In September, the Vanderbilt Student Communications Board of Directors voted to explore putting 91.1 FM up for sale while moving WRVU, Vanderbilt's student-run radio station, to an online-only format.

According to the Board's press release, the decision came in response to "changing student habits and evolving economic challenges."

In addition, they stated "if the license were to be sold, the proceeds would be used to create an endowment to support innovative student media experiences, facilities and operations at Vanderbilt in perpetuity."

For 57 years, WRVU has served both campus and the rest of middle Tennessee, broadcasting both informational and entertainment programming in a noncommercial, educational setting. Since 1971, WRVU has served as an FM station. In its current format, 91.1 FM broadcasts 24 hours a day, seven days a week. According to the VSC website, WRVU's signal "reaches all of Davidson County and each of the adjoining counties ... (its) broadcast radius equal to approximately 40 to 45 miles, (and) the station's programming reaches an estimated 20,000 people each week."

With the Board's decision, however, WRVU could be absent from the airwaves for the first time since 1953. Despite their decision, the board stressed via a press release that, "no immediate decision on the possible sale of the WRVU license is expected."

In the meantime, they invite community members and other interested parties to share comments and feedback for consideration.

VSC considers sale of 91.1 FM

SEPTEMBER 2010

Vanderbilt Student Government Senate tabled indefinitely a resolution endorsing the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act Sept. 16, after voting errors nullified Wednesday night's results. The move to table passed with a vote of five to three.

Confusion over Robert's Rules of Order nullified the vote that would have passed the resolution on Wednesday; thus, the Senate went into recess until last night when Gleiser motioned to table the resolution.

While the members of the Senate tried to limit debate to VSG's role as a representative body, partisan arguments on the DREAM Act itself surfaced.

Senator Maryclaire Manard expressed her disappointment of the final result.

"In all honesty, I would have rather seen it fail than be tabled because at least we would have acted," Manard said. "To quote Alexander Hamilton, those who stand for nothing fall for anything."
Mortenson shares experiences, advice with students

JENNIFER GRASCH Staff Writer

SEPTEMBER 2010

Author and activist Greg Mortenson lectured twice at Vanderbilt in late September: once exclusively to first-year students and once to upperclassmen and the community. Mortenson is the author of “Three Cups of Tea: One Man’s Mission to Promote Peace...”

In 1996, Mortenson founded the Central Asia Institute. The agency now oversees more than 165 schools and has educated over 64,000 students. In 2001, less than 900,000 students were enrolled in school in Afghanistan. By June 2009, that number had risen to almost nine million students, including 2.8 million girls. The increase is largely due to CAI’s work in the region.

Of the 64,000 students educated in CAI schools, nearly 40,000 are girls. Emphasis on female education is the cornerstone of Mortenson’s philanthropic efforts. In closing, Mortenson offered advice to students who are drawn to philanthropic work.

“If you want to go out into the world and do humanitarian work, first make yourself a strong person — mentally, physically, academically — and then go out into the world. You have to make yourself strong because it’s difficult work,” Mortenson said.

Three Cups of Tea’ information may be inaccurate

APRIL 2011 — A “60 Minutes” investigation alleged that the inspirational multimillion seller “Three Cups of Tea,” which was required summer reading for the Class of 2014, is filled with inaccuracies and that co-author Greg Mortenson’s charitable organization has taken credit for building schools that don’t exist.

The “60 Minutes” report alleges that numerous schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan that Mortenson’s Central Asia Institute is said to have established either don’t exist or were built by others. According to the CAI’s website, the institute has “successfully established over 170 schools and helped educate over 60,000 students, with an emphasis on girls’ education.”

In a statement issued in mid-April through the institute, Mortenson defended his humanitarian work and the book he co-authored with David Oliver Relin.

Afghanistan and Pakistan are fascinating, inspiring countries, full of wonderful people. They are also complex places, torn by conflicting loyalties, and some who do not want our money of educating girls to succeed,” Mortenson said.

“I stand by the information conveyed in my book and by the value of CAI’s work in empowering local communities to build and operate schools that have educated more than 60,000 students.”

‘Three Cups of Tea’ may be inaccurate

The book “Three Cups of Tea” by Greg Mortenson was assigned as the first annual Commons Reading book. He spoke to students in September about the importance of service. Towards the end of the year, however, a “60 Minutes” investigation claimed that Mortenson had taken credit for humanitarian work done by others.


KENNETH KOHO The Vanderbilt Hustler
Delta Gamma charter relinquished, formal chapter review underway

KYLE BLAINE
News Editor

SEPTEMBER 2010
TheEta Epsilon chapter of
the Delta Gamma Fraternity
atVanderbilt University
voted to relinquish their
charter Monday, Sept. 20,
following a decision from
national fraternity officials
that the chapter should
not extend bids to new
members, according to a
statement released byDelta
Gamma on Wednesday.

