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Poor nutritional levels in undergrad population

by ALLIE MORRIS

Science & Medicine Specialist



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Vanderbilt students need to get healthier, indicates a nutrition study conducted by School of Nursing Lecturer Jamie Pope in her nutrition class.

According to the study, Vanderbilt students are low in fiber and aren't eating enough servings of fruits and vegetables. Vanderbilt females are low in both calcium and iron.

"Twenty-five percent of girls on this campus are probably anemic or borderline anemic," said Pope. "These intakes are more a reflection of individual food choices than a reflection of what dining services offers."

"Students don't know what their needs are, how many calories they need ... they have nutrition misconceptions," said Dianne Davis, staff dietician for Dining Services.

Camp Howard, director of Dining Services, attributes students' dietary misconceptions to the media.

"It is amazing to me how misinformed the average students is. It is Dining's responsibility to educate on nutritional awareness and we are up against some tough demons — the media," said Howard.

Pope elaborated on nutritional misconceptions, "Students, particularly ones who are interested in enhancing

their lean body mass, think eating a ton of protein will do it ... students eat at least twice what they need in protein."

Pope, who for the past few years has been teaching an undergraduate nutrition class that draws roughly 160-220 students a semester, said she thinks making the class mandatory would be great.

"The value of the class isn't just for knowledge, but for the future ... if they raise children to have more of an understanding and reduce the number of misconceptions in the next generation," Pope said.

Both Camp and Davis agree.

"I think it would help tremendously if the freshmen were required take the nutrition class. It would alleviate myths and set them on the path of what their needs are," Davis said.

"Overall, at the end of the class, the whole group improves their nutrition choices, just taking a nutrition class makes them more aware ... even the subtle changes add up," Pope said.

For more nutrition information, Pope recommended visiting the American Dietetic Association at <http://www.eatright.org>. ■



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Healthy options, like full salad bars, are available at campus dining halls. Still, research shows Vanderbilt students are not taking advantage of nutritious meal options.

ELECTION 2008

ELECTION EVENT BREAKDOWN



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Presidential candidates Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., faced off in the second debate in Nashville, Tenn., in October.

WHO'S YOUR JUSTICE? — MONDAY, NOV. 3

Learn about the impact this election will have on the Supreme Court from law and political science doctoral candidate Carrie Russel from 8 to 9 p.m. in the Student Life Center Ballrooms. You must be in line at the polls by no later than 7 p.m. to be able to vote on Election Day. Bring your voter registration card.

SHUTTLE TO THE POLLS — TUESDAY, NOV. 4

Ride the shuttles to the polls to vote on Tuesday. Shuttles will run continuously from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. from Branscomb Quadrangle and The Commons Center.

ELECTION GAMEDAY — TUESDAY, NOV. 4

Watch the returns of this historic election at The Commons Center Multi-Purpose Room from 5 p.m. until the last vote is counted. Food will be provided, as well as several big-screen TVs on which to watch the results and the chance to enter to win raffle prizes.

Compiled by Judy Wang

Nashville area ballot explained

by EVE ATTERMANN

Administration Specialist

Populism, the economy and the war in Iraq are all key themes in the local election for Tennessee's 5th District, and they cross party lines, according to election data and campaign literature.

Incumbent Democrat Jim Cooper is running against Republican Gerard Donovan for the United States House of Representatives.

Cooper, a Rhodes scholar and Harvard Law alum, is son of former Tennessee Governor Prentice Cooper. According to Cooper's campaign, he advocates responsible government spending and free trade.

Though Donovan is running as a Republican, his campaign maintains he is "an alternative" and not a career or partisan politician. Donovan says he is just like the average voter and was hurt by the "horrible job done in Washington," according to his campaign's Web site.

Democrat Robert Tuke, Republican Lamar Alexander and six independent candidates are running for the U.S. Senate.

According to Tuke's campaign, he is a marine and, similar to Donovan's campaign, not a "career" politician. In a letter to voters, which can be found on his campaign's Web site, he promises to "give power back to ordinary Tennessee families." In 1994, Tuke ran for Al Gore's empty seat when Gore was elected Vice President, but was defeated by Republican attorney and actor Fred Thompson.



ALEXANDER



COOPER

Incumbent candidate Alexander, a Vanderbilt alumnus, was previously the 45th governor of Tennessee and the U.S. Secretary of Education for George H.W. Bush. He is the only Tennessean ever to be popularly elected both governor and U.S. Senator. In his last gubernatorial campaign, Alexander famously "walked" 1,000 miles across Tennessee in his iconic red plaid shirt.

