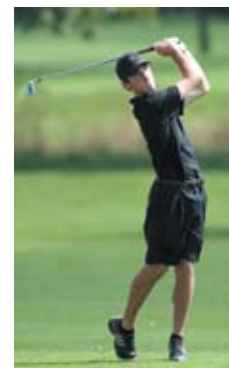


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One director, two centers, lots of problems



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The KC Potter Center (right), which is the home of LGBTQI life, and the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center are two separate buildings, but some students within those communities fear that with the same director overseeing both, others might view their issues as falling under the same umbrella.

Students, officials hold differing opinions of dual directorship.

by **ASHLEY DRINNON**
Contributing Writer

The Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center has undergone key changes since the summer, angering several student groups.

Nora Spencer was appointed director of the Women's Center while being allowed to simultaneously remain director of the Office of LGBTQI Life. Having one person head both groups



NORA SPENCER has generated controversy within the two communities.

Student groups concerned

Many student-interest groups are affected by this decision. The Women's Center supports the Vanderbilt Feminists, Every Two Minutes, Peer Educators, The Life Project and IMAGE, while the Office of LGBTQI Life is the liaison to Vanderbilt LAMBDA, HRC

at Vanderbilt, OUTLaw, Vanderbilt Medical School GSA, GABLE in the Divinity School and Peabody Queeries, Spencer said.

The biggest concern students have expressed is that having one person direct both centers will imply that the two centers have merged or that it will negatively impact both centers.

"The administration contends that this isn't a merging of the two centers, but it's an association that's not good for the cause in general," said former LAMBDA president Clint Peebles, currently a first-year medical student.

"It's not good for stereotypes if the director of the LGBT Center is also the director of the Women's Center. The two issues need to be separate. You have to



For a video showing student reactions to the decision, go to www.INSIDEVANDY.COM

understand any marginalized group to understand marginalization as a whole, but they do have different objectives and timelines as a whole."

LAMBDA member and sophomore Suzie Heller said she was worried about the effect the move would have on the goals, programming and time management of the two centers.

"There hasn't been a direct negative effect I would say, but Nora's attention hasn't been completely devoted to LGBT

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Dorebusters to offer students markdowns from big businesses

by **SARA GAST**
News Editor

The Card is about to give students some major discounts. Today, Vanderbilt Student Government officially kicks off its Dorebusters program, a group of store vendors that will provide discounts to Vanderbilt students. It primarily features businesses located around the Green Hills, West End and Hillsboro Village area, said Sloane Speakman, the co-chair for VSG's campus services committee.

"The effort started last semester. It was the campaign idea of a senator," Speakman said.

Over the summer, the committee started the process of coming up with an initial list of vendors to talk to by thinking about stores they and other students frequent.

"I thought about where do I go, where do I shop," Speakman said.

Out of the original list of about 50 businesses, VSG has secured contacts with 19, Speakman said. Students simply go to the store, which will soon be marked with a sticker indicating it is participating in the program, and show their Vanderbilt ID to get the discount.

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Vandy snaps out of it



ARIEL SHNITZER / The Rice Thresher

Larry Smith (10) falls into the end zone for a score in the third quarter against Rice on Saturday. The offensive woes that plagued the Commodores the last two weeks were nowhere to be found against the porous defense of the Owls, as Vanderbilt piled up 508 yards in a 36-17 victory.

McGill Hall experiments with gender-neutral living

by **JOSLIN WOODS**
Asst News Editor

For the first time this year, Vanderbilt created a gender-neutral hall and bathroom on the third floor of McGill Hall, and the student reaction within the McGill community has been overwhelmingly positive.

"We didn't have enough gender-neutral spaces at McGill to satisfy all of the students who wanted gender neutral," said Traci Ray, associate director of residential education and living-learning communities.

According to Ray, the creation of a gender-neutral bathroom, as well as other gender-neutral housing options, is the result of a student-led initiative.

In spring 2008, a group of both male and female students applied for a Mayfield, and these students wanted to use themselves as a sample set and research the effects of having both genders living together in a small dwelling, Ray said. Although the group had a strong proposal backed with sound research, they were initially denied co-ed living because Vanderbilt did not yet have a policy that would permit gender-neutral living, Ray added.

This incentive to start a co-ed Mayfield, though, led to student and administrative conversations over the summer and the fall 2008 semester. Nora Spencer, director of the Office of LGBTQI Life and the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center, also entered the conversation by helping with research and passing on information to the dean of students, Ray said.

According to Ray, the vital point in the decision-making process occurred when McGill hosted a forum with current McGill residents, along with rising sophomores who were interested in the McGill housing option. At the forum, both Ray and Spencer provided the students with information about how a gender-neutral dorm would function, Ray said.

At the end of the forum, a student vote revealed that not all McGill residents felt comfortable living in a completely co-ed environment, but a partial co-ed building was deemed to be OK.

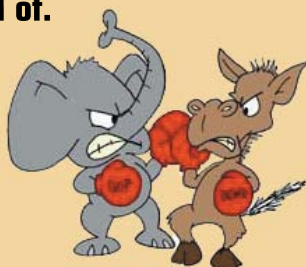
"So we couldn't say that all of McGill would be gender neutral, because we would lose a lot of students who were a part of the McGill experience," Ray said. "100 percent of the people at the McGill forum supported having one gender-neutral floor."

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HIGH 68, LOW 47
Sunny

WEDNESDAY



HIGH 68, LOW 49
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CORRECTION

Friday's paper incorrectly stated the amount of endowment funds lost in investments. The story stated \$700,000. The correct amount is \$700 million.

AROUND THE LOOP

How was the Girl Talk concert?

"It reminded me of a high school dance."
—Brendan Lawrence, 2012

"It was an over-hyped freshman fiesta. I couldn't bear to stay for more than two minutes."
—Daniel Musher, 2010

"It reminded me of a middle school dance. Definitely middle school."
—Emily Weinstein, 2011

"It was hot and sweaty."
—Allie Voss, 2012

CRIME LOG

Friday, Sept. 25, 2:39 a.m. — A person with a strong odor of alcohol refused to pay cab fare and ran from scene on Vanderbilt Place. She was unsteady on her feet and had slurred speech.

Friday, Sept. 25, 2:36 a.m. — Three persons were running down 21st Avenue. One had a chair from San Antonio Taco Company. They admitted to drinking at a club.

Thursday, Sept. 24, 4:50 p.m. — Graffiti was on the wall in a stairwell in Heard (Central) Library.

Thursday, Sept. 24, 1:26 p.m. — A wallet was stolen from a purse at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.

PROFESSOR SPOTLIGHT

Phillip Ackerman-Lieberman

Jewish Studies

First year at Vanderbilt



Photo submitted by Phillip Ackerman-Lieberman

Professor Ackerman-Lieberman enjoys the freedom Vanderbilt has given him to teach outside the box and speak to any areas he has experience and knowledge in, not just what he is slotted to do.