According to chapter
president Moriah Kathleen
Lutz-Tveite, the decision to
relinquish the charter was
not an easy one.

“We have a strong
sisterhood and our bond
with one another has only
grown stronger through
our challenges,” Lutz-
Tveite said. “In evaluating
our viability, we felt it was
important to focus on
lifetime membership in
Delta Gamma.”

The notice of
relinquishment begins the
formal review process. Delta
Gamma collegiate members
and alumni have a 60-day
period to write letters to the
Council of Delta Gamma
expressing their views on
the future of the chapter.

“The council will review all
relevant information and
make an official decision in
November about the final
status of the chapter,”
Lutz-Tveite said. “In evaluating
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The Eta Epsilon chapter has been present on campus
since 2000. Over the course
of a decade, 410 women
have been initiated.

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Moriah Kathleen Lutz-Tveite, president of Delta Gamma’s Eta Epsilon chapter, sat down with The Vanderbilt Hustler to discuss the future of the chapter.

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News Editor

OCTOBER 2010
Conservative speaker
Richard Spencer
presented his case against
affirmative action policies to
Vanderbilt students on
Thursday, Oct. 7, in
Furman Hall.

“I would say the biggest
lie at the heart of our
society is affirmative
action and civil rights
enforcement legislation,”
Spencer said. “Affirmative
action is anti-white
discrimination, period.”

According to Spencer,
the executive editor of
AlternativeRight.com,
adherence to affirmative
action policies decreases
institutional standards,
threatens national
security and weakens the
economy.

During his presentation,
Spencer illustrated
his point with charts
displaying the
achievement disparities
between whites and blacks
of different economic
backgrounds. The figures
indicated that whites in the
poorest income bracket
perform as well as blacks
in the highest income
bracket on standardized
tests.

The speaker was not well
received by the audience.

“I am shocked at the
racism that is coming
from the speaker and his
lack of credentials,” said
sophomore Arthurine
Zakama.

The event was sponsored
by Youth for Western
Civilization, an activist
group committed to
restoring Western culture
on college campuses,
according to the
organization’s website.

“It was a very thought-
provoking discussion,” said
YWC President Devin
Saucier. “Certainly many
unorthodox viewpoints
were presented, and I’m
glad we can have such an
engaging dialogue.”

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New fraternity FIJI establishes founding class

ZAC HARDY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

**November 2010**

In November, two former members of Vanderbilt’s Beta Upsilon Chi chapter said they were asked to leave the fraternity due to violations of the organization’s policy pertaining to sexual orientation.

Beta Upsilon Chi is a registered religious, spiritual and Christian fraternity on Vanderbilt’s campus. The original charter was established in 1903.

Allegations made to The Hustler this past fall stated that the organization asked several members to leave because of their sexual orientation, based on a clause in its Code of Conduct regarding homosexuality. A former member of the fraternity gave The Hustler a copy of the Code of Conduct, which is only released to student organizations.

The Code of Conduct states its beliefs regarding sexuality in the second clause of the document:

“We believe that sex is a gift of God to be enjoyed only inside the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman. Therefore, we will not condone such activity as homosexuality, fornication, or adultery. (1 Corinthians 6:18-20, Hebrews 13:4-5)”

Vanderbilt requires, as stated in the student organization website, student organizations to abide by this anti-discrimination policy, which states that all student organizations must "extend fair treatment regardless of race, sex, religion, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, military service, or sexual orientation, in compliance with Federal law."
New year, new coach call for shift in mentality

ERIC SINGLE Staff Writer

DECEMBER 2010 At his introductory press conference on Dec. 17, James Franklin saved it all for last. “The last thing I would like to mention is this: The next phase that needs to happen is that we need our Commodore Nation — the people across the country, the alumni, the fans, the community of Nashville — to be all in because this administration is in, this coaching staff will be all in, and we are going to do some special things at Vanderbilt University,” Franklin said. “But we can’t do it alone. We need everybody to be all in.” This was not just a call for the community to make up the over 6,000-seat gap between last year’s average attendance at the Commodores’ seven home football games and Vanderbilt Stadium’s official full capacity. It was a call for a complete attitude shift toward Vanderbilt football — from a coaching staff and athletics department that needed to start building and recruiting toward championships to an occasionally fatalistic fan base that needed to start thinking like winners. No one will say there isn’t a long way to go at every level, but the smallest initial steps in the Vanderbilt football program’s journey to respectability are steps in the right direction. “He’s very much wants this to be a fan-friendly deal,” said Rod Williamson, director of communications for Vanderbilt Athletics. “I think you’re going to see he has a lot of energy and really wants to promote the program. He’s been tremendous on things of that nature.”

