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Death of living wage?

Controversial living wage bill passes in state Senate, Vanderbilt campus so far unaffected.

by **ALEX HELMAN**
News Reporter

A bill that would freeze any local ordinance requiring private employers to pay more than the federal minimum wage of \$6.55 is on its way through state legislature, according to an article released last week in *The Tennessean*.

Though the bill would not directly affect Metro Nashville residents, it comes just weeks after Living Income for Vanderbilt Employees' No Cuts campaign presented the Vanderbilt administration with a petition to preserve university workers' jobs and benefits.

The bill, which has already passed in the state Senate and is now being discussed in the House, is in response to living wage campaigns in the city of Memphis and across the state. It would effectively terminate any living wage policies adopted by local governments and prevent any further policies from being implemented.

However, this bill will have no bearing on Vanderbilt's living wage for its employees.

"This bill will not affect Vanderbilt's living wage policy, as we're a private institution so our wages are negotiated with the labor unions," said sophomore Hilary Gastel, a member of the student organization Living Income for Vanderbilt Employees.

Gastel said it could indirectly affect



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them, however, because "a lot of Vanderbilt employees have spouses who work for the Metro Nashville Government."

At this point, the possibility of the bill being passed is fairly high.

"There's a strong likelihood that it will pass unless there's a counter mobilization," said Professor of Political Science and Law and Director of Public Policy Studies Carol Swain. "I'm not sure that that's taking place right now, but in order to stop it would take some organization."

While the bill will have little impact on Vanderbilt's policies, Gastel said she believes the bill should be prevented from passing.

"This is a huge step back. I think that it is imperative that we prevent it from happening," she said. "A living wage is not only crucial to revitalizing the middle class but also allowing each individual to carry

out the American Dream."

Professor of Economics Malcolm Getz questions how effective such an initiative would be. "If an employer wants to pay their employees more, then they would find ways to get around the system in order to do so," Getz said.

"The state legislature should not be in the business of tying the hands of local governments," Swain said. "This legislation reflects poorly on the Republican Party at a time when its image is already badly bruised."

Gastel said the passage of the bill would be a big blow to the momentum of living wage campaigns across the state.

"This is really important because people who are stuck in jobs and not being paid a living wage are living in order to work instead of working in order to live, so I believe it's imperative we stop this bill from passing," she said. ■



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T.I. performs at the 51st Annual Grammy Awards on Feb. 8 in Los Angeles, Calif.

T.I. to headline at Rites before yearlong prison sentence begins

by **NORAH SCANLAN**
News Editor

Hip-hop artist T.I. will make one of his final performances at Vanderbilt's Rites of Spring before beginning his jail sentence in May.

The Vanderbilt Programming Board's Music Group announced Friday that the Grammy-winning, 28-year-old artist will be the Friday night headliner of the annual two-day music festival.

After pleading guilty to federal weapons charges, rapper T.I. was sentenced to one year and a day in prison on Friday.

T.I., whose real name is Clifford Harris, tried to purchase unregistered machine guns and silencers in 2007 for protection following the murder of his best friend, Philant Johnson, in 2006. As part of his sentence, T.I. will also face a \$100,000 fine.

Although T.I. pleaded guilty last March to the charges, he was not sentenced until Friday because of a community service deal where he was asked to speak with young people about the negative implications of violence, guns and drugs.

After Johnson was killed at a party, T.I. testified that he thought the bullets were intended for him. He was then arrested in Atlanta after his bodyguard tried to buy weapons for him from an undercover federal agent. T.I. is expected to go to prison some time after May 19. He has already completed approximately 1,000 hours of community service and is due to complete 470 more hours.

Music Group co-chair and senior Zach Reiner said the group is pleased to be able to say the artist will make Rites of Spring one of his last

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Ositelu considers importance of diversity relations on campus

by **SYDNEY WILMER**
Editor-in-Chief

Senior and recently elected Young Alumni Trustee Ayo Ositelu said the significance of his new position did not fully hit him until he was formally greeted at a reception on Thursday night.

"I knew that this role was important, but going to the reception Thursday really solidified it in my mind," he said. "I still do not know everything about the role, but it really hit me what a great opportunity to improve the campus that night."

Ositelu, a biomedical engineer and mathematics double major from Indianapolis, said he has thoroughly enjoyed his time at Vanderbilt. But he also said he knows there is room for improvement when it comes to the undergraduate experience.

While it is a complicated issue, Ositelu said he believes one of the biggest issues facing students on campus is the way

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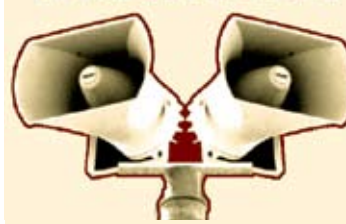


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Doris Kearns Goodwin to speak at Senior Day, accepting endowed medal

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Doris Kearns Goodwin will receive the Nichols-Chancellor's Medal as part of her address to graduating seniors during the Senior Day festivities on May 7 before the commencement ceremony the following day.

Vanderbilt alumnus Ed Nichols created and endowed the Nichols-Chancellor Medal, one of Vanderbilt's most prestigious awards, to honor the most forward-thinking scholars of the 21st century.

"Doris Kearns Goodwin is a brilliant communicator who has illuminated U.S. history for millions of readers," said Chancellor Nicholas Zeppos in a press release by Vanderbilt News Service. "Her genius for bringing history alive merits this high honor and we are thrilled that our graduating seniors will hear from such a wise adviser as they prepare to make this life transition."

Author of "Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln," Goodwin's speech marks the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth and is part of a national effort to celebrate the occasion. Goodwin's speech follows those of previous years by speakers such as Condoleezza Rice and Laura Bush.

The Senior Day address and award presentation will be held on Alumni Lawn at 10 a.m. on May 7.

Manna Project to offer more international sites for student volunteers over break

Students who choose to spend their spring breaks doing volunteer work may soon have more international options to choose from.

The directors of Manna Project, a service organization with which students travel to other countries to help communities become more sustainable, is currently reviewing evaluations of sites from this year's spring break to determine which sites may potentially become permanent.

Manna Project formerly offered only programs in Nicaragua and Ecuador, but may soon include sites in Argentina, Honduras, Belize, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic and Guatemala.

"The new sites, when established, will allow us to serve more groups of people and more diverse populations," said sophomore Jessie Bullock, director of sites for the program and a two-time program participant.