1. Why did you decide to teach a first-year writing seminar (on Jews, Christians and Muslims in Medieval Spain)?

Well, I think, one of the really exciting things about the writing seminar is that you're not just trying to impart content, but also you're helping to make students sharper readers of text and writers, and I think that's a fabulous opportunity. ...

At institutions where I've taught before, classes are often substantially larger, and students don't have the same kind of face time with faculty, and this is a great opportunity to kind of work a little bit more intensely with students and help them sharpen some important skills that hopefully they'll be able to use throughout college and beyond.

2. Why did you come to Vanderbilt?

One great thing about Vanderbilt is that the way that Vanderbilt hires seems to be a little different from other institutions in that it seems that they're looking for talented researchers and teachers. ... Other institutions tend to look for someone who can fill in a particular role, that is someone who can teach a particular time period or particular geographic area, a particular methodology, and so on.

My positions have been in Rabbis, and I have a background in Rabbis, and I can certainly teach Rabbis, but my research actually uses Rabbis as a source of Jewish cultural history. ... Being part of a Jewish Studies program, I can teach broadly, not just to my own little area.

3. What is your research/teaching in humanities on a day-to-day basis?

I'm surprised at how much editing is involved, really. They say that genius is 1 percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration. I guess that's true. I'm a kind of second career academic. ... What I love about academia is that we're always addressing new problems. I find that it's a tremendous outlet for my creativity, and that's very exciting.

4. Is it true that you're an ordained rabbi?

I am. I was at the Jewish Theological Seminary (in New York City) for six years, and I was an options trader and went back to graduate school and went to the JTS and got a master's degree in Talmud. ...

I don't want people on the Vanderbilt campus to think of me as a rabbi. I want people to think of me as someone who approaches the material like any other academic, and that kind of rabbinic training that I had helps me understand what's going on in the Jewish context. ...

I served a pulpit in New Jersey for the last six years, and that's a nice experience, but it's not kind of professionally for me. I loved doing research, you know whatever I ended up doing with my life, I knew I was going to end up — that is to say, if I never got into graduate school, had I never gotten an academic job, I still feel like I would still be doing exactly what I'm doing now.

CALENDAR

THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY

• Hillel Yom Kippur morning services

Join Vanderbilt Hillel for either conservative- or reform-style Yom Kippur morning services from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

• Zanzibar project info session

Hear about a Maymester opportunity to teach English and learn a new language in Tanzania in Sarratt Student Center 216 from 12-1 p.m.

• VIEW info session

Come to learn about summer internship opportunities in Washington, D.C., in Sarratt Student Center 216 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 29

• Tiki Barber: "In Pursuit of Excellence On and Off the Field"

Tiki Barber will give a lecture in Langford Auditorium at 7 p.m., with a preceding book signing from 6-6:40 p.m. Tickets are available in Sarratt Student Center box office or any Ticketmaster outlet. Each student can receive a free ticket with a Vanderbilt ID.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30

• VTV at The Commons

From 6-8 p.m., join Vanderbilt Television during a live broadcast from The Commons Center. Be a part of the studio audience and find out how to get involved with the station.

SNAPSHOT

Girl Talk: Not so great



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Despite having his tickets sell out within days of going on sale, Girl Talk disappointed many students during his concert in the Memorial Practice Gym Friday night.

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WOMEN'S CENTER: Merging leadership sparks controversy

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issues," Heller said.

Administration says centers are distinct

In contrast, Associate Provost and Dean of Students Mark Bandas said he anticipates an overall positive impact of having Spencer head both.

"The centers are not merged. They are two distinct centers," Bandas said. "In our organization structures, there is more than one instance where one person is in charge of two structures. Nora has my every confidence. We've expanded the programming budget for the Women's Center and have explored the possibility of renovating the Women's Center as well."

Associate Dean of Students Sandy Stahl also saw the changes as advantageous for the entire campus.

"One of the concerns was that the Women's Center would have diminished resources. This is not true," Stahl said. "Resources have been enhanced and connections with the professional staff that collaborates across campus have been expanded."

Search process upsets students

Students have speculated that the search for the new director of the Women's Center was not thorough enough.

Spencer was appointed director of the Women's Center in June after a search committee deemed the final two candidates unfit. Pat Helland, who served as interim director last year, could not devote an additional year.

"It was not a national search; it was local," Peebles said. "Without

any notice or warning, the provost disbanded the search committee and announced that Nora, who was also a member of the committee, would be the director."

Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Richard McCarty said he did not think that a national search was necessary.

"I felt that it was more prudent to look locally for the talent, and I don't apologize for that," McCarty said. "We are in something of a financially challenging environment. I did the same thing for some of the dean searches. It would be inappropriate to do otherwise when you have the talent available."

"I knew Nora from last year and felt that she was very well qualified. Rather than have an interim director, Nora has come in and done a really good job."

Spencer's qualifications disputed

Peebles said he believes Spencer's appointment as director was based on maintaining a balance of power within the Vanderbilt administration, rather than providing the best candidate for students' well-being.

"Her work is not quality enough to merit conferring on her additional responsibilities," he said.

However, McCarty said he has full confidence in Spencer's abilities.

"She had been working extensively in women's issues for a good bit of her career. She's also very talented in terms of the skills she brings to the job and her links to the Dean of Student's Office by virtue of her directorship of the KC Potter Center," McCarty said.

In reference to her qualifications for the directorship of the Women's Center, Spencer said she's capable of doing a good job and knows what she's talking about.

"I suspect that some of the success that we've had reaching out from the Office of LGBTQI Life was what the Women's Center needed," Spencer said. "I've had extensive practice in women's issues. I've done a lot of women's and feminist organizing around reproductive health, women's leadership, global women's issues and women's studies coursework."

Center undergoes structural changes

To help Spencer in her new role, both centers under her directorship have hired new associate directors to work with the student organizations.

Program coordinators for each center have also been hired to help facilitate campus-wide programming.

"That frees me up to do more visioning outside of the houses that makes sure that the priorities of both centers are represented in all the work we do," Spencer said.

She also said now that the hiring processes are over and the staff has started, they will be able to effectively reach out to the student interest groups.

Organizational shift hopes to improve campus impact

An external review done last year with the directors of four leading women's centers across the country revealed that most students did not know the location or purpose of the women's

centers and often believed that their only work was in violence prevention. In light of these results, Spencer said she plans to garner more exposure for the center to have a greater impact on the campus community.

To facilitate this, the Women's Center was put under the umbrella of the Office of the Dean of Students to provide better human resources,

for Project SAFE," Spencer said. "The Dean of Students Office really runs the support network for students' health and well-being and does programming across campus, so I'm excited to share resources and strengthen that relationship."

Outcome yet to be seen

Students are still adjusting to the combination of leadership.

The fact is that we feel that we can't speak out about this. Student leaders are trying to navigate the controversy and focusing on programming for our organization."

—Suzie Heller, sophomore

appointments, IT support and leadership development for the Women's Center, McCarty said. Last year, the Women's Center was under the administration of the Office of the Provost.

