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THE WALL

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THIS WEEK Safe Spring Break Week

Students may pick up their Safe Spring Break packets on the Wall from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Safe Spring Break Week is sponsored by the Office of Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drug Prevention, the Wellness Program, GAMMA, CHEERS, Vanderbilt Cancer Society, and Student Health.

TODAY Film: 'The War Tapes'

This is the first documentary war movie filmed by soldiers themselves. It gives an authentic look at the conflict in Iraq as it plays out on the battlefield, in the barracks and on the home front. Film begins at 7 p.m. at Sarratt Cinema.

TODAY 'Reviving the Greats: A Black History Affair'

Join BSA as they honor some of the Greats in Black History through song, monologues, skits and other talents in their black history program/talent showcase at Black Cultural Center Auditorium at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 26 VSG senate and council elections

Vanderbilt Student Government's general election for senate and council positions will occur on Feb. 26. Computers to vote will be available on Sarratt Promenade and in The Commons Center, and students may also vote via an e-mailed link sent at the beginning of the day. Voting is open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 26 Men's Basketball: Tennessee at Vanderbilt

Tip-off is set for 8 p.m. at Memorial Gymnasium. Students are encouraged to wear white for this ESPN-broadcasted game and not forget that consequences for rushing the court include a \$50,000 fine and confirmed relocation of the student section.

See <http://calendar.vanderbilt.edu> for more events.

ON HIGH LAND

Students from universities around Nashville traveled together this weekend to learn about the Highlander Research and Education Center — and how to create change as a community.



DANIELLE GANTT / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Students from multiple Nashville universities gathered this weekend to learn about and discuss active citizenship at the Highlander Research and Education Center in New Market, Tenn.



DANIELLE GANTT / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Members of the Nashville community joined students for several workshops and group activities throughout the weekend on the Highlander trip.

Students and faculty roll into activism

by DANIELLE GANTT
Staff Reporter

JANELLE STOKES
Staff Reporter

They came together as a community to see change. Last weekend, students, activists and professors from the Nashville community journeyed to the historical Highlander Research and Education Center in New Market, Tenn. The rolling seminar, which was based around active citizenship, emphasized fostering a collective and organic sense of humanity.

Shaiya Baer, assistant director of the Office of Active Citizenship and Service, organized the event and hoped students would realize the historical importance of Highlander, which was founded in the 1930s "to provide an educational center in the South for the training of rural and industrial leaders, and for the conservation and enrichment of the indigenous cultural values of the mountains."

It played a large role in the civil rights movement, during which period it trained several black activists and received backlash from the Southern press, resulting in the state of Tennessee revoking Highlander's charter and confiscating its land.

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Some elders may struggle to trust Generation Q

by DANIELLE GANTT
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We are a generation of quiet Americans — Generation Quiet. We are apathetic and silent about issues and do nothing to change them. When it's time to create change, we log onto Facebook and create a group instead of passing out flyers, protesting or chaining ourselves to a fence.

This weekend, Highlander participants pondered the schism that seems to be emerging between young and old activists.

New York Times Op-Ed columnist Thomas L. Friedman wrote in his Oct. 10, 2007, column titled "Generation Q" that he is impressed but confused by Generation Q because they are "much more optimistic and idealistic than they should be. I am baffled because they are so much less radical and politically engaged than they need to be."

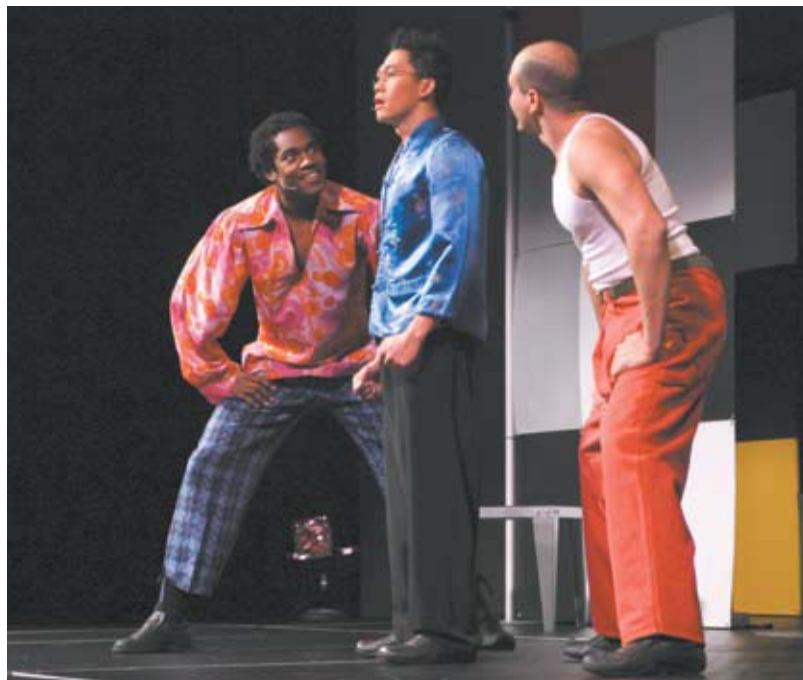
Friedman and others note our generation is not only perceived to be quiet, but some say our elders don't want to "pass the baton" of social activism due to our lack of passion.

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—To watch a video of the trip and listen to podcasts of several of the speakers and student participants, go to:



Making fun to make a point



CHRIS PHARE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Miles Gregley, Allan Axibal and Rafael Augustin make fun of racial stereotypes in their performance of "N*gger Wetb*ck Ch*nk" on Friday night in the Student Life Center. As classmates at the University of California, Los Angeles, the three decided humor would be the best way to candidly address taboo issues of race.

CAMPUS NEWS BRIEF

Hustler wins 5 first-place awards at SEJC Conference

The Vanderbilt Hustler won five first-place awards this weekend at the Southeast Journalism Conference, which 27 schools attended.

InsideVandy.com won for best Web site, Editor in Chief Jarred Amato won for best sports reporter, former Opinion Editor Reeve Hamilton won for best opinion/editorial writer, Alex Daly and Allie Morris won for best special events reporter, and Kelly Swope won for best feature writer.

Additionally, Amato was ranked No. 2 for college journalist of the year, Hamilton and Editor Emeritus Glenna DeRoy were ranked No. 2 for best public service journalism, The Vanderbilt Hustler was ranked No. 3 for best newspaper, designer Katie Quille was ranked No. 3 for best newspaper page layout, Versus' Chris Gearing was ranked No. 4 for best arts and entertainment writer, and Versus Magazine was ranked No. 4 for best college magazine.

The Hustler is one of several Southern universities that are members of SEJC, which began in 1985. This year's conference was hosted by the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Miss.

New emergency warning system to be implemented

by LILY CHEN
Staff Reporter

In light of the recent tornados and shooting at Northern Illinois University, Vanderbilt will implement an upgraded emergency warning system that will be able to reach more students at a faster rate.

"With the new program, we're stressing redundancy in communication," said Chief of Police Marlon Lynch. "We're going to be able to reach more students in many ways."

According to Lynch, the new emergency warning system, also known as Wide Area Radio Notification, will be implemented March 3 and will replace the Alert VU SMS text messaging service. In addition, the system is capable of sending tens of thousands of messages at a time through e-mail, voicemail and text messages depending on how much wireless space is available.

"WARN is fast, easy to use and pushes out more messages through different delivery systems," said Captain Pat Cunningham. "Also, we'll know right away how many devices have received the notices."

However, one flaw in WARN is that messages are sent so quickly they can't be terminated if they are sent by accident.

"There's no 'oops' button," Cunningham said.

