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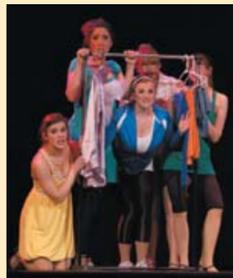


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SATURDAY, JAN. 16
• An Evening at the Bluebird Cafe



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Go to Bluebird Cafe for live music featuring Kim Carnes, Peter Cooper and Matraca Berg. Sponsored by The Commons, free shuttle buses will be leaving from behind the Dean of The Commons' residence at 8:45 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 16
• **Abacadabra: A Winter's Night of Magic**

Zeta Phi Beta sorority and Phi Beta Sigma fraternity host Abacadabra, the ninth annual Blue and White Formal at Alumni Hall, starting at 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 per person and \$25 per couple on the Card or from any Zeta or Sigma.

SUNDAY, JAN. 17

• **Mandatory VSG candidate meeting**
Students interested in running for student body president or vice president must attend a meeting at 8 p.m. in Sarratt 114. The VSG constitution mandates that all candidates must have at least one year of experience as an elected or appointed member of student government.

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TODAY



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MATTHEW MAREK / American Red Cross

After a 7.0 magnitude earthquake, centered 25 kilometers from Port-au-Prince, and numerous aftershocks devastated Haiti on Jan. 12, as many as 3 million people have been affected. Tens of thousands have been left homeless and are without food, water and medical services.



ECHO / American Red Cross

Photos taken of Haiti's capital Port-au-Prince during a joint Red Cross Red Crescent/ECHO aerial assessment mission on Jan. 13.



MATTHEW MAREK / American Red Cross

Since Tuesday, aid organizations such as the Red Cross have been collecting donations to send as monetary aid and to buy needed supplies.

Helping Haiti

Vanderbilt students organize to fundraise for earthquake disaster relief.

by LAURA DOLBOW

Asst News Editor

Vanderbilt students are coming together to help 3 million Haitians devastated in the wake of a 7.0 magnitude earthquake on Tuesday.

"Time is of the essence, so that's why we needed to act now," said freshman Shelby Begany, vice president of Stambaugh House. Begany, along with Stambaugh president TC Clausell, began organizing a screening of "Up" immediately after hearing news of the earthquake.

"After I saw the earthquake on TV, I sent out a few e-mails to the Commons Presidents Council and started to solicit help for an idea for us to do a relief event," Clausell said. The council is sponsoring the movie night with assistance from the Commons Programming Board and Dean of The Commons Frank Wcislo, and while the event is free, donations are strongly encouraged, and money raised will go to the American Red Cross International Response Fund.

"The movie 'Up' captures the spirit of what we're trying to do. It's an uplifting movie. (Haitian residents) are helpless, and we have the ability to do something. If we have the resources to help, it would be selfish of us not to. Anything we can do will help," Clausell said.

Other campus groups are joining together to assist Haiti as well.

Vanderbilt Red Cross has joined together with Vanderbilt Student Government, Lambda Chi Alpha, Delta Gamma and several other organizations to host "Hope for Haiti," a dinner fundraiser on Jan. 29.

"It is our goal to increase awareness, to raise money and to help the people in Haiti," said Vanderbilt Red Cross president Melissa Zhu. "I hope through this event people can realize there are multiple ways to help. People can donate money, get training for mass care and donate blood."

With multiple events already planned and more in the works, the Office of Active Citizenship and Service is working to assist all students interested in participating in disaster relief efforts. In an e-mail sent to students on Thursday, the office stated the American Red Cross would be on campus next week to work with students to help promote effective responses. The work isn't going to stop any time soon.

"Our hope is that this will be the first of many relief events to come," Begany said. ■

WHAT YOU CAN DO

The Vanderbilt Caribbean Students Association

The group will be on the Wall today collecting monetary donations for relief in Haiti through Theo's Work, Inc. They will be on the Wall every Thursday until March 18.

VSG/The Commons

A "Night at the Movies" featuring a screening of animated film "Up." The event will be in The Commons Center Dining Hall on Saturday at 10 p.m. Donations of any amount will be given to American Red Cross International Response Fund for Haiti.

"Hope for Haiti"

Co-sponsored by Vanderbilt Red Cross, VSG, Lambda Chi Alpha, Delta Gamma and other groups, all proceeds from the dinner will go toward the response fund. Tickets can be purchased for \$8 on the Wall, and extra donations can be given then or at the event on Jan. 29.

Vanderbilt Red Cross

The organization will host another Mass Care Training on Feb. 6 from noon to 4 p.m. and a blood drive on Feb. 24. To sign up or to learn more about how to be a Red Cross volunteer, visit www.vanderbiltredcross.org.

Go to the OACS Web site

Visit www.vanderbilt.edu/oacs to show your or your student organization's interest in assisting with relief efforts on campus or to learn about nonprofit and relief organizations in Haiti that are accepting donations.



ECHO / American Red Cross

IFC launches new recruitment process

by SYDNEY WILMER
Multimedia Editor

Despite a computer glitch that eliminated schedules, 275 Vanderbilt men successfully participated in the first round of the Intrafraternity Council's new formal intake process Wednesday evening.

There were no timers or alphabetical lines, but a new set of rules created by last spring's Delta Force outlined the structure and purpose of the evening.

Men visited houses and ranked chapters using ballots to show their interest in chapters. In past years, preference was often shown by attending winter semi-formals, Director of Greek

Life Kristin Torrey explained.

"Going to a semi-formal forced potential new members to make only one choice. This formal process will allow for potential new members to visit more than one chapter and have more than one choice at the end of the day," Torrey said.

That is ultimately why the evening was successful, said Wyatt Smith, president of Vanderbilt Student Government and member of the Delta Force.