Incumbent Republican David B. Hawk is running against Democrat Casey Nicholson for the state Senate.

Two amendments to the Metropolitan Charter will also be placed on the Davidson County ballot, according to the county's Election Commission. The first will require that the Director of Finance and the Mayor submit the forms necessary for the preparation of the proceeding year's budget no later than March 1 and May 1, respectively, both dates later than previous year's deadlines. The second will require that any person elected mayor, vice-mayor, district councilman or councilman-at-large will not be eligible to run again if they have served one and one-half consecutive 4-year terms. It would also clarify that the offices of district councilman and councilman-at-large are two separate offices. ■

Board of Trust members favor GOP in donations

by RUTH KINSEY

News Contributor

If it were solely up to the Vanderbilt Board of Trust to elect the United States' next president, the country might be welcoming Republican Mitt Romney to the White House on Jan. 20, according to public records of campaign donations over \$200.

Sixty percent of board members who financially supported John McCain's campaign had originally donated to the Romney campaign during the presidential primaries.

Twenty-seven percent of trustees have directly donated to the McCain campaign over the past two years, compared to the only 20 percent donating to Barack Obama's campaign. The remaining 53 percent have not donated to either campaign.

Although the Board of Trust may seem to lean slightly to the right, only 33 percent of the potential McCain voters have supported him from the beginning, compared to the 73 percent of probable Obama voters who have supported him from the launch of his campaign.

Sheryll Cashin, chair of the Academics Program Committee and professor of law at Georgetown University, has donated consistently to the Obama campaign since its conception, and donated a total of \$3300. On the other side of the aisle, Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee and former Chairman of Dollar General Cal Turner has consistently donated to the McCain campaign, donating a total of \$2300 thus far. ■

SPORTS: Women's basketball looks to dominate SEC coming off exhibition win against Tusculum College. SEE PAGE 8



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NEWS BRIEFS

Campaigns uncork get-out-the-vote operations in battleground states

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Barack Obama and John McCain uncorked massive get-out-the-vote operations in more than a dozen battleground states Sunday, millions of telephone calls, mailings and door-knockings in a frenzied, fitting climax to a record-shattering \$1 billion campaign. Together, they'll spend about \$8 per presidential vote.

With just two days to go, most national polls show Obama ahead of McCain. State surveys suggest the Democrat's path to the requisite 270 electoral votes — and perhaps far beyond — is much easier to navigate than McCain's.

Obama exuded confidence. "The last couple of days, I've been just feeling good," he told 80,000 gathered to hear him — and singer Bruce Springsteen — in Cleveland. "The crowds seem to grow and everybody's got a smile on their face. You start thinking that maybe we might be able to win an election on November 4th."

Polls show the six closest states are Florida, Indiana, Missouri, North Carolina, Nevada and Ohio. All were won by Bush and made competitive by Obama's record-shattering fundraising. The campaigns also are running aggressive ground games elsewhere, including Iowa, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Colorado and Virginia.

Too many soldiers in new care centers

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (AP) — In a rush to correct reports of substandard care for wounded soldiers, the Army flung open the doors of new specialized treatment centers so wide that up to half the soldiers currently enrolled do not have injuries serious enough to justify being there, The Associated Press has learned.

Army leaders are putting in place stricter screening procedures to stem the flood of patients overwhelming the units — a move that eventually will target some for closure.

According to interviews and data provided to the AP, the number of patients admitted to the 36 Warrior Transition Units and nine other community-based units jumped from about 5,000 in June 2007, when they began, to a peak of nearly 12,500 in June 2008.

The units provide coordinated medical and mental health care, track soldiers' recovery and provide broader legal, financial and other family counseling. They serve Army active duty and reserve soldiers.

Just 12 percent of the soldiers in the units had battlefield injuries while thousands of others had minor problems that did not require the complex new network of case managers, nurses and doctors, according to Brig. Gen. Gary H. Cheek, the director of the Army's warrior care office.

Iraq expects answer on security deal after US presidential election

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq expects an American response to requested changes in a draft security pact soon after this week's U.S. presidential election, an aide to the prime minister said Sunday.

Another Iraqi official said the U.S. indicated it would accept all the proposed changes except one — greater Iraqi legal control over American soldiers and contractors.