Services such as Alert VU that send out messages simultaneously can only handle a certain volume of texts within a certain time frame and are dependent on cellular service providers to determine how quickly those messages can be received.

This became evident during the recent tornado warning, when several students complained they received the warning text message minutes after their friends. Some students said they did not receive the alert until the storm had already passed through the area and the warning had expired.

"Also, with SMS text messaging, the messages are limited to about 128 to 168 characters, limiting the amount of information we can get out," Cunningham said.

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Morning Showers, 48/29

WEDNESDAY



Mostly Cloudy, 38/28

THURSDAY



Mostly Sunny, 48/43

VUPD CRIME LOG

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Feb. 20, 4:10 p.m.:
Hubcaps were stolen from car in East Garage.

Feb. 21, 2:18 a.m.:
Subject was found standing on the corner. He could barely stand up on his own.

Feb. 22, 12:04 a.m.:
A vehicle was stopped for traveling the wrong direction on a one-way street. The driver had been drinking alcohol.

Check out <http://police.vanderbilt.edu/crimelog.htm> for complete listings.

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1 Ralph Nader announces third-party run for president

WASHINGTON — Ralph Nader is launching a third-party campaign for president, according to The Associated Press.

The consumer advocate made the announcement Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press." He said most Americans are disenchanted with the Democratic and Republican parties, and that none of the presidential contenders are addressing ways to stem corporate crime and Pentagon waste and promote labor rights.

2 Shiite pilgrims targeted by suicide bomber, gunmen as they prepare for holy day in Iraq

BAGHDAD — A suicide bomber struck Shiite pilgrims as they were resting Sunday during a days-long walk to a Shiite shrine, killing at least 40 people and wounding 60.

The attack in Iskandariyah, south of Baghdad, was the second of the day against pilgrims traveling to the holy city of Karbala, according to The Associated Press. The pilgrimage marks Arbaeen, the 40th day following the anniversary of the martyrdom of Imam Hussein, one of two revered Shiite figures buried there.

3 Kurdish rebels say they shot down Turkish helicopter in northern Iraq

CUKURCA, Turkey — Kurdish rebels claimed they shot down a Turkish military helicopter during fighting in northern Iraq, a pro-Kurdish news agency reported, but there was no confirmation from the Turkish military, according to The Associated Press.

The Firat news agency, which often carries statements of the rebel Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, reported Saturday the guerrillas downed a Cobra attack helicopter near the village of Hore, close to the Turkish border. It gave no other details and cited no named sources.

4 Raul Castro succeeds older brother Fidel as president of Cuba

HAVANA — Cuba's parliament named Raul Castro president on Sunday, The Associated Press reported, ending nearly 50 years of rule by his brother Fidel but leaving the island's communist system unshaken.

In a surprise move, officials bypassed younger candidates to name a 77-year-old revolutionary leader, Jose Ramon Machado, to Cuba's No. 2 spot — apparently assuring the old guard that no significant political changes will be made soon.

The retirement of the ailing 81-year-old president caps a career in which he frustrated efforts by 10 U.S. presidents to oust him.

5 Coens win adapted screenplay for 'No Country', Cotillard wins best-actress Oscar

LOS ANGELES — "No Country for Old Men" was living up to its front-runner status at Sunday's Academy Awards, winning the first two of its eight categories, adapted screenplay for the Coen brothers and supporting actor for Javier Bardem, The Associated Press reported.

Marion Cotillard rode the spirit of Edith Piaf to Oscar triumph, winning the best-actress prize as the French singer in "La Vie En Rose" over favorite Julie Christie, who had been expected to a second Oscar for "Away From Her."

6 Congress to consider bankruptcy relief, foreclosure assistance proposals to help homeowners

WASHINGTON — Congress is set to examine another round of possible repairs for consumers and investors threatened by widening cracks in the housing market, The Associated Press reported.

Proposals include easing bankruptcy rules, shielding banks from lawsuits and providing government assistance to homeowners facing foreclosure.

Lawmakers also plan this week to question several high-profile mortgage and banking executives about industry-wide losses and lavish executive-compensation packages.

7 Nuclear waste shipments through Chattanooga expected to increase

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Department of Energy officials say shipments of nuclear waste through Chattanooga will increase as leftover material from the Oak Ridge National Laboratory is moved to a storage site in New Mexico, according to The Associated Press.

DOE spokesman Walter Perry says 66 to 70 truckloads of transuranic waste will be shipped annually through Chattanooga to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

8 14 students chosen as newest class of Ingram Scholars

Fourteen incoming freshmen have been chosen as the newest members of the Ingram Scholarship program. The 14 are among more than 700 high school seniors who applied, the largest number of applicants in the scholarship program's 14-year history.

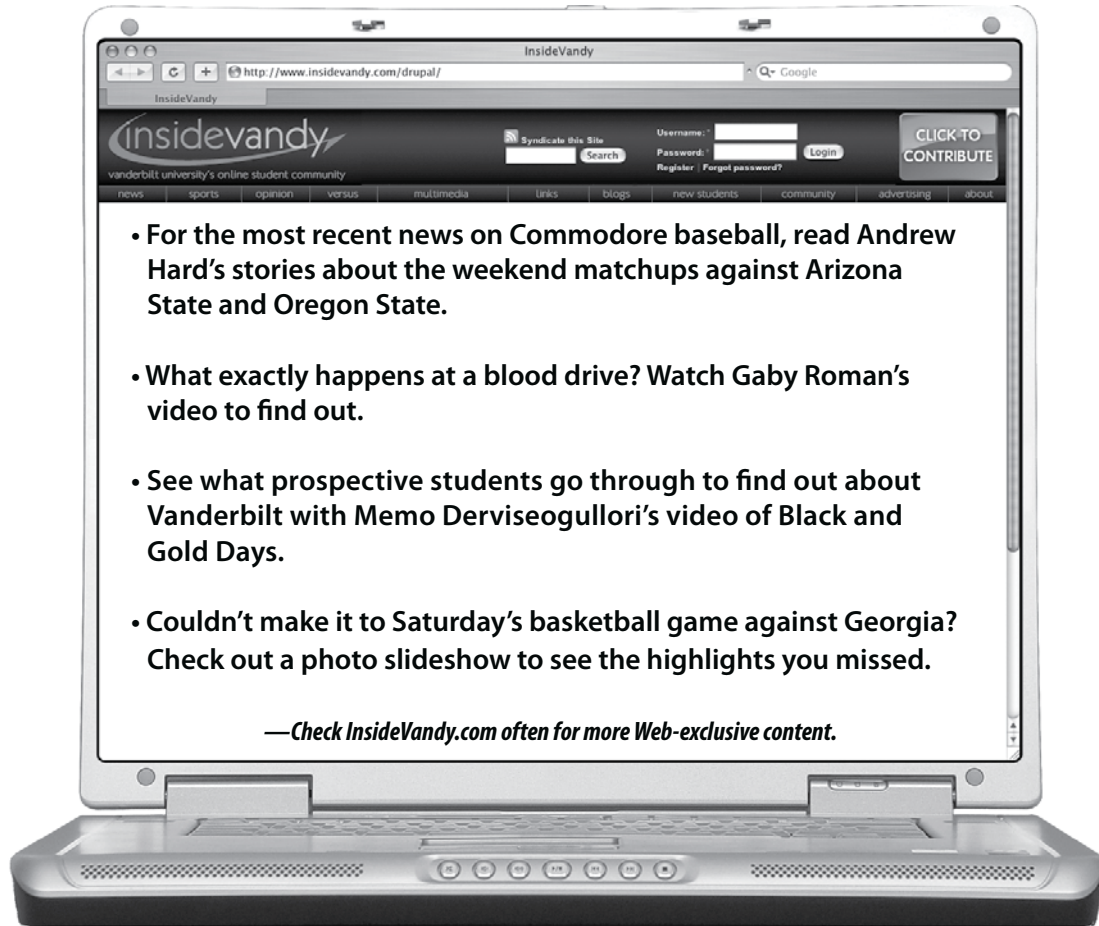
They will join the more than 130 Vanderbilt students and alumni who have been awarded the Ingram Scholarship since 1994. From that first class of four undergraduates and two incoming freshmen, the program has grown to include approximately 50 Ingram Scholars attending the university at the same time.