Manna Project is a volunteer activity that people can continue for any length of time, unlimited to semesters or the school year. To get more involved, volunteers can apply to be a program director at a site after they graduate.

Bullock said involvement in the program is a valuable experience.

"We go on spring break trips to do group service projects and do fundraisers and awareness campaigns on campus," Bullock said. "You can see firsthand all the works you're doing at home and every personal connection with the kids you're helping. (You can see you're) doing it for a reason."

Manna Project was started at Vanderbilt and has now expanded, starting chapters at eight other U.S. universities. —*Kristin Park*

Vandy Habitat sponsors Act! Speak! Build! Week to raise awareness

Beginning today, the Vanderbilt chapter of Habitat for Humanity will be sponsoring its weeklong event, Act! Speak! Build! Week, in which it will aim to raise awareness around campus about homelessness.

The first event of the week will be Tuesday night. The group will host a screening of "Dark Days," a documentary that follows a group of people living in an abandoned section of the New York City subway system. The movie screening will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Buttrick Hall Room 101.

Wednesday night, the main event of the week — the Hunger Banquet — will be held in the Rand Board of Trust Room, beginning at 6 p.m. Food will be provided as attendees listen to a guest speaker.

Throughout the week, students are encouraged to donate a fourth meal side that Vandy Habitat will then give to the homeless. Students can donate this side every day during the week at The Commons Center.

Research symposium highlights week dedicated to graduate students

SOURCE: VANDERBILT NEWS SERVICE—One of several events scheduled for Graduate Education Week, 116 Vanderbilt graduate students will present original research at the Graduate Student Research Symposium on Monday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Student Life Center ballrooms and meeting rooms.

The symposium is free and open to the public.

Topics are wide-ranging and include: "Cannibal Corpses and other Abominations: What the Undead Tell Us About Ourselves," at noon in the Board of Trust Room; "Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers for Today's Students," at noon in Ballroom C; and "Macroeconomics: Everyday Low Prices and Temporary Price Reductions," at 1:15 p.m. in Meeting Room 1.

A display of posters encompassing research from a wide range of disciplines will be available for viewing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Ballroom A.

A keynote address will end the day at 4:10 p.m. in Ballroom C. Dr. Susan Basalla, co-author of the book "So What are You Going to do with That? Finding Careers Outside Academia," will give a lecture followed by a reception and book signing.

Other activities for Vanderbilt graduate students during the week include presentations from students to the leadership of the House Committee on Education at the Tennessee Legislature on Wednesday.

Biographer of poet Taha Muhammed Ali to speak in Buttrick Hall Wednesday

SOURCE: VANDERBILT NEWS SERVICE—The author of a new biography of Palestinian poet Taha Muhammed Ali will speak about the book Wednesday in Buttrick Hall.

Adina Hoffman, an essayist, critic, editor and publisher born in America but now living in Jerusalem, will speak about the book at 4 p.m. in 123 Buttrick.

Hoffman's new book, "My Happiness Bears No Relation to Happiness: A Poet's Life in the Palestinian Century," tells the story of Ali, a self-taught peasant whose poetry captures with nuance and feeling a community scarred by conflict yet brimming with life.

Hoffman will sign books and take questions after her talk, which is free and open to the public.

CALENDAR

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY, MARCH 30

• "Why Do We Hate" panel discussion

Come listen to Vanderbilt professors and community activists discuss hatred as part of "Don't Hate, Appreciate Week." The event will be at 5 p.m. in Sarratt Student Center Rooms 216-220.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

• Fashion for a Cause: Living in Color

Fashion for a Cause's annual fashion show this year is themed "Living in Color." All proceeds will benefit Nashville CARES and the event will include a silent auction, several vendors and a performance by VIBE. Doors open at 7 p.m. in the SLC ballroom and the first 125 people to arrive will receive a free gift bag. Tickets are \$10 at the Sarratt Box Office or at the door.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

• 3rd Annual Mile Bonanza

Vanderbilt Students for Students is hosting its Annual Mile Bonanza to benefit an annual scholarship that is given to a senior at Pearl-Cohn High School. The Mile Bonanza will feature competitive one-mile track races, refreshments, music, T-shirts, door prizes, awards and a bunny mascot. The event is from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Vanderbilt Track and tickets are \$10 for students and kids and \$15 for non-students before race day.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

• Best Buddies Carnival

From 7 to 9 p.m. Best Buddies will be hosting its last event of the year at the Student Recreation Center. The event will include fun, games and food and is open to the public.

SNAPSHOT

JUGGLEMANJI



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Vanderbilt's Juggling and Physical Arts Club presented "Juggleville IV: Jugglemanji" Saturday night, a show complete with various juggling and other performance art acts. The year continued the show's tradition of popularity, selling out for the fourth year in a row.

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T.I.: Despite sentence, students eager for show

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performances before jail time.

"His sentence begins in May, so this is the last time most people will get a chance to see him," Reiner said.

The group originally chose T.I. based on the success of other hip-hop artists at events like Quake and past Rites of Spring, Reiner said.

"After Quake last year, which was so successful, we thought T.I. would be a good fit," he said.

Reiner also said the student survey responses and T.I.'s success factored into the decision to have him at Rites of Spring.

According to Reiner, the group has received positive feedback and created a buzz of

excitement.

"I think we definitely made the right decision," Reiner said. "There's a real possibility we might sell out."

Reiner said the group did consider the ethical implications of having an artist with a criminal record perform.

"It would be a mistake to not consider those types of things. Obviously, when you bring an artist facing gun charges to campus, there are going to be people who are offended," he said.

In the end, Reiner said, "We decided it was the best move. The goal of our group is to bring the best of music."

Despite T.I.'s recent sentence, students seem to be pleased

with the selection.

"It's awesome, all of my friends are going to go. All their Facebook statuses were like 'T.I. is coming!'" said first-year student YJ Ko.

"I didn't know a lot of the people so I wasn't excited, but when I got the e-mail about it I changed my mind and bought a ticket... I think T.I. will sway a lot of people who normally may not go to Rites," said junior Morgan Fingleton.

T.I. has already made 262 public appearances at schools, community centers and churches to educate the American youth. In addition, T.I. also worked to increase voter registration and had his own MTV reality show, "Road to Redemption," which

was intended to shed light on the negative consequences of violence. Neither of these counted as part of his community service.

Following his release from jail, T.I. will face a three-year probation and an additional 60 days of home detention. He has already served 305 days of home detention.

According to MTV.com, T.I. has previously been convicted for violating a state-controlled substances act, giving false information, violating probation and possession of firearms and marijuana.

