch off of us for alcohol every now and then, at least they don't scream at us to "give them a dime," or, at least, we'd hope not. But, regrettably, that's more than we can say for "Jacket Guy" and "Bag Lady." So why isn't Vanderbilt doing

anything about it? With all the new changes being made to help improve this campus on all levels, including improving safety and facilitating our studies, this is one problem that is being overlooked.

There are easy ways to help alleviate this issue. For example, Vanderbilt could hire more cops or work with Metro to station guards around student hotspots surrounding campus. This way, when "Jacket Guy" or "Bag Lady" approaches students and aggressively hounds them for money, the security guards or officers would be there to help break it up and eventually discourage these people from continuing this behavior.

If this doesn't work, perhaps Vanderbilt could take a more active approach and build a homeless shelter. This would help solve the problem of homeless people begging around restaurants and cafés near campus. It could also be a great learning experience and opportunity for students to get involved more in community service by working with the homeless.

Recently, freshmen were required to do community service, and now they are required to take a class once a week. Perhaps freshman VUcept groups and other groups like sports teams, fraternities and sororities, and Mayfields could volunteer regularly at the shelter.

I think this would be something that large corporations around Nashville would be happy to assist, but Vanderbilt could take the lead in fundraising initiatives. It would be a great way to start integrating Vanderbilt into the Nashville community more, as Vanderbilt has already said it hopes to do.

Helping solve the homeless problem would definitely be an innovative and responsible approach for Vanderbilt that would garner positive attention. At the very least, we could hope it would lessen the safety alerts and help make going to this school more worry-free knowing we could walk around 21st and West End in peace.

—Stephanie Fleischman is a junior in Peabody College

## Southern: Students should affirm dignity

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to send," "This is not music we will play," or "These are not words we will endorse?" What if this commitment spread and we finally could say at Vanderbilt that ours was a culture in which the affirmation of human dignity was "just part of life" rather than its degradation?

Students and student leaders have great influence on this campus, and they should raise their voices and their moral consciences to an awareness of how the messages we allow on campus—from songs about honky-tonk badonkadonks to women "about to get run the f--- over" and innumerable other examples—affect our daily habits and attitudes and, at their worst, create a culture in which sexual exploitation must be expected.

Of course this music and these messages will continue to appear on our television screens and in our iPods. But, we can make a choice as a community about the kinds of messages we will send to the outside world and about the kind of culture we wish to build. Ultimately, no task force report will ever matter as much as one person or student group making a choice to respect other people by refusing to accept the messages sent by performers who demean human dignity for profit.

We are Vanderbilt. We can do this.

—Kyle Southern is a senior in the College of Arts and Science and the 2005-2006 president of Interhall.



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## SPORTS

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## CUTLER SHOULD START FOR DENVER

## GOOD CALL

By Jambu Palaniappan  
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It is common knowledge that Vanderbilt alumnus Jay Cutler is the quarterback of the future for the Denver Broncos. After the team sputtered to open a season with high expectations, the future may arrive earlier than expected for everyone's favorite ex-Commodore.

Jake Plummer, the current starter for the Broncos, has had one good season in his unspectacular and monotonous NFL career. He was kicked out of Arizona after being hailed as a savior. Plummer sauntered into Denver, drove out the receiving talent with his renegade attitude and rode an always-impressive running attack to the AFC Championship game. The Broncos' revamped defense and tough offensive line allowed Plummer to pick apart opponents that left eight defenders in the box and played to stop the run. Other highly touted rookie quarterbacks in situations similar to Cutler's have been thrust into the starting role earlier than planned, and many have succeeded. Ben Roethlisberger led the Pittsburgh Steelers to a Super Bowl championship in just his second season in the league. Roethlisberger was thrust into the starting role because of an injury, and his job was simply to use the weapons around him, manage the clock and not make mistakes. He was never asked to win games on his own.

Big Ben was a great college quarterback from a little-known school with good size and a strong arm. Does that remind you of anyone we know?

