

PARTY LIKE IT'S 1915

Vanderbilt football wins 9 games in a season for the first time in almost 100 years. See pages 4-5 for a recap.

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"I've decided to forgo my opportunity to enter the NFL Draft, and I'm going to come back for my senior year at Vanderbilt." — Jordan Matthews

MUSIC TO THEIR EARS



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Vanderbilt rang in the new year with a bowl victory, and Jordan Matthews set the stage for a special 2013 when he announced he'd return for his senior season. On his big decision: "It was a **no-brainer**."

By ERIC SINGLE
Editor-in-chief

Austyn Carta-Samuels had some parting words for wide receiver Jordan Matthews as he made his way out of the locker room after Vanderbilt's 38-24 Music City Bowl victory on New Year's Eve.

"I need you back next year, 8-7!" Carta-Samuels yelled, loud enough for Matthews, the media gathered around him and anyone else milling around in the bowels of LP Field to hear. "I need you back!"

To the delight of Carta-Samuels and the rest of the Commodores, Matthews announced on Sunday afternoon that he would don his

No. 87 jersey once again next fall, returning to Vanderbilt for his senior season of eligibility and ramping up expectations for next year's team in the process.

"I'm really excited about this opportunity," Matthews said. "Me and my family, we prayed on it and we looked at all the pros and cons. It was a no-brainer. This is the best opportunity that anybody could have."

After an up-and-down sophomore campaign in which he came on strong late to help the Commodores reach bowl eligibility, Matthews delivered a career performance to kick off his junior season and never looked back. His 78-yard touchdown catch and run against South Carolina was Vanderbilt's first score of the season, and he finished with eight catches for 147 yards, which stood as his career high until his 9-catch, 153-yard performance in the win over Ole Miss.

He finished with 94 receptions for 1,323 yards and eight touchdowns, setting the school record for 100-yard games in a season by accomplishing the feat seven times.

In the weeks following the end of the regular season, Matthews had mulled over his decision publicly on Twitter and pri-

vately, consulting his parents, teammates and coaches before reaching a decision last week. Head coach James Franklin said he had played "a very minor role" in his star wideout's decision process.

"He made a really mature decision," Franklin said. "I don't think there's any question that he's ready to go to the next level, but he wants to continue his opportunity here, refine his craft, have an opportunity to earn his degree and then take his talents to the next level."

Seated by his parents, Roderick and Brenda, and his head coach, Matthews joked that the opinions of his parents held a little more sway.

"I called my dad, and he kind of talked to me a little bit — me and my dad are like best friends," Matthews said. "And then my mom got on the phone, she said, 'Boy, you better keep your butt in school.'"

The question now is who will get him, fellow standout wide receiver Chris Boyd and the rest of the offense the ball in 2013. The graduation of Jordan Rodgers leaves a hole at quarterback that Carta-Samuels, a rising senior, and redshirt freshman Patton Robinette will prepare to fill heading into spring practice. Carta-Samuels, who threw 25 passes in his

"I know for a fact I've got the guys around me that can take this school to an SEC championship next year. That's the main reason why I'm staying, and I am going to devote all my time to making sure Vanderbilt is on the podium in Georgia by season's end next year."

JORDAN MATTHEWS,
junior wide receiver

first snaps after transferring from Wyoming two years ago, becomes the only quarterback on the roster with game experience.

"Trust me, this guy gets that," Franklin said. "He had breakfast this morning with Austyn (Carta-Samuels), he had lunch with Patton (Robinette) today. He's going to make sure that he's got that relationship."

Franklin said that his staff had already begun preparations to set Matthews up as well as possible for an eventual jump to the pros. That process included laying out a plan for Matthews to graduate in December and exploring insurance policies to protect against the risk of injury in his senior season, a precaution taken by many players projected to be early-round selections.

"It's going to take a lot of hard work, but we feel we have a really good plan for him to be able to do that and be able to start training at that point once he's graduated, and then obviously there's things in place through the NCAA and other things that we're going to make sure we take advantage of as well," Franklin said. "We're going to make sure that Jordan is protected as well on everything that's available to us through the NCAA and the SEC as well."

"You can get hit by a bus walking outside, man. You don't worry about that stuff," Matthews said. "Those things are uncontrollable, and like coach always says, you just gotta control the controllables, and that's what I plan to do."

FAST FACTS

JORDAN MATTHEWS:
2012 STATS

94
Receptions

1,323
Receiving yards

8
Touchdowns

CAREER STATS

150
Receptions

2,282
Receiving yards

17
Touchdowns

WKU student falls to death

By TYLER BISHOP
News manager

As the fall semester came to a close on Dec. 15, 19-year-old Western Kentucky University student Benjamin Gogins jumped six floors from a dorm window. He died three days later at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Despite precautions put in place by WKU, including quarter-inch thick tempered glass and a mechanism that allows windows to be opened by only three inches, police say the glass was broken in the window from which Gogins jumped.

He was found minutes after he jumped, still breathing, and was flown to Vanderbilt. Officials have found no evidence that suggests alcohol or drugs were involved, nor have they indicated foul play.

"I will miss seeing his smile," said Erin Mitchell, a close friend of Gogins.

"He always smiled. Some of the stuff that he would say would just make me laugh."



Kristof to speak on Jan. 31

By SAM McBRIDE
News manager

"Half the Sky" author Nicholas Kristof will be coming to speak about the oppression of women in the developing world at Vanderbilt on Jan. 31 as a part of the Chancellor's Lecture Series.

Kristof, who is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist for the New York Times, wrote "Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide" along with his wife, journalist Sheryl Wu-Dunn. The book tells individual stories to highlight the oppression of women — through sex trafficking, sexual violence, lack of education and other means — around the world.

The book was the Commons Reading for the Class of 2016, selected from over 170 nominated titles for first-year students to read and discuss.

Kristof will speak from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Vanderbilt's Student Life Center, and the lecture will be preceded by a reception and book signing in the Student Life Center Board of Trust Room and lobby at 4:30 p.m.

Report rips FAMU over hazing

A blistering state report released Friday contends that Florida A&M University officials failed to follow state laws and regulations on hazing in the years leading up to the death of a FAMU drum major.

A 32-page report from the Florida Board of Governors inspector general's office concludes that the school lacked internal controls to prevent or detect hazing, citing a lack of communication among top university officials, the police department and the office responsible for disciplining students.

But investigators said there was insufficient evidence to conclude whether university officials ignored allegations of hazing given to them by the former director of The Marching 100 band shortly before the November 2011 death of Robert Champion.

Larry Robinson, FAMU's interim president, said the university would officially review the report for any inaccuracies, but noted there were no new incidents detailed in the report. Still, he said the university would use the report to make sure that it had taken appropriate steps to prevent future hazing incidents.

The report points out that rules adopted back in 1998 intended to prevent hazing in the band were ignored.

Champion's family has filed a lawsuit contending that the school failed to take action to stop hazing.

Robinson said that he could not speculate on whether the new report would be used by the Champion family to press on with its lawsuit. — AP

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We are trying to make green technologies completely disposable, inexpensive and very efficient."

