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for Greeks

Impact of new housing on

residential life scrutinized.

BY RYAN FARHA

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Commons, many students are concerned

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The Commons is currently under con-

Students on Peabody will have access to

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seminar rooms and kitchens in their halls.

Congressional

bill provides

additional aid

BY BEN SWEET

Students who are eligible for a Federal Pell Grant may have even more financial aid head-

A section included in the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, which has already passed

both houses of Congress and is expected to be

signed by President Bush, provides new fund-

ing for students who are Pell eligible and who

have attended a school designated as 'academ-

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RESIDENTIAL LIFE

— SGA President Kate Morgan Association forced to pay \$9,000 for rooms.

BY BEN SWEET HUSTLER NEWS EDITOR

Last week, the Vanderbilt Student Government Association paid out \$9,000 to the Marriott hotel for rooms that were never used.

According to SGA president Kate Morgan, Andrew Maxwell, former SGA president, volunteered Vanderbilt as the host of this year's SEC-SGA Exchange, a conference of all the student government associations of SEC

schools.

The conference was originally scheduled for September, though hurricane Katrina pushed the date forward to Jan. 27 and 28 of this

In order to get the best rates for the conference, the SGA had already signed a contract with the Marriott hotel for twenty rooms. However, according to Morgan, as of Jan. 5, only five people had confirmed their attendance at the conference.

Students cheer as Steelers

top Seahawks in Super Bowl

"We had already had to make a contract with the Marriott, but we couldn't host a conference with five people, so we had to cancel it," Morgan said.

Morgan stressed that the Vanderbilt legal team as well as the SGA advisors all looked over the contract before any money was paid to the hotel.

Of the \$9,000, \$6,000 had already been allotted by the SGA to cover the conference; the balance came from the general budget.

Mona Hicks, Vice Chancellor

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MEDIA



Sophomore Weatherly Parker gives a weather report on VTV's new news program. Though only two episodes are currently running, the show hopes to become weekly.

News show launches first two episodes

VTV-6 features news, weather, sports and in-depth reporting.

BY MONIKA BLACKWELL

Vanderbilt Television now has a new addition to its programming line-up. "VTV-6 News" is a student run program that offers news, entertainment, sports and

So far, "VTV-6" has two thirtyminute episodes rotating on VTV. Soon, however, new episodes will be aired, and eventually "VTV-6" will be on at a scheduled time each week.

Junior DoanPhuong Nguyen is the show's creator and executive producer as well as an anchor, writer and editor.

After several internships with news media in Nashville and after working on the VTV program "The Bubble," Nguyen had the idea to create a news based program. She met with Jim Hayes, assistant director of student media, about her plan and was ap-

After recruiting students to help with the program as well as contributing some of her own funds to the process, Nguyen's dream came to life. Currently, fourteen students work for "VTV-6 News." The tasks of these students include everything from writing, filming, editing, interviewing and reporting.

Allison Erwin, a freshman and a reporter for "VTV-6," said that she is currently working on a piece about Vanderbilt Off

"A lot of what [Doan-Phuong] is doing is raising the level of VTV. Our news show is really worthwhile if you want to know what's going

— Allison Erwin, freshman reporter for VTV-6

on on campus."

Broadway and their production of "Brigadoon." Erwin also said that she and Nguyen will soon begin projects in investigative journalism, though she did not disclose what they would be investigating.

"I think it's important for the campus to know what VTV is doing right now with its programming," Erwin said, "And a lot of what [DoanPhuong] is doing is raising the level of VTV." She added, "Our news show is really worthwhile if you want to know what's going on on campus."

Nguyen hopes that eventually the program will cover national events as well as Vanderbilt relat-Please see VTV, page 3

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Interhall campaign begins, two veterans run

BY BEN SWEET HUSTLER NEWS EDITOR

Campaign season for the two candidates for Interhall president officially began at midnight last night; consequently, juniors Devin Donovan and Russell Ross have until 8 p.m. Feb. 15 to convince the student body of their qualifications.

Both candidates have served on Interhall for three years now. Donovan is the current vice president while Ross serves as the secretary of security.

Both candidates have very different visions for Vanderbilt University and the role Interhall should play.

"I want to better represent students and give a venue for discussion with more visible leadership—to put the 'inter' back into Interhall," Donovan said.

Ross agreed that visibility was some-

thing that Interhall traditionally lacks.

"Interhall fundamentally serves the student body, and as long as they (students) don't know what we're doing, how do we serve them?" Ross said.

Ross also stressed his record of advocacy for student organizations, such as his recent involvement in drafting the petition to reinstate the soccer team and collecting over 3,000 signatures.

Meanwhile, Donovan looked toward the recent Interhall resolution providing compensation for residents of Memorial Hall (in wake of the construction difficulties), and said that innovation would be key to Interhall's success in the coming

"My passion for Vanderbilt and passion for Interhall, I feel, are really un-Please see INTERHALL, page 3



certain loans as well.

OUR VIEW

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The *Hustler* editorial board feels that many of the misconceptions that Greeks have about the impact of the Commons on Greek life are due to a lack of communication from administrators. See Page 4

BASKETBALL

Read about Vanderbilt's 74-73 nail-bitting loss to Georgia and how Vanderbilt rallied at the end to almost win the game. See Page 6

COLUMN

TOP: Students watch last night's Super Bowl XL at the Baptist Campus Ministry. BOTTOM: Bill Weimar, Nathan Starke

and Andrew Robinson cheer on their team early in the game from Kappa Alpha fraternity. Dozens of organizations and

groups around campus held Super Bowl watching parties as the Steelers topped the Seahawks 21-10.

Read why columnist Tim Boyd thinks that civil rights leaders such as Coretta Scott King and Rosa Parks should be remembered but not worshiped like gods. See Page 4

QUOTABLE

"I feel duped. I don't know what is true and I don't know what isn't."

— Oprah Winfrey, upon learning that James Frey, author of A Million Little Pieces (a book promoted in her book club) had fabricated huge portions of his

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n. 1. one skilled in table talk

Source: Webster's Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary of the English Language

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1778	The United States won official recognition from France with the signing of treaties in Paris.
1911	Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th president, was born in Tampico, Il

duck" amendment, was declared in effect. Britain's King George VI died; he was succeeded as reigning 1952

monarch by his daughter, Elizabeth II. 1959 The United States successfully test-fired for the first time a Titan intercontinental ballistic missile from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

> President Clinton signed a bill changing the name of Washington National Airport to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. Compiled by the Associated Press

The 20th Amendment to the Constitution, the so-called "lame

FORECAST

TUESDAY Sunny High: 49 Low: 29

WEDNESDAY **Snow Shower** High: 43 Low: 24

> **THURSDAY** Sunny High: 46

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TODAY IN THE BUBBLE

Compiled by Lisa Guo

Bleed Gold Blood Challenge

This week from Feb. 6-9, Alpha Phi Omega and the Vanderbilt Hillel Center will be sponsoring the Bleed Gold Blood Challenge at the Ben Schulman Center. Throughout the week, Vanderbilt University and the University of Tennessee will compete to see which school can donate the most blood. Participants can give blood on Monday, Feb. 6 from 12 to 5 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 7 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursday, Feb. 9 from 12 to 5 p.m. Vanderbilt students can also donate on Thursday, Feb. 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center Informatics Center on 3401 West End Ave.

