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**SPORTS The Commodores** withstood a driving rain and the Wildcats to qualify for the postseason for the first time in three years. See page 7





# **Graduate** gives people the world

by MORGAN WEISMAN Contributing Reporter

The idea of photographing every detail of the Earth's surface and putting those images online didn't occur to anyone until Vanderbilt graduate Chikai Ohazama and his team came up with the idea in 2005.

We call it Google Earth.

Everyday Internet users, CNN and other news stations use Google Earth, and in many classes here at Vanderbilt — such as Geology 101: Dynamic Earth - the program is used to show examples of different landforms and areas of the

"I'm very impressed by the fact that in Australia, scientists used the software to find rare coral reefs, and in Africa an area was discovered that man had never explored before and many new species were found there," Ohazama (Class of '94) said. "On the Google Earth blog, there are currently five 'heroes' of Google Earth, highlighting organizations that take the software and use it to change

the world." One of these is Save the Elephants. By using Google Earth to track elephants in Mali, its founder, Dr. Iain Douglas-Hamilton, is able to rescue elephants from poachers and help the animals suffering from

climate change and drought. When Ohazama was a freshman at Vanderbilt, he believed he would become a professor and would one day teach and research at a university. However, when he graduated with a degree in biomedical engineering, he chose a career that involved computers rather grading papers.

This change in plans was Please see **GOOGLE EARTH**, page 3

# Diversity efforts have mixed results

Admissions sees an increase in diverse applicants, but the student demographics are slow to change.

> by KAT ZHANG Staff Reporter

Vanderbilt has been striving to showcase its commitment to diversity through the admissions process, resulting in a large increase in minority applicants, even if the demographics on campus seem to tell a different story.

Recently, The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education ranked Vanderbilt fifth out of the nation's 26 top universities in respect to its "relative success in attracting, enrolling and graduating African-



**CHRIS PHARE / The Vanderbilt Hustler** 

Sophomore Hirak Pati plays pool at The Commons Center. Freshman classes have grown in ethnic diversity over the last few years.

American students as well as their progress in bringing black professors to their campuses."

However, this year the Princeton Review published a

seemingly conflicting ranking, placing Vanderbilt No. 18 nationally for "Little Race/Class Interaction."

Please see **DEMOGRAPHICS**, page 3

# **VANDERBILT DEMOGRAPHICS BY THE NUMBERS**

African American: 8%

Asian American: 10%

Native American: 1%

Total minorities: 29% (432

Other minority: 1%

**CLASS OF 2013** 

Hispanic: 9%

## **CLASS OF 2010**

African American: 9.8% Asian American: 7.0% Hispanic/Latino: 5.5% Native American: 0.4% Other minority: 1.3% Total minorities: 24% (379 students)

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TION: 2003 South: 46.56% New England: 3.97% Midwest: 15.14% West: 6.63% Southwest: 8.48%

# **TOTAL MINORITY PERCENTAGE IN THE FRESHMAN CLASS**

2000: 17.2% 2003: 20.2% 2006: 23.3% 2009: 28.5%

### **REGIONAL DISTRIBU-REGIONAL DISTRIBU-**TION: 2009

South: 43.97% New England: 4.4% Midwest: 14.39% West: 6.81% Southwest: 7.88%

Source: Office of Undergraduate Admissions Financial Aid Fast Facts Web site, Office of Undergraduate Admissions online brochure, Vanderbilt Institutional Research Group

# Second-half sadness



**CHRIS PHARE / The Vanderbilt Hustler** 

Vanderbilt running back Warren Norman celebrates after a play against Georgia Tech on Saturday night. The Dores let a 31-28 lead slip away in the second half and went on to lose 56-31.

# **Student thoughts** on diversity's impact on work, party scene

by KAT ZHANG

Staff Reporter

Some students argue that diversity is not just about having students of different ethnic or religious groups — it's about how these different groups of students interact.

"The majority of Asians hang out mostly with only Asians. Same with Muslims, Koreans, Mongolians, et cetera," said freshman Ruth

Bev Nelson, another freshman, agreed but added her reasoning. "Students ... self-segregate because they are trying to find people with similar interests who appreciate them. This drive to find a place of belonging creates certain groups of students and the stereotypes associated with them," she said.

When asked whether she thought this affected the work hard, hard attitude on campus, however, she said she didn't think it did.

"I think that the students party just as hard as they always have, despite what new faces and traditions are brought to campus," Nelson said.

On the other hand, freshman Michelle Park said differences in backgrounds affect students' behaviors.

"Different cultures have different beliefs, and those beliefs help shape how people should act in certain situations," she said. "If one group's religious beliefs are against drinking, then those people of that religion will most likely not drink at parties or social events."

Most of the students interviewed said they thought the work hard, party hard precedence has been established for so long it is unlikely to be changed by the increase in diversity.

# WORK HARD PARTY HARD

Go to InsideVandy.com to read past stories in the series and watch a video. Look to future issues of The Hustler for more on this topic.

# **WORK HARD, PARTY HARD** STATISTICS

Seniors (47 respondents)

When you were a freshman, the on-campus party scene was:

**LARGER: 63.8% SMALLER: 4.3% ABOUT THE SAME: 31.9%** 

In the past two weeks, you have stayed in to study on a weekend night:

1-2 TIMES: 53.2%

In the past two weeks, you have gone to a frat

0 TIMES: 42.6% 1-2 TIMES: 40.4%

**Juniors** (51 respondents)

When you were a freshman, the on-campus party scene was:

**LARGER: 52.0%** SMALLER: 2.0% **ABOUT THE SAME: 46.0%** 

In the past two weeks, you have stayed in to stuay on a weekena

night: 1-2 TIMES: 60.0%

In the past two weeks, you have gone to a frat party:

**0 TIMES: 60.0%** 

The data come from a poll conducted by The Vanderbilt Hustler from Oct. 20 through Oct. 25. 500 undergraduates were e-mailed a survey, with 202 completing the form.



