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Hope for Haiti

by HANNAH TILLEMAN
Editors-At-Large

Even 1,500 miles away, the Vanderbilt community will have the opportunity to gain a better understanding of the reality of the aftermath of the Jan. 12 earthquake in Haiti.

As the Dudley residence closer to campus, the Dorms for Haiti campaign will be presenting “Hope for Haiti: Holistic Perspectives on the Crisis” Tuesday through Thursday. Through a student-made film, expert panelists and personal testimonies, the program will combine an overview of the country’s history for context with an over-view of the reality of the challenges of the already impoverished country now facing the effects of the earthquake.

According to the World Health Organization, more than 200,000 people were killed in the earthquake and more were injured, while one million people were displaced.

The organization’s Web site explained that the needs of the Haitian people have shifted; at first, the main focus was to rescue people from the rubble before aid could be distributed.

The Office of the Provost has funded the $500,000 construction costs, and Student Life has funded the furniture, moving costs and additional clothing for the annual yearbook. The plans will be kept in a suite that the students in the suite use to compensate for construction on the eighth floor.

The Cellar’s residents decided to frame their fundraiser as a theme party because it made giving easy and practical for students. A few members of the group mentioned the Vanderbilt earthquake efforts to student activists.

"We know people would go out to dinner on Friday night and spend $15 bucks, so we were thinking if we provide all these things in our suite, maybe they can give that money to a good cause. We’re not exactly far away from the Vanderbilt history, you can still have a great time, but you can have a great time and do good.

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**Teaches:** courses on cities, the Andes, Indian past and Inca and pre-Inca civilizations  
**Attended:** University of Illinois at Chicago (B.A. in Anthropology)  
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**Valentine’s Day Dinner**

Vanderbilt Dining held a candlelit dinner at The Commons Center yesterday evening for Valentine’s Day, complete with chocolate-covered strawberries, Hershey’s Kisses and other sweet treats.

**Who is: Christopher Honiball**

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Belmont students join worship at Vandy Catholic services

by LAKENDEA SCOTT  Staff Reporter

Sunday ushered in a day of worship for many Catholic students, but for sophomore Faith John Sims Baker can remember, Belmont students have joined Vanderbilt Catholics for the nightly Mass in Benton Chapel’s ominous halls.

The relationship between Vanderbilt and Belmont Catholic communities is long-standing, according to Belmont senior Tom Harris.

“Belmont just doesn’t have the infrastructure to offer his services. It is this attention from Fr. Baker, official chaplain for Vandy+Catholic, that Belmont Catholic students are registered with the organization. “Sixteen Belmont students registered at the beginning of the fall,” he said. “I think these students are probably the core community (of Belmont students) at Vanderbilt.”

To compound the problem of a shrinking number of priests, while Belmont has a historically Christian school, its Protestant roots have provided a limited foundation for its growing Catholic community. Fr. Baker, official chaplain for Vandy+Catholic, said it is Belmont’s Baptist roots that have contributed to the smaller Catholic community.

“Historically, they have had very few Catholic students; they were originally a Baptist college,” said Fr. Baker. “However, the Catholic community here has been growing.

The involvement of Belmont students in the Vanderbilt Catholic community extends beyond scheduled Mass and includes student run Bible studies, retreats such as Vandy Awakening, and the newly reinstated worship service Night Vision.

“We are open to anyone who wants to join the community. I think that it’s important for a Christian to be in a strong community. We have a strong, vibrant, growing community here,” said senior and Vandy+Catholic member Cristina Villarreal.

While Belmont students continue to attend Vanderbilt events such as Vandy+Catholic’s annual Mass, they currently number around 50 students. “If we have a strong, Catholic community now, and it’s all because of Vandy=Catholic,” he said.

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Valentine’s Day: Why and other problems

Valentine’s Day can often bring out the worst in people — especially if it’s actually your birthday.

If you’re single on Valentine’s Day, then you might feel a little lonely until you and your single friends can get together and comfort each other. Sometimes, you might feel like you just don’t have the social life you thought you’d have at college. When you’re in a relationship, you might feel like you’re in a state of bliss, but this Valentine’s Day, your relationship might be feeling the strain.

This is especially true if you’re in a long-distance relationship. In that case, you might feel like you can’t make your relationship work because you’re too far away from each other. This can cause a lot of tension and stress, and it can make you feel like you’re not as close as you would like to be.

Another problem with Valentine’s Day is that it’s often associated with being lonely. This can make you feel like you’re not as happy as you would like to be.