The Broncos have enough talent on their team to allow for Cutler's potential misgivings. He can assume the role as starter, and ease into the system without having the pressure of carrying a franchise on his shoulders like Alex Smith or David Carr. Regardless of how Cutler performs, it most certainly will be a step-up from Plummer, who looked discombobulated and uncomfortable on the field in two starts this season.

Denver head coach Mike Shanahan admitted after week two that the Broncos' offensive game plan was "dumbed down" in order to accommodate Plummer's inconsistent play. They removed options from the playbook that involved complex reads of defenders, bootleg passes, and seven-step drops. If Plummer is forcing the Broncos to sacrifice offensive potential based on his play, then is it not time for Cutler to assume the role of started and embark on his entry into the exclusive fraternity of starting NFL quarterbacks?

Yes, the Broncos will have to accommodate Cutler's inexperience at the professional level, and perhaps even cut out some plays from their game plan. But, he is a rookie and the only place he can go is up. This will help him improve and jump-start his campaign, rather than lead him into the twilight of an otherwise sub-par career like Plummer's.

Jay Cutler may be raw and unproven, but the Broncos are close to throwing away their season on the back of an erratic, untalented journeyman who has won just two playoff games in his 10-year career. The San Diego Chargers are running away with the AFC West, and the Broncos need to make a change before Jake Plummer ruins an otherwise promising season. ■



JONATHAN DIETZ / Vanderbilt Hustler

Our writers discuss whether the Broncos should replace gunslinger Jake Plummer with rookie Jay Cutler.

## BAD CALL

By Max Franklin  
SPORTS REPORTER

Two words: Carson Palmer.

Playing Jay Cutler over Jake Plummer at this point of the season would be the worst thing for both the Denver Broncos' season and the development of Cutler as a player. This is not a situation like Peyton Manning was in 10 years ago, when he was the best quarterback on a bad team and the entire team took their lumps together and grew as a unit. Denver had the second best record in the AFC last season and made it to the AFC Championship game with Jake Plummer as their quarterback, and it still has one of the best defenses in the league, one of the better coaching staffs and, this early in the season, certainly looks to contend for the division or wild card.

I am as eager as anyone to see Jay Cutler play in the NFL. But I would much rather watch Cutler succeed and grow into the Pro Bowl-caliber quarterback that he's projected to be. Plain and simple, Cutler's not ready to play, and much of that has to do with where he played his college ball.

Bobby Johnson and Ted Cain don't run a pro-style offense like USC (Palmer, Matt Leinart) or Ole Miss (Eli Manning) did, or a spread offense like Utah (Alex Smith) or Miami University of Ohio (Ben Roethlisberger). Much like Vince Young at Texas, Cutler ran a scaled-down offensive system that let him make a quick read and release the ball or scramble if he needed to.

The SEC is arguably the toughest (and fastest) conference in college football, and Cutler was often throwing off his back foot, but he did not face the complex coverages and blitzes that are common in the NFL. And although Cutler had an amazing season last year, those of us who were around for his prior seasons remember the poor throws and questionable decisions he made when he was constantly under pressure from opposing defenses. It took Cutler five years to master the Commodore offense; how long before he can run the full Broncos playbook?

Cutler did play well in the preseason. But most of that came against second-string defenses, and teams were not preparing for Cutler. He played well, but Cutler only gave himself a "B-" grade—certainly not the type of dominating performance for a player who is going to replace the quarterback on a Super Bowl-caliber team.

Cutler also has an obstacle to overcome that Leinart and Young don't have to—he has to learn how to win. Cutler hasn't had a winning season since high school; Plummer won 13 games last season and is 34-15 as Denver's quarterback.