"I think it will flourish," McCarty said. "The Dean of Students Office is a well-resourced operation. The Women's Center has not had the advantage of drawing on these financial and personnel resources and they will be very much a part of it."

Spencer also said she thought the change would be beneficial.

"The Dean of Students Office is familiar with programming and with incident response, which will benefit the 24-hour support line that we have

"The fact is that we feel that we can't speak out about this. Student leaders are trying to navigate the controversy and focusing on programming for our organization," Heller said.

Yet Stahl contends that so far in the semester, she has not seen any problems between the staffs of the centers and the student organizations that are supported by them.

"I think some of the people who voiced concerns heard part of what was happening and not all of it," Spencer said. "The summer was hard because students weren't here, but I feel like some of them felt like change happened to exclude them and that definitely wasn't the point." ■

Speakers Committee opens the year with a Tiki talk



Tiki Barber, author, philanthropist, NBC correspondent and Pro Bowl running back, is coming to Vanderbilt on Tuesday. Tickets are available at the Sarratt Box Office for free to undergraduates, faculty and staff, and are \$10 for general admission.

MCGILL: Gender neutral makes sense, many of its residents say

From **MCGILL**, page 1

As of now, only the third floor of McGill is gender neutral, while the second floor is filled with all males and the fourth floor with all females.

Erica Santiago, a senior and the president of McGill, said the initial reaction to a gender-neutral floor and bathroom was mixed among the McGill residents.

"There is a reason why people live on the second floor the whole time they are here, and there is a reason why people live on the fourth floor the whole time they are here, and they are not comfortable with this (gender-neutral) situation," she said.

The decision to make McGill the site of a gender-neutral floor and bathroom came out of a consideration of all of Vanderbilt's Living and Learning communities. According to Ray, both McGill and the Mayfields floated up as pilots for the project.

"When we talked about an environment that could host this notion, it was really a natural fit," Ray said.

Many of the McGill residents themselves were not surprised when this change was officially implemented this semester.

"McGill is known in the beginning as a philosophical dorm," Santiago said. Many of the residents are pondering gender and what gender means, and many people don't identify with gender. "It only made sense for people that do not always identify with gender to not have to be gendered by using a bathroom," Santiago added.

Many of the McGill residents have not noticed a strong reaction as a result of the gender-neutral floor and bathroom.

"I don't think there has been a strong reaction. It's just like it was last year; it has sort of been

natural progression," said senior McGill resident Alexa Marcotte.

And Santiago added that in some ways, the situation is how it's always been.

"Well, in the past, boys were already using the girls' bathroom, so the next step was to make it allowed," Santiago said.

There is still some debate over if gender-neutral bathrooms will spread to the other floors in McGill.

Ray said it is hard for her to predict what will happen to the rest of the McGill building in the future.

"For McGill, I envision that it might slowly go completely gender-neutral. But I can't say that 100 percent because we have people who are interested in living over there and being a part of the McGill experience, but the gender-neutral bathroom didn't equal that for them," she said.

Santiago sees the gender-neutral living option as being in high demand, and she believes that Vanderbilt will have to expand gender-neutral dorms.

"In order to have the McGill experience, we might have to shift the building to all gender-neutral," she said.

Marcotte similarly felt that it was necessary to make McGill completely gender-neutral in the future.

"I think because we are a living-learning project, it is important for us to be intermixed and not separated by gender," she said.

As of now, Ray hasn't been made aware of any problems that have resulted from the gender-neutral changes.

"The only reaction I get is, 'Let me see when a space opens up so I can get in there,'" she said.

"Those living on the floor are living happy and in harmony. We haven't had any issues." ■

DOREBUSTERS: VSG hopes more vendors sign up

From **DOREBUSTERS**, page 1

Some vendors did not get back to VSG in time or were reluctant to join the program in the first year without knowing its popularity, Speakman said. The current stores, which cover a range of interests, from Climb Nashville to Nashville Ballet, are under one-year contracts.

"Our initial outreach was to stores, not restaurants," said Lucie Rhoads, the public relations director. Speakman added that many stores they contacted, like American Apparel and Blockbuster, are already popular with students.

Andrew Morse, the other campus services co-chair, wrote in an e-mail that he's expecting to see the list of businesses grow.

"As publicity about this new program gets around campus and the Nashville community, we are looking forward to expanding our list of participants to bring more discounts to the student body," he wrote.

The question of which vendors will be contacted next remains up in the air. President Wyatt Smith noted many of the stores currently in the program fall outside the range the Taste of Nashville program covers, a plus for those students who often venture beyond campus limits.

Whether or not Taste of Nashville and Dorebusters will remain mutually exclusive programs remains to be seen. Smith added VSG is trying to provide the best service possible to students.

Rhoads said students would have the chance to provide feedback and give input as to where they think VSG should look to expand the program. ■

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EDITORIAL

One director is not enough

This summer, the university administration decided to forego a national search to fill the empty director position for the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center and instead conduct a search locally. When the search fell short, Nora Spencer, who was already director of the Office of LGBTQI Life, was also given the directorship of the Women's Center.

While at the time the decision was made, this shortcut might have seemed insignificant, the backlash seen from groups on campus is a clear indication that a more thorough search was needed. The Women's Center oversees five student groups on campus while the Office of LGBTQI Life includes another six, and many of the student leaders and members of these organizations have expressed dissatisfaction with the actions taken by the administration.

The students affected not only feel they didn't have enough opportunity to input their opinions during the search process, but also that the appointment of one director for the two centers seems to be a union of the two issues. Their concerns are legitimate. Although the administration claims otherwise, this restructuring implies that the Women's Center and Office of LGBTQI Life are in some way linked. One director for the two organizations symbolically lumps together women's and LGBTQI issues. While on paper, the organizational chart has the two as separate entities, in reality, the lines begin to blur with one person in charge.

One would hope that these subjects would be individually and separately addressed. Putting the two together makes it seem as though neither deserves the full attention of one full-time director.

COLUMN

We aren't so different, you and I



FRANNIE BOYLE
Columnist

This might be hard to believe, but conservatives and liberals are actually not that different.

Yeah, we look different, act differently and dress differently, but in the end, we all want the same things. We just disagree on how to bring these things about.

Take foreign policy for instance. I'm not speaking for all conservatives here, but the majority of us aren't actually aggressive warmongers. In fact, we don't really like war either. We don't like death, destruction, sadness

or anything involved in it. Unfortunately, it's necessary at times. Whether out of defense, preemption (defense) or in order to ensure that history doesn't repeat itself (especially with power-hungry dictators), war is the only answer when peaceful diplomacy isn't working. So I guess you can say we're a bit more willing to face the facts? And act upon them?