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**Ryan Sullivan** expects more (or less?) from Vandy girls on Halloween. See page 4



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Vanderbilt drops its fifth straight, 56-31, after Tech pours it on in the second half. See page 6



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# What was the best Halloween costume you saw this weekend?

"I liked the people that came as swine flu."

— Daniel Benson, 2012

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Alaina Shulman, Daniel Rosenzweig, Andy Spears, 2011

"Kenny Powers from Eastbound and Down. Or the Pacmen at the game."

— Claire Fraley, 2011

"The Teletubbies."

— Dakota Klaes, 2012

### CRIME LOG

Friday, Oct. 30, 2:17 a.m. — A vehicle was pulled over for speeding on 21st Avenue South. The driver had a strong odor of alcohol, slurred speech and watery eyes.

Friday, Oct. 30, 1:27 a.m. — A person admitted to drinking in Morgan House.

Thursday, Oct. 29, 9 a.m. — An unlicensed person was driving carelessly through a parking lot.

Thursday, Oct. 29, 8:15 a.m. — A person stole a guitar, and it was recovered.

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 11:05 p.m. — Two people admitted to smoking marijuana in the alley between 18th and 19th Avenue South.

### PROFESSOR SPOTLIGHT

by **HELEN LI** 

# Ayaka Sogabe

Japanese Department



Originally from Osaka, Japan, Professor Ayaka Sogabe teaches several levels of Japanese at Vanderbilt.

# 1.) What classes do you teach?

I teach beginning Japanese, second-year Japanese and fourth-year

# 2.) Where did you go to undergraduate and graduate

I went to undergraduate school in Japan. The name is Kansai Daigai University, a foreign language school. I went to University of Iowa to get my master's degree.

# 3.) Why did you decide to become a professor?

I was always interested in teaching Japanese. I started studying how to teach Japanese for non-native speakers in my undergraduate school. My school had a program that would send trained students to the U.S. and all over the world as teaching assistants for small colleges. I had the opportunity to come to America as a T.A. At that time, I was still going back to Japan every one or two years, and I thought maybe I could be a teacher in Japan. Then, I was sent to one small school in Maine, when I started thinking maybe teaching at an American college might be interesting. So I shifted my direction and applied to graduate school.

# 4.) What is your favorite place in Nashville?

I like the Vanderbilt campus. It is very pretty. But I like staying at my home the most, just relaxing. My friends and I go out to the Hillsboro Village quite a lot, as well.

# 5.) What is your favorite food?

Japanese food. Well, I did not realize that when I was living in Japan. Things like sushi are relatively common in Japan. I always had a chance to eat good sushi, bad sushi, whatever, whenever I wanted. But here, I do not have as many opportunities. So I started thinking that maybe eating Japanese food as usual is a rare or precious thing.

# 6.) What was your first job?

My first job was actually teaching English in Japan, after I graduated college.

# 7.) What do you like to do in your free time?

I like reading and relaxing at home. I like cooking. But it does not mean that I am good at cooking. More like experimenting.

### 8.) What advice would you give students to make the most of their four years at Vanderbilt?

In general, my college in Japan had a very diverse range of studying habits. Some people studied very hard, some people did very minimal studying and could try a lot of things. But they all could graduate. I think I like that atmosphere better. Here, I am kind of sorry that the students have to spend most of their time studying. I wish undergraduates could take more time to try new things. It will be great and helpful after they graduate and go to the real world.

### **CALENDAR**

# THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY, NOV. 2

Course registration opens for spring 2010

Students must request courses on OASIS by Nov. 13. Opportunities for work/study in Germany info session

DAAD provides scholarships for study and research in all subject areas for both undergraduate and graduate students. Congress-Bundestag fellowships provide a yearlong internship and language study in Germany. Knowledge of German is not required. An information session will be held from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in Sarratt 189.

### TUESDAY, NOV. 3

Writing Workshop: Organizing papers and paragraphs

A workshop will be held for students to explore types of coherence that hold sentences together in paragraphs and experiment with different strategies for structuring college writing assignments from 7–8:15 p.m. in Commons Center 223.

• Operation Smile Chili's fundraiser

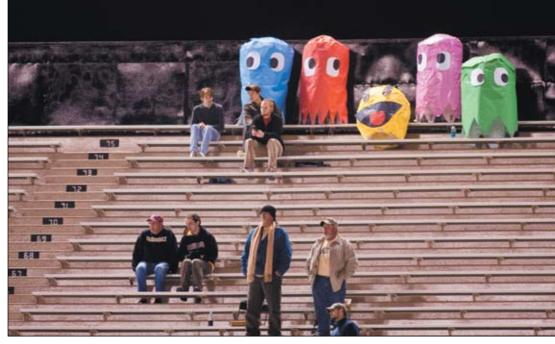
Bring a fundraiser flier to Chili's on West End and a percentage of all sales will be donated

to Operation Smile.

• Blair Chamber Choir Blair Chamber Choir will perform in the Steve and Judy Turner Recital Hall at 8 p.m., directed by David Childs.