Yassin Majeed said the U.S. response would come after Tuesday's vote so the president-elect — either Barack Obama or John McCain — could be briefed on the Iraqi proposals, which were submitted by Iraq's Cabinet last week.

Iraqi lawmakers say the changes are essential in order to win parliamentary approval for the deal, which would keep American troops in this country until 2012 and give the Iraqis a greater role in the conduct of U.S. military operations.

Parliament must approve the agreement before the year-end expiration of the U.N. mandate that allows coalition forces to operate here legally.

Without an agreement or a new U.N. mandate, the U.S. military would have to suspend its mission, and the U.S. military's future in Iraq would be up to the man who takes office in January.

\$2.8B Delta-Northwest merger boon for Memphis airport, economy

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Memphis airport and business leaders have hailed the completion of a \$2.8 billion Delta-Northwest merger and say it should help the city's economic development efforts.

The deal, which is expected to be closed by the end of the year, was approved by federal regulators on Wednesday. The combined carrier will take the Delta name and be based in Atlanta.

Arnold Perl, chairman of Memphis International Airport's governing board, says the creation of the world's largest airline with a principal hub in Memphis is a great asset to the city's economic development pursuits.

Memphis Regional Chamber president and CEO John Moore agreed.

"This is certainly going to be an important part of our sales message in economic development," Moore said. "What we can sell is we are on the network of the world's first truly global airline passenger network. That is something that makes us unique and defines us as being different."

CEOs, famous investors hit hard by market plunge of recent weeks

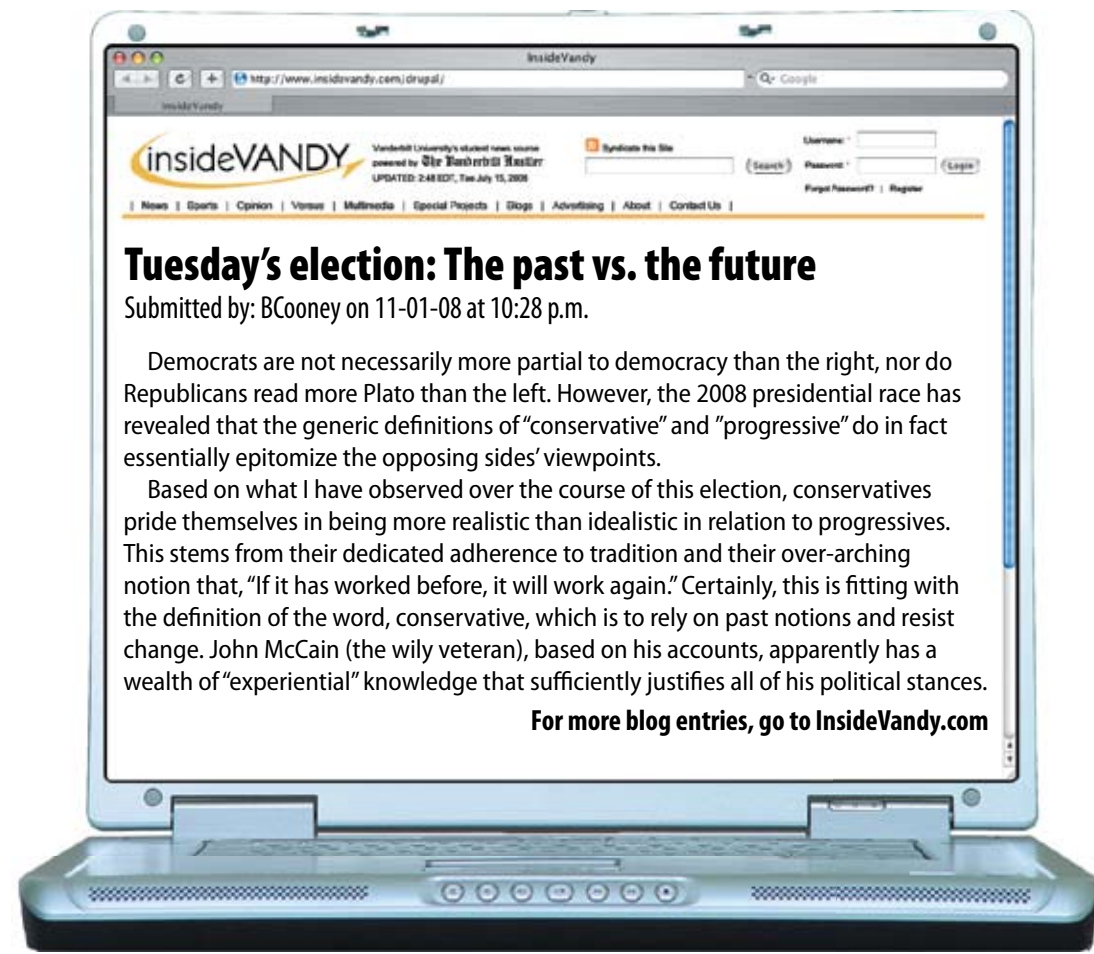
NEW YORK (AP) — Here's something that might provide a bit of solace amid the plunging values in your retirement accounts: Warren Buffett is losing lots of money, too. So are Kirk Kerkorian, Carl Icahn and Sumner Redstone.