9 US ambassador warns Serbia's leaders to prevent future violence against diplomatic missions

BELGRADE, Serbia — The U.S. Ambassador is warning Serbia's leaders to prevent future violence against diplomatic missions.

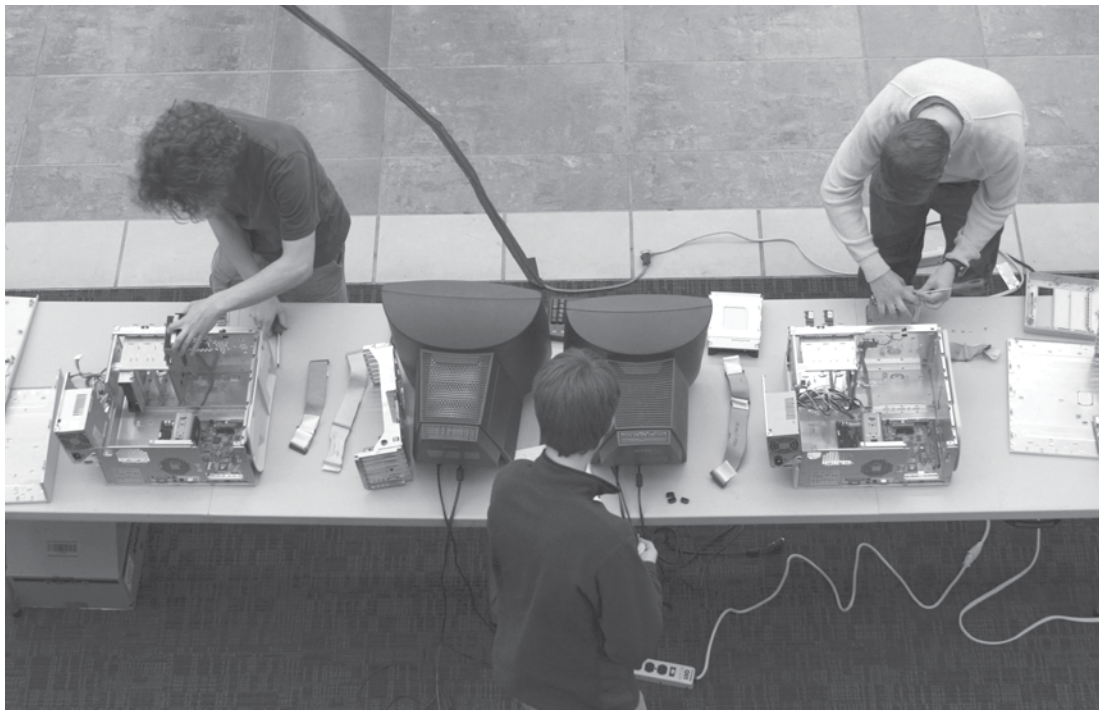
Ambassador Cameron Munter says he's angry about riots that damaged the U.S. Embassy last week. He said in a Sunday interview that he expects the government to make certain it doesn't happen again, The Associated Press reported.

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Graduate students Trey Reece (left) and Adrian Lauf (right) go head-to-head in the third-place match as a judge looks on during Engineering Week's Fastest Geek Competition finals. Contestants had to fully assemble a desktop computer faster than their opponent and then successfully start it to win. The winner received a Dell laptop computer.

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HIGHLANDER: Non-Vanderbilt students add diversity to the group

From **HIGHLANDER**, page 1

"Many people are just not familiar with Highlander, which is really sad considering its impact on American history," Baer said. "This was the opportunity for students to actually visit a part of history and not just read about it."

Highlander is not only known for its activist workshops, but also as a place of refuge for activists around the country including Rosa Parks, Septima Clark and Pete Seeger.

Susan Williams, coordinator of the Education Team and the Highlander Library/Resource Center, commented on the unique qualities of Highlander.

"Highlander is a place for people to be in a safe environment. Here, people are unified through food, song and dance within a shelter equipped with institutional accouterments meant to embrace people."

The participants were accompanied by legendary historical figures, including author John Egerton, the Rev. James Lawson and Guy and Candy Carawan, who offered advice as well as musical entertainment.

Students enjoyed a hootenanny (a musical expression which facilitated bonding and a sense of community) and games.

Vanderbilt's Anastasia Curwood, an assistant professor in the African-American and diaspora studies and history departments, said the music



DANIELLE GANTT / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Members from both the Vanderbilt and Nashville communities came on the Highlander rolling seminar, forming a diverse group for the trip.

was one of the main draws of the trip for her.

"The biggest attraction that made me want to visit Highlander was the music," Curwood said. "A lot of music from the civil-rights era came out of Highlander."

The rolling seminar offered programs such as "More Radical Than Communism" and on "Becoming a Change Agent," which was co-led by Vanderbilt sociology professor Dan Cornfield.

Zachary Joyner, a freshman from Tennessee State University, said he enjoyed his experience at Highlander.

"Not only was it educational," he said, "it was also fun."

Joyner, who was one of

several non-Vanderbilt students, helped to create what Baer was hoping to achieve with this program: a purposeful community.

"Bringing students from different schools together I thought was a great opportunity," Baer said. "We were all from different backgrounds. We got over the stigmas between schools and became a community, which is far better at making change." ■

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GENERATION Q: Younger generation must earn trust from its elders

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Lee Turner, a senior from American Baptist College, said he believes the younger generation has to earn the trust of their elders.

"The younger generation has to earn the trust of their predecessors' generation solely because of how hard it was (for them) to get what they wanted," Turner said. "(In order to trust the younger generation, the elders) need to know that the younger generation has the mettle (to carry the baton)."

During a workshop titled "Highlander Center Today: Education, Resources and Resistance," students from Fisk, Tennessee State and Vanderbilt universities defended the complexities that chronicle being in Generation Q.

Sophomore DJ Hudson of Fisk speculates there is a "wall or barrier between the civil rights generation and the so-called hip-hop generation."

"This misconception leads to the belief that the elder generation doesn't understand us and that we don't listen to them," Hudson said. "I think that that's ridiculous."

Vanderbilt senior Akua Hill contradicts the complacency others use to describe her generation through her dedication to rebuilding human relationships.

Hill recounts her global activism work in Brazil, where she taught English classes and worked with both children and elderly women.

Her role in social change differs from the actions our predecessors made. The form of activism Hill and others have chosen "is a form that is not (the same as) the popular images of the civil rights movement."

"In our search to find our voice of expression we do things that are community-service based," Hill said. "(We have a more) systematic approach to being able to express our power, but it is just as important."

Friedman argues that Generation Q needs a "jolt of idealism, activism and outrage" in order to be taken seriously. They need to organize and not rely on the convenience of the Internet because figures like "Martin Luther King and Bobby Kennedy didn't change the world by asking people to join their Facebook crusades or to download their platforms."