PARAM JAGGI, FORBES' '30 UNDER 30' AWARD-WINNER



VANDERBITS

By Tyler Bishop
News manager

PLAN YOUR WEEK

WEDNESDAY

Lunchbox: Obama's Second Term

Nashville Public Library
12-1 p.m.

A lunch and learn event with David Lewis. This talk will deal broadly with how presidents approach second terms and what to expect from President Obama given his specific context. President Obama will certainly look to establish a legacy, but what are his prospects for success? Box lunches will be provided for the first 300 people to respond. To RSVP, call 322-8585 by Jan. 7.

THURSDAY

Vanderbilt Visiting Writers presents author Thomas Lux

Buttrick Hall 101
7-8 p.m.

Thomas Lux is the Margaret T. and Henry C. Bourne Jr. Chair in Poetry at Georgia Tech. He has been a finalist for the Los Angeles Times Book Award in Poetry. He has also received three National Endowments for the Arts grants and a Guggenheim Fellowship.

FRIDAY

Tech's role in Neurorehabilitation

Featheringill Hall 134, 3:10-4:10 p.m.

The university will host Paolo Bonato, Ph.D., Dept. of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Harvard Medical School, Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology MGH Institute of Health Professions, Harvard Medical School Wyss Institute of Biologically Inspired Engineering, Harvard University. Bonato will discuss the use of technology in rehabilitation science, including robot-assisted gait training for children with cerebral palsy and functional electrical stimulation. This lecture is open to the public.

VSG presents 'Looper'

Sarratt Cinema, 7-10 p.m.

VSG presents "Looper" as the January Movie of the Month. Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Bruce Willis star in this time-travel thriller. There will be free drinks and popcorn. There will be two showings, at 7 p.m. at 10 p.m.

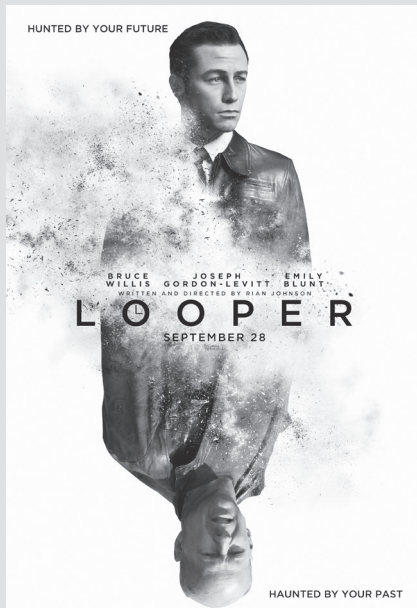


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Who's in, who's out

Over the break, Vanderbilt announced several changes to its administration and faculty that will be taking effect during 2013. The Hustler recaps those leaving and joining the Vanderbilt community.



IN: Emilie Townes

Emilie Townes, an ordained American Baptist clergywoman, is currently the Andrew W. Mellon Professor of African American Religion and Theology and associate dean of academic affairs at Yale Divinity School. Her appointment is pending approval by the Board of Trust, according to a press release. Townes has been appointed to a five-year term beginning on July 1, 2013, replacing James Hudnut-Beumler, who will be taking a year's sabbatical. Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Carolyn Dever chaired the search committee, and has expressed excitement over the appointment of Townes.

"In every aspect of her profile, Emilie Townes epitomizes the Vanderbilt Divinity School's dedication to renowned scholarship, ecumenical leadership and commitment to social justice," Dever said.



OUT: John Greene

John Greene, physician and associate dean of students for student health and wellness announced last month that he will retire in the summer of 2013. He spent a total of 35 years at Vanderbilt, serving in many different positions, including director of the Student Health Center, professor of pediatrics and the director of the Division of Adolescent Medicine — a department that he founded. Throughout his career, Greene published 65 works. He completed his residency at Vanderbilt in 1977 and also served in the military after completing medical school. Greene said he is looking forward to spending more time with his family on his farm in Hickman County.



IN: Trey Beasley

Trey Beasley, a senior financial manager at Vanderbilt, has been named university treasurer. Beasley assumed his duties as treasurer on Dec. 21. Beasley graduated from Vanderbilt in 1988, earned an MBA from the University of Texas, then worked for JP Morgan Chase for 16 years before joining the Vanderbilt finance team in 2007.

"Trey's experience and knowledge of Vanderbilt is a tremendous asset to the university as we move forward with efforts to steward our resources in the most effective manner in support of our academic priorities," said Brett Sweet, vice chancellor for finance and chief financial officer.



OUT: Colleen Conway-Welch

Colleen Conway-Welch, dean of the Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, announced in November that she will retire from her role at the end of the 2012-2013 academic year. She will, however, remain part of the nursing school's faculty, working alongside Jeff Balsler, M.D., Ph.D., vice chancellor for Health Affairs and Dean of the School of Medicine — her successor. At the time she was hired in 1984, the school had no doctoral programs and only educated roughly 100 baccalaureate students and a handful of Master's students. The school now teaches over 100 students and is ranked 15th by U.S. News and World Report. Conway Welch has received many awards and gained much recognition for her contribution to the field of nursing both at Vanderbilt and on the national stage.



OUT: Matthew Wright

Matthew Wright, vice chancellor for investments, has announced his resignation, effective Jan. 31. Wright joined Vanderbilt in 2007, and since his arrival he has managed Vanderbilt's long-term investment portfolio, which currently totals \$3.8 billion. Wright has been praised by other members of the administration for his handling of the school's investments during the recession, but he's also faced criticism from student groups for Vanderbilt's investments in companies that have been accused of unethical business and labor practices. Brett Sweet, vice chancellor for finance and chief financial officer, will assume investment responsibilities on an interim basis, and a search committee will be formed to find a permanent replacement.



OUT: James W. Bradford, Jr.

James W. Bradford, Jr., dean of the Owen Graduate School of Management, announced last month that he will step down from his post at the end of the 2012-2013 academic year. Bradford, a graduate of Vanderbilt Law School, helped develop and launch multiple degree and scholarship programs at Owen, including a full-time Health Care MBA and Accelerator, a 30-day intensive program for undergraduates. He said that he is proud of what the school has accomplished under his leadership and is looking forward to spending more time with his family. Vanderbilt is set to launch a search for a new dean early this year.

Impending debt decisions left on a fiscal cliffhanger

By CHARLOTTE GILL
News staff reporter

President Obama's signing of the American Taxpayer Relief Act to prevent the looming "fiscal cliff" crisis has stayed short-run fears of spending cuts for research in both the university and Vanderbilt University Medical Center, as well as possible cuts to Vanderbilt's federal aid.

The bill signed on Jan. 3 raises income taxes on the very wealthy and will generate \$600 billion in new revenue over 10 years, while postponing automatic budget sequestration for two months. The bill includes numerous tax breaks for businesses but fails to address partisan conflict over the debt ceiling, in addition to postponing spending cuts on defense and domestic programs, such as Medicare and Social Security.