Wealth disparity is another one. Conservatives don't actually try to store up all of their money and keep it from people in need. They generally want everyone to be happy and have their basic needs met. What we don't want is the government doing that for us. If they leave the system alone, most fiscal

THE VERDICT		
Stand and be judged by the Hustler opinion staff! Compiled by Katie Des Prez and Peter Nygaard		
The U.N.		According to Muammar al-Gaddafi's epic rambling speech this week, the U.N. can officially be considered a terrorist organization. We always knew they were up to something ... I feel so terrorized.
Tom Delay		"Dancing with the Stars" to "Wild Thing" has put him in touch with his feminine side, he says. Political scandal, whatever. He can get down, and Bruno loves it.
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Mind-Reading		Researchers at Cal-Berkeley have uncovered a method of using computers to analyze neural activity and turn them into pictures of what the person has seen. Now, if only they could take certain images from this weekend away ...
Swine Flu		With the list of victims now including Sanjay Gupta, Marilyn Manson, Anderson Cooper, the guy who plays Ron Weasley and even possibly Tim Tebow, now's a good time to jump on the bandwagon. After all, who wants to get it after all the cool celebrities have already had it?
Top 10 Teams		Oh, how the mighty have fallen. Nearly half of the Top 10 teams took a spill this week, two of which went down in embarrassing fashion. It just goes to show that Vandy's doing the right thing by getting all the losses out of the way early.
Dexter		Season Four, despite already having had its first episode leaked online, is finally here. I could not be more excited. Seriously, there's no joke here. It's a phenomenal show.
David Caruso		The CSI: Miami star's ex-girlfriend recently dropped her lawsuit — for emotional abuse, among other things — with no explanation. I guess ... she fought the law ... and the law won. YEAAAAAHHHHHHHHHHHH!!!!!!

COLUMN

A call to Vanderbilt: Stand up to G20

TRISTAN CALL
Guest Columnist

The line of Pittsburgh riot police marched toward us with their nightsticks outstretched, yelling "Move! Move!" We expected to do what we had done all afternoon: hop on our bikes and try to find another route downtown — still more than three miles away — where the heads of the 20 largest economies in the world were meeting. But this time was different. Before we could pedal away, one of the police broke ranks, ran around behind my friend Chris, and shoved him off of the sidewalk into oncoming traffic. Chris and his bike tangled up against the side of a black sedan. He was thrown onto the hood and five more officers leapt into action, cuffed him, and pushed Chris, a Latin American literature student, into a squad car. Less than a minute later,

two officers tackled a journalist filming the arrest, smashing his camera in the process, and hauled him off to jail as well.

The next day, we marched with thousands of other protesters to the city offices, under the watchful eyes of the largest military mobilization in Pennsylvania since the 1892 Homestead Strike. Speakers lamented the militarization of their city, the increasing gap between rich and poor, and the disproportionate funding for military occupations while people still don't have health care or education. Riot police readied their gas masks and marched through the crowd with muzzled attack dogs. Kate Gott from Students for a Democratic Society announced to the crowd that students at UC-Santa Cruz occupied their student center in solidarity with a faculty strike against budget cuts

(while university administrators got extravagant pay raises). We cheered.

To UC students grasping for affordable education but wading through ever-increasing fees and college debt, the dog-eat-dog capitalism that the G20 represents is a daily struggle. But what does this have to do with the privileged few? That is to say: what about Vanderbilt? As I prepared to move to Nashville for grad school, I sent out a few e-mails to local activists asking about social justice groups I could work with. "Vanderbilt?" they asked incredulously. "That school was started by a robber baron."

This is what the world thinks of us as students here: direct descendants of Cornelius Vanderbilt, the second-wealthiest man in American history. Heirs of the new aristocracy. The school with the highest-paid

administration in the country, in the hopes that money can spin pretensions into prestige. When the line is drawn between haves and have-nots, no one in the world would expect us to shuck our privilege and take the side of the oppressed. After all, when have we before?

There are some green shoots appearing to comfort those who hope the future will be different: the living wage campaign that rocked the money-boat last year, Vanderbilt Students for Nonviolence and this year's coming campaigns on homelessness and social responsibility in the university's investments. Is this a generation of students that will break new ground and chart a new, more just course for the university's future?

When Chris was released in the wee hours of the morning

should ever be considered burdens, but we understand some mothers are put in difficult situations. That's why there are adoption and other organizations set up to council women and provide financial assistance.

And then there is the big one: Health care. Believe it or not, conservatives do have hearts. We tear up when we hear the story about the woman with the malignant tumor who is unable to afford the proper care that would save her life. As awful as this reality is, this, and stories like it, are not enough to support a complete revamping of the system. Appeals to pity don't work as logical arguments. Unfortunately, health care is a scarce resource right now and whichever way you roll the dice, someone's not going to get what they need. Instead of letting the government decide who gets care, most conservatives would rather focus on the care itself and on ways to make it more available in the future (Again with that conservatives think about the future before the present type of thing).

Oh, and just to clear it up, not all conservatives were born with silver spoons in their mouths. Mine was made of gold.

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from the Pennsylvania state penitentiary, without his wallet or cell phone, what he wanted to talk about was Kafka and a theory of state power. He'll surely write a poem about the people he met there, the sobbing red-head who only meant to leave her house for five minutes, the boy in the cow suit who sings for justice while drumming on an empty water jug, the judge who let Chris off easy because he was a U Pitt grad student. And he vows that he will return to the front lines again. His privilege — his degrees from well-respected universities, his earning power, his white skin, and his skill with words — means simply this: he will put that privilege on the line for those without it.

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COLUMN

Capital punishment accomplishes little



AIMEE SOBHANI
Columnist

In 2007, five countries — the United States, China, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Iran — were responsible for 88 percent of the world's executions. I am not proud that our country is grouped with these four nations, given the disrespect they have for human rights. It is time to reevaluate the use of capital punishment in the United States.

Some quick facts: 137 countries have abolished the death penalty, including Australia, the United Kingdom and Canada, three countries quite similar to our own. The majority of European and Latin American countries have taken the step to end capital punishment. Countries that still have a death penalty are mostly found in the Middle East, Africa and eastern Asia.

The United States sticks out like a sore thumb in the western world for its continued application of the death penalty. It is embarrassing that our country continues to punish people in a manner that countries most similar to our own culturally and ideologically have abandoned. But maybe our country has really good reasons to continue to execute criminals.

Wrong. For one thing, the death penalty costs a lot of money — much more money than housing a criminal for a life sentence in prison. People who commit violent crimes are generally too poor to pay for their own attorneys. Thus, the state or federal system must provide legal counsel for these individuals. According to a 2008 study, the cost of defending a trial in a federal death case is over \$600,000, which is eight times more than a murder case in which the death penalty is not sought. Also, when someone is sentenced to death, he (only 2 percent of death sentences are given to women) is likely to appeal his case several times, so the cost just keeps rising. For example, in California the death penalty system costs \$137 million, but a system in which life in prison is the maximum sentence would only cost \$11.5 million.