"Activism can only be uploaded the old-fashioned way — by young voters speaking truth to power, face to face," Friedman said. ■

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VSG CONTESTED ELECTIONS

General elections for Vanderbilt Student Government will be held from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. A link will be e-mailed to all students in the morning, but computers will also be set up on Sarratt Promenade and in The Commons Center for students to vote. The three contested elections and their candidates are as follows:

Peabody senators
AYSHA MALIK
MATT MERRILL

Engineering senators
ANDREW MORSE
BEN STRATTON

Arts and Science senators
JOHN FOSHEE
AZIZ MALIK
LORI MURPHY
KELSEY PENDLETON
MATT SNYDER
JEAN XIAO

5 faces of AIDS



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Several students came to listen to a discussion on the "Faces of AIDS" Thursday evening. The panelists were, from left to right: Tana Terry, an AIDS survivor and senior at Middle Tennessee State University; Kristen VanDenBossche, a member of Vanderbilt's Class of 2007 and former president of Lambda Association; Milton Ochieng', a Vanderbilt medical student and native of Kenya; Brent Savoie, also a Vanderbilt medical student and developer of a clinic in Guatemala; and Carolyn Audet, the project coordinator and co-founder of Kampala Project.

The panelists had backgrounds in local, national and international public health issues and discussed their personal experiences with HIV and/or AIDS.

"The stories varied from Tana telling about how hard it was for her when she found out she was HIV-positive and the trouble she had with her insurance company, to Brent, who had a close co-worker in South Africa get tested positive," said Lillian Gu, president of Face AIDS. "Kristen talked about how the common perception here that homosexuality equals AIDS is wrong, while Carolyn and Milton talked about their first-hand experiences with AIDS patients who have to deal with the socioeconomic pressures that come with the disease."

WARNING SYSTEM: System requires enrollment to work

From **WARNING SYSTEM**, page 1

Although the new system includes more ways of communication, Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs Mike Schoenfeld stressed the importance of enrollment into the system in order for its communication to be effective. Currently, there are about 10,000 devices in the system. During the tornado, over 9,000 messages were sent out in 19 minutes.

"There is no foolproof way of reaching a large community at once," Schoenfeld said. "Even the best systems take eight to nine minutes to get 10,000 text messages out. What people need to realize is that the system is only as good as the information put into it."

WARN is an emergency system vendor that works with the military, the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Defense.

"It's a very credible system, and we have a contractual agreement with WARN," Lynch said. "This system is at no cost to the community; it's a free enrollment and free service that we provide."

With the new messaging system, there will be a marketing push for all faculty and students to sign up and update phone and e-mail information, especially after spring break.

"Most people don't think anything will happen to them, so they don't sign up," Schoenfeld said. "Enrollment is crucial, and people need to opt in to the system in order to make the communication most effective." ■

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OUR VIEW

Campus safety can always improve

Northern Illinois University was prepared for an emergency. They learned the lessons from the Virginia Tech tragedy last April. In quick succession following the alert that a gunman had opened fire on students, police were on the scene, alerts were posted and sent to students and the campus was shut down shortly. The school did everything properly and yet, there were still five victims.

Unfortunately, the unexpected emergency will sometimes happen. As columnist Thomas Shattuck states in his Quick Shot today, "You can't exactly stop a tornado."

As the events of the past month have indicated, however, we can never be too

prepared for the impossible. Notably, by improving upon the alert notification system, the administration is stressing the idea that the policies in place can always be re-examined and re-evaluated for their efficiency, effectiveness and responsiveness.

The upgraded text messaging and e-mail service definitely represents the administration taking note of what turned out to be relatively inconsequential failures regarding the tornados in terms of this campus and making sure the small flaws don't become major flaws in an even more serious situation.

In keeping with these advances, the editorial board hopes the administration

has carried and will continue to carry this careful, discerning perspective over into other aspects of our security on campus. While Steve Kazmierczak, the gunman of the Northern Illinois tragedy, was not enrolled at the time of the shooting, he shared something with Seung-Hui Cho, the Virginia Tech gunman: a recent history of erratic behavior and mental illness. In light of this commonality between Kazmierczak and Cho, hopefully Vanderbilt has taken steps to review the psychological evaluation process on campus and the infrastructure for reporting and treating symptoms of dangerous behavior before it manifests into something greater.

COLUMN

Sexism too accepted in society



SOO YANG
Columnist

There is no doubt that in this presidential election, history has been already made. Although many now have grown aloof to the fact that either a woman or a black man will be a presidential candidate, this prospect marks a significant milestone in our country's understanding of social equality. While this complex issue of gender and race cannot be simplified into a competition between a black man and a white woman, this historic Democratic nomination poses interesting questions about how equal women and blacks are in our culture today.

Even though it is impossible to say which minority group has become more mainstream, it is clear racism has become more taboo than sexism. For example, compare what happened when James D. Watson, the Nobel Prize-winning scientist, made a racist remark about black people last year and when Lawrence H. Summers, the president of Harvard, suggested a few years ago intellectual inequalities could be attributed to innate gender differences. Although both resigned from their post, Watson was virtually ostracized from his peers, while many students and even professors defended Summers' ambiguously sexist remarks. This sad reality does not mean the feminist movement has not done enough to fight sexism compared to civil rights activists; rather, it suggests the resistance against gender equality is fundamentally different and constantly adapting.

Unlike racism, sexism is still justified through the biological differences between genders. Any feminist would agree male and female brains are wired differently. Evolution suggests men's role as hunters have forced the male brains to specialize in more visuospatial duties while women's role as gatherers have forced the female brains to specialize in more verbal tasks. In short, average men are likely to outperform average females in more quantitatively and spatially demanding tests. Also, the popular belief the average woman is likely to be more emotional than the average man has a grain of statistical truth. Unfortunately, sexists take these observations to replace the word "average" with "normal," and in doing so, use "science" to say that a woman cannot and therefore, should not become a scientist, a CEO, a pastor or even a president.

Additionally, the feminist movement encounters a formidable resistance within their own gender who prefer their traditional role rather than taking on newer responsibilities. Although many dissenting voices existed within the civil rights movement, it is hard to imagine a group of blacks actively fighting for their status quo as separate but equal citizens. However, many women raised in traditional and religious households with strict gender roles are more likely to see feminists as bra-burning, family-hating, baby-eating lesbians. Even more educated women who enjoy the freedoms brought on by the feminist movement see a domesticated lifestyle as their unalienable right. Thus, it is not surprising these females would be opposed to empowerment of women, and this is precisely the problem.

It is obvious gender inequality, like racial discrimination, is still as real as it was in the past. Trying to break past scientific misunderstanding and cultural habits, feminists are fighting an uphill battle by taking their kids to school and fighting for a voice. In short, there is something inexpressibly beautiful about a housewife giving herself for her family. But there is also something equally beautiful in seeing a woman debate with a black man about how to best govern the country.

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Vanderbilt is overtly prepared



Justin Poythress, Columnist

I believe Vanderbilt is more than adequately prepared to tackle any kind of emergency situation. For example, during the recent tornado warning, I followed the common, Red Cross-approved emergency procedure with which I am most familiar. This involved fleeing to my room and hiding in silence until the R.A. passed, after which I watched "Futurama" at a low volume and ate pizza bagels by an open window. These safety precautions will guard me through most bizarre situations that may arise, but what about the more common campus dangers we encounter as a student body, such as torrential hurricanes, werewolf attacks and getting pooped on by stray birds? There should be no cause for concern here, either. Vanderbilt has an unused underground room big enough for all undergrad students and holds more hidden, imperishable supplies than the island on "Lost." Of course the location of the room, for safety's sake, remains a secret.