"Some people in the process may have seen it as sort of futile in terms of having a round system," Smith said. "But I maintain that this process is a big improvement over previous

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IFC SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

Senior Sam Betten and freshman Christian Solcher move boxes as a part of Phi Kappa Psi and Alpha Tau Omega fraternities' last-minute service opportunities Tuesday at Second Harvest Food Bank. The event allowed a few men who had not fulfilled the requirement to participate in recruitment. Per new guidelines created by the IFC Delta Force, all men participating in recruitment must complete at least 3 hours of service with fraternity men.

Director of Greek Life Kristin Torrey said the point of the initiative is to do more than encourage service.

"There is much more to being in a fraternity than the social life and it is important that potential new members get a sense of the bigger picture of the fraternity before making decisions about where they might fit best," she said.



SYDNEY WILMER / The Vanderbilt Hustler



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CRIME LOG

compiled by AMANDA NIEMAN

Monday, Jan. 11, 12:01 a.m.

A bicycle was stolen from Medical Research Building III, Suite 7110.

Monday, Jan. 11, 4 a.m.

A person was arrested for sleeping in the lobby inside the Vanderbilt University Hospital Garage.

Monday, Jan. 11, 8:15 a.m.

A parking permit was stolen from a vehicle parked at The Commons.

Monday, Jan. 11, 10:39 p.m.

A person attempted to enter another apartment on Vanderbilt Place. He had a strong odor of alcohol and was drooling. He admitted to drinking and trying to kick in the door to the other apartment.

Around the Loop

compiled by CHENG YU

WHAT ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT THIS SEMESTER?



"I'm most excited about pledge."

— Alex Whitmore, Class of 2013 and Corey Peak, Class of 2012



"I am excited about spending my last semester here in Nashville."

— Amanda Ayerst, Class of 2010



"I'm most excited to see the revamped version of OASIS."

— Karl Echiverri, Class of 2012



"Graduating and all the festivities before it."

— Anna Elliott, Class of 2010

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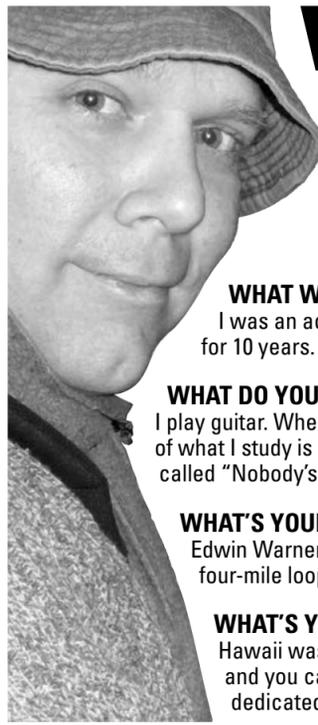
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WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB?

I was an actor. I worked for an ensemble company in Portland, Maine, for 10 years.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR FREE TIME?

I play guitar. When I get to, I like to read contemporary novels because most of what I study is old stuff. Right now, I'm reading Richard Russo's novel called "Nobody's Fool."

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT IN NASHVILLE?

Edwin Warner Park. They have hiking and walking trails, so you can do four-mile loops.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE VACATION DESTINATION?

Hawaii was my favorite vacation. It's paradise. The ocean activities and you can climb the mountains. It seems to be multiple islands dedicated to relaxation.

compiled by AMANDA NIEMAN

SNAPSHOT

One-man band



ZAC HARDY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Noah Walcutt, a graduate of Vanderbilt in 2008 and winner of the Margaret Stonewall Woolridge Hamblet award demonstrates his work of sculpture dubbed the "Cello-Cycle" at the show opening in the Studio Arts Center on Thursday.

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FRATERNITIES: New process focuses more on community

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processes, solely because there is equity between first-year students and Greek men."

"No first-year students were asked to make a commitment to a Greek organization before that Greek organization made a commitment to them," Smith said.

Patrick Seaman, president of IFC, said the night went better than he expected.

"Originally, we didn't think people were going to (buy into) this process," Seaman said. Houses did everything from playing dodgeball to taking personality tests, he said.

"Tonight could have used some more organization, but overall, it achieved its main goal," said Mike Sandler, president of Alpha Tau Omega.

Still, some potential new members did not understand the need for the process, especially since men began recruitment during the fall semester.

"Tonight was seemingly useless," freshman Zack Goldman said after completing rounds. "I was only going to one house. I have gotten to know everyone throughout the first semester. Tonight was a formality."

Freshman Ryan Cristal said he felt similarly. "Formal

rounds did not change anything for me," he said.

Both Torrey and Sandler acknowledged that the rounds might not have an impact on whether men receive bids.

"Personally, I want to see the kids back here — I want to lock down the guys best for our chapter," Sandler said. "They still might get a bid if they don't come, though."

IFC imposes no formal penalty on students who skip rounds, either, Torrey said.

"It would be wise for potential members to visit all of the chapters that they have been invited to attend, but not attending a round would not disqualify them from the process," she said.

Admittedly, she said, the IFC formal process operates differently from the nationally regulated Panhellenic process, thus "there is not an emphasis on fairness and equity between the fraternities in terms of the number of men that might be a part of their new member class, as there is within Panhellenic."

Torrey stressed that the formal process did allow men to visit more chapters in a more structured way.

New recruitment requirements also created a new dimension in the process. In addition to 12 hours, a 2.5 grade point average

and no disciplinary probation, students were required to complete three hours of service with fraternity men.

"It is a good way to see the other side of fraternity life," said Dan Taylor, outgoing president of Phi Kappa Sigma. "The fact of the matter is that we do service. Judging us from what (potential new members) see on the outside, that could pose a problem. This is just sort of introducing them to the other side."

Potential new member Jay Stewart, a sophomore, said some students may have seen the requirements as a hindrance, but it was a good experience.

