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## Class of 2016 raises bar for admissions

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STAFF REPORTER

The Vanderbilt Admissions Department sorted through a pool of 28,340 combined Early Decision and Regular Decision applications to fill 1,600 first-year slots. The difference in applicants from last year's 24,837 to this year's showed an increase of 14.1 percent.

According to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, the applicant pool was not only the largest, but also the most impressive in the university's history.

Vanderbilt Regular Decision admission letters were mailed Wednesday, March 21, and international students will receive their decision via email today. ★

**28,340**

Total number of applications submitted this year

**24,837**

Total number of applications submitted last year

**3,062**

Number of students admitted regular decision

**12.02%**

Overall admit rate (as of mailing day)

**10.8%**

Regular decision admit rate

**14.1%**

Increase in number of applications from last year to this year

**1470 - 1590**

Middle 50 percent SAT (CR + M)

**33 - 35**

Middle 50 percent ACT

**96.35%**

Percentage of students in the top 10 percent of their graduating class

**2.77%**

Average rank in class (percent from the top)

\*Data reported only for students enrolled in schools that provide exact rank in class information

## Affirmative action case may affect higher education

CHRIS HONIBALL  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Vanderbilt may soon have to find new ways to increase diversity, pending a Supreme Court decision in the fall that could forbid the consideration of race in admissions decisions.

Currently race can only be considered qualitatively in university admissions processes, in accordance with a 2003 Supreme Court case Grutter v. Bollinger.

Vanderbilt currently uses a holistic admissions process that considers factors such as extracurriculars, leadership and course load among other factors, according to Vice Provost for Enrollment and Dean of Admissions Doug Christiansen.

The student body has be-

come increasingly diverse in recent years. Minorities represent 29.2 percent of first-years admitted last year, up from 17.4 percent in 2000 according to statistics Christiansen presented.

"We don't have quotas, but we actively recruit minority students," Christiansen said, speaking to the role that admissions plays in increasing on-campus diversity.

Brian Fitzpatrick, associate professor of law at Vanderbilt Law School, noted that a decision against affirmative action could significantly hurt diversity at top universities.

"If the Supreme Court goes the broad route, selective universities could lose two-thirds of their black and Hispanic students," Fitzpatrick said.

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The Supreme Court will hear a case in October that may prevent universities from considering race in admissions.

## Café con leche



TINA TIAN / THE WANDLER

Students dance during Café Con Leche: Quiero a Lucy on Saturday Langford Auditorium.

## New age requires new Honor Code, says report

KATIE KROG  
STAFF REPORTER

Vanderbilt needs to update its honor system to address unauthorized aid with schoolwork, which has become more of a problem than copying answers during a test, according to a report by a Faculty Senate committee.

The Student Life Committee of the Faculty Senate last month published a report on the honor system. The report included 28 recommendations to improve

academic integrity on Vanderbilt campus.

The recommendations were grouped into three categories: information, engagement and process improvements.

The committee said they were especially concerned with the need for greater education regarding the honor system. They recommended that students accepted to Vanderbilt should acknowledge that they know of the honor system before matriculation.

"We're hoping this is one step

in a process of strengthening the culture of integrity on campus, even before they set foot on campus," said Student Life Committee member and Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Bobby Bodenheimer.

The report discusses the need for greater education about the Honor Code among faculty as well as students. According to the report, recent studies have shown that many faculty seem to be unaware of cheating in their classrooms and that differ-

ent faculty implement the honor system in very different ways in their classrooms.

The report also included many recommendations regarding faculty involvement, including a recommendation that monetary incentives be offered to faculty who act as advisors for the Undergraduate Honor Council.

The process improvements suggested in the report include recommendations for regular reports from the Undergraduate, Graduate and professional

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# HONOR: Review to accent Positive aspects of Honor Code

## HONOR COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS

- The Undergraduate Honor Council should submit annual reports to the deans and the provost, with copy to the chair of the Student Life Committee of the Faculty Senate.
- Given the nature and import of the responsibilities of UHC faculty advisors, we recommend that the provost consider additional compensation for them, either in the form of salary supplement or research funds. Faculty should be compensated according to the number of cases they oversee. While the committee does not make recommendations about the amount of compensation or number of cases, the committee feels that cash compensation is appropriate, and that the model used in the School of Medicine to incentivize medical faculty to interview medical student applicants is a good model to adopt for Honor Council service. Under this model, faculty advisors who sat in on a set minimum number of cases per semester

- would receive a cash incentive.
- The director of the Office of Student Conduct and Integrity should provide a report to the faculty member who brought the Honor Code violation to the UHC.
- The associate provost for Undergraduate Education should convene a committee to study expanding the faculty advisor's role to include casting a vote in the penalty phase of large panel cases. The Student Life Committee recommends this change, but recognizes that the faculty are not the only stakeholders in the process of changing the Undergraduate Honor Council process.
- The role of faculty advisors should be expanded to include acting as resources for faculty who need guidance in navigating UHC procedures. We believe that the associate provost for Undergraduate Education is the administrator properly tasked with carrying out this recommendation. ★

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honor councils and review of Honor Council processes and cases by legal experts.

The committee said that the Undergraduate Honor Council is supposed to submit an annual report but has not submitted the report in recent years.

According to committee member and Associate Professor of Communication Studies Vanessa Beasley, the committee especially wants the university to foster more discussion of the positive aspects of the Honor Council, rather than only focusing on infractions and consequences.

"We want people to know

that we're concerned about the positive aspects of the honor system as well. What it means to have integrity, what it means to say that work you're turning in and saying is yours and yours alone is, in fact, yours alone," Beasley said.

"The Honor Code should be less about the thou-shalt-nots and more about what it means to live with honor and what you can do," committee member and Associate Professor of Musicology Joy Calico said.

Having an in-depth report on the honor system is not a new concept at Vanderbilt. The last such report was made by a com-

mittee of students in 1987. Of course, the focus of reviews of the honor system changes over time.

According to Bodenheimer, the most commonly reported infraction of the Honor Code is unauthorized collaboration.

"If you can imagine back in 1987, there wasn't the Internet, there weren't smartphones, there wasn't file sharing and the academic culture at the time was not as engaged around collaboration as it is today," Bodenheimer said.

He added, "I think students and faculty are unclear on where the boundary is (of collaboration)." ★

## DIVERSITY: Most top universities consider race

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Although a Supreme Court decision barring the consideration of race during admissions would strictly apply to public universities, private institutions at Vanderbilt would also be held to the decision under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which states that no agency receiving federal funds may discriminate on the basis of race, color or national origin.

Universities generally do not reveal the details of their admissions policies for fear of lawsuits, but it is generally understood

that top-tier universities at least consider race in their admissions.

"My understanding is that every selective college in America is using race to select students," Fitzpatrick said.

If the Supreme Court should rule in favor of Fisher, Fitzpatrick said that universities would find race-neutral ways to achieve diversity through considering factors such as income and geographic location.

The case, Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin, is due for review in October, and was originally

filed by Abigail Fisher and Rachel Michalewicz after they were denied admission for the class of 2008 at University of Texas. They argued that the university's race-conscious admissions process violated the equal protection clause of the 14th amendment.

Admissions at University of Texas follow a plan where the top 10 percent of graduating classes from each high school in the state are guaranteed admission. The remaining applicants undergo a more comprehensive process that includes race in the decision. ★

## Fourth Fridays



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The Original Cast performs at Fourth Fridays in Sarratt on Friday.

## COMING THIS WEEK

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### A CONVERSATION WITH MO ROCCA

Mo Rocca will be speaking at Sarratt Cinema on Monday at 8 p.m. Ticket required.