The Music Group also took the opportunity to announce other bands that will perform April 17 and 18 on Alumni Lawn.

As of March 27, the line-up includes the Flaming Lips, T.I., N.E.R.D., Q-Tip, Okkervil River, Santigold, K'NAAN, Black Joe Lewis and the Honeybears, Grand Ole Party, Sara Watkins (of Nickel Creek), Erick Baker, Stardeath and White Dwarfs, Run With Bulls, Blueskyreality, Pico vs. Island Trees and Elektrik Red.

Tickets are on sale now for students and the general public at Ticketmaster locations. Weekend passes are \$20 for students and advanced weekend passes are \$45 dollars for the general public. Student tickets cannot be purchased online. ■

The Associated Press contributed reporting to this article.

OSITELU: Students should move beyond race in social interaction

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diversity works on campus.

"One of the things right off the bat is just certain aspects of diversity relations in the school," he said. Ositelu said it is a difficult problem to define, but he cited a need for more on-campus collaboration between groups of different backgrounds as an example.

Over the last four years, he has witnessed serious strides in terms of acceptance, he said. According to Ositelu, events like Lambda's PRIDE week and the reaction to Juicy Campus last year show that Vanderbilt and the students are doing what they can to meet everyone's needs.

Nevertheless, Ositelu stressed that he wants to continue moving forward.

"I want the campus to be such

that race is secondary because we are all human beings," he said.

What that would look like specifically is something he hopes to investigate as a member of the board. Right now, he says just having more collaboration and involvement between different groups of people at different events on campus is a good start.

"The issues here on campus are complicated. It is more so that I just want everyone here to move past race," Ositelu said.

Ositelu said his work with the African Student Union has helped him in better understanding the issue but now he will be able to address it in a new way.

"I feel like now I am in a position that I can definitely do things to help remedy this

situation," he said.

In terms of his general goals, Ositelu said he would like to see the school rise in national rankings with more competitive students. But most importantly, he said he would like everyone who goes through the Vanderbilt experience to have a lot of pride in the fact that they are a Commodore and have a strong desire to give back to the school.

"I am very thankful and I can't wait to get started and I will certainly represent the student body to the best of my abilities," Ositelu said. "I would like to be able to give the students the resources they need to be able to do well on campus. A lot of people have a lot of ideas, but aiding in the effort to give their more resources to achieve what they want to achieve." ■

Cafe con Leche



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Choreographers first-year student Harry Lopez and sophomore Anna Victoria Hubickey perform Saturday night at Langford Auditorium in the Spanish dance, Paso Doble, which means two-steps, as a part of the Vanderbilt Association of Hispanic Students' annual show Cafe con Leche.

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Housing has some explaining to do



AIMEE SOBHANI
Columnist

Usually, I don't like to use public forums to air my personal grievances but in this case, I am making an exception because I think I am voicing the feelings of some of my fellow students. Something is seriously wrong with Vanderbilt's housing.

Before I delve into what I think are perfectly legitimate complaints, let me give a brief history of my housing experience here at Vandy. For my freshman year, I lived in a study room in Towers that had been converted into a cramped double. In retrospect, living in Towers wasn't so bad, but I did miss out on the whole freshmen bonding experience. Thanks to my extra housing point, I managed to score a double in Stapleton this year. It's not the ideal place to live, but when compared to Kissam, anything starts to look good. Fast-forward to this year's housing process: I've gone through three housing ballots with no success and will probably be stuck in Branscomb for the second year in a row.

If I was the only person facing this situation, I would attribute it to bad luck. However, when talking with other members of the Class of 2011, it seems like a substantial number — I would even venture to say a majority — of my classmates have gotten the short end of the stick this year.

It is somewhat understandable that this year's sophomores lived in traditional freshman housing. Obviously, the addition of The Commons necessitated housing changes so though people may have been unhappy, it was something people could deal with. But having to live in the same dorms three years in a row? I'm upset our school seems to have no qualms with sentencing a substantial number of juniors to this fate.

I'm also surprised by the pure lack of planning on Vanderbilt's part. Did they consider what would happen if they built new, pristine dorms for the incoming class of students, while making only minor improvements to upperclassman housing? I don't see how they can justify such a large investment for one class while ignoring the needs of the other classes.

Anyway, I'm going to complement these reasonable complaints with a couple of solutions to improve the housing selection process in the future. First of all, Vanderbilt needs to remove the stringent restrictions on living off campus. Yes, forcing all students to live on campus may foster "community feelings," but there is simply not enough decent housing on this campus. Allowing more upperclassmen to live off campus will alleviate the pressure that has been caused by the recent practice of admitting more students per class than were admitted in the past.

If students will be required to live on campus, the housing options need to be improved, no question. I understand we have no money. I understand there were plans to knock down Kissam but these plans are being postponed until the economy improves. Still, we pay a lot to attend this school, and our dorms are significantly worse than those at Tennessee state universities. Though our money is going to acquiring a superior education, some of our parents' money is going to unnecessary programs instead of to improving housing conditions. On a related note, Vanderbilt could start pricing housing based on quality instead of providing it at a flat rate, though having different housing tiers would probably result in another set of problems.

At any rate, something needs to be done. Housing doesn't make or break the general college experience, but it can make a huge difference in a student's quality of life.

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Immigration is essential for American identity

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Guest Columnist

The Youth for Western Civilization present a lot of fallacies in their argument. The Western civilization that they describe to be in favor of includes the entire Western Hemisphere, meaning not just the U.S. but also Mexico, Canada and the rest of Central and South America. I believe that these students who state that they are in opposition of political correctness, among other things should stop using a euphemism to describe their ignorant ideas.

Former U.S. Treasurer Angela "Bay" Buchanan was on campus to discuss the "phenomenon of non-assimilation." The problem with this statement is that it perceives non-assimilation of immigrants to be something new. The "initial immigrants," as sophomore Devin Saucier wrongly described, were seen by society as unable to assimilate. In the 1800s the immigration problem in America included Chinese as well as eastern and southern Europeans.

The U.S. government created laws such as the Chinese Exclusion Act and quotas to limit undesirable people from entering the U.S. This is where illegal immigration began. It did not begin in the U.S.-Mexico border but instead in the Canadian border with Chinese immigrants trying to enter the U.S. The "initial immigrants" did not assimilate easily into American culture; it was the children of these immigrants that began to accept the language and other norms of American society.