"It is always good to give back. It takes three hours of your day to come out here and do some good for someone else," he said.

"With the new rules and guidelines surrounding IFC recruitment this year, I have seen a lot change since my freshman year," said senior Sam Betten.

"Freshman year was a lot more socially oriented," he said. "(Recruitment) circled around the social aspects of fraternities, not our community aspects. It didn't give the new members the true scope of what being a fraternity man at Vanderbilt



MARGARET FENTON / VSC Media Services

Kappa Sigma members, from bottom left, John Guerin, Danny Weisman, Jack McCallum, Pat Gillece, president Cameron Roth, and Doug Baltman play basketball behind the fraternity house on Thursday afternoon. IFC chapters hosted various activities such as basketball and video games during rounds Wednesday night.

DELTA FORCE

The changes to IFC recruitment this year follow a proposal created last spring by a task force of 10 fraternity members known as the Delta Force.

The main theme of the proposed changes was a focus on encouraging different types of recruitment, including more alcohol-free rush events and a focus on community service. The most notable changes are the move to a formal recruitment process during the first week after winter break, no longer allowing first-year students at winter semi-formals and \$5,000 penalties for violations.

was like."

Cristal admitted the requirements did impact his view of Greek life.

"I didn't know service was an active part of being in a fraternity before the process,"

he said.

Seaman said despite what logistical problems there were, he is happy that potential new members had a chance to be a part of the process this year.

"I think through all of this

they will see more deeply into the organizations," he said.

Rounds will continue tonight starting at 7:30 p.m. Torrey assured Wednesday afternoon's computer glitch has since been fixed. ■

Students experience OASIS difficulties for last time

by JUSTIN TARDIFF
News Editor

As students celebrate the final course registration period using the antiquated OASIS class registration system, some experienced issues accessing the waitlist function of the problem.

Yesterday morning, around two dozen students contacted the University registrar's office because they were unable to access the system.

According to Vanderbilt Student Government president Wyatt Smith, problems regarding OASIS are created when students close out of browser windows without explicitly logging out of the OASIS system. If students do not log out of the system, OASIS, which has a maximum capacity of 250 users, often still considers them logged in.

To solve this issue, the registrar's office needs to occasionally "re-mix" the system, Smith explained, a process in which all users are kicked out of OASIS and are forced to log back in.

"It is a continued frustration," he said, "but it is one that we are dealing with for the last time."

While students registering for summer courses will need to use OASIS, a new course registration program will be in place this for the fall 2010 semester.

Cheng Khoo, the university registrar, indicated that use of the new system would likely begin in April.

Khoo told Smith he believed the peak of OASIS usage had passed. Students are advised to continue trying to log into the system, and if problems arise, to contact the registrar's office.

Erin Prah contributed reporting to this article. ■



provided by ALLIE MORRIS

Participants in the VISAGE Nicaragua 2008 program taught a cultural class to students in a local after-school program as part of the monthlong service-learning study abroad program.

Two VISAGE sites canceled after low student enrollment

by ALLIE MORRIS
Asst News Editor

Following low application numbers and a number of withdrawals, two of the three Vanderbilt Initiative for Scholarship and Global Engagement programs have been canceled this year.

The three programs that were to be offered in 2010, all based in Central America, required enrollment numbers ranging from eight to 12 students. According to Ara Pachmayer of the Global Education Office, a number of applicants withdrew their applications for a variety of reasons, leaving too few students to run the two programs.

"We sent out a survey to students who had withdrawn, and there wasn't a concrete answer. ... Many had extracurricular commitments or family commitments during the semester portion of the class," Pachmayer said.

Both the programs in Nicaragua, one of the original three VISAGE sites, and in Costa Rica, which ran last year, have been canceled for 2010. The only running VISAGE site this year is a new site in Guatemala that focuses on health care and works in tandem with the

Medicine, Health and Society major. Students who applied to the two canceled programs were allowed to transfer into the Guatemala program.

"I was shocked at the cancellation," said senior Sam Chaffin, who was a participant in the VISAGE Nicaragua 2008 program, "(VISAGE) seemed like such a huge opportunity for a school with a great Spanish program and one that seems to be conscious of global issues."

The VISAGE program has a rocky enrollment history. This past year, the VISAGE program to Australia, which was geared toward engineers interested in sustainable development and water rights, was canceled due to a lack of applicants.

Despite enrollment difficulties, VISAGE was honored with a bronze NAPSA Excellence Award in 2009.

Educators remain optimistic that the program will continue and grow.

"It is unfortunate that those programs were canceled, but we are moving forward with a strong program in Guatemala. ... We have already had interest from faculty for 2011 interested in working with VISAGE," said Pachmayer. ■

VUPD changes structure to improve efficiency, safety

by RUTH KINSEY
Asst News Editor

To increase effectiveness, the Vanderbilt University Police Department has reallocated several key officials into new roles.

Announced last week by Chief of Police August Washington, these changes involve the restructuring of the department's management team and the promotion of Officer Andrew Atwood to major.

To improve efficiency within the police department, officers have divided Vanderbilt into three separate precincts each headed by a major: the university campus, the Vanderbilt University Medical Center and Vanderbilt Health 100 Oaks, located three miles south of downtown Nashville. Each major will answer directly to the chief of police.

Major Bob Pasinger will oversee the university campus and be the main point of contact for students and faculty; Major Cathy Ryan will supervise the security of Vanderbilt Health

100 Oaks; and newly promoted Major Andrew Atwood will be responsible for the Medical Center.

"We did a little reorganization of our current structure," Washington said. "It is simply an internal structural change to improve efficiency."