Humorist, actor and writer Mo Rocca is best known for his offbeat news reports and satirical commentary.

Currently a correspondent for CBS Sunday Morning News with Charles Osgood, he is also a panelist on NPR's hit weekly quiz show "Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me!" and the host of the show "Foodography" on the Cooking Channel. Rocca spent four seasons as a correspondent on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" with Jon Stewart and four seasons as a correspondent on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno."

The former president and author of Harvard University's "Hasty Pudding Show," Rocca is no stranger to

the stage, where his credits include the roles of Vice Principal Douglas Panch in Broadway's "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," and Doody on the "Southeast Asia Tour of Grease."

Rocca's book "All the Presidents' Pets: The Story of One Reporter Who Refused to Roll Over" is a tour-de-force of investigative journalism that blows the lid off of a long-held Washington secret: Presidential pets are more than just photo-ops. Equal parts "All the President's Men," "Charlotte's Web" and "The Da Vinci Code," Pets is the journalistic watershed event of the decade. Really.

Rocca began his career in TV as a writer and producer for the Emmy and Peabody Award-winning PBS children's series "Wishbone." He went on to write and produce for other kids series, including ABC's "Pepper Ann" and Nickelodeon's "The Wubbulous World of Dr. Seuss," a preschool series combining the whimsy of Seuss characters with the magic of Jim Henson puppetry.

A native of Washington, D.C., Mo Rocca earned a bachelor's degree at Harvard and resides in New York City. This event is brought to you by VPB's The VenUe and is the second event of the new Conversation series.

### FOUNDER OF KNOWLEDGE IS POWER PROGRAM TO SPEAK AT VANDERBILT

More than 85 percent of students enrolled in the Knowledge is Power Program are from low-income families and 95 percent are African American or Latino. Yet, unlike national trends, more than 90 percent of KIPP alumni have graduated high school and more than 80 percent have gone to college.

KIPP cofounder Michael Feinberg will present on the college completion results and growth of this national network of free college-preparatory public schools at a lecture Tuesday, March 27, at Vanderbilt's Peabody College. The event is at 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Wyatt Center Rotunda on the Peabody campus and is free and open to the public.

There are 109 KIPP schools in 20 states, including KIPP Academy Nashville. Students are accepted regardless of prior academic record, conduct or socioeconomic background.

Feinberg's talk, titled "Beyond Z: Lessons Learned from KIPP's College Completion Results and Growth," is sponsored by Peabody's Department of Leadership, Policy and Organizations and the Office of Professional and Graduate Education. ★



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### JOURNALIST COKIE ROBERTS GIVES FREE, PUBLIC LECTURE MARCH 28

ABC News political analyst and National Public Radio senior news analyst Cokie Roberts will give a talk, "Insiders' View of Washington, D.C.," Wednesday, March 28, at 7 p.m. at Vanderbilt University's Langford Auditorium.

The event is free and open to the public and is part of the university's Project Dialogue series, which is dedicated to creating opportunities for students, staff and faculty to engage in public discourse and dialogue in an effort to foster a transformative experience. By connecting classroom learning with larger societal issues, Project Dialogue seeks to generate reasonable debate in the hopes of finding common ground.

Video of the Roberts' lecture will be posted after the event at news.vanderbilt.edu.

In her more than 40 years in broad-

cast journalism, Roberts has won countless awards, including three Emmys. She has been inducted into the Broadcasting and Cable Hall of Fame and was cited by the American Women in Radio and Television as one of the 50 greatest women in the history of broadcasting.

In addition to her appearances on the airwaves, she, along with her husband Steven V. Roberts, writes a weekly column syndicated in newspapers around the country by United Media. The Roberts are also contributing editors to "USA Weekend Magazine," and together they wrote The New York Times Best Seller "From this Day Forward," an account of their more than 40-year marriage and other marriages in American history. The book followed Roberts' No. 1 bestseller, "We Are Our Mothers' Daughters," an account of women's roles and relationships throughout American history. Roberts' histories of women in America's founding era, "Founding Mothers," published in 2004 and "Ladies of Liberty" in 2008, also became instant bestsellers.

Roberts holds more than 20 honorary degrees, serves on the boards of several nonprofit institutions and on the President's Commission on Service and Civic Participation. The Library of Congress named her a "Living Legend," one of the select few to have attained this honor. ★

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# Rallies in Tenn. protest teen's shooting

ASSOCIATED PRESS

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.**— Hundreds of people have gathered in Nashville outside the state Capitol to protest the fatal shooting of a black unarmed Florida teen by a neighborhood watch captain.

The Tennessean reported that

many of those who attended the rally Saturday were dressed in hooded sweat shirts — the same clothing worn by 17-year-old Trayvon Martin when he was fatally shot Feb. 26 in the Florida town of Sanford.

Neighborhood watch captain George Zimmerman has claimed self-defense in the shooting and has not been charged.

State and federal authorities are investigating.

The shooting has spurred protest rallies across the nation, with at least three others planned in Tennessee. The Commercial Appeal reports Memphis activists plan two events this week to protest the boy's death and WDEF-TV reports a march is planned in Chattanooga. ★

# Off-the-charts pollen spreads allergy misery

JOE EDWARDS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** - Allergy season has come early and hit with a wheezing vengeance in parts of the South and Midwest this year, thanks largely to an unusually warm winter. Abundant pollen is causing watery eyes, sniffles and sneezing.

Doctors say the spring misery stretches from Mississippi to Ohio and from Georgia to Texas, where a drought has exacerbated the problem. Forecasters and allergists blame the unseasonably warm weather, and few cold snaps, for causing plants to bloom weeks earlier than normal and release the allergy-causing particles.

In some areas, allergists say pollen counts this week are as high as they've ever recorded. A clinic at Vanderbilt University in Nashville recorded 11,000 grains of pollen per cubic meter Tuesday, the worst in the 12 years they've tracked the number. The Atlanta Allergy & Asthma Clinic says this week's pollen counts have beaten a high mark recorded there in April 1999. Their count for Tuesday was almost 9,400. Fifteen-hundred is considered very high.

The medical director of the Vanderbilt Asthma, Sinus and Allergy Program says he's been seeing more patients — even while feeling puny himself.

"I'm kind of sniffly today," Dr. David Hagaman said Tuesday.

The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America says more than 40 million Americans have nasal allergies, popularly called hay fever. In severe cases, sufferers have difficulty breathing that can send them to the emergency room.

Stephanie Baxter was walloped when she returned to Gallatin, Tenn., from a vacation in Florida last week.

"We hit Tennessee and they started," she said. "I have every possible symptom you can have. I'm trying to keep my energy because I have a 3-month-old and a 3-year-old. There's no time for rest."

For three years, the

foundation has ranked Knoxville, Tenn., as the worst city in the country for allergies - based on pollen counts, sales of allergy medications and the presence of allergy specialists. The city has been up to 20 degrees warmer than normal the past few weeks. Spring arrived prematurely — along with sales of nose spray.

"It's blooming so early," said Sam Roberts, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Morristown, Tenn. "Grass mowing has started early this year and stirred things up."

Ranee Randby, community relations director for the Knox County Health Department, said Knoxville's scenic location in the Tennessee valley contributes to the problem.

"We're surrounded by mountains and whatever gets in here stays in here. It's like a bowl," she said. "It's a beautiful, green part of the country but pollen comes with that."

In San Antonio, Texas, patients with allergies have increased in the past few weeks at Southwest General Hospital. Daniel St. Armand, the emergency room director, doesn't have to leave the hospital to find someone suffering.

"I have a friend who goes through this yearly and it affects his whole system," he said. "He constantly has a runny nose and itchy skin and eyes. He's just not himself."