However, cost alone is not important; after all, justice should have no price tag. One would hope that such a pricy investment would lead to a decrease in murders, but this is not the case. Several authors claim there is no reliable evidence that proves the death penalty deters people from committing murder. Using similar methods to those used by researcher trying to show the death penalty prevents crime, one 2006 study found the death penalty might actually increase the number of murders.

Deciding who receives the death penalty is also an unfair process, demographically speaking. As I mentioned earlier, only 2 percent of the people on death row are women. This statistic does not make me think women are much less violent than men; instead, it seems more likely that a prosecutor would be much less likely to seek the death penalty when the criminal is female. Additionally,

40 percent of death row inmates are African-American, even though African-Americans only make up 12 percent of the U.S. population.

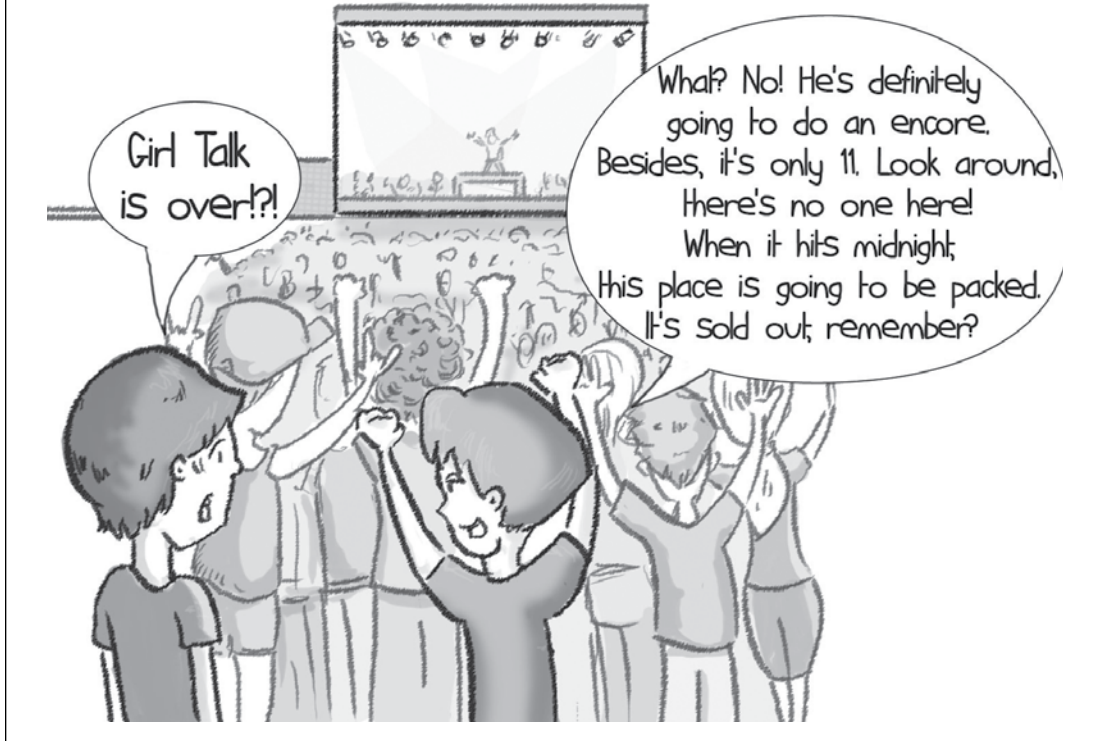
However, it is the race of the victim that is most likely to affect a prosecutor's decision to seek the death penalty. Since 1976, 80 percent of the people put to death have had white victims, while only 13 percent have had African-American victims. While this statistic mirrors the percent of the population each group makes up (75 percent of Americans are Caucasian, and 12 percent of Americans are African-American), African-Americans and Caucasians have an equal chance of being murder victims.

Several factors suggest there is something inherently wrong with the death penalty system in the United States. To cover all of them in such a short space is impossible. For more information, check out "The Death Penalty Worldwide" on infoplease.com.

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CARTOON



COLUMN

Obama's newest test



STEVE BRAUN
Columnist

This week, the U.S. revealed intelligence of what Defense Secretary Robert Gates called "an illicit nuclear facility." The brinkmanship displayed by the missile tests underway in Iran indicates Iran will not play nice in the international arena.

General Hossein Salami, head of the Revolutionary Guard Air Force, has been quoted in state media saying, "We are going to respond to any military action in a crushing manner and it doesn't make any difference which country or regime has launched the aggression."

The testing of the Shahab-3, in particular, is an explicitly aggressive overture towards Israel. Based on North Korean missile technology, the Shahab-3 has a range long enough to deliver its payload to Israel.

There can be no doubt then, that General Salami's message is a warning to Israel not to imitate the actions it took in 1981 and 2007, when Israel destroyed an Iraqi Nuclear Reactor and attacked a partially assembled reactor in Syria.

Fearing the same Israeli response as the Iranians, and because of its implications for mid-east peace, Obama has moved aggressively to control the situation through the international community and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). With the backing of Russia and Europe, the administration is demanding access to the facility within weeks.

The ability of the administration to handle the current

tension will play a determining role in Obama's push to reignite the Middle-East peace process. In the wake of what was billed as a fruitless meeting between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, Obama desperately needs to prevent Israel from acting unilaterally. Any action against their Muslim neighbors would surely test the strength of Abba's already tenuous control over the various factions in Palestine, including the military wing of Hamas. Any outburst of violence against Israelis would certainly end any hopes of getting Netanyahu to drop what amounts to a precondition for peace talks: Palestinian recognition of the state of Israel.

Obama must tread carefully. Any slip up or miscalculated step with respect to Iran or the peace process will cost him domestically, as the Republicans highlight any perceived error by Obama. The Republicans, who are also busy ravenously dismantling Obama's domestic health care package, are on notice to attack the administration in the wake of approval ratings at 52 percent, just 2 percent higher than Obama's all-time low.

Indeed, it may be prudent for Obama to slowly and quietly back out of the Israel-Palestine issue all together. Neither Bush nor Clinton ever made lasting progress on the issue. It now appears Obama may be destined for the same international relations abyss.

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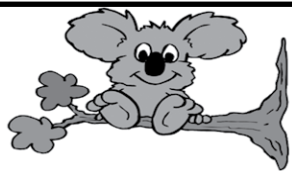


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September 28 - October 3, 2009

September 30 GAMMA sponsors a group discussion for all Greeks on respecting the decision to not drink and how not drinking affects their experience of brotherhood or sisterhood; 5:30-6:30pm at the SAE House. Free Chic-Fil-A!

October 1 Read the essays in the Hustler written by your peers about why they choose not to drink or why we should respect the decision. Keep an open mind, and respect the decision.

Vanderbilt Recovery Support Kick Off event. If you would like to learn more about the support services and support groups for recovering Vanderbilt students, please come to Sarratt 341, 8pm -9pm. All interested are invited! Refreshments provided. Contact Jeanine Atkinson at 615-343-4740 for more information.