Saucier claims that these new immigrants fail to assimilate. Americans made these same claims in the early 20th century about Eastern and Southern Europeans. After blacks, Italians were the group of minorities that suffered the most lynchings because of their lack of assimilation to the American culture. Derogatory terms such as "hunky" were used to describe Hungarian laborers because they took American jobs and could not speak English. That was over a century ago, and things haven't changed.

While sitting through Buchanan's lecture, I felt sorry for those sitting around me. I felt sorry because she was throwing incorrect information about immigration acts and our Founding Fathers to the audience. A person who does not know American history will be easily swayed into believing what Buchanan said because they feel the information sounds valid. Buchanan said during the years between 1924 and 1965, there was no immigration and described it as time for the assimilation of immigrant children to American society.

This is a fallacy because the 1924 Immigration Act allowed immigration into the U.S. at a more restrictive amount based on the 1890 census. Buchanan also stated: "Washington won't enforce immigration laws." Washington has failed to stop illegal immigration since the early 20th century.

The reason why immigration was halted in America after 1924 was the Great Depression in 1929, which led our country to poverty. My outrage for Buchanan's beliefs arrived when she spoke in favor of passing a law that would not grant citizenship to the babies of immigrants born on American soil. The 14 Amendment of the Constitution grants citizenship rights to people born or naturalized within the U.S. If the government denies citizenship to those born on American soil, then who qualifies for citizenship?

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I personally believe it is important to assimilate to the society in which you reside within. But I do not believe it should be at the expense of who you are. The world is not black and white. It is possible to know multiple languages and be part of multiple cultures. While Saucier states that immigrants root against the U.S. in sporting events, I believe that Americans root for the world when they root the U.S. in sporting events.

Whether your favorite team is the Houston Rockets and you support Yao Ming, an immigrant from China, or Dirk Nowitzki of the Dallas Mavericks, an immigrant from Germany; you are supporting athletes who are immigrants. Assimilation to the American culture is important, but knowing the English language doesn't define what it means to be an American. I believe that knowing the "American Creed" is much more important. The true American believes everyone is born equal and with the ability to have social mobility through hard work. This is the "natural aristocracy" our Founding Father Thomas Jefferson believed in, that education and hard work is what should be merited instead of an elitist society.

Benjamin Franklin once said, "Being ignorant is not so much a shame, as being unwilling to learn." My advice to the YWC is not to stop believing in their views because they have that right as Americans to the freedom of speech and assembly, but rather to be informed and to spread facts instead of a false ignorant message. It is not the immigrants who need to learn American history; it is the members of the YWC. They fail to realize America was built on the back of immigrants, from the Puritans seeking refuge from religious persecution to the present day immigrant looking for a better future for their family.

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Unraveling a "warped" idea



CAROLYN PIPPEN
Columnist

Sometimes I overreact. It's true. Devil's advocate is my favorite game, and I always win. As a rule, I try not to respond too quickly to arguments with which I disagree, as my motivation is often just to defend the other side, but after reading Phil Ingram's editorial on religion ("Warped Religion," March 27), I made an exception.

Despite addressing a highly sensitive topic, Ingram failed to do the one thing required of journalists, social commentators and second graders everywhere: his homework.

His introduction characterized religion as an institution "no one trusts." I would love to see that statistic. I would love to meet the scientifically selected focus group that was given the question "Do you trust religion?" in which 100 percent of participants checked no. I'm sure the citation was just cut by sloppy copy editing.

He also claims religious-affiliated news to be dominated exclusively by wars, contraceptives and child molestation. Am I missing something? Is everyone talking about copulating priests without me? Just to make sure, I put the word "religion" in a Google News search, which gave me a flurry of articles reporting on — I'm not making this up — the recently passed U.N. initiative to condemn public defamation of religion. Ironic.

So, let's talk about religion. Except not all religion, just Islamic extremists and Catholics, because these are the only two groups with which Ingram seems to be concerned. In terms of religious wars, in that they're, you know, bad, I concede the point. In fact, we all do, so I'm not sure who he's trying to convince there.

Which brings us to the Catholic Church's views on contraceptives. Are you really surprised the Bible doesn't mention condoms? Would you also be surprised if I told you it doesn't mention microwaves, nuclear bombs or things made of plastic? It's a good thing Christianity is not, as Ingram says, based solely on the Bible, as we would then have no stance on any of the moral issues at hand in the modern world.

Contraceptives and STD protection are highly contested points both inside and outside Catholicism, but never in my 21 years of attending mass have I witnessed a priest "emotionlessly mumble" the church's views — and it's not because they don't respect themselves, it's because they do. Moreover, the unfounded accusation that a religious leader would condemn abortion simply out of bitterness toward your uncomplicated sex life is perhaps the cheapest, most disrespectful claim I have ever read in print.

I understand religion breeds controversy, and I'm not claiming it always lands on the right side. I also understand Catholicism is an easy target — you certainly could not have so defamed the tenets and leaders of Judaism or any Eastern religion without creating a campus-wide uproar — but it's important to understand there's more to religion than what we read in the papers.

Our country is facing an era of unfamiliar fears, and we as college students are in the most crucial growing years of our lives. In times like these, there is something to be said for believing in miracles. There is intrinsic value in surrounding yourself with people who believe so strongly in something that they can't even begin to explain why. It's called faith, and if you want to attack it, Phil Ingram, you better come at us with more than false statistics and self-projected scenarios. We'll beat you every time.

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Santa		Pounded by the global recession and facing a sharp economic contraction in 2009, Finland said Tuesday it would sell its stake in Santapark, home to Father Christmas, to local investors. At this rate, the reindeer will probably be sold to a glue factory.
Religion		Two disgraced Roman Catholic priests have been sentenced to prison in a case involving the misappropriation of more than \$8 million from their church by skimming from collection plates and bequests at their parish in Delray Beach, Fla.
Facebook		Recently, 2,000 members of the Facebook group "I Heart Jews" discovered that the group's name had been changed to "Hitler: Great Modern Man of History," proving once again that the thronging masses are prone to deceit. Disturbing, yet funny all the same.
Soccer		South Africa's soccer team turned up for a training session Wednesday only to find they had been lined up to act in a television advert no one had told them about. The 2010 World Cup hosts apparently haven't figured out how to schedule.
Names		The number of people in Britain with surnames like Cockshott, Balls, Death and Shufflebottom has declined by up to 75 percent in the last century. It's better for the kids but worse for the rest of us.
Praying		A Tunisian pilot who passed to pray instead of taking emergency measures before crash-landing his plane, killing 16 people, has been sentenced to 10 years in jail by an Italian court along with his co-pilot. Way to go, captain.
Love		A woman handcuffed herself to her sleeping husband in an apparent attempt to resolve an argument, but police ended up breaking into their home and she was charged with third-degree assault, disorderly conduct, reckless endangerment and unlawful restraint.