In Atlanta, Andre Osborne returned home from a long weekend to find his black Infiniti sedan caked in yellow pollen.

"I feel terrible," he said. "I know it's not as bad as it can be. But the sneezing, the uncontrollable coughing, it's starting to kick in."

A couple miles away, business was up at Cactus Car Wash as drivers brought in their pollen-covered cars. Yellow water streamed into drains in its parking lot.

"It's very unusual this early on," said manager Jim James. "It's getting cars a lot dirtier, which is happier for us." ★

Associated Press writers Johnny Clark and Jonathan Landrum in Atlanta contributed to this report.

## Weekend in photos



MICHAEL FRASCILLA/ THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER



TINA TIAN/ THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER

**Top: Vanderbilt's premier all-female a capella group, The Swingin' 'Dores, perform their Spring Concert in Sarratt Cinema Sunday night.**

**Left: Abderrahim Foukara, D.C. Bureau Chief of Al-Jazeera, at MESA Night, the Middle Eastern Student Association's annual celebration of Middle Eastern culture in the Student Life Center Ballroom on Friday.**

# Measure prohibiting saggy pants advancing in Tenn. Legislature

LUCAS L. JOHNSTON II  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** — Three years ago, Rep. Joe Towns failed to make Tennessee the first state to fine teenagers for wearing saggy britches. Now the Memphis Democrat has a more comprehensive measure that would prohibit "risque dressing" in schools — and its chances of passage are looking good.

The proposal is headed for a House floor vote and is moving steadily in the Senate. The bill seeks to prohibit students from exposing "underwear or body parts in an indecent manner that disrupts the learning environment."

It means that in addition to boys not letting their pants sag, female student athletes might be required to wear shirts over their sports bras if they were deemed inappropriate by school officials.

"It's raising the standard of dress when they're attending public schools," Towns said. "It specifically states that they cannot come to the schools with their buttocks displayed, breast and things displayed — risque dressing."

Currently, Arkansas and Florida are the only states to target schools for a saggy pants ban, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Alabama is considering a similar bill that would ban saggy pants in public in one of its

counties. That measure unanimously passed the Alabama House and is currently in the Senate.

In recent years, saggy pants have become something of a national fad, worn mostly by young men. Some states have tried to outlaw the style that offends many because the legwear is drooped enough to expose the underwear — or more. Even President Barack Obama has said it's a fashion "don't."

Town's bill in 2009 sought to impose a fine of up to \$250 and 160 hours of community service for wearing pants below the waistline. School districts would decide the punishment under the current proposal, which sponsors say is succeeding this time around because of the lack of a fine and the fact the measure is isolated to schools.

Sen. Ophelia Ford is sponsoring the companion bill to Town's current proposal. Even though it's not as tough as the one three years ago, she said it's a tool to help stop a style that frustrates her every time she sees it.

"It's gotten ... out of hand," she said. "I mean, just showing everything."

Others have expressed the same sentiment, or worse. A Memphis man got so angry over two teens' sagging pants that he fired several shots at them during an argument, hitting one in the buttocks, police said.

"I detest seeing students' undergarments," said Eunice Waller, a substitute teacher in Memphis. "It's very inappropriate and indecent."

Even some teenagers are appalled. Waller's son, Chad, attends a Memphis high school. He said those who dress inappropriately probably don't realize — or don't care — that their appearance can sometimes be viewed as a reflection of their character.

"When you sag your pants, it doesn't look professional," he said.

Tennessee Education Association lobbyist Jerry Winters said students' style of dress "sends a strong message as to the atmosphere in that school."

"And some students certainly are not dressing appropriately," he said. "I think this bill, although it gives local school systems a lot of authority as to how far they go with this, it's a step in the right direction."

Dress codes have traditionally been left up to local school districts.

Tennessee Board of Education Executive Director Gary Nixon said most of the dress policies he's familiar with address most of the issues in the bill. He said the challenge is enforcement.

"I believe it is critical to have well-disciplined and safe learning environments for our students," Nixon said. "I trust this bill intends to promote the same." ★

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## OPINION

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# The best teacher I've ever had

**HANNAH RUTCOFSKY**  
COLUMNIST

Can you think of your favorite teacher off the top of your head? Was he or she the best teacher you've had? In what regard? The criteria are not the same for everyone. With 13 to 21 years of educational experience, I think most undergraduate students would consider themselves experts, and would probably each have our own standards.

The best teacher I've ever had was intelligent, demanding and committed. She impacted students' lives for over 20 years. The best teacher I've ever had was my 11th and 12th grade history teacher, Susan Buksbaum.

One of the ways I define "a great teacher" is how much impact he or she has on the students. On the surface, a schoolteacher has subject material to communicate, but much of that information is quickly forgotten, unless it is continuously used in subsequent settings. I've found that the true value of teaching has been in the lessons I've learned about myself. Whatever concrete knowledge I've learned since my first year of preschool is outweighed by the skills I acquired in analyzing, contextualizing and applying my experience in school to improve myself.

I went to a small private school in New York City, The Dalton School, which maintains high expectations of students and in return promises high-quality teaching. I could write pages about my

time there, but for now just know that all my teachers were good; still, Mrs. Buksbaum was the best.

I distinguished between "favorite" and "best" teacher at the beginning of this piece because many students did not like Mrs. Buksbaum. But, she was an exceptional teacher. At the bare minimum, she made students work harder than they had before. She was sharp in class discussion and critical in her assessments. She forced the class to complete homework on time, study hard and actively participate.

When discussing this article with a friend, she mentioned that she thought a great teacher is one who makes students want to learn. She referenced her eighth grade history teacher who used interactive methods to teach. I agree, but Mrs. Buksbaum went a step beyond making me want to learn — she taught me how to learn.

I took three courses with Mrs. Buksbaum: American History and my two senior seminars, "American Government" and "Press and the Public Interest." She taught me about the unavoidable bias in press reporting and the power of the press's words and attention. I learned about Watergate, the Supreme Court and American government, but most importantly, I learned about the power of the individual and the satisfaction that comes with hard work.

If you had asked me about my favorite teacher two weeks ago, I do not think I would have been able to give such a definite answer. I

would not have been able to break down Mrs. Buksbaum's influence on me in the manner I have. But then, late in the evening on Saturday, March 17, I found out that Mrs. Buksbaum's health was failing. Shakily, I began an email that was 15 months overdue.

Alas, Mrs. Buksbaum passed away on Tuesday afternoon, as I was proofreading my email. With the weight of separation and guilt of time, I was overwhelmed by her importance in my life. I have had many excellent teachers who have positively influenced my life; at this moment Mrs. Buksbaum's influence seems the strongest.

To conclude, I would like to share some final lessons I learned from Mrs. Buksbaum:

For students, never write off a teacher for giving too much work or teaching a difficult course; you never know what you could learn.

For everyone, don't wait to thank those who have impacted you, shaped you, or mentored you. Their gift of impact is invaluable, and given thanks should be endless. You never know when they won't be there to thank.

I dedicate this column to Mrs. Buksbaum, the reason I write my opinion weekly, and why I will never be satisfied with flawed institutional patterns.

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# Celebrating Israel at Vandy

**MATT SCARANO**  
OPINION EDITOR

This week, Vanderbilt Hill-el will host I-Fest, an annual weeklong cultural and historical celebration of Israel on campus.

With I-Fest comes a great opportunity for me to reflect upon and share my profound personal connection with the State of Israel. It is my family's ancestral homeland, and many of my relatives continue to reside there today. After visiting last summer, I am continually inspired by Israeli culture's vibrant beauty and am motivated to share it with my friends and classmates at home.