They are still plenty rich, but their losses — some on paper and others actually realized — illustrate how few have been spared in today's punishing market when even big-name investors, corporate executives and hedge-fund titans are all watching their wealth evaporate.

The portfolio damage for some of these high-flyers has soared to billions of dollars in recent months. And they can't just blame the market's downdraft — some did themselves in with badly timed stock purchases or margin calls on shares bought with loans.

"It's always hard to beat the market no matter who you are," said Robert Hansen, senior associate dean at Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business. "But when the ocean waters get that rough, it is hard for any boat to avoid getting swamped."

FROM THE BLOG



Tuesday's election: The past vs. the future

Submitted by: BCooney on 11-01-08 at 10:28 p.m.

Democrats are not necessarily more partial to democracy than the right, nor do Republicans read more Plato than the left. However, the 2008 presidential race has revealed that the generic definitions of "conservative" and "progressive" do in fact essentially epitomize the opposing sides' viewpoints.

Based on what I have observed over the course of this election, conservatives pride themselves in being more realistic than idealistic in relation to progressives. This stems from their dedicated adherence to tradition and their over-arching notion that, "If it has worked before, it will work again." Certainly, this is fitting with the definition of the word, conservative, which is to rely on past notions and resist change. John McCain (the wily veteran), based on his accounts, apparently has a wealth of "experiential" knowledge that sufficiently justifies all of his political stances.

For more blog entries, go to InsideVandy.com

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FASHION SHOW HELPS GRANT WISHES



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Senior Chi Omega sorority members Julia Doolittle and Jessica Mehl, left to right, escort Wish Kid Inajia down the runway at the Chi Omega Fashion Show on Sunday, Nov. 2. The annual benefit raised over \$9,000 for Chi Omega's philanthropy, the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

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SCIENCE & MEDICINE

Dining's Nutrition Calculator not caught up to new menu

by ALLIE MORRIS
Science & Medicine Specialist

The nutritional calculator on the Dining Services' Web site remains under construction due to Dining's summer menu transformation, which added hundreds of new recipes to Rand's and the Commons' meal options.

"It doesn't make sense to start on nutrition until the trial period is up with recipes," said Dining Services Staff Dietitian Dianne Davis. Davis described the nutrition information process as very time consuming because food service foods used by Dining's chefs are not required to have a nutrition label.

"In order to get the nutritional information, we have to go to the manufacturers, who are not always responsive ... it may be three or four weeks until they respond, which holds up the whole recipe," Davis said.

Over the past few years, Dining has been working on improving the nutritional value of its food.

"We have a new direction for the chefs ... going back to basics. Let's have creative, tasty food that uses more grains, more legumes, more veggies," said Camp Howard, director of Dining Services.

Other changes include switching from a vegetable oil to pure canola oil for anything fried, the addition of whole grains and the availability of vegetarian and vegan entree options at both the Commons and Rand Dining Hall.

"Overall, we have a variety of foods available," Davis said, and this variety doesn't count out more unhealthy foods like French fries, hamburgers and fried foods.

"In higher education, the times are changing and we must stay with the trends. We want to give students the food they want and still provide options," Howard said. ■



JONATHAN RODGERS/The Vanderbilt Hustler

In the past, dining options at Vanderbilt have been limited. Recently, menus have been expanded to include more nutritious items and variety. The Commons Center's Food Gallery is a good example, offering pizza, salad, hamburgers, and stir fry.

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!

Don't forget your voter registration card - and it must be signed before you arrive at the polls. If you cannot find your voter registration card, your student ID will work, but you must sign the back.

Also, leave your political paraphernalia at home. Individuals wearing buttons or t-shirts for candidates or political parties will not be allowed to enter the voting location.