Mocktail Competition at Stambaugh Hall, time to be announced: pre-registration required by contacting Garrett Morgan at garrett.i.morgan@vanderbilt.edu

October 2 Koalie welcomes parents and siblings! During registration for Parents Weekend, Koalie will be at the Student Life Center from 1-4pm, posing with siblings and parents ... take home the pixs!

Koalie will be visiting The Commons during dinner hour this week. Go ahead and give him a hug. You know you want to! Send the pix home to Mom and Dad!

October 3 Go Does! Koalie is a big fan and will be at the game helping to cheer on the victory over Ole Miss!

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Sports

COLUMN

Freshmen help get Dores back on track

by GEOFF HUTCHINSON
Sports Reporter

On Saturday night, the Vanderbilt Commodores took a much-needed trip to Houston to face the woeful defense of the winless Rice Owls.

The trip was much needed, as the Commodores have struggled mightily to score offensively and to force turnovers on the defensive side of the ball. Against Rice, however, neither was a problem for Vanderbilt. The revival was sparked by a group of talented freshmen performers for this young Commodore squad.

Redshirt freshman receiver John Cole started things off for Vanderbilt with a big 31 yard run on a receiver reverse from the Commodore "Stallion" formation. He finished the game leading the Commodores with seven catches on the night, and leads the Commodores on the season with 12 catches.

Fellow freshman receiver Collin Ashley added three more catches for the much-maligned Commodore receiving crew.

On the night, which marked the return of senior starter Jared Hawkins, it was freshman tailback Warren Norman that stole the show for the Vanderbilt offense. Norman led the Commodores on the night with 119 yards of rushing, highlighted by a dazzling 58-yard scamper, in which he escaped the



ARIEL SHNITZER / The Rice Thresher

Warren Norman (27) beats Chris Jones (44) to the end zone for a 58-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter of action between Vanderbilt and Rice Saturday. Commodore freshmen made several big plays in the 36-17 win.

grasp of two Owls defenders before racing down the field to help break open the game for Vanderbilt. Through four games this season, Norman is leading Vanderbilt in rushing with 253 yards, followed by fellow freshman running back Zac Stacy, who has 243 yards on the season thus far.

Freshman defensive back Eddie Foster intercepted a pass from Rice quarterback Ryan Lewis at the Rice 26 yard line, which led to a Commodore field goal and the start of a 20-point run by Vanderbilt. Foster ended up

getting significant playing time, as Casey Hayward took over for injured nickelback Jamie Graham in the slot. Foster, along with fellow freshman defensive backs Eric Samuels and Trey Wilson have all seen action in the Commodores' first four games on the year.

Redshirt freshman kicker Ryan Fowler went a perfect 3 for 3 on field goal attempts for the night, keeping the Commodores in the game while the offense was trying to find its groove against the Rice defense. Fowler kicked a

career long 37-yard field goal and is now 5/7 on field goals in the season for Vanderbilt.

These contributions are much needed for a Vanderbilt team that had only scored 12 points in the last two weeks, after putting up 45 points in the season opener against Western Carolina. The Commodores will need their talented, but young players to continue performing at this high level, especially with nationally ranked #18/#21 Ole Miss coming into Dudley Field to face Vanderbilt this coming Saturday. ■

WEEKLY REPORT CARD

by Peter Nygaard

QUARTERBACK: B

Larry Smith's erratic play continued as, at times, he showed poise in connecting with his receivers under pressure while, on other plays, he held onto the ball for way too long and short-armed his throws. Smith began to look more comfortable over time though, and his 268 yards passing was a career high.

RUNNING BACKS: A

Jared Hawkins and Warren Norman moved the ball at will early on but slowed as the game progressed. Norman's 58-yard touchdown run to break the game open was a thing of beauty.

WIDE RECEIVERS: A-

The receivers did a better job of getting open than they have in any of the first three games. Udom Umoh had a career day, hauling in five passes for 98 yards, both career highs.

OFFENSIVE LINE: B+

In the running game, the offensive line manhandled the Owls, pushing them around and sealing off the ends for Hawkins to come around the outside and giving Smith time on throws.

DEFENSIVE LINE: B-

The defensive line did little to disrupt Rice's run game in the first half but clamped down later on in the game. They collapsed the pocket well on passes and kept Rice under siege.

LINEBACKERS: B

The linebackers made some good reads but had trouble in the first half bringing down the elusive Charles Ross. Patrick Benoist recorded an interception, and Chris Marve played well, but it was an average game from the 'backers.

SECONDARY: B+

Poor tackling angles led to Rice's first touchdown, a 48-yard run. Eddie Foster came up with a big pick, the first of his college career, and Myron Lewis added his first two of the season. All-around, it was a good team effort in coverage.

COACHING: A

It's often hard to draw the line between playcall and execution, but Bobby Johnson drew up this game plan to perfection. The offense was efficient and spread the field, and the defense gave the Rice QBs several different looks and blitzed frequently, resulting in rushed throws and stuffed runs. All the necessary adjustments were made at the half, and it showed.

Men take 6th, women 11th at Mason Rudolph

by DAVID RUTZ
Sports Editor

Haselden paces Commodores

Opportunities presented themselves for the Vanderbilt men's golf team Sunday afternoon at the Mason Rudolph Invitational, but they weren't able to exploit them enough to garner a victory.

Vanderbilt finished in sixth place in the annual tournament it hosts at the Vanderbilt Legends Club, going 5-under par for the weekend, only seven strokes behind first-place finisher Middle Tennessee.

"I think there was being a little overcautious sometimes and also being a little bit off," said coach Tom Shaw. "Sometimes you're the windshield, sometimes you're the bug."

Sunday could not have been less like Saturday, with blue skies and sunshine taking the place of pouring rain the day before that caused the tournament to be held to only 36 holes.

The Commodores were in position to make a run throughout the day but were unable to capitalize on several opportunities. The conditions of the course one day after a rainstorm, said Shaw, were not a factor.

"Something we've played in all week," Shaw said. "You throw in some really good teams and now maybe you feel like you've got to raise your game, but all it takes is keeping on doing what you're doing."

Ryan Haselden led Vanderbilt, finishing in second place overall at 6-under (67-69) on 7,100-yard, par-71 course.

On Friday, Haselden opened with birdies on three of his first four holes and



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Ryan Haselden follows through on a shot during his round Sunday at the Mason Rudolph Invitational. He shot a 69 to finish in second.

played consistently the rest of the round, and he didn't skip a beat after not playing on a rain-soaked Saturday.

He got off to another quick start with birdies on two of his first three holes and only had one bogey for the entire round.

"I hit the ball pretty solid all day," Haselden said. "I didn't put myself in situations where I had to scramble or anything and I left myself birdie putts most of the day."

"He's off to a great start this year," Shaw said. "I've got no worries about him, he's a fine player."

The rest of the Commodores

didn't fare quite as well. Although Hudson Johnson shot a 67 on Friday, he had a 71 on Sunday to finish in eighth place overall.

Johnson helped his cause with a fantastic chip on the 18th hole to set up a tap-in birdie putt that put him at even-par for the day.