According to Associate Professor of Economics Andrea Moro, it is unlikely that future spending cuts will drastically affect Vanderbilt's federal

aid either, as spending on higher education and research does not constitute a significant portion of the federal budget in contrast to entitlement programs.

"Hopefully, they will recognize that research and education (at all levels) have a potential beneficial impact on innovation and growth. Without innovation and growth, budget problems become even bigger than they are now," he said. "Politicians know this, but it is politically much more difficult to cut Social Security than it is to cut research funding. It is very difficult to predict how future legislators will choose facing that trade-off."

Also regarding federal spending, Associate Professor of Economics Malcolm Getz said, "An undue focus on reducing deficits that threatens slower growth in incomes and employment will mean that the Federal budget remains constrained. This threatens federal financial aid and funding for research with significant

adverse consequences for higher education generally and Vanderbilt in particular."

Potential cuts in education and research spending could pose a problem for Vanderbilt's current financial aid program. However, the current bill will likely cause little change from a financial aid perspective, according to Executive Director of the Office of Student Financial Aid and Undergraduate Scholarships David Mohning.

The impact of tax increases on philanthropic giving is less clear.

Getz noted the need for full employment in the short run to combat the budget deficit by boosting tax revenues and decreasing "safety net spending." "The tax law just enacted focuses, primarily, on the deficit rather than restoring full employment. The risk is that the growth in income and employment will remain relatively slow," Getz said. "High rates of unemployment and slow growth in incomes have adverse effects for nearly everyone in America."

Student named to Forbes' '30 under 30' for second straight year

By TYLER BISHOP
News manager

Sophomore Param Jaggi has been named to Forbes' "30 under 30" list for the second year in a row. The list is intended to represent the "entrepreneurial, creative and intellectual best," according to Forbes.com.

Jaggi was recognized for his work in creating green energy. He said he is thrilled to be recognized among other upcoming notables.

"Being recognized in Forbes alongside other world-changers reminds me of the potential impact of my research," Jaggi said.

Jaggi initially gained recognition when he invented a device that used algae to convert car tailpipe carbon dioxide emissions into oxygen.

"In high school, I invented a device that reduces emissions from the exhaust of motor vehicles. I decided to put my previous experience in green technologies into a company," Jaggi said. "We are trying to make green technologies completely disposable, inexpensive and very efficient."

The company that Jaggi founded and is currently operating is called EcoViate, a research and development company that focuses on energy and environmental technologies. EcoViate uses "interdisciplin-

ary sciences to create technologies that mitigate global warming, create alternative sources of energy and stimulate an unprecedented green initiative."

Jaggi said he was first interviewed by Forbes editor Christopher Helman. Winners were later chosen by a selection committee of industry leaders. Jaggi was notified by Helman on Dec. 17 about his selection to the "30 under 30" list.

"This award means a lot to me," he said. Jaggi is studying environmental science and economics in the College of Arts and Science. He has previously been recognized on CNBC's "20 Under 20: Transforming Tomorrow."



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WISH WE'D SAID THAT: Vanderbilt football players react to Jordan Matthews' decision to stay for his senior season

"Y'all know I couldnt leave!! I love Vandy Nation! #AnchorDown" — @jmatmattjmatm (junior wide receiver Jordan Matthews)

"Smilin big all day today! Gonna light the air up this off season with @jmatmattjmatm and @cboyd_80 #2013 #makeHistory #skyslimit" — @AUSTYNCS_6 (redshirt junior quarterback Austyn Carta-Samuels)

"Ahhhhhhhhhh BOOM!!!! Got my dawg back for another round @jmatmattjmatm. We gettin to ATL. #believethat #Flyboyz" — @cboyd_80 (redshirt sophomore wide receiver Chris Boyd)

"There go my chances at playing reciever next year ... But excited to have JMatt coming back" — @Flocka_Fromang (freshman offensive lineman Blake Fromang)

"@jmatmattjmatm hey bro glad to here ur stickin around! U made the right choice. Get that degree and I'll c u in the league next year!" — @VandyRoLo84 (Redshirt senior defensive lineman Rob Lohr)

"#salute to @jmatmattjmatm on his decision today.. love ya fam." — @Z_STZCE (senior running back Zac Stacy)

"Glad I have one of the best receivers in the game @jmatmattjmatm to compete against all off season again. Lets eat bruh" — @ChicoDeBarge31 (redshirt junior safety Javon Marshall)

"#FlyBoys arent just a unit we're a family! 2012 was good but 2013 will be great! Dont even think of trying to stop us! #ANCHOR-DOWN" — @thenewVUgattis (wide receivers coach Josh Gattis)

"Start The #JMAtt4Heisman2013 Campaign" — @JSTATx7 (redshirt freshman wide receiver Josh Grady)

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Don't jump the gun

A call for dignity over debate in remembering the Sandy Hook shooting



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Many of us left the exhaustion of final exams to relax in the comfort of our families over winter break. Instead, what greeted us was the second deadliest school shooting in American history. On Dec. 14, a gunman killed 26 people at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. Twenty were children, many likely as young as six years old.

Across the globe, leaders and ordinary citizens immediately expressed their sorrows and their sympathies. Donations of toys, clothing and other items to families of the victims and the survivors flooded Newtown to such an extent that overwhelmed officials had to request that people stop sending them.

For many, however, an event that should have united our nation in mourning and sympathy quickly turned into a political opportunity. In a Dec. 18 interview, CNN host Piers Morgan called pro-gun advocate Larry Pratt "an unbelievably stupid man." Now, over 100,000 people have signed a petition to deport the British citizen to his home country.

It is safe to say that Morgan's insult will not save any lives and that the deportation petition helps nobody. This incident demonstrates two lessons: 1) Calling someone who disagrees with you "an unbelievably stupid man" accomplishes nothing and 2) Calling to deport someone who says that accomplishes nothing.

Any shooting provokes an immediate emotional response. We all want answers, but we will never know for sure how to prevent these tragedies.

I do have one piece of advice: Forget the name of the perpetrator. It's understandable to want to know their background and profile, but our focus should center on the victims and away from glorifying the memories of these mass murderers by identifying shootings with their names. How many people remember the name of the principal who bravely rushed out of her office to confront the assailant? Her name was Dawn Hochsprung, and she leaves behind two daughters and three stepdaughters.

President Obama refused to say the name of the killers at the Aurora and the Newtown shootings, and I wish that major media outlets would do the same. Critic Roger Ebert, when asked about violence in movies after the Columbine shootings, spoke eloquently about a different influence: "When an unbalanced kid walks into a school and starts shooting, it becomes a major media event. Cable news drops ordinary programming and goes around the

clock with it ... The message is clear to other disturbed kids around the country: If I shoot up my school, I can be famous. The TV will talk about nothing else but me. Experts will try to figure out what I was thinking. The kids and teachers at school will see they shouldn't have messed with me. I'll go out in a blaze of glory." Media organizations have a duty to report the truth, but I wish that broadcast media stations would agree to drop the name of a captured or incapacitated mass killer from their live coverage, even if that information is obtainable elsewhere.

