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Melodores make good vibrations

Vanderbilt's newest male a cappella group entertains the possibility of striking a chord with a national audience.

by **SARA GAST**
News Editor

The newest a cappella group to hit campus may be about to make its name known to a much wider audience: America.

The Melodores, led by senior Shane Stever, was started last spring but hasn't had the chance to rehearse as a group or perform until the start of this semester. Now they have the opportunity to compete on a national stage when they audition Wednesday in Atlanta for the chance to have a spot on a NBC's new show, "The Sing Off," which will debut in primetime next fall.

Dubbed "the ultimate a cappella competition," "The Sing Off" will feature a variety of choirs who compete for a recording contract from Sony. "From what we can tell they're looking for all sorts of a cappella groups, from collegiate groups to professional quartets, female groups, co-ed groups, so it's going to be a big grab bag," Stever said. "It'll sort of be like an 'American Idol' thing where a group gets voted off each week."

The chance to audition came when senior John Baunach, vice president of the group, got an e-mail from an NBC talent producer working with casting for the show. Baunach told the group

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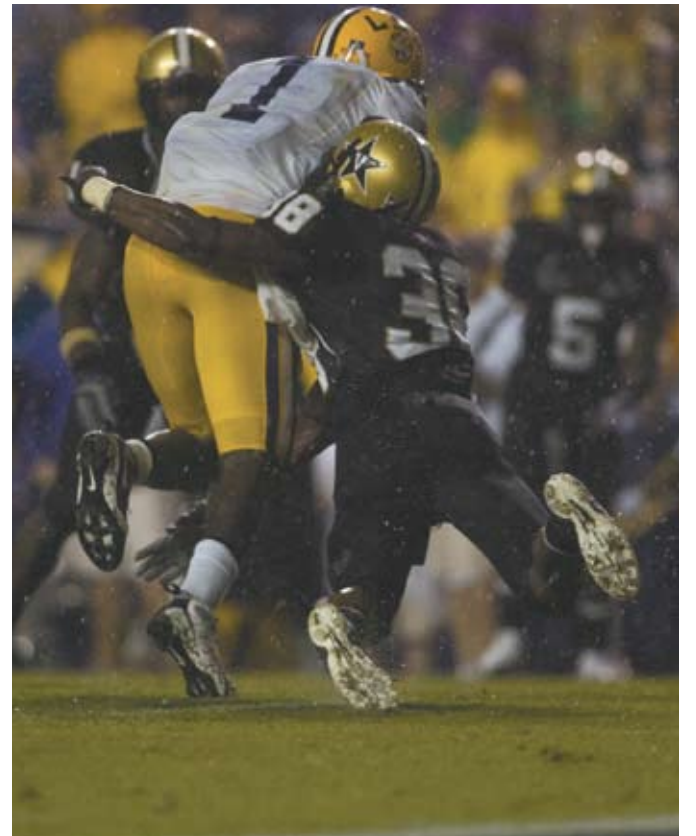
For a podcast of the Melodores discussing the audition and performing, go to InsideVandy.com



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The Melodores — from the front, going clockwise: Jeff Cutts, Tyler Verdell, Jordan Holland, Bradford Threkheld, John Baunach, Shane Stever, Trevor Fortenberry, Matt Sen and Shaun Kahler — head to Atlanta on Wednesday to audition for "The Sing Off."

Vandy geaux down in Death Valley



KRISTEN M'LISSA ROWLETT / The Daily Reveille

Sean Richardson (38) delivers a punishing hit in driving rain on Brandon LaFell (1) during Saturday's game between Vanderbilt and LSU. Mental errors, however, hurt the Commodores in an eventual 23-9 loss.

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Local hopes for an international university

by **MADELEINE ENGLIS**
Staff Writer

Americans are intimately affected by events — political, financial and cultural — across the world.

Vanderbilt has embraced this reality by working to increase the diversity and number of international students on campus.

International students make up 4 percent of the student body, a number that admissions and administration want to double. Judging by the student profile of the Class of 2013, it would appear that Vanderbilt is more than halfway to fulfilling that goal.

"The percentage of international students in this year's freshman class is 6.2 percent," said Mike Drish, the senior assistant director of undergraduate admissions. "Compared to the 1.8 to 3.2 percent of international students in the sophomore, junior and senior classes, this jump in the percentage of international students should be seen as a relative success."

However, diversity, not numbers and percentage points, is the driving force behind the international recruitment team's mission.

"If all we cared about was the percentage, we would recruit from just one or two countries," Drish said. "We want diversity of nations. If there are just two or three countries represented

MORE THIS WEEK

Katherine Carroll, an assistant professor of political science, will describe her experiences during her year in Iraq on Thursday at 4:10 p.m. in the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center.

here, those (international students) will be inclined to gravitate toward each other and they won't integrate with the other students. Our goal is to have a diverse but integrated student body."

One way the administration plans to fulfill its mission of international diversity is by continuing to expand the number of countries visited by faculty members. Although last year Vanderbilt recruiters visited 29 different countries, admissions hopes to see the number increase this year. Recruiting efforts have already begun for the Class of 2014.

"Just this Monday, we have someone going to Latin America to recruit international students," said Douglas Christiansen, vice provost for enrollment and dean of admissions. "We are going to China in a week and a half. ... In two weeks we will be stationed in Germany, Egypt and then later India."

Although the administration's dedication to diversifying the student body may cause concerns that



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Freshman Faiz Talib leads the newest members of the Malaysian Students Association at Vanderbilt in their introductory performance during the Malaysia Independence Day celebration on Saturday.

Vanderbilt applies different acceptance standards to international students than American students, this is not the case.

Just like all U.S. applicants, international applicants must have high SAT scores, stellar letters of recommendation and a diverse list of extracurricular activities.

"I can assure you that all students have to go through the same process in order to be admitted," Christiansen said. "We are by no means holding spots for international students. ... Only those who are qualified are admitted."

Even though Vanderbilt is a participant in Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's new education policy, which seeks to reform the local education system by sending students to top schools overseas, Christiansen says Vanderbilt has in no way committed itself to recruiting students from Iraq.

"We would love to have more Iraqi students here ... but only if they are qualified. Let me be clear and say we are in no agreement whatsoever with the Iraqi government," Christiansen said.

Despite equal admission standards

for domestic and international students, expanding the number of international students could be a contentious issue for some students. However, the administration believes that everyone will benefit from an increase in international students at Vanderbilt.

"Globalization is something that all of us hear and learn about, but imagine the ability to actually experience it," Drish said. "We want Vanderbilt to be reflective of the global society in which we all live. ... That is when learning can really happen." ■

NEWS:
Read more about how the Melodores got their start and what sets them apart from your average a cappella group.
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Few showers

TOMORROW



HIGH **75**, LOW **67**
T-storms

WEDNESDAY



HIGH **74**, LOW **65**
Scattered T-Storms

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What are your thoughts about Pitbull and O.A.R. coming for Commodore Quake?