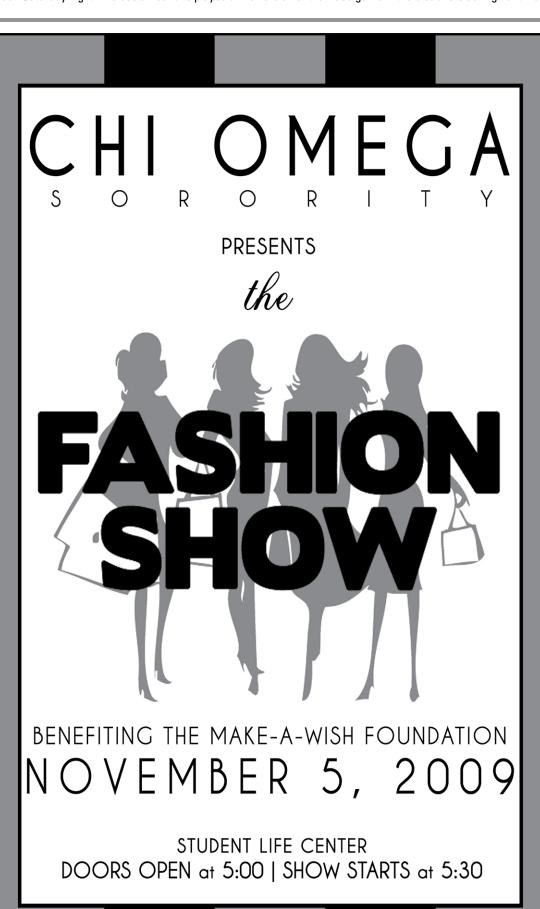
**SNAPSHOT** 

# Eat 'em up, Vandy



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Pacman and a few ghosts sit on the top row of bleachers at Dudley Field to watch the game against Georgia Tech Saturday night. The costumed fans played a live version of the video game in the bleachers during halftime.



# **DEMOGRAPHICS:** Student opinions vary on its impact

From **DEMOGRAPHICS**, page 1

And students seem to have mixed feelings, too. "I think there's some diversity, but not enough," said sophomore Belem Flores. "You should always try to have more diversity on campus."

Many noted an increase in ethnic and religious diversity, but some added that such change was really just a drop in a very large bucket.

"I think that Christians and Catholics are definitely predominant and are the most visible, but there's definitely a lot of other religious groups represented," said freshman Ruth Yan. "As far as ethnicity, however, this is very clearly a predominantly white school ... but I've heard many upperclassmen say that for the past few years, each year Vandy is admitting more and more people

from minority groups, like Asians."

Admissions statistics show the applicant pool has become more diverse. In a 2009 report, the Office of Admissions reported a 20 percent increase in Asian applicants last year, a 15 percent increase in African-American applicants, an 18 percent increase in Hispanic applicants and a 33 percent increase for Native-American applicants.

"I think campus is growing very diverse, especially for a Southern campus," said sophomore Robbie Zettler. "We are focused more on drawing in student from all parts of the nation and from all religious and ethic backgrounds."

But do campus leaders think the university's efforts are working?

According to Ari Dubin, executive director of Vanderbilt Hillel, and

Frank Dobson, director of the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center, they are.

"There's no doubt that the campus has changed dramatically," Dubin said. "I've been here going on five years, and I think there's no question that the campus as a whole has changed in religious diversity. But I really do think that the diversity at Vanderbilt has changed across the board — in ethnic diversity, social-economic diversity, religious diversity, political diversity."

Dobson said the high attendance of the Dia de la Raza celebration in mid-October "suggest(s) not only an increase in diversity numerically as articulated by the information from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, but an increase in interest in diversity events."

Both attributed at least part of this change in student demographic to the efforts of the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, but at the same time said they felt that physical buildings, such as the Ben Schulman Center and the Black Cultural Center, helped as well

"The reason is a simple one," Dobson said. "If you look at our peer institutions, they have similar buildings. ... If a student was considering Duke and Yale and Emory and Vanderbilt and saw that the others had buildings honoring diversity and Vanderbilt did not, the student would wonder why. ... As a competitive institution, we're keeping pace to our peer institutions and contributing to the intellectual and cultural growth of our students."

Vanderbilt has created some

programs to attract more minority students. Diverse VU "is Vanderbilt's multicultural visit program designed to introduce (students) to the university and to the vibrancy of undergraduate life," according to the Office of Admissions Web site.

Office of Admissions Web site.

MOSAIC (Medley of Students and Ideas Connecting) welcomes a group of "prospective undergraduate students of color" who come in March to visit "a campus that is constantly striving for increased diversity and awareness," according to the event details for 2009 MOSAIC weekend. The high school seniors who come have been notified of their acceptance to Vanderbilt and are allowed to spend a weekend mixing, mingling and attending various information sessions that the university holds especially for them. ■

# GOOGLE EARTH: Passion for 'impossible' born at Vandy

From **GOOGLE EARTH**, page 1

due to opportunities and the people he met, including Professor Robert Galloway, while at Vanderbilt.

"I worked with him one-on-one on his research, and I participated in a summer research program my senior year," Ohazama said. "That is where my passion for making the impossible was born."

While at Vanderbilt, he was able to work with computers, not just with computer science- and technology-related projects. According to Ohazama, one of his favorite things

about Vanderbilt was the fact that its computer programs were not purely science-and-technology based.

"I had the opportunity to do more arts-related research, too," he said.

This prepared Ohazama, after completing graduate school at Duke, to begin working for Silicon Graphics, the company that created the graphics for "Jurassic Park." At Silicon Graphics, Ohazama began to have an idea for the program that would turn into Google Earth.

"I used high-end satellite imagery, and that was when I began to think

about taking the high-end imagery and making it available so that anyone could have access to the incredible technology that was being created," Ohazama said.

He co-founded Keyhole Inc., a spin-off of Silicon Graphics, and after Google acquired Keyhole in 2004, Ohazama became the director of project management, generating revenue for Google Maps and Google Earth. He also manages the extensive imagery database.

Google Earth takes aerial photographs and satellite images

from commercial providers, government satellites and internationals sources and compiles them into one database. The pictures on the program are updated once every 18 months, depending on the location in the world. According to Ohazama, his favorite aspect of Google Earth is the variety of activities it is used

"People around the world use Google Earth for simple things such as locating one's house to such complex things as using the product for relief efforts during Hurricane Katrina," he said.

The Google Earth project has only just begun. Every year more applications are added, enabling millions around the world to choose seeing the "Street View" of an area and having the opportunity to see the weather, traffic and places of interest.