Only Chris Rockwell had a better round Sunday than Friday among the Vanderbilt players having their scores counted, shooting a one-under 70 after carding a 73 Friday.

"Kind of a mediocre finish," Haselden said. "We wanted to win pretty badly." ■

Runner-up Alex leads Vandy

The Commodore women's golfers are eager to show how good they can be.

That's great, coach Greg Allen says, but it may have done them in during competition at the Mason Rudolph Invitational on Saturday at the Vanderbilt Legends Club.

Although sophomore Marina Alex shot a 5-under 67 to finish in a tie for second in the tournament, no other Vanderbilt players finished below par as the team finished 11th out of 17 teams.

"I just think they wanted it really, really bad, and sometimes when you want things in golf too bad, it has the reverse effect," Allen said. "And we made bogeys on holes you should be making birdies on out there today."

Alex birdied two of her final three holes to gain a three-way tie for runner-up. She took particular advantage of the short par-4s at the course, the 324-yard second and 311-yard 17th, birdying those three times over two days.

"She's really gotten so much better," Allen said. "She's focused like I've never seen her focus right now. She wants to win a college tournament, wants to be an All-American. The wins will come, but right now the consistency is what will make her an All-American."

The rain that cancelled play on Saturday turned out to be of assistance on Sunday.

"It kind of helped a little bit. The greens were softer so it made your shots a little more receptive," Alex said. "You could go at the pins and not worry about hitting it over the green. Putts rolled really well. Considering how wet it was, conditions were as



CHRIS PHARE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Marina Alex reacts after sinking a birdie putt on 18 to put her in a three-way tie for second place. As a team, Vandy finished in 11th.

good as they could be."

The competition was as good as it could have been too. The Pac-10, known for its outstanding women's golfers, took three of the top four spots, with Southern California winning the tournament by going 16-under par as a team. UCLA finished in second place.

"This is a really tough field, so if you have a poor day you're not ever going to make up ground," Alex said. "You're going to lose a lot. You've got to be on your game."

Although their enthusiasm may have adversely affected

their play, Allen holds great hopes for the future of his young players.

"We want to peak in April and May," Allen said. "The good thing about this team is our chemistry is awesome right now. The girls are really buying into what we're all trying to do, and that's getting better every day."

"We're a very patient team. The bottom line is we have a great group of young ladies who want it really bad, and once we figure out how to go out there and close the deal on the final day we'll be fine." ■

A lost weekend



ZAC HARDY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Chelsea Stewart (17) and several other Commodores came close to scoring Sunday against Florida but had little luck as the Gators blew Vanderbilt out, 5-1. The Commodores also lost to South Carolina on Friday, 2-1, to fall to 6-3-1 overall and 0-2 in Southeastern Conference play.

Around the SEC

by ERIC SINGLE
Sports Reporter



CHRIS PHARE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Tyson Lee (16) was stopped just short of a winning touchdown by LSU.

South Carolina 16, Ole Miss 10

The Gamecocks defense made a statement in the Thursday night spotlight, shutting down Jevan Snead and the No. 4 Rebels to spark one of Steve Spurrier's biggest wins in garnet and black. The Gamecocks limited Snead to just 107 yards through the air and stifled the Rebels offense on third down all night with an inspired defensive effort led by senior linebacker Eric Norwood.

LSU 30, Mississippi State 26

No. 7 LSU capitalized on several big play opportunities, including a punt return touchdown to start the fourth quarter, but the Tigers just escaped from Starkville with a win after their defense had to respond to a late Mississippi State threat. The LSU defense stopped the Bulldogs on four straight plays from inside the LSU 2 yard line with just over a minute left in the fourth quarter.

Florida 41, Kentucky 7

No. 1 Florida used 31 first quarter points to quickly break the Wildcats' spirit, but the lasting image from this game will be that of Tim Tebow leaving the stadium in an ambulance. In the third quarter, Tebow took a hard hit from defensive end Taylor Windham and hit the back of his head on the knee of his own offensive lineman. After being helped off the field by trainers, Tebow was taken to the hospital with concussion-like symptoms.

Alabama 35, Arkansas 7

Greg McElroy threw for 291 yards and three touchdowns, and No. 3 Alabama ran away from Arkansas in Tuscaloosa. Arkansas quarterback Ryan Mallett followed up a five-touchdown performance against Georgia with a modest 160-yard effort in the face of constant pressure from the Tide defense.

Georgia 20, Arizona State 17

Blair Walsh's 37-yard field goal as time expired capped a 10-play, 81-yard game-winning drive for No. 21 Georgia, who withstood an alarming second-half comeback from Arizona State in Athens. Sophomore receiver A.J. Green caught eight passes for 153 yards and a touchdown and blocked a critical Arizona State field goal attempt to set up the Bulldogs' game-winning drive.

Tennessee 34, Ohio 23

After a tight first quarter, Tennessee pulled away from Ohio on the strength of the much-improved performance of Volunteers quarterback Jonathan Crompton. Crompton threw for 222 yards, two touchdowns and an interception after sub-100-yard performances in each of his past two games, and Montario Hardesty added 140 rushing yards and a touchdown for Tennessee.

Auburn 54, Ball State 30

Chris Todd threw five touchdown passes, the two longest of which highlighting a 26-point second quarter for the Tigers, as Auburn rolled Ball State at Jordan-Hare Stadium.

DID YOU KNOW?

— Blair Walsh's last-second field goal on Saturday allowed Georgia to fend off what would've been just their third nonconference home loss in the past ten years. Those two losses both came at the hands of Georgia Tech.

— Florida's 31 first-quarter points against Kentucky marked the first time the Gators had broken thirty in a single quarter since 2005, in a game also against Kentucky.

— Les Miles is 5-0 against Mississippi State, and LSU has won 10 in a row over the Bulldogs overall. ■

He said She said

Two sophomore Alexes took part in our He Said/She Said this week in men's tennis player Alex DiValerio and women's golfer Marina Alex. The sophomores discussed the most important element of what they play, as well as their favorite sports movie.

by SARAH GILLMAN
Sports Reporter

ALEX DIVALERIO



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MARINA ALEX

1. What's the biggest difference between this year and your freshman year?

So far, I feel academically I know the ropes now and I know what to expect tennis-wise. I put in a good amount of time traveling over the summer with a couple of the guys on the team.

I think just playing more college golf, getting more comfortable with it. I played really well over the summer so I've had a lot to build off of.

2. How important is experience in your sport?

I think it's a substantial part of it because it's not something you can buy or try to skip over. Losing a lot is also part of it, as well, to a certain extent you get more experience from losing because you can critique the way you play and that way you can improve upon your mistakes and try to correct it for next time.

It's huge. It makes all the difference. The more you give yourself situations where you're in the lead or trying to win a golf tournament, the better it is. The first time you're there, it's kind of nerve-wracking. The more times you get yourself there, the easier it is.