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ELECTION GAMEDAY '08

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ACADEMICS

Mayfield residents promote military appreciation with visit from Iraq veteran

by **KELLY JONES**
News Contributor

As part of their commitment to the Mayfield Living/Learning Lodge Program, residents of Mayfield 15 held the first of an ongoing series of presentations on Saturday, featuring speaker Cpl. Clayton Cohn.

The theme of Mayfield 15's yearlong project is Salute Our Soldiers, which focuses on supporting the armed forces and veterans of war through volunteering, making and sending care packages and spreading awareness to the public.

Cohn, older brother of Vanderbilt sophomore Cliff Cohn, has been deployed to Iraq twice for a total of 14 months. Stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C., Cohn has served for the U.S. since 2004.

Throughout the presentation, Cohn answered questions and touched on variety of subjects. When asked what items of necessity

soldiers could use overseas, he said baby wipes, canned meals, blankets and boots were always appreciated. He also answered questions from the audience, bringing insight to the positive progress in Iraq.

Prior to Cohn's presentation, the residents Mayfield 15 informed the crowd of their upcoming fundraiser. Starting this week, the members will be selling SOS bracelets on the Wall every Tuesday and Thursday for the remainder of the school year. In an effort to show support, bracelets are to be worn until all soldiers come home from Iraq. All proceeds go toward care packages for soldiers currently deployed in Iraq. The group has purchased 8,000 bracelets and hopes to sell all.

For more information on SOS bracelets, please contact sophomore Alex Buscher via phone at (970) 688-1131 or via e-mail at alexander.s.buscher@vanderbilt.edu. ■



Mayfield 15 hosted Cpl. Clayton Cohn Saturday, Nov. 1. From left to right: Jordan Friedman, Mike Sandler, James Becker, Cohn, Alex Buscher, Trey DeLong, Drew Silverstein, Grant Cohen, Cliff Cohn.

ELECTION 2008

Students debate issues before presidential election

by **JUDY WANG**
Academics Specialist

On Oct. 30, three College Democrats and three College Republicans debated on issues ranging from the economy and health care in the Collegiate Presidential Debate. The debate, co-sponsored by Student

Association for Voter Empowerment and Election Alliance, took place in the Student Life Center.

The debate served as a mirror of the debate going on around the country, as people discuss the merits of the two parties' policies and candidates as the presidential election draws nearer.

Junior Cameron Pastrick, president of SAVE, said she believed the debate applied national issues to students' lives.

"(The debaters) took issues and showed how they affected students," said Pastrick.

"Preparing for (the debate) was the best part because of how much

we learned," said senior Kevin Duong, an executive board member of College Democrats.

As a member of Vanderbilt's debate team, senior Houston Shaner, a member of the College Republicans team, knew what to expect in the debate.

"I've done some stuff like this

before," said Shaner.

Audience members enjoyed the student debate.

"It was the highlight of my Thursday night ... very informative," said sophomore Sophia Foroudestan.

According to an audience poll, the College Republicans won the debate. ■

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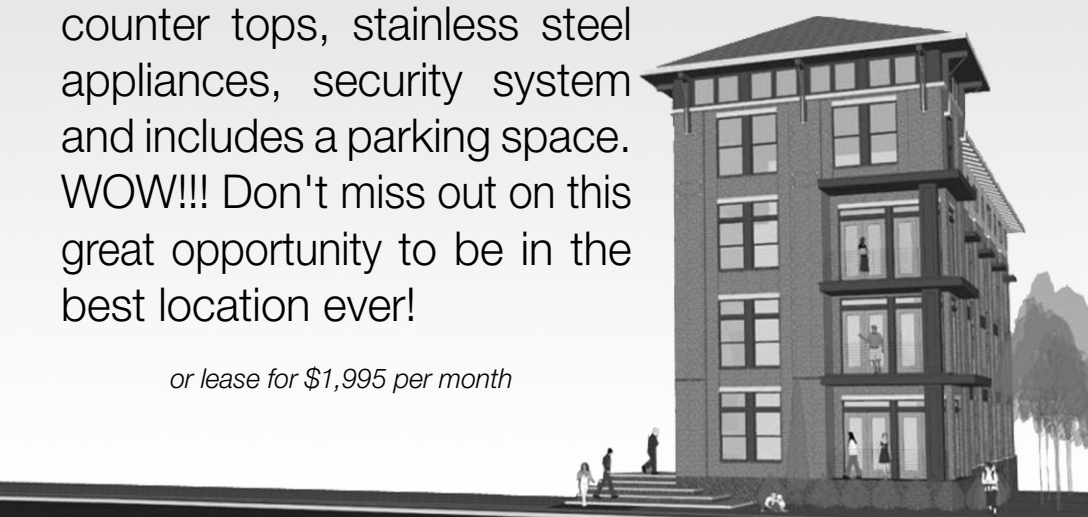
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OPINION

What happens Wednesday?