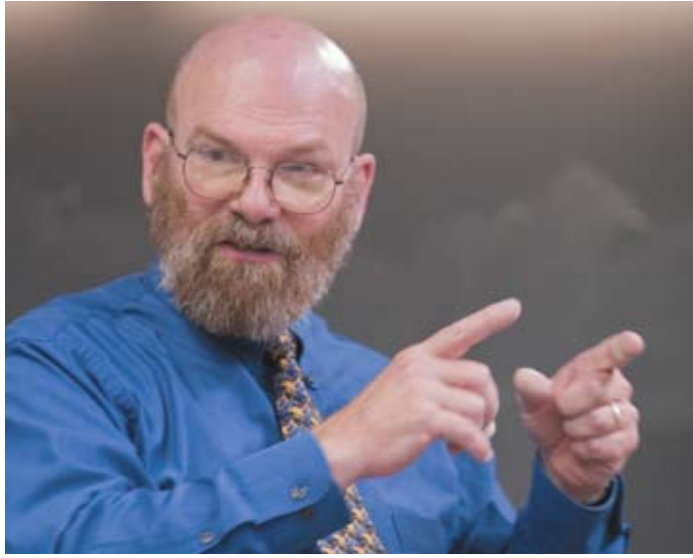
- "I wish it was Lady Gaga instead."
— Natalie Christian, 2012
- "I'll go, but I'm not super excited."
— Logan Pratt, 2011
- "It's a little bit of a let down."
— Taylor Backus, 2012
- "I think it's a step down from the last two years."
— George Boghos, 2011
- "Who's Pitbull?"
— Brion Lee, 2012

CRIME LOG

- Friday, Sept. 11, 2 a.m.:** Person had her debit card and Vandy cab cash stolen by a cab driver at Carmichael Towers East.
- Thursday, Sept. 10, 3 p.m.:** Catalytic converter stolen from a vehicle at 25th Avenue and West End Avenue (Lot No. 70).
- Thursday, Sept. 10, 10:41 p.m.:** Person gave false name, date of birth and Social Security number at Medical Center East.
- Wednesday, Sept. 9, 3:50 p.m.:** Bicycle and lock were stolen at the law school.
- Friday, Sept. 4, 10:15 p.m.:** Money was stolen from a vehicle in East Garage.

PROFESSOR SPOTLIGHT

Michael Hime
Blair School of Music
33 years at Vanderbilt



CHRIS PHARE/The Vanderbilt Hustler

A native of Nashville with a family history that dates back to the founding of the city, Professor Michael Hime received both his undergraduate and masters degrees at Peabody College before becoming the Vanderbilt Concert Choir Director in 1976.

- 1. What classes do you teach?**
Introduction to Music Literature, MUSL 140. I also teach Survey of Choral Music.
- 2. What instrument(s) do you play?**
I play trombone and Renaissance wind instruments, like the recorder and the crumhorn.
- 3. What's the biggest challenge you've faced in your teaching career?**
I think that it is trying to keep track of where students are and how I can make my passion relevant to them. The profile of the students changes from year to year. I want to know what your social culture is and how I can relate to it. I guess the biggest challenge is how to stay relevant.
- 4. What's your favorite place in Nashville?**
On my porch swing at my house. It's the place where neighbors walk by and talk. Just part of a great neighborhood.
- 5. What's your favorite food?**
True home-cooked.
- 6. If you could have dinner with anyone, dead or alive, who would it be?**
My sweet wife Beth (who died in 2007).
- 7. What do you like to do in your free time?**
I spend a lot of time taking care of refugee animals. My house is full of them, mostly reptiles and amphibians.
- 8. What is one thing you carry around with you wherever you go?**
A Pfennig (old German coin). It was given to me by a child in Dresden after a concert on May 15, 1992. We were the first Americans he had ever seen. After the concert, he came up and put this in my hand and left. I carry it with me to remind me that music dissolves every cultural barrier.
- 9. Do you have any pet peeves?**
Arrogance, particularly musical arrogance. It gets in the way of connecting. It puts a barrier in front of something that should be very accessible.
- 10. What advice would you give students to make the most of their four years at Vanderbilt?**
Try everything. Taste everything. Don't limit what you do to an imagined track or career that may or may not happen. This is the time to make friends. Probably never again will you have such a variety of opportunities to sample and try things. Look in the academic catalogue and find a course that just raises your curiosity.

CALENDAR

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY, SEPT. 14

- **Law School 101: Is it right for me?**
Ask questions to current law students, Vanderbilt Law School alumni and law admissions about tips, insights and real-world advice on law school in Wilson Hall, room 103 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- **Teach for America info session**
Join Teach for America to help impact the lives of students across the country. The first application deadline is Friday, Sept. 18 at 11:59 p.m. The information session will be from 8-9 p.m. in Wilson Hall, room 103.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 15

- **Countdown to Relay Kickoff**
A rally for everyone to come together and kick off the annual Relay for Life activities will be held in the Student Rec Lounge Area from 7-9:30 p.m. The purpose of Relay for Life is to honor cancer survivors and to pay tribute to those who lost in the battle against cancer.
- **Consulting, sales, management, business and HR career day**
From 1-4 p.m. in the Student Life Center Ballroom, meet top industry employers who are coming together to recruit, screen and source qualified candidates. Dress professionally and bring copies of your resume to this networking event.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16

- **Great Performances at Vanderbilt: Australia's Strange Fruit**
Four daredevil Australians transport you in a fantastical story of love, loss, joy and freedom up on high. Community performances will be at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. in Centennial Park. There will also be performances on Sept. 17 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Alumni Lawn.

SNAPSHOT

Remembering by serving



BLAKE LEMASTER/photos provided

Erin Martin and fellow Alternative Spring Break members went to Youth Encouragement Services on Friday, Sept. 11, the National Day of Service and Remembrance. To watch a video of other student groups participating in the service day, go to InsideVandy.com.

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MELODORES: Focus is on reaching out into Nashville community

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 “and it was just kind of like, ‘OK, let’s do this,’” Stever said. “We didn’t know anything about it until then. It’s next Wednesday, so a lot of us are skipping classes, skipping labs, skipping opera rehearsals to make this happen. ... We’re making sacrifices for it, but we feel like it’s a pretty big deal and worth it.”

The group is familiar with new opportunities suddenly appearing. One year ago, forming a new a cappella choir was just a passing thought.

“It’s actually an idea I had sophomore year,” Stever said. “I talked to some of these guys about it then, they thought it’d be cool, but I kinda forgot about it, went abroad, came back and John Baunach sends me an e-mail that says, ‘Hey, weren’t you going to start an a cappella group?’ And I was like, ‘Uh yeah, I was.’”

After talking to some of his friends that he “knew could sing,” Stever had a core group of nine guys who were interested.

“It’s gone surprisingly easy,” he said, “And then we auditioned, and auditions went surprisingly well. We had almost 30 guys audition. It was really competitive, and we weren’t expecting that kind of turnout for our first year. But it worked out and it turns out that the talent pool we have is really strong.”

