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Number of bowls open for Commodores

Last two games will determine game location.

by **DAVID RUTZ**
Sports Specialist

For the first time in a long time, the Commodores are looking to play meaningful football past November.

Vanderbilt may still have two games left in the regular season, but speculation about which bowl may invite the Commodores has been ongoing since the team's 31-24 victory against Kentucky. The end result will depend heavily on how the team closes the regular season.

"They certainly know what the situation is," said Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson of his players. "We've been pretty even-keeled and we're trying to keep it that way."

With the postseason in mind, Vanderbilt's showdown with archrival Tennessee tomorrow takes on more significance than usual (see page 8 for the game preview).

"The first step is to beat the University of Tennessee," said junior center Brad Vierling. "They're our biggest rival. We're fired up about it and we're going to be ready to play."

The Southeastern Conference

has an agreement that it will send nine of its teams to bowls following the 2008 season.

With No. 1 Alabama and No. 3 Florida meeting in the SEC Championship game on Dec. 6, the winner will almost certainly go to the BCS Championship game while the loser will play in the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans.

Next up in the pecking order are the New Year's Day bowls; Vanderbilt has only appeared in three bowls in its history and none of them were in January. This year, the Commodores have a very good chance.

The Capital One Bowl has the next pick and will almost certainly take Georgia. The Cotton Bowl and the Outback Bowl have the next selections, with the Cotton Bowl usually selecting the next best team from the SEC West and the Outback Bowl taking the next best team from the SEC East.

The Cotton Bowl will likely take LSU, as the Tigers are second behind Alabama in the West. That leaves Vanderbilt in the East for the Outback Bowl, but only if the Commodores can finish out the season strong. South Carolina is a tough contender for the bowl, as it has a larger fan base than Vanderbilt, but the Commodores won when the two teams met this season.

The Chick-fil-A Bowl in Atlanta on Dec. 31 has next priority



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Team captains Reshard Langford (33), George Smith (88) and Brad Vierling (60) have made it clear that they don't intend to let up now that the Commodores have become bowl eligible.

in choosing from the SEC; representatives have said they would like an 8-4 team from the conference, which Vanderbilt would fulfill if they win out the rest of their schedule.

Two bowls based in Tennessee

have the sixth and seventh picks: the Liberty Bowl in Memphis and the Music City Bowl here in Nashville. It's unlikely the Music City Bowl would take a local team because representatives would rather have a visiting team so

their fans can bolster the town's economy.

The eighth and ninth picks go to the Independence Bowl and Papa John's Bowl, respectively.

Both of Vanderbilt's remaining games are crucial for determining

from which bowl it will get an invitation; if the Commodores win out, they could be playing on New Year's Day. ■

—The SEC contributed reporting to this article

CAMPUS LIVING

University, electric service dispute cause of blackout

by **RUTH KINSEY**
News Contributor

Students across campus woke up yesterday morning to darkness and cold showers.

At approximately 7:30 a.m., a campus-wide power outage occurred and lasted for roughly two and a half hours. According to a statement released by the university, the power outage was caused by a failure at the Nashville Electric Service's Sharondale substation and a subsequent malfunction at the Vanderbilt power station.

However, Teresa Corlew, the NES director of corporate communications, said she believes the power outage was caused more by problems with electrical equipment in the Vanderbilt substation and not with the NES apparatus.

"NES staff helped Vanderbilt staff to isolate and do some switching (to fix the breakdown), but the problem was with Vanderbilt equipment, and no one here is certain why the power outage happened," said Corlew.

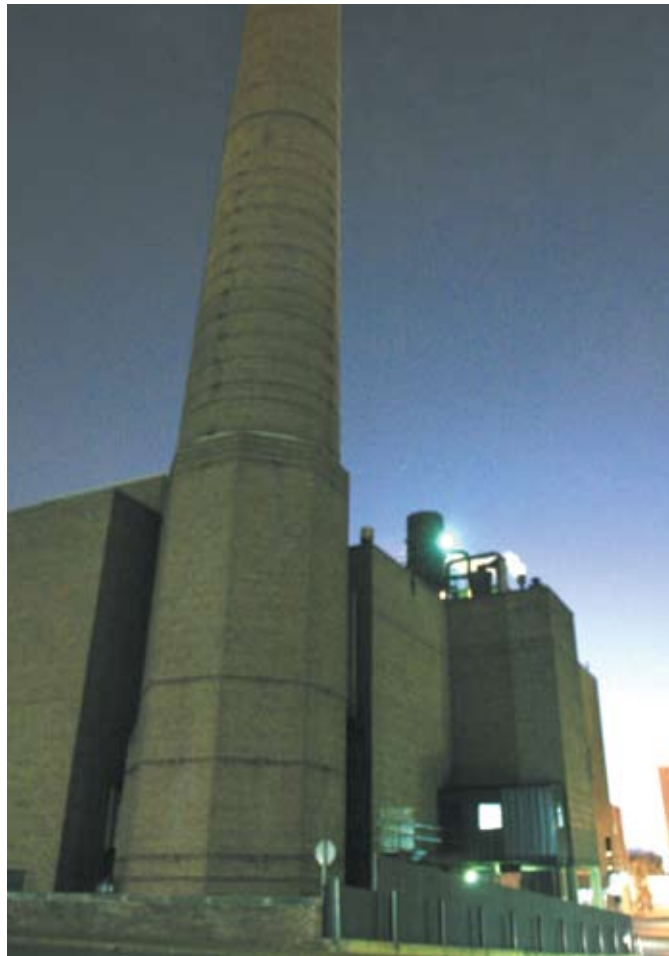
During the blackout, electricity

across campus was wiped out: alarm clocks didn't sound, lights remained dark and the wireless Internet connection shut off. Students and faculty experienced difficulties printing papers, photocopying lecture outlines and arriving to class on time. Although the university tried to maintain its normal class schedule, some classes were disrupted due to a lack of light.

"My country music class was cancelled this morning. It's in Sarratt Cinema, so it was pitch black in there," said sophomore Catherine Ruelens, a student in one of the cancelled classes.

Computer services such as ACORN and Discover Library failed, and campus security also became an issue as dorm doors had to be left open due to the failure of the card reader system.

The electrical failure also affected the Vanderbilt steam plant, which heats the water and buildings on campus, resulting in cold showers for many students. Although the electrical power was restored at around 10 a.m., the heat took much longer to reinstate, returning at around 1 p.m. ■



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A power outage blanketed the campus for nearly two and a half hours on Thursday morning, Nov. 20. Some morning classes were cancelled due to the temporary blackout.

Blackout hits Med Center with steam shortage

by **ALLIE MORRIS**
Science & Medicine Specialist

An orange alert was called at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center yesterday after a power outage produced an unexpected steam shortage at two hospitals.

Both the Vanderbilt University Hospital and the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital experienced steam shortages that lasted from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The shortage caused the postponement of a small number of elective surgeries and was not a result of any redundancies built into either of the hospital's electrical systems.