We need to examine ideas about how to reduce the chances of another mass shooting without our emotions blinding us. No policy will be perfect. As President Obama stated at the vigil for the victims, "No single law, no set of laws can eliminate the evil from the world or prevent every senseless act of violence in our society, but that can't be an excuse for inaction."

The Second Amendment is clear in granting the right to individual gun ownership. Given this, I wish more liberals like myself who rallied against Voter ID laws on the grounds that they threatened to infringe on basic rights were willing to approach gun control with appropriate care and caution. The Supreme Court's rulings in *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008) and *McDonald v. Chicago* (2010) both upheld individual rights to gun ownership, but they also validated certain limitations.

But laws need not be the focus. We have to diminish the glorification of violence in our culture, work hard to instill strong moral values into our children and reform the mental health system. During this process, we should stay away from platitudes — after all, "Guns don't kill people; people kill people" is an irrelevant phrase unless you oppose every restriction and ban on Title II weapons like machine guns and rocket launchers. We already agree that certain weapons are too dangerous to be widely available, and debates over slight expansions of that line to include "assault weapons" (a term in need of a better, expanded definition) should not be misconstrued with "the government grabbing all your guns." Personally, I support a new "assault weapons" ban as one part of the measures we need to take.

As this debate progresses, let us all remember to treat one another with respect. Most of all, let us remember the 26 victims and extend our deepest sympathies to their friends and families.

Trigger happy

More guns equal more problems in Tennessee schools



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Here's a statement I never thought I'd have to write: The Tennessee state legislature's proposal to put armed guards in all elementary schools and train and arm teachers is a terrible idea.

Yes, you read that correctly.

Even before NRA CEO Wayne LaPierre held his infamous "press conference" after the tragedy in Newtown, Conn., calling for more armed guards in schools, State Sen. Frank Niceley had drafted a proposal to do just that across the state of Tennessee. Under Niceley's bill, all schools would be required to hire a trained "school resource officer," and trainings would be offered to teachers who wish to carry their own weapons.

All middle and high schools in the Nashville area already have armed guards, despite ambiguous evidence of effectiveness; Niceley's bill would extend to include elementary schools as well. This "solution" is predicated on the assumption that more guns lead to less crime. Yet the balance of evidence, for gun crime in general and mass shootings in particular, suggest that more guns lead to more problems instead.

Unfortunately, it is difficult to come across reliable studies about gun violence in America due to the NRA's political influence — in the 1990s, it lobbied Congress to prevent funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to be used to study the effects of guns on public health. Public funding for firearm studies has dried up ever since. This needs to change. Fortunately, we do still have some data. To the surprise of no one, the picture these data paint about gun violence is much more complicated than the NRA's simplistic "Guns don't kill people; people kill people" mantra.

As the Harvard Injury Control Research Center documents, where there are more guns, there is more homicide. Whether the analysis is done by nations to other nations or states to other states, the result holds. At the same time, areas with more guns also have higher rates of suicide, despite no differences in mental health problems. Even though gun owners are no more likely than non-gun owners to report suicidal thoughts or behavior, suicide rates are higher among

gun-owning families. All of this suggests that increasing access to guns ultimately leads to more gun violence.

The Atlantic's Richard Florida compared gun deaths weighted by population to a variety of social, economic and political variables between states and found that gun regulations such as trigger locks and assault weapons bans are negatively correlated with gun deaths. Two of the factors most positively correlated with gun deaths were poverty rates and — Tennessee legislature, take note — the rate of high school students who carry weapons on campus. At least in those schools, more guns equal more, not less, crime.

In 2009, ABC News' "20/20" ran an experiment, training volunteers on how to use firearms and then putting them into a simulated mass shooting. All of the participants, including the trained marksmen, failed to stop the shooting. Some almost made the bloodshed worse by accidentally hitting bystanders and panicked victims attempting to flee. Although having armed citizens to stop a mass shooting works in highly idealized theories, in practice more guns on the scene just adds to the chaos.

On the specific issue of having armed guards in schools, it is important to keep in mind that a sheriff's deputy was at Columbine High School on the day of that infamous shooting spree and was unable to stop the bloodshed.

The answer to gun violence is not simply "more guns." Regulation, although not a silver bullet, is clearly needed. Of course, some regulations have failed in the past — the federal assault weapons ban was in place during Columbine, and Connecticut's own ban did not stop the Sandy Hook shootings. It is impossible to stop every crime. Second Amendment rights do need to be respected. But there is no excuse not to try sensible measures to bring down America's unacceptably high gun violence rates nonetheless.

Just as we should not permit the First Amendment to allow someone to yell "fire" in a crowded theatre, we should also not permit the Second Amendment to allow someone to fire into a crowded theatre. All other advanced nations have significantly lower gun mortality rates than the U.S. And arming teachers was not their secret to success.

The abolition of prohibition

A libertarian perspective on underage drinking



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Numerous articles and columns in the last few issues of The Hustler have analyzed and critiqued the university's approach to underage alcohol consumption. Administrators are correct in believing that the only way to reduce incidents on campus involving alcohol is to change the campus culture. While university administrators have little control over state laws, I suggest that lowering the drinking age would be the most effective method of changing alcohol culture on college campuses. From my libertarian perspective, I would go even further and suggest that the drinking age should be eliminated.

The drinking age was not always 21. In 1982, 36 states had drinking ages lower than 21. This changed after the passage of the National Minimum Drinking Age Act of 1984, which eventually pushed all 50 states to establish the age of 21 as the minimum age for alcohol purchase and public possession. The penalty for noncompliance was a 10-percent decrease in federal highway funds.

Under the current system, underage students are encouraged to consume large amounts of alcohol before going out to parties and experiment with other dangerous methods of alcohol consumption, such as drinking hand sanitizer, to get around the prohibition. Lowering the drinking age to 18 would allow universities like Vanderbilt to offer students under the age of 21 safe spaces to consume alcohol with super-

vision. For example, before the drinking age was increased to 21 in Tennessee, the weekly McGill Hours used to be McGill Happy Hours, where wine was served to students with the supervision of faculty and staff.

As a libertarian, I believe there should not even be a drinking age. It is not the role of government to establish an arbitrary age at which one is mature enough to consume alcohol. It is the responsibility of parents to make sure their children are educated about the dangers of alcohol consumption and to regulate their consumption before adulthood. Adults should be able to make their own choices about their own bodies. Individuals should be free to consume, smoke or drink any substance as long as their resulting actions do not harm another individual who does not wish to be harmed. The mere drinking of alcohol should not be a crime. However, individuals should still be held fully responsible for the choices that they make while under the influence of alcohol, including any actions that cause injury or death to another individual.

Eighty years ago, the 21st Amendment to the Constitution was ratified, officially ending the nationwide prohibition on alcohol consumption. The repeal was a great victory for individual liberty. Yet today, throughout the United States, the minimum drinking age is still 21, continuing prohibition for young adults. It is time to fully repeal prohibition.

