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CALENDAR

FRIDAY, FEB. 26

• **Second City comedy performance**
Chicago-based comedy troupe The Second City, will perform at 7 and 10 p.m. in Sarratt Cinema. Pick up free tickets at the Sarratt Box Office. Alumni of the group include Chris Farley, Rachel Dratch and other "Saturday Night Live" regulars.



SATURDAY, FEB. 27

• **Food Inc. showing**
A free showing of the 2009 documentary film "Food Inc." will be offered in Sarratt Cinema at 2 p.m. and will be followed by a discussion panel of Vanderbilt professors and community organizers.



SATURDAY, FEB. 27

• **Blair recital**
Mezzo-Soprano Julie Simson and pianist Melissa Rose are performing an art song recital entitled "The Journey of Love" in Blair School of Music at 8 p.m. The recital is free.

SATURDAY, FEB. 27

• **Texas Hold 'Em charity tournament**
Office of Housing and Residential Education will sponsor a charity benefit for the Sudanese Center of Nashville at 8 p.m. The Texas Hold 'Em tournament will feature prizes and raffle tickets. There is a \$10 buy-in.

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Activism conference to commemorate sit-ins



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Sit-ins held in downtown Nashville lunch counters in February 1960 demonstrated local students' commitment to desegregation. Tomorrow's conference aims to inspire a return to student activism.

by **KYLE BLAINE**

Asst News Editor

Fifty years ago, Nashville students orchestrated sit-ins in the downtown area to fight for desegregation. This Saturday, Vanderbilt students will gather to commemorate the anniversary of the historical movement.

The first Nashville Intercollegiate Activism Conference will try to inspire students from across Tennessee to return to the roots of student activism in light of the sit-in movement's success.

The event will bring together students from

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

What: Nashville Intercollegiate Activism Conference

When: Saturday, Feb. 27 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Where: The Commons Center Multipurpose Room

Vanderbilt, Lipscomb, Tennessee State, Fisk, University of Memphis and Middle Tennessee State University to hear student and faculty panels as well as to participate in a political

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History of the Nashville sit-ins

by **MELANIE BRODER**

Staff Reporter

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the sit-in movement, Vanderbilt has already played host to a special panel to look back on the legacy of the demonstrations.

The Rev. James Lawson is Vanderbilt's most direct connection to the sit-ins. Lawson, currently a distinguished visiting professor in the Divinity School, was a 32-year-old graduate student in the 1960s and preached nonviolent practices to the students participating in the demonstrations.

Bill Carey, author of "Chancellors, Commodores and Coeds" and an expert on Tennessee history, said Vanderbilt in 1960 was a very conservative place, where girls had to wear overcoats to tennis matches and chapel attendance was mandatory.

"I don't think it occurred to many students that it was strange that it was all-white," he said.

More than 300 students from various colleges, including Vanderbilt and historically black Fisk University, participated in the Nashville sit-in movement. Tennessee police

arrested over 150 of the protesters, and Vanderbilt expelled Lawson. A few months later, many counters at major department stores started serving blacks.

According to Carey, there was overwhelming support in the Vanderbilt community for kicking Lawson out.

Carey points to the university's efforts to publicly honor basketball player Perry Wallace, the first African American to compete for four years in the Southeastern Conference, as an effort to make up for the past.

"I think they're going to great lengths to make up for what they feel were injustices at that time," Carey said.

Once viewed by the administration as an agitator, Lawson was warmly welcomed back to Vanderbilt in 2006. ■

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To watch former Vanderbilt student Charlie Allen share his encounter with the Nashville Five in 1960, check out InsideVandy.com.



SCOTT CARDONE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Blake Mycoskie, founder of TOMS Shoes, described his company's mission to students, faculty and community members Tuesday night.

One for one

TOMS Shoes founder explains his philosophy of social entrepreneurship.

by **MADELEINE ENGLIS**

Staff Reporter

Most people don't think of a for-profit company as having a mission grounded in giving to others.

But as TOMS Shoes founder Blake Mycoskie explained Tuesday night, this type of business plan may actually be the key to success for sustained benevolence.

Approximately 550 people

came to Langford Auditorium to hear the social entrepreneur explain how he started his globally impacting business.

"People always ask me, if I really cared about the kids, why would I start a for-profit instead of a non-profit?" he said. "If I took the money and bought the shoes (in the) traditional charity model, I would have been able to give away 40,000 shoes. ... If I took that same amount of money and used it to build a business, I can now give away 400,000 shoes."

The TOMS organization works to use the purchasing power of consumers to help benefit other societies.

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Tuesday's event generated at least \$4,000 through ticket sales for the Dores for Haiti Disaster Relief Program, but the actual impact will be double that. Until Monday at noon, every contribution made to Vanderbilt's Partners in Health fund will be matched by the Entrepreneurs Foundation HelpHaiti Fund. To contribute and help Vanderbilt reach its \$25,000 goal, go to <http://doresforhaiti.org>.



Seniors nominated to be the next YAT



by **GRACE AVILES**

Staff Reporter

From a total of 67 nominations, seniors Miron Klimkowski, Lauren Ross and Wyatt Smith have been selected to compete for the Young Alumni Trustee position on Vanderbilt's Board of Trust.

Each year, members of the senior class are nominated by their peers for the chance to serve on the Board of Trust for a four-year term. A nomination committee made up of members of the years above and below the senior class narrows down the nominees to a slate of three finalists.

All three candidates said they view the opportunity to be YAT as a way to give back to the Vanderbilt community.

"I believe that it is really important to give back to the university, especially when Vanderbilt has given me so much," Klimkowski said.