As a result of the steam

shortage, none of the Medical Center Buildings had heat or domestic hot water.

While some of the elective surgeries had to be postponed until the next day, a small number were delayed until later that day.

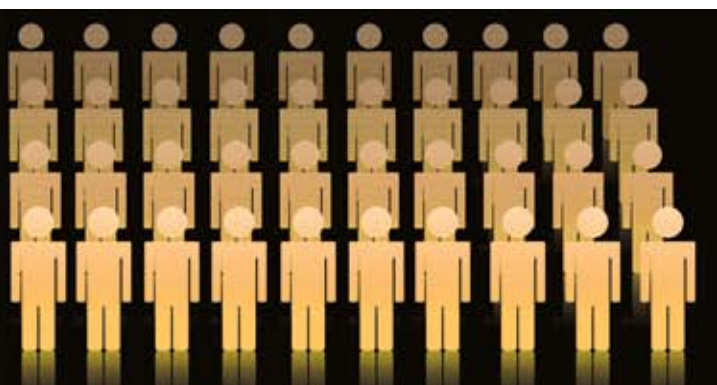
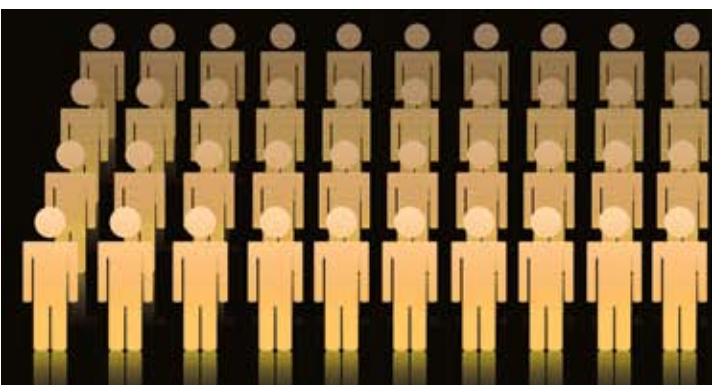
"The surgeries were looked at on a case-by-case basis ... when the steam went out we had no ability to sterilize additional instruments," said Assistant Director of Med Center News and Public Affairs Jerry Jones.

The Vanderbilt Medical Center had experienced a similar steam outage roughly a month ago, when a Nashville pipeline was disrupted. ■

SPORTS: Men's basketball loses to Illinois in disappointing game, snapping 20-game home win streak. [SEE PAGE 8](#)



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NEWS BRIEFS

Auto aid effort collapses in Congress as layoffs loom for Big Three

WASHINGTON (AP)—The \$25 billion rescue plan for the auto industry, desperately sought by Detroit's beleaguered Big Three, collapsed Thursday as Congress drew the line at one more bailout and Democrats said they wouldn't even consider it until the companies produced a convincing plan for rebuilding their once-mighty industry.

The demise of the rescue — at least for now — left uncertain the fate of General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler LLC, and sent Wall Street spiraling to its lowest level in years. The Dow Jones industrials dropped 445 points, the second straight plunge of more than 400, and hit the lowest point in nearly six years.

The carmakers have been clobbered by lackluster sales and choked credit, and are battling to stay afloat through year's end. Failure of one or more of the Big Three would be a severe further blow to the floundering economy — and to many Americans' view of the nation's industrial strength — and throw a million or more additional workers off the job.

Just Thursday, the government reported that laid-off workers' new claims for jobless aid had reached a 16-year high and the number of Americans searching for work had soared past 10 million. Congress approved a measure to extend jobless benefits through the holidays, and the White House said President George W. Bush would quickly sign it.

Gates seen more likely to stay as Pentagon chief for Obama

WASHINGTON (AP) — What Robert Gates once called "inconceivable to me" — his remaining as defense secretary beyond Inauguration Day — is looking a bit more conceivable to the rest of Washington.

The 65-year-old former spymaster has turned publicly mum on the circumstances under which he would stay, even briefly, after President-elect Barack Obama takes office. But one of the leading scenarios for a wartime transition at the Pentagon has Gates holding the fort, at least for some months.

If Gates does stay on, the announcement could come soon. A national security spokeswoman for Obama, Brooke Anderson, said Thursday she had no comment on Gates or on whether the president-elect has held discussions with any candidate for the Pentagon job.

By keeping mum, both camps may preserve the option of walking away without hard feelings.

Convicted Sen. Stevens gives last speech in chamber as staffers weep

WASHINGTON (AP) — "Uncle Ted" Stevens, an old-style Senate giant and the chamber's longest-serving Republican, delivered his swan song address and yielded the floor for the final time Thursday. He was saluted by his colleagues as a staunch friend and teacher.

"My mission in life is not completed," Stevens said in his farewell speech on the Senate floor, as perhaps a quarter of the chamber's 100 members gathered to hear him and the gallery filled with his friends and family.

Stevens, 85, made only a passing reference to his felony convictions and the loss this week of his bid for a seventh Senate term.

"I look only forward and I still see the day when I can remove the cloud that currently surrounds me."

Family members and aides wept as Stevens recounted his six Senate terms that began not even a decade after his home state, Alaska, achieved statehood.

"Forty years!" he declared at one point. "I have a really difficult time today articulating my feelings and I hope if I puddle up, as an old friend used to say, I'll be excused."

U.S. district judge orders release of 5 terror suspects at Gitmo

WASHINGTON (AP)—A federal judge on Thursday ordered the release of five Algerians held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and the continued detention of a sixth in a major blow to the Bush administration's strategy to keep terror suspects locked up without charges.

In the first case of its kind, U.S. District Judge Richard J. Leon said the government's evidence linking the five Algerians to al-Qaida was not credible as it came from a single, unidentified source. Therefore, he said, the five could not be held indefinitely as enemy combatants, and should be released immediately.

"To allow enemy combatancy to rest on so thin a reed would be inconsistent with this court's obligation," Leon told the crowded courtroom.

As a result, he said, "the court must and will grant their petitions and order their release."

As for the sixth Algerian, Belkacem Bensayah, Leon said there was enough reason to believe he was close to an al-Qaida operative and had sought to help others travel to Afghanistan to join the terrorists' fight against the United States and its allies.

Records search on Joe the Plumber improper, director suspended in Ohio

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP)—An agency director improperly used state computers to find personal information on "Joe the Plumber," a government watchdog said in a report released Thursday.

There was no legitimate business purpose for the head of Ohio's Department of Job and Family Services to order staff to look up the records, Inspector General Tom Charles said.