Washington decided to alter the organization of the department after evaluating the setup he inherited after coming to Vanderbilt six months ago from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

He said he thinks it is unlikely that students, faculty and staff will notice a change in the running of the police department. VUPD programs including the VandyVans, walking escort services and educational programs such as "Alcohol and Drug Awareness" and "Rape and Sexual Assault Risk Reduction" will remain unaffected.

"Although people will be safer as the police will be able to conduct their work more quickly and smoothly, there will not be a lot of change for the faculty staff and students," he said. ■

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The Munchie Mart is out of ice cream



FRANNIE BOYLE
Columnist

You've all seen it by now. It's the morning after another set of rounds, and GAs are all over The Commons knocking on doors, handing girl after girl a slip of paper that will determine her fate. It's a cruel game, and some girls handle it with major guts. Others handle it with tears.

Guys scoff at the process. Brotherhood costs them several weeks of party patrol, cleaning before and after events and long nights of driving brothers around. All girls have to do is hold a few conversations and enjoy entertainment, treats and an unbelievable amount of presents on Bid Day.

Well, boys, you may have a period of mental and physical hardships ahead of you, but the psychological challenges girls have faced this week are no joke. You've had a whole semester to get to know each house and work to impress the ones you like, and you have a general idea of where you stand with each one. Girls don't have that privilege.

Most girls who come to Vandy planning to go Greek spend their first semester preparing. They work on their GPAs and get involved in a few organizations so they can meet a few older girls. Over Christmas break they stress out a bit, and they go on a shopping spree for what they think will be cute, appropriate outfits for each round.

Some make preference lists ranking all the houses based on what they've heard from their classmates

and older students, but others go in blind. So when one of these girls gets a slip of paper after the first day of rounds, seeing that she has been cut from more than half of the houses that she's only spent 20 minutes in, she's probably going to be a little confused and upset.

The truth is, girls, you have been judged. It may have just been your GPA or your strange choice of conversation topics, but some houses may have considered what you wear, how you act when you go out, what frats you go to, where you are from and even, in some sad cases, the price of the bag you use to carry your books to class.

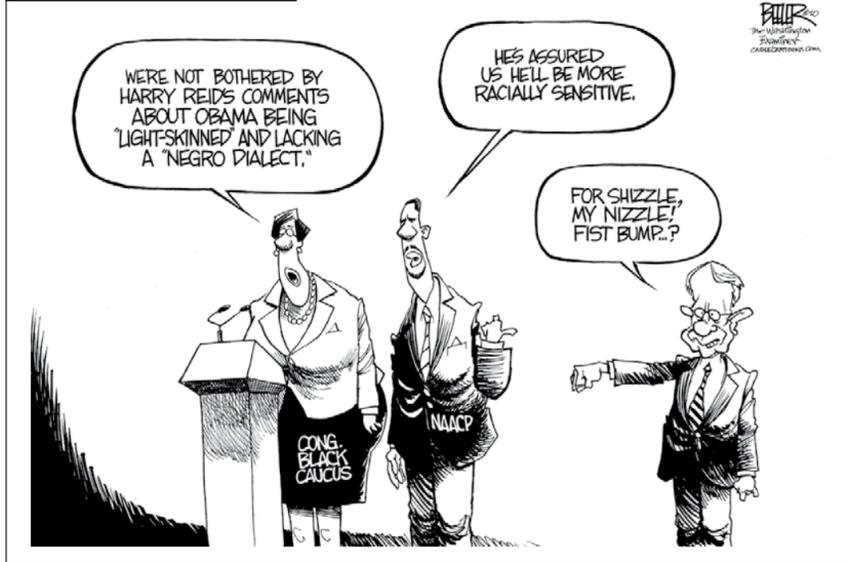
Greek Life is working to erase stereotypes, but in the meantime it is still the name of the game. So, freshmen, I'm going to tell you something that some of you probably don't want to hear: You will end up where you are supposed to be.

On Bid Day, there will be cheers and smiles, but there will also be tears and girls dropping their houses right away. You may feel like you are better than the house you got, but if you stick with it, you'll realize that by accepting you into their house when others didn't, the sorority showed a love for the way you are, the way you act and the way you look.

If that doesn't make you feel any better, suck it up and try again next fall.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



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Race in America



ALLENA BERRY
Columnist

It seems like Black History Month has come a little bit early this year, thanks to the off-color (no pun intended) comments of Sen. Harry Reid. I suppose that is one of the unintended benefits of speaking before you think — thanks, Harry.

If you are unfamiliar with the comments to which I am referring, I'll fill you in. Reid made what some are calling "racially insensitive" remarks about President Barack Obama; Reid was quoted as saying that then-Senator Obama had a good chance of winning the presidency because he was a "light-skinned" black man with "no Negro dialect." This is real life, people; I can't make this stuff up.

However, Reid's comments do shed an interesting light on the race issue in America; and friends, there is still a race issue in America. Thanks to Harry Reid, I get to talk about it out of the confines of February. I'm not here to debate whether or not Reid should resign or even if he should be forced to take classes on "accepting diversity." It seems as though many Americans have stumbled upon an interesting paradigm where acknowledging diversity is no

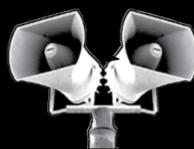
longer the issue; realizing how to respect that diversity, however, is. People get comfortable and complacent, causing them to forget that some things are just off-limits (see Asher Roth's tweet about chilling with "nappy headed hoes" — not cool).

Race relations in America have reached a point where most people are so bombarded with the different and the diverse that they forget there is a difference. Seemingly insensitive comments are seen as OK because they came with a joking spirit; formerly taboo comments are acceptable because you have friends who are minorities, and they don't mind. After all, you're not a racist, even if your comments may be suspect.

True understanding doesn't come when you start listening to rap, eating different foods or using certain slang. True understanding comes from striving to learn about that which we do not know and respecting another perspective (and on more than just a designated class period, day or month). But we all make mistakes from time to time; at least our insensitivities don't become the focal point of a national dialogue. Thank God for small favors.