Vanderbilt 38, North Carolina State 24

'WE'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE'

Those were the parting words of head coach **James Franklin** after his team rolled over North Carolina State for a **wire-to-wire 38-24 victory** in the Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl on New Year's Eve, and after the

Commodores finished 2012 with their best record since 1915, it's hard to doubt him. Playing under an interim head coach, the Wolfpack couldn't get out of their own way, **turning the ball over five times** and struggling to find answers on

defense. Meanwhile, Vanderbilt picked up where it left off in November to extend its **SEC-best winning streak** to seven games. Take in the most memorable images from a historic day downtown.



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NC State quarterback Mike Glennon, under heavy pressure from the Vanderbilt pass rush throughout the afternoon, threw three costly interceptions in his final collegiate start. Glennon is projected to be one of the first quarterbacks taken in the upcoming NFL Draft.

Vandy turns to turnovers to pull away

By **JACKSON MARTIN**
Sports reporter

Vanderbilt's defense may have allowed 24 points to NC State, the third highest total of the season for the Commodores. The defense may have allowed 424 total yards to the Wolfpack and given up 383 yards passing to quarterback Mike Glennon. It may have allowed NC State to convert 13 of 19 third down tries and pick up 24 total first downs.

But the defense still played the biggest role in carrying the Commodores to a 38-24 victory over NC State, forcing five turnovers in the Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl. Vanderbilt hadn't forced more than three turnovers in a game all season.

"I didn't think we played a great game, but we made plays when we needed too, especially on defense," said head coach James Franklin. "They moved the ball on us, but the turnovers were great erasers. I think that quarterback (Mike Glennon)

is really good, and he's extremely accurate. That's why when we were able to get tight coverage on them we were able to get our hands on the ball because he is so accurate."

Because of turnovers and good special teams play, the Commodores started nine different offensive drives on NC State's half of the field. That excellent field position helped quarterback Jordan Rodgers and the offense put up more than 27 points for the sixth straight game.

"Today, it started with the guys on defense," Rodgers said. "They gave us an unbelievable amount of opportunities, and the way they played today really dictated the game."

Three of Vanderbilt's five touchdowns, and 24 total points for the Commodores, were the direct result of turnovers.

"Coach (Bob) Shoop does a great job of dialing up those plays and putting us in position to make great plays," said defensive end Johnell Thomas. "Those turnovers made a big-time difference in the game and as you saw we came out

victorious."

James Franklin credited the aggressive nature of the defense with the turnaround from last year's disappointing Liberty Bowl performance to this year's win.

"We were confident that our defense would find a way, and to me, that's the exciting thing about this year," Franklin said. "This year we found all different ways to do it — today was with turnovers, most of the year was just keeping people out of the endzone."

NC State was already a turnover-prone team, ranking second in the Atlantic Coast Conference in turnovers, but an aggressive offensive gameplan added to the mistakes made by the Wolfpack.

"Again a Southeastern Conference team, Southeastern Conference talent, those type (of) things, we weren't going to play it safe," said NC State interim head coach and offensive coordinator Dana Bible. "We weren't going to play back on this team. We were going to be attacking on it, and if they made a play on it, more power to them."



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Above: Redshirt sophomore wide receiver Chris Boyd (80), whose circus catch in the corner of the end zone brought Vanderbilt its first touchdown of the game, celebrates the victory with defensive lineman Rob Lohr. Bottom: Wide receiver Jordan Matthews (87) capped off his junior year with seven catches for 61 yards, setting the school record with 1,323 yards in 2012.



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Vanderbilt's all-time leading rusher worked hard for his fourth 100-yard performance of the season, averaging 4.3 yards per carry on the way to 107 yards and a touchdown and picking up multiple first downs out of the wildcat formation that became a larger part of the Vanderbilt offense as the season wore on.



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Stacy drives wildcat to earn Music City Bowl MVP honors

By ERIC SINGLE
Editor-in-chief

For all its improvement, Vanderbilt's offense rarely finds success in the exact same place two weeks in a row. That being said, credit James Franklin, John Donovan and the rest of the coaching staff for this piece of consistency: The wildcat, that overexposed offensive formation football teams have run, tweaked and run again at every level of the sport in the past decade, is working for Vanderbilt.

On New Year's Eve, the Commodores made no pretense about running the ball with their all-time leading rusher, as Zac Stacy finished with 107 yards and a touchdown on 25 carries and Vanderbilt took home its second bowl win in five years with a 38-24 victory over North Carolina State in the Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl.

Stacy earned bowl game MVP honors while leading the charge as Vanderbilt wore down the Wolfpack defense with a few scoring drives that relied completely on direct snaps to Vanderbilt's running backs.

"It's pretty much one of those things, don't fix nothing that's not broke," Stacy said. "We did a great job on offense of executing today, especially in the running game. With this offense, we can run and throw."

Stacy has shown his ability to run and throw in the past, and he was given another shot to show off his arm on Monday, but his pass into the end zone for quarterback Jordan Rodgers late in the second quarter fell incomplete. It made little difference for a Vanderbilt offense that nearly hit 40 points for the

sixth time this season. On the next play, Rodgers found wide receiver Jordan Matthews on a screen pass into the flat for an 18-yard touchdown.

"I think I lined up at receiver almost as much as quarterback, but that's because we had the numbers, and our offensive line was blocking so well," Rodgers said. "That's what was working, and we were going to keep doing it, keep letting time tick off the clock there and keep the ball rolling, and that's what we did. I think we executed very well."

In his final season as head coach — 2009's 2-10 campaign, in case Vanderbilt fans needed help remembering the ignominy of the recent past — Bobby Johnson introduced a variant of the wildcat in tandem with a no-huddle offense that was received about as well as a trash fire at midfield would have been.

But this year, behind an experienced offensive line and enough trick plays and athletes on the edge to keep defenses honest, the Commodores put more and more faith in the formation as it brought them yards, first-down conversions and wins.

"I think people try to make the game of football a lot tougher than what it is, and I think coaches get affected by calling plays that they think are sexy, that the fans or the recruits are gonna like," Franklin said. "It was working, and we're going to keep running it until you adjust and stop it, and if not we're gonna keep doing it."

"We put emphasis on it this season, just a little wrinkle in the offense, and had success with it," Stacy said. "It goes all hand in hand, the offensive line doing a great job, the defense getting turnovers to give us opportunities on the field, so it was just a great team win today."



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Clockwise, from top left: The Commodores head toward the stands to celebrate with the Vanderbilt contingent of the 55,801 fans in attendance after locking up the victory on New Year's Eve.

An emotional James Franklin, fresh off his 15th win as Vanderbilt's head coach, salutes the fans.

In his final game in black and gold, redshirt senior quarterback Jordan Rodgers looks to throw downfield. Rodgers finished 16-for-25 for 106 yards and two touchdowns through the air and scrambled for a 15-yard rushing touchdown in the fourth quarter to help ice the victory.

Redshirt junior Javon Marshall hauls down Wolfpack wideout Tobais Palmer in the open field. Palmer represented NC State's biggest offensive threat, catching eight passes for 111 yards and returning a kickoff 94 yards for a touchdown, but the Vanderbilt secondary largely held the Wolfpack to shorter completions over the middle.