C.O.O.L. Idealist National Conference Registration

Registration is ongoing for the C.O.O.L. Idealist National Conference that will be held at Vanderbilt on March 3-5. The conference will focus on national and social change. For more information and to register, students can visit www.idealist.org/conferences/cool/2006/.

Phi Beta Kappa Applications

The Alpha of Tennessee chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and largest academic honor society, is now accepting applications from prospective members Information regarding the membership process may be found on the chapter website: http://sitemason.vanderbilt.edu/pbk. Applications are due February 17th.

Yearbook pictures

Final portrait sessions for the 2006 Commodore yearbook are this week: Monday, Feb. 6, through Friday, Feb. 10, in Sarratt 112, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Students are recommended to go earlier in the week to ensure that they can have their portrait taken. Seniors should make reservations at vanderbiltcommodore.com; all other students can walk in.

Invisible Children documentary showing

The reckless, fast-paced documentary follows three young Americans who travel to Africa and stumble upon a largely unknown rebel war in the country of Uganda. With a camera purchased on eBay they follow children who must walk and sleep miles from home every night or risk abduction by a violent terrorist group. The film will be shown at 8:30 this Wednesday in Wilson 103.

The Raft Debate: Which school will survive?

The Raft Debate will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. this Wednesday in the Student Life Center Ballroom A. A professor from each of the four undergraduate schools will be participating, and the debate will be moderated by professor John Lachs. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Compiled by staff from various sources. Check out http://calendar.vanderbilt.edu for more events.

VUPD CRIME LOG

Compiled by Lisa Guo

Feb. 2, 1:05 a.m. — A vehicle stopped for not having headlights on at Dixie Place and 21st Avenue South. Both the driver and passenger, neither of whom were Vanderbilt students, were found to have small amounts of marijuana. They were arrested for drug/narcotic offense.

Feb. 2, 3:18 a.m. — A vehicle parked in the Vanderbilt and Barnard Hall parking lot (Lot 2) received light damage due to the altercation mentioned below. The owner of the vehicle did not press charges.

Feb. 2, 3:56 a.m. — Two women were involved in a physical altercation in the Vanderbilt and Barnard Hall parking lot (Lot 2). One had been visiting a Vanderbilt student. They were both given misdemeanor citations for simple assault. Feb. 2, 1:20 p.m. — A laptop computer was stolen from an office in the Steven-

son Center physics building. No suspects have been identified and the investigation **Feb. 3, 1:26 a.m.** — A Vanderbilt student reported that while he was walking

down a first floor hallway in Branscomb, one or more persons came up behind him and hit him with a fist. He could not identify anyone. He was taken to the emergency room for a small laceration to his head. No suspects have been identified and the investigation remains active.

Feb. 3, 1 a.m. — While doing a check of Lewis Hall, an officer observed a Vanderbilt student trying to gain access to the building. The officer asked for I.D.; the individual initially gave a false name and stated that he had lost his I.D. He had a strong odor of alcohol, and was underage. He was taken downtown and charged with impersonation (for giving a false name), drunkenness, and a liquor law violation (for underage drinking).

For complete listings visit http://police.vanderbilt.edu.

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Financial Aid: Bill raises loan limits, rates

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David Mohning, Director of Financial Aid, says that some Vanderbilt students should be eligible for these new grants, though at this point it is difficult to say because of the term 'academically rigorous' in the bill.

"Nobody has yet defined what 'academically rigorous' means in terms of day to day," Mohning said. "There will be an expansion of funds for students already eligible for the Pell Grant."

Certain organizations have voiced concerns that this legislation will unfairly impact different students because of the weight it places on the secondary education programs from which they come.

Mohning agrees that those concerns seem 'realistic' and questions the amount of responsibility being given to the Secretary of Education.

"The bill talks about programs deemed rigorous, but what does that really mean?" he said.

"Another concern is that a program is designated as 'rigorous' by the Secretary of Education. Does that put too much power on him, because education is traditionally seen as a responsibility of the state."

The bill would allocate \$750 for first year students, \$1,300 for second year and \$4,000 for juniors and seniors who meet the requirements of the National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant, which have not yet been defined.

Though there may be more money for students up front, Mohning points out that this bill might not help many students at all.

"A lot of funds have been pulled back in such a way that a lot of costs get passed on to students and parents," Mohning said.

"The purpose of this bill is to reduce the rate at which the deficit is growing, but reduced expenses will be as a result of students and parents having to foot more of the bill, partly in loan programs," he said. "In a broader sense, this legislation does not do a positive thing." ■

CORRECTION

In Friday's article regarding Commons programming, The Vanderbilt Hustler reported the ScholarBowl Gala event's date incorrectly. The event will be on Feb. 25. *The Hustler* regrets the error.

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Greek: Commons could affect rush

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The new dining center will include exercise space, social areas, a copy center, and a mail center.

Many Greek students believe this relocation of freshmen to Peabody will prove disastrous for the Greek houses, especially fraternities, which enjoy the concentration of students in Branscomb.

Jack Reilly, a sophomore member of Delta Kappa Epsilon, holds a common view among fraternity members that relocation of first-year students to Peabody will hurt the rush process.

"It'll kill it," he said. "People who are on Peabody now don't even want to walk over. If everyone's over here [on Peabody], there's no reason to leave."

Susan Barge, the associate provost for college halls, disagrees. She believes that The Commons will have a positive effect on Greek life.

"The freshmen will all be together and I think there are some advantages to the Greeks in that they get to meet more potential members that way," she said. In addition, she says that The Commons will pro-

mote more active engagement among sophomore Greek members, who will be living on main campus as opposed to Peabody.

Barge also recognizes that there will be more of choice available to incoming freshmen.

"There might be fewer students who feel compelled to go through rush and pledge a group," she said. "I think there's going to be more of a discretionary decision to be made about joining a sorority or

Barge believes much of the concern of the future of Greek life is due to a general lack of understanding about the College Halls among students.

Efforts to improve student knowledge about the

project include the Common Ground executive committee, a 14-member panel of student leaders. The committee is meant to increase student input and

Matt Meiners, a senior brother of Beta Theta Pi, just ended his term as Interfraternity Council president and as a member of Common Ground. He believes students are not aware of the flexibility of the College Halls project.

"I think the misconception that a lot of students have is they think everything's already been planned out and set in stone, but it's totally an ongoing process," he said.

While he thinks student concerns for Greek life are valid, he also sees the College Halls as an opportunity for the strong Greek community at Vanderbilt. "It gives us a chance to reevaluate ourselves and

figure out why we are needed on this campus," he said. "We can find out our strengths and weakness-Despite this opportunity, students still fear that

the College Halls system will succeed at the expense of the Greek community. "The whole idea of these residential colleges is to bring people together, taking the part of what frater-

nities are for," Reilly said. "Besides drinking, there's really no purpose in joining a fraternity if this project actually works as planned." However, many students like Natalie Bennett, the former Panhellenic Council president, point to the

fact that the College Halls are just a part of a changing university like Vanderbilt. "Everything about this campus will be changed, not just Greek life," Bennett said. "I think what hap-

pens will depend on how we choose to change with



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SGA: 'Unfortunate' event costs \$9,000

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for Student Activities, called the event "unfortunate," but something that was out of SGA's hands.