Vanderbilt likely secure



Thomas Shattuck, Columnist

I have to admit I never feel unsafe on campus. I doubt this statement is necessarily true for everyone, but a fully functioning police department (the VUPD) and access to metro emergency services go a long way in helping. As for a real emergency situation, it's hard to say. They're called emergencies for many reasons, but one of the more significant connotations slung with it is the idea emergencies are rarely expected. You can't exactly stop a tornado.

So I guess the best way to put it is this: Vanderbilt probably can't prevent most emergencies, but we can probably cope effectively with the immediate and extended aftermath. The buildings look strong and probably are. We have a hospital on campus and, as previously mentioned, the VUPD. While if a shooting broke out, there would be pandemonium, I can openly say the negative impacts could be minimized. As always, hope for the best and be prepared for the worst.

QUICK SHOTS

One Issue, Four Responses

Is Vanderbilt's campus safe in case of an emergency?

Preparedness can be increased with clearer directions



Aimee Sobhani, Columnist

Vanderbilt is not as prepared for an emergency situation as it should be. The blaring sirens, as loud as they are, are difficult to hear from certain areas of campus. Also, there is no program in place to ensure students know what to do or where to go in an emergency situation. Though an R.A. banging on students' doors to alert them there is an actual emergency is good enough when students aren't in dire peril, this isn't necessarily an effective method when danger appears out of thin air.

In addition, students are not forced to go through drills to prepare them for a dangerous situation. Of course, staying safe during an emergency is mostly common sense, but obviously, different situations require different responses. Though the chances of certain emergencies occurring are relatively slim, the level of preparedness needs to be increased through the implementation of a school-wide program.

Campus security strong enough but could be stronger



Katherine Miller, Opinion Editor

The security of campus regarding natural disasters, like the tornados, and human causes, like a gunman, can only be so strong. Wherever there's a campus that's in the middle of a city and is basically a big open park, this will be the case.

The text message system is a critical way to combat the strange directionless aspect of main campus. While the text messaging system lacks a certain thing we generally refer to as "consistency," it's hard to imagine too many places on campus, in the event of a tornado, where you can't hear the sirens or aren't around at least one other person who's received the text. Failing that, because you're alone in a library or something, it seems like you'd probably be in a fairly safe place.

It isn't perfect, but I'd prefer a window in my dorm to the hurricane-safe, concrete prison dorms at University of Miami.

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COLUMN

US breaches CWC guidelines



THOMAS SHATTUCK
Columnist

In a 2000-page leak of U.S. military and coalition property in Iraq, there were at least 2,386 low-grade chemical weapons (riot-control quality) deployed in Iraq in 2007. Such weapons are in fact illegal to use in warfare under the Chemical Weapons Convention of 1998. The only permissible use under the CWC for these items is specifically domestic riot-control and law-enforcement. Since this is in fact not the case (Iraq can hardly be defined under the term "domestic"), it seems apparent the U.S. government has breached international law.

Furthermore, the U.S. before the invasion of Iraq accused Saddam

Hussein of using portable chemical and biological laboratories, though none were found. As of this past year, the country now boasts a complement of at least five of these laboratories, owned by the U.S. military. It is important to note most of the chemical weapons systems are registered to "U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, 5183 Blackhawk Road, Gunpowder, Md." This being true, it implies the vast majority of these weapons systems were not only employed in Iraq but also developed on U.S. soil. In a surprising outburst of bravado, the current administration has not only used these weapons but also even attempted to appear as if the government was working under restrictions of the CWC.

While this information is interesting, maybe even startling, the most important thing is that the vast majority of this country's citizens will not care. I find this unacceptable and truly appalling. This is not a question of right or wrong, the U.S. government has flagrantly defied conventions created in large part by the government itself. The question is "What are you going to do about it?" What level of abuse do you consider is enough? Albert Camus, in his collection of essays titled simply "The Rebel," states that in every rebel there is the implicit sentiment, "There are certain limits beyond which you shall not go." According to Camus this "no" reaffirms the existence of a borderline. In the current case involving the U.S. government, Please see **SHATTUCK** page 5

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COLUMN

Hopefully, Nader's entry into the race won't spur others



KATHERINE MILLER
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On Sunday, Ralph Nader jumped back into the national spotlight after a good hard reflection on his stellar performance for the Republicans in the 2000 election, in which he delivered Florida to President George W. Bush with a little slice of lime and a pink paper umbrella.

Hillary Clinton, of course, dazzling everyone with the ice sculptures that sprung fully formed from her eyes, remarked to reporters Sunday, "Wow, that's really unfortunate. I remember when he did this before. It's not good for anybody, especially our country." Her dry-as-sandpaper words telegraph what was rolling through her head like a black cloud of ominous thunder: "Damn fool up in my business, ruining my ever-diminishing chances."

Given Nader's exceptionally poor performance in the 2004 election, in which he managed to garner about 0.4 percent of the popular vote as an independent candidate, some might consider his entry a relatively pointless quest. It isn't. The Green Party candidate, who collected more than 97,000 votes in the hotly contested Florida vote, caters to the liberal idealists who zealously stay true to their principles — in short, people who cannot avoid losing popular elections but will vote anyway.

The overarching question, however, is whether this will open the door to a cavalcade of independent and third-party candidates, only perpetuating the never-ending continuum of woe with which I've begun to associate this election. I cringe at the thought of one of those 19th-century electoral maps you always see in middle-school history books that look like somebody spilled some glitter confetti from "Xanadu" all over it.

No matter your political affiliations, it can't be that desirable to have

another hotly contested general election where another candidate outside the party lines, never believed to have a chance, manages to distort everything. Clinton, bless the old girl, made a decent point in suggesting that Nader, campaigning on environmental issues, actually prevented Al Gore of the astounding green paradigm, to which we must all bow and chant praises in unison, from winning the presidency.

Of course, as a little Elephanteer, I'm certainly not complaining Nader entered, but his entry, again, could inspire more possible candidates, creating further exhaustion with this two-year election cycle.

On the other end of the spectrum, a similar trend could take place if Rep. Ron Paul deigns to hoist the libertarian banner upon his shoulders and begin marching around, siphoning off maverick voters — sort of the Ross Perot effect from 1992. The GOP, however, seems to hold much stronger ties to its various agents, and with everyone from Mitt Romney and George H.W. Bush to Rush Limbaugh either supporting or at least defending Sen. John McCain, it's practically a summer barbecue at the GOP right now.

The lurking specter of Mike Bloomberg still looms over us all. It seems doubtful he'd actually run, but perhaps he could put together a little vanity project like Rudy Giuliani and appeal to a few too many of the independent persuasion, significantly weakening McCain's hold over moderates and independents in the general election, particularly in battleground swing states, like Pennsylvania.

Regardless, my spring break wish is the presence of merely two candidates and Ralph Nader there to hand-deliver a few states to McCain.

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THE RANT



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Compiled by Katherine Miller

"In response to Friday's rant, I'm the skinny dude who ran 14 miles on the treadmill. Before you tell me who does and who doesn't have the right to use the treadmill, consider the following: You're trying to get fit to look good and improve your hookup stats. I'm trying to do something: train for a marathon."

"Can the heads of Vandy Fanatics think of some more creative cheers for basketball games? I mean, isn't that part of their job? If they can't think of anything, let someone else have their front row seats. The only cheers we have are 'Let's go Vandy,' '000000000' and 'De-fense.' Maybe try doing some research on the other teams' players and hand out a pamphlet with cheers for each player and why it's a clever cheer..."

SHATTUCK: Public should demonstrate greater concern for, understanding of government goings-on

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whatever line there should be, has been crossed. This, however, has not been acknowledged due to the lack of opposition.