Klimkowski plans to participate in Teach for America after graduation. "I'm excited, but I'll re-evaluate after two years," he said. "I wouldn't want to waste anybody's time."

To some, it is a way of thanking the university for who they have become.

"I am definitely interested in a career in Foreign Service," Ross said, "but this is something I wouldn't have been able to discover without going abroad with Vanderbilt programs for two years."

Smith said the chance to be this year's YAT is a chance to continue his commitment to both service and to the school.

"As an Ingram scholar, I am heavily involved with service organizations on campus. I see how Vandy students are able to influence service outcome locally and globally," he said. "I believe that my position (as Vanderbilt Student

Government president) has afforded me an understanding of the way the university operates that will allow me to be an effective advocate for current students."

The Classes of 2009, 2010 and 2011 will vote to select the next YAT from March 15-19. Once chosen and ratified by the Board, the YAT will be required to attend the two board meetings each year and rotate through all of the committees throughout the term.

The tradition of electing YATs began in 1968 and has continued to allow recent students to share their perspective with other distinguished members of the Board of Trust, something the nominees said they were excited to have the chance to do.

"Acting as a liaison between the different schools, the current study body and the alumni network would be such a rewarding way to give back," Ross said. ■

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CRIME LOG

compiled by **AMANDA NIEMAN**

Friday, Feb. 19, 5 a.m.

Two people had slurred speech, a strong odor of alcohol and red eyes; they were both very argumentative. One person was hostile and verbally abusive toward officers. The other person continued arguing and refused to go into Hank Ingram House.

Saturday, Feb. 20, 6:45 a.m.

A person was in a vehicle sitting in Mims Hall parking lot with the engine running and the lights on. He rolled down the window, and a strong odor of alcohol came from the vehicle. He performed poorly on standardized field sobriety tests.

Saturday, Feb. 20, 8 a.m.

A person staggered into Towers and fell on a couch. He appeared intoxicated.

Saturday, Feb. 20, 8 p.m.

A person had a strong odor of alcohol coming from him. He has been arrested multiple times in the past and had been prohibited from entering Vanderbilt property. He was arrested and refused to place his hands behind his back, and he tried to pull away from the officer.



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KEN FEINBERG

'Pay Czar' to speak at Law School

By **Amanda Egan, Contributing Reporter**

Ken Feinberg, called "the pay czar," will speak in Flynn Auditorium at the Law School today at noon. Feinberg, special master for executive pay for the federal Troubled Asset Relief Program, or TARP, will be the keynote speaker in a daylong executive compensation conference at the Law School.



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Energy competition to promote awareness

By **Conrad Goeringer, Staff Reporter**

In order to promote energy awareness and decrease electrical usage in dorms, campus environmental organizations have teamed up with Plant Operations to implement a campus-wide residence hall energy competition.



ZACHARY HARDY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Photos of the week

By **Hustler Photo Staff**

Look through images of life on campus in the last week captured by the Vanderbilt Hustler photo staff, from events like the men's basketball game against Kentucky, Asian New Year Festival and Dance Marathon.



ERIC GLASSER / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Time Lapse Video: Painting Rand mural

By **Eric Glasser, Photo Editor**

Watch the progress throughout the week as the Okay Mountain Collective, a group of artists from Austin, Texas, and Vanderbilt students paint a mural in Rand Dining Hall today. The final product will depict a food fight.

Who is: LORRAINE LOPEZ



POSITION: Associate Professor of English

ATTENDED: California State University Northridge (B.A. in English), University of Georgia (M.A. in English)

Lopez was recently nominated for the 2010 PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction, the largest peer-juried prize for fiction in America, for her book, "Homicide Survivors Picnic."

WHAT CLASSES DO YOU TEACH?

Mostly fiction writing classes: M.F.A. fiction writing classes and undergraduate fiction writing classes in the English Department as well as one Latino literature class per academic year.

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB?

I was actually fired from my first three jobs. One of which was wrapping health food bars at a home-based operation using a hot iron. There were three other girls, we were all in high school, and I was told that I wasn't fast enough at wrapping the bars, which I had to agree with. I wasn't.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR FREE TIME?

I don't usually have any, but I love to read, I watch really silly TV shows, and I love to cook. My favorite author is Barbara Pym. She's a British writer who could be compared to Jane Austen, but funnier.

WHAT IS ONE THING STUDENTS WOULD BE SURPRISED TO FIND OUT ABOUT YOU?

Something students have actually told me is that they're surprised how many friends I have. I am generally a reserved person, so even I am surprised how many friends I have.

compiled by **AMANDA EGAN**

SNAPSHOT

Dude looks like a lady



MURPHY BYRNE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

LGBTQI Program Coordinator Sarah Benanti talks with sophomore Bryann DaSilva in The Commons Center yesterday night. The Human Rights Campaign GenderBlender Dance Party encouraged students to challenge gender expectations while dancing to music spun by DJ Ron Slomowicz.

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SIT-INS: Conference aims to inspire student activism

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activism fair. The event will end with a tribute to the Nashville sit-ins and a keynote speech from John Seigenthaler, former publisher of The Tennessean, co-founder of USA Today, founder of the First Amendment Center and Freedom Forum and former adviser to senator Robert Kennedy.

Matthew Taylor, a sophomore and co-president of the Vanderbilt Political Review, decided to dedicate The Vanderbilt Political Review's Activism Conference to a celebration of the Nashville sit-ins after taking a class with the Rev. James Lawson, a leading figure in the local nonviolence movement in the 1960s. Taylor said he hopes the message of the conference will inspire a new generation of activists in the Nashville community.