NEILY TODD
Columnist

Tomorrow is the big day. The day we have been waiting for since January of 2007. The day for which Sens. John McCain and Barack Obama have traveled from one end of the country to the other countless times. It is the day we will elect the next leader of our country. By all accounts, it is a significant day. On Tuesday, one ticket will have a great deal of celebrating to do, and the other will graciously bow out of the limelight. But what happens once Americans have cast their votes, and our new president is elected? What happens on Wednesday?

"Change" is the catch phrase of this election. Regardless of on which end of the political spectrum you fall, "change" is what you are hoping for from the next administration. Our differences arise when defining this "change," depending on the vision voters have for our country. The way this election has shaped up, it seems a change of some kind is inevitable with either ticket.

But it won't happen on Wednesday. On Wednesday,

I'll wake up and go to class. Americans from Oregon to Florida will make their way to the same 9 to 5 they've been working for years. Children will board the same school bus they have all semester to be seated in their desks by 8 a.m. Daily life, whatever that entails for each individual, will remain eerily similar to the way it is today. So when will it change?

Change doesn't happen overnight. Change isn't brought about by the president alone. Our first responsibility in bringing about change is to vote, and by Wednesday, voters will have fulfilled that duty. However, our responsibility goes so far beyond our vote. Step one is vote.

Step two is fulfilling our personal responsibility to enact change. If I want to see America change for the better, I have a responsibility to help bring that about. I think Gandhi would agree. As he famously said, "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." Each person has a responsibility to share their resources with the poor. For some, this means giving money; for others, this means giving time. Each person has a responsibility to

live within his or her limits. This means not spending beyond what we are reasonably capable of paying back. Each person has a responsibility to care for the interest of his or her neighbor. This means making decisions, both in our personal and professional lives, which extend beyond selfish individual advancement.

We need a leader who will work to bring about change, but democracy is, first and foremost, government of the people. Our leaders will only represent what we exhibit. We must first look to ourselves for this change, acknowledging our personal responsibility to make this a country in which we feel pride. As author Edward Everett Hale once wrote, "I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something I can do." Each of us can do something. So, what does happen on Wednesday? Well, that's up to you.

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Pro sports should contract, not expand



KATHERINE MILLER
Columnist

This election cycle has been long and agonizing and something no one will ever want to do ever again. But, you know, here we are. Barring a baroque prank of an upset on Old Yeller Tuesday, Barack Obama will win tomorrow, and I offer the best of luck to him and a robust curtesy to the people who orchestrated his political machine. There will certainly be some good that comes out of the Obama presidency, just as there would have been with a McCain presidency.

Apropos of that, a whole legion of us voted or will vote tomorrow — every one of those votes invests us in the country, legitimizes this election and makes us stronger for it.

But, hell, I have serious Cameron Frye fatigue talking about this election, and y'all are sick of listening to me do so, if the charmer who yelled, "I hate your Hustler columns," Friday night was any indication. Given this, I thought I would explore an actually troubling American development.

The real specter looming over America remains far beyond the realm of political duels: over-expansion and dilution of talent in professional sports. Best exhibited by the World Series (where the Phillies put Cole Hamels, a redneck, the Tommy John special and your father on the mound) and NBA Finals this year (read Bill Simmons's column comparing the 1986 Celtics and Lakers teams with the 2008 editions), we live in an era where Nashville and Charlotte just played each other in hockey.

It's not difficult to fix either. Contract the Rockies, Marlins, Rays and Diamondbacks, redraft the players. Matt Holliday and Brandon Webb now play for the Phillies. Matt Garza

is pitching alongside Tim Lincecum. Hanley Ramirez is with the Cubs. David Price anchors the Braves' rotation. A model with old school teams and concentrated talent creates a league free from the random democratic malaise of parity. Of course, the omnipresence of pitch count limits and arm surgery ensures we'll never see the game of the 1960s and '70s again, but we at least could have been watching an epic World Series far away from the sparkly velour Astroturf of Tropicana Field.