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Informing the public



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Approximately 60 percent of American adults are overweight and 31 percent are classified as obese. Specifically, 3.8 million Americans are more than 300 pounds, while more than 400,000 Americans are more than 400 pounds. Between 1962 and 2000, the number of obese American adults more than doubled, from 13 percent to 31 percent.

What happened? Well, for one thing, families stopped cooking at home and started eating out. When meals are cooked at home, people can monitor factors such as ingredients and portion size. This is not to say that people eat healthier food when they cook their own meals but simply that they are aware of what they are eating and monitor their consumption accordingly.

With an increase in dining out, people are no longer as educated about the food choices they are making. Green beans sound healthy, but how can you know if they are soaked in butter? People are eating out, and they don't know what they're putting into their bodies.

Across the country, cities are taking measures to increase consumer dining information by mandating that nutrition information be placed on all restaurant menus. By doing so, people now have the information in front of them and can make better, or at least more informed, choices. The same issue now faces Nashville. My brother, Hudson Todd, who will be a freshman at Vanderbilt this fall, sent the following letter to The Tennessean, and I believe his words bring necessary light to the gravity of this situation:

"On March 5, 2009, the Metro Board of Health voted to make it mandatory for restaurants in Davidson County to provide nutritional information to customers. Unfortunately, many members of the Metro Council are trying to stop this from becoming

law. No one wants to be obese, and it is important to note that this measure is not preventing people from eating fattening food if they so desire, but will instead allow people to make more informed decisions about their eating habits.

"I cannot help but liken this debate to the debate many years ago over whether cigarettes should be labeled to inform users that after prolonged use they can cause cancer. It is self evident, unhealthy food is the nicotine of our time. By merely providing the nutritional facts of each item on the menu, restaurants can assist in fighting obesity and obesity related diseases such as diabetes, heart disease and strokes. I do not doubt that many restaurants will take a hit from this measure, and that is unfortunate, but hopefully that will provide them with incentive to sell healthier meals."

As Hudson points out, the concern here is the health issues caused by obesity. So what if people are overweight? In and of itself, it is not a concern. The problem comes with U.S. Surgeon General Reports that obesity is the cause of over 300,000 deaths in the U.S. each year. Doctors refer to growing obesity as an epidemic. The obesity epidemic affects us all as taxpayers shoulder the costs of all obesity-related medical expenses for people without adequate health insurance coverage.

This especially becomes an issue if a universal health insurance plan is implemented, in which case all taxpayers will pay the price for all health insurance costs. People are making serious health choices every time they eat out, and they have none of the information needed to help guide their choices. Changes must be made in the way Americans view health, and restaurants serving enormous portions of unhealthy food, must bear part of the responsibility.

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The hunt for the black derby



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Columnist

*"That which we are, we are:
One equal temper of heroic hearts,
Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will
To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield"*
—Lord Alfred Tennyson, "Ulysses"

If I held the odious position of T-shirt chair in a sorority, I would have included that quote on a Derby Days shirt. Although we would look like an oddly literary sorority, we would have captured the mood of last week well. Not unlike clever Ulysses, sorority girls had to use their wit and physical fortitude to survive an odyssey-like quest for derby glory.

Well, the best and the brightest from each house were up to the challenge. I am a proud member of a sorority, but I sadly lack the necessary riddle-solving and clue-finding

skills to participate in the hunt. In fact, I once offered my skills to the group from my house looking and was turned down (embarrassing but true). Once I got over that heartbreak, I just enjoyed observing the search from afar. Aren't you sad it's over?

Whether you're Greek or not, you must have enjoyed the spectacle of watching people hunt for the derby. If you had the pleasure of walking across campus at night (hopefully with a buddy — it's unsafe and boring to travel alone), you probably came across some ladies dressed all in black and sneaking around. They looked like giddy building inspectors.

Even better than the physical hunt, however, was the psychological warfare raging among girls all week long. Roommates in different houses spied on each other. Facebooks, listservs and text messages were all being stalked for intelligence from opposing teams. Misleading rumors, tempting as Sirens'

songs, were spread to throw off the search.

There are many different sororities represented in my Mayfield, and our common room felt as relaxed as the demilitarized zone between North Korea and South Korea all week. No one was open about the tension, but it was there, especially if you asked to borrow someone's computer for a moment.

Forget Special Forces, we should put sorority girls on the hunt for Bin Laden. They would stay up day and night searching. In fact, next time you lose something, e-mail Kristen Torrey and ask her to forward your problem to the sororities. If you describe the last place you saw the lost item in riddle-form, I promise you'll have it by the end of the week.

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Epic fail for 'leftist lunacy'



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When word spread that Bay Buchanan was coming to Vanderbilt, people freaked out. Vanderbilt students usually don't get too riled up about much. It's usually that same group of people that goes to Vanderbilt Student Government meetings and has a different profile picture up each week supporting some new cause. The activists who held a protest for Buchanan's speech had a pretty good turnout but unfortunately, their efforts did not do much to enhance their purpose. In fact, they did more to help the other side.

Buchanan, notorious for her hard-line views on illegal immigration, was invited here by Youth for a Western Civilization. This new student organization brags two members and maybe a few more on a good day. Their views are extreme, and if they had a louder following, it would probably be appropriate to panic. According to posters all over campus, 3 percent of Vanderbilt men are OK with rape, so I don't think two guys with extreme anti-multiculturalist views warrant as much attention as they got. All the protesters

did was give their group legitimacy. The picketing, the letters and the publicity have given YWC an identity, and that is all that they wanted.

As for the speech, there was really nothing to worry about there. For someone as renowned as Buchanan, filling up a small lecture room in Garland is not much of a feat. The first three rows were filled with a bunch of guys looking their flattest, and the rest of the room consisted of people either writing about the event or protesting it. Buchanan's voice did not call out to many sympathetic listeners.

For the people who actually listened to the entire speech, the experience was not all that bad. Walking past the protesters in front of the building made it seem like Satan himself had come to address the crowd, but most of her talk was pretty tame. She vocalized views about our country's faulty immigration policies that many Americans would agree with.