"This wasn't their (SGA's) fault. If there hadn't been a hurricane, we wouldn't be having this conversation,"

SGA, however, remains optimistic that this setback will not greatly impact its performance this semester.

"There is nothing we already had planned that has to be cut," Morgan said. "We obviously won't be doling out money to every group this semester like they would hope, but I think it's a nice reminder that SGA

Currently, the SGA does not expect any of the elev-

en invited schools to reimburse them for the expenses, though most had previously confirmed the January date. No one seems certain yet as to why so many of the eleven invited schools decided not to attend at the last minute.

"We've had tons of conversations about how student organizations have been operating since the hurricane," Hicks said. "All these schools were affected."

Morgan also expressed SGA's disappointment about the conference falling through.

"I'm really frustrated," she said. "When something is a result of something not initiated by you but you still have to suffer the consequences, man that's frustrating!" ■

VTV: Nguyen realizes dream

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ed news. "I'm actually trying to work to get Vanderbilt television associated with CNN," Nguyen said, "But I don't know how long that will take or if that's even pos-

For now, the show will remain centered on Vanderbilt community life.

"VTV-6 News" is still looking for reporters and

photographers. No experience is necessary. For more information or to find out about positions, contact DoanPhuong Nguyen at vtv6news@gmail.com.

Although VTV's website is still in production, more information, including show times, can eventually be obtained at www.vanderbilt.edu/vtv. "VTV-6 News" is also working on creating a Web site containing its stories and projects.

Interhall: Changes on the way

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matched," she said. "I spend my life trying to initiate change in everything I'm involved in-because I feel that's one of the best qualities of a leader."

Ross said he also feels that some things need to change for Interhall to be truly representative of the student body.

"Interhall needs to be more proactive, more vocal," Ross said. "I'm doing this because there is a big problem with the way the university is run."

Senior outgoing president Kyle Southern has said he was very pleased to work with both Donovan and The campaign timeline

Feb. 14 — Candidates must submit lists of campaign benefactors, expenditures and campaign associates for the general election to the attorney general

Feb. 15 — General elections take place from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Ross this year, and has decided not to issue an endorsement for either candidate.





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The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution



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College Halls miscommunications prove costly

As the College Halls initiative progresses and construction of The Commons proceeds on Peabody campus, many students are becoming concerned that the freshmen move eastward in 2008 will negatively impact Greek life.

The true effect of The Commons on the Vanderbilt community is to be determined, but the *Hustler* editorial board believes that the larger issue has to do with continuing communication issues between the administration and student body.

Last year, as covered by The Vanderbilt Hustler and discussed by the editorial board, the student body felt in the dark regarding details about The Commons. The concerns that members of the Greek community expressed in today's article entitled "Greeks question freshmen move to Commons" are a result of the lack of communication.

We believe that failure to circulate an explanatory brochure last spring, continually changing the vocabulary used to describe the plan and amending the timeline of implementation have all contributed to the confusion.

In light of these communications missteps, we believe it is understandable that Greeks and non-Greeks alike would be confused about the College Halls project and, more importantly, its effect on our community.

The Hustler editorial board agrees with Matt Meiners, former president of the Interfraternity Council and member of Common Ground, who said he believes that the College Halls project could be an opportunity for the Greek community.

"The College Halls initiative gives us a chance to reevaluate ourselves and figure out why we are needed on this campus," Meiners said. "We can find out our strengths and weaknesses."

Moving freshmen students out of Branscomb Quad and onto Peabody campus may force the Greek community to change recruitment strategies, but in the end, fraternities and sororities may benefit from the introspection that process will require.

Either way, administrators should keep in mind the effect miscommunications have on the student body. This time, they have caused what are perhaps unfounded misconceptions and general confusion among students regarding the Commons and its impact on Greek life.

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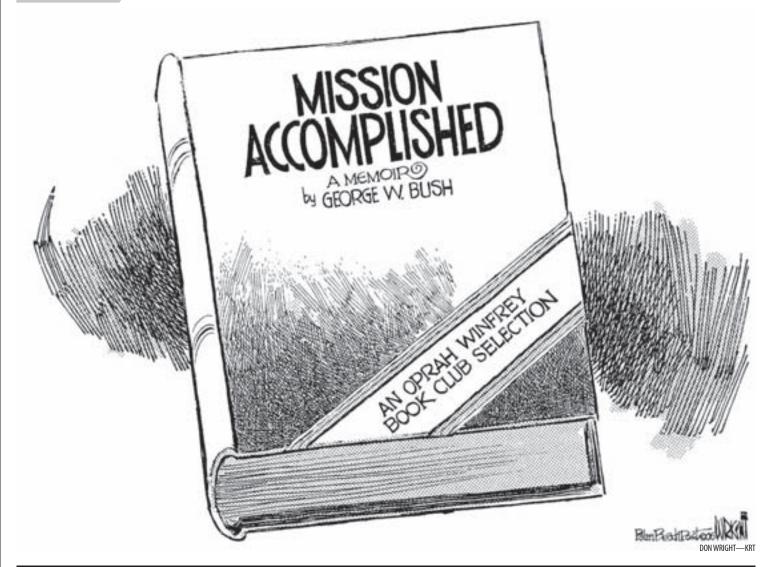
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hamas is not an improvement

To the Editor:

I believe Laura Breslin wrote her article "Why I am not surprised by Hamas' victory in Palestinian Election" with good intentions, but her naiveté on the issue clearly stands out in her last paragraph.

Breslin informs us that the Israeli leaders will surely play the "terrorist card" in response to Hamas' victory. Breslin fails to realize that terrorism is not a card but goes to the heart of why a Palestinian state does not exist today. In the 1990s, Israel made history by becoming one of the few countries ever to give up land in exchange for peace. In response, Hamas blew up Israeli buses filled with civilians. Breslin writes that "for Hamas to renounce the use of violence," Israel should "return to the 1967 borders." It would be illogical for Israel to return to the 1967 borders before the Palestinian Authority has stopped the terrorism. Even

the United Nations recognized this in the all-important "Resolution 242," which calls for the "withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from territories" and the "right to live in peace...free from threats." Living free from threats should extend to both the Israelis and Palestinians, not only Palestinians.

Breslin claims that Hamas is not running on a platform that calls for the destruction of Israel. I urge her to check any news source: The New York Times, Al Jazeera, Al Ahram. The Hamas leaders continue to evade the issue of changing their goal to work toward peace instead of destroying Israel. I wish I could be optimistic like Breslin, but I believe the Palestinians have made a choice, and it definitely is not an "improvement."