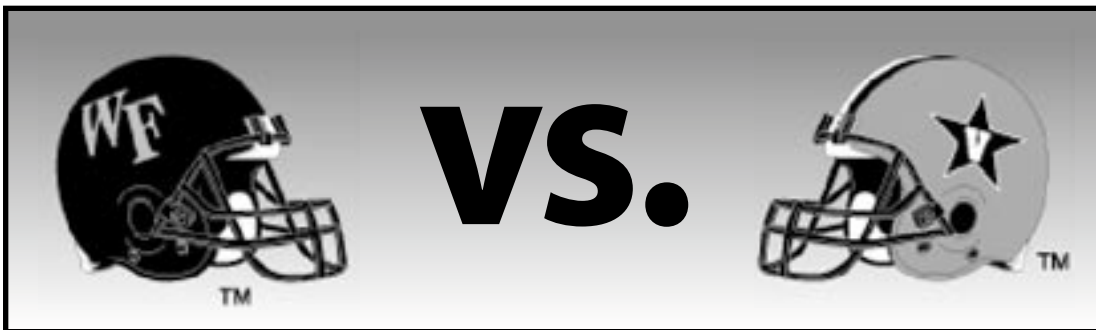
The last thing Cutler needs is a locker room divided or a team that is not completely behind him. Let Cutler sit for a year while he sees how a winning team operates, and let him play next season after he's gained the confidence of his coaching staff and the team behind him.

Palmer is arguably the best quarterback in the NFL right now—why not follow the Bengals' model and let Cutler develop into a top-tier QB? If the season is out of hand by week 14, then give Jay some snaps—but he's not ready to lead a playoff team, and he may not be for a few years.

But I can't wait till he is. ■

FOOTBALL

## Dores create rivalry with Demon Deacons

By Jarred Amato  
SPORTS EDITOR

It looks like the Commodore football program is going to have a new rivalry.

Vanderbilt and Wake Forest have entered into a seven-year series beginning next season, both universities announced Monday.

According to Vice Chancellor for University Affairs David Williams, the Commodores and Demon Deacons will play every year until 2014 except for 2009. The first game is November 24, 2007, here in Nashville. As a result, Vanderbilt was forced to cancel its trip to Louisville next September.

"We're delighted with this announcement," Williams said. "We expect this series to develop into a healthy and entertaining rivalry."

Vanderbilt football coach Bobby Johnson said he noticed the similarities between the two programs.

"We were able to accomplish several scheduling goals with this series," Johnson said. "We are creating an important non-conference relationship with a university that holds similar ideals as Vanderbilt."

Wake Forest is the second smallest Division 1-A school in the country with an enrollment of 4,231 and is both academically and athletically

comparable to Vanderbilt.

"Coach (Jim) Grobe and the entire Wake Forest football staff do a great job with their program," Johnson said. "They are highly competitive in one of the nation's most competitive conferences."

Wake Forest Director of Athletics Ron Wellman also expressed satisfaction with the agreement, especially when considering the schools' proximity.

"This is a natural series for us," Wellman said. "Vanderbilt plays in a major conference, the (Southeastern Conference), and they are a similar institution to us. They are also close enough for our fans to travel to the games played in Nashville. This could develop into an excellent rivalry which is the reason we signed a long contract."

Since the game will serve as Vanderbilt's finale throughout its length, the team will now finish its season on the last weekend of the regular season. Currently, the Commodores end with Tennessee, one week before other teams in the SEC play their last game. This move pleases the SEC, which wants all members to conclude on the same weekend.

It also gives the Commodores an open weekend during the season. This year, they are one of just three SEC teams that play 12 consecutive weeks without a break.

In 2005, Vanderbilt beat Wake Forest, 24-20. ■

WOMEN'S SOCCER

## Dennis named league's offensive player of week



BRETT KAMINKSY / Vanderbilt Hustler

Junior forward Sarah Dennis scored the Dores' game-winning goal in their 4-3 victory Sunday against MTSU and assisted on two others.



## RACING

# Motorsports makes cars from scratch



Courtesy of Lindsay Matthews

In order to race in the annual competition, the self-sufficient Motorsports team must raise up to \$23,000. To do so, it sells numerous scholarships. The team looks forward to putting another car on the track.

## Vanderbilt club designs, creates and races car every year.

By Aleksey Dubrovnsky  
SPORTS REPORTER

The challenge that the Vanderbilt Motorsports team faces on an annual basis is a rather unique one, especially in the world of collegiate athletics.