This group is so strong that many of the guys can arrange music in addition to singing. The two songs the Melodores are performing at the NBC audition are members’ arrangements: Bono’s “Sweetest Thing,” which they performed at Vanderbilt Performing Art Council’s “Spotlight,” was arranged by musical director Jeff Cutts, and “This Love” by Maroon 5 is from the song’s soloist, senior Matt Sen.

Those two songs have been the primary focus for the 15 members for the last few days. Understandable, considering their first practice as a whole choir came just last Wednesday.

“It’s hard because we just got together and then the NBC thing came,” said sophomore Ryan Korell. “We have to get these two songs perfect. ... We have one week. We found out last Wednesday and we perform next Wednesday. It’s a challenge.”

But the idea of performing to an audience larger than just Vanderbilt students is something Stever says fits perfectly with the group’s mission, so he says it’s a challenge they’re up for.

“We really want to reach out,” Stever said. “We want to be more than just students. We want to reach faculty, the community, the Nashville community. In the same way we want our team, the Melodores, to be a strong community, we want to reach out and branch out into the Nashville community.”

He says the Melodores don’t feel much pressure to prove themselves.

“Our focus isn’t to be better than other groups on campus,” Stever said. “If that were our focus, we would inevitably fail, because then it becomes about bitterness, then it becomes about being better than other people, and honestly our goal is higher than that. Our goal is to reach out into the community, to produce good music and have fun doing it. That’s our goal. It’s musical excellence and delight in doing so. That’s what it’s all about. And it’s bigger than Vanderbilt.”

Many members also pointed out that the Melodores isn’t a splinter from the Dodecs, another men’s a cappella group on campus, although two Melodores were originally part of that group.

“I ended up switching, I guess just because the focus of the groups, the attitudes are just a little bit different,” Korell said. “I feel like Melodores is more about making good music and having a good time with the music. Being serious but having fun with it, ... more of this cohesive community, and that’s what I was looking for.”

Stever said the focus has always been on how the group functions as a whole, so while a musical background was important, it wasn’t everything.

“When we were recruiting we weren’t looking (for Blair students). We turned away some Blair students,” he said. “Musicality is very important, but it’s not just about musicality. It’s about the group, the community, the cohesiveness, the structure. That’s all really important to us. We’ve got a wide range of experience.”

And a wide range of majors, with only six of the 15 coming from Blair.

“I’m biomedical engineering,” said freshman Matthew Thompson, “but I really like doing this.”

Sen, a Blair student, says there was something about the group that made him stick around.

“I thought I didn’t want to spend my time with it,” he said. “I have to deal with music a lot, anyway.” But after sitting in on rehearsals he decided to give it a go.

“I was just going to sing with them for ‘Spotlight’ and then leave, and I just ended up kind of staying around I guess.”

The variety of backgrounds parallels the variety of music the Melodores plan on singing — that’s what sets them apart, many members said, and makes this experience different from anything they study in the classroom.

“Blair is strictly classical, whereas we branch out into different genres like jazz, rock, pop, R&B,” said sophomore Shaun Kahler.

“Even on a national level, college a cappella groups do a lot of goofy stuff and a lot of the prestigious, Ivy League ones are very straight-laced and do a lot of traditional stuff,” Stever said. “We’re really making an effort to branch out into all different styles: barbershop, jazz, classic rock, pop and some other classical pieces. Really trying to reach the whole gamut. And we feel that we’ll appeal to more people that way. Because again that ties into our mission of affecting the community on broader level.”

And that seems to be something everyone is excited about.

“We make our own artistic decisions as a group,” Sen said. “I don’t know of any other group like this where it seems like everybody wants to work hard and sound good. Having fun doesn’t have to be something different than making good music.”

“And it’s not something we have to do,” said senior Bradford Threlkeld. “It’s not compulsory. It’s something we want to do.”

Despite the sacrifices, Wednesday’s audition is something the group wants to do as well.

“We know it’s a long shot, but why not,” Stever said. “It’s bringing the group together, it’s making us better, it’s good, it’s something for the community to get excited about, it’s fun.”

“And it’s cool because it’s brand new,” Cutts said. “It’s not like ‘American Idol’ where we know what the standards are already.”

The lack of expectations is nothing new, either.

“The show’s new, we’re new. There are a lot of question marks,” Stever said, “but we’re just excited and ready to get ready for it and give it absolutely our best shot.” ■

Yearbook portraits extended



ERIC GLASSER / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Students have another week to sit for their yearbook photo. It only takes a few minutes, and students can come in to Sarratt 112 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Seniors are asked to go to vanderbiltcommodore.com to make an appointment.

VSG releases budget

by **SARA GAST**
News Editor

Vanderbilt Student Government released its 2009-2010 budget overview last week.

In all, VSG will spend about \$117,750 this school year, with the budget being similar to the one for the previous year, President Wyatt Smith said.

One difference for this coming year will be efficiency. Last year’s budget left VSG with several thousand in reserve, which the

group used for Movie Night in Sarratt and Pub renovations. This year, Smith said no reserve is expected, although students shouldn’t worry that VSG has cut itself short.

“If something happens, we’ll be able to shift resources to help ourselves or other student organizations,” Smith said.

He said VSG holds itself to the same accountability they expect of other groups as far as wise use of their budget to the maximum benefit of students.

“Students should look

forward to more interaction as to what they want to see,” said VSG Public Relations Director Lucie Rhoads, who said polls would be one tool VSG will use. “We want to make programming more relevant ... and do what students want.”

Area coordinators elected last week, as well as upperclassman house presidents elected this week, will drive the spending of the \$8,500 devoted to upperclassman area programming. This was an area in which VSG has pushed to

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integrate resident advisers and area coordinators, Smith said, as opposed to VSG just adding a layer of bureaucracy. ■

WRVU could top the charts for best college radio station

Vanderbilt’s student-run radio station WRVU 91.1 is in the running to receive an MTVu Woodie Award for Best College Radio Station. Currently in the top 100 rankings, the station will find out if it made the top 50 cut on Tuesday. To vote for WRVU visit radiowoodie.ratemyprofessors.com and search for WRVU. Vote as many times as you want in a day. Or join their Facebook group: “Help WRVU 91.1 Win a Woodie!”

WRVU has kicked off their brand new program schedule. For the full schedule visit WRVU.org and click on “Schedule” at the top.

And while you’re on WRVU.org, check out all the new additions to the site: a new blog featuring WRVU’s top 10 new albums of the week and updates about the station, an iTunes stream so WRVU can be heard anywhere in the world, a Twitter feed and a chat room so you can talk live to the DJ while listening. And coming soon: a 24/7 live Web cam from inside the studio broadcasting DJ’s spinning records and live in-studio performance by bands. To view the Web cam, visit WRVU.org and click on “See us now.”