"The intended purpose of the conference is to remove the stereotype that our generation isn't interested in political activism," Taylor said.

Bryann DaSilva, a sophomore and vice president of Vanderbilt Service and Public Policy, will sit on a student panel about international activism.

"College students are in a unique position to be learning about the world and things that they never knew about before, and so they have all this energy and zeal that they can use to achieve something," DaSilva said.

Taylor emphasized the importance the Nashville community has had on activism.

"The conference is to highlight what Nashville has done and contributed, so we

want to show students that there is a lot to do here," Taylor said.

VPR, The Commons, Vanderbilt Student Government and LEAD sponsor the event, which is VSG's co-sponsorship for February. Wyatt Smith, president of VSG, will be moderating the faculty panel dealing with the future of activism.

"I think it was important for us to award this co-sponsorship of the month to help support, recognize and facilitate a program that would spread awareness about the importance of the civil rights era and the ways it continues into today from an activism perspective," Smith said.

The conference will be held this Saturday, Feb. 27, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in The Commons Multipurpose Room. ■

Candidate pool narrows after senatorial primary

by **SARA GAST**
Senior Reporter

Six candidates were eliminated from the race for Vanderbilt Student Government senate and college council positions after the primary election.

Attorney General Tyler Boyd announced the results on Sarratt Promenade yesterday afternoon. There were only five primary races — "just positions that have more than twice the number of officers who are running," Boyd said at Wednesday night's VSG joint session.

Paul Yeh, who garnered 9.7 percent of the vote, was eliminated from the race for Arts and Science senator. William Schreiber, who was also on the ballot, was disqualified due to a campaign regulation violation.

Joshua Shin, with 20.9 percent of the vote, failed to advance through the primary for Arts and Science vice president. Aladine Elsamadicy, who ran for Engineering senator, Ryan Moore, who ran for Engineering council president, and Judy Lewis, who ran for Peabody president, also were eliminated.

Students will have a chance to vote on their representatives in next week's general election, which will run from Wednesday at 8 a.m. through Thursday at noon, with the results being announced shortly after.

Student body turnout was less than the most recent VSG vote. Only 33 percent of the student body voted in the primary, compared to 44 percent during the presidential primary election. The freshman class had the largest turnout at 42 percent. About 34 percent of juniors, 32 percent of seniors and 25 percent of sophomores voted. ■



MARGARET FENTON / VSC Media Services

Sophomore Andrew Maguire, freshman Madison Hurwitz, and sophomores Sarah Sagan and Zye Hooks review and discuss the VSG senate primary results on Thursday afternoon in Sarratt Promenade.

VSG SENATE AND COUNCIL PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS	
Name	Percentage of vote
A&S SENATOR	
Zye Hooks	19.4%
Maryclaire Manard	17.4%
Mark Cherry	13.6%
Keith Neely	12.1%
Lucas Scholl	12.4%
Jake Karlsruhe	11.7%
Paul Yeh	9.7%
<i>William Schreiber was disqualified.</i>	
A&S VICE PRESIDENT	
Anne Timmel	45.1%
Chelsey Feldman	31.6%
Joshua Shin	20.9%
ENGINEERING SENATOR	
Matthew Goldstein	40.6%
Amanda Palmer	36.0%
Aladine Elsamadicy	20.1%
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Christopher Heelan	42.9%
Eppa Rixey	40.4%
Ryan Moore	12.2%
PEABODY PRESIDENT	
Michael Feldman	36.4%
Tim Gilbert	31.8%
Judy Lewis	30.2%

Rajaan Bennett recognized by VSG

In a joint session Wednesday night, President Wyatt Smith and Deputy Chief of Staff Adam Meyer proposed a resolution to acknowledge the "athletic prowess" of Vanderbilt football recruit Rajaan Bennett, who was killed Feb. 18 in an apparent murder-suicide at his home in Powder Springs, Ga. His mother's boyfriend, Clifton O'Neal Steger, died from a self-inflicted gunshot to the head.

Bennett, who was 18, signed his letter of intent in late January.

In the resolution, Meyer said he aimed to "recognize the extraordinary life (Bennett led) as a role model and hero to many students, faculty and community members in Powder Springs, Ga."

The resolution, which passed the house and carried the senate, gave a \$100 contribution to the Rajaan Bennett Memorial Fund to "support his family in the wake of this tragedy" and help cover funeral costs, Meyer said.

"It's a small token as something we can do to show his family and high school that we're with them," Meyer said. ■

TOMS SHOES: Mycoskie hopes to empower students

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According to its "One for One" philosophy, for every pair of shoes bought, one pair is donated to a child in need in dozens of countries around the world.

In a word, the business model of TOMS is unique because it is "sustainable," Mycoskie said.

"Goodwill only lasts so long. ... There will come a day when donations will run out," he said. "TOMS is about creating something sustainable, it sustains the giving."

Sophomore Cayla Mackey, co-founder of Global Poverty Initiative, the key organizer for the event, said she felt empowered after hearing Mycoskie's story.

"On a personal level I was inspired to know that he started locally, started small," she said. "Even for our club, which is still relatively new, it's inspiring to know it's manageable if you break it down."

Other students said they were intrigued by the business side of Mycoskie's mission.

"His business model inspired me," said sophomore economics major Maria Crist. "It made sense, starting out with an altruistic idea but then making it work. ... He's right to invest his own capital in the company."

"After hearing the speech I became excited," said junior John Gaffney, "excited for a more socially responsible future of marketing, a more sustainable way of giving."

Yet explaining the purpose of TOMS was not without a grander motive.