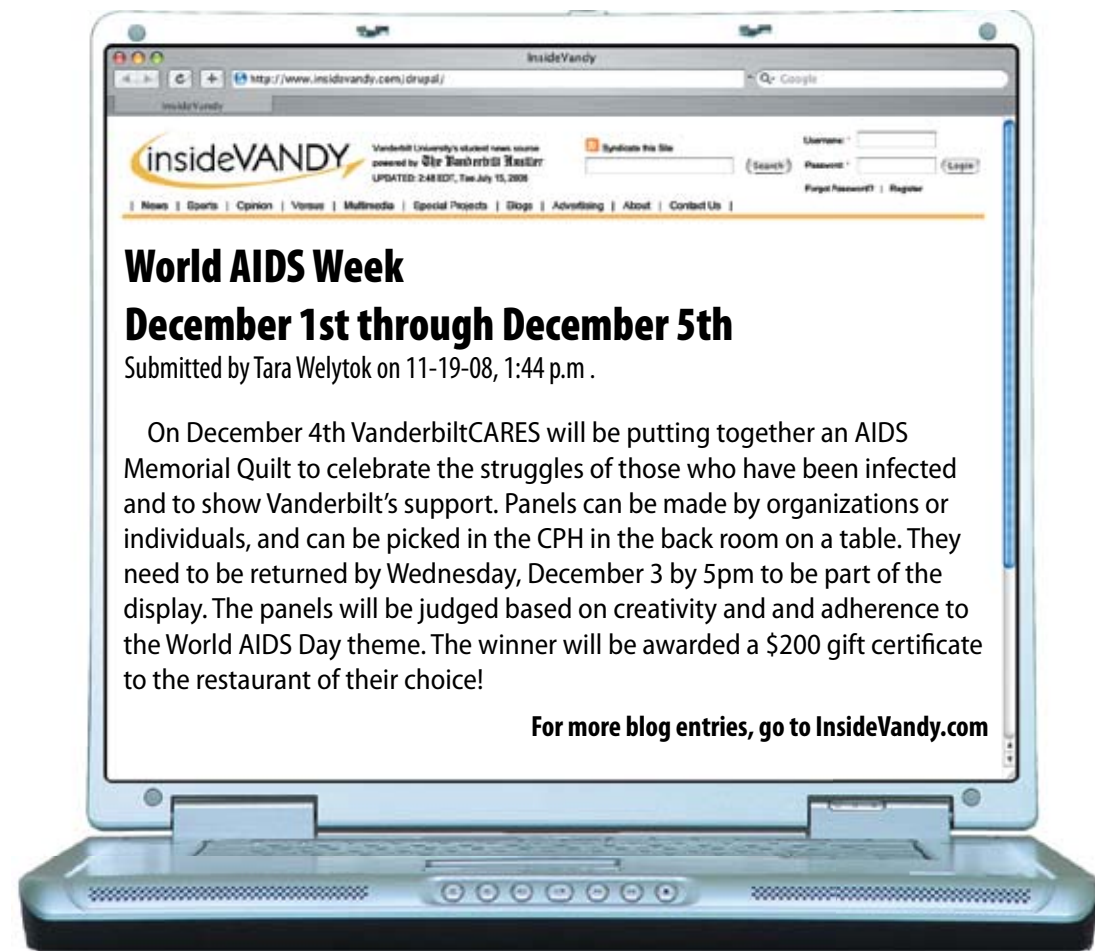
Investigators weren't able to determine whether the searches were politically motivated, the report said.

"All these searches were done in the midst of a national political campaign," the report said. "But we did not find any evidence that shows the data was accessed or information released in response to media requests in an effort to support any political activity or agenda."

Gov. Ted Strickland suspended the agency director, Helen Jones-Kelley, for a month without pay after reviewing the findings. He rejected a request to fire her.

Earlier this month, Strickland placed Jones-Kelley on paid leave over separate allegations that a state computer or e-mail account was used to assist in political fundraising for Democrat Barack Obama's campaign.

FROM THE BLOG



World AIDS Week

December 1st through December 5th

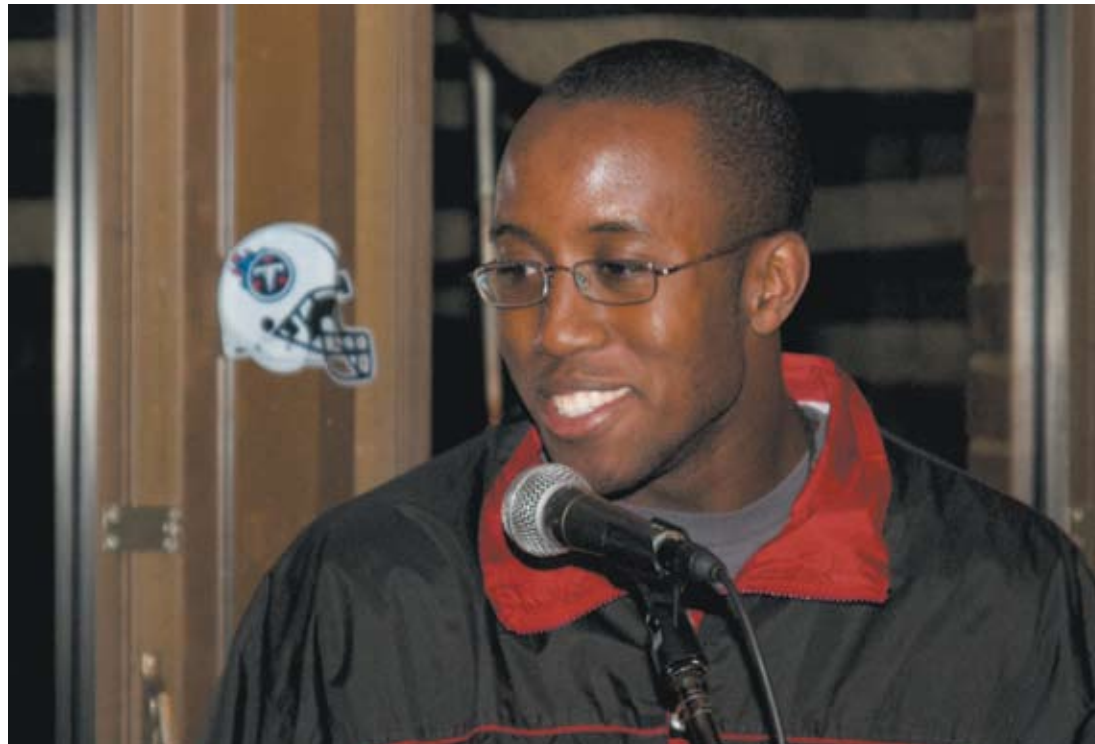
Submitted by Tara Welytok on 11-19-08, 1:44 p.m.

On December 4th VanderbiltCARES will be putting together an AIDS Memorial Quilt to celebrate the struggles of those who have been infected and to show Vanderbilt's support. Panels can be made by organizations or individuals, and can be picked in the CPH in the back room on a table. They need to be returned by Wednesday, December 3 by 5pm to be part of the display. The panels will be judged based on creativity and adherence to the World AIDS Day theme. The winner will be awarded a \$200 gift certificate to the restaurant of their choice!