One can also choose to see an area as it was thousands of years ago, be it at the time of the Ancient Romans or the time of the dinosaurs. ■

# Holocaust survivor reflects on experiences

by SARAH HART

Staff Reporter

"The only reason I survived was luck."
This was the only explanation Martin Weiss, a Holocaust survivor, could give at Sunday night's portion of the 32nd Holocaust Lecture Series held annually at Vanderbilt. After moving to America, raising a family and pressing forward after the war, Weiss found his voice after remembering the promise he made to himself while working in a labor camp in

"I promised myself at camp that if I lived I would speak out so it couldn't happen again," said Weiss, who is now "fighting prejudice wherever it is" because without the attempt "there is no hope for us."

As Weiss began to tell his story, he reached a block. "I cannot begin to describe the severity or the nastiness of these people and that will be my struggle here tonight," he said. Before his capture, he watched the progression of the war change the atmosphere of his small town.

"Instead of fighting evil, people would go out and participate in it," Weiss said.

At the age of 15, Weiss and his family were deported to the Auschwitz-Birkenau extermination camp in Austria, where he and his father were selected for forced labor.



JUSTIN MENESTRINA / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Martin Weiss, a survivor of the Auschwitz-Birkenau and Mauthausen concentration camps, told his survival story to a large crowd on Sunday evening.

"You have no idea how scared we were," Weiss said. "I didn't know what the penalty was for not passing. I just knew that I passed." Weiss and his father were transported to the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria and then to the subcamp of Melk.

In Melk, the men built tunnels into the mountain where "people were dying left

and right due to pure exhaustion."

"I clearly remember kicking the person in front of me because I would doze off while walking to work," Weiss said. He recalled that "(SS troops) counted us like prized possessions. They didn't care if someone died but God forbid if someone was missing."

After spending time at Melk, Weiss was chosen to participate in a march across Austria.

"We had no hope, but we thought a march could be better," he said. When it rained, people would get stuck in the mud and stick their hands up for help but "we would just walk by because we thought we were doing them a favor — they would be finished with it all."

In May 1945, Weiss was liberated by U.S. troops at the Gunskirchen camp but was "scared to walk out for fear that it was a trick." After running into a relative, Weiss traveled in search of food, new shoes and warm clothing.

"We didn't feel like humans," he said.
"We were as dehumanized as humans can

When asked about feeling vengeance or hatred toward the people who committed these acts, Weiss responded: "Vengeance destroys you and the enemy. My vengeance is my wonderful wife, my two children and my four beautiful grandchildren."

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# **Cell phones** cause cancer?



SCOTT MARQUART Columnist

Doesn't this sound familiar to anyone else? For years the cell phone companies assured the people and the politicians that their products were completely safe. Sure, it was easy to wonder, "Couldn't this little device that broadcasts so many electromagnetic waves be dangerous if I were to hold it next to my brain for several hours a day?" But then again, everyone does it. We couldn't all be doing something hazardous to our health on a regular basis unknowingly. Someone would have said something. After all,

I'm sure if something were really dangerous to our health, our politicians wouldn't be distracted by the multimillion dollar lobbying branches of these companies ... right?

Doesn't anyone remember cigarettes? They were convenient, profitable, enjoyable and, for many, essential. In the early 20th century, they were everywhere: movies, restaurants, hospitals; everyone smoked and nobody questioned it. With such an incredible demand for their products, the tobacco companies grew rapidly and developed advocacy groups strong enough to sway public opinion. After a while, studies started popping up, revealing a link between cigarette smoking and lung cancer. Most accepted this news, some denied it, but people didn't quit smoking.

Then the politicians, hastened by public outcry — but still being taken out to a steak dinner once a week by Big Tobacco — began implementing warnings against cigarettes.

For decades, the warnings came in. First: "Cigarette Smoking May be Hazardous to Your Health." Then: "The Surgeon General Has Determined that Cigarette Smoking is Dangerous to Your Health." Next: "Smoking Causes Lung Cancer, Heart Disease, Emphysema And May Complicate Pregnancy." And eventually: "Quitting Smoking Now Greatly Reduces Serious Risks to Your Health." Everyone knew, and the warnings didn't do much to stop them. The problem was so many people were involved that no one wanted to acknowledge that a mass suicide was going on. It wasn't until an entire generation died at the hands of tobacco that people started to really wise up, and even today approximately 20 percent of Americans still smoke, regardless of the known health risks. Well, now the World Health Organization has announced a \$30 million study that will be released later this year, which allegedly connects long-term cell phone use to brain cancer. There are whisperings of implementing warning labels on cell phone boxes advising users on the dangers of cell phones. The public is up in arms, but, strangely, no one has stopped using cell phones.

Now no one will know for sure whether the study will be valid or completely unreliable until the official report is published. It is possible this is all just a big scam, unsupported assertions and unsubstantial results. Perhaps everyone is getting all worked up over nothing. My question is this: If we found out that cell phones were definitively harmful, if warnings were posted on every phone, if cell phone advertising was banned, if advocacy groups ran TV commercials, if billboards read, "1-800-QUIT-NOW; cell phone addiction hotline," would it do anything? Would we stop? Could people let go of their iPhones and BlackBerrys? How long can we stay the master and keep technology the slave? Or has that day already passed?

-Scott Marquart is a freshman in the College of Arts and Science. He can be contacted at scott.m.marquart@ vanderbilt.edu.

# THE VERDICT Stand and be judged by the Hustler opinion staff! Compiled by Katie Des Prez **Going Green** A brothel in Germany is offering discounts to customers who arrive by bike or by foot rather than by car. According to a spokesperson, this will help reduce emissions and offer a break to those customers trying to save money during a global recession. Balloon Boy? Still?? Words We have to stop letting Sarah Palin use them, much less put a bunch of them together in what some people are calling a book. After what must have been a harsh breakup, a woman in Texas fried and ate her ex's Revenge goldfish. Getting back Ozzy Osborne style. Football Congress is conducting hearings on the NFL's future after news that football causes brain damage and dementia. Congress, if you try to delete football from America, I will give you your own brain damage to deal with. I don't care how our own university's team is doing. The 32-year-old shooting guard caught a bat that was loose in the AT&T Center on Manu Ginobilic Halloween. With his bare hands. Take that, Obama.