KYLE BLAINE News Editor

1 JANUARY 2011 Heeding warnings from the State Department to leave Egypt due to the ongoing political and social unrest, Vanderbilt junior Sloane Speakman left Egypt as soon as was safely possible in late January, said Speakman’s mother Shannon Speakman Fry. Speakman, who was planning on studying forced migration and refugee studies at the American University in Cairo before classes were postponed indefinitely, was transported to a safe European country by a U.S. chartered plane. Speakman was the first student to participate in a Vanderbilt-approved study abroad program for students interested in learning Arabic. Protests against President Hosni Mubarak turned violent toward the end of January, as Mubarak sent in the military to help stop demonstrations against his regime. The State Department prepared to evacuate thousands of U.S. citizens from Egypt on chartered planes but relied largely on friends and families in the U.S. to relay that information to stranded Americans.

SLOANE SPEAKMAN / Photo Provided

Junior Sloane Speakman was the first student to participate in Vanderbilt’s study abroad program at the American University in Cairo.

Junior studying in Egypt to be evacuated to Europe amid political turmoil
Meyer elected next VSG president

On Feb. 15, the Music Board’s website “accidentally” went live. The lineup on the test site included Kid Cudi, The National and Sara Bareilles. Dwayne Elliot, director of Student Programming, denied the validity of the lineup.

Two days later on Feb. 17, the Music Group announced the real lineup for Rites of Spring — with Kid Cudi and The National headlining, and Sara Bareilles among the acts. So much for a “test page.”

Rites or wrong? Lineup release causes confusion

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LIZ FURLOW Staff Writer

FEBRUARY 2011

On Feb. 2, junior Adam Meyer was elected to serve as the next Vanderbilt Student Government president. He and his running mate, Maryclare Manard, were greeted with cheers as Attorney General Rohan Batra revealed them as the winning team.

Meyer won with 1,996 votes, 54.2 percent of the total turnout. He was elected along with running mate Maryclaire Manard.

“We surpassed $1 million, something I don’t think anyone imagined when Dance Marathon started more years ago,” said Dance Marathon External Relations Chair and Press Contact Jillian Hughes, “I’m incredibly proud of everyone involved and grateful that we could make this kind of contribution to the Children’s Hospital.”

Country singer John Rich, an avid supporter of Children’s Hospital, made an appearance at the start of the evening to speak about what the night meant to him and to sing his hit, “Save a Horse, Ride a Cowboy.”

“You don’t think about your health until you don’t have it,” Rich told the audience. “I can save your family inside out.”

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Dance Marathon organization passes $1 million

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FEBRUARY 2011

The Rites of Spring lineup may have been mistakenly revealed on a test website on Tuesday, Feb. 15, a week before the planned official release.

The first test website listed Kid Cudi, The National and Sara Bareilles as the headliners artists to perform in the concert weekend.

After social mediacirculation of the news, Dwayne Elliot, director of Student Programming, denied the validity of the lineup and stated that it was simply a test website. The lineup then changed to Coe Lo, Wu Khialah and Sara Bareilles as Rites of Spring test page artists.

Artist biographies on the second page were less complete, and the graph beneath the “News” header, once in Latin, then announced the page as a test site.

Elliot said via Twitter the change in announcement date was because a spot opened up in other publications for Feb. 17.
Mr. C lashes out, gives student bloody nose during Tennessee game

Shortly after the game, the video of the incident went viral, appearing on the websites of ESPN, USA Today and Fox Sports. Mr. C moved through the students before coming down, first putting his hand on the young man’s shoulder before knocking him in the face. The incident occurred during No. 18 Vanderbilt’s 60-51 loss to in-state rival Tennessee. The young man stemmed the blood with newspaper, and Assistant Vice Chancellor Brock Williams reported the next day that the student was fine.

School officials are trying to determine what happened. Williams says they will wait to decide whether to address stunts like crowd surfing. To watch the video, go to InsideVandy.com.

The Associated Press contributed to this article.

Mr. C reacts to a Commodore basket against St. Mary’s. The Commodores won 89-70.

Kevin Ross Putney
May 29, 1991 – March 29, 2011

Sophomore Kevin Putney was found dead in his room on the afternoon of March 29, 2011, in Mims Hall. He was 19 years old. Putney’s friends and family were notified by the Office of the Dean of Students that afternoon, and onsite counseling services were made available to all students who sought them.

Putney, who was originally from Farmington, Conn., was a student in the School of Engineering, double-majoring in computer engineering and mathematics. He was involved in a variety of campus activities, including WilSkills, volleyball and ultimate Frisbee.