Also new, The Hustler gets radio-fied. Hustler Sports Editor David Rutz and two sports reporters will be hosting a new sports talk show at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays. Call (615) 322-7625 or e-mail sports@insidevandy.com to get your questions in. ■



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Don't pass judgement on the God-squad



FRANNIE BOYLE
Columnist

The signs are everywhere. They are hanging from the trees. They are strung up next to the Wall at Rand. They are even tacked to that weird wooden flyer post outside of Kissam. It's no secret that religious life is a big part of Vandy's campus.

The presence of religious groups is most evident at the beginning of the school year, because it is an important time to recruit new freshmen before they get too wrapped up in other parts of the Vanderbilt community. This year the groups posted up at the Student Organization fair, held a separate Religious Organization fair over at The Commons and have also enticed newcomers with free food, lemonade and sign-up sheets outside of Rand. Most are wrapping up recruitment now and are moving on to Bible studies, organizing retreats, and putting together services.

There are many different religious groups represented at Vandy, but fortunately, most of them steer clear of awkwardly evangelizing to the rest of the student body. Most are there to let people know, "Hey, we are offering an alternative way of life on campus ... if you are interested, stop on by."

Yet, some students still get annoyed with these groups. From what I've heard, people are annoyed by groups'

disapproval of mainstream cultural values, their overly-modest parties blasting innocent Backstreet Boys music, the biblical discussions overheard while walking through Sarratt at night and by the countless Facebook photos from summer mission trips. They don't like how the groups change people like little Sally, who went from dancing on elevated surfaces her freshmen year to the junior woman who attends church every day. Sometimes students even get ticked about the painted BYX guys at the football games displaying (normal) school spirit.

Most [religious groups] steer clear of awkwardly evangelizing to the rest of the student body.

Most Vanderbilt students have very open minds. Actually, in many cases they are just apathetic enough not to care about what's going on around them. There are a select few, though, who spend time hating on religious groups. They somehow believe that religious kids put their way of living on a pedestal and are out there to make the non-religious kids

feel worse about themselves.

That is usually not the case here at Vanderbilt. Yes, religious groups believe they are promoting a better and more enriching way of life. They do find that staying in on a Thursday to study while watching a wholesome movie is better than a long evening spent on Demonbreun (and I am sure Friday morning, anyone would agree).

But chances are, they are not judging you. They are not judging you any more than you are judging them. Actually, more often than not, they are praying for you instead (not to freak you out or anything).

Maybe religious groups make students feel uncomfortable when

they are not happy with themselves. Maybe those students lie to their mom on the phone every Sunday when she asks if they woke up and went to church. Maybe they are unhappy that they brought back three different girls three nights in a row. Maybe they are unhappy because there is really no center to their lives.

Or maybe they are just truly happy being secular.

Whatever the case, stop hating on the God-squad, because they are not hating on you.

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COLUMN

Religion can be rational



PJ JEDLOVEC
Guest Columnist

Few would deny that Vanderbilt is an extremely religious college, but I doubt many people stop to think about why Vanderbilt students are so religious. A lot of people would say we are religious because we were raised that way and leave it at that. Though the influence of family and background on religious beliefs is undeniable, I think being religious is more often a conscious and reasoned choice than it is an acceptance of the religion of one's childhood. This is especially clear at Vanderbilt.

In today's immensely secular society, when someone says he believes in God or is a religious person, it is all too often assumed he is accepting such a belief as a convenience that makes him feel good. Rarely do people consider that being religious could be the result of an informed and rational decision. As a result, believers are criticized for being close-minded and irrational people who would be better off if they would just accept that religion is illogical and unnecessary. Religion is said to be an impediment to rational thinking. Religious extremists fuel this criticism further when they take reason out of their beliefs and thereby harm other people and society.

What critics fail to recognize is that a large portion of those who believe in God do so having examined the validity of their beliefs rigorously, and they come to their beliefs intellectually and rationally. Religion is often considered to be for people too close-minded to accept God does not exist, but maybe the opposite of this is true. Maybe atheists are so set in their beliefs in "not needing a God" and so focused on the material and secular world that their minds are not open to the possibility of God's existence. We are told science is now at war with religion, but this really is not true. Scientific and rational thinking are not at war with religion, but with the kind of fanatical religion that does not think itself in any

way subject to reason.

Nowhere are the intelligence of believers and the rational basis of their beliefs more evident than at Vanderbilt. Recently, I was talking with one of my hall mates, and the discussion turned to God when he posed to me a famously intriguing question. "If God is really all-powerful, can he create a hot dog so hot that he can't eat it?"

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As we began to discuss this paradox, more and more people started to join in on our conversation, sharing their views on God, logic and why they see their belief in God as rational. Before I knew it, almost half of our floor was seated in the hall engaging in an impromptu discussion on God that lasted an hour and a half.

These people were not basing their belief in God on the cultural or circumstantial bias that many claim to be inherent to religion but on reason and logic. The very fact that this many college students were willing to dedicate time to rational discussion of the issue at stake is a testament to the open-mindedness and devotion to reason shared by the religious community at Vanderbilt.

I guess the moral of the story is there are perfectly logical and valid arguments on both sides of the debate. To claim that everyone who holds an opposing position is ignorant or close-minded is to be ignorant yourself.

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COLUMN

Too soon to forget



JENNIFER GRASCH
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Eight years ago, two planes crashed into the World Trade Center in New York City. On Friday, Vanderbilt students were crashing frat parties. Eight years ago, Americans felt threatened on American soil for the first time in a long time. On Friday, Vanderbilt students feared the threat of rain would ruin their shoes as they walked back from class.

Something is wrong with this picture. Eight years have elapsed since the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001, and already we are neglecting to memorialize it. As a freshman, I was surprised and saddened by the lack of recognition the day received on campus. Life progressed as normal at Vanderbilt. If a non-American stepped onto campus on Friday, he or she would have no idea it was an important day. No memorials, no services that I know of, no mention of it in The Hustler, nothing of significance to commemorate a day that is so noteworthy in our nation's history.

Frank Dobson, faculty head of house of Gillette House, hosted a screening of the film "United 93" on Friday evening. Only 11 people took the time out of their night to watch the film and remember. Several other groups on campus performed

community service or memorialized the day in other ways. But as a university, we should have done more.

We are old enough that we remember the tragedy of Sept. 11 quite well. I was in fifth grade, in social studies class, and my teacher stopped class to call her daughter in New York City. I know I am not alone in remembering exactly where I was and what I was doing when I heard the news.

Although I did not personally know anyone who died on that day, members of the Vanderbilt community lost loved ones eight years ago. We should stand behind them and let them know they are not alone. We should recognize how hard this anniversary must be.

I am not claiming we should halt all activities to sit solemnly in silence. Not at all. The resilience of our nation is part of the lesson to be learned from Sept. 11. But we should take time to remember. Do community service; attend a memorial service; watch a film. You don't know how the person sitting next to you in class or waiting behind you in line at Starbucks may have been affected. As a nation and as a campus, we should not forget.

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COLUMN

Meat your problem



HUDSON TODD
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My favorite meal is a pork sandwich with wings. It always has been, and it probably always will be. However, I never eat this meal, because I, along with 3.2 percent of Americans, am a vegetarian. I love meat, but I feel I am obligated to follow this diet for three reasons: It is good for animals, it is good for the Earth and it is good for my health.