"I want students not just to listen to what I have to say but to think broader, to be inspired by my business model," Mycoskie said. "To go on and create the next model ... but do it differently, find a new cause." ■

Hannah Twillman contributed reporting to this article.

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Fine Arts Gallery rivals MOMA



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Joseph Mella, director of the Fine Arts Gallery, stands in front of a gallery piece called "Swim" by American artist Robert Rauschenberg. The piece is a sheet of stainless steel that appears mirror-like with acrylic, fire wax and variegated brass leaf prints on the surface. To read more about the Fine Arts Gallery's relocation to the renovated Cohen Memorial Hall, go to InsideVandy.com.

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COLUMN

Skating on thin ice

Johnny Weir's attention grabbing antics do not belong in the Olympics; some decorum required.



ALLENA BERRY
Columnist

I will come right out and say it: I am not a fan of the Winter Olympics. I don't know what it is about the spectacle, but to me, the only time bobsledding was acceptable was in "Cool Runnings."

But for some reason, I found myself drawn to watch the Olympiads this week (I blame the fact that "American Idol" is on its 300th season of irrelevance and that "CSI," "NCIS" and/or "Law & Order: SVU" have a monopoly on all other programming).

One name that kept popping up — and with good reason — was this Johnny Weir character, the self-proclaimed "bad boy" of figure skating (I didn't know such a title was even possible). Weir has been a sensation — more off the rink than on — due to his zany character and tendency to make outlandish comments. However, this past Wednesday, Weir made a splash for standing up against some offensive comments made about him and, presumably, other homosexual athletes. Two Canadian announcers made the comment that Weir was a "bad example" for other male skaters because "they'll think all boys who skate will end up like him." One commentator even suggested

that the skater's gender be tested. Weir claimed, in his classically defiant style, that every little boy should be so lucky to turn out like him. To Weir, his antics are just him and nothing more. While this may be true, I had to stop and ask: When does outlandish behavior become less of a statement about self-actualization and more of a means to attention?

Ever since reality television became more interesting than reality, stars, wannabes and has-beens have tried to "one-up" each other to get that crucial press time. It isn't enough to have people watch your life; they have to be active participants in it. It isn't enough to watch a cooking show; it has to be a competition. It isn't enough to be a world-class figure skater; one has to have one's own reality television show to boot (which Weir has, by the way). Have we created a circus in which

it is not enough to just be talented to be "noticeable"? Perhaps that, and not Weir's sexuality, was the basis of the Canadian comments.

But who am I to say? I cannot twirl, jump or dance across the ice and have no intention of doing so. However, when the Winter Olympics — arguably the lesser

of the major world sporting events — becomes an opportunity for individual attention grabbing, I seriously debate turning off my TV for good and doing the unthinkable: reading a book.

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

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THE RANT



What is on your mind? The Rant is your place to anonymously sound off on any issue you want. To submit to The Rant, e-mail opinion@insidevandy.com or go to the opinion page on InsideVandy.com.

Compiled by Thomas Shattuck

To the person who left ABC gum on the windowsill in Rand: I put my purse on it and hope karma bites you in the ass.

Dear Vanderbilt, I pay \$50,000 not to sit next to Kentucky douchebags in the student section.

To whomever yelled out during Rajaan Bennett's moment of silence at the UK game: Please learn some respect before continuing in life.

If you can't enjoy a basketball game without drinking whiskey at the game, please just stay at home.

Versus is getting a little trashy.

Dear Metro and Vanderbilt Police, please stop ticketing the red pick-up on 24th ... after you moved the old tickets inside the truck!

COLUMN

A modern twist on an old tradition

TOMS succeeds in combining the spirit of charity with the business acumen of a capitalist.



PATRICK MCBRIDE
Columnist

As a freshman currently trudging through the requirements of AXLE, I've realized: Vanderbilt could make things a lot easier. Rather than all this nonsense of four schools, a liberal arts

curriculum and a propensity for acronyms that are actual words (OASIS, OAK, YES, you get the idea), Chancellor Zeppos could implement two tracks. Incoming students could choose to pursue either the "groom my resume and scheme to sell my soul in the hopes of getting accepted to Harvard Business/Medical/Law School and/or Goldman Sachs on my way to becoming obscenely wealthy" focus or the "divide my time between 12 community service groups and train for the Peace Corps in the hopes of one day saving the world" course of study. Think of all the headaches that would be saved if we just ditched with all the euphemisms and devoted our time to our true ambitions.

In all seriousness, though, success and service need not be seen as mutually exclusive. This was the point made in Langford Auditorium on Tuesday by Blake Mycoskie, founder of TOMS, the wildly successful shoe company that donates a pair of shoes to a child in need for every pair purchased. A unique blend of entrepreneur and philanthropist, Mycoskie chose to accomplish his objective of altruism via a for-profit company, freeing him from dependence on the generosity of donors. As a result of the sustainability of his model, TOMS has given away over 400,000 pairs of shoes, or more than 20 times the amount that could have been purchased using the company's sole capital investment.

Bill Gates, in his 2008 Time article "Making Capitalism More Creative" articulated the philosophy best: One can "do good and do well at the same time." The article, which cited TOMS as an example of creative capitalism, argued that the powers of capitalism could be employed to effect positive change in traditionally underserved markets while simultaneously generating profits. As Gates pointed out, the new corporate social responsibility will not consist of exploitation from nine to five followed by writing a check to a charitable foundation at the end of the day. Rather, philanthropy and business can be combined in such a way that engenders pride and devotion among both employees and customers, which is better not only for the people being served but also for the bottom line.