This is where the people play a role. It is not simply voting differently in the next election — this will accomplish little at best. The times have called for something different. No longer can the policy of one man and one vote make an objection clear. A president

is one man with many liabilities; he is in no position of power to redraw the lines that have been crossed. The American people need to make it clear, so unabashedly clear, such violations of international law and ethics cannot be forgotten.

I sincerely urge you to understand that if in fact that the U.S. government is for the people, by the people and of the people, we are all equally guilty in these atrocities. Every citizen is

personally responsible for the actions of the government through his or her personal inaction. I for one will no longer alter my personal morality to compensate for the lack of my representative body, and I hope you too will come to similar conclusions.

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TUESDAY
Men's Basketball
vs. No. 1 Tennessee
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Saturday's UT-Memphis matchup may have been the most hyped in Tennessee this season, but this one may be even more exciting. Bruce Pearl's squad has ascended to the top of the college basketball world after their ninth straight win, a 66-62 upset of the top-ranked Tigers. The Vols stand atop the Southeastern Conference with an 11-1 record.

Vanderbilt, meanwhile, is playing unquestionably its best basketball of the season. The Commodores have won six straight but still seek a signature win to enhance their NCAA tournament profile. A win over Tennessee would be their second in as many years against a top-ranked opponent.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Amanda Taylor,
Women's Tennis

The senior from Richland, Wash., dominated MTSU in Vanderbilt's 7-0 win on Wednesday. Taylor won her doubles match with Courtney Ulery 8-0 before taking her singles match in straight sets, 6-0, 6-1 over Ann-Kristin Siljestrom. Taylor and the Commodores open conference play on Friday against the Florida Gators.

GAME OF THE WEEK

Baseball — Vanderbilt 4,
Miami (Ohio) 3

Facing a losing record in their opening series of the season, the Commodores were saved in a big way by their smallest player. David Macias' two-run single down the left field line completed a three-run ninth-inning rally to give Vandy a 4-3 win Sunday over Miami (Ohio) and a 2-1 record at the DeMarini Invitational.

DAILY

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Number of made 3-pointers by senior guard Alex Gordon in Saturday's win over Georgia, a career-high. Gordon finished with 23 points.

THEY SAID IT...

"They're one of the best teams in the country primarily because they're one of the best shooting teams in the country."

DENNIS FELTON

UGA Men's Basketball coach after Vanderbilt's 86-74 victory.

Vandy cruises in final tune-up

Dores dispose of Dawgs before hosting No. 1 Tennessee on Tuesday.

by DAVID RUTZ
Asst Sports Editor

With big, bad Tennessee on the horizon, some might have thought Vanderbilt would overlook lowly Georgia when the Bulldogs came to Memorial Gymnasium on Saturday afternoon.

Think again.

The No. 20 Commodores (23-4, 8-4 Southeastern Conference) used dynamite shooting in the second half to beat Georgia (12-13) 86-74, extending their winning streak to six games and keeping them one game behind Kentucky for second place in the SEC East.

Senior swingman Shan Foster, who finished with a game-high 29 points, quickly dismissed the idea his team approached this game focusing on anything but the Bulldogs.

"We never look past a game," Foster said. "We knew that Georgia was going to come in and play hard. We were going to have to be on top of our game in order to win."

Foster proved prophetic, as Georgia used excellent 3-point shooting to take a one-point halftime lead. Georgia guards Sundiata Gaines and Billy Humphrey combined for 25 points in the first half as the Bulldogs hit six of their first nine shots from beyond the arc.

"We've got a ton of respect for Georgia," said Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings. "They've slapped us on a couple of occasions where it really made a damaging difference to our season."

In this case, it was the Commodores doing the slapping in the end as Vanderbilt blitzed out to an 18-point lead in the second half and cruised to victory. Senior guard Alex Gordon was zeroed in on this game and this game alone.

"We knew that Georgia was going to come in and give us a good game," Gordon said. "We were focusing on this game in particular all week."

Stallings expressed similar sentiments.

"Our total focus and energy was on Georgia," Stallings said. "We expected it to be difficult. We were very worried about this game as a coaching staff."

Whatever concerns Vanderbilt had about Georgia vanished with every swished jumper as the Commodores pulled away, making 17 of their first 24 shots in the second half.

However, now that the No. 1 team in the country is coming to town on Tuesday, the question is whether or not Vanderbilt is ready to play a team with Tennessee's speed and talent.

"They're awfully good," Stallings said. "For them to have only one conference loss is proof of that."

Better proof is the Volunteers stand atop the national rankings after beating then-No. 1 Memphis 66-62 on Saturday. Also, Tennessee had no problem dispatching Vanderbilt in Knoxville, winning 80-60 on Jan. 17.

"We're better than we were a month ago," Stallings noted.

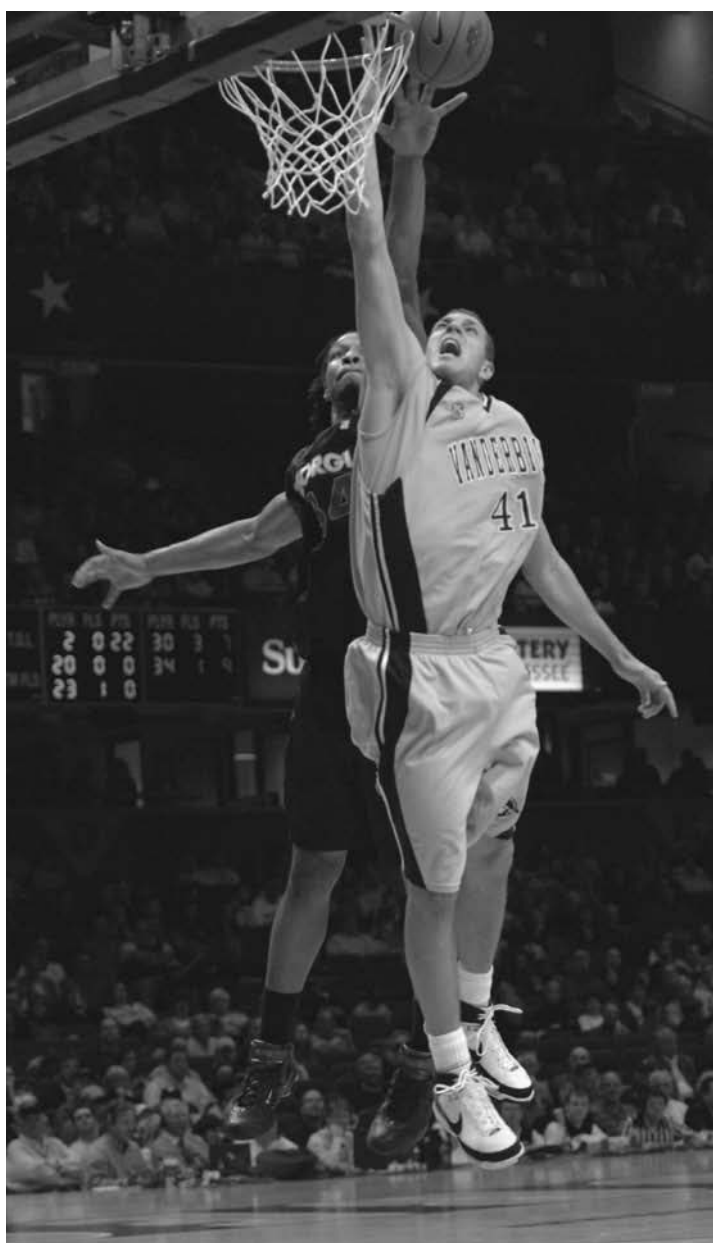
Much of that improvement is due to the sensational play of Foster, who is averaging nearly 20 points a game during Vanderbilt's winning streak and has no doubt his team can dethrone Tennessee on Tuesday.