In conclusion, Valentine’s Day can bring out the worst in people. It can make you feel like you’re not as happy as you would like to be, and it can cause a lot of tension and stress. It’s important to remember that you don’t have to feel this way. You can still have a great time on Valentine’s Day, even if you’re single.

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COLUMN
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Vanderbilt's depth powers them past LSU

by DAVID NAMN
Sports Editor

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SEC MEN’S BASKETBALL POWER RANKINGS

1. No. 2 Kentucky (24-1, 9-1 Southeastern Conference)
   Saturday night, the Wildcats proved once again why they are the best team in the Southeastern Conference, with a 73-62 victory over No. 12 Tennessee. This week, Kentucky faces the daunting task of traveling to both Starkville and Nashville to face Mississippi State and Vanderbilt. Coach John Calipari will need all of his freshmen to play big if the Cats expect to win both of these matchups.

2. No. 24 Vanderbilt (19-5, 8-2)
   For the first time since 2004-2005, the Commodores swept their hated in-state rivals, the Tennessee Volunteers. Vandy had an easy time with the Vols in Nashville, defeating them 90-71 on Tuesday. However, this week will prove to be a test for the Commodores, as they face both the Ole Miss Rebels and the No. 2 Kentucky Wildcats.

3. No. 12 Tennessee (18-6, 6-4)
   The Volunteers almost pulled off their second upset of a top-five team this season when they traveled to Rupp to face the Kentucky Wildcats. Unfortunately, the Volunteers simply did not have enough offensive firepower to match the explosive Wildcats. After losing two straight games, the Volunteers have a rematch against Georgia, who embarrassed them in their last matchup.

4. Mississippi State (18-7, 6-4)
   In the next couple of games, senior forward Jarvis Varnado will set the record for career blocks in the NCAA. Led by Varnado’s spectacular play, the Rebels have moved to the top of the SEC West standings after an impressive win over in-state rival Ole Miss.

5. Mississippi (17-7, 5-5)
   The Rebels have struggled as of late, losing three of their last four, including a crushing loss to their in-state rival, Mississippi State. Ole Miss will have a chance to get back on track, as the No. 24 Commodores will be coming to Oxford on Tuesday.

6. Florida (17-8, 6-4)
   On Saturday, the Gators took a break from conference play to face A10 power Xavier at home. Unfortunately for the Gators, they were unable to boost their non-conference record, as they lost 76-64. While Florida’s overall record is pretty good, they have yet to gain that marquee win in the SEC this season.

7. South Carolina (14-10, 5-5)
   Without senior guard Drewn Downey, it would be hard to imagine where the Gamecocks would be at the moment. Downey is averaging just a shade under 20 points per game in conference play while playing over 36 minutes per game. On Saturday, the Gamecocks suffered a heartbreaking loss to the last place Georgia Bulldogs, which hurt their already slim chances of making the NCAA tournament.

8. Arkansas (13-12, 6-4)
   Arkansas has looked like a completely different team since the return of sophomore point guard Courtney Fortson from suspension. Fortson has led the team to a tie for first place atop the SEC West with Mississippi State. Arkansas had a chance to maintain a one-game lead over the Bulldogs, but they were upended by Alabama on Saturday.

9. Alabama (14-11, 4-7)
   The Crimson Tide finally was able to stop their four-game losing streak in the SEC, as they defeated the Arkansas Razorbacks on Saturday. The Tide came into SEC play with expectations of possibly qualifying for the NCAA tournament, but it probably will be too late for the team unless they can find a way to win the rest of their conference games and possibly the SEC tournament.

10. Georgia (11-12, 3-7)
    Against the best teams in the SEC, Georgia performs as if it is one of the best teams in the league. However, against all the other teams in the league, Georgia just doesn’t have the ability to pull it together. The win over South Carolina on Saturday may give the Bulldogs some momentum going into the SEC Tournament and possibly the NIT.

11. Auburn (12-13, 3-7)
    The Tigers almost pulled a major upset in Starkville against Mississippi State, but were unable to pull the game out in overtime. All of the Tigers’ wins this season have come against the lower-tier teams in the SEC. On Thursday, Auburn will travel to hostile Gainesville to face the Florida Gators.

12. LSU (9-16, 0-11)
    A year after surprising everyone and winning the SEC, the LSU Tigers have fallen on hard times, as they have yet to win a SEC game this season. On Saturday, they gave Vanderbilt a scare as they led for a majority of the game before losing 77-69.
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