3. What do you think is the most important element of your sport?

Obviously being in shape is important because if you're not in shape you can just lose your matches off of conditioning. But as cliché as it is, I think the mental aspect is probably the most important.

Experience and controlling the mental aspect, emotional and making the right decision on the golf course. That's more important than everything.

4. What's your pre-match ritual?

Anything that kind of keeps me in a happy mood. Whether it's music or a bunch of us just joke around before matches to keep things loose. I mean if you take it too seriously then it isn't as fun as it could be and you usually don't play as well.

We each do our own thing to get ourselves ready. It's hard because you're out there for five hours, it's not like you're running around with adrenaline going. It's difficult, so we do some practice things to get our mind in the right place so when we're out there it's not any different.

5. Why did you choose Vanderbilt?

I'll have to give the same answer that most people do. A mixture of the academics, location and competitive tennis conference. I was awful close to going to Notre Dame and when I came here and realized how much warmer the weather is.

When I came for my visit, I really loved it. I looked at Wake Forest, I looked at UT, some other really good golf schools, but Vandy just had it all.

6. What's your favorite pre-match meal?

We don't really have much of a choice. Our assistant coach usually gets us Jersey Mike's. I get a little sick of it after five or six matches but it is what it is.

I just have breakfast.

7. What's your favorite sports movie?

If I wasn't playing tennis I would probably be playing baseball, so I'd say "For the Love of the Game" with Kevin Costner.

"Caddyshack"

8. What's your favorite sport to watch?

I'd have to go with baseball and football. I'm a big Phillies and Eagles fan.

Football. All the time, football.

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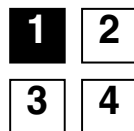


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ACROSS

- 1 Disappear gradually
- 5 Prohibition agent Eliot
- 9 Vatican-related
- 14 Like deserts
- 15 Heavenly bear
- 16 "___ you clever!"
- 17 Hobbes, to Calvin
- 20 Motel restriction
- 21 T-bone, for one
- 22 Lock of hair
- 23 Med. plan choices
- 25 Opposite of "Huh?"
- 28 Damascus is its cap.
- 29 Fashion's Gucci and actor Ray
- 31 Nudge rudely
- 33 Makes a long story short?
- 34 City leaders
- 35 Ideal getaway
- 38 Taken care of
- 39 "Rich Man, Poor Man" novelist Shaw
- 40 Give body to, as hair
- 41 Obvious disdain
- 42 Mediator's syllables
- 45 Calculate sums
- 46 Coarse file
- 47 Rub it in
- 49 Key in the sea
- 52 Defective, as wiring
- 53 Armchair quarterback's hobby
- 57 Change
- 58 Summoned the butler
- 59 Peace Prize winner Wiesel
- 60 Fair-haired
- 61 Remain
- 62 Between-your-toes grains

DOWN

- 1 Passes out
- 2 Weapons storehouse
- 3 Baby seat cover?
- 4 Pieces jigsaw puzzles usually start with
- 5 Convent residents
- 6 Historical period
- 7 Kazakhstan, until 1991; Abbr.
- 8 Assertions
- 9 Peel, as a rind
- 10 Opera highlight
- 11 Game played with a baby
- 12 "Raggedy" girl
- 13 Inc., in England
- 18 Appointment-confirming words
- 19 Dix and Knox; Abbr.
- 23 Set with a sharper picture, briefly
- 24 Inlaid designs
- 26 Traffic jam honker
- 27 "Isn't that cute!" exclamations
- 30 Prom car
- 31 Persistently worrying
- 32 "___ Eyes": 1975 Eagles hit
- 33 Poetic dusks
- 34 Bryn___ College
- 35 Heroic exploit
- 36 Draw inferences from
- 37 Farm output
- 38 The bus stops here; Abbr.
- 41 Mythical man-goats
- 42 "Va va voom!"
- 43 Marlee___ Best Actress winner in "Children of a Lesser God"
- 44 Like fine coifs
- 46 Notes after dos
- 48 Garage jobs
- 50 British machine gun
- 51 Baker's fat
- 52 Stodgy old-timer
- 53 ___ Four; Beatles
- 54 Every bit
- 55 Blubber
- 56 "___ scale of 1 to 10..."

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Koala Week

Respect the Decision Week
 September 28 - October 3, 2009

I respect the choice not to drink because my younger stepbrother is my hero and he is a non-drinker. My mom dated his dad for a decade, and I used to be jealous of their family. Because they are tall, tan, and athletic, I deeply envied their genes.

I no longer feel that way. Even though their genes carry many wonderful traits, their family tree shows many members of all ages and genders who are alcoholics. Fortunately, some of them are in recovery. This is not the case for Elizabeth, my beautiful and talented stepsister. Elizabeth is in her mid-twenties, but she is not the young woman I grew up knowing. She smokes cigarettes, acts promiscuously, and was unable to finish college. Elizabeth struggles with mental health problems, medications, eating disorder, self-mutilation, and other destructive behavior.

This summer, her alcoholism escalated. While her brother was celebrating his 19th birthday, I took Elizabeth to the hospital for alcohol poisoning. Doctors estimated her blood alcohol concentration reached .40. I had a classmate who died from less.

Just a week later, Elizabeth disassembled a Venus razor blade and cut deep into her hip, hospitalized again.

One night she texted me, asking if I could meet her at an Italian restaurant we both love. Immediately prior, she had managed to convince a bartender to serve her four vodka martinis before driving across town to meet me. I spent my night convincing her to let me take her home and then collecting her car, bringing Michael along because I cannot drive a standard.

After I came back to school, the rest of my family flew across the country for a wedding. My mom's husband had a blood clot on the flight and was hospitalized. Elizabeth stayed home because she had to work. We didn't tell her because we didn't want her to worry. She called me from the police station and I had to tell her that her father had been hospitalized. I also had to tell her father that she had been arrested for a DUI. She spent a night in jail. The very next week she drove home from work extremely intoxicated.

Elizabeth no longer lives in our home.

Addiction is a disease, and heredity matters. Elizabeth has been to inpatient rehabilitation, she has therapists, doctors, and medicines. Michael agreed to drive the 45 minutes home from school to watch her so that our parents could go to an event that they RSVP'd to months ago. He is babysitting his older sister while we wait for a bed to open in an appropriate treatment facility.

Michael is a sophomore in college. He takes classes, works out, plays Rock Band. He hates alcohol. He never wants to give his life away to addiction, and he is mature enough to realize that threat. I do drink in moderation, but theirs are not my genes. I am so proud of how brave and confident he is in making an unpopular choice. Whenever I meet a nondrinker, I assume he or she has a reason, and that it's not my business. Maybe an athlete is concerned about performance; it's a religious decision, or something else. Or perhaps like Michael, the idea of consuming the substance that might kill a family member seems dangerously irrational.

Although many people do drink and do so responsibly, please remember that everyone has a different story to tell. Whether they abstain completely or are merely 'taking a night off', it is only fair that we treat them as human beings by respecting and supporting that decision.

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