"We feel like we have the weapons in order to have a chance to win that game," Foster said. "If we come in, execute the game plan and play with that edge that coach Stallings talks about, we'll be fine."

The Commodores showed that edge against Georgia and head into Tuesday's showdown with the top-ranked Volunteers a very dangerous team.

"We handled our business," Gordon said. "Now we can look forward to playing Tennessee, which is going to be a big game." ■

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Senior Ross Neltner attacks the rim against Georgia's Albert Jackson during Vanderbilt's 86-74 victory over Georgia Saturday. Neltner finished with 11 points and six rebounds.

Vanderbilt 86, Georgia 74

Recap:

Trailing by one at the half, the Commodores used lights-out 3-point shooting from Shan Foster and Alex Gordon to finish off the Bulldogs for their sixth straight victory. Foster finished with a Southeastern Conference-season high 29 points, while Gordon hit 7-of-9 3-pointers and finished with 23. Vanderbilt shot 63 percent from the field in the second half and committed only six turnovers on the night.

Players of the Game: Shan Foster and Alex Gordon

Vandy's senior guards truly took over when the Commodores needed them in the second half. The pair combined for 52 of Vanderbilt's 86 points (60 percent) and shot a combined 10-for-18 from beyond the arc, including 6-for-9 in the second half.

It was over when ...

Shan Foster's 3-pointer put the Commodores ahead 86-68 with 4:38 remaining, helping extinguish a Georgia run that brought the Bulldogs to within nine just four minutes earlier.

Stat of the Game: 46.2

Vanderbilt's shooting percentage from 3-point range, as they connected on 12 of 26 attempts.

Foster, Gordon embrace roles

Senior guards combine for 52 points in Vandy rout.

by DAVID SHOCHAT
Sports Reporter

With a week off before Saturday's matchup with Georgia, seniors Shan Foster and Alex Gordon took it upon themselves to make sure the Commodores were ready.

"Coach came in and said it at the end of the game today that, 'You can't go out and play medium. You have to play with an edge in this league every single night, every possession in order to have a chance to win,'" Foster said.

Vanderbilt did just that, defeating the Bulldogs 86-74 as Foster and Gordon combined for 52 points.

Gordon built on his clutch performance against Florida in which he sank four late free throws to seal a close win. The senior hit seven of nine 3-pointers to finish with a season-high 23 points to go along with four assists and just one turnover.

Still, he tried to downplay his performance.

"Most of the time, my teammates just found me," Gordon said. "I was just able to knock (shots) down."

Gordon's recent hot streak is very encouraging for the Commodores as they prepare for post-season play, since he gives them a third scorer to complement Foster and freshman A.J. Ogilvy.

"Red's development, his maturity and his play have certainly been



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Senior Shan Foster scored a game-high 29 points, including 21 in the second half, to carry the Commodores.

key reasons why we have been able to win these last six (games)," said Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings.

Gordon attributed his improvement to Stallings.

"Being here for four years you definitely learn," Gordon said. "It's been a long road, but Coach has done a good job of teaching."

While Gordon has elevated his game as of late, Foster continued to play at a Southeastern Conference

Player of the Year level.

He started out cold, missing his first three shots, before heating up to finish with a game-high 29 points to go along with six rebounds and four assists.

Foster, known primarily as a 3-point shooter, showed a different aspect of his game on Saturday as he scored only nine of his 29 points from 3-point range.

"I hope over the course of time we've made him a little more difficult to guard," Stallings said. "Shan's a very good cutter and a very good screener. When we get the other four guys activated on offense, Shan can usually free himself either with a back-cut or by virtue of a screen."

The Commodores trailed by one at the half, but Foster and Gordon came out of the intermission ready to play.

Foster took over in the first five minutes of the second half, scoring 10 of Vanderbilt's first 17 points as the Commodores went on a 13-4 run.

Perhaps no shot was bigger during that stretch than Gordon's 3-pointer, assisted by Foster, with 17:47 left in the second half. It seemed to be the turning point in the game as Vanderbilt pulled away from Georgia after this.

Clearly, Foster realizes the seniors have to continue to display strong leadership in their play if they wish to continue their recent success. ■

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COLUMN

Dores have room to improve

ANDREW BARGE
Senior Sports Reporter

I could be wrong here, but I doubt coach Kevin Stallings reads much ESPN Insider. As great as this winning streak has been, Stallings refuses to dwell on seeding. Don't let the ranking fool you, he says. There's too much work to be done.

"I'd like to stand up here and be Mr. Gleeful and jolly and all of that, but there are too many things that I see in us still that have to be bettered in order for us to make a deep run," Stallings said after watching his team beat Georgia.

That's right, shooting 51 percent from the field and committing just six turnovers translates into room for improvement.

"I'm talking about small, margin things," Stallings said. "I'm talking about better cutting, better screening. As a coach, what you want is consistency. You want to know what to expect."

The nit-picking may never stop, but Stallings wouldn't have it any other way. He remembers 2004, when sixth-seeded Vandy was the trendy upset pick to be upset by No. 11 Western Michigan. He remembers last year, when his sixth-seeded Commodores were doubted again, this time against No. 11 George Washington. Two Sweet 16s later, Stallings can appreciate the role of the spoiler.

Which brings us to Tuesday night. We all saw Tennessee beat the nation's top ranked team despite shooting 38 percent from the field. The fact that the Vols appear to still have room for improvement is pretty scary, and their recent prestige will put Vandy in the underdog spot once again.

Not surprisingly, Stallings embraces the role by downplaying his own ranked team.

"Tennessee is awfully good. For them to have only one conference loss is proof of that," he said. I don't know if we're ready for that yet or not. We'll have to find out on Tuesday."

He probably felt the same way last year, when the top ranked Gators came to town. Florida was riding a school-record 17 game winning streak and an undefeated Southeastern Conference record, but Vandy wanted it more. The crucial eighth SEC win all but guaranteed the Commodores a spot in the big dance.

Though these Dores look to be in good shape for another invitation, Tuesday's game carries similar implications. For Vandy (8-4 SEC) to lock up a first round bye in the SEC tournament, it has to finish ahead of Kentucky (9-3). The Wildcats control their own destiny but have to play Tennessee, Ole Miss and Florida to finish out the season. A Commodore victory on Tuesday over the top-ranked Vols would be a great first step to secure the bye and, consequently, a better spot in the NCAA tournament.

But like I said earlier, Stallings doesn't care about seeding. He views it as an unnecessary worry since so much is out of his control. What he can control is the game plan for Tuesday night, and though he'll always play the "we'll see what happens" card during interviews, deep down, Stallings knows you can't ever count the Commodores out at home.

Tennessee coach Bruce Pearl will tell his players just this. When he strolls into Memorial with that seizure-inducing orange jacket, he'll remember his last experience in Memorial: Shan Foster's game-winning tip in at the buzzer.

This time the game is nationally televised. Will Memorial Magic dethrone the top-ranked Vols?

As Stallings says, only time will tell. ■

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Macias' walk-off lifts Dores

by ANDREW HARD
Sports Editor

The Commodores opened the 2008 season with a three-game series at the DeMarini Invitational in Tempe, Ariz. After winning convincingly on Friday against defending national champion Oregon State, Vanderbilt was no match for No. 1 Arizona State on Saturday.

The Commodores salvaged the series with a walk-off win Sunday against Miami (Ohio). With hits in all three games, shortstop Ryan Flaherty extended his hitting streak to 38 games.

The Commodores return to action Wednesday when they host Evansville (Ind.) at 4 p.m.