Of course, one could argue that true altruism has no concern for profit. But that's not the point. There will always be the need for both true for-profit and non-profit organizations; the goal is to bring their objectives closer together.

A column in the University of Chicago's Maroon, for example, examined recent critiques of Teach for America, which some assert has become too elitist and serves more as a fast track for employment at prestigious firms than as an outlet for true service. As the author adeptly points out, though many of the participants do not remain teachers themselves, they go on to "hold valuable positions to advocate for education through law, business and public sectors..." Service and self-advancement can coexist.

Vanderbilt students, especially graduating seniors, should look to Blake Mycoskie and other service-minded entrepreneurs as a reminder that they need not table their ambitions to lead lives of social responsibility. And the best part: There's no unemployment rate for volunteers.

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LETTER

Harassment of workers and students

To the Editor:

On Tuesday, Feb. 16, Vanderbilt Students of Nonviolence held a meeting in the Commons Multipurpose Room to launch a series of meetings to advance student-worker dialogue. The meetings are intended to provide space for diverse and until-now fragmented parts of the university community to meet each other, talk about working conditions for the lowest-paid employees at Vanderbilt and hammer out concrete actions we can take together to make Vanderbilt a safer and more just place to work and learn. The meeting was openly advertised to students and staff at The Commons.

The meeting was intended to be a safe place for workers and students to meet — we had heard rumors that due to a dictatorial contract and management hostility, it's challenging for employees to claim that space. Despite being warned, we were shocked when we got our own taste of the intimidation that workers apparently experience when they try to talk and organize among themselves.

Throughout the meeting, university management stationed people to watch who went in and out of the doors, taking notes; after the meeting, they searched the trash cans for anything we might have thrown away and talked about whether they had gotten any photos of the meeting ("No luck," they sighed).

The eerie feeling of our own administration's surveillance was matched by the surreally conspicuous way in which they conducted it. Marta Stinson (a human resources manager who removed her nametag and refused to tell us who she was, but put her ID back on as soon as our meeting ended) stood just outside the room in the space behind an open door and the wall, putting one eye up against the crack to peer through. She came into our meeting room and stood in the

corner, watching us, eventually marching up to the table (interrupting a worker explaining the attitude of management toward workers) and demanded that we stop handing out fliers and surveys. In a bizarre twist, she denounced our meeting, and not her intrusion, as "inappropriate," before storming back out of the room to make a phone call.

We repeatedly asked the managers who they were and if there was anything they needed our help with, but they refused to say who they were and walked away in silence when we suggested a meeting to talk about their concerns. In the absence of a willingness to address the interruptions, we are sending this open letter to request an explanation and some basic commitments to campus freedom of speech.

We invite the university administration to respond to this letter and account for the harassment of student meetings, outline the policy on whether students have a right to have such meetings without surveillance and interruption and explain whether you subject meetings of self-organized workers to the same kind of intimidation we experienced on Tuesday. We also invite other interested students, faculty and employees to join us in our request and to participate in these student-worker dialogues. We expect to be reassured that this was a one-time mistake, the unplanned and unsanctioned actions of a few rogue managers, but we (and many others in the Vanderbilt community) would also like to be assured that these tactics will not be used against the university's employees now or in the future, employees that — as we are now acutely aware — are made to feel they are not as safe in advocating for their rights as students are to demand their own.

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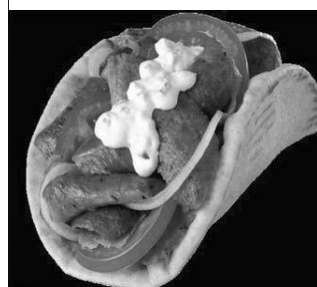
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After shooting just 34 percent from the field and earning the dubious distinction of being the first SEC team to lose to LSU this season, Arkansas will be desperate to move back into consideration for an NCAA Tournament bid with a quality win at home against the Commodores. The Razorbacks need their high-scoring guard combo of Courtney Fortson and Rotnei Clarke to continue to carry the bulk of the team's offensive production. Fortson averages 19 points and six assists per game, and Clarke has terrorized defenses from beyond the arc all season, leading his team with 91 3-pointers. With Florida building up momentum in the SEC East, the Commodores cannot afford to slip up in conference play if they hope to keep their hold on a first-round bye in the SEC Tournament.

by DAVID RUTZ

Senior Sports Reporter

Vanderbilt was staring at a lot of unpleasant scenarios with 54 seconds remaining against Georgia on Thursday night, trailing 74-68.

The Commodores were about to lose two straight for the first time since December. Their grip on second place in the Southeastern Conference East was loosening. They were about to be swept by the division's worst team.

But during all that staring, no one on the roster blinked. Senior guard Jermaine Beal hit two layups, redshirt sophomore forward Andre Walker drilled his first 3-pointer of the season, and junior center A.J. Ogilvy put back a Beal miss to tie the game with 15 seconds left.

Vanderbilt held on the next possession and went on to triumph in overtime, 96-94.

"We were looking at a not-very-good situation there inside of four minutes," said Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings. "They just kept battling, kept making the plays we had to make, and we finally got over the top."

Freshman John Jenkins hit a 3-pointer on Vanderbilt's first possession of overtime to give the Commodores

(21-6, 10-3) an 80-79 lead, their first since the 11:06 mark of the second half. Georgia (12-14, 4-9), however, tied the game for the 12th time at 86 after a Dustin Ware layup.

Ogilvy got fouled on the next possession, making both free throws, and after a Trey Thompkins miss, Walker nailed a jumper to push the lead to 90-86. Two more free throws by Ogilvy pushed the lead to six.