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KARAOKE NIGHT



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ADMINISTRATION

Open forum enables student, Board of Trust interaction

by **EVE ATTERMANN**
Administration Specialist

The recession colored much of the discussion at the Young Alumni Trustee's open forum, during which students and trustees were able to discuss campus issues.

Board Chair Martha Ingram was present this past Wednesday, along with trustees Karen Fesmire, Sharon Munger, Eugene Shanks and Joanna Hayes, and young alumni trustees Carrie Colvin, Elizabeth Bennett, Alice Ji and Andrew Wilson.

Students and trustees discussed issues such as the living wage, the upper class experience, concealed weapons, activism, the culture of giving and philanthropy on campus, the futures of Greek Life and the college halls initiative, and most importantly, the ability of the university to improve on these issues in light of the severe recession.

"The best way to get a beat

on campus is to have an open forum," said Colvin. "We hold a forum once a year to learn more about what current issues concern the students."

While most of the students present were members of Vanderbilt Student Government, the Young Alumni Trustees said they reached out to leaders of many campus organizations and publicized the event in The Vanderbilt Hustler.

A discussion on campus security was inspired by the Sept. 29 robbery near Kensington Garage that was allegedly part of a gang initiation.

"I think everyone pays some attention to their own security," said Ingram. "I'm concerned about security not just at Vanderbilt but also downtown. There's no way to be absolutely sure it's not going to happen. We don't want big brother watching, we want our freedom and our anonymity."

Arts and Science Council President John Furlow said

it was up to students to change the culture of giving at Vanderbilt.

"It affects the U.S. and News World Report (rankings), and we need to focus on indoctrinating the freshmen early," said Furlow.

"We now have a focus on fundraising," Ingram said. "Sixty percent of students now have some form of aid, and no (school-provided) loans, and how we are going to make this happen in this economy will be a challenge."

Housing was also a pressing issue during the forum, with many students concerned about the future of the off-campus option in addition to the class of 2012's transition from The Commons to housing on main campus, the mention of which elicited laughter from those present.

Shanks, a noted banker, said building more housing was not feasible during the current economy.

"The objective is to eventually build colleges

(like The Commons) for all students," said Shanks.

Ingram said the economy has made making mandatory on-campus housing impossible, at least for the near future.

"We don't have the capacity at this point to require it, but it's been suggested that we look into it," Ingram said. "Those that live off-campus miss the interaction and the enriching opportunities that are on campus. It's part of their educations."

While the recession has put a lot of projects on hold, Ingram said the endowment will be invested slightly more heavily, from 4.5 percent to five percent, in order to honor the debt-free financial aid pledge made by the Office of Admissions at the beginning of the year.

Student comments from the forum will be considered at today's closed Board of Trust meeting, according to Wilson. ■

— *Kelly Jones contributed reporting to this article.*

SCIENCE & MEDICINE

Free flu vaccines prevent campus outbreak

by **ALLIE MORRIS**
Science & Medicine Specialist

It seems as though flu season has skipped the Vanderbilt campus.

After inoculating roughly 2,800 graduate and undergraduate students, the Student Health Center reported they have yet to see a case of influenza this school year. The center is waiting a few more weeks before deciding if ordering more vaccines will be necessary.

"It is looking like we are going to give at least 3,000 vaccines total," said Director of Student Health Dr. Louise Hanson.

According to Hanson, the flu has appeared on campus

in the past around January or February, but there have also been cases as early as October and as late as mid-March.

According to flufacts.com, an estimated 25 to 50 million cases of the flu are reported in the U.S. every year.

Despite the lack of influenza cases, Hanson said she has seen a fair amount of students coming in with colds and stomach bugs.

"There have been some fairly mild illnesses, colds that sometimes lead to bronchitis ...

we have seen a lot of pink eye ... and we have seen a decent number of stomach viruses, but nothing serious, and usually only lasting 24 hours," Hanson said. ■

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SCIENCE & MEDICINE

‘Finished Up’ starts strong

by ALLIE MORRIS
Science & Medicine Specialist

Since its launch by an alumna six months ago, a program that helps single mothers complete their higher education degrees has already helped eight women in the metro Nashville area, including four Vanderbilt students.

Vanderbilt alumna Mary Cady Ford started “Finished Up” last May after raising her daughter Caroline while finishing her senior year and then during her two years at the Vanderbilt Divinity School. Although the program was initially aimed at helping college-age women, Ford said that since she established the non-profit she has garnered interest from a variety of

different women. “The original scenario was ‘I have a baby and I need to get out of college.’ Then we heard from women who are in college and pregnant. Now it’s ‘I have a baby and am not in college, but want to go back,’” said Ford.

Ford said ideally she would like to help all three types of girls and that it comes down to budget size, which Ford says is currently small.

“We receive no funding from Vanderbilt ... it has been private fundraising,” Ford said, who wrote grants for “Finished Up” this past summer.

Despite not offering funding for the endeavor, the Office of Student Life said it is supportive of the program.

“Mary Cady Ford’s efforts to help colleges and universities

provide better advice, support and resources to students who become pregnant is truly a worthwhile cause and helps meet a great need ... (however) there are more worthy charitable causes than the Dean of Students office can feasibly financially support,” said Dean of Students Mark Bandas in a statement.

“It’s been hard to fundraise in an economic recession ... we rely on a lot of donated time,” Ford said.

By the end of 2009, Ford hopes to have established five to 10 more college chapters that will run through the colleges’ women’s centers. “I hope that we will be a strong and powerful force in middle Tennessee and then expand outwards,” Ford said. ■

LEADERSHIP

Transgender Day of Remembrance offers vigil, support

by MARTYNA STOMSKI
News Contributor

On Thursday, Vanderbilt held its first annual Transgender Day of Remembrance, an annual event in its 10th year nationally. The event was sponsored by the Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Intersex Life in conjunction with the Vanderbilt Divinity School.

The event was held in the All-Faiths Chapel and included a candlelit vigil, a march to the K.C. Potter Center and a program of speakers, personal stories, poetry, testimonies and communal support.

The purpose of the event

was to address the violence and discrimination faced by the transgender community through the remembrance of those who have been killed in gender-based hate crimes. However, awareness is important on all levels since gender-based violence is the largest kind of hate crime in the United States today.

“I hear people always say ‘I understand that transgender issues are important, but I don’t see the direct connection that it has with me.’ But in reality, we see transgressing of genders all the time, whether it is when girls are accused for not being ‘lady-like’ or guys are accused for not being masculine enough,”

said LGBTQI Office Director Nora Spencer. “In a way, we all suffer from transphobia but to different degrees. It’s important to raise awareness.”

In preparation for the event, multiple clubs and organizations within Vanderbilt showed their support throughout the week in ways ranging from making ribbons to raising issues of prejudice and tolerance within their respective organizations.