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Republicans losing sight of their original vision

In September of 1994, scores of Republican House candidates stood on the steps of the U.S. Capitol and signed what was called the "Contract with America," a set of



goals outlined by then-Congressman Newt Gingrich that pledged to reduce the size of government, reign in irresponsible spending, and restore personal responsibility to welfare recipients. Running on this conservative type of platform, scores of GOP candidates across the country were elected, and for the first time in 40 years, the Democrats lost their majority in the House of Representatives. Republicans, by staying on this conservative message, were able to pick up 52 seats, and since then have kept their majority in the House.

However, the problem that party has now is that they are becoming the same type of people they were bemoaning in 1994. Gingrich and other Republicans vociferously criticized Democrats for the House Bank scandal, for too-close interactions with lobbyists, and for out-of-control spending. Unfortunately, the Republicans now have their own lobbying scandal, with Jack Abramoff (if you read my column two weeks ago, it's actually a somewhat bi-partisan scandal, but it's easy to paint as one related to Republicans), and their own majority leader, Tom DeLay, had to step down recently due to ethics problems. Furthermore, when the opportunity presented itself to pick a new

majority leader whose hands were clean of lobbyist connections, the House Republicans passed over reformer John Shadegg (Ariz.) and picked John Bohener (Ohio) instead, who at one point was actually writing checks from tobacco lobbyists to members on the House floor right before a big vote involving - you guessed it - tobacco regulation.

Republicans in 1994 also criticized earmark projects - pork barrel initiatives that members can anonymously insert into spending bills, without having to be held accountable. In 1994, there were about 4,000 of these in all the spending bills that were passed, a ridiculous amount by any measure. However, in 2005, according to the Congressional Budget Office, there were over 15,000 of these mostly wasteful spending giveaways!

One area where Republicans do deserve credit is with taxes. Since taking over the House, the GOP has cut taxes four times, which is good for the American taxpayer and good for the economy, no doubt. However, the problem is that members have not been willing to cut spending in order to pay for these tax cuts. Although they had no problem passing a balanced budget during the Clinton years, most Republicans, save a few, don't have the backbone to stand up to President Bush and his out-of-control spending. Obviously, defense spending during a time of war is something we need, so it's understandable that defense spending has risen 34 percent since Bush took office. However, non-defense spending has gone up 28 percent under the current president, which is unacceptable in

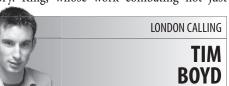
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figures is problematic

Deification

of civil rights

The recent death of Coretta Scott King means that yet another icon of the Civil Rights Movement has passed on into the pantheon of American History. King, whose work combating not just



racial prejudice but also homophobia and poverty, deserves the admiration of all. She was given the honor of being the first African-American and the first woman to lie in state at the Georgia state capitol in Atlanta. Shirley Franklin, herself the first black woman to run the city, commented, "I would not be here without her." Georgia's Governor, Sonny Perdue, described King as "an inspiration

That King should be so honored is perfectly fitting. However, the reaction to her passing, as well as the reaction to the death of Rosa Parks and the commemoration of the Rev. Dr. Martih Luther King Jr. every January, also reveals a recurring tendency to place certain figures and moments from the Civil Rights Movement on a pedestal. Once there, they are to be worshipped and admired by grateful future generations and not to be questioned. Figures cease to be remembered as human beings, and they become symbols of a mythologized past - the historical equivalent of being cryogenically frozen.

The problem with this attitude is not that it elevates undeserving people to the status of heroes. Quite the contrary – Dr. King, Mrs. King and Rosa Parks all worked for causes that required courage and all achieved feats that would make anyone proud. But the way we remember them now does a disservice, not only to the complexity of their own lives, but also the lives of so many others who took part in the Civil Rights Movement.

The first problem with this type of deification is that it downplays the grit for the glory. Even before her death, Rosa Parks was primarily remembered as the woman who "wouldn't go to the back of the bus." When she died, this story was the centerpiece of people's recollections of her. Here was this simple, humble seamstress who decided one day in December of 1955 that she had had enough. Like a latter-day Joan of Arc, she responded to what was almost a divine calling and sparked the Civil Rights Movement through her own example.

This version of events is both inaccurate and unfair. First of all, as courageous as Rosa Parks' act was in 1955, it pales in comparison to the courage it took to be a grass-roots organizer of the NAACP in Alabama during the 1940s - a Please see BOYD, page 5

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OPINION 5

COLUMN

Use of tuition dollars obscure

On Saturday night, 10 friends and I were stuck in an elevator in Towers 4 for 45 minutes. The elevator told us that we had exceeded the weight limit of the elevator. To make matters worse, the elevator, in its

GUEST COLUMNIST

TIMOTHY DEES

deranged logic, decided that the best way to correct its perceived capacity problem was to stop the elevator between floors with the doors closed. Then, as if to taunt us, it ordered us to remove excess people and "reboard."

I could write this off as an aberration in an otherwise functional elevator, except that the same thing happened last week. Also, anecdotal evidence suggests that this is a regular occurrence.

The frequency of the elevator's malfunction, however, has not increased the response time of the elevator technician, who apparently lives in Narnia. The temperature in the elevator skyrocketed toward ninety as he crossed time and space in his voyage to Vanderbilt. He finally arrived, and we were helped out of that sinister hellbox. I recommend that this elevator be destroyed and any record of its existence expunged. That is a fine solution to the issue at hand, but a malfunctioning elevator is merely symptomatic of a larger problem.

Vanderbilt is a fine institution, and we pay handsomely to attend here. Tuition is \$31,700 and room and board comes out to a scandalous \$10,286 (including a whopping \$800 a month for housing). According to Vanderbilt's website, the cost of attending Vanderbilt for a year is \$44,960, which is roughly 100 percent of the average household income for an American family. With such enormous costs,

coupled with an endowment exceeding \$2 billion, one would think that Vanderbilt could provide basic services like working elevators or stall doors in the Rand restrooms. Instead, Vanderbilt pours hundreds of thousands of dollars into its crack security force at Lewis and Morgan.

In a world of soaring tuition, it is time to call Vanderbilt to accountability. When Vanderbilt successfully raises over \$1 billion in a matter of years but tuition still rises at a rate greatly outstripping inflation, something is wrong. When we pay \$800 a month to live in meager on-campus accommodations (without functioning elevators), something is wrong. As Vanderbilt students, we do not have to tolerate the disconnect between what we get and what we pay for. To quote a 2003 congressional report on the costs of higher education, "Many academic institutions have not seriously confronted the basic issues involved with reducing their costs and...most of them have also permitted a veil of obscurity to settle over their basic financial operations."

The effects of such a veil are disastrous: "According to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, cost factors prevent 48 percent of college-qualified high school graduates from attending a four-year institution, and 22 percent from attending any college at all. The statistics are similarly bleak for middle-income students and families. At this rate, by the end of the decade, more than 2 million college-qualified students will be completely denied the opportunity for a postsecondary education." What now? Should the malfunctioning elevators and meager accommodations that accompany a Vanderbilt education become the sole possession of a wealthy aristocracy? Vanderbilt must be held accountable.

—Timothy Dees is a senior in the College of Arts and Science.