—Allena Berry is a junior in Peabody College. She can be reached at allena.g.berry@vanderbilt.edu.

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Compiled by Thomas Shattuck

First a gay frat, and now women's basketball as the top sports moment of the decade? Who's running Vanderbilt? Barney Frank?

Are you kidding me?! Women's basketball as the No. 1 sports moment of the decade? Come on, you're better than that.

Dear jerk who almost hit me on the Peabody bridge: Since when is a motorized scooter a socially acceptable form of transportation?

Dear Administration: No matter how much space in The Hustler you waste in an attempt to convince us that Kissam is actually a tolerable place to live, it is still and will always be a cramped, dingy, mold-infested miserable hell hole of rot and despair. Enough already, you're not fooling anyone.

Tips for Vandy Girls:

- 1) Muster the strength to open a door without a big, strong man to help you.
- 2) Realize how stupid it is to expect anyone to stand when you enter the room.
- 3) Have some self-respect.

LETTER

A jury of their peers

To the Editor:

While many of us here at Vanderbilt don't call Tennessee home, we all live here in Nashville during the school year and are subject to Tennessee's laws and courts. I want to bring to your attention the recent exposure of Tennessee's Court of the Judiciary (COJ), Tennessee's disciplinary courts for its judges. Tennessee Watchdog, a non-profit investigative journalism site through the Tennessee Center for Policy Research, brought this issue to the forefront in the minds of Tennesseans. The COJ is charged under state law with disciplining the state's judges when they break codes of conduct. In the past 10 years, Tennessee's judges have had almost 3,000 formal complaints against them for various issues of misconduct. However, of those nearly 3,000 complaints, only 23 public actions have been taken.

These numbers alone should be raising red flags already, when less than 1 percent of all complaints have been followed through on. Some of the offenses where public action was taken include racial slurs, unconstitutional jailing of citizens and channeling court business to family members. The COJ is highly secretive, and a mixture of state laws and the COJ's own rules means that the

decisions made at its meetings are done in secret, without any sort of public audience or access.

Not only is the COJ incredibly secret, but also the panels that deliberate on the allegations are made almost completely of judges. When your own peers are the ones deliberating on judicial action, you might expect for your buddy to simply dismiss the charges against you or go easy on punishment. This sort of corruption that we see here is exactly what the founding fathers wished to fix when they made provisions for fair and balanced trials in the Constitution. Such secretive and corrupt dealings serve as a formidable thorn in the side of the Tennessee judicial system.

As residents of Tennessee (for however short a time), we all should be outraged at the blatant corruption and secrecy that is going on even now in our judicial system. As normal citizens, we are held accountable to the laws of our state, and it is high time that our judges are equally held accountable for our laws and their own code of conduct.

The watchdog article, "A Jury of their Peers," can be found at Tennessee.watchdog.org

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Sports

Commodores roll Tide, await Gamecocks

by DAVID NAMM
Sports Editor

After a nail-biter against Alabama, the Commodores travel to face senior star Devan Downey and South Carolina.

On a night when Vanderbilt (13-3, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) struggled to find their stroke from both the perimeter and the free throw line, it was a sweet swish by sophomore forward Jeffrey Taylor that allowed the Commodores to escape their bout in Tuscaloosa with their first conference road win of the season. Taylor made the second of his two free throws with six seconds remaining to sink the Crimson Tide (11-5, 1-1) with a score of 65-64. Taylor and junior center A.J. Ogilvy led the team with 13 points each.

"The key to victory was I thought our guys dug in and really fought hard," said Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings. "Our defense just got better. (It) was much better in the second half than it was the first. I give Alabama a lot of credit though. They defended us really well and made it very difficult for us to score."

Indeed, Vanderbilt shot a paltry 39.2 percent from the floor and went only 20-for-37 (54.1 percent) from the charity stripe. Those 17 misses from the free throw line allowed for Alabama's senior star Mikhail Torrance to keep his team in the game, as he put up an impressive stat line with 23 points on 9-of-13 shooting, six assists and five rebounds. However, a shift in the Commodore defensive strategy limited Torrance's effectiveness and allowed Vanderbilt to squeeze out their second conference victory of the season.

"I thought that Torrance was killing us at the beginning of the second half, and I thought that we finally got to slow him down," Stallings said. "We switched and put Jeff Taylor on him."

"Jeff did a great job."

Taylor's inspired play spearheaded the defensive effort that forced the Crimson Tide into 13 costly turnovers and a measly 37 percent shooting in the second half, while the Commodores

were able to capitalize on their chances down the stretch.

"We really came out a lot stronger in the second half and played a lot harder," Ogilvy said. "The team in general just played better. ... To be able to come out here and win our first (SEC) road game, it feels great. We talked about it all week, and I'm proud of the way we were able to come out here and win."