Speciesism is the prejudicial idea that people are superior to (nonhuman) animals simply because we are human. Animals are not as intelligent as humans, but they are capable of feeling pain. Take chickens, for example. On many factory farms, chickens live in complete darkness in severely overcrowded buildings and never see the light of day until they are shipped off to the slaughterhouse. According to USDA statistics, millions of chickens every year have their bodies submerged in scalding hot water while they are fully conscious. Pigs, on the other hand, are often weaned from their mothers at 10 days old (as opposed to 13 weeks naturally), and thus suffer severe psychological trauma and begin to chew on other pigs' tails. As a result, the USDA recommends using pliers to snip the tail off (without anesthetics). These are just a few of the myriad of abuses taking place on factory farms.

The situation regarding the meat industry's impact on the environment is dire. Once upon a time, cows grazed grasslands and their manure fertilized the grass. Such a farming method was sustainable and holistic. Today, corporations feed cows corn rather than grass because

it is cheaper. Eighty percent of corn grown in the U.S. is shipped (using prodigious amounts of fossil fuels) to be consumed by livestock rather than human beings. Cows require about 16 pounds of corn to create one pound of edible flesh. The corn, grown using various fertilizers and pesticides, renders the cows' manure worthless.

Consequently, cows live ankle deep in their own manure. Raising cattle in such a manner is an environmental catastrophe. According to a 2006 United Nations initiative, the livestock industry is one of the largest contributors to environmental degradation, and raising animals for food contributes heavily to air and water pollution, land degradation and loss of biodiversity. In addition, animal agriculture is responsible for 18 percent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions as measured in carbon dioxide equivalents. By comparison, all of the world's transportation emits 13.5 percent of carbon dioxide.

As far as health is concerned, consider the fact that the total medical cost of meat-related effects in the United States alone is estimated to be \$30-60 billion annually. The vegetarian diet includes lower levels of saturated fat and cholesterol. Vegetarians have been reported to have lower body mass indices than nonvegetarians,

lower rates of death from heart disease, lower blood cholesterol levels, lower blood pressure, lower rates of hypertension, lower prevalence of type two diabetes, and lower rates of prostate and colon cancer.

Humans are indeed omnivores. We produce an enzyme in our stomachs specifically for breaking down elastin, which is found exclusively in meat. However, that fact alone does not justify that the meat industry is ultimately an immoral enterprise, and by partaking in the consumption of meat, humans are hurting animals, the environment and themselves. I am not asking you to suddenly cease eating meat. What I am attempting to do is make you aware of how important what you eat is, and how far reaching the consequences of a pork sandwich can be.

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COLUMN

Racism is still prevalent



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Columnist

In the past week, I've read two reports about hate crimes that took place in the U.S. Needless to say, I found the acts of violence perpetrated by race and/or religion both disgusting and disturbing. These types of attacks show our country has a long way to go when it comes to racial tolerance.

The first hate crime I read about concerned an attack on a white teenage boy from New York who was beaten about the head with a chunk of concrete by a group of teenagers. The boy's father believes the attackers acted violently towards his son because the boy is in a relationship with an African-American woman. The second attack took place in Michigan and involved a group of teenage boys who made racial insults to a 16-year-old Muslim girl, ripped off her headscarf and assaulted her. The teens also attacked her

older brother when he tried to come to his sister's defense.

It is appalling that racially motivated crimes are still happening in the 21st century. You would think that at this point, people would see all individuals as human beings who deserve to be treated dignity and respect. But apparently some people cannot come to terms with racial differences and choose to inflict harm on people they see as different from themselves.

In both cases, the attacks were perpetrated by groups of teenagers. On one hand, it is easy to attribute these attacks to teenagers being immature and ignorant. However, I personally find the fact the attackers were teenagers very sobering. These teenagers were not born racists; they probably learned racism in their homes from their parents. If parents are still teaching their children to look down on other racial or religious groups in 2009, then we can expect racism to remain a strong force in society for at least our lifetimes.

Very rarely do people express their dislike of another race in public because such behavior is no longer socially acceptable. Most of the time, people learn this from their parents, but when parents do not teach their children to respect all people regardless of race, then how will

their children learn to interact productively with members of other races? In grade school, I was always taught to "be nice" to everyone. However, there was never any discussion of racism in school. The prevalence of these hate crimes shows schools should start addressing this uncomfortable topic in case some children are living in a home where bigotry is the name of the game.

In the current environment, there is an unfortunate risk of widespread racism. In times of an economic downturn, there may be increased hatred of groups different from one's own because the hated group is competing for fewer jobs. For example, in the 1840s, America suffered from a very weak economy and the Know Nothing Party, a nativist party that feared the growing number of Irish and German Catholic immigrants, emerged. In the information technology age, this type of organizing can happen quickly and on a widespread scale.

The election of the first African-American president has also sparked racism. I am not insinuating that anyone who disagrees with Obama's policies is a racist, but I am suggesting there are people out there who oppose Obama because of his race.

I think everyone can agree that hate crimes are horrible, and that they should not be tolerated. It is important for everyone to combat hate in both their public and private lives in order to prevent future racially motivated attacks.

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THE VERDICT

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Fat people		Scientists at Stanford have discovered a way to turn "liposuction leftovers" into stem cells that function like embryonic stem cells. We all knew that obesity would be good for something someday. Way to go, America!
Joe Wilson		The Senate is full of crazy people, but seriously? "You lie?" That wasn't classy. Nancy Pelosi almost had a conviction.
Butter		In China, officials have decided to cover a 1,000-foot long bridge with butter in order to make it too slippery for suicide. Not only is it delicious on toast, butter is also a creamy life-saving concoction.
Cookies		According to a recent poll, 1/2 of all Britons have been injured in a cookie-related incident. You thought Oreos were a delicious treat, but really they're just aggressive.
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Sports

Penalties, critical interception cost Commodores in 23-9 loss



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Vanderbilt quarterback Larry Smith (10) scrambles as Chancey Aghayere (87) gives chase during action between LSU and the Commodores Saturday. Penalties and a crucial interception on a bobbled pass from Smith in the fourth quarter cost Vanderbilt in a 23-9 loss. The Tigers won their 31st consecutive home night game.

by DAVID RUTZ
Sports Editor

Wet, tired and hurt, Vanderbilt played LSU tough Saturday night, but in the end committed too many mental errors to overcome the Tigers' superior athleticism in a frustrating loss.

Senior Keiland Williams rushed for two touchdowns for the No. 11 Tigers, and senior Josh Jasper added three short field goals in a rain-soaked 23-9 victory that extended LSU's mastery over the Commodores, giving them six straight wins in this series.

"I'm proud of the way our team hung in there until the end and battled," said Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson.

Battled they did, but the usually heady Commodores (1-1, 0-1 Southeastern Conference) were far too mentally sloppy to overcome LSU on Saturday.