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Boyd: Remember Kings, Parks for who they are

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role often overlooked in her story. Also overlooked is the hard work that went into preparing for the bus boycott: the earlier efforts of JoAnn Robinson to negotiate with the Montgomery City Council over desegregation, the quite deliberate search for a test case to challenge the segregation on the buses, the lessons drawn from the 1953 bus boycott in Baton Rouge, the earlier inter-racial direct action of CORE in Chicago during the second World War, and then the Freedom Rides of 1946-7 through the Upper South.

Rosa Parks was not a knight in shining armor who arrived from nowhere to inspire an army of followers and lead them to victory by her moral example alone. She was part of a well-developed, long-established and highly complex network of people determined to mount a challenge to the Jim Crow system. To lose sight of that is to lose sight of the actual dynamics and complexity of the Civil Rights Movement.

The way Dr. King is remembered is also problematic. In his case, his posthumous anointment as the leader of the Civil Rights Movement has come at the expense of downplaying the full extent of his beliefs. King, like Parks, is remembered as a saintly figure whose simple call for racial brotherhood has now become so mainstream that he is venerated across the political spectrum.

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His fundamental critique of the way American society operated, not just in terms of race, but also how it led to poverty, war and violence, has been forgotten in favor of a few lines from his "I have a Dream" speech. This process of simplifying King, who was a deeply controversial and unpopular figure for many Americans during his lifetime, into an unambiguous national icon has been going on for some time. The alarm bells should have been ringing from the moment Strom Thurmond announced he was going to support a federal holiday honoring Dr. King's memory.

The point here is not that we should not respect and admire the Kings or Rosa Parks. But we should remember them for who they were, not for what we would like them to be. To do otherwise risks turning a complex and far-reaching movement into the simplified stories of a few great men and women. What is more, their canonization also gives the false impression that the issues they raised have been settled, that the impact of the Civil Rights Movement has run its course and that as long as we pay lip service to its heroes, we never have to worry ourselves about the unresolved issues of race and equality that still affect us today.

—Tim Boyd is a Graduate Student in the Department of History.

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Donnelly: Republicans should return to '94

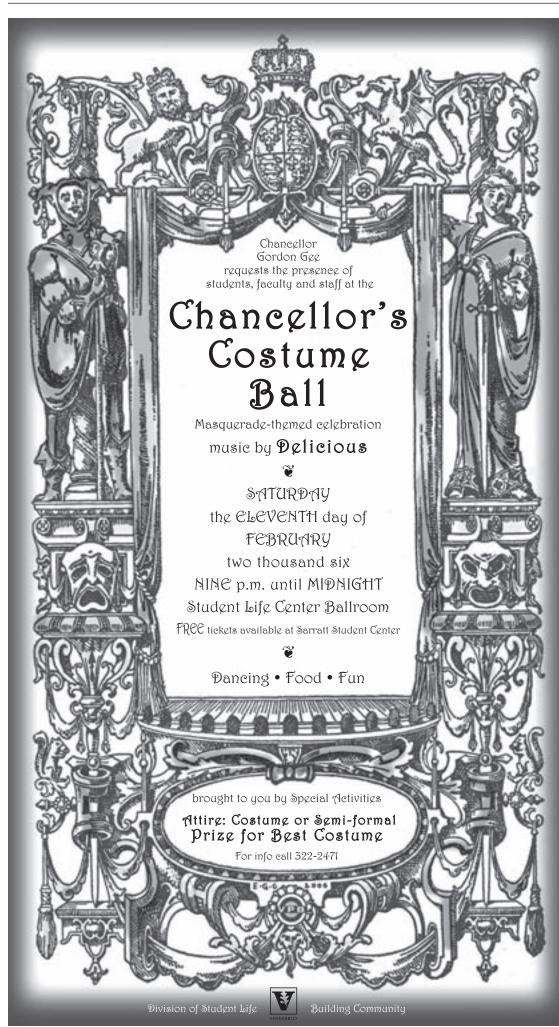
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my view. House Republicans need to stick to their message of 1994 by standing up to wasteful spending no matter which party the president is - even if he is one of their own.

The environment in 1994 for Republicans to win back the House was perfect - you had a Democratic Congress plagued with scandal, a fairly unpopular president of that same party (although Clinton turned out to be popular overall in his eight years in the White

House - his first two were among the most rocky), and a Congress that was spending way out of control and cozying up to lobbyists. This sounds a lot like today, except there's one problem. It's the Republicans in this position. If Democrats manage to take back the House in November, it will be nobody's fault but the Republicans' who have started acting like them.

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





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SPORTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Commodores fall to Bulldogs

Late tip-in lifts Georgia, puts NCAA hopes in doubt.

BY ANDY LUTZKY HUSTI FR ASSISTANT SPORTS FOITOR

Playing from behind for most of the game, Vanderbilt raced back late only to lose another heartbreaker to Georgia, 74-73, on Saturday.

With 18 seconds left in the game, Bulldogs guard Sundiata Gaines tipped back his own missed shot to score the final points of the game.

"We needed one stop and we couldn't get it," Commodores head coach Kevin Stallings said.

On the ensuing possession, Shan Foster attempted a three-pointer with a Georgia defender guarding him closely, and the miss with four seconds left effectively ended Vanderbilt's

"He got a pretty good look at the basket, but it went a little long," Stallings said. "He makes it, and that's the game."

The Commodores (12-7, 3-5 Southeastern Conference) were trailing for almost all 40 minutes. They held the lead for only one possession in the first half, after a Demarre Carroll one-hander gave them a 29-28 lead near halftime. They weren't in front again until Derrick Byars made a three-pointer with 3:37 left that put them ahead, 69-68.

After fighting back and trading baskets down the stretch, Vanderbilt couldn't prevent Georgia from scoring last.

"Georgia has been one of those teams that has given us trouble my entire career," Vanderbilt's Julian Terrell said. "They came in here and played tough on our home court."

Through much of the first half, Vanderbilt remained close despite turnovers, being outrebounded and looking completely out of sync at times. Almost every bounce went Georgia's way, including a buzzer-beating three-pointer by Gaines that gave them a 39-33 lead.

After halftime, however, the Commodores shot almost 60 percent from the floor, while also going 10-for-13 from the free throw line.

They cut Georgia's lead to one point several times, including a two-handed double-pump dunk by Derrick Byars, who led all scorers with 21 points, to make the score 47-46 with 14:46

Each time Vanderbilt seemed primed to take the lead, however, Georgia pulled away. According to Byars, the Commodores' defense was inconsistent, and didn't step up when they needed to the most.