The NBA, of course, has reached critical mass in this regard. Ronnie Turiaf and Leon Powe actually played almost the entire Finals in June. Why do the Memphis Grizzlies still exist? The Charlotte Bobcats? Does the Oklahoma City Thunder, so egregiously stolen from Seattle, really offer us much outside the two years Kevin Durant will languish there with Jeff Green before he bolts for New York, LA, Chicago

or Miami? Although a basketball team can be carried by one player, those Seven Seconds or Less Suns teams embodied why team play can revolutionize the sport. The Washington Wizards have reveled in mediocrity for about a decade now, and while I love old Hibachi and his terrible knee, I'd almost trade the flashes of decency for the unequivocal horror of a basketball team known as the Washington Bullets.

Parity is awful. God bless the two-party system, Clinton Portis and Gossip Girl for reminding us, to borrow from General Patton, why Americans love a winner, and will not tolerate a loser.

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EDITORIAL

Elevator problems should outrage

The elevator problems in Lewis House are unacceptable. The Hustler first reported on complaints from students living in Lewis about one of the dorm's two elevators constantly breaking down. The elevator outage means longer delays getting in and out of the building, making students late for class and other activities and causing general inconvenience.

The residents of Lewis, like all on-campus students, pay the university for room and board. What that money ostensibly pays for is living space, regular cleaning of bathroom areas, safety and security within the dorm and the convenience of living on campus. While an elevator outage is certainly not the most pressing issue, it goes without saying that the residents of Lewis are being deprived of a service they have already paid for.

As Vanderbilt continues to insist that more students live on campus (and pay the high price of room and board), there is an expectation that amenities are maintained and improved. The improvements in Kissam Quad are an excellent example of this, but changes like these may be too few and far between. While first-year students enjoy the new or recently renovated dorms on Peabody campus, many upperclassmen have been forced to return to their freshman year dorms. Others, like those in Lewis, are seeing the consequences of neglect for some of the older dorm buildings, and all of Highland Quad has endured the cacophony of construction all

semester. Residents of some Carmichael Towers rooms have reported problems with plumbing, including poor water heating or even long periods of time without any water.

All of these inconveniences are survivable, yet there is something inherently wrong with the fact that students are not getting what they have paid for. Rather than put up with some of the more egregious living problems, students should make more noise about not receiving what is expected from the university. For all the talk about living together as a learning community, the bare bones of the matter is that students and their families are paying for a product. When the resident has paid but the university is not delivering, all students should be outraged at such a breach of contract.

If the maintenance of dorm building utilities and services, like the elevator in Lewis, is too much for Housing to care for, then the university should consider, for the sake of its students, lifting the virtual embargo on off-campus housing for a majority of students. Perhaps introducing a housing market would compel the university to actually provide higher quality housing arrangements. As it currently stands, however, the housing monopoly will guarantee problems like what students have seen in Lewis, unless the customers lobby their student government, Housing and the university administration to see that we are getting the best bang for our collective buck. —Michael Warren

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SPORTS

Women's basketball dominates



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Senior guard/forward Christina Wirth pushes past a Tusculum forward Stephany Neptune during an exhibition game on Sunday, Nov. 2, which the Commodores handily won 98-40. Wirth averaged 13.1 points per game last season and was first in three-point field goal percentage in the Southeastern Conference. The Commodores are favored to win the SEC.

Pack running the goal at tournament

by DAVID RUTZ
Sports Specialist

Whether it's a race or a practice, Vanderbilt cross country has one goal in mind: run together.

The men's and women's teams hit the road today for the Southeastern Conference championships hosted by Mississippi State in Starkville, Miss., and keeping everyone close in the race will be crucial for ideal results.

Rita Jorgensen, a yearlong star for Vanderbilt, will lead the women's team in the 6K race. The sophomore has won several races and has recently finished in the top 40 of an over-280-person race at Pre-Nationals, setting a personal best of 21:12.

According to head coach Steve Keith, Jorgensen has put herself in position to run for All-Conference honors at the meet today. The team, meanwhile, is hoping for a finish in the upper tier of the conference.

"We're preseason ranked seventh and that kind of looks like what might happen, but we've got a chance to get fifth or sixth, knock off a team or two," said Keith. "Pack running is going to be really important for the women."

"We would like to finish in the top half in the SEC," Jorgensen said. "We know the third through seventh teams will be really closely paced, so we will have to really focus on passing that extra person at the finish line."