"Everybody made plays at the end of the game," Beal said.

The Commodores closed it out at the free-throw line, with Beal hitting four in a row to stave off Georgia's 3-point barrage at the end of the game.

Georgia remained winless in its last four trips to Memorial Gym, while the Commodores matched their highest conference victory total during Stallings' tenure.

Beal finished with a season-high 28 points, adding seven assists and no turnovers, helping avenge Vanderbilt's loss to Georgia on Feb. 6.

"He likes to win," Stallings said. "He did everything he could to win tonight. Poor kid played 39 minutes, and he's been that guy for us all year long. Beal put us on his back. He played like a senior."

Walker added a career-high 17, with seven of his points coming in the final minute of regulation and overtime. The critical 3-pointer he hit with 27 seconds remaining was Vanderbilt's only long ball of the second half and cut the Georgia lead to 77-75.

It was also just his second attempt of the season.

"I think I can make them," Walker said bluntly. "I had full confidence; that's why I took the shot."

Ware missed two free throws on the next possession, setting up Ogilvy's crucial tip-in.

Vanderbilt's brilliant final six minutes overshadowed a shocking first 39.

Although the Commodores led 36-31 at halftime thanks to strong perimeter shooting, the Bulldogs dominated the paint in the second half, outscoring Vanderbilt there 42-28 overall, and led by as many as seven with 8:12 remaining. Georgia out-rebounded the Commodores for the second time this season as well, 40-35.

Travis Leslie put on a dunking exhibition, finishing with 22 points, and Thompkins added 21 points.

The Bulldogs could have put the game away down the stretch by knocking down their foul shots, but they finished just 18-26 (69.2 percent) at the line, while Vanderbilt shot a sizzling 35-39 (89.7 percent).

"Sometimes you have to get lucky," Stallings said. "You make your own luck by how hard you play and how hard you compete, and I thought our guys did a great job."



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Jermaine Beal (0) cuts to the basket in Vanderbilt's heart-pounding 96-94 overtime victory Thursday night over Georgia. Beal outdueled Trey Thompkins (33), who had 21 points on the night. The Commodores are now 14-1 at home on the season.

That's what she said

The Vanderbilt Hustler spoke with swimmers Allie Voss and Jen Molchan for this week's edition of That's What She Said. The duo was part of a four-person 400-medley relay team that set a school record in last weekend's Southeastern Conference Championships.

by MEGHAN ROSE

Asst Sports Editor



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1. How did it feel to break the school record in the 400-medley at the SEC Championships last weekend?

It was just really exciting. Swimming is such an individual sport usually. It's just really fun to get to swim in a relay with your friends and all work on something together.

It was really great to break the record. It really showed all of our hard work this season paying off. It was the only relay record that was broken that weekend, so it was really a special time for us as a team.

2. Why do you enjoy swimming your particular leg of the race?

I swam the 100-free part of the 400-medley relay. It was the last leg of that relay. I kind of felt like I had a lot of pressure, since we were trying to break the record, to have a good finish and bring it home.

I swam the breaststroke leg, so I did 100-breaststroke on the relay. It's definitely an important leg of the relay because breaststroke is the slowest stroke, so it makes a difference if someone can swim that leg fast.

3. How does swimming in a relay team differ from individual events for you?

When you're swimming in an individual event, you're really focused on yourself. When you swim a relay, for me at least, it's more exciting because you have your friends behind you. You are all working together to do your best.

I think that swimming individually is obviously more about yourself and how well you do. Swimming on a relay team is definitely a lot more fun because you get to work hard with your friends and enjoy having success together.

4. What event is your favorite? Why?

I like the 100-freestyle. I pretty much only swim freestyle, but 100 is a really good distance for me. It's like a sprint, but it's not too short. I think the 50-free is a really short event, and you hardly have time to think about it. The 100 is a little bit longer, but it's still a sprint.

My favorite event is definitely the 100-breaststroke. I'm mostly a breaststroker, so it's short, sweet, and you get it over with fast.

5. Looking back, how would you describe this season on the whole?

I think it went really well — we had a lot of great girls on the team. We all really want to work hard and improve. I think that this year was a big improvement from last year. It's just going to keep getting better as we bring more girls in and the girls that we have now get older and more experienced.

I think this year was definitely a lot better than last year. We're definitely building as a team. We have a lot more girls who are motivated about swimming, who really have come in with a great swimming background. I think that in years to come, the team will build off all of the great swimmers we have coming in as freshmen.

Taylor seizes spotlight

by PETER NYGAARD

Sports Reporter

As the 21st Winter Games in Vancouver draw to a close, who would have thought that the Vanderbilt campus would be buzzing about the Olympian effort of a Swede? Of course, this Son of Sverige is not a member of the curling team or a ski jumper but the budding superstar of the No. 16 Commodores basketball team.

In his two years at Vandy, Jeffery Taylor has consistently been a reliable scorer who possesses such great athleticism that a Vanderbilt fan blog dedicates a weekly entry to various tall objects that Taylor could posterize. Yet, in spite of his consistency—Taylor posted double figures in 22 of his 31 games as a freshman — it took a 26-point trifling with Tennessee's defense for the national audience to take notice.

"Jeff Taylor obviously was special tonight, and I could see that coming," coach Kevin Stallings said at the time. "I didn't know it was coming tonight. I knew he was on the verge. He kind of had that look."

Now that he's gotten everyone's attention, it's opposing defenses that are sporting a new look: one of trepidation. After his performances against Tennessee and LSU, Taylor was named Southeastern Conference Player of the Week for the first time. His success has merited draft consideration from scouts who have Taylor on their boards as a first-round pick.