"We had spots in certain spurts," said Byars. "But when we needed stops, we didn't manage to

Julian Terrell, who finished the game with 16 points and eight rebounds, said the Commodores are growing weary of ending up on the short end

Georgia	Georgia 74, Vanderbilt 73										
Vanderbilt	Min	FG-FGA	3P-3PA	FT-FTA	O-D-R	Α	PTS				
Byars	31	6-10	4-7	5-6	0-0-0	2	21				
Carroll	34	3-8	0-0	2-2	1-3-4	6	8				
Terrell	34	5-8	0-0	6-7	1-7-8	0	16				
Moore	15	1-4	1-4	0-0	1-0-1	2	3				
Foster	30	6-11	2-5	1-1	1-0-1	0	15				
Gordon	24	2-2	2-2	0-0	0-0-0	1	6				
Cage	19	1-1	0-0	2-2	0-1-1	6	4				
Nwankwo	5	0-1	0-0	0-2	1-0-1	0	0				
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Totals	200	24-47	9-18	16-20	5-12-17	17	73				
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Georgia	Min	FG-FGA	3P-3PA	FT-FTA	O-D-R	Α	PTS
Idrissi	27	3-8	0-0	2-2	3-1-4	0	8
Mercer	20	2-7	1-2	0-0	0-0-0	1	5
Bliss	17	3-4	0-0	1-2	2-3-5	1	7
Stukes	26	4-6	4-6	0-1	0-2-2	5	12
Gaines	32	6-11	1-3	0-0	3-6-9	7	13
Newman	26	5-9	2-5	0-0	1-1-2	0	12
Toney	23	6-9	2-4	6-9	0-0-0	1	14
Brophy	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0
Woodbury	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0
Humphrey	17	1-1	1-1	0-0	1-0-1	2	3
Singleton	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0
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Georgia Bulldogs	39	35	74
Vanderbilt Commodores	33	40	73
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of such close games.

"Losing at home by these last-second shots is getting tiring," Terrell said. "This two-point, fivepoint stuff is getting old."

Now, Vanderbilt has lost three straight games, and their hopes of playing in the NCAA Tournament appear to be in serious jeopardy. After starting conference play at 2-0, the Commodores have gone 1-5 in their last 6 games.

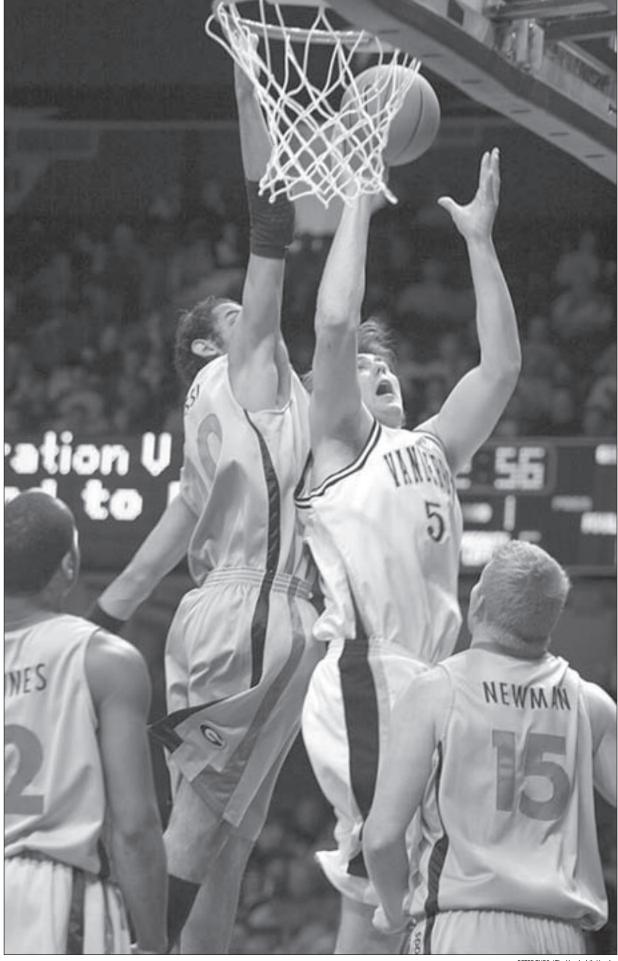
"We're at a tough spot right now," said Stallings. "We'll have a little character check, and see how we bounce back."

"It puts you way behind the eightball, that's for

Senior guard Mario Moore, slumping as of late, played 15 minutes and scored only three points, possibly because of a shoulder injury. Carroll also scored eight points and grabbed four rebounds in his third straight start.

Four Georgia players scored in double figures, including Gaines, who had 13 points, nine rebounds, and seven assists. Channing Toney led all Bulldogs with 14 points.

The Commodores play in Alabama against the Crimson Tide on Wednesday, and then host the Kentucky Wildcats next Saturday. ■



Ted Skuchas attempts a layup in Saturday's 74-73 loss to Georgia. Despite a spirited second half comeback, Vandy could not overcome the Bulldogs.

WOMEN'S SAILING

Sailing club increasing its status Membership is on the rise for the oldest club sport at Vanderbilt.

BY ALEKSEY DUBROVENSKY

While New England may be known more for the Patriots and for the Boston Red Sox when it comes to sports, there is also a huge following for sailing. As Vanderbilt gets a more geographically diverse student body, interest in sailing at Vanderbilt has increased and right now the Vanderbilt Women's Sailing Club's status is higher than ever.

"As the demographics of the school change, and we get more students from the Northeast, there's definitely more interest in sailing," club president William Hennes said. "We're no longer a school full of southerners who live in landlocked states," Hennes said, who hails from New

Pooja Balaram, a sophomore from Massachusetts and co-captain of the women's team, agreed, though she stressed that the club is very inviting to everyone who is interested in sailing, especially women.

"Anyone who wants to compete has the chance to," she said, "and we seem to be bringing in more women now. In fact, the new freshman class is split evenly between male and female members."

That new group of recruits has continued the very rapid growth of the club in the last few years.

"It's become very popular, and we have close to fifty members in the club this year, compared to just five total members that we had in my freshman year," Hennes, a senior, said.

The surprising increase in the number of female recruits in the past few years has led the club to create a separate Women's Sailing Club,

which is still very closely associated with the original.

However, the newest addition to the oldest club sport at Vanderbilt is hardly about to start resting on their laurels.

"We're not just a stagnant club. We keep growing and changing," Balaram said.

Still, compared to some of their competitors, namely Florida, Florida State, and the College of Charleston, Vandy does not have quite the same

"There are some teams in the division that are extremely good and have had teams for a really long time," Balaram said. "At some large schools, their sailing club athletes are treated like varsity athletes."

Among the advantages that their rivals have is a lengthy tradition of achievement in sailing.

"They've had a program for a really long time, so they have a really large budget," Hennes said, which allows them to afford sleek new boats and nationally-ranked coaches to continue their

"We'd like to start becoming more competitive to be on their level," Balaram said.

The team's future aspirations include hiring a coach, and building a dock at the Yacht Club.

"What's amazing to us is that so many more people are interested in it, so we're getting much more involved, and we're doing more with what we have," Balaram said.

That creative spirit alone would normally be enough to continue the club's growing tradition, but the additional experience that many new recruits bring is also a key to the team's future.

"A bit more than half of our members have

some sailing experience," "Of those, Hennes said. some have competitive experience, while a few more have only basic sailing experience. And of coarse, there are those that have never stepped foot in

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A critical factor to the success of the team is the passion that so many of their members have for sailing.

"The people who are on the team now and have had experience are really invested in making the club grow and seeing the team progress," Balaram said.

Clearly, with the kind of focus and determination these members have for their sport, it is difficult to see anything but great things in the future for this club, regardless of where their new members are

Their recent good showing at the North Points #3 Regatta, an event hosted by the club, appears to be a taste of what's to come.