Earlier this month I was privileged to attend the American Israel Public Affairs Committee's annual Policy Conference — a political I-Fest in Washington, D.C., attended by 13,000 Americans including 1,500 high school and college students. I saw President Obama speak alongside the three potential Republican nominees, reminding the crowd that no matter which candidate we vote for, America's special relationship with Israel is neither threatened nor negotiable.

At Policy Conference's main event, AIPAC's traditional "roll call" of U.S. Senators and Representatives in attendance further demonstrated bi-partisan support for Israel. More than half the members of both the House and Senate were present, and, more importantly, those who attended were roughly half Democrats and half Republicans. In a national political climate where the two parties seem unable to agree about anything, at least one issue transcends party lines: support for Israel.

There are many reasons for this. Most Americans use — and probably rely upon — Israel's technological contributions every day. We have Israel to thank for USB flash drives, cell phones, instant messaging and "Pillcams," tiny cameras that are now used to diagnose ailments and aid operations at hospitals around the world.

With these innovations and more, Israel, a country the size of New Jersey with only 7 million inhabitants, produces more startup companies and has more companies in the tech-oriented NASDAQ stock exchange than any nation outside the U.S. — more than Europe, China and India combined.

This Wednesday in the Rand promenade, I-Fest's mock Israeli "shuk," or market, will showcase some of Israel's contributions, including the Pillcam. Passers-by will be able to taste Israeli cuisine, hear Israeli music and learn interesting facts about Israel.

America will continue to benefit from Israeli innovation in the future. Israel leads the world in solar energy, biofuels, geothermal technology and water desalination. Israel's advances in the alternative energy sector are paving the way toward Western energy independence and a cleaner environment. With sustainable drip-irrigation techniques that are now being imitated around the globe, Israeli agronomists turned the Middle Eastern desert into a flourishing agricultural miracle.

On a philosophical level, too, America and Israel are closely related. Israel is the only liberal democracy in the Middle East, and the only country in the region where female, gay, Arab, Christian and Jewish citizens enjoy equal rights and political representation. These shared values are the true source of the invaluable relationship between America and Israel.

This relationship is comforting, even essential, to those of us with personal connections to Israel. Israel's neighbors include some countries that actively refuse to recognize its right to exist, and others that only recently accepted its legitimacy. American support is essential to Israel's security, and, indeed, its continued existence. America is repaid for this essential support with technological advances, economic benefit, and intelligence and security cooperation in the volatile Middle East.

Above reciprocity and mutual benefit, however, are the democratic values America and Israel share. It is up to us to protect these values around the world and to celebrate the cultures and nations with which we share them. That is what I-Fest is all about.

As Americans, we have a responsibility to be educated about Israel, its place in the world, and the special relationship between America and Israel. The two nations are culturally tied, economically interdependent and politically allied.

This year's I-Fest includes an array of exciting events, including a musical performance by Israeli pop-funk group Acollective at The End Tuesday night, fresh from their appearance at Austin's SXSW. Most importantly, however, I-Fest offers people at Vanderbilt an opportunity to see, learn, understand and — if they choose — participate in Israeli culture and American Israel advocacy.

So, check out the calendar of events on posters around campus or on Facebook, and take some time this week to learn about, and celebrate, the State of Israel.

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COLUMN

# The politics of travel

What travellers can learn from Trayvon Martin

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My parents gave me one piece of advice that has served me well in my post-adolescent years. "See the world," they beckoned. "There's a lot of world, though, so you should probably start early."

So I travel. And I'm not the only one. Most people at Vanderbilt like traveling so much that they decide to spend a semester immersing themselves in another culture, or may even decide to work, teach, or volunteer abroad. Traveling, or the act of getting from one place to another, has become an integral component of the undergraduate experience. But I never really thought of traveling as anything more than, well, traveling — until this week, that is.

This week, two seemingly unrelated events occurred that changed my outlook on my parents' simple message. One event involved Rick Steves, the popular hero of American travel since the 1980s. Steves made a name for himself by touring Europe, assuring normal people like you and me that we too could travel through the French countryside, sampling exotic cheese and wine with the grace of a local (or, at the very least, look like we know what we're doing). Steves brought previously remote locales —

and the people who inhabited them — to a broad audience via television satellites and public broadcasting. Steves' message was as simple as it was effective: anyone can travel. When he stopped by the Student Life Center this past Monday, his message retained many of those same tropes, but with an updated twist: traveling is political. Political, as I believe Steves was using the term, meant traveling broadens perspectives and allows for complex human interaction.

But, as much as Steves' speech focused on the potential positives of traveling, there was another event — one with less optimistic undertones — that got me thinking about Rick Steves' idyllic vision of travel.

In Florida last month, a young boy named Trayvon Martin was shot and killed by a neighborhood watch volunteer. Trayvon was walking back to his father's house one evening while the volunteer was patrolling the neighborhood. What should have been a simple stroll home turned fatal. The media has questioned Florida's controversial "Stand Your Ground" law, which allows individuals to be proactive in defending themselves without fear of legal recourse, as well as the personal gun possession, a hot button issue since the creation of firearms. Both those are valid and worthwhile discussions, to be sure; however, I believe this incident — coincided with Steves' speech on travel — point to a more pressing matter.

Certain individuals (in this case, African American males) make society uncomfortable. It doesn't matter if they have an Ivy League education or their dad is the President of the United States: after vilifying them for cen-

turies, society more easily recognizes a threat than a scholar. President Obama, a man with African heritage who happens to be married to an African American woman, recently stated that if he had a son, that child would look like Trayvon. What the President was implying is that if this fictitious Obama wore a hoodie, like Trayvon, and was walking through our neighborhood at night, how would we respond? This situation, with all the complicated and cumbersome questions it raises, got me to think: What are we hoping to accomplish by traveling around the world if a young African American man cannot walk down the street without retribution? Are we more comfortable when certain people decide not to travel? Traveling is a political act, as Steves defined it, but can it be used, and have we used it, as a means of exerting power — and in so doing, have we reinforced stereotypes — over others?

It would be naive to think that stereotypes don't influence behavior. We, and I do mean all of us, gather information either passively or directly about others and act upon those perceptions. Exposing ourselves to new situations, a key component of travel, provides ample opportunities to act on the unknown. But for travel to be about positive politics and not a display of power to quell our own fears, we have to see people as people, not propaganda. This is true whether we're studying abroad in Spain or studying at Starbucks.

Otherwise, traveling becomes a political game where everyone loses.

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# DEAR CHARLIE

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Please submit your anonymous question to the form at [InsideVandy.com/Opinion](http://InsideVandy.com/Opinion).

DEAR CHARLIE,

*I'm a freshman like you. We might have even met one time. For most of this year, I've had trouble making friends and haven't really liked school here. So, I applied as a transfer to NYU and was recently accepted. I know I'd love it there, but recently I've started to make more friends at Vandy and am second-guessing my decision. I feel like I belong there, but since I'm already here maybe I should stay. What do you think?*

Thanks for your thoughts,

VANDY MALCONTENT

Dear Vandy Malcontent,

Usually, I like to start off my columns with a little personal story that vaguely relates to the topic at hand. I will then walk through the problem, and cap it off by demonstrating how it connects to my story. I can't really do that though, because you have already done it for me: I went through what seems like the same struggle as you. Mr./Ms. Malcontent, thank you for your introduction to my column.

Since we've shared such similar experiences, I'm guessing that you, like me, assumed that friendships would just naturally fall into place once you got here. This seems to be the introvert's way of handling integration into a new community, in contrast to my extreme socialite roommate's way of developing friendships by introducing himself to every new face he sees.