# Halloween becoming tamer affair at Vandy



RYAN SULLIVAN **Opinion Editor** 

Halloween is a notorious holiday on college campuses. It is the night where everyone dresses in ridiculous attire, and, traditionally, many women wear as little clothing as possible. Saturday night at Vanderbilt, however, looked slightly different. Maybe it is just a part of the changes that are coming to our school, but the attire worn by the

Vanderbilt community has become increasingly

If we are talking about the Vanderbilt "work hard, play hard" mentality, this weekend's festivities were a win for the "work hard" column. Costumes generally tended to be toned down from previous years. I saw a much larger proportion of Teletubbies and the like rather than Daisy Dukes. That is not to say I didn't see a fair share of Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders on frat row (was there some sort of sale that I missed out on?), but compared to past experiences, the costumes were low key. The age of the slutty reindeer appears to be coming to a close in

Now, some off-years can be attributed to cold weather, forcing the faint of heart to was what leggings are for), but it was in the low 50s, so that could not have been the cause. I guess there is an inverse correlation between Playboy bunny tails and SAT scores.

It is actually pretty funny that everyone gets

so excited and dressed up for Halloween. Last time I checked, pretty much every frat party on campus is themed. The opportunity to dress up at Vanderbilt as a schoolgirl (without principles, of course) isn't exactly rare. Still, for some reason Halloween is THE night to go out and THE night to wear as little clothing as possible. Halloween was our big chance to show the naysayers that we can still party with the best of the Southeastern Conference. But, despite costume advice in Versus, Vanderbilt missed the memo this year, further supporting the argument that Vanderbilt is losing its "play hard" attitude.

Don't worry, everything isn't lost. The creativity of costumes was definitely up. I saw a ceiling fan ("Go Ceilings!" Get it?), a gold digger (only this time with a shovel) and an entire Super Mario Party. We have begun to forego our partying traditions for clever and imaginative costumes. Instead of partying like Pac-Man Jones and making it rain, we dress up like his video-game counter part and his ghost enemies. One Pac-Man is in and out of court, the other one stays squarely placed in the basement of a 40-year-old man living with his mother.

This Halloween was a signal of changes coming to Vanderbilt. With academic standards on the begrudgingly cover up (although I thought that rise, so is self-respect. As we get smarter, for better or for worse, our costumes get smarter, too.

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# Health care reform fuels debate on life



**FRANNIE** BOYLE Columnist

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi's plan is to unveil a re-tooled health care bill this week that would require U.S. citizens to sign up through either their employers, government programs or an exchange. This already gives folks a lot to be angry about, but that's not even the best part.

House Democrats are currently facing disputes over prohibiting the use of taxpayer money for funding

abortions. The Hyde amendment, a law in place barring federal funding for abortions — except in the case of rape, incest or endangering of the mother's life — still stands strong, but after the bill is unveiled, Democratic leaders are planning to resolve their issues with the anti-abortion Democrats with a compromise all sides can live with.

Those in favor of covering abortions for low-income women have an understandable position. Taking all morality out of it, why not help those who can't afford abortions receive the same service that's open to every woman. Heck, they're probably the ones who can't afford to raise a child properly anyway, right?

Unfortunately, you can't take morality out of it. And "federally funded" means everyone has to pay for it. Rather than "deciding what a woman can and can't do with her body," those crazy pro-lifers will have the decision made for them when they take money out of their own pockets on tax day to pay for what they think is murder.

The fact is most pro-lifers aren't trying to own anyone's body. Quite the opposite, actually. They are trying to get the government's hands off of the other living soul in the situation — the unborn child that can't speak for itself. It's not about women's rights in their heads, but the child's. They just love and appreciate life, and they believe abortion is putting

Religious pro-lifers believe only God should be able to take life. OK, so not everyone believes in God, but even most common day atheists would agree a murder in the street is wrong. Not many think a mother has the right to murder her 3-year-old child because it's a financial and psychological burden on her life. That's just wrong.

The big disagreement, then, is over whether abortion is taking a "life" or not. Pro-choice people aren't all murderers. They just don't think the growing fetus inside of a mother's womb is life, or at least they don't think the government should decide for women

Makes sense. The only problem is we actually don't have a definition of life. We just have the 1973 definition of viability put together by a tax lawyer on the Supreme Court. So, if we don't know what's in there and we have no solid definition of when life begins (conception, first term, third term, birth, 21st birthday?), then how in the heck can we decide whether a woman has the right to terminate the life/ not life of what's growing in her womb?

Believe what you believe, because the right to an abortion is probably here to stay. But if it comes to the point that taxpayers have to fund what could possibly be murder, there are going to be some problems.

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# Take responsibility for your own actions withdrawal troubling



**SOBHANI** Columnist

Personal responsibility is a freshman at Penn State who died from head concept that is becoming more and more elusive in today's society. We do not want to be responsible for our own mistakes, so we blame others for them in order to absolve ourselves from any wrongdoing and to preserve our egos.

The issue of personal responsibility has become a political matter: Republicans who argue against entitlements often cite the individual's responsibility to plan his or her own life, and Democrats want to leave morality in the hands of individuals, not government. Each side often accuses the other of not fostering personal responsibility with their policies.

Though I too sometimes blame my faults and mistakes on others, I am generally a big fan of personal responsibility. As a result, I become extremely annoyed when I hear stories of obese people suing McDonald's for making them fat and Obama's advisers insisting the sorry state of our economy is still Bush's fault. When friends tell me about some "horrible" event that has occurred in their lives, I am not afraid to point out how their own actions influenced the outcome.