Every once in a while, though, Buchanan had some wild things to say. She mentioned focusing on diversity would bring this nation to its end, and America does not place enough importance upon complete assimilation of different cultures. As extreme

as this sounds, some of the protesters' questions and comments actually made Buchanan look pretty reasonable. One of the protesters came forward claiming Buchanan had "blood on her hands" for spreading her message. He also asked her what she would do if she lived in a third world country (Mexico?) with her starving children and it bordered one of the wealthiest nations in the world. She handled this and other ridiculous questions well, mentioning that this is Mexico's problem and the U.S. can't help every suffering person on the planet. We can't save everyone.

Despite their efforts, Vanderbilt's small group of activists accomplished giving legitimacy to an extreme right-wing group, gave more publicity to an event than it deserved, and they made Buchanan, one of the most controversial figures in the nation, seem like a woman with very reasonable views and opinions. This was an epic fail for the "leftist lunacy" the YWC is trying to fight, but no worries, I am sure Berkeley's first dissenters had their bumps, too.

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SPORTS

Season ends in heartbreak

by DAVID RUTZ
Sports Editor

Led by Marissa Coleman's 42 points, an NCAA regional semifinal record, first-seeded Maryland (31-4) ended Vanderbilt's season for the second year in a row in the Sweet 16, coming from behind to win 78-74.

"We did everything we could possibly do to win this game but win the game," said Vanderbilt coach Melanie Balcomb.

The fourth-seeded Commodores (26-9) led the first 38 minutes of the contest, leading by as many as 18 in the first half and 11 in the second half. But Coleman kept hitting big shot after big shot and the Terrapins took their first lead of the game, 72-71, with two minutes to play on a lay-up by Demauria Liles and cap a 10-0 run.

Vanderbilt senior Christina Wirth hit two free throws to tie the game at 74, but Coleman was right there to hit a turnaround jumper with 27 seconds left to give her team the lead for good. Wirth missed a jumper on the next possession and Coleman hit two free throws after being fouled to put the game out of reach.

Balcomb said Coleman was just too good to contain.

"We got in foul trouble and that really hurt us, and down the stretch we just couldn't stop Marissa (Coleman)," she said. "It got tight down the end and offensively we didn't continue to make shots."

Maryland advanced to play third-seeded Louisville in Monday's regional final, as Vanderbilt missed out on its first trip to the Elite Eight since 2002.

Wirth led the Commodores with 28 points, a career high, in her final collegiate game.

"It's really tough," Wirth said. "I feel like we won this game for 39 minutes and if you look at it we probably did. It's disappointing to give up that big of a lead."

Fellow senior Jen Risper scored 13 points in limited minutes, as she sat with foul trouble for crucial portions of the first and second halves.

Her being out of the game was the



Maryland's Marissa Coleman drives between Vanderbilt's Christina Wirth (34) and Jen Risper (2) during their Sweet 16 game on Saturday. Behind Coleman's 42 points, the Terrapins rallied to defeat the Commodores, 78-74.

difference; the Commodores had a +14 point margin when the Southeastern Conference Defensive Player of the Year was in and an astounding -18 when she wasn't.

After being routed by the Terrapins last year, this time the Commodores looked like they were the ones who were going to blow the game open early. Vanderbilt shot out to a 12-2 lead and kept extending its advantage, going up 33-15 after a 3-pointer by junior Merideth Marsh with 6:28 to play in the first half.

"We needed to attack them and I think we did that," Risper said.

Coleman scored 12 points the rest of the half though, and the Terrapins closed on a 21-6 run to cut the deficit to just three at halftime.

The Commodores kept taking Maryland's best shot in the second half and maintained their tenuous lead. They extended the advantage to 11 with 6:59 to play after the Terrapins' Lynetta Kizer was called for a technical foul after elbowing Wirth, and Marsh knocked down two free throws.

But Coleman was too much down the stretch, making a shot every time Maryland needed one to never let Vanderbilt pull away. She scored nine of their next 12 points, and the last four winning points, to put a crushing end to the Commodores' year.

"I'm disappointed for all of us, including our coaches," Wirth said. "I wish it would have come out differently, but I couldn't be more proud of our team." ■

COLUMN

Team makes campus proud

by DAVID RUTZ
Sports Editor

That's not how it should have ended. You deserved better after that effort. But don't you dare hang your heads after the season you had.

Southeastern Conference champs. Another Sweet 16 berth. A top-15 national ranking.

The NCAA Tournament is not meant to make everyone happy. In fact, almost all teams are going to end their years in a loss and that's a lot of what they'll remember about their seasons. How they ended.

The symmetry of it is a little much to take, also. Maryland, the No. 1 seed, ending the season for you, the No. 4 seed, in the Sweet 16, one year after the same thing happened. Last year, though, they won in a rout. This time, they needed every bit of a regional semifinal record 42 points from Marissa Coleman to outlast you all in a 78-74 thriller.

That's hardly consolation. You'll think of the missed opportunities you had, and that's not what you should remember.

Here's what we'll remember.

We'll remember that this was one of the most exciting and sportsmanlike teams this university has ever had the pleasure of supporting. We'll remember that you swept through seven SEC teams at Memorial Gym. That you finally beat Pat Summitt and the defending national champion Volunteers. That Auburn lost just four times all season and two of them were at your hands. That you won the SEC Tournament without your best post player. That you made Albuquerque's Pit your own personal home court again. That senior Christina Wirth was an All-American and that fellow senior Jen Risper was the SEC Defensive

Player of the Year.

And we'll remember that you took it to the third-best team in the nation for 40 minutes and didn't back down from their challenge over and over again. The Terrapins got a technical foul at one point out of frustration; despite many questionable calls, you kept your cool as always.

You came up short, and it hurts. We've been rooting for Vanderbilt sports for a long time and part of being a Commodore fan is dealing with heartbreak. Hell, part of being a sports fan in general is dealing with heartbreak.

But another part of sports, the

best part, is recognizing great achievements.

And the 2008-09 campaign was indeed a resounding success in that regard, as the laundry list of victories, and honors written before evidences. And we can all expect to see you back for an 11th straight trip to the NCAA Tournament in 2010.

For now, look back on and celebrate the outstanding year you had and the careers of Wirth, Risper and senior Amy Malo, who will all be sorely missed. Your season was a great source of pride for Vanderbilt, and you should all be commended for your terrific efforts. ■



Jen Risper (2) and Christina Wirth embrace after defeating Kansas State in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Vanderbilt had an outstanding season that saw its 10th straight NCAA berth and sixth SEC title.