But after about three to four weeks of optimistic "waiting" for close friendships, my mood slowly started to decline. Around me, I would see groups of best friends eating dinner together, and then see pictures of best friends going out together on Facebook, and in both instances ask myself when those experiences were going to happen to me. It was then when I started to realize I was falling behind the "friendship development" curve.

This made bearing the fundamental hardships of college even harder. Ordinary bad news like finding out a girl wasn't into me or being cut from a fraternity became spirit-breakers, simply because I had no one to lean on except for my crumbling self.

I left first semester with commitments to many extracurriculars and exceptional grades, but on account of the loneliness, I looked back on my first semester of college with absolute misery. I concluded that it's the ability to form close relationships that really makes or breaks one's first semester in college.

It was in my applied human development class when I learned that I wasn't the only one battling loneliness. Professor Brian Griffith brought up the strange fact that although we are in what is likely the most densely populated area by people similar to us that we ever will be for the rest of our lives, so many people still feel so lonely. A Turning Point clicker question confirmed that, although we are constantly surrounded by more people our age than we ever will be, the majority of the class reported having at least some loneliness at school.

Second semester, I started to approach things a bit differently. I began doing all of my homework in my floor's common room, and forcing myself to make my best effort to eat

with a group of people. Sure enough — as I'm certain you have found, too — friendships form. And as I'm sure you can relate to, just having a real-life social network makes everyday life that much easier. This semester has been monumentally better for me than first semester, despite a bit more difficulty in classes and more time-consuming extracurriculars; the only difference has been the increase in the number of people I feel comfortable being around and spending time with.

**I can assure you that after spending more than three months away from it, you'll still feel the tug of your life here at Vandy, pulling you back home.**

I strongly believe that there is no one perfect college for everyone. I think that you can find one school that you learn to love and that makes you feel like there's no other school for you. But I also believe that there are many places that can lead a student feel that way. It's true that if you leave Vanderbilt and end up at New York University, then you could end up potentially loving the place and finding that it's "perfect" for you. But I am equally certain that if you stick with Vandy and continue to push yourself outside of your comfort zone, you will find that you'll find your place here just like you would anywhere else.

I guess it really comes down to the hassle of changing schools. What kept me from considering a transfer was that through my academic pro-

grams, extracurricular involvement and "Vanderbilt"-heavy wardrobe, I had provided ways in which I was too invested in life here to just move somewhere else without guaranteeing that forming relationships in a new place would be any less difficult. Besides, the fact that you have begun to notice a change in the people you feel close to is a sign that you're on the upswing. You just have to ask yourself about your own ties to life here: whether it's through academics, extracurriculars or social life, how invested are you in Vanderbilt life?

My one final piece of advice for you would be to give it till the end of the year. When you say goodbye to the people who became part of your day-to-day life, and close the door to your room for the last time, does it feel like you're leaving home?

I'll give you a quick spoiler: Counting Crows weren't just singing nonsense when, in "Big Yellow Taxi," they said "you don't know what you got 'til it's gone." As soon as you close that door, you'll feel the tug of your freshman experiences, from the highest of highs and the lowest of lows, trying to pull you back. You'll be reminded of all the late nights of homework, the weekend shenanigans, romantic flings and budding friendships, and then you'll realize that all of what you've gone through was just the process of creating a new home. I can assure you that after spending more than three months away from it, you'll still feel the tug of your life here at Vandy, pulling you back home.

Best of Luck,  
Charlie

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## REVIEW

# La Sera impresses on sunny new album

NEAL COTTER  
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It may only be March, but the weather seems to have decided that summer is here, and musicians are beginning to follow suit. Such is the case with La Sera's "Sees the Light," the sophomore release from former Vivian Girl Katy Goodman. Sweet, wispy vocals and breezy guitar work permeate the album's 10 tracks, creating a listening experience that is, for the most part, summery bliss.

Goodman begins opening track "Love that's Gone" with the line "I love my life without you," introducing a theme of post break-up happiness that reappears throughout the album, and the song's pleasant guitar solos coupled with Goodman's soothing voice create that same idea of freedom sonically. "Please Be My Third Eye," the most upbeat track here, follows with jangly, almost lo-fi instrumentals and layered vocals that will have you reaching for the replay button. The thumping beat of the third track, "I Can't Keep You In My Mind," features a distinct melody from the first two songs and a delightful chorus, making this first portion of the album an extremely solid and diverse listen.

As "Sees the Light" continues, the remaining tracks rely on the same vocal tricks and instrumental style, but the well-sequenced shifts in tempo keep it fresh almost all of the way through. Its success only begins to wane during the last three tracks, which all fall into the midtempo range and make for a slightly tedious stretch. Nevertheless, they also see Goodman trying out some new styles, with "How Far We've Come Now" recalling the Dum Dum Girls' distorted guitar work and with "Don't Stay" sound-



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ing strikingly similar to Asobi Seksu's high-pitched vocals.

While it's certainly not perfect, "Sees the Light" is a definite step forward for La Sera, whose distinctly airy vocals run the risk of making her songs indistinguishable from one another. Goodman's simple lyrics and laid-back melodies may not be revolutionary, but this collection of songs is relaxing, charming and at times irresistibly catchy. "Sees the Light" hits stores tomorrow, and is shaping up to be one of the first great summer albums of 2012. ★

**GRADE: A-**

## KEY TRACKS

If you want a sampling of La Sera's tunes, start with these songs from her album "Sees the Light."

"Love That's Gone"

"Please Be My Third Eye"

"I Can't Keep You In My Mind"

# How to start your own business

KELLY HALOM  
STAFF REPORTER

Vanderbilt Ventures has been offering students the opportunity to start their own on-campus businesses for the past two years, yet seniors Juliette Cilia and Nissa Ostroff were the first to create a project to win the competition: Re(cycle).

After Ostroff studied abroad in London and Cilia studied abroad in Paris, both discussed the impact of the bicycle transportation programs in these two major cities. Cilia said, "The idea was just that bike rentals are kind of this new trend and they seem to be really working in these urban and semi-urban settings."

After the idea was set in place, the two decided to approach Vanderbilt Ventures, beginning work on their executive summary for the first round of the competition. Because both students felt that financials were a weak point, they utilized Accounting Professor Alice Goodyear as a guide for writing their summary. Cilia said, "she helped us get our financials together. We really owe her a lot."

Once the first round was completed, Cilia and Ostroff realized their biggest problem: As seniors they would be unable to work on the program next year. They began scouting for younger students in Professor Goodyear's Accounting classes. "We

were really surprised that anybody would even be interested in doing some shoddy operation with us." Eventually the two found Brett Ungashick and John Ratliff, who will carry on the operation when Cilia and Ostroff graduate.

The new team of four began solidifying their business plan for the second round, which amounted to over 30 pages. Cilia said that the five- and 10-year projections of the business were "a big part of why we won, because we could show that there was something to be made in a long term period." Cilia said that their presentation to the board was "a fun presentation, less numbers oriented and more cool."

Most recently, the new business has received \$9000 from Vanderbilt Green Fund to sponsor their daily rental program. The bikes will now have promotions on them for Vanderbilt Green Fund.

The business is also working to find replacements for Ostroff and Cilia in the fall. Current Junior-Director, Brett Ungashick, said that they are looking for "something to keep this dynamic that we have right now, a four-person team to get some balanced ideas."

Currently, the group is working on daily logistics and hiring people to work on staff. To find out more about Re(cycle), visit their page on Facebook. ★



## TOP ALBUMS OF THE WEEK

Check out which albums have been hitting the airwaves most often this week on WRVU.org.