It would be difficult to imagine the football team having to weave its own pigskins, produce its own goalposts and manufacture its own pads and uniforms. But, that is exactly what the Motorsports team has to do.

Members fabricate the vehicle they race from scratch each year by using the machine shop tools in Featheringill Hall. The team prides itself on being financially self-sufficient each year and remains so by selling numerous sponsorships.

"We have to raise all the money ourselves, and the more money we raise, the better," said junior Lindsay Matthews. "Our budget this year is about \$23,000, and we usually break even."

Using techniques and methods learned in their classes, a small, dedicated group spends countless hours revising the design of the vehicle

for weeks on end, until the perfect plan comes together on paper.

The hardest part comes, however, in turning the blueprints into a working reality, and this grueling and time-consuming process takes place each year.

Dozens of racing and engineering enthusiasts put forth great effort into the fabrication and assembly of the vehicle, which often involves making and re-making a component countless times out of raw materials in order to fit within the design specifications and competition requirements.

The Formula SAE competition is sponsored by the Society of Automotive Engineers, and the club competes in the American Collegiate Design competition annually. Showcasing engineering know-how and their technical racing skills, hundreds of teams have started-up all across the country in this face-growing competition. Both design proficiency and racing merit are rewarded by the SAE judges, with performance metrics making up a large portion of the scoring as well.

"The competition is threefold," said captain Walter Thorn. "First is design and fabrication of the vehicle. Second is the business aspect, where you have to submit a cost analysis of the business, as if you were going to produce these prototypes. Basically, that's a sales pitch to somebody who might invest in your company. Third is the actual racing and performance competition."

The racing and performance events include a 250-foot acceleration test from a standing start, a lateral acceleration test on a figure-eight skid pad, an autocross event and an endurance and fuel economy test. The post-production testing of the vehicle is also an important phase for the team to perfect, as it hopes to get as much time in testing and refining the vehicle as possible.

Phil Davis, who operates the mechanical engineering program's machine shop, is another committed member of the team who helps the program get going each year.

"Phil is the technical adviser for the program," Thorn said. "He teaches

us by taking our ideas and actually turning them into something that we can put together. He's got all the know-how on how things get made."

"Phil makes this his life, and he runs the program," Matthews, a mechanical engineering major, said.

Dr. Eric Barth of the mechanical engineering faculty, is another adviser to the program. "He's there for the administrative end of things," Thorn said. "He helps us deal with the university and other issues that come up."

Since their founding in 1999, the Formula SAE team has found its way past any number of obstacles. Putting a car on the track and racing it around is hardly the procedure the team must go through on a yearly basis, seeing as putting the car together is usually the most difficult and stressful part. But the team remains upbeat and excited about the development of the program.

"The club is growing," Matthews said. "It sure is a lot of work to put the car together, but it's a lot of fun, and we're getting better at it each year." ■

## FOOTBALL

# Football has eight home games in '07

It's never too early to think about next year and for the Vanderbilt football team, the future looks good.

Next season the Commodores play eight of their 12 games at home after they dropped a road trip to Louisville for the season finale against Wake Forest.

In fact, Vanderbilt does not play on the road until October 6 against Auburn. After the Tigers, the Dores play South Carolina, Florida and Tennessee away from home.

While the team plays 12 games in 12 weeks this year, it has a bye after week three next year. That's certainly good news for coach Bobby Johnson and his players.

Below is the 2007 schedule. ■

## 2007 Football Schedule

Date	Opponent
Sept. 1	Richmond
Sept. 8	Alabama
Sept. 15	Ole Miss
Sept. 22	BYE
Sept. 29	Eastern Michigan
Oct. 6	@ Auburn
Oct. 13	Georgia
Oct. 20	@ South Carolina
Oct. 27	Kent State
Nov. 3	@ Florida
Nov. 10	Kentucky
Nov. 17	@ Tennessee
Nov. 24	Wake Forest

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