SEC struggles continue

by DAN RYAN
Sports Reporter

Junior Andrew Giobbi's two-out, two-run home run in the top of the ninth inning brought the Commodores within one run of tying Auburn at 11, but the four-run rally in the top of the ninth proved to be too little, too late as Vanderbilt lost the third and deciding game of the weekend series at Plainsman Park, 11-10.

The Southeastern Conference series loss is the fifth in a row for the Commodores dating back to last season as Vanderbilt fell to 3-6 in SEC play and 17-10 overall.

Sunday's game, played in bright sunshine and a brisk wind blowing out towards left field, was in stark contrast to the series' first two rain-soaked games. While no games were delayed due to weather, storms in the Auburn area on Friday drenched the field and made fielding and base running an adventure.

Starter Nick Christiani gave up seven runs on eight hits, including three of Auburn's home runs, in four innings on Sunday as the senior right-hander struggled against an Auburn lineup featuring six left handed batters.

Freshman right-hander Sonny Gray came on in relief in the fifth inning for Christiani, but he didn't fare much better, giving up two more home runs in two innings of work.

Vanderbilt managed to stay within striking distance with a two-run shot by freshman Joe Loftus that easily cleared the 30-foot-high wall in left field in the fourth, and added three more in the sixth with RBIs from Giobbi, redshirt freshman Aaron Westlake and freshman Jason Esposito.

Each time the Commodores seemed to close the gap however, the Tigers responded with runs of their own. Hitting only three home runs all weekend and consistently stranding runners in scoring



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Nick Christiani struggled in the rubber game of Vandy's three-game SEC set with Auburn, allowing seven runs in just four innings in an eventual 11-10 defeat.

position haunted the Commodores in each of their two losses.

Vanderbilt committed just one team error the entire series on a bizarre catcher interference call against redshirt freshman Drew Fann early in Friday night's game.

The Commodores exploded for 12 runs on 22 hits, 20 of which were singles, in Friday's game as ace left-hander Mike Minor, a junior, stymied Auburn batters for seven innings, striking out 11 and improving his record for the season to 2-2 as the Commodores won 12-3.

Sophomore Caleb Cotham took the mound for Vanderbilt in Saturday's game and gave up five earned runs on six hits, and received minimal run support as the Commodores only managed to cross home plate three times in a 5-3 loss. Vanderbilt continued a trend by falling behind early on Sunday, as they had in each of their previous two games. ■

LAX ties record in rout of Binghamton

by BRIAN LINHARES
Sports Reporter

Prior to Saturday, the last game in which Vanderbilt lacrosse hit 22 goals occurred on April 16, 2000.

Juniors Sarah Downing and Carter Foote were in sixth grade.

Nine years later, Downing and Foote played an intricate role in the Commodore attack, as they matched that record setting performance against Denver with a 22-7 victory over visiting Binghamton. They combined for nine goals.

"Sarah and Carter are both potent attackers who use their height to their advantage," said sophomore defenseman Claire Leonard. "As juniors, they do a great job of leading the attack and they were both 'on.'"

Sporadic thunderstorms throughout the afternoon were not conducive to an offensive explosion. Yet despite poor conditions, Vanderbilt raced to a 13-4 advantage at intermission. Moreover, they controlled possession, with 26 first-half shots to Binghamton's nine.

Downing recorded a hat trick in the first 11 minutes and added another score at the six-minute mark in the opening period. Not to be outdone, Foote connected twice within a minute (first at 3:35 and again at 2:39) to complete her own first-half hat trick as well.

Sophomore Katherine Denkler supported the onslaught, with two goals of her own.

In the second half, the Commodores continued to pile on, notching nine goals on 13 shots, to the Bearcats' three goals on nine shots.

As Downing and Foote cooled down in the second half, freshman Alex Priddy ensured the attack would not cease. The Maryland native came off the bench to score two more second half goals, finishing with three.

Saturday's contest marks the first game of the 2009 season in which three Commodores have recorded hat tricks. The trio provided half of Vanderbilt's goals.

Defensively, goalkeepers freshman Natalie Wills and senior Rachel Woolford helped keep Binghamton at a distance. Wills recorded three saves in over 38 minutes of action to earn the



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Sarah Downing (18) and Carter Foote combined for nine of Vanderbilt's goals in a 22-7 rout of Binghamton on Saturday. The Commodores improved to 5-3 overall.

win. The freshman improved her record to 4-1.

With the victory over Binghamton, the Commodores have compiled a three-game winning streak. They currently stand at 1-1 in American Lacrosse Conference play and 5-3 overall.

"The three game winning streak has been great for us and I think we are proving to everyone that we are dangerous all over the field," Leonard said. "We still have six games to go, including at home against Delaware, so we can't get carried away with our recent success; we have to stay focused and keep doing what we've been doing."

The Commodores have only one day of rest before a date with the University of Delaware on March 30. The following Saturday, Johns Hopkins pays a visit to Nashville as Vanderbilt concludes its three-game homestand. ■

Third Annual Mile Bonanza on Wednesday

by DAVID RUTZ
Sports Editor

Vanderbilt Students for Students will be holding its third annual Mile Bonanza on Wednesday afternoon to raise money for the VSS scholarship fund, which will help a student from Nashville's Pearl-Cohn High School attend college.

The Mile Bonanza takes place at Vanderbilt's recreational center track on Natchez Trace and consists of several one-mile races, including an Open Mile, a one-mile race for kids and a sorority/fraternity 4 x 400 meter relay, according to the VSS Web site.

Senior Rob Whiting, a Vanderbilt cross country runner, started VSS when he was a sophomore and explained why the group started the annual fundraiser.

"We wanted to do an event that was not only family-friendly so that Pearl-Cohn could be involved, but also something that was different," Whiting said. "5K races happen all the time, but there are not that many mile races and relays targeted toward students and Greek life. Plus, since many of the founding members were track athletes, putting on an event like this just came naturally."

The event has been a success its first two years, helping Theresa Nandzo go to

Tennessee State and Aqueelah Ellzey go to the University of Memphis. Nandzo is in the pre-nursing program there while Ellzey is majoring in criminology. Whiting said he was happy to report that both are still in good standing.

"We do keep tabs on them but try not to be too invasive into their lives," Whiting said. "We receive e-mails from them on occasion updating us on how they are doing, and we invite them to our end-of-the-year banquet."