The Office of LGBTQI Life said it will encourage all students to participate in future events in order to create a greater sense of community and harmony, both within Vanderbilt gates and out. ■

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CAMPUS LIVING

Football games plan to 'go green' this weekend

by **NORAH SCANLAN**
Campus Living Specialist

Commodore fans should expect at least one guaranteed victory at this Saturday's game, although this one is for the environment.

New recycling opportunities have been added to the football stadium, among them 19 plastic and aluminum receptacles located throughout the concourse.

Recycling Coordinator Jennifer Hackett said the new receptacles were added in light of student and faculty demand for a greener stadium.

"Student Athletes, students, VSG, employees and fans from

the community have all asked for recycling at athletic events," said Hackett. "We've been glad to be able to answer that request by providing plastic and aluminum recycling containers next to every trash can in Vandyville, as well as centralized recycling in the tailgating areas for fans from the community."

Vendors selling food and other items will also be cooperating by recycling their cardboard.

"We have a stellar athletic program that attracts top athletes and we want to provide a comprehensive experience for them as well as for the fans," said

Assistant Vice Chancellor and Director of Sports Operations Brock Williams. "We want to do the right thing for the environment."

"We're trying to cover all areas of the stadium," Hackett said. "For example, the skybox where the chancellor and his guests watch the game is now equipped with recycling bins and is participating in the effort."

According to Hackett, volunteers are needed for a one-hour shift pre-kickoff to help explain to fans at the gate how to recycle. All interested parties should contact Hackett by emailing her at recycle@vanderbilt.edu. ■

Congress rushes to extend jobless benefits

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP)—Jarred by new jobless alarms, Congress raced to approve legislation Thursday to keep unemployment checks flowing through the December holidays and into the new year for a million or more laid-off Americans whose benefits are running out.

The economic picture was only getting worse, if Wall Street was any indication. The Dow Jones industrials dropped more than 400 points for a second straight day, reaching

the lowest level in more than five years, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index fell below lows established six years ago.

The Senate's vote followed Thursday's government report that laid-off workers' new claims for jobless aid had reached a 16-year high and the number of Americans searching for work had surged past 10 million.

The White House, which had opposed broader legislation containing the benefits extension, urged passage of the new version and said President George W. Bush would quickly sign it.

As Congress prepared to leave town — perhaps for the year — there was no such resolution on helping the auto industry, a disaster in the making that could lead to hundreds of thousands if not millions of additional lost jobs. Democratic leaders said they could return to Washington in mid-December to vote on rescue loans if the carmakers first present a plan on transforming and modernizing their operations.

Discouraged by the stalemate over auto aid, investors sent the Dow Jones industrials down to another big loss, 445 points. ■



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OPINION

A healthy balance



THOMAS SHATTUCK
Opinion Editor

At this point, almost everybody on campus has realized that Thanksgiving Break is upon us. Some people have been making plans for months, while others have been sleeping or eating or whatnot. Contrary to popular belief, this is not necessarily bad. In fact, procrastination is notable characteristic of almost every college student. We love to wait.

There are those who say it is unhealthy. You know, those scientific types with their data and their reason — as if it mattered. Sure, it would be a hell of a lot less stressful to begin and finish work at a slow, but steady pace, but where's the fun in that? If you put off doing your paper to the last minute, or in some cases several days late, you can spend the time when you'd normally be working, freebasing coke or watching reruns of TV shows that were cancelled when you were a kid ("Captain Planet," ThunderCats," etc.). Your grade might be lower, but in the end, does it really matter?

Unsurprisingly, most people would answer that previous (rhetorical) question with an overwhelming affirmative. We take pride in our work. We assume our success relies on planning. More importantly, we put faith in the machines that have taken over our lives. These days, we've become too attached to our day planners and Blackberries. It's in the name of efficiency, but in reality it's not all that efficacious. It's come to a point where we spend as much effort planning than it would be simply to do the work.

Sure, keeping track of business engagements or future papers is important, however, it's difficult to maintain a fulfilling, carefree existence while simultaneously micromanaging every foreseeable move. It's a boring way to live.

There's a phrase for it, *carpe diem*, and thanks to "Dead Poet's Society," everyone knows what it means. I'm not particularly fond of Latin, but it does from time to time serve a purpose. Of course, seizing the day has become a bit cliched. It really isn't a motto to live by. That's just dangerous. Let's be honest — sometimes you should plan. A problem only arises if planning becomes a fundamental part of your life.

Of course, the world in which we live is composed of various rigidly structured organizations. Governments and corporations can only achieve the goals set before them, whether it is monetary or social gains, by establishing a systematic hierarchy. Structure is essential to these fundamental institutions. Furthermore, since these organizations are increasingly prevalent in American life, we are confronted by them multiple times a day. We visit banks, file taxes and trade stocks frequently, all the while succumbing to their social and economic pressure. We mistakenly identify ourselves with them. This is, however, inaccurate. We, the living, rarely coincide with what we create. To put it simply, the structure that provides the world around us is not necessary to those who live in it.

The moderate solution would be to find a balance between the two extremes. This, of course, is the definition of moderate. So it seems more important to advocate moderation than to explain it. This, however, is substantially more difficult. The fact of the matter is that creating a balance fit for all is nigh impossible. It would be so inordinately difficult; one might as well not try. In the end, it seems more reasonable to find our own, personalized balance between chaos and structure and hope for the best.

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EDITORIAL

No free speech at TSU

Earlier this week, Vice President of Student Affairs Michael Freeman of Tennessee State University wrote a letter to the student body, published in the university's student newspaper, *The Meter*. The letter concerned TSU's decision to block access to the anonymous gossip Web site Juicy Campus on the university's network. According to an e-mail from the CEO and president of Juicy Campus, TSU is the first public university to block access to the site.

The university's decision to block Juicy Campus is shameful to anyone who values freedom of speech and the First Amendment that protects that sacred right.

According to Freeman's letter and coverage of the issue in *The Meter*, racist, homophobic and other content Freeman labeled "gutter talk" pervaded the TSU page at Juicy Campus. One parent of a student is even "afraid for her child" because of language directed at the student on the Web site.

The complaints about the Juicy Campus message boards are relevant. Certainly the salacious site "does not fit with the legacy, spirit and reputation" of the university, and Freeman is right to charge that students should "restrain gratuitous unwarranted attacks on others." Where Freeman and TSU go wrong is in thinking banning the Web site upholds the values of an American academic institution.

Freedom of speech includes the idea that people have the right to say what they like. Naturally, because people disagree on an infinite number of issues, sometimes very passionately, speech can bother, offend, hurt and conflict with other views. Speech can also inform, enlighten, celebrate and uplift. Sometimes issues split people right down the middle, meaning one person might see particular words speaking truth while another may see it as offensive or hurtful. Some issues have a large amount of support for one side, so most people might see certain words as hurtful while only a few may support them.