The usually disciplined team made mistakes that extended both LSU touchdown drives, not the sort of thing a team can easily overcome on the road. In the second quarter, redshirt junior defensive tackle Adam Smotherman was called for a facemask penalty near midfield to move the Tigers (2-0, 1-0) deep into Vanderbilt territory. Then, with Tiger receiver Terrance Toliver stopping a yard short of a first down at the 13-yard line, redshirt senior safety Ryan Hamilton came charging in to a pile of players making the tackle and grabbed Toliver's facemask for an automatic first down.

Williams scored on the next play, the first points of the season allowed by the Vanderbilt defense.

"That is just people going hard trying to make plays," Johnson said regarding the penalties.

While both those calls were clear, the backbreaker was a questionable defensive holding call on Chris Marve that wiped out a pick by Joel Caldwell in the fourth quarter. With the score 16-9 Tigers and the issue still in doubt, LSU quarterback Jordan Jefferson overthrew his receiver and Caldwell picked it at the goal line, but Vanderbilt hearts sank when the call went against Marve. Given new life, Williams scored four plays later for the final margin.

Jefferson completed 20-29 passes but for only 138 yards, and he took three sacks. Sophomore cornerback Casey Hayward had a huge game in just his second career start, making four tackles for loss and getting 13 stops overall.

However, the Vandy defense struggled on third down, allowing the Tigers to convert 9-17 times,

with all nine conversions coming on their five scoring drives.

"We had a lot of opportunities tonight, and we failed to capitalize," Hayward said.

Another costly error was a false start in the first quarter; the Commodores were on LSU's 33-yard line about to go for it on 4th-and-three. That forced a punt and put an end to a promising drive.

All told, Vanderbilt committed an uncharacteristic seven penalties for 52 yards. The Commodores also fumbled the ball three times but recovered each one, including when Larry Smith lost the ball on a keeper but scooped it up and ran it in from seven yards out for Vanderbilt's only touchdown.

"The ball was kind of wet and our hands were wet," Smith said. "That's not an excuse for the way we played."

Smith could make an excuse for his only pick of the game, because it wasn't his fault.

After Vanderbilt scored a safety when Alex Russian snapped the ball over the head of punter Derek Helton out of the back of the end zone, the Commodores had a promising drive into LSU territory. On third-and-seven, Smith hit a wide-open Alex Washington over the middle, but Washington bobbled the ball in the air at the 16, where it was caught by LSU's Brandon Taylor as an interception. That was as close as the Commodores would get to scoring again.

"We were going to make the first down, we were seven points behind and all we had to do was score a touchdown or a field goal to make it tighter," Johnson said. "When you make it tighter in the fourth quarter, you have a chance."

Not on Saturday, though. ■

Vandy hosts first rugby tourney

by PETER LETARTE
Sports Reporter

The Vanderbilt football team was out of town this weekend, but there was still plenty of entertainment right here on campus for those hoping to see high-contact sport.

That was thanks to the large army of rugby players, or "ruggers" as they are fondly referred to, that invaded Vanderbilt's campus this weekend for the first year of what Vandy hopes to be the annual Oak Leaf Tournament hosted by the university's club rugby team.

The Commodores came in third place, with Middle Tennessee claiming the title.

Ruggers of 20 different teams from 15 different states gathered on Capers Field in order to vie for the newly created Oak Leaf Cup.

Shouts rose from the field as 15 players for each team in brightly colored uniforms flew around the field tossing around what would appear to be an oddly shaped football, participating in scrums, and attempting to score tries, worth five points.

While larger schools from

around the nation such as Missouri and Auburn showed up for the weekends' festivities and matchups, it was only Vanderbilt, MTSU and Ball State who were still left Sunday afternoon hoping to have their names engraved on the Oak Leaf Cup as the inaugural winners, as well as to have the privilege of bringing the Cup back to their respective campus.

"Mainly it serves as a good opportunity to play a lot of games," said captain Brooke van Dusen. "Especially with a lot of rookies (freshmen) on the team, it was

good to get a lot of experience."

While Vanderbilt had exciting opportunities to play in a few high profile tournaments last year, such as the Southeastern Conference tournament and a Mardi Gras tournament in New Orleans, it was even more exciting for them to host a tournament on their own turf for the first time.

"It worked out well because we have a good central location and all of the necessary facilities to host a tournament of this size," said van Dusen. "It turned out to be a great success." ■

Around the SEC: UT flops at home

by GREG MCMILLIN
Sports Reporter

Crompton costs Vols against UCLA

In what was supposed to be a breakout game for Lane Kiffin and the Tennessee Volunteers on ESPN, UCLA (2-0) was able to escape from Knoxville with a 19-15 win on Saturday.

After putting up 10 first quarter points, Tennessee (1-1) failed to score again until the fourth quarter as UCLA strung together 16 unanswered points. Down six points late in the fourth quarter, the Vols were stopped on fourth-and-2 near the goal line to seal the win for the Bruins.

It was the performance of quarterback Jonathan Crompton, however, which cost Tennessee the game as he completed only 13 of 26 passes for 93 yards and three interceptions. Kicker Kai Forbath made the difference for UCLA with four field goals on the

day, with his longest coming from 47 yards.

Things don't look to get any easier for Kiffin as he leads the Vols into the Swamp to face No. 1 Florida this Saturday, where the Gators are sure to seek revenge for Kiffin's offseason accusations that Urban Meyer cheated in the recruitment of receiver Nu'Keese Richardson.

Shootout in Athens

After two weak offensive performances by Georgia and South Carolina that saw a total of 17 points between them in their opening games, the No. 21 Bulldogs (1-1, 1-0 Southeastern Conference) and Gamecocks (1-1, 0-1 SEC) combined for 78 points as Georgia came away victorious with a 41-37 win.

Joe Cox's improved play was instrumental for the Bulldogs as he finished with two touchdowns and 201 yards, while completing 17 of 24 passes. South

Carolina quarterback Stephen Garcia also threw for 313 yards and two touchdowns on 53 attempts, but it was not enough as the Gamecocks fell short for the second straight year against Georgia.

Auburn Runs Over Mississippi State

Auburn (2-0, 1-0 SEC) found ways to run through, over and around the Mississippi State (1-1, 0-1 SEC) defense on Saturday as the Tigers rushed for 390 total yards, winning 49-24. Running backs Ben Tate (157 yards) and Onterio McCalebb (114 yards) carried the load for the War Eagle as the Gene Chizik era continues to get off to a solid start. Out of the wildcat formation, Kodi Burns rushed for three touchdowns and had another through the air for the Tigers.

Sophomore receiver Darvin Adams also added 116 yards on five catches for Auburn.

Quarterback Chris Relf struggled for the Bulldogs, completing five of 11 passes for 77 yards, while throwing two interceptions. Mississippi State will come to Nashville this Saturday to face Vanderbilt, while Auburn will take on West Virginia at home.

Did You Know?

— With the loss to Auburn on Saturday, Mississippi State has now lost 11 straight SEC openers.