1. Delta Spirit  
"Delta Spirit"
2. Black Market Research  
"Insult to Injury"
3. Feist  
"Metals"
4. The Black Keys  
"El Camino"
5. Justin Townes Earle  
"Nothing's Gonna Change the Way You Feel About Me Now"
6. Sleigh Bells  
"Reign of Terror"
7. Islands  
"A Sleep and a Forgetting"
8. Real Estate  
"Days"
9. Emeli Sande  
"Selections from Our Versions of Events"
10. Foxy Shazam  
"The Church of Rock and Roll"
11. Blitzen Trapper  
"American Goldwing"
12. Shearwater  
"Animal Joy"
13. Tom Waits  
"Bad As Me"
14. The Civil Wars  
"Barton Hollow"
15. Dr. Dog  
"Be the Void"

# 'Dope it's Dom' hits Nashville

Rapper Dom Kennedy performed at Cannery Ballroom on Saturday, entertaining audiences with his narrative style of lyricism

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Last Saturday night, the Leimert Park, California native Dom Kennedy invaded the Nashville music scene for the first time with his "This is Dom Kennedy" tour.

If you have never heard of this man, you may ask the question, "Who is Dom Kennedy?" As he says in his song "1997," Dom is a rapper that a lot of people have slept on, but through his persistence, self-reliance and dedication to making good music, his name is becoming one to pay attention to in the music business.

During an interview with PaulMeara.com, Dom Kennedy explained his music to be "based upon the things that I had, that I loved and that I liked growing up." Dom possess all of the crowd control, arrogance, steeze and lyrical ability necessary to be a dope musician, so it is no surprise he promotes himself with the tag "Dope It's Dom."

The night began with a slue of opening acts featuring talent from Nashville natives to West Coast rappers. First to the stage were Nashville's own, OpenMic and Dee Goodz. Dee Goodz was in the studio of WRVU on the Friday morning before the show. The next performers to grace the mic were rapper Rich Hill and producer-singer Polyester the Saint. Both of these men held their own in spite of a crowd that was beyond anxious to see Dom Kennedy.

Dom stepped on stage at the Mercy Lounge — a bottle of something smooth in hand — and the crowd went wild as he



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Dom Kennedy performed on March 24 at the Cannery Ballroom. For more information on his music, visit [dopeitsdom.com](http://dopeitsdom.com).

opened his set with the "west-side Crenshaw bump bit" known as "Choose Up." Dom took his time to let the people know who he is and what his music sounds like as he performed songs from all of his earlier projects and his latest work, "From the Westside with Love: II."

Hands stayed high the entire night as his DJ, Drewbyrd, spun tracks such as crowd favorites "O.P.M. (Other Peoples' Money)," "When I Come Around," and "In Memory Of" wherein he laments the extent of how dope he can be by showing off his narrative style of lyricism. He even let his smooth side show with his odes to all the female Dom lovers such as "The Ways," "Bet You Want Me (Now)," and the track that launched his career, "Watermelon Sundae." He ended his set with another crowd favorite "When You See Love" to show his appreciation for Nashville and the large turnout.

Dom Kennedy has such a devoted following that no matter when an audi-

ence member arrived prior to his performance, they made sure they had a spot close to the stage when his time came. By the end of the night, even first-time listeners were nodding along and enjoying the show down front as much as long-time fans.

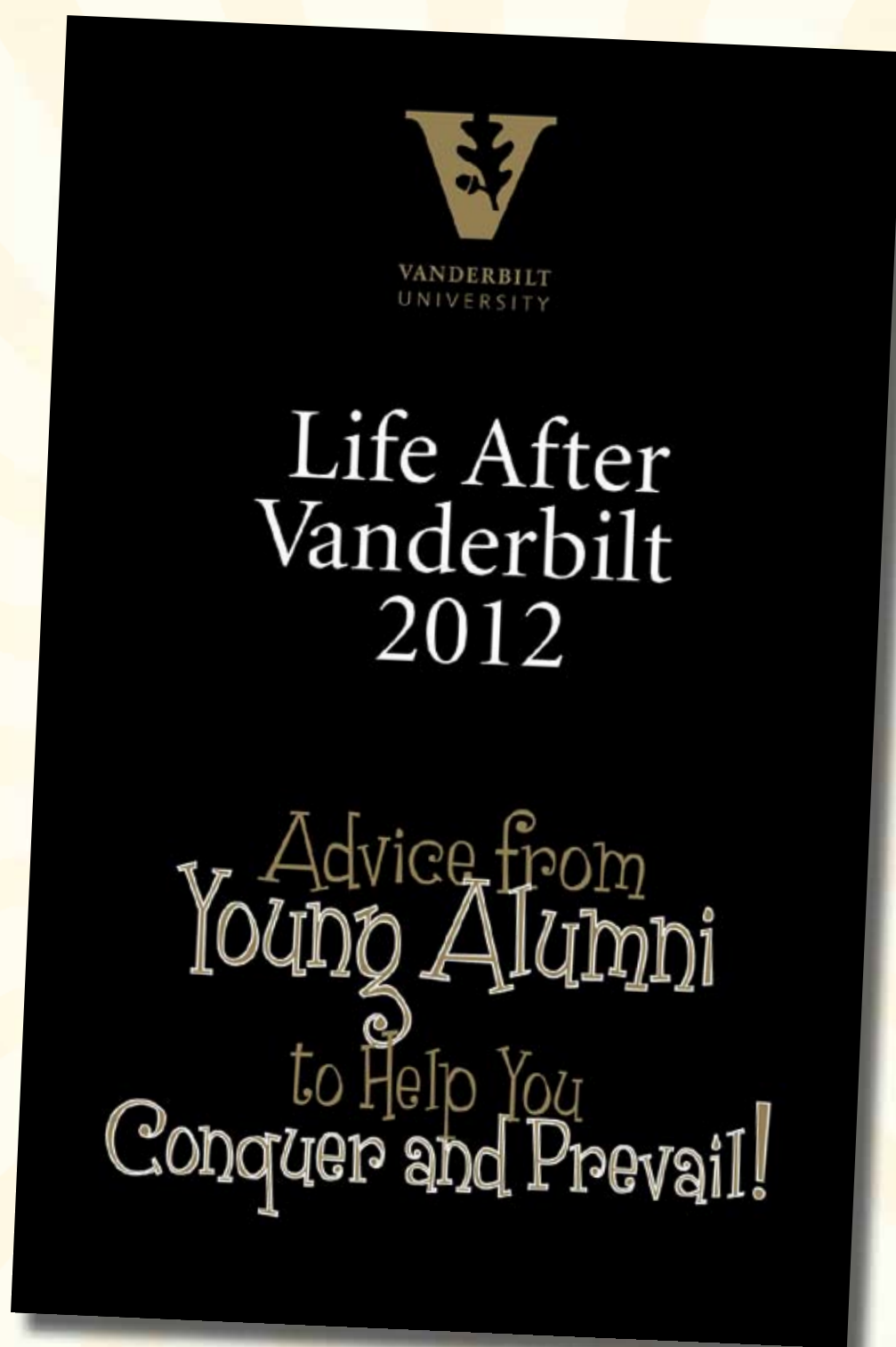
To steal a song title from his 2009 project, "FutureStreet/DrugSounds": it was beautiful! The crowd was definitely enjoying the vibe Dom Kennedy was putting out on Saturday and if you missed it, it would be in your best interest to check out the other tour dates and find some of his music online. The "This is Dom Kennedy Tour" wraps up on April 21 in Tempe, Ariz. ★



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## Sugar on the slate: A wildly optimistic breakdown of the 2012 Vanderbilt football schedule

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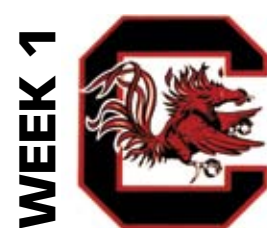
With spring practice beginning, the past few weeks have yielded unprecedented excitement for the future of the Vanderbilt football program. Head coach James Franklin's victories on the field and the recruiting trail have the team looking to make its second straight bowl for the first time since — well, ever.