Sunday: Vanderbilt 4, Miami (Ohio) 3

Like so many games last year, the Commodores found themselves trailing heading to the bottom of the ninth inning. And just like last year, when they seemed to pull out every close game in the final frame, Vanderbilt did just that on Sunday afternoon, scoring three in the bottom of the ninth to pull past Miami (Ohio) 4-3.

After a throwing error plated the first run in the ninth for the Commodores, an intentional walk to Brad French loaded the bases for Vandy's leadoff hitter, centerfielder David Macias. With nobody out, Macias lined a single down the left field line to score Shea Robin and Parker Hanks with the winning runs.

"It was a nice comeback," said coach Tim Corbin. "I had a

feeling we were in for one of those types of games."

Struggling offensively all day after a lackluster performance Saturday against Arizona State, Vanderbilt rekindled its offensive firepower at the most opportune time. After a dramatic 2007 season produced eight walk-off wins, the Commodores notched the first of what they hope will be many exciting finishes in 2008.

Saturday: Arizona State 18, Vanderbilt 6

Starter Brett Jacobson lasted just three-plus innings, and Arizona State scored the first 12 runs in the rout. The Sun Devils loaded the bases to start the fourth, chasing Jacobson and bringing in freshman left-hander Sean Bierman. Third baseman Brett Wallace promptly hit a grand slam to put the Sun Devils up 7-0. Jason Kipnis added a two-run homer in the fourth to go with his two-run triple in the third.

Friday: Vanderbilt 8, Arizona State 1

Vanderbilt opened the season in fine fashion, scoring two in the first on Flaherty's opposite-field single. Parker Hanks added a home run in the fourth, Flaherty added another RBI on a fifth-inning single, and second baseman Alex Feinberg added a two-run single in the ninth to finish off the scoring.

Sophomore lefty Mike Minor made his first start as the Commodores' No. 1 starter and did not disappoint. Minor lasted six innings, giving up one run and five hits while walking none and striking out six. Freshman righty Caleb Cotham pitched three hitless innings and struck out three while walking two. ■

Tennis downs MTSU



CHRIS PHARE/The Vanderbilt Hustler

Vijay Paul (above) was one of four Commodores to win singles matches on Sunday as No. 30 Vanderbilt defeated MTSU 5-2. The sophomore remained unbeaten on the season with his 6-1, 7-6 victory as Vandy improved to 7-1.

Seniors Ryan Preston and Evan Dufaux squeaked by in their doubles match, 9-7, before each won in singles. Freshman Bryant Salcedo also won his singles match, winning the final two sets after dropping the first to MTSU's Richard Cowden.

Vanderbilt begins conference play on Friday afternoon when they host the Florida Gators at 2 p.m.



From the
cheap seats

by DAVID RUTZ
Asst Sports Editor

Although it may seem like only six days of drills, interviews and 40-yard dashes aren't enough to significantly change the minds of the coaches and scouts who have been watching players perform for years, recent history suggests the NFL Combine is a prime opportunity for players to increase their stock and dramatically alter their expected draft position.

There is no better example of this than Houston Texans defensive end Mario Williams. In 2006, a Heisman Trophy-winning running back by the name of Reggie Bush had just finished a record-setting career at USC and was widely expected to be the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft. Williams used a stellar performance at the Combine to get Houston's scouts thinking more about defense than offense, including running an impressive 4.73 40-yard dash and doing 35 repetitions of 225 pounds on the bench press. Two months later, he was the No. 1 pick in the draft.

Most of all, the NFL Combine is the time where players show they can compete with the best. Only the elite college players merit an invitation to this event, and if they've truly got what it takes to play professional football, the Combine is where they prove it.

Several Vanderbilt players, including Earl Bennett, are in Indianapolis participating in the NFL Combine this week. While the 40-yard dash and vertical leap tests may prove a lot about a player's physical ability, how much emphasis should scouts and GMs place on the Combine? Our writers discuss.

by ANDREW HARD
Sports Editor

The media coverage at the NFL Combine almost borders on psychoanalysis. Top players are not just scrutinized on speed, vertical leap and pure strength, but also on physical characteristics such as hand size, wingspan and intelligence. All day long I heard about how Michigan offensive tackle Jake Long has "the biggest hands of this year's draft class." I'm sorry, but I think what makes Long a top-five pick has more to do with his fantastic footwork and upper body strength than whether his pinkie is one-eighth of an inch longer than someone else's.

Despite the over-saturation of information on potential first-round picks, the Combine provides a huge opportunity for players who are fighting just to be drafted in the first place. University of San Diego quarterback Josh Johnson has proven to be the most athletic quarterback at the Combine with the absence of injured Oregon signal-caller Dennis Dixon. With his outstanding numbers at the Combine, Johnson may have improved his draft position by an entire round or two.

Vanderbilt defensive linemen Theo Horrocks and Curtis Gatewood have a lot to prove in order to get their name called on April 27. The Combine provides them with a great opportunity to showcase their physical abilities with scouts and GMs carefully watching.

by WILL GIBBONS
Senior Sports Reporter

When you think of the differences between NFL and college football, a few important things come to mind, namely the enhanced speed and strength of the game. The most important thing about the NFL Combine is that it strips the program, conference affiliation or number of bowls won in college and puts a lot of the big name college football players in the same arena to be compared.

The interview session provides a chance to gauge the attitude and mindset of each potential draft pick. And the drug test has pretty obvious merit.

The overall importance of the NFL Combine, however, is pretty questionable. First of all, none of the tests will measure an athlete's football instincts. You can have all the speed in the world, but if a rookie linebacker doesn't know where to be on the field, he won't make many tackles. Likewise, if a running back with all the measurable characteristics can't find his holes, which close up a lot quicker in the pros, he won't last long. Just as importantly, it's impossible to predict how an individual will behave once they receive the millions of dollars that come with playing in the NFL. So it means something but not nearly as much as the media frenzy would seem to indicate.

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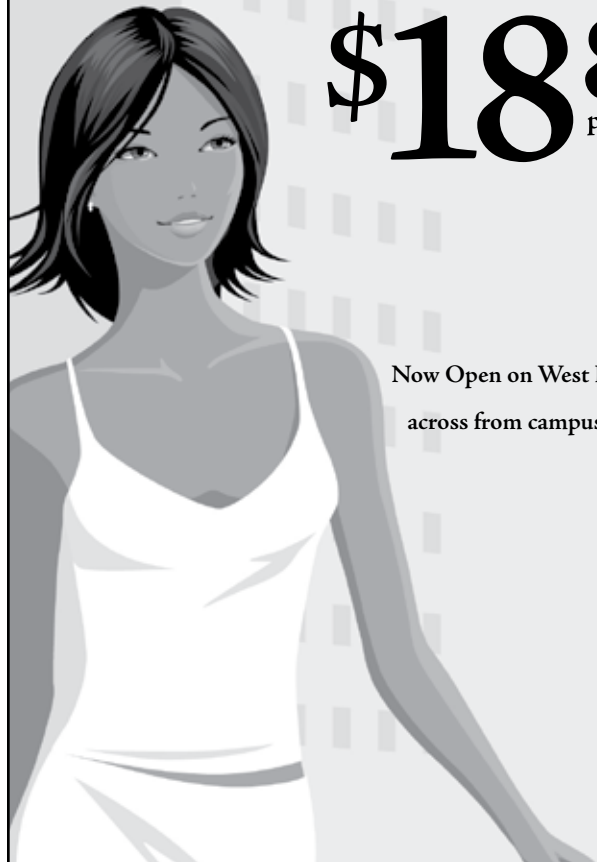
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