Here enters the issue of responsibility. Nearly all speech in the United States is free, but individuals must be responsible with that freedom. People may lose friends, jobs or social status by not using their freedom responsibly. Certain words, like racial epithets, are taboo, and

people can expect to suffer social consequences for using such terms in public settings. Other words are best spoken during certain situations that warrant them, like political or religious discussions.

Nevertheless, the freedom to speak one's mind, regardless of the factor of responsibility, is one of the defining liberties of our country. While even the Nazis can march in Skokie, governments all across the world have various levels of limits of speech. While this may make for a more subdued society, ultimately that limit on speech becomes a limit on the mind. This is not to say the trash posted on Juicy Campus should be regarded as intellectually stimulating; nevertheless, where do the do-gooders draw the line between acceptable and unacceptable speech? Governments have no right to declare this.

The problem with a public university blocking access to a Web site — not unlike the actions of communist China — is that TSU is denying students the chance to express themselves and stand up for their community. Those concerned about the nature of the speech representing TSU online need not respond by pretending the site does not exist; the solution is either for individuals to respond to the "bad speech" with positive, uplifting "good speech," or for students to simply ignore the Web site and minimize its impact on the community.

Vanderbilt's own battle with Juicy Campus has largely disappeared. The site gained notoriety for the appearance of hundreds of posts containing racist, sexist and other hurtful language directed at a number of Vanderbilt students. Though there were rumors that the university might block the site on this campus, a student-driven effort to minimize the impact of Juicy Campus, in addition to a large drop-off in interest, rendered such threats obsolete (hollow though they were).

College students should stand up for free speech everywhere, even if the speech regards something with which they disagree with. They should also stand up for responsible use of this freedom in order to foster meaningful discussions that can make life better for all. The actions of the TSU administration should concern all who believe that freedom is more important than individual responsibility. — *Michael Warren*

No worries, we're all dead anyway



FRANNIE BOYLE
Columnist

Stephen Dubner's talk on Tuesday night was a sweet mix between insightful and entertaining. He brought in many solid and astonishing arguments, and although he made a few inexplicable jumps from one point in his logic to the next, I feel like I got a lot out of it.

During his speech, Dubner explained a few of the theories he is planning to introduce in his next book, so he asked any journalists in the audience to be careful with the information they reveal. Whether he was dropping a hint to the audience about the exclusive nature of his presence or he was just being sincere, I am going to go behind his back. I will not reveal too much, but one of his points hit so hard, I just had to write about it.

Dubner shared how, a little over 100 years ago, horses were the main form of transportation. People today would look back on that and probably chuckle at how simple and environmentally innocent horses must have been as vehicles. Well, the people of the late 19th century would not have agreed. In fact, they thought their addiction to "rapid" transportation was going to kill them in the end, mainly because of the form of pollution horses literally left behind them. Horse manure left their world smelling awful, and diseases spread like wild fire due to the massive amounts of it left on city streets. Urban dwellers saw horses as a necessary evil, though, and pretty much came to terms with the fact that what they could not stop using was what was going to bring about the end of the world.

I promise I was thinking along these lines before Dubner said anything, but after he introduced this story, he related it to our world's current addiction to oil and, more specifically, to the automobile. The problem people got all worked up about was solved by another form of transportation that is ironically the scapegoat of the current generation's "End of the World" theory. Of course, there is validity to it. Our use of the automobile has led to many detrimental environmental changes, many we have yet to discover. In fact, in my geology class, I just learned that by using up all of the world's oil resources, we will cause the Earth to return back to its anoxic state. No fun. But by relating this situation back to the horse manure problem, we can let ourselves breathe easy (while we still can).

We can do all we want to be "environmentally friendly." It does not hurt anything, and it certainly makes us feel better about ourselves. But now, we do not have to be all fatalistic about oil addiction. Just as technology swooped in to save the world from the dangers of horse poop, it will come again to relieve us of our problem with burning the Earth's natural resources. And if this technological solution also ends up being detrimental to the human race, then hey, at least we won't have to worry about it. They probably will not find out until we are all dead.

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Compiled by Thomas Shattuck

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"Hey, all you Vandy girls campaigning to 'Save Darfur' and 'Stop World Hunger,' maybe when you go to Rant you could only take what you're going to eat instead of throwing away enough food to feed an orphan for a week? OK, thanks."

"I feel really safe knowing that when you pose a question to VUPD, they respond with a laugh and, 'Hell, if I know!'"

"Dear Mr. Mugger, you stole \$4 and a tampon from me. Congratulations on winning the award for worst mugger ever. Cordially, the unsuspecting Vanderbilt student."

"If you're on campus Saturday morning, you have no excuse. You should be at the game. Not sleeping in. Not hung over. At the game. It was embarrassing enough to see Dudley Field look like a little piece of The Swamp last home game, let's not see it turn into Volunteer Country. Kay? Thanks."

"I love people who damage my car while it's parked in the F-Lot. Last year somebody dented my fender and took the paint off, resulting in \$500 worth of repairs. Now just a couple days ago, somebody snapped the driver's side mirror completely off. Glad I pay over \$200 for a parking permit. Oh, and thanks for leaving a note."

"Why do so many Ph.D. candidates write letters to the editor? Shouldn't they be too busy throwing their lives away?"

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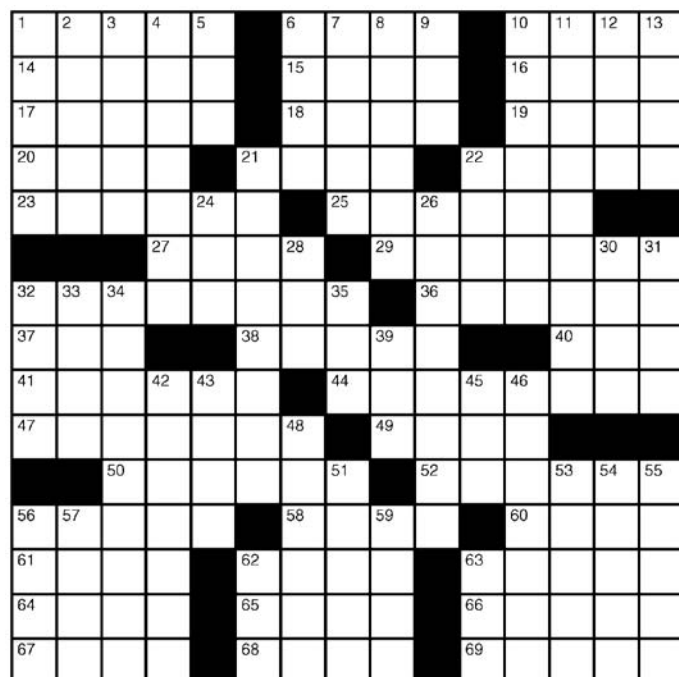
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SPORTS

Tennessee stands in the way of a better bowl game

by PETER LETARTE
Sports Contributor

The Commodores are riding high after a win last week in Kentucky that finally made them bowl eligible, lifting an enormous burden off of the team's collective shoulders. Heading into their game this Saturday against Tennessee, however, the Commodores are anything but satisfied.