Taylor is also discovering that along with the spotlight comes the burden of an enormous microscope. Facets of Taylor's game are being broken down and criticized like never before, most notably his mid-range and outside shooting.

Although Taylor's jump shot has been questioned in the past, Stallings believes it's just a matter of building confidence for the sophomore.

"He's one of the only guys who I've ever coached who's a better shooter than he thinks he is," Stallings said after the Tennessee game.

What's scary is that Taylor is beginning to believe as well. Over the past four games, Taylor has seen his number of jumpers per game increase. Regardless of whether or not they're dropping at a high percentage at this point, this represents a shift toward becoming a well-rounded player for the normally rim-oriented Taylor.

Even when Taylor's shot isn't hitting, he's a threat to go for 15-plus due to his intimate relationship with the free-throw line. With his ability to beat his man off the dribble and draw a foul, Taylor has already had ten games of shooting eight or more free throws. In the last four games, Taylor has attempted an average of 10 free throws per game, a large factor in scoring nearly 20 points per game over that stretch.

At this point in his career, Taylor controls his own destiny. If he develops a consistent shot, he has the tools to potentially make Vandy fans say "Shan who?" It's well documented that Jeff Taylor can jump over SEC big men and various national landmarks. All that remains to be seen is if he can make the leap into national stardom.






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SEC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL POWER RANKINGS

by SARAH GILLMAN

*Records through Thursday afternoon

	<p>1. No. 4 Tennessee (25-2, 13-1 Southeastern Conference) Tennessee extended their current winning streak to nine games after defeating Louisiana State 70-61. The Vols haven't been upset since their loss to Georgia over a month ago. Even if the team can't pull out a win against Kentucky on Thursday, they can still clinch the SEC regular season title with a win against Ole Miss.</p>		<p>7. Florida (14-13, 7-7) The Gators are heading to Nashville with momentum after an impressive win over Georgia this week. The team is looking forward to having a second shot at the Commodores, but Vanderbilt has more to lose in this one. Don't expect Florida to get an NCAA bid this year, unless they can pull off something big in the SEC Tournament.</p>
	<p>2. No. 16 Kentucky (23-4, 11-3) Kentucky swept this week's SEC accolades following conference victories over Florida and South Carolina. Victoria Dunlap, SEC Player of the Week, and A'dia Mathies, SEC Freshman of the Week, will need to be on their game to shut down the well-rounded Lady Vols, who had five players score in double digits in their win over a ranked LSU team.</p>		<p>8. Ole Miss (15-12, 6-8) Ole Miss came into this season with high hopes and expectations but, since starting strong, has not seen much success. The Rebels have lost seven of their last eight games, moving them from the top of the SEC food chain to the bottom feeders.</p>
	<p>3. No. 20 LSU (18-8, 7-7) The Tigers are coming off two tough games in which they faced the then-ranked Commodores and fourth-ranked Vols. LSU seemed to have their momentum going after upsetting Vanderbilt, only to be silenced by the dominant Tennessee team. They need to finish strong against Arkansas and Mississippi State if they want to move up in the NCAA Tournament bracket.</p>		<p>9. South Carolina (13-13, 6-8) South Carolina is on a three-game losing streak coming out of Lexington. The remaining regular season competition doesn't give them much of a break, as they prepare to face the dominant Georgia and Vanderbilt teams. Watch out for the Gamecocks next year, though, as they will be returning their entire starting lineup.</p>
	<p>4. No. 24 Georgia (20-7, 7-7) The Bulldogs had a hot start this season, beating the likes of Tennessee, LSU and Kentucky; however, they haven't had the same spark since their 10-0 start. Since the Commodores put an end to that streak, the Bulldogs have performed poorly against SEC competitors. They will need to pick up their momentum in closing the season in order to hold onto a possible fifth-seed spot in the NCAA bracket.</p>		<p>10. Auburn (13-14, 4-10) It has been a disappointing season for Auburn, who came off an impressive 2008-2009 run with only two regular season losses. They made it to the SEC title game last year, but the Tigers most likely won't see postseason success this year. Like the Gamecocks, Auburn will be returning nearly their entire starting lineup next season, so expect to see an improved squad for the 2010-2011 campaign.</p>
	<p>5. Vanderbilt (19-8, 8-6) The Commodores didn't see as much success this season as they did in 2008-2009 when they finished 26-9. Vanderbilt looks to finish strong with two final home games, potentially sweeping the Florida Gators. The Commodores still have a solid shot at the SEC title and are likely contenders in the NCAA tournament if they can secure a fifth seed.</p>		<p>11. Arkansas (12-15, 4-10) There haven't been too many bright spots for this year's Arkansas team. Their top regular season win was against a fading Ole Miss team. The remaining schedule isn't too great, either, as they face LSU after losing to the Crimson Tide on Sunday. Arkansas has little chance to upset the SEC powers remaining on their docket.</p>
	<p>6. Mississippi State (17-10, 8-6) The team stayed true to its inconsistent reputation in its last game, scoring only 36 points against a porous Auburn squad that has remained at the bottom of the SEC rankings all season. But Mississippi State has had flashes of brilliance, including their season sweep of the Commodores, and could end up with a seven seed in the NCAA tournament.</p>		<p>12. Alabama (11-16, 3-11) Alabama has been battling with Arkansas and Auburn all season long to stay out of the bottom SEC spot, but it looks like the Crimson Tide will take the title for worst SEC performer this year. Alabama's last two games are against Mississippi State and Florida, both of whom crushed them in previous matches.</p>

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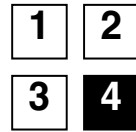


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TO: Residential Community
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SUBJECT: **SPRING BREAK**

Spring Break extends from March 6, 2010 – March 14, 2010. **During the break, all undergraduate residence halls will close.** Residence halls will close at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, March 6, and reopen on Sunday, March 14, at 9:00 a.m. Card access for all residents will be turned off during break.