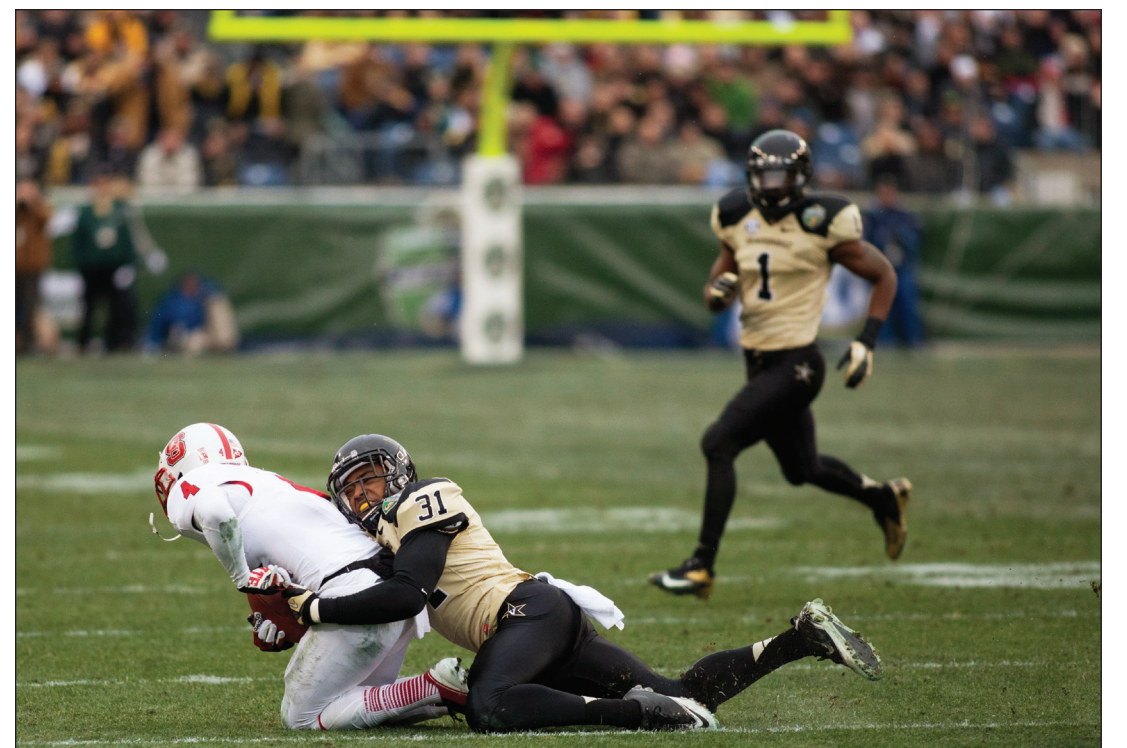
Redshirt junior Wesley Tate bounds into the end zone for a 7-yard touchdown run late in the second quarter to extend the Vanderbilt lead to 21-7. Tate, who made a nominal position switch to wide receiver in the offseason, finished 2012 with eight rushing touchdowns and enters the offseason as the ground game's primary threat heading into the next year.



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Life



WATCH THIS!

Christmas flick you shouldn't have missed: 'Django Unchained'

By **NEAL COTTER**
Life reporter

It is a director's prerogative to warp the rules of right and wrong to suit his own creation, and in Quentin Tarantino's world, one moral principle emerges: If someone hurts the one you love, kill them. All of them.

What sets a Tarantino film apart from your average gore-fest, however, is a remarkable attention to character development and the creation of a compelling story, and "Django Unchained," Tarantino's latest film about a slave who teams up with a German bounty hunter to rescue his wife from a Mississippi cotton plantation, is no exception. Inspired by two genres most modern directors would never touch: The ultra-cheesy spaghetti western and the incredibly offensive Blaxploitation film, "Django" seamlessly weaves its influences together into a tale so fascinating to behold that any historical inaccuracies or political incorrectness fall by the wayside. Over the course of nearly three hours, "Django" will draw you in, scare you, make you laugh, disturb you and fill you with more admiration than you ever thought you'd feel for a murderer.

On a technical level, Tarantino is known for using bold and unconventional cinematic styles, but the shots he employs in "Django" always serve to advance the film's rich content, never becoming distracting or gratuitous. His handpicked soundtrack, featuring a mixture of styles like '70s folk-rock, gritty rap and original songs (including an excellent track by John Legend), is as diverse as the cinematic genres the movie honors, but each song fits its scene perfectly and enhances the film's distinct aesthetic.

Although Tarantino does deserve a great deal of credit for writing a cast of brilliant characters, the phenomenal acting on the part of the film's leads is what truly brings the movie to life. Surrounded by three scene-stealing supporting actors — Christoph Waltz as the clever and endlessly likeable Dr. King Schultz; Leonardo DiCaprio as the vicious plantation owner Calvin Candie and Samuel L. Jackson as Stephen, a despicably obedient slave who wields the real power on the plantation, it can be easy to overlook how masterful Jamie Foxx's subtler portrayal of Django is. Seeing these characters develop, collaborate and clash over the course of the film is truly a delight to behold.

Wildly entertaining and never boring, "Django Unchained" may just be Tarantino's best work to date. As both a revenge fantasy and the historical rewrite, the film revisits familiar topics for the director, but it's hard to fault Tarantino for it when he treads this ground so well.

The Dean's list

By **PRIYANKA ARIBINDI**
Life reporter

With second semester upon us, Frank Wcislo, dean of The Martha Rivers Ingram Commons, gave us four simple suggestions for students who are looking to start their semesters as strong as they hope to finish them. We added in some helpful annotations.

READ THE SYLLABI CLOSELY

Whether you're in Engineering, Peabody, A&S or Blair, nothing's more useful in any class than the syllabus. One packet given out on the first day of class outlines every homework assignment, test, requirement and, for everyone stuck in an 8 a.m. class, the ever-so-important attendance policy. Paging through your syllabi early on can help you determine just how much work you're in for, and compiling important dates from all of them can help you figure out when you'll manage to get it done.

MAKE USE OF THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS TO DECIDE WHETHER TO REMAIN ENROLLED IN THE CLASS

The first week of classes in every semester is a change period, and adding and dropping classes can be done with no penalties. After the first week, deciding to withdraw from a class becomes more complicated, and you need the consent of both the instructor and your adviser — and, in some cases, even the dean. Deciding early on whether or not a class is for you can save you the time and effort of the withdrawal process and an unfortunate "W" on your transcript.

TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER DURING ONE OF THE HIGH POINTS OF THE VANDERBILT SOCIAL SEASON

With freshman becoming a part of Greek Life from the very beginning of second semester, it's arguably one of the busiest times of the year socially. It's important to not only take care of yourself and manage your time well but also to look out for your friends.