"I think it fires us up even more," said redshirt junior center Brad Vierling, a co-captain. "Now that we are bowl eligible, now it's 'How good of a bowl do you want to get to?'"

Even though the Commodores are bowl eligible now, there is still much riding on this game against their most bitter rivals. A seventh win would guarantee them a spot in a bowl game later this year. Also, the team knows it's important to the program to get to the best bowl possible.

"We're nowhere near satisfied with what we have," said redshirt senior safety and co-captain Reshard Langford. "We want to go to a better bowl, we want to win out our season. We're trying to finish out the way we started."

The Commodores will want to use every ounce of momentum they gained from their victory in Lexington last weekend to trounce Tennessee when the Volunteers come to town tomorrow, the first step to finishing the season the way they want to. Historically, the Volunteers have dominated this rivalry on the gridiron, winning 24 of their last 25 meetings. However, the Commodores have certainly appeared to be the better

team this year with a record of 6-4 while the Volunteers stand at a mere 3-7. In addition, Tennessee has yet to win a game on the road, and their only conference win came against Mississippi State, also mired at 3-7.

Against Tennessee, coach Bobby Johnson and his staff will no doubt be looking to employ standout junior cornerback D.J. Moore in all aspects of the game, especially after his dynamic performance last week that saw him grab two touchdown catches as well as intercept two passes.

A key match-up to watch in this game could be Moore versus Tennessee's own outstanding sophomore defensive back Eric Berry. Berry has been one of the few bright spots for the Volunteers this season and, like Moore, is a semifinalist for the Jim Thorpe Award, which goes to the nation's top defensive back. He also leads the Southeastern Conference with six interceptions.

However, the best thing about a victory for the Commodores tomorrow would be that this year's senior class could get a win in their last game in Vanderbilt Stadium. This year's group of 21 seniors, including team captains Langford and George Smith, have given so much to the Vanderbilt football program. Nothing could be more rewarding than to beat their rivals in front of their home fans to close out their careers in Nashville.

For all of the Commodores, especially the seniors, tomorrow's game will be an important one full of meaning.

"We know we've got a lot on our shoulders," Langford said. ■

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D.J. MOORE

Interview by DAVID SHOCHAT
Sports Contributor

Vanderbilt cornerback D.J. Moore has proven to be far more than just a weapon on defense for the Commodores. The versatile junior starred on both sides of the ball last week in Vanderbilt's 31-24 win over Kentucky, intercepting two passes and also catching two touchdown passes at receiver. He spoke to the Vanderbilt Hustler about the toughest Southeastern Conference receiver to defend, why he changed his number to 17 and who really is the funniest guy on the football team.

VANDERBILT HUSTLER: What was the locker room like after the Kentucky game?

D.J. MOORE: I mean, it was exciting because when you win you are always excited, and it was a little extra for some, but overall it was just like any other win.

VH: You're the third Commodore player to win National Defensive Player of the Week honors. What does that say about the Vanderbilt defensive unit?

DJ: I think it is a compliment to the recruiting. You get better players in, and when you get better players, the team gets better and the team gets noticed.

VH: You have been in the Southeastern Conference for three years now. Who would you say is the toughest guy you have had to defend?

DJ: There are so many great players, but I would have to say Percy Harvin. He does everything.

VH: How about A.J. Green (freshmen receiver at Georgia)? Both of you being from South Carolina, did you know him or ever play against him in high school?

DJ: No, I didn't know him or play against him, but he was pretty good, too.

VH: After freshman year, you changed your number from 16 to 17. Was there any reason for that?

DJ: I didn't really care. My roommate Terrial (Brannon) wanted 16, so I was going to switch, and I didn't play too well when I was 16, so it didn't matter.

VH: You have played all over the field this season (kick returner, wide receiver, cornerback and quarterback), and are the only player in the SEC to do that. Do you have a favorite position?

DJ: Well, cornerback is better, because if I am a receiver, running a route, you don't always expect to get the ball, so I think it is a little more of a challenge on defense to catch the ball.

VH: Do you have a favorite NFL team?

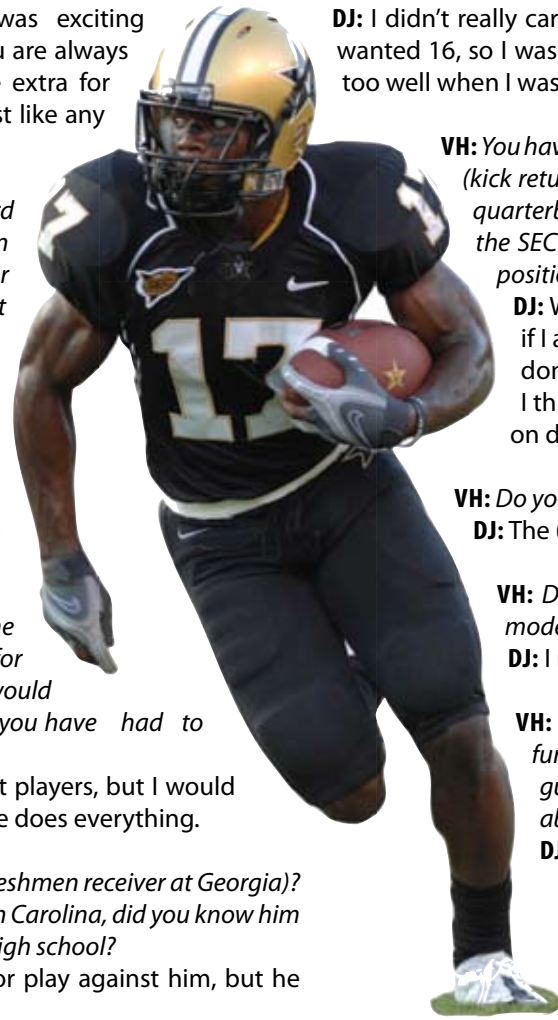
DJ: The (Dallas) Cowboys.

VH: Do you have a NFL player you try to model your game after?

DJ: I really like Deion Sanders.

VH: When we ask players who the funniest guy on the team is, a lot of guys say you. What do you think about that?

DJ: (Brent) Trice is funny. ■



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Perfect home streak comes to an end

by ANDREW BARGE
Sports Contributor

A late 7-0 run cost the Commodores (1-1) their first loss on Thursday night, falling to Illinois (3-0) 69-63. The setback snapped a 20-game home winning streak for Vanderbilt dating back to March of 2007.

Though the Illini only shot 37 percent on the night, they seemed to hit shots when it mattered most. Illini sophomore Demetri McCarmey torched Vanderbilt for 23 points, with several shot-clock beaters and a 3-pointer to beat the halftime buzzer. Trent Meacham also added 14 points.

Coach Kevin Stallings cited second chances given by offensive rebounds plagued the Commodore defensive effort.