The men's team faces an especially stern test in SEC competition, and Keith said it about the men too: pack running will be essential for success.

"The men obviously want to try and group as well as they can," he said. "They've been doing a better and better job of that. Five guys within 15 seconds of each other would be a real nice goal."

Senior Rob Whiting said the team has focused on a tight-pack strategy in practice after what he said was a disappointing team performance at



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The Vanderbilt Cross Country team practiced at the Track and Field center in preparation for their next meet.

Pre-Nationals on Oct. 18.

"We had a few workouts between Pre-Nats and now when we were running some really fast intervals, and I think that's going to get us ready for the competition and more accustomed to running hard," said Whiting. "It was more consistent, so we had less stopping time, so (it was) continuous hard work."

"I think we've been running better together," he added.

In addition to its usual handicap in SEC play as the smallest and only private school, Vanderbilt also is the sole university to not offer scholarships for its runners, making its achievements all the more impressive. Thus, topping any of the competition in SEC play would be an outstanding achievement.

"I think we'd be disappointed if we didn't beat Ole Miss and we have a real shot at LSU," Whiting said. "Ideally, we want to pick off these two teams. Being a non-scholarship team, that'd be a big, big statement for the program."

Whatever happens today, both teams will race again at the NCAA Regionals on Nov. 15 in Maryland, Tenn., where they will attempt to qualify for Nationals. ■

Around the SEC: Gators chomp Bulldogs

by GEOFF HUTCHINSON
Sports Contributor

Vanderbilt vs. Florida on ESPN

The No. 6 Florida Gators (7-1, 5-1 Southeastern Conference) trounced the No. 8 Georgia Bulldogs 49-10 in the annual World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party over the weekend. Although fairly close at first, in the second half, Heisman-winner Tim Tebow and the Gators rattled off 35 unanswered points to take a commanding 49-3 lead. Georgia's sensational running back Knowshon Moreno was unable to duplicate his magnificent performance against the Gators for the second straight year, rushing for only 65 yards. Florida forced junior quarterback Matthew Stafford into three interceptions, as the Bulldogs (7-2, 4-2 SEC) were unable to garner any continuity on offense.

With Florida's win, Vanderbilt will play its game against the Gators this weekend at 7 p.m. CDT on ESPN or ESPN2, the third time this season the Commodores will have a home game aired by the national sports network.

Bama reigns

Alabama rose to the top spot in the national rankings for the first time in 28 years over the weekend after then-No. 1 Texas fell to Texas Tech. The Tide knocked off Arkansas State 35-0 in their last non-conference game of the regular season.

The Crimson Tide (9-0, 5-0 SEC) is the only undefeated team left in the conference, and their final three opponents are a combined 13-13.

Golden Hurricane loses its strength

The Arkansas Razorbacks stunned the No. 18 Tulsa Golden Hurricane 30-23 on Saturday, ending their undefeated season. Casey Dick

and the Razorbacks jumped out to a 17-0 lead against Tulsa and did not let up even after Tulsa managed to tie the game in the fourth quarter. The Razorbacks were able to take the lead for good after a 96-yard kickoff return from return specialist Dennis Johnson, and Arkansas's defense held Tulsa well under their season's average of 56 points a game. It was not a happy homecoming for Tulsa offensive coordinator Gus Malzahn, who previously was the offensive coordinator for Arkansas in 2006, when he led Darren McFadden and Felix Jones to an SEC West championship.

When it rains, it pours

The South Carolina Gamecocks defeated the Tennessee Volunteers 27-6 Saturday night, the first home win for the Gamecocks over the Vols in 16 years. South Carolina freshman quarterback Stephen Garcia threw two touchdown passes in his second career start. This game was decided early as the Volunteers were down 21-0 going into halftime; South Carolina and their top-ranked defense forced three turnovers and sacked Tennessee quarterbacks six times, as the Volunteers failed to score in double digits for the third time this season, a first under coach Phil Fulmer. The loss guaranteed that the Volunteers will finish the season with a losing record in the SEC, the second time in the past four years.

Did You Know?

Since losing to Ole Miss, the Gators have outscored their last opponents 201-43.

The loss to Florida marked the largest defeat the Georgia Bulldogs faced under Mark Richt.

The Gators can clinch the SEC East this week with a win over Vanderbilt this weekend.

Ole Miss is 5-0 on the season when they turn the ball over less than two times. ■



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