While it is true people do not have control over every aspect of their lives, there are just some things, like a smoker's lung cancer, that are ultimately their own fault. Every action has consequences, and it is up to the individual to determine if the consequences are worth the enjoyment gained from the action.

This belief is one reason why I have a problem with the probation system in Greek life. Though I do not personally care whether fraternities get shut down or not, I think it's ridiculous to put a fraternity on probation just because someone with irresponsible drinking habits happens to get sick at the house. More often than not, this person drank before he or she went out, and there was no pressure for him or her to continue imbibing upon reaching the frat house. By putting houses on probation for their "role" in someone's mistakes, the concept of personal responsibility is being completely ignored.

Recently, I read an article about a college

# Karzai challenger's

Failure to develop a legitimate

U.S. and many of its allies.



STEVE **BRAUN** Columnist

This Sunday, Abdullah Abdullah, the leading challenger in the upcoming run-off elections for the Afghani presidency, withdrew from the race. With this new development, an already tenuous prognosis for the future of the Afghani state worsens. his

In withdrawal announcement,

Abdullah leveled a parting jab at the front-runner and sitting President Hamid Karzai, Afghani authority will result in between the accusing him of rigging the direct and indirect costs to the first election. Should the United Nations election commission, currently

Abdullah's claims, the future of the Afghani state may be at risk. The implications of instability in Afghanistan, already considered by some to be one of the top-10 failed states, reach far beyond

Failure to develop a legitimate Afghani authority will result in direct and indirect costs to the U.S. and many of its allies. This weekend, Obama visited Dover Air Force base where 18 fallen heroes returned in flag draped caskets from Afghanistan. Among the bodies were three Drug Enforcement Administration agents, slain while working to stem the flow of heroin from

> torn nation. Despite coordinated efforts DEA, CIA and Department

Department, investigating the allegations, find truth in Afghanistan continues to produce roughly 90 percent of the world's supply of heroin. This money accounts for nearly 50 percent of Afghanistan's GDP. Much of this money is laundered through various warlords in rural Afghanistan who see no reason to submit to a governmental authority in disrepair. The U.S., the U.N. and the current regime in Afghanistan owe it not only to the Afghani people but also to the people of the world as well to enable a credible centralized government that can effectively corral the burgeoning drug trade.

Sensing the instability, given a face by the departure of Abdullah from the political process, militants in Afghanistan have ramped up violence and intimidation, even killing U.N. elections observers. Much of this violence has the potential to destabilize the entire region, especially when it spills over the border into Pakistan.

The Afghani people deserve a better shot. More than empty rhetoric is needed on the part of the Americans, who until this weekend were squarely in the "steady as she goes" camp, seemingly fine with their successor apparent, the fraud-riddled Karzai. Afghanistan and the world would be better served by reexamining the entire political system in Afghanistan. Perhaps the withdrawal of Abdullah from the political system should be a warning that the government in Afghanistan and the stability of the region is at a tipping point.

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ultimate sign of maturity.

trauma after falling down a flight of stairs.

He had a BAC level of .169. As a result of the

young man's death, the two individuals who

supplied him with alcohol and two fraternities

at PSU were charged with misdemeanors. In

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crimes, there is recognition the student's

unfortunate death was partially as a result

of his own actions. And yes, I realize I am

committing a social taboo to blame someone

My point is: Think before you blame

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disaster and others' actions - something

you did or didn't do can explain why things

didn't go the way you planned. Accepting

responsibility for one's own actions is the

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for his own demise.



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# Freshmen keep making plays

by KATHERINE MILLER

InsideVandy.com Director

This is what Vanderbilt football could be: Explosions of knee-breaking, allpurpose offense from Zac Stacy and Stormin' Warren Norman turning kickoffs into known conclusions. You know it, you know it, you know it boom. No flags, no tackles, nothing, Norman scores touchdowns. That's what

"He was a big playmaker in high school, and he shows a knack for making good cuts and cutting off of blocks real well," head coach Bobby Johnson said last week. "But nobody can anticipate two kickoff returns for touchdowns from a freshman."

And nobody, not even Georgia Tech, can anticipate three.

They tried to avoid him all night, but Georgia Tech's special teams slipped up late in the second quarter, up by 14, with a high, end-over-end kick down the center. Norman made them pay 80 yards and seven points. As soon as he got it well, you know it, you know it, you know it — boom. No flags, no tackles, nothing, Warren Norman scores touchdowns. That's what he does.

Two touchdown returns was distinct, three is historical. Norman became the first Vanderbilt player to run three back ever — ever — and he's only the second Southeastern Conference player to do it. Willie Gault returned three in 1980 for Tennessee — almost 30 years ago and no one else before or since did it in

the SEC until Saturday night. Stacy torched

Tech secondary, too. It started with a sidelinedefying yard catch and

sending Vanderbilt into first-and-goal and Stacy into the end zone three plays later, but the boom came later. Still

down 28-21 after Norman's return, with electric offenses. halftime looming, Stacy broke through for



JUSTIN MENESTRINA / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Freshman Zac Stacy (21) rushes for a 62-yard touchdown as Georgia Tech's Rashaad Reid (28) pursues during the second quarter of action Saturday night at Vanderbilt Stadium. Stacy and fellow freshman Warren Norman combined to score four touchdowns during the game.

couldn't catch him; they came close, but had this? Twin threats, both young and they couldn't. Stacy breaks other teams down.

> Those plays, basically back-toback explosions, brought Commodores to the unequivocal height of a failed season: Heading into the locker room tied 28-28 with No. 11 GeorgiaTech, with knowledge could run and gun straight with one of the nation's

Norman racked up 382 all-purpose yards Saturday night, and accounted for all four Commodore touchdowns. There are cracks. Some returns,

Norman plays Superman a little too hard. His fourth-quarter fumble deep in Vanderbilt territory came after two hits, and looked like he was trying too hard to save the game for the Commodores. Stacy's ankle will likely require surgery in the offseason, Johnson said. But Norman has to try and save games, and Stacy's still blowing teams away on a bad ankle — things look pretty decent for two true

flashing signs of invincibility, Stacy and

"I'm trying hard to help the team win games," Norman said after the game, and that's the truth.