"Our level of competitiveness, while it has gotten better, I think we still have room for improvement," Hennes said. "We're getting there. It's just taking some time." ■

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Defense key in road victories

BY WILL GIBBONS

In come from behind fashion, the No. 21 Vanderbilt women's basketball team got a 57-53 road victory over Auburn. It is their third consecutive win after having a three-game losing streak end last weekend. Down 13 in the first half, the Commodores relied on stingy defense to end the half on a 12-2 run, not allowing an Auburn field goal over the half's final 7 minutes. Auburn led 27-24 at the half.

Caroline Williams led the way with 19 points, and Carla Thomas had 16 for Vanderbilt, who is now 16-7, 5-4 in the Southeastern Conference. Dee Davis only scored three points, but dished out 10 assists. As a team Vanderbilt passed the ball well, getting 16 assists out of their 21 field goals.

Fighting from behind all day, Vanderbilt did not lead until there was 4 minutes left in the game when Caroline Williams sank a three-pointer to give the Dores a 52-51 lead. Williams also scored

Vandy's first eight points and played all 40 minutes. Auburn took back the lead when Marita Payne made a jumper on the baseline. Then Thomas was sent to the line for one-and-one. Thomas, who is making 84 percent of her free throws, nailed both

charity tosses to regain the edge, 54-53. Another free throw by Davis gave the Commodores a 55-53 advantage with 14 seconds remaining in regulation. With a chance to tie or take the lead, Auburn's Nitasha Brown missed a three point attempt and Thomas came down with a key Vandy rebound. She iced the game by hitting both of her free throws and giving the

Dores a four-point lead with only seven seconds left. In a tough game, it was Vanderbilt's defense that got them over the top. The Commodores forced 23 turnovers on the day. Auburn didn't help themselves by making just 11 of 18 free throws.

nown for their size inside, Auburn outrebounded Vandy 33-29, but the Dores were still able to come up with the win. Vandy has

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MEN'S TENNIS

First road match proves too much for tennis team

BY ALEKSEY DUBROVENSKY
HUSTLER SPORTS REPORTER

Home certainly has been sweet to the Vanderbilt men's tennis team thus far in the season, but the Commodores found out how the other half lives as they dropped a tough road-opener 6-1 to the No. 32 Louisville Saturday at the Bass-Rudd Tennis Center.

The Cardinals dominated most of the match, which marked the first loss of the season for the Commodores. They entered the match having won their first two contests over the University of Tennessee-Martin and Tennessee Tech.

"They played better than we did. Sometimes that's just the outcome," Head Coach Ian Duvenhage said. "They showed us some things we could do better so now we're going home to work hard on it."

Louisville entered the match at 3-2 on the season,

with the two defeats being road losses to the No. 3 Georgia Bulldogs and the No. 6 Mississippi Rebels. The Cardinals also carried a 42-match regular season home winning streak into the dual match with the Commodores, which they extended to 43 matches as the Cardinals' older line-up wore down the less-experienced Commodores.

At the No. 1 spot, Vanderbilt sophomore Ryan Preston lost two grueling matches to Cardinal Slavko Radman, both of which ended in tie-breakers. In the No. 2 spot, sophomore Evan Dufaux had to take on formerly-ranked Louisville junior Damar Johnson, and took a 6-2, 6-2 defeat.

There were flashes of hope for the Commodores throughout the match. The No. 3 spot match between Vanderbilt junior Andy Mack and Louisville senior Jakob Gustafsson was a very competitive match. Mack dropped the first set 6-2, but then led for most

of the second set before Gustafsson made a rally, tied it at 5-5, and eventually won it by a score of 7-5.

Junior Nathan Sachs, the No. 4 spot, lost his singles match to Louisville senior Jeremy Clark 6-2, 6-0, and when junior Jordan Magarik lost to Louisville junior Stefan Naughton 6-3, 6-4, the match was sealed in favor of the host Cardinals.

The Commodores' lone singles victory came when freshman Nik Cromydas defeated Cardinal senior Nicolas Houard in straight sets, 2-6, 2-6.

"Nik did a great job," Duvenhage said. "He's made a commitment to play aggressively and he really carried that out today."

The Louisville team came out motivated against the Commodores, and Louisville head coach Rex Ecarma kept his team humble throughout the match.

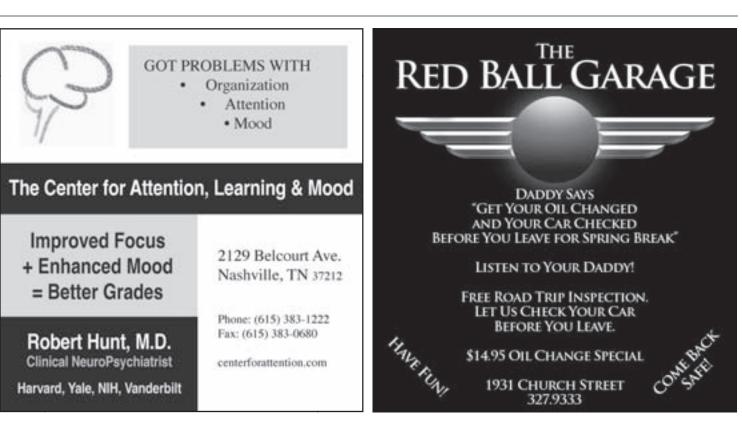
"I told our team that a few years ago, Vanderbilt was one shot away from winning the national

championship," Ecarma said. He also called Vanderbilt, "a team with national championship potential."

In doubles play, the Commodores competed well, though they lost the doubles point as well to the Cardinals. The Cardinals' No. 47-ranked duo of Jeremy Clark and Gustafsson defeated Preston and Magarik 8-2. The Commodores responded as the No. 30-ranked combination of Dufaux and Mack defeated the Cardinals Jhonny Berrido and Johnson 8-6. The exciting match ended on a service ace by Dufaux. The Cardinals, however, took the doubles point when the Cardinal pairing of Tony Teufel and Radman beat the Commodores' combo of Cromydas and Sachs 8-3.