"We tried hard, but to hold them to 37 percent and to have them have 21 offensive rebounds, some of those had to go in," Stallings said. "That was a sorry rebounding effort on our part and we need to work on that."

A pair of Jermaine Beal free throws pulled the Commodores within 2 points with 1:30 left, but Vanderbilt was unable to capitalize on the momentum. Beal missed a game-tying layup with 22 seconds to go, sealing the win for Illinois. Stallings attributed missed layups and free-throw shooting as the biggest problems on offense.



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Sophomore A.J. Ogilvy scored 13 points and grabbed seven rebounds, but it wasn't enough as Vanderbilt fell to Illinois 69-63, the team's first home loss in 20 months.

Vanderbilt went a paltry 13-21 from the free throw line, while Illinois was a perfect 11-11.

"The free throws and the lay-ups cost us on offense," Stallings said. "We took the ball to the basket and didn't convert."

Despite shooting poorly from the free throw line, Stallings doesn't think the charity stripe will be a permanent issue.

Sophomore A.J. Ogilvy led the Commodores with 13 points and seven rebounds

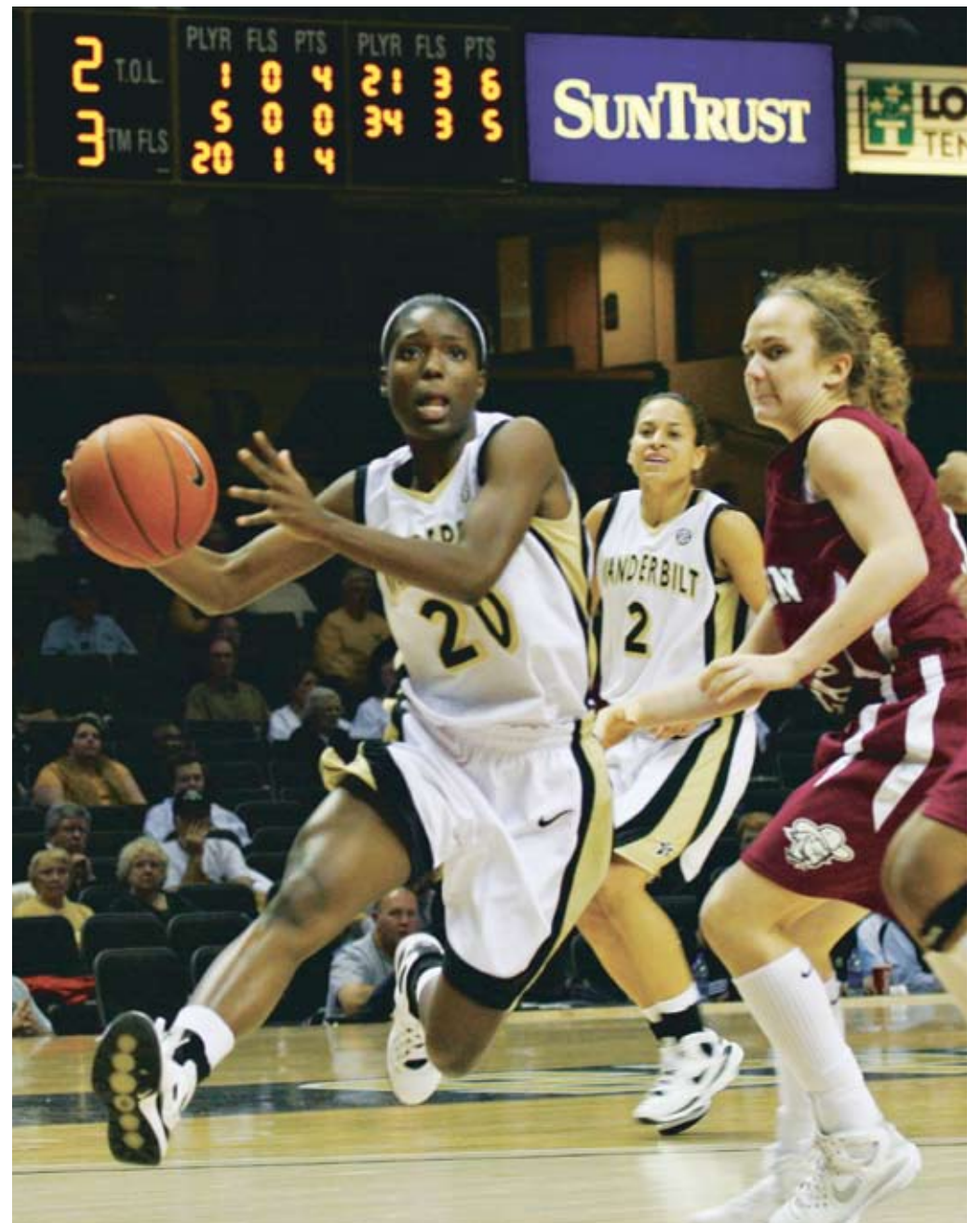
but was unatisfied with the team's performance.

"Losing at any time is disappointing," Ogilvy said. "We didn't make enough and missed a lot of critical shots straight off the basket."

Freshmen Jeffery Taylor and Brad Tinsley chipped in 11 apiece, while sophomore Andre Walker matched his career high with 10.

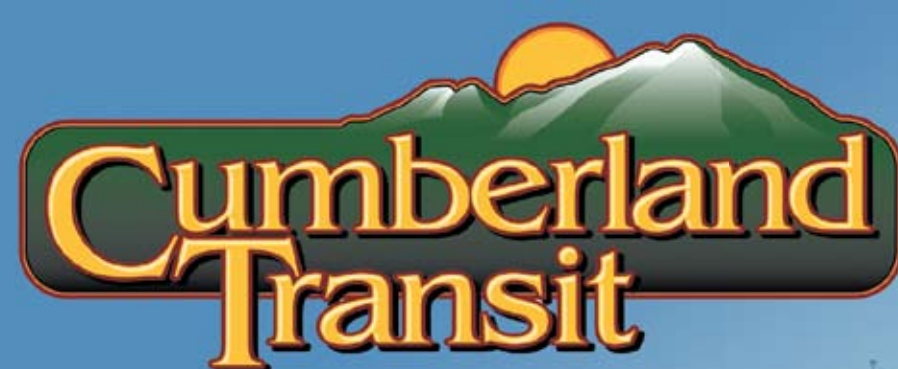
The Commodores next host Middle Tennessee State on Monday. Tip-off is at 7 p.m. ■

Vanderbilt runs by Eastern Kentucky at Memorial



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No. 12 Vanderbilt stayed perfect on the season with an 80-38 dismantling of Eastern Kentucky at Memorial Gym Wednesday night. Senior forward Christina Wirth led the way with 16 points, and junior guard Jessica Mooney (20) provided a spark off the bench with 11 points and three assists. The Commodores (3-0) scored the game's first 14 points and led by 30 at halftime.



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