— Steve Spurrier dominated Georgia with an 11-1 record at Florida but is now 1-4 against Georgia while at South Carolina.

— LSU WR Brandon LaFell has now caught a pass in 30 straight games.

— Florida finished with 663 total yards against Troy in their 56-6 victory.

— Alabama quarterback Greg McElroy set a school record with 14 consecutive completions against Florida International. ■

WEEKLY REPORT CARD

Compiled by Hustler Sports Staff

QUARTERBACK, B-

Making his first true road start, redshirt sophomore Larry Smith performed decently in rain and hostile territory and scored Vanderbilt's only touchdown on a 6-yard keeper in the second quarter. He only went 11-24 for 88 yards and one interception, though the pick wasn't his fault.

RUNNING BACKS, B+

Freshman Zac Stacy continued to make the starting job his own, rushing for 89 yards on 20 carries, and setting up Vanderbilt's only touchdown with a bruising 26-yard run. Redshirt junior Kennard Reeves also played well, rushing for 36 yards on just five carries for an impressive 7.2-yard average and catching a pass for 11 yards. The group also took good care of the ball, never losing a fumble on a rainy, slippery day at Tiger Stadium.

WIDE RECEIVERS/TIGHT ENDS, C-

Dropped passes marred Smith's totals, none more crucial than when redshirt senior Alex Washington bobbled what would have been a first down in the red zone in the fourth quarter. Instead, the ball was snatched by LSU's Brandon Taylor as an interception. Conditions were less than ideal, with the wet ground and constant rain, making running and catching difficult. The group as a whole struggled to get open and as a result, Smith's longest completion was only 14 yards. Redshirt sophomore Austin Monahan led the group with three catches for 25 yards.

OFFENSIVE LINE, C

A hit-or-miss performance from this unit, which helped Vanderbilt pound the ball down LSU's throat on its sole touchdown drive, but also allowed Smith to be sacked three times and force him out of the pocket several others.

DEFENSIVE LINE, C-

This group never put a considerable amount of pressure on LSU quarterback Jordan Jefferson. All in all, they lost the battle at the line of scrimmage as the Tigers mounted an impressive running attack.

LINEBACKERS, B-

Senior Patrick Benoist had a great game. He registered nine stops, including 1.5 sacks, and recovered a Tiger fumble in the first quarter. Redshirt sophomore Chris Marve had 11 tackles and his third forced fumble of the season, but he and other linebackers were beaten around the edge several times by faster LSU players. Marve was questionably called for defensive holding in the fourth quarter to wipe out a badly needed interception by the Commodores.

SECONDARY, B-

Jordan Jefferson had a hard time completing passes downfield against this group, often forcing him to dump off for shorter gains. Sophomore Casey Hayward had an outstanding game, earning 13 stops, four of them for loss, to lead the team. Redshirt senior Ryan Hamilton committed a boneheaded facemask penalty in the second quarter to extend an LSU touchdown drive, however. The Commodores need more heady play from a veteran like him. Redshirt senior Joel Caldwell had a nice pick but it was erased by the aforementioned penalty. Senior Myron Lewis provided a defensive highlight when he actually picked up LSU's Russell Shepherd off the ground when tackling him in the first quarter.

COACHING, B

Vanderbilt looked prepared and was in a position tie the game late. Poor discipline on the field on third downs, dropped passes and foolish penalties did the Commodores in, but that's on the players, not the coaches.

Rough road trip



ZAC HARDY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

The 25th-ranked Vanderbilt women's soccer team saw its perfect start come to a close, losing 3-1 to Texas Tech on Friday in the Auburn Soccer Classic in Auburn, Ala., and following up with a 1-1 tie against Missouri on Sunday.

Freshman Margaux Andrews (8) scored her first career goal against the Tigers (4-2-2) to give the Commodores (5-1-1) their only score of the game, and Missouri tied it up soon after halftime.

In the loss Friday to the Red Raiders, the Commodores owned a 25-9 shot advantage but couldn't keep Texas Tech (4-2) out of the net. Vanderbilt freshman Dana Schwartz scored her first career goal in the game to tie it, but the Red Raiders surged ahead with two second-half goals.

MYRON LEWIS



*He said
She said*

KRISTABEL DOEBEL-HICKOK

Interview by MEGHAN ROSE

To get a sense of the similarities and differences between male and female athletes at Vanderbilt, we asked one of each gender the same 12 questions, including what their pre-game routines are, what first attracted them to their sport and their fondest memories as Commodores. For today's edition, we spoke to cornerback Myron Lewis and cross country runner Kristabel Doebel-Hickok. Lewis, a senior, has already put together several defensive highlights in his final campaign with the Commodores, including three pass break-ups in the opener against Western Carolina. Perhaps none has been better than when he picked up LSU's Russell Shephard off the ground while tackling him during Vanderbilt's game Saturday in Tiger Stadium. Doebel-Hickok, a junior, comes off an outstanding performance in the women's cross country team's opening tournament, running to a team-best 14:34.20 in the 4K race, paving the way for the team to finish in first place in the Belmont-Vanderbilt opener in Percy Warner Park on Sept. 4., marking the second straight season the Commodores won the meet.

VANDERBILT HUSTLER: What first attracted you to your sport?

MYRON LEWIS: I've played football since I was in the third grade. Just growing up and seeing my brothers play college football and high school football; I got into the sport and just loved it.

VH: What are you most looking forward to this season?

ML: I'm looking forward to the competition and winning all of our games — including a bowl game.

VH: How would you describe the team's camaraderie?

ML: We're family-oriented; we hang out all the time. We're just a big group of guys who get along.

VH: How will you act as a leader this season?

ML: I'm basically going to show the younger players the ropes, and the ins and outs of our play on and off the field.

VH: What is your fondest memory from athletic career?

ML: This past December, in the Music City bowl game, I intercepted the game-winning pass.

VH: What are your thoughts on fellow SEC competition?

ML: It's like playing in an all-star game, day in and

day out. You've got fast, big guys, well-coached players, and coaches who know the system really well.

VH: What are your individual goals this season?

ML: I'm just going to go out there and do my job, and help my team win and go from there.

VH: What do you like most about playing at Vanderbilt?

ML: The coaches are always 110% behind you, and it's great to play with a bunch of guys you love being around.

VH: How have you worked to better your game in the offseason?

ML: I've worked on my quickness and strength. I had surgery, and I had to get back to 110 percent. I was in the weight room and training room constantly to get ready for the season.

VH: How have you incorporated your coaches' styles into your play?

ML: Coach (Bobby) Johnson is a guy who is all about winning, and does whatever it takes. I'm completely behind him and doing whatever it takes to get the win.

VH: What is your pre-game routine to get pumped?

ML: I listen to some Lil Wayne, and right before the game, I call my brother and he gives me pointers about what I need to do.

VH: What is your favorite place on campus or in Nashville?

ML: My favorite place is the Pancake Pantry. I'm there every Friday, so I guess you could say that's one of my rituals before a game as well. ■

VANDERBILT HUSTLER: What first attracted you to Vanderbilt?