This is the future: Norman and Stacy, Now, the wheels fell the hell off in the threat of offense so unbreakable it's a

# became the first Vanderbilt player to run three back ever — ever and he's only the second **Southeastern Conference** player to do it.

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62 yards and a tie ballgame. Georgia Tech second half, but: When has Vanderbilt force, and wins. ■

registered a career-high 186 rushing yards

and three touchdowns on 22 carries. "I think I'm running with a purpose," Dwyer said. "Ever since last week, a couple guys on the team challenged me to run the way they know I can run. Every time I touch the ball I just try to make plays."

In addition to Dwyer, running back Roddy Jones and quarterback Josh

Nesbitt added 81 and 56 yards on the ground, respectively, and combined for three touchdowns.

"We have a lot of weapons on the offense, so each and every week somebody has a breakout game," Dwyer said.

To support the ground efforts, Nesbitt added 193 yards through the air, completing six of 13 passes and a pair of touchdowns. His longest was an 87-yard score to wideout Embry Peeples in the third quarter, who also had a 30-yard grab. He lined up in the slot and ran past the

secondary, catching the ball by his fingertips and winning a footrace to the end zone.

"That was a spur-of-the-moment type thing," Nesbitt said. "We saw the safety was in close and we knew our receiver could run right past him."

The Nesbitt-Peeples connection, with brought the Georgia Tech advantage to

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### **QUARTERBACK: B**

Larry Smith led arguably his best drive of the season on the team's first possession and his 35-yard run from his own 6 helped set up Vanderbilt's second touchdown. Mackenzi Adams filled in nicely after Smith left the game going 12-22 for 152 yards and making some big throws, but his lost fumble on Vanderbilt's 22-yard line was a killer.

### RUNNING BACKS: A

The two-headed freshman running back duo was huge tonight. Warren Norman had a touchdown grab, and Zac Stacy ran for two scores as well. Stacy also made a huge play on third-andlong in the first half, breaking into the open field on a screen to set up his first touchdown. Norman's lost fumble in Vanderbilt territory was the only major miscue for this group.

### WIDE RECEIVERS: **B**

The wideouts collectively had their best game of the season Saturday. There were few drops, something that has plagued the team all season, and they made some big plays both running the ball on the reverse and catching. Udom Umoh led the unit with 53 yards while Alex Washington had three catches.

### OFFENSIVE LINE: IB

The line opened up some big holes for the running backs, evidenced most by Zac Stacy's 62-yard touchdown scamper. The unit also did a nice job in pass protection, allowing no sacks all game, but untimely penalties again plagued this unit as the offense was forced into unmanageable first-down conversion attempts too many times.

### DEFENSIVE LINE: C-

The line had no sacks all game, and when Nesbitt dropped back he was hardly pressured. They also could not stop the running game in the backfield as Jonathan Dwyer and company got into the second line of defense almost every time.

### LINEBACKERS: C

While the linebackers contributed to allowing 402 rushing yards, the blame for the porous rush defense can't fall too hard on them. Without Chris Marve (who had a career-high 18 tackles) making stops on seemingly every other play, the rushing total and score could have been a lot worse.

# SECONDARY: 1)-

Georgia Tech threw the ball 14 times, but when they threw it, they burned the Vanderbilt secondary. Myron Lewis lost the ball on Nesbitt's first touchdown pass to Demaryius Thomas, while Casey Heyward got burned on Nesbitt's 97 yard TD pass to Embry Peeples. A defense that allows 193 yards on only six completions is not going to win many football games.

# SPECIAL TEAMS: B

Warren Norman was at it again, returning his third kickoff for a touchdown this season, but he also slipped on one return and his fourth-quarter return fumble led to the dagger Tech touchdown. The return coverage was solid, but Brett Upson's 30-yard punt from his own end zone was a momentum killer.

# COACHING: C

Vanderbilt's staff had them prepared for the triple option, as Tech didn't use it as much as usual. But the defense still looked lost at times dealing with that offense. Early on, the offensive game plan was very aggressive with lots of fakes and reverses, but the decision to hand the ball off on third-and-5 from the 7 early in the third was way too conservative for that situation.

# Tech ambushes Vandy in second half

by BRIAN LINHARES

Sports Reporter

After four games of offensive struggles, over which the Commodores had recorded a total of four touchdowns, Ted Cain's unit exploded on Saturday night to match that amount in the first half.

Unfortunately for Vanderbilt, Georgia

Tech's offense exploded as well.

On a chilly night Nashville, the Commodore attack cooled in the second half. To the contrary, following locked score intermission, the Yellow Jackets (8-1, Atlantic Coast Conference) continued at their fast pace through the fourth quarter, rallying from a 31-28 deficit with four straight touchdowns to roll to a 56-31 victory and send Vanderbilt to its fifth straight loss.

It was the most points allowed by a Vanderbilt team under head coach Bobby Johnson since he took over in 2002, and the second-half

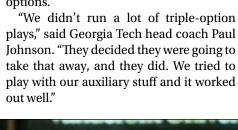
collapse officially ended any hopes of the Commodores (2-7, 0-5 Southeastern Conference) reaching a bowl game.

Two second-half fumbles proved costly as the Yellow Jackets took full advantage. "They took it to us," Johnson said. "We

hung in there for a while, but when you get in the second half and you have two turnovers and a short punt, you're just asking to get beat."

stop Tech's vaunted triple-option offense. Yet, the Yellow Jackets had plenty of other

plays," said Georgia Tech head coach Paul Johnson. "They decided they were going to take that away, and they did. We tried to play with our auxiliary stuff and it worked





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Georgia Tech's Jonathan Dwyer (21) eludes a tackle during a rush Saturday night at Vanderbilt Stadium. Dwyer rushed for 186 yards and three touchdowns in a 56-31 victory.