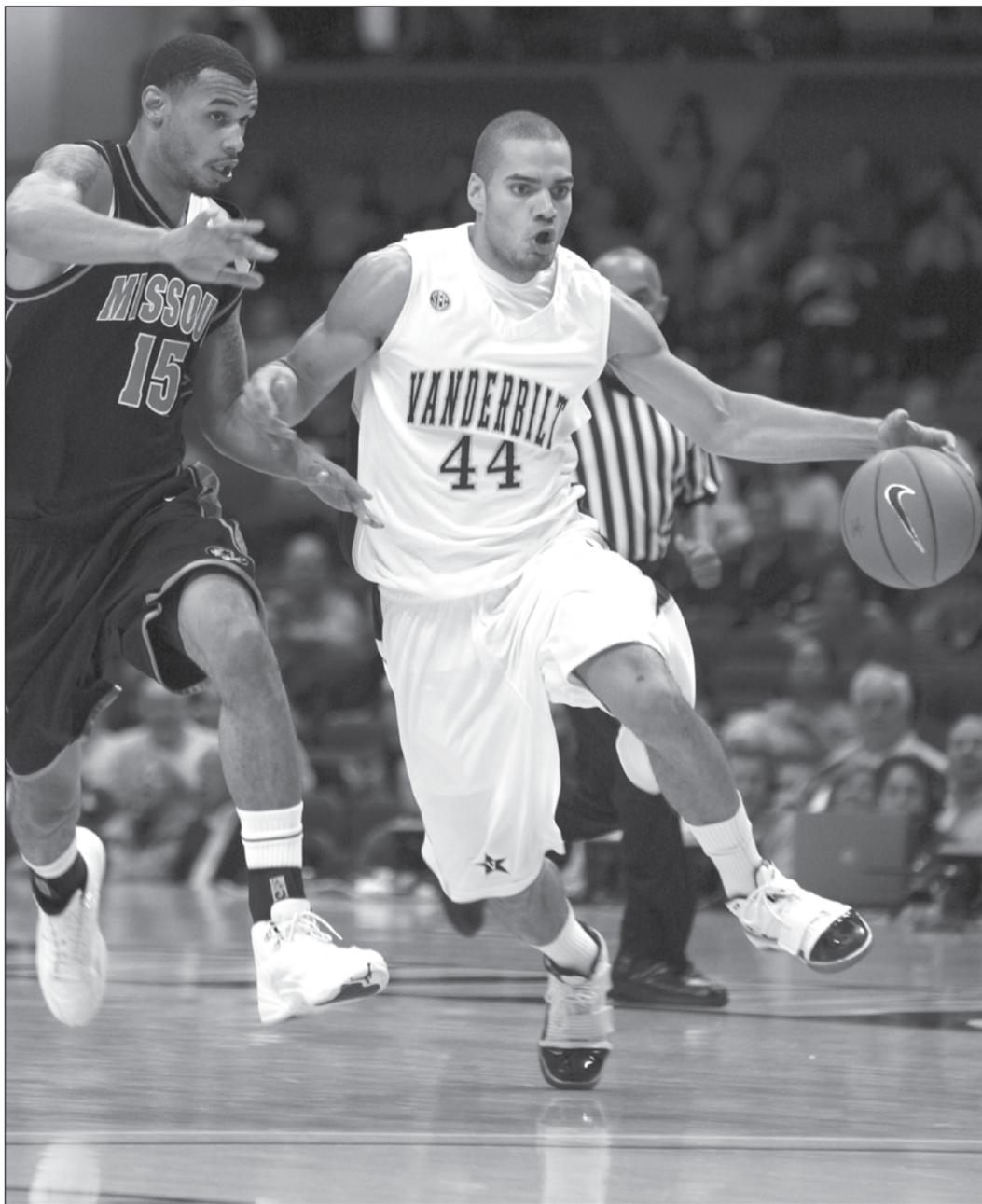
The will and persistence of the Commodore attack was not lost on their opponent, either, as Alabama head coach Anthony Grant left impressed by Vanderbilt's makeup and resilience.

"Give Vanderbilt credit," Grant said. "They came out ... and imposed their will and did what it took to win the game."

On Saturday, the red-hot Commodores will again try to impose their will on a conference rival, taking their seven-game winning streak into South Carolina to take on a Gamecock team (11-5, 2-0) hungry to maintain their perfect conference record. Leading the way for South Carolina is senior guard Devan Downey, whose ability to pour in points (he averages 20.1 points per game) is matched by his defensive intensity, where he averages just over three steals a game. Downey's presence will test Vanderbilt's talented backcourt of senior Jermaine Beal, sophomore Brad Tinsley and freshman John Jenkins, who combined for only two turnovers in 83 minutes of play against the Crimson Tide.

In addition, the Commodores won't have to deal with senior Dominique Archie, a second-team All-SEC selection by conference coaches last season who suffered a season-ending knee injury five games into this season against Miami. His absence provides Ogilvy and his frontcourt cohorts with a chance to dominate the paint and extend Vanderbilt's winning streak to eight.

Tipoff for Saturday's game is scheduled for 5 p.m. CDT, with television coverage on CSS and radio coverage on Nashville's 104.5 The Zone. ■



ZACHARY HARDY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Jeffrey Taylor looks to drive the streaking Commodores, winners of eight straight games, past the South Carolina Gamecocks on Saturday at 5 p.m. CDT in Columbia, S.C.