KD-H: I started running in middle school gym class. My teacher was the track coach, and she really encouraged me to do it. My brother was on the team, and we ran one day a week. It was all fun.

VH: What are you most looking forward to this season?

KD-H: I'm really excited about the group of girls that we have, and the direction that we are going. I think we can improve on the performances of the past couple of years, and do better as a team.

VH: How would you describe the team's camaraderie?

KD-H: We have a lot smaller of a squad this season. It's allowed us to get a lot closer, and we all want to see each other do well.

VH: How will you act as a leader this season?

KD-H: I like to lead by example. You should come to practice to work hard, you need to be focused, and that's what I try to do.

VH: What is your fondest memory from your Vanderbilt athletic career to date?

K D-H: When we raced at Stanford, I set the school record, and my parents were there. It was a special evening.

VH: What are your thoughts on fellow SEC competition?

KD-H: We've really been stressing that it's the end of the season that counts. We know that the SEC regionals are when it really matters.

VH: What are your individual goals this season?

K D-H: I'd love to make it to nationals. It's a big goal, and I can't say with 100 percent certainty that it's going to happen, but it is a really good thing to aim for.

VH: What do you like most about playing at

KD-H: I think that coach (Steve) Keith is really great; he works well with me. It's also really hard to find a school with a good running program where you're getting a great education.

VH: How have you worked to better your game in the offseason?

KD-H: I went up and trained at a high altitude in California where I was living for about two months with a group of runners.

VH: How have you incorporated your coaches' styles into your play?

KD-H: Coach Keith's style is very individualized— my training is different from the rest of the team's training. You have to figure out what works for you, and go with that.

VH: What is your pre-game routine to get pumped?

KD-H: I treat the night before and time leading up to the meet like any other day before a workout. I get a good night's sleep and proper nutrition. On the day of the race, I try to keep everything low-key, and stay as relaxed as I can.

VH: What is your favorite place on campus or in Nashville?

KD-H: I basically live in Hendrix and McGugin. I stay mostly on campus since everything we need is basically here. I pretty much live in my dorm

and the training facilities. ■

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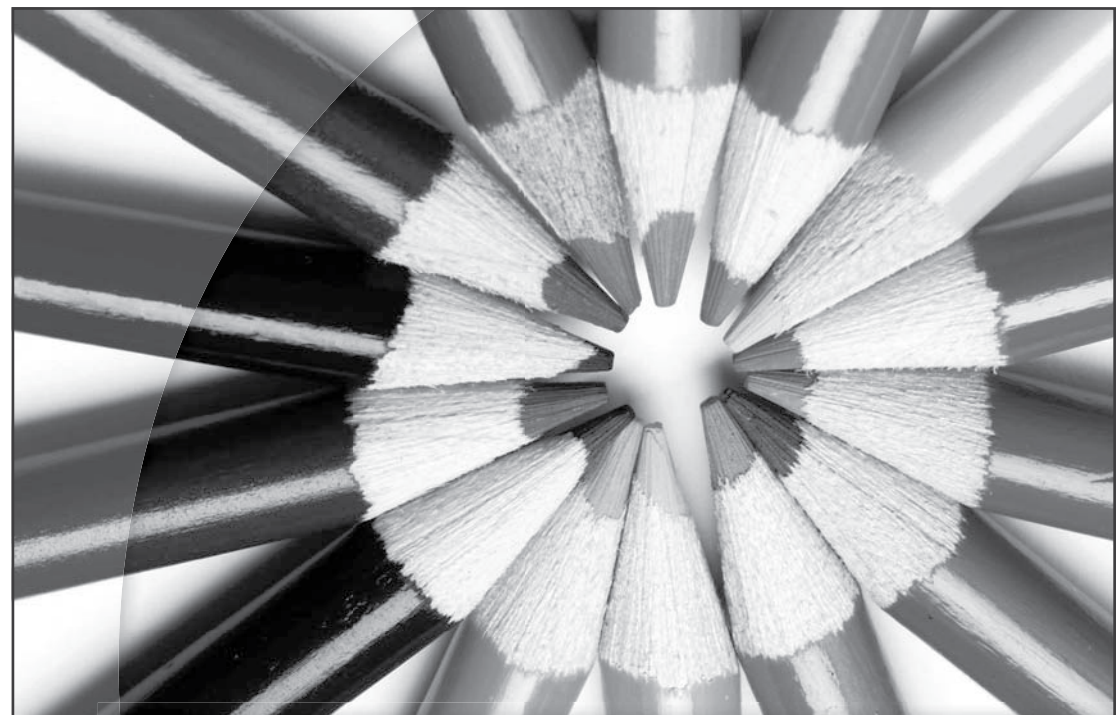
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- 14 Comics orphan
- 15 Skier's jacket
- 16 Youthful fellow
- 17 London art museum, as it was formerly known
- 19 Some MIT grads
- 20 Extreme degrees
- 21 LPGA teen phenom Michelle
- 22 Tibet's capital
- 24 "___ you ready for this?"
- 25 Its seat is Jackson, Wyoming
- 28 Oinker
- 29 Proofs of age, briefly
- 30 Ones making money
- 31 Pointy-eared "Star Trek" guy
- 33 Cookie holder
- 34 Small jazz combo
- 35 It shows a book's name, author, publisher, etc.
- 39 Parts of the Rockies: Abbr.
- 42 Boiling
- 43 Kitchen allure
- 47 Norse mariner Leif
- 49 AT&T competitor
- 51 King, in France
- 52 Photographic memory
- 54 Prickly chestnut case
- 55 Blackmore's "___ Doone"
- 56 Paul Bunyan's tool
- 57 Piece of sausage
- 58 Stock mkt. debut
- 59 Multi-flavored ice cream
- 63 Fire, to the French
- 64 Actor Zimbalist Jr.
- 65 "___ the loneliest number": old song lyric
- 66 Ambulance destinations, for short
- 67 Goes bad, as milk
- 68 Strolls in shallow water

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- 2 Traveling away from home
- 3 Very busy
- 4 Pumpkin desserts
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- 6 Bowler's challenges
- 7 Opposite of neo-
- 8 Source of iron
- 9 Kiev is its cap.
- 10 "Fire and Rain" singer/songwriter James
- 11 Vacuum ___
- 12 Orchestra conductors, formally
- 13 "Sounds about right to me"
- 18 Dumbfounded
- 23 Big game tracker
- 25 ___ torch: patio light
- 26 Twice-monthly tide
- 27 Irene of "Fame"
- 32 Radiologist's procedure, briefly
- 33 Fast plane
- 36 Norse thunder god
- 37 "The ___ Ranger"
- 38 "Passages" author Sheehy
- 39 Insurance company with Snoopy on its blimp
- 40 State cop
- 41 ___ oxide: laughing gas
- 44 Circled the earth
- 45 Canadian cop
- 46 Smooch that even misses the cheek
- 48 Political candidate lineups
- 49 Adages
- 50 First symbol on a musical staff
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