Lost amid the bowl hype and the end of recruiting season, the Southeastern Conference released the schedules for each of its 14 members. The new schedule sent shockwaves throughout the Southeast (and also Texas and Missouri) as old rivalries were moved from traditional dates and some teams were dealt much easier conference schedules than anticipated.

In the words of noted bodybuilder Ronnie Coleman, the Commodores' schedule is best described as "LIGHT-WEIGHT BABY!" The Commodores are one of two teams in the East (the other being Georgia) that won't play any of the three top West teams in Arkansas, LSU and defending National Champion Alabama. Outside of the matchup against Georgia, all of Vanderbilt's toughest games are at home, and the schedule gives the Commodores a legitimate shot at winning the SEC East. So without further ado, it's time for the second annual installment of "The Wildly Optimistic Schedule Breakdown."



ZAC HARDY/FILE PHOTO



**WEEK 1**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
Thursday, Aug. 30

While some would rather not have what could potentially be the toughest game of the season first, I welcome opening the season with the Gamecocks. It might mean that Marcus Lattimore won't be hurt yet (kidding) but the opportunity to open the college football season at home on a Thursday night should make this the most hyped regular season game in recent Vanderbilt history. The opportunity for a school day tailgate is not only going to affect how I set up my class schedule for the fall semester, but will ensure that a raucous student section welcomes the team with the easiest nickname to mock in college football, because what else are Vanderbilt students going to do on a Thursday night, go downtown? In all seriousness, the Thursday night atmosphere should ensure a (mostly) full student section to fire the team up in the season opener.

On the football side of things, South Carolina must replace defensive coordinator Ellis Johnson, as well as wide receiver Alshon Jeffery, defensive end Melvin Ingram and cornerback Stephon Gilmore. Quarterback Connor Shaw was an improvement over the inconsistent Stephen Garcia, but this team will live or die with Marcus Lattimore. If the Gamecocks can't establish a running game early against the Commodores, they will be in huge trouble. Expect the Vanderbilt PA guy to slip up at least once and play Sandstorm, leading to a late Gamecock rally that falls just short. One thing is for sure: the visor is definitely coming off.

**PREDICTION: Vanderbilt 24, South Carolina 21**



**WEEK 6**  
**AT MISSOURI**  
Saturday, Oct. 6

It's James Franklin vs. James Franklin! SEC newcomers Missouri welcome the Commodores to Columbia for the first time since 1958. The Tigers are something of an enigma, as they bring a decidedly Big 12 system of offense to the land of real football. Think of them as a worse Arkansas with a better journalism school. Wide receiver Dorial Green-Beckham, ESPN's No. 3 recruit in the country, will test a Commodore secondary that loses Casey Hayward and Sean Richardson to the NFL. Expect to see sparks fly in an offensive shootout, but the real SEC team should prevail in this one.

**PREDICTION: Vanderbilt 42, Missouri 31**



**WEEK 9**  
**MASSACHUSETTS**  
Saturday, Oct. 27

Not even going to waste the space here. Commodores win in blowout fashion over the Minutemen.

**PREDICTION: Vanderbilt 42, UMass 3**



**WEEK 12**  
**TENNESSEE**  
Saturday, Nov. 17

This is the true test for James Franklin. Sure, he can recruit. Sure, he can lead us to a bowl game. Sure, he can make us nationally relevant. But none of that matters unless he can beat that school out East. With a matchup in Nashville, this is the year he does it.

**PREDICTION: Vanderbilt 56, Tennessee 0**



**WEEK 2**  
**AT NORTHWESTERN**  
Saturday, Sept. 8

Like Vanderbilt, Northwestern was better than its 6-7 record would indicate this season. However, the Wildcats must replace quarterback Dan Persa, who became the NCAA's all-time leader in completion percentage this year. Head coach Pat Fitzgerald will do his best to motivate his team in what will surely be a huge nonconference game for both teams, but, as someone who only watches ESPN for his football analysis would say, "We've got that SEC SPEED BABY!" Vanderbilt is just too talented to lose this game. That felt really weird to say.

**PREDICTION: Vanderbilt 35, Northwestern 17**



**WEEK 4**  
**AT GEORGIA**  
Saturday, Sept. 22

Especially if the Commodores beat South Carolina, this could be the most important game of the season. Georgia has the easiest schedule of any SEC team, while Vanderbilt isn't far behind. As strange as it sounds, this game could decide the SEC East. At the very least, whoever wins this game should immediately become the favorite to go to Atlanta. Georgia returns almost every player of note next season, save All-SEC tight end Orson Charles and cornerback/kick returner Brandon Boykin. Aaron Murray will have another year of experience at quarterback and Georgia will be a preseason top-10 team. That being said, it will be almost the same UGA team that was a punter's tackle away from losing to Vanderbilt this year. Vanderbilt also has a history of winning the pseudo-rivalry in Athens. If nothing else, expect to see sparks fly between James Franklin and Georgia defensive coordinator Todd Grantham again.

**PREDICTION: Georgia 24, Vanderbilt 21**

**WEEK 5: BYE WEEK**



**WEEK 7**  
**FLORIDA**  
Saturday, Oct. 13

The Commodores haven't beaten Florida since presumptive Vanderbilt starting quarterback Jordan Rodgers was a month and a half old. Given that that game happened in 1988, it's likely that no Florida football "fans" even knew the team existed then, as it came before Steve Spurrier arrived in Gainesville. As the Gators haven't been able to figure out who their quarterback or any other reliable offensive playmakers will be, this game might end up being the opposite of the offensive shootout the previous game was.

**PREDICTION: Vanderbilt 17, Florida 7**



**WEEK 10**  
**AT KENTUCKY**  
Saturday, Nov. 3

We just beat the Wildcats at the sport they're actually good at, so there's no reason to believe the Commodores won't conquer and prevail in the sport that the Cats are embarrassingly bad at.

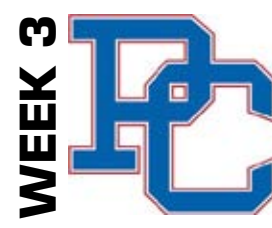
**PREDICTION: Vanderbilt 28, Kentucky 10**



**WEEK 13**  
**AT WAKE FOREST**  
Saturday, Nov. 24

A win here cements a (theoretical) 11-1 record for the Commodores. While we're going along with this deliriously optimistic outlook of the season why don't we go ahead and say we'll win that too and make an appearance in the Sugar Bowl. We did it guys, way to go.

**PREDICTION: Vanderbilt 24, Wake Forest 7**



**WEEK 3**  
**PRESBYTERIAN**  
Saturday, Sept. 15

I may have spoken too soon when I said South Carolina had the easiest nickname to make fun of in college football. The Blue Hose (seriously), who are named after "fierce Scottish warriors" are probably best known to Vanderbilt fans as "That school that Brad Tinsley had a triple-double against." The Blue Hose, who don't actually wear blue socks in football, went 4-7 this year while competing in the FCS, formerly known as the division formerly known as 1-AA. There's really not much more to say here.