“I am deeply saddened by the loss of this vibrant member of the Vanderbilt community,” VSG President Adam Meyer wrote in a statement. “He was an active participant in many parts of campus life and will be missed by his many friends and fellow classmates.”

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AlertVU fails to activate as severe weather damages cars, campus buildings

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APRIL 2011

Severe weather and high winds thrashed Vanderbilt’s campus during the first week of April, leaving extensive damage across campus.

Greek Row received the most significant damage. The Sigma Nu fraternity house and the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority house received extensive damage, including partially collapsed roofs. Electrical wires from the Lambs Chi Alpha fraternity house were torn off the roof of the building.

Greek Row, West Side Row — with the exception of the Women’s Center — and the Office of Religious Life were without power from Monday afternoon until Wednesday. According to Dean Bandas, a transformer failed possibly due to lightning.

According to the National Weather Service, at least two tornadoes were spotted around the Nashville area.

Although sirens were activated and overhead announcement were made, the Vanderbilt Medical Center, AlertVU, the university’s emergency notification system, did not activate.

According to Emergency Management Coordinator Johnny Vanderpool, a hardware failure is to blame for the lack of notification. Vanderpool said AlertVU is regularly tested and no problems were noted during the last test in February.

Zeta Tau Alpha coming to campus next year

LUCAS LOFFREDO
Staff Writer

APRIL 2011

The sorority Zeta Tau Alpha will come to Vanderbilt next year, holding their first formal recruitment in the spring. According to the Panhellenic Extension Committee, Zeta Tau Alpha is from a group of three finalists that also included Phi Mu and Delta Zeta.

“Zeta Tau Alpha is the sorority that presented clearly an enthusiastic commitment,” said Vanderbilt Director of Greek Life Kristin Shorter. “But ultimately, Zeta Tau Alpha seemed to be the best fit for our campus.”

Shorter cited many reasons for Zeta Tau Alpha's selection, including extensive financial and staffing resources.

“The organization has some dynamic anti-hazing, risk management and social responsibility programming that we think would be a good fit for VU,” Shorter said.

However, Zeta Tau Alpha could potentially struggle with the same issues that other Panhellenic organizations recently trying to form a chapter at Vanderbilt have faced. “We’re lucky enough that they will be a house sorority, so that will put them on an equal playing field with everyone else,” said Vanderbilt Panhellenic Council President Allie Trant.

“With the correct support, I would hope that it would only take a few years to have members equal to the other chapters.”

Limits on tailgating anger Greek community

KYLE BLANE
News Editor

APRIL 2011

This fall, the pregames will truly be pregames. New regulations handed down by the university require football tailgate parties to end 30 minutes before kickoff, in an effort to decrease the traditionally low student attendance at the games.

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According to Bandas, Vanderbilt University Police Department will report noncompliance to the Office of Greek Life. Failure to comply will result in loss of tailgate privileges for the following homecoming game. Repeated failures to comply could lead to a loss of tailgate privileges for the season.

Members of the Greek community are at odds with Abu Dhabi’s treatment of guest workers and the university’s treatment of guest workers, so that will put the organization has disapproval of the new regulations, which some have characterized as a deliberate effort by the university to limit the Greek community.

Inside Higher Ed that this initiative is different.

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Vandy Students tailgate before a football game Sept. 5, 2009.

OLIVER WOLF/The Vanderbilt Hustler

Destruction on Vanderbilt’s Greek Row left in the wake of a storm to hit Nashville on April 4, 2011.

OPPOSITION MOUNTS AGAINST ABU DHABI

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APRIL 2011

Students and faculty have come together to speak out against the university’s negotiations to partner with the government of Abu Dhabi, an emirate of the United Arab Emirates, to create a new school of education.

The ongoing negotiations with Abu Dhabi came to light during a trip made by Chancellor Zeppos to Abu Dhabi in mid-April. Other universities have set up satellite campuses in the emirates, but Provost Richard McCarty told Vice Provost Tim McNamara that the university’s school of education, because it is the best school of education in the world, McNamara said. The new school of education would be a very different model than what schools are doing there now,” McCarty said in an interview with Inside Higher Ed. “It would not be about attracting students. It would not be a tuition model. It would be about an emirate trying to transform its society and doing it on the strength of their teachers.”

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“It would be a very different model than what schools are doing there now,” McCarty said in an interview with Inside Higher Ed. “It would not be about attracting students. It would not be a tuition model. It would be about an emirate trying to transform its society and doing it on the strength of their teachers.”

In regard to human rights, academic freedom and the treatment of guest workers in the UAE, those heading the endeavor are looking at these issues very closely as they deliberate further with Abu Dhabi.

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