DON'T PANIC. READ ON! Students needing to stay in ANY of the residence halls for any part of the break may do so if they register by midnight, Friday, March 5. Students may register online at www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd anytime during the period February 24 – March 5.

Please post an "Occupied" sign on your door when you are in your room during break. "Occupied" signs will be available from all information desks.

PLEASE NOTE: During break it may not be possible to provide residential staff in a particular building, or to provide staffing of information desks in a particular building. Therefore, if you need to stay, you must register so we can account for you in our residence halls. In the event of an emergency, we need to know where our students are staying so we can coordinate campus response resources. Students who did not register and are found in the residence halls after March 6, 2010 at 9:00 am may be subject to disciplinary action. Because card reader access will be the only means of entry, compliance with the registration procedures above is essential. In addition, remaining students should take even greater care regarding their personal safety and security.

During break, maintenance and housekeeping personnel will be working in student rooms. Please make sure that maintenance personnel can easily access the air handling unit by your window as well as kitchen and bathroom appliances and plumbing fixtures. Please move furniture and personal belongings away from the air handling units. Work crews inspect rooms between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE:

- Execute a full backup of data on your computer. Turn off the power, and unplug the power cord from the wall or power strip. If the computer is turned off and disconnected from its power source, it need not be disconnected from the network.
- Carry your trash to the dumpsters. Do not pile garbage or trash in the common area or bathroom where it will remain until the residence hall reopens. Clean out your recycling containers
- Defrost, clean out, turn off, and unplug refrigerators to prevent damage from power surges and outages.
- Turn off and unplug all other appliances. (Note: television channels on some sets may have to be reprogrammed when the power is restored.)
- Remove fish from, drain, and clean out aquariums.
- Set your thermostat midway between the "warm" and "cool" settings. If we are experiencing cold temperatures during the break, heat in the halls will be set at a moderate level.
- Move your bed a short distance from the wall if it is directly below a window. Condensation sometimes forms on cold windows and might find its way to bedclothes immediately below.
- Do not leave belongings on the floor of your room. If freezing temperatures strike causing broken pipes, flooding may occur in affected areas.
- Lock your door and take your key and ID card with you!

RESIDENCE HALL SECURITY AND SAFETY

1. During break, residential staff and VUPD will perform safety and security checks in student rooms and common areas. **Violations of University policy will be documented and students may face disciplinary action.**
2. Be sure to close and lock your windows, open the curtains or blinds, turn off all lights. **Carry your key with you and lock your doors, including private bedrooms in suites and apartments.** If you live at ground level, make certain no valuables are visible from the outside. Please move bikes into your room or another secure area to reduce risk of theft.
3. **Do not leave jewelry or other valuable items in your room.** Vanderbilt University will make every effort to keep the residence halls secure during the break period, but cannot assume responsibility for your possessions. You should, therefore, take appropriate measures to safeguard your valuables.
4. **Residence halls will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 14, 2010.** Students returning to campus before this time must register before leaving. **Unless you have registered, do not arrive on campus prior to March 14, 2010, and expect to be admitted to a closed residence hall.**

Please plan now for the closing of these residence halls. If this causes a problem for you and you are unable to find a suitable solution, please see your RA or AD for assistance.

HAVE A GREAT BREAK!

Office of Housing Assignments

Important Information

March 16

From 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

Reserve your current suite or apartment!

Do you like your current apartment or suite? How about your roommates? Do you want to reserve your apartment or suite for the 2010-2011 academic year? **If so, students seeking to reserve their current lodges, suites or apartments must bring their current Vanderbilt identification cards and housing contracts to 4113 Branscomb Quadrangle between 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM on Tuesday, March 16.**

In order to reserve a suite or apartment, there must be a sufficient number of current students agreeing to renew. The guidelines are listed below:

- **Carmichael Tower Suites:**
3 out of 6 current residents must be returning
- **Morgan and Lewis:**
 - **Efficiencies:** 2 out of 2 current residents must be returning
 - **1-Bedrooms:** 2 out of 2 current residents must be returning
 - **2-Bedrooms:** 2 out of 3 current residents must be returning
- **Chaffin Place:**
3 out of 4 current residents must be returning

The remaining spaces must be filled by a returning undergraduate student of the same sex.

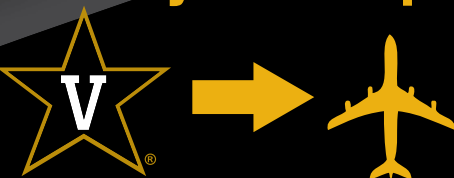
A group may reserve only the suite or apartment it currently occupies. All students in the group will be required to sign contracts binding them to the suite or apartment for the entire academic year, 2010-2011. Please remember that students currently applying for Vanderbilt Study Abroad Programs or internships outside of Davidson County are **not eligible** to participate in the suite and apartment reservation process.

Students wishing to reserve their suites or apartments or who are chosen to fill vacancies should bring their current Vanderbilt identification cards and housing contracts to the Office of Housing and Residential Education, 4113 Branscomb Quadrangle. To reserve the space, all residents of the suite or apartment – including new roommates – must be present.

At the time the suite or apartment is reserved, each student will be required to designate the room in which she/he will reside. The residents of the suite or apartment should decide who will live in which room prior to the reservation process.

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