



Hustler Digest: Record-low acceptance rate

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THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER

Good morning from The Vanderbilt Hustler!

Seniors, fill out The Hustler's [annual senior survey](#) for a chance to win Vanderbilt merch!

Here's your weekly digest:

On and off campus

- Vanderbilt's acceptance rate hit a [record-low 2.8%](#) for the Class of 2030, as the university saw a surge in applications and implemented new initiatives like a two-day Anchor Day and expanded transfer pathways.
- West House residents were forced to [evacuate](#) early Friday morning following a sprinkler activation that flooded the dormitory and required temporary relocations.
- After 15 years on Broadway, the [Chuy's Tex-Mex location](#) permanently closed its doors Friday, March 27.
- Staff writer Jason Vadnos [argued](#) it is time to reconsider our cultural obsession with leadership as a mandatory fixture on every resume and LinkedIn profile.

- Students weighed in on [BNA's expanded flight offerings](#), with the airport announcing more nonstop routes and increased service capacity for 2026.



Spring sports in full swing



- Vanderbilt Women's Golf [placed third](#) at the Clemson Invitational, highlighted by Lynn Lim earning co-medalist honors for her first career collegiate victory.
- The lacrosse and baseball teams kept their winning streaks alive, with lacrosse moving to 3-0 in the AAC after a [shootout win over East Carolina](#) and baseball cruising to an [11-3 victory against Belmont](#).
- Women's tennis [secured](#) a pair of gritty 4-3 road wins against Tennessee and Kentucky, while men's tennis [bounced back](#) from tough conference losses to LSU and Kentucky with a weekend win over Butler.

Political perspectives

- Vanderbilt students joined the third [“No Kings” protest](#) to voice concerns regarding the Trump administration’s policies, the ongoing war in Iran and a growing demand for government transparency.
- The Spring 2026 Vanderbilt Poll [revealed](#) a decline in approval for city leadership alongside rising anxiety among Tennessee voters regarding population growth and the cost of living.
- A group of students was [selected](#) to represent the university in Washington, D.C., for the Rachel Carson Council’s 2026 Advocacy Day, focusing on environmental policy and civic engagement.
- Vadnos [argued](#) that in a time of democratic crisis Vanderbilt must prioritize shaping active citizens rather than just preparing students for professional careers.



A historic season

- Head Coach Shea Ralph was [named](#) the Naismith Women’s College Coach of the Year after leading Vanderbilt to an undefeated home record, 13 SEC wins and the program’s first Sweet 16 appearance since 2009.
- The Commodores’ season [concluded](#) in Fort Worth, Texas, providing a foundation for staff and players to reflect on this year and prepare for the next.
- Listen to Live From West End to [hear](#) about the end of March Madness and the current baseball season.
- Check out [this photo story](#) from the end of Vanderbilt Men’s Basketball’s season in Oklahoma City.



Screen, stage and story

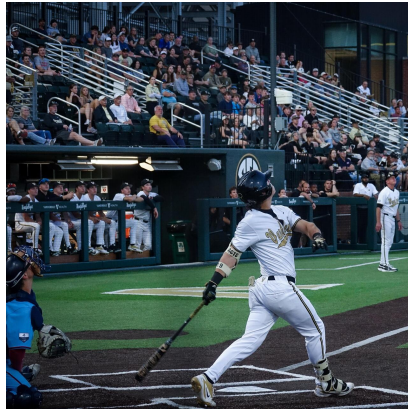
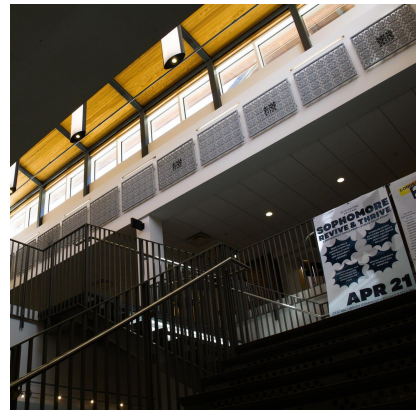
- Colony House [wrapped up](#) their “77” tour with an expansive hometown performance at The Pinnacle on March 28, marking a celebratory end to their latest run.
- A new review [explores](#) “The Ending Writes Itself,” a collaborative mystery from V.E. Schwab

and Cat Clarke that deconstructs the publishing industry through a classic lens.

- Staffer-in-Training Sydney Ngo [made](#) the case for adding Chinese dramas to your watchlist, arguing their level of romance and drama rivals hits like “Bridgerton.”



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