VSS Vice President Michael Nordlund, a fellow senior cross country runner, said he and Whiting are committed to seeing high school students reach their potential through the assistance from their scholarship.

"We do all that we do because we are passionate about results and what they represent," Nordlund said. "I have had the pleasure of meeting our scholars and am very proud of them for their hard work and determination."

The Mile Bonanza raised over \$1,500 its inaugural running and \$2,000 last year, but Whiting said he expects those numbers to rise for this year's event.

The event is open to anyone up until 5:30 p.m. Wednesday afternoon at the Vanderbilt track. Information on how to register is available by going to InsideVandy.com. ■

Scrimmage impresses Johnson

by DAVID RUTZ
Sports Editor

running game going after we threw the ball a little bit better."

The Commodore football team held its annual Black and Gold Scrimmage Saturday, and coach Bobby Johnson was encouraged by the energy brought by his players on both sides of the ball.

"We asked them to go hard and be physical, and I think we did that," Johnson said. "We got exactly what we wanted."

The scrimmage consisted of 75 plays over 17 series, with numerous Commodore players getting a chance to see action in front of about 1,000 fans.

"We had a bunch of young guys trying to get better and do better," Johnson said. "It was good to see them get in front of a crowd and have to execute under pressure and some of them did real well. I was proud."

Offense ruled the day after getting off to a sputtering start, sparked by a 75-yard play action touchdown pass from quarterback Jared Funk to receiver Alex Washington on the scrimmage's fourth series.

"The coaches told me to lean up on the corner and drive to the post, and it worked out the way we worked in practice," Washington said.

Quarterback Larry Smith settled down after struggling in his initial series, throwing touchdown passes of 36 and 30 yards to receivers Terrence Jeffers and Akeem Dunham on the afternoon. His second pass was more impressive though, as he found Dunham with a perfectly thrown ball in the corner of the end zone. On the first touchdown, Jeffers caught a short pass at the sideline, side-stepped a defender and raced for the score.

Tailbacks Ryan van Rensburg, Kennard Reeves and Gaston Miller and Chavez Scott all had touches during the scrimmage as well.

"We threw the ball a good bit," Johnson said. "We finally got the

Washington provides spark: After his 75-yard touchdown catch, Washington didn't get a breather. On the very next series' first play, he took a reverse and rushed 39 yards to set up a 1-yard touchdown run by van Rensburg several players later.

Washington missed much of last season recovering from a torn ACL suffered last spring. He was able to play sparingly in the second half of the year but he was not as mobile.

"He made it back, but he was not confident playing," Johnson said. "That little bit of extra time (working) after the season, he's confident about his knee and I was pleased. I've been noticing the last few practices (he's) getting quicker, stronger. He's stepped it up."

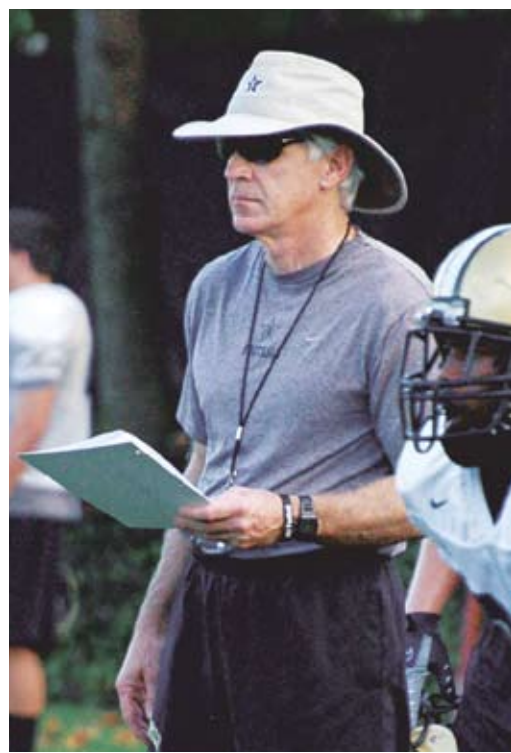
Washington is relieved to be back out on the field.

"It's been a year since the injury," Washington said. "It feels a lot stronger just with the rehab that I've had to do. It feels good and I'm just happy to be back out here running around."

Lesson learned: Johnson saw the scrimmage and the alternate successes and struggles of the defensive and offensive units as learning experiences.

After the defense stopped the offense cold on the first three possessions, the offense got into a groove following Washington's touchdown catch.

"It's sort of like the start of the game, when you might not get it done the first couple series. It's a great lesson. Don't give up, keep going," Johnson said.



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Vanderbilt football coach Bobby Johnson said he was pleased with the effort and enthusiasm brought by his players in the team's annual Black and Gold Scrimmage on Saturday.

On the flip side, the defense learned about not getting too cocky, Johnson said.

"It's a great lesson for the defense because they gave up a couple touchdowns after that and I think they (had) kind of assumed 'we got them,'" Johnson said. "It's a great lesson to have some success and then have to come back and go against some adversity and try and get that success back."

Hayward wreaks havoc: Cornerback Casey Hayward made his presence known on the first play of the scrimmage, knocking van Rensburg for a two-yard loss and getting some smack talk going on the defensive sideline.

"Coach told us to come with a lot of enthusiasm," Hayward said. "We just come playing hard."

Hayward stopped tight end Austin Monahan on third down on the eighth series to stop a drive and later deflected a pass by quarterback Mackenzi Adams to prevent a touchdown. ■

Women's tennis sweeps Dixie



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- Cole Hall - 5:30 pm
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- Dyer Hall - 7:00 pm
- Mims Hall - 8:00 pm
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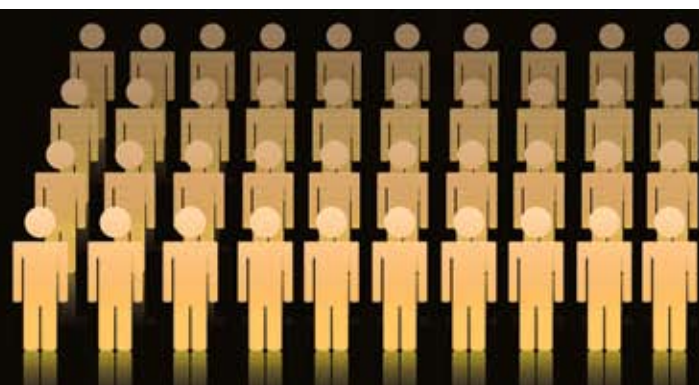
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- Vanderbilt Hall - 8:00 pm
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