The Commodores return home to the Brownlee O. Curry Tennis Center in Nashville as they host the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga on February





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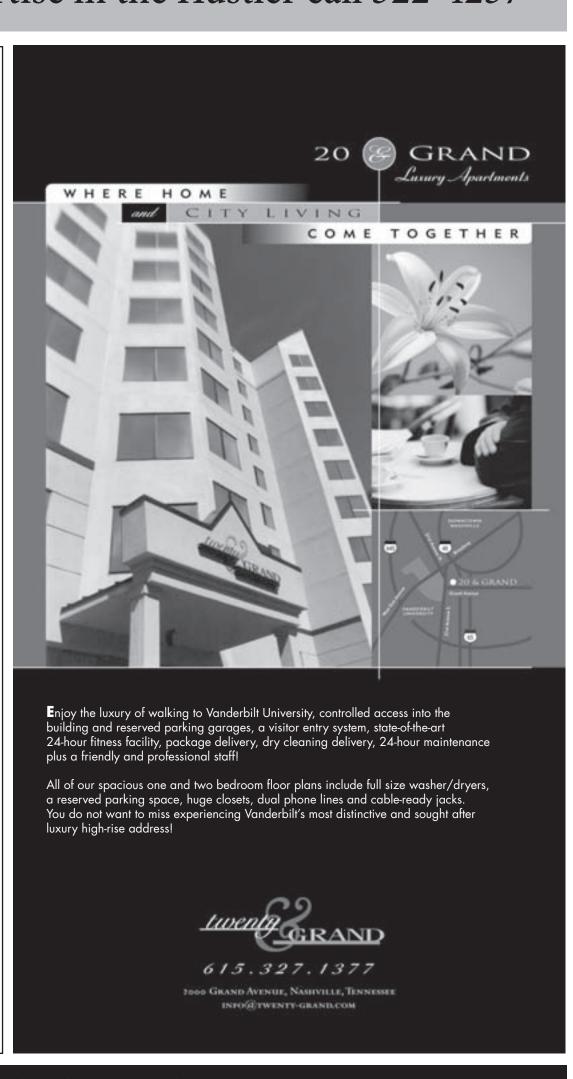
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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Vandy holds own among national powers

BY JARRED AMATO HUSTLER ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Despite losing its first round match in the ITA National Tournament in Madison, Vanderbilt earned victories in its two consolation matches.

"We did a better job playing the third day of this competition," assistant coach Meike Babel said. "Every match you play is just as tough, but by the third day it's really easy to get in the swing."

The Commodores, ranked No. 7, swept No. 52 Wisconsin 7-0 Saturday and defeated No. 22 BYU 5-2 Friday.

Against the Badgers, Vanderbilt won the doubles point for the first time in the tournament, along with all six singles matches. Junior Amanda Fish defeated Wisconsin's Caitlin Burke, ranked No. 32, 6-3, 6-2 at No. 1 singles. In addition, Commodore freshman Courtney Ulery won her third match of the tournament at No.

4 singles, defeating Chelsea Nusslock 6-3, 7-5.

"Courtney is getting better by the day," Babel said. "She's really thriving on the competition. When she was down in the second set it was like she just turned on a switch and took care of it."

Vanderbilt struggled in doubles play against Cougars, losing two of the three matches, but won five of the six singles contests.

At No. 2 singles, Sophomore Taka Bertrand beat BYU's Lauren Jones 7-5, 6-4. Ulery won her match 6-1, 6-3.

The doubles point was the deciding factor in the Commodores opening round loss to No. 16 TCU Wednesday. Splitting the six singles matches, the Horned Frogs won two of the three doubles matches to earn the point and the 4-3 victory.

"It was a heartbreaker for us," Babel said. "I think we had our chances but they came up with a couple of big plays when they needed to."

Ulery and freshman Liberty Sveke won the match at No. 3 doubles, but the Commodores lost at No. 1 and No. 2. In singles, Fish defeated Helena Besovic 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 and Bertrand defeated Anna Sydorska 6-4, 6-4 at No. 1 and No. 2, respectively. In addition, Ulery won her match 7-5, 6-3 against TCU's Karine Ionesco.

Despite the opening round loss, Vanderbilt gained valuable experience in a deep field. With three freshmen and three sophomores, the Commodores can expect to improve every match.

"Overall I thought we did a great job with some really tough competition," Babel said.

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Gibbons: Team has 3-game win streak

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won the past 10 meetings with Auburn, with five of those victories being by 5 points or less. The Tigers are now 12-10, 3-6 in the SEC.

"It's like a script that's been written; it always comes down to the last shot," Vanderbilt Coach Melanie Balcomb said. "That's how it always is with Auburn."

This comes after a victory on Thursday night at Alabama. In a close game throughout, Vanderbilt eliminated a four point deficit and scored the game's final 16 points to take a 65-53 victory.

Sophomore Liz Sherwood led all scorers with 23 points. The nation's leader in field goal percentage made 9-of-12 from the floor and 5-of-6 from the free throw line. Junior Caroline Williams hit 4-of-7 three-pointers to score 14 points, and junior Carla Thomas added 13 points.

"I thought it was a hard-fought basketball game," Alabama Head Coach Stephany Smith said. "I thought in the first half we played extremely well defensively. We made some shots throughout the game except in the last five minutes when we really needed them."

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Vanderbilt	Min	FG-FGA	3P-3PA	FT-FTA	O-D-R	Α	PTS					
Thomas	31	6-12	0-0	4-4	0-4-4	2	16					
Jules	26	4-8	0-0	0-0	3-2-5	0	8					
Rogers	12	1-2	1-1	0-0	2-0-2	0	3					
Davis	35	1-5	0-1	1-2	1-2-3	10	3					
Williams	40	5-11	4-8	3-3	1-3-4	1	17					
Risper	11	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	2	0					
Stringfield	23	3-10	2-4	0-0	1-3-4	1	8					
Brockman	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0					
Wirth	10	0-4	0-2	0-0	1-1-2	0	0					
Sherwood	11	1-5	0-0	0-0	1-1-2	0	2					
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Bonner	24	5-8	0-0	4-4	2-3-5	3	14
Carrier	37	3-6	0-0	2-8	3-7-10	0	8
Brown	37	7-15	4-9	1-1	1-2-3	5	19
Boddie	35	1-5	0-0	3-3	1-6-7	4	5
Blakely	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0
Hobbs	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3-3	3	0
Clayden	10	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	0	0
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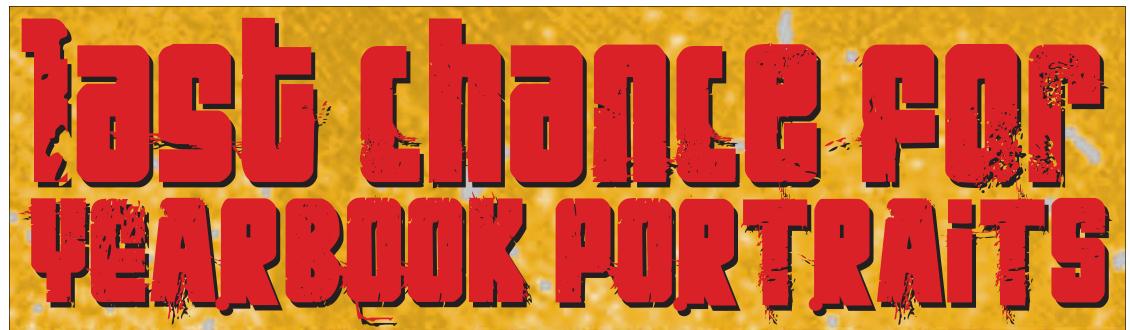
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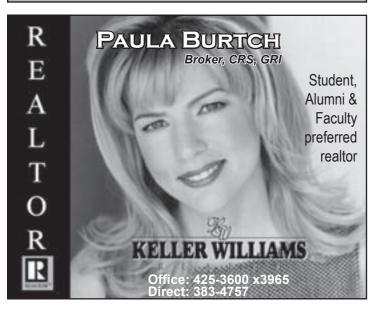
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