COME BACK PREPARED TO CONTINUE (YOUR) FINE CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR GREAT UNIVERSITY

Winter break followed up some of the toughest weeks of the school year and the three weeks should have been a good amount of time to rest up, relax and have fun. Now that the break's over, though, it's time to actually get out of bed before noon, crack open a few textbooks and resist the urge to binge-watch anything and everything on Netflix. It'll be tough, but getting readjusted quickly (and slowly weaning yourself off of internet TV) is the best way to come back to school.

DIVE IN



The Hustler breaks down the best dive bars around town, telling you our favorite places to dive.

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By **PATRICK HECKETHORN**
Life reporter

Broadway is loud and full of tourists, and you can only go to Robert's so many times. Demonbreun is filled with drunk babies, and you don't quite feel like getting roofied. Solution? Dive.

1. THE VILLAGER

Dog bowls of beer, free darts and a jukebox with the Pixies. Nine-dollar pitchers of Shiner don't hurt either. Your clothes will say that you smoked, even if you didn't, so you might want to wash your hair afterwards. Across from The Pancake Pantry, the walls of this Hillsboro classic are lined with photos and memories from its dedicated crowd of locals and students. Make some memories yourself.

2. SANTA'S

A double-wide trailer out by the fairgrounds with eternal festive spirit and tons of twinkle lights, it's Christmas all year long at this very young, very hip dive bar. Santa himself opened the bar in 2011; and ever

since, it's been the quaintest hang around. It's karaoke night every night, so sing your heart out while sipping on \$2 domestic beer (\$1.50 PBR). But plan ahead, because it's cash only. Grab a round of pool for only 75 cents. Arrive late for a better crowd; arrive early for free food (Christmas cupcakes in July?).

3. LIPSTICK LOUNGE

The Sapphic sisters at Lipstick Lounge throw the coolest karaoke parties in East Nashville. But you need not be from the isle of Lesbos to fit in; it's perhaps the most eclectic bar the city has to offer. There's a stellar selection of quality liquor at rail prices, and the smoke flows freely. Brush up on your vocal skills; Lipstick's the karaoke bar where the patrons can actually sing. Oil portraits and quirky colors line the walls while super friendly customers offer you a dance. Don't miss out on the chance for a kiss.

4. THE SPRINGWATER

Across from campus, behind the McDonald's on West End, The Springwater claims to be "Nashville's oldest bar." There's no spring water served, but there is a surprisingly good

selection of cheap beer. Little more than cinderblocks and cement, the Springwater is roomy, with large, separate areas for pool, darts and live music. There's a screened porch in the back to escape the clouds of smoke, but if the smog doesn't faze you, put a dollar in the massively diverse digital jukebox (Aphex Twin's "Windowlicker" is a favorite of ours) and get moving. Check the calendar for gritty and raw live music played on a stage lined with red tinsel, but make sure there's no death metal scheduled when you want a chill night with your friends. Strike up a conversation with a local Nashvillian, you might be surprised who you'll see there.

THE VERDICT:

Of all Nashville's smoky beer joints, the Springwater reigns supreme. It's the king of the dives on all counts. It has more room for darts than the Villager, and a better beer selection than Santa's. The jukebox, while pricey, can play just about anything, and the patrons are friendly and low key. And though it's incredibly close by, one of the biggest perks is that not many college kids go there, so maybe you shouldn't try it out. In fact, forget we said anything.

A chat with the BookPeople themselves

By **EMMETT MCKINNEY**
Life reporter

When Larry Woods' book collection simply became too large, his wife Saralee Woods decided it was time to spread the wealth. And so Hillsboro Village's BookMan was born, not surprisingly with the tagline "Selling My Husband's Books."

Woods's books now sit on the shelves of BookManBookWoman, so it fits that the cozy store on 21st Avenue South retains the ambiance of a delightfully vast home library. Everything from vintage editions of "The Great Gatsby" to "The Complete Works of Shakespeare" to today's bestsellers are nestled in alongside each other in narrow aisles, which hold stacks upon stacks of well-loved but good-condition books packed into every nook and cranny. A quick look inside any covers shows a penciled-in price, a testament to the care the couple takes in managing the vast collection.

Saralee, who co-owns the store with her husband Larry, said, "We started to sell the books and I had to go rebuy the books and give them to him for Christmas — he was real sad that we sold all the books. But it's really turned into an excuse for him to just buy more books." Indeed, it's easy to see the couple's love for stories of all shapes and sizes. The mom-and-pop bookstore boasts 100,000 pre-loved volumes, which eventually became too many for BookMan alone, and two years after its opening BookMan expanded to become BookManBookWoman.

Since then, the store has received much acclaim, including being "voted Nashville's Best Used Bookstore by readers of Nashville Scene and Nashville Woman," according to its website. It may be surprising, though, that selling books was the Woods' second occupation.

Larry Woods has led an impressive career as a prominent Nashville lawyer, a senior partner at Woods & Woods Law firm and a law professor at Tennessee State University, in addition to winning numerous awards in the field. Nonetheless, the store's website emphasizes that, above all else, "Larry Woods is a lover of



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books." This love started with Woods' first trip to the Nashville Library as a boy, and has since grown into a healthy obsession. His personal collection started with the Tarzan series and now exceeds 100,000 books in addition to those sold in the store.

Saralee Woods, too, is an accomplished advocate for "civic issues, especially those concerning women, reading and small businesses" and has served on numerous boards and committees for advocating women's issues and reading programs in Nashville.

However, Woods says she left her position in a corporation because "I didn't want to wear panty hose and go to staff meetings anymore. That was the truth, and we had just started this business and I was sort of part-time, and I loved driving into Hillsboro village every day, even though I could walk to work. The universe was telling me to come down here full-time to work, so that's what I did."

Vanderbilt students have naturally become regulars at BookManBookWoman, which the Woods', who manage the store themselves, truly enjoy.

"I learn a lot about what people are reading and what they like to read, so it's been great," Woods said.

And in return, the Hillsboro community has appreciated BookMan-BookWoman. Despite the rise of Kindles and corporate bookstores, Larry Woods remains confident in the mom-and-pop bookstore.

"It's not so much a question of they're big and corporate and we're small and independent," Mr. Woods said. "What that really translates to is that we carry a lot of titles that they'd never consider carrying. So it sort of fits, and that really fits the culture of Hillsboro Village and the university community — at least we think so."

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THE BIG STAT

Margin of victory by which the women's basketball team defeated Mississippi State, 92-41, in its SEC opener on Jan. 3. Christina Foggie led all scorers with 17 points.

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Ezeli's start paces NBA rookie trio



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By **ALLISON MAST**
Sports reporter

At the end of a predictable game between the Golden State Warriors and the Charlotte Bobcats on Dec. 21, two former Commodores met at mid-court. It had been months since the old teammates had last worn Vanderbilt jerseys, yet it was still strange to see Jeffery Taylor in Bobcat blue and Festus Ezeli in home white. They began to talk as photographers and reporters surrounded the superstars, and while everyone rushed to their next destination, Ezeli and Taylor slowly crossed the court together before hugging and parting ways.