SEC BASKETBALL POWER RANKINGS

by MEGHAN ROSE *Records through Thursday afternoon

	<p>1. Kentucky (17-0, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) Led by freshman phenom John Wall, the undefeated Wildcats find themselves with their best start since the 1966 season when Kentucky opened with a 23-0 record. With guard Wall averaging 17.3 points per game through midseason, Kentucky looks to extend their streak on the road this weekend against Auburn.</p>		<p>7. Florida (11-5, 0-2) A 15-point second-half comeback was not enough to lift the Gators over the undefeated Wildcats Tuesday night, as Florida fell to Kentucky at home. The Gators will need smart shooting from junior Alex Tyus and sophomore Erving Walker this season, as they seek their first conference win against LSU this Saturday.</p>
	<p>2. Tennessee (12-2, 0-0) Despite losing four key players this past month due to an array of suspensions and dismissals, Tennessee responded with an impressive 76-68 upset of then-No. 1 Kansas Sunday in Knoxville. The Vols opened their conference play against Auburn on Thursday night.</p>		<p>8. Alabama (11-5, 1-1) After suffering a disheartening one-point loss to the Commodores Wednesday night, Alabama travels to Arkansas this weekend to face the Razorbacks, who open their season of conference play at home. The Crimson Tide will then face Tennessee and Mississippi State at home next week.</p>
	<p>3. Ole Miss (13-3, 1-1) The Rebels secured their first conference victory against Georgia on Wednesday night, edging the Bulldogs 80-76 on the road. Ole Miss travels to Knoxville this weekend against a much tougher opponent, as they take on the confident Volunteers.</p>		<p>9. Auburn (9-7, 0-1) After facing Tennessee on the road Thursday night, the Tigers prepare for the arrival of the undefeated Wildcats to Auburn this weekend. The Tigers will need top performances from seniors DeWayne Reed, Tay Waller and Lucas Hargrove to have a chance at hanging with Kentucky on Saturday.</p>
	<p>4. Vanderbilt (13-3, 2-0) After securing victories over conference foes Florida and Alabama, the Commodores take to the road again this weekend in search of a win over South Carolina. Stallings will need continued aggressive play and timely scoring from Ogilvy, Taylor, Jenkins and the rest of the squad against the Gamecocks.</p>		<p>10. Georgia (8-7, 0-2) Coming off narrow back-to-back conference defeats suffered at the hands of Kentucky and Ole Miss, Georgia will look to avenge last season's loss to Mississippi State on the road this Saturday. The Bulldogs are still looking for their first conference win of the season.</p>
	<p>5. Mississippi State (13-3, 1-0) Despite finding themselves with early season losses to Rider and Richmond, the Bulldogs have bounced back, beginning conference play with a victory against in-state rival Ole Miss last weekend. Looking for their second conference win, Mississippi State faced Arkansas at home on Thursday night.</p>		<p>11. Arkansas (7-8, 0-0) The Razorbacks began conference play Thursday night against the Bulldogs, as they try to return to their winning ways midway through the season. Arkansas last saw SEC competition when they lost to the Florida Gators in the first round of the 2009 SEC Tournament, ending their season with a 14-16 campaign.</p>
	<p>6. South Carolina (11-5, 2-0) The Gamecocks will rely heavily on senior guard Devan Downey's shooting and ball handling after the devastating season-ending knee injury suffered by senior Dominique Archie. South Carolina awaits the arrival of the Commodores to Columbia this Saturday, as they look to remain undefeated in conference play.</p>		<p>12. LSU (9-7, 0-2) Compiling a 1-5 record since the middle of December, the Tigers have dropped back-to-back conference games against Alabama and South Carolina this past week. LSU travels to Gainesville this weekend to face the Gators, as both teams are looking for their first conference victory of the season.</p>

Top-ranked bowling team preps for spring title run

by **Eric Single**
Asst Sports Editor

After three strong performances in the fall, the team that brought Vanderbilt its only national championship in school history appears primed for another deep run in the NCAAs.

The 2009-2010 Vanderbilt women's bowling team is deep, experienced and officially No. 1 in the nation, according to the National Tenpins Coaching Association.

Led by senior Josie Earnest, the Commodores won the Greater Ozark Invitational in October, placed third at the Big Red Invitational in November and came back to win the Eastern Shore Hawk Classic two weeks later, posting a 29-10 overall record heading into spring play.

Earnest, the MVP of the 2007 national championship team and NCAA Player of the Year in both 2008 and 2009, and sophomore Brittni Hamilton have emerged as impact bowlers for the Commodores, who jumped defending national champion Nebraska in the December polls. Hamilton has led the Commodores in average scoring in all three of their fall tournaments, posting a season-best 221.4 average at the season-opening Greater Ozark Invitational.

Nebraska leads a group of strong bowling programs through which the Commodores' path to another national championship runs. The Huskers are led by senior Cassandra Leuthold, a two-time first-team All-American who averaged a 209 in the Huskers' final tournament of 2009, the Capital City Collegiate Classic in Jackson, Miss. Leuthold was named Most Outstanding Player of the Huskers' 2009 national championship team.

With a record of 45-15, University of Maryland Eastern Shore sits just behind the Commodores in the national rankings, having moved up from fourth after placing third at November's Eastern Shore Hawk Classic. In 2008, the Hawks defeated Vanderbilt in the semifinals on their way to the national championship.

Central Missouri, currently ranked seventh nationally, may also present a tough challenge to the Commodores in April. The Jennies knocked Vanderbilt out of the 2009 NCAA



NEIL BRAKE / VU Media Relations

Two-time NCAA National Player of the Year Josie Earnest gears up for another season with the help of a talented, deep Commodores rotation driven toward another national title pursuit.

Tournament before finishing as runners-up to Nebraska and already have posed match-up problems for the Commodores this year, winning one of two team games on their way to a close victory at the Big Red Invitational.

With freshmen Jessica Earnest and Kim Carper already playing significant roles, the Commodores are only beginning to showcase the startling supply of youth and depth on their 2009-2010 roster. Coach John Williamson has not shown loyalty to any one

lineup, and the Commodores have proven they can win with a number of different bowlers in the rotation.

The Commodores open up spring play at the Kutztown Invitational in Pennsylvania on Jan. 29 and then travel to tournaments in Illinois, Indiana, Alabama and New Jersey over the next two months before returning to Tennessee to host the Music City Classic on March 12. The NCAA Championship begins April 7 in New Brunswick, N.J. ■

Up next for the Commodores

by **ERIC SINGLE**
Asst Sports Editor

Friday, Jan. 15, 2010

Friday marks the start of the track and field season, and the Vanderbilt women's team travels to Lexington for the two-day Kentucky Invitational. Several other Southeastern Conference schools will attend the indoor meet, including Florida, Georgia and Tennessee, as well as host Kentucky. The Commodores will be looking to make a statement, as Vanderbilt's track and field program has traditionally struggled mightily against SEC competition.