Georgia Tech ran a staggering 81 plays from scrimmage to hold the ball for nearly 40 minutes. Moreover, of the 597 total offensive yards gained, 404 of those came on the ground.

"We did a much better job in the second half of getting them off the field and we got some turnovers, which helped turn the game," Paul Johnson said.

Running back Jonathan Dwyer helped The Vanderbilt defense prepared to turn the game, as well. The junior

just over 12 minutes to play in regulation, 49-31, effectively putting the contest out of

# Men come in 10th, women 6th at SECs





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Jenner Kizer and Jordan White led the Vanderbilt men's and women's cross country teams at the SEC Championships to 10th and sixth-place finishes, respectively, to conclude the fall seasons for the Commodores.

# Good to be back

by DAVID RUTZ
Sports Editor



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The Commodores celebrate after their 2-0 win over Kentucky Friday sent them to the SEC Tournament for the first time in three years.

Vanderbilt defeated Kentucky 2-0 on a rain-soaked Friday night at the VU Soccer Complex, qualifying for postseason play for the first time in three years.

The Commodores (11-7-1, 5-6 Southeastern Conference) will be the No. 7 seed in the eight-team SEC Tournament in Orange Beach, Ala., after they won their fourth game in a row, with junior goalkeeper Rachel Bachtel earning her 10th shutout of the season. They will face second-seeded LSU (11-4-3, 8-2-1) on Wednesday at noon. The Tigers defeated the Commodores 2-1 on Oct. 11 the last time they met

The team has been a brick wall on defense during its winning streak; Vanderbilt hasn't allowed a goal in over 360 minutes of play since last losing to Auburn on Oct. 16.

"These girls are playing on adrenaline and these girls have established a rhythm," said Vanderbilt coach Ronnie Woodard. "We're so excited to be there. We are coming off our fourth win in a row and we're thrilled about it."

The Commodores out-shot the Wildcats 7-3 in the first half but didn't get on the board until the 71-minute mark in the second half, when sophomore forward Candace West found the back of the net after a deflection from a shot by junior forward Molly Kinsella.

Bachtel held steady in the net down the stretch and recorded her ninth solo shutout of the season. Vanderbilt has gone 2-7-1 in games where Bachtel has allowed a score during the regular season, 9-0

"I think Rachel has gotten progressively better as the year has gone on," Woodard said. "She has turned into a very good shot-stopper. She had to work really hard to get that (shutout) tonight; she made some really key sayes late in the game."

some really key saves late in the game."
Freshman midfielder Margaux Andrews added another goal with seconds remaining in the contest to seal the victory and setting off a

celebration amongst the Commodores.

Mired at a 1-6 record on Oct. 16 in conference play, any hopes of snapping a playoff-less skid looked pretty, well, hopeless.

Now, the Commodores are looking pretty dangerous.

"The girls are so excited to hop on the bus and get down there and have an opportunity to keep playing," Woodard said. "We know we have one more game that's guaranteed and we're looking forward to it."



We spoke with freshman running back Zac Stacy and redshirt freshman soccer player Kate Goldin for this edition of "He Said/She Said," with the weekend's Halloween festivities both on and off campus as the theme of this week's questions.

by DAVID SHOCHAT

Asst Sports Editor





KATE GOLDIN

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1. Which Halloween costume from over the years are you most proud of?

One Halloween costume that I'm always going to remember is the Power Rangers. I was the Black Ranger, and I actually wore it a couple of days before Halloween and started just going around and fighting people, so that was a lot of fun.

When I was younger, me and my friends were Josie and the Pussycats.

2. Favorite candy?

I like Kit Kats, but I really don't eat sweets that much.

Swedish Fish.

## 3. Who are you closest to on the team, and what is something people might not know about him/her?

I don't know, man. I try to be friends with everybody, but it is probably a mix between Warren (Norman) and Eric Samuels. One thing about Eric is you can't trust him; he's one of those type of guys who if you were in a shootout, he would be the one that's trying to find a hiding spot and won't tell anybody.

I'm close with Rachel Bachtel and, I don't know, our team's really close. She's really awesome.

# 4. What do you like most about your head coach?

Well, the one thing that stands out about coach is that he knows what he wants to do; he's one of the reasons that I came here in the first place. He's a good coach, very determined, motivated and he always lifts my spirits up every day we practice. So it's just the fact of him always knowing the game of football and knowing what to do.

She's a really approachable coach and it's really easy to talk to her about stuff.

# 5. Highlight of this year for you?

Lately, it has been frustrating with this ankle and everything, but the highlight is probably just being able to start the first game of my college career.

Highlight of the year was probably our win against Alabama because that was a really big turning point for our team, and it's really propelled us through the rest of the season.

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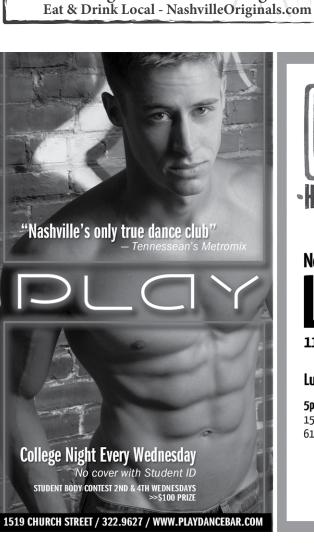
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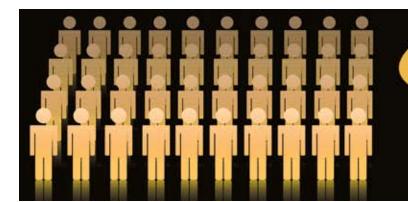
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