Festus started the game for the Golden State Warriors alongside franchise players Stephen Curry and David Lee. Over 20 minutes of play, he contributed nine rebounds, two blocked shots and six points. The 6-foot-11-inch center has adapted well to the fast-paced style of the NBA. Since his departure from Vandy, he has improved his ballhandling skills and his understanding of the game. The Warriors utilize Ezeli mainly as a defensive weapon simply because his help is not needed on of-

fense. The Golden State roster features two of the league's best three-point shooters: Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson.

Throughout the season, Ezeli's strong presence under the basket has helped his team accomplish some impressive feats, such as victories over the Atlanta Hawks and the Los Angeles Clippers. During a victory over the Boston Celtics, Ezeli had a career-high five blocked shots in addition to three rebounds, one assist, two points and a steal. As the Warriors look to put together their best season in recent memory, star center Andrew Bogut remains on the bench. He will continue to recover from microfracture surgery while Ezeli continues to fill the role of starting center and take up valuable minutes for the Warriors.

Their recent dominant offensive performances have made it evident that the Warriors are adjusting admirably to life without Bogut, the 7-foot Australian. On the Charlotte squad's visit to Oakland, the Dubs silenced the Bobcats, building a 115-100 victory. Across the court from Ezeli, former teammate Jeffery Taylor played six minutes off of the bench. While his defense was nearly impeccable, his offense was passive on this particular night. Taylor was recently relieved of his starting small forward duties, but this change did not bring success to the struggling Cats. In perhaps their most heartbreaking game of this season, the Bobcats kept pace with the Lakers before losing 101-100.

During the Bobcats' 18th consecutive loss, small forward Michael Kidd-Gilchrist was poked in the eye, resulting in a scratched right cornea. Taylor started in the following game against the Bulls, and at long last, the Bobcats were able to snap their losing streak. It is unclear if Taylor will secure the starting role permanently. Meanwhile, coach Mike Dunlap assigns the rookie to defend some of the best shooters in the nation.

Taylor's finest performance of the season to date was in a loss against the Atlanta Hawks, the team of another former Vanderbilt teammate, John Jenkins. Taylor knocked in 16 points, while Atlanta head coach Larry Drew chose not to play Jenkins.

Drew kept Jenkins off of the court for the majority of the first part of the season. On Dec. 1, he reassigned both Jenkins and fellow rookie Mike Scott to the Bakersfield NBA Developmental League affiliate. The Hawks reclaimed Jenkins and Scott after both took command of the D-League court for a few games, putting up impressive scoring performances against the lower level of competition. Shortly after his return to the team, Jenkins received some more game time, and he promptly made the most of it. On Dec. 19, Jenkins reached double digits for the first time, finishing with 10 points over 17 minutes of play. Two days later, he scored 15 points in a loss to Houston.

Drew, impressed by Jenkins' ability to drain three-pointers and jumpers, remarked after the game that "I've got to find some more minutes for him." If he is able to do so, Jenkins could be just as dangerous for the Hawks as he was for the Commodores.

Two of the three former Commodores still growing into their professional careers will share the court once more in the regular season. Jenkins and the Hawks will meet Taylor and the Bobcats on Jan. 23 in Charlotte.

Vandy stars' NBA stats



**JOHN JENKINS
(SHOOTING GUARD)
ATLANTA HAWKS**

3.9 PPG, 0.6 APG, 1.0 RPG

Best game as a pro so far:
Dec. 31 vs. Houston
15 points on 6-of-9 shooting, 1 rebound, 2 assists, 1 block, 1 steal

**JEFF TAYLOR
(FORWARD)
CHARLOTTE BOBCATS**

6.7 PPG, 0.9 APG, 2.5 RPG

Best game as a pro so far:
Nov. 23 vs. Atlanta
16 points on 5-of-13 shooting, 2 rebounds, 3 steals

**FESTUS EZELI
(CENTER)
GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS**

2.8 PPG, 4.1 APG, 1.1 RPG

Best game as a pro so far:
Nov. 19 vs. Dallas
9 points on 4-of-4 shooting, 8 rebounds, 1 block

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John Jenkins (12) of the Atlanta Hawks shoots the ball over Jeremy Lin (7) of the Houston Rockets on Dec. 31, at the Toyota Center in Houston, Tex.

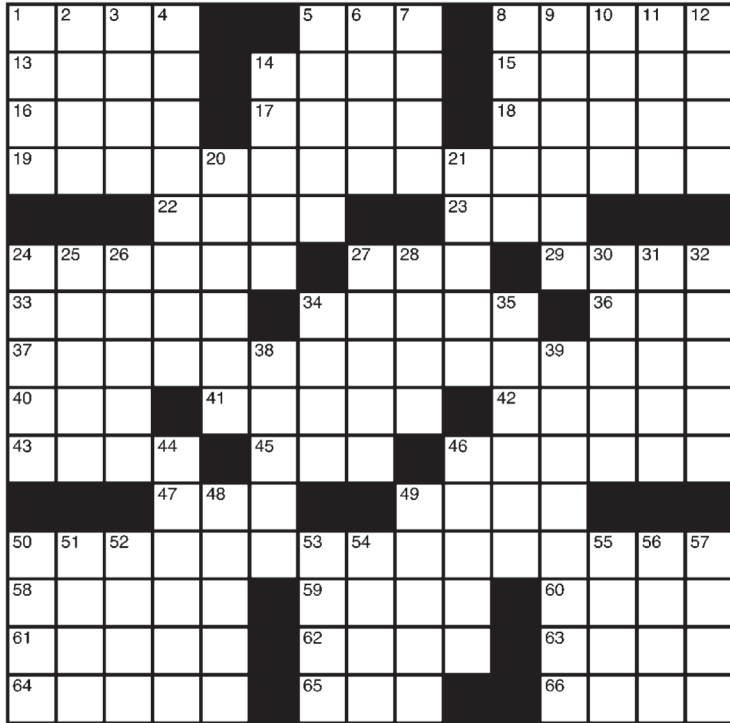
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By Diane Upchurch

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Answers to Dec. 6's puzzle

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- 35 Nice to look at, as a landscape
- 38 Garson of "Mrs. Miniver"
- 39 Most severe
- 44 Nattily attired
- 46 Steadily wear away
- 48 Benjamin Moore product
- 49 Use without authority
- 50 Lady __: Univ. of Tennessee team
- 51 Like, with "to"
- 52 Bowler's assignment
- 53 Tennis great Arthur
- 54 Freezes (up)
- 55 "It seems to me," online
- 56 Thailand neighbor
- 57 Self-images

TODAY'S SUDOKU

				4		3					
			6						7	5	
				1						8	9
	6			9					1		
4	5									6	2
			1			6				4	
2	9				3	4					
	4	5							6		
				2		1					

Answers to Dec. 6's puzzle

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1	9	2	5	8	4	7	6	3
3	5	7	9	1	6	8	2	4
6	8	4	2	3	7	5	1	9
4	1	9	6	5	2	3	7	8
8	3	5	7	4	1	6	9	2
7	2	6	8	9	3	1	4	5
5	7	1	3	2	9	4	8	6
2	4	3	1	6	8	9	5	7
9	6	8	4	7	5	2	3	1

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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