**PREDICTION: Vanderbilt 54, Blue Hose 7**



**WEEK 8**  
**AUBURN**  
Saturday, Oct. 20

I told myself before writing this preview that I thought the Commodores would win one of two games in this stretch against Florida and Auburn but now that we're here, buoyed by a 5-1 record and a likely national ranking we're just gonna say screw it. Auburn lost running back Michael Dyer and offensive coordinator Gus Malzahn, who was almost our head coach instead of James Franklin. Without Malzahn's high-powered offensive schemes, we're about to find out just how good of a coach Gene Chizik really is. If you ask Auburn fans, they'll tell you — not that good.

**PREDICTION: Vanderbilt 24, Auburn 13**



**WEEK 11**  
**AT OLE MISS**  
Saturday, Nov. 10

Unfortunately for Vanderbilt fans, Houston Nutt and his 2-4 career record against the Commodores are out at Ole Miss. New coach Hugh Freeze worked wonders at Arkansas State, but the Rebels' problems are too big to be overcome in one year.

**PREDICTION: Vanderbilt 27, Ole Miss 14**

### 2012 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE:

Aug. 30: South Carolina	Oct. 20: Auburn
Sept. 8: at Northwestern	Oct. 27: Massachusetts
Sept. 15: Presbyterian	Nov. 3: at Kentucky
Sept. 22: at Georgia	Nov. 10: at Ole Miss
Oct. 6: at Missouri	Nov. 17: Tennessee
Oct. 13: Florida	Nov. 24: at Wake Forest

### COMMODORE BUZZ:

After dropping Friday's match to Alabama, 5-2, the women's tennis team bounced back, topping Auburn, 5-2, on Sunday afternoon. Vanderbilt's Marie Casares, Ashleigh Antal, Lauren Mira, Alex Leatu and Nelly Radeva won their singles matches to close out the win for the Commodores. Vanderbilt hosts Tennessee next Friday at 4 p.m. CT. ★



# IN HIS SHOES



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**ANTHONY TRIPODORO**  
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we want to be at the end of the year.

**We've got to play clean baseball and there needs to be trust.** Pitchers need to trust hitters, and hitters need to trust pitchers.

**I keep my head high.** I feel like when I slack off, the rest of the guys might also slack off, so I have to do the best I can to stay even-keel and not have too many peaks and valleys.

**I've seen the transformation of a lot of guys.** Guys from last year who maybe didn't have the chance to get as many swings last year are starting to come around and get their swings this year. The freshmen are stepping up. Guys from last year did their time and played there three years, so now it's time for some new guys to become the face of the team.

**I've enjoyed every aspect of being a baseball player here at Vanderbilt.** Schoolwork can be tough, but I've learned to balance it with baseball. I just take things as they come and have a good time every day. ★

The Hustler caught up with junior shortstop Anthony Gomez on Sunday following Vanderbilt's 5-3 victory over Georgia. Down 2-1 in the eighth inning, the Commodores rallied to score four runs, including two on a game-winning triple off the bat of freshman third baseman Vince Conde, and beat the Bulldogs in come-from-behind fashion. Boasting the highest batting average on the team, Gomez has emerged as a leader of the young squad. He spoke about the team's keys to success and what he loves most about Vanderbilt baseball.

**Today's win was huge.** We've been trying and trying, and we've come up short so many times. It felt good to see Vince come up with the big hit. He's been in that situation three times this weekend, and he was getting good swings in, so it was good to finally see him do it.

**We need to win one game at a time.** Tennessee Tech is next, and if we keep playing it one game and one inning at a time, we'll be where

# Spring football notebook



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**JUSTIN BOBO**  
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## Young players put talent on display:

After redshirting and changing positions, freshmen and former quarterbacks Josh Grady and Kris Kentera displayed playmaking abilities. Grady showed explosiveness, speed and the ability to make a difficult catch in his new role as a wide receiver. Grady made an extraordinary diving catch with several defenders in his vicinity to produce a first down. During the scrimmage, Kentera produced two big plays by making catches which combined for 72 yards. On the other side of the ball, sophomore tackle Barron Dixon and redshirt freshman linebacker Kellen Williams both showed a tenacity that is needed on a defense that will return only seven of last year's 11 starters.

## Quarterback competition tightens:

While Jordan Rodgers earned the starting quarterback job midway through the season last year, it appears that he will face steep competition to retain his role. Due to NCAA transfer rules, former Wyoming quarterback Austyn Carta-Samuels, who transferred to Vanderbilt prior to the commencement of the fall 2011 semester, was forced to redshirt last season. Carta-Samuels appears poised to push Rodgers for the starting quarterback role. Although he only has five total practices under his belt, he has showcased precision on his passing, good pocket awareness and tremendous athleticism. Rodgers has also enjoyed a strong start to his spring as he looks to redeem himself after a poor showing in the Liberty Bowl. However, with nearly five months until the home opener against South Carolina, head coach James Franklin has ample time to evaluate the quarterbacks.

## Consistency in the kicking game:

Following a season where only 57 percent of the attempted field goals were made, it's no surprise that coach Franklin is looking for more consistency from his kickers. With the encouragement of Franklin, senior kicker Ryan Fowler was successful on his five field goal attempts. If Fowler can translate his spring success to the 2012 season, the Commodores will be in good shape, especially in late game situations.

## "Super Saturday" for rising high school seniors:

Although national signing day is nearly ten months away, it is never too early to start looking ahead to the 2013 recruiting class. On Saturday, Franklin hosted a slew of talented rising high school senior prospects from across the country. After assembling the greatest recruiting class in Vanderbilt football history, Franklin is looking to make history again. ★

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## CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

1 Filled tortilla  
5 "\_\_\_ to the Chief"  
9 Lincoln's legendary log home  
14 "Pronto!" initials  
15 Killer whale  
16 Barely ahead in the game  
17 Elegant business garb  
20 Spirited meeting?  
21 Cell phone message  
22 Building site  
23 Seemingly forever  
25 Office seeker, briefly  
27 Elegant business dinner  
34 Tolkien tree creature  
35 Concerning a heart chamber  
36 New York NFL team, familiarly  
38 "\_\_\_ is human..."  
40 Down with the mouth  
41 "\_\_\_, girl!": words of encouragement  
42 \_\_\_-American  
43 Quick on the uptake  
45 Down in the mouth  
46 Elegant business accommodations  
49 Diplomat's HQ  
50 Captain of the Nautilus

**DOWN**

1 Imitate  
54 Pub order  
57 Increase, as production  
61 Elegant business reward  
64 Smudge  
65 Catchall abbr.  
66 Heidi's mountains  
67 Mother-of-pearl  
68 Not just one  
69 Quiz, e.g.

1 Body art, for short  
2 Tennis great Arthur  
3 Dear, in Bologna  
4 Warm-up act  
5 "Heaven forbid"  
6 Magnate Onassis  
7 Rapper whose name sounds like a refreshing beverage  
8 Tie, as shoes  
9 Usual procedure  
10 "The Simpsons" storekeeper  
11 Heat, as water  
12 Captivated by  
13 Egg holder  
18 Chevy Volt or Nissan Leaf  
19 Kick out  
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26 Danish toy block maker  
27 Greek cheese  
28 Wall switch words  
29 Wombs  
30 Cowboy's rope

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31 Galileo was the first to observe its rings  
32 Cause to chuckle  
33 Okay, in law  
37 Okays with a head bob  
39 Wander  
41 Naval petty officer  
43 Comparable in size  
44 Wealthy group  
47 \_\_\_ State Building  
48 Alley prowler  
51 Part of NBA: Abbr.

52 Soft cotton  
53 One in business who is no stranger to the elegant things in this puzzle  
55 Feeling no pain  
56 The Musketeers, e.g.  
58 Global extremity  
59 Strike callers  
60 Annoying one  
62 At a distance  
63 Superlative suffix

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