Also today, the women's tennis team kicks off their spring schedule in Evanston at the Northwestern Invitational, which runs through Sunday. Three-time All-SEC player Catherine Newman has established herself as one of the team's central leaders with consistently strong performances in doubles and singles, and the senior will look to start her final season in black and gold with a solid showing in Illinois. Watch for equally strong contributions from Jackie Wu, the Commodores' highest-ranked singles player, and Chelsea Preeg, both members of a deep sophomore class on head coach Geoff Williamson's 22nd-ranked squad. The Commodores will join



CHRIS PHARE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Senior Catherine Newman looks to lead Vanderbilt to a victory this weekend.

DePaul and the second-ranked host Wildcats in the round-robin tournament.

Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010

Vanderbilt men's tennis will begin their spring campaign with a doubleheader this Saturday. The Commodores will face Belmont at 9 a.m. and Chattanooga at 2:30 p.m. at the Currey Tennis Center. Freshman Ryan Lipman used an impressive fall record to vault himself into the top 30 of the national singles rankings, and the pace his improvement and growth assume as the men's team works through its spring schedule may determine how prepared the 2010 Commodores are to compete on the national level. The doubles team of sophomore Charlie Jones and junior Adam Baker turned several heads in the fall and currently sits at 24th in the nation.

Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010

After a gritty 65-64 victory in Tuscaloosa on Wednesday night, the men's basketball team travels to Columbia on Saturday to take on South Carolina, an experienced team led by senior Devan Downey. The diminutive guard has established himself as one of the deadliest scoring threats in the SEC, averaging 19.5 points per game, and the Gamecocks are 2-0 in SEC play. The Commodores must fix the shooting issues that haunted them against Alabama if they plan to keep their SEC record unblemished.

The women's basketball team heads east to Knoxville on Sunday for a pivotal game against perennial national championship contenders Tennessee (14-1) and legendary head coach Pat Summitt. If the Commodores get caught staring, they'll find themselves further trapped in a troubling slide. Vanderbilt had lost three of four heading into Thursday night's game against the undefeated Georgia Lady Bulldogs. ■

Lame Kiffin: Coach's departure is fitting

by **DAVID SHOCHAT**
Sports Reporter

On Tuesday night, a bombshell was dropped on the college football world, as Lane Kiffin left the University of Tennessee to go back to Los Angeles and replace Pete Carroll as the head coach at the University of Southern California. I must say that as a USC and Vanderbilt fan, it was a very bittersweet moment. I have spent the last year despising Lane Kiffin. Now, he is the head coach at one of the two universities I support.

In an intriguing way, this move impacts Vanderbilt football on a myriad of fronts. Let's start with how this affects our arch-nemesis in Knoxville. As of now, UT has no coach with signing day rapidly approaching. According to Rivals.com, Tennessee had a top-10 recruiting class coming in next year, thanks to Kiffin. Already, though, five high-profile recruits have jumped ship, and more are sure to follow.

Even so, Vanderbilt was not heavily recruiting many, if any, of the players Kiffin and his staff had recruited to Tennessee, so interest from Bobby Johnson and staff in any of the UT commits would seem to be nonexistent.

In relation to Vanderbilt, the move is hard to assess until we see whom Tennessee hires as its new football coach. I hear Tyler Smith isn't doing anything. He would probably be able to relate to the players pretty well.

However, instead of Kiffin's departure leading to an influx of talent to Nashville, Vanderbilt may actually suffer on the gridiron. Tennessee actually might get a good football coach now. That is the thing I don't understand about Tennessee's uproar over Kiffin. He wasn't a good coach, and yet they are trying to prevent him from leaving? They all should be happy he is gone.

As a Vanderbilt fan, one can only hope that Tennessee and athletic director Mike Hamilton strike out again with their football hire. That athletic program seems to be going through a lot of crises recently, so a strikeout would seem to be right on target.

In addition, I would like to point

out to The Daily Beacon (Tennessee's student newspaper), quite offended when a Hustler sports columnist ranked Lane Kiffin as the SEC's "douchiest" coach, that this title proved to be quite fitting. How do you feel about your boy Lane now?

On a larger scale, this move, along with John Calipari going to Kentucky last year, displays just what college sports have become to coaches: a business. A lot of coaches don't seem to care about their players or universities. They care about winning and making as much money as possible. Perhaps this is not their fault. Maybe it is the pressure the media and schools put on them, but no matter who is to blame, it is a shame.

In this case, how long do you think it took Lane Kiffin to dump Rocky Top and hit up the California beaches? USC seemed to decide that the school needed a college football coach known for his recruiting with signing day approaching in early February, and Kiffin, seeing an opportunity for more money, power and prestige, seized his chance like so many others.

With his familiarity to the athletic program, and his experience getting out of recruiting violations without any substantial penalties, this move was a perfect fit for all parties involved. As a USC fan, I just hope Lane bolts for the NFL sooner rather than later without leaving USC with even more violations than they already have.

While you may not believe Bobby Johnson and his staff are the right men to take Vanderbilt football to the next level, you can't deny Johnson is loyal, cares about his players and cares about Vanderbilt. All of those attributes are in rare supply in college sports today, and it is not just Johnson who exhibits these characteristics. Men's basketball coach Kevin Stallings has been at Vanderbilt since 1999. Women's basketball coach Melanie Balcomb has been at Vanderbilt since 2002. Baseball coach Tim Corbin has been at Vanderbilt since 2003, even though other schools have tried to hire him away.

So thank you, Vanderbilt coaches, for your loyalty to our great university because, in this day and age, loyalty is a limited commodity. Just ask Kiffin. ■



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Lane Kiffin, formerly of the University of Tennessee, trots off the field after one of the 13 up-and-down games for which he served as UT's head football coach. On Tuesday, he resigned and took